

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 11 public bills, H.R. 5294–5304 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 741, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4) to amend the Voting Rights Act of 1965 to revise the criteria for determining which States and political subdivisions are subject to section 4 of the Act, and for other purposes, and providing for consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 326) expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding United States efforts to resolve the Israeli-Palestinian conflict through a negotiated two-state solution (H. Rept. 116–322).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Cuellar to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 10:34 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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Insider Trading Prohibition Act and directing the President pursuant to section 5(c) of the War Powers Resolution to remove United States Armed Forces from hostilities in the Syrian Arab Republic that have not been authorized by Congress—Rule for Consideration: The House agreed to H. Res. 739, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2534) to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to prohibit certain securities trading and related communications by those who possess material, nonpublic information, and relating to consideration of the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 77) directing the President pursuant to section 5(c) of the War Powers Resolution to remove United States Armed Forces from hostilities in the Syrian Arab Republic that have not been authorized by Congress, by a yea-and-nay vote of 225 yeas to 196 nays, Roll No. 646, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 226 yeas to 193 nays, Roll No. 645.

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Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure:

Telephone Robocall Abuse Criminal Enforcement and Deterrence Act: S. 151, amended, to deter criminal robocall violations and improve enforcement of section 227(b) of the Communications Act of 1934, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 417 yeas to 3 nays, Roll No. 647.

Pages H9235–45, H9246–47

Consensus Calendar: Representative DeFazio presented to the clerk a motion to place on the Consensus Calendar the bill H.R. 2382, to amend title 5, United States Code, to repeal the requirement that the United States Postal Service prepay future retirement benefits, it having accumulated 290 co-sponsors.

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Recess: The House recessed at 3:43 p.m. and reconvened at 8:30 p.m.

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Senate Referral: S. 760 was held at the desk.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H9254.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H9245, H9246, and H9246–47. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Committee Meetings

GROWING UP IN FEAR: HOW THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION'S IMMIGRATION POLICIES ARE HARMING CHILDREN

Committee on Education and Labor: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Growing Up in Fear: How the Trump Administration’s Immigration Policies Are Harming Children”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

BUILDING CONSUMER CONFIDENCE BY EMPOWERING FDA TO IMPROVE COSMETIC SAFETY

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Building Consumer Confidence by Empowering FDA to Improve Cosmetic Safety”. Testimony was heard from Susan Mayne, Director, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition, U.S. Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

FLU SEASON: U.S. PUBLIC HEALTH PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Flu Season: U.S. Public Health Preparedness and Response”. Testimony was heard from the following Department of Health and Human Services officials: Nancy Messonnier, M.D., Director, National Center

for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; Anthony S. Fauci, M.D., Director, National Institute for Allergy and Infectious Diseases, National Institutes of Health; Robert P. Kadlec, M.D., Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response; and Peter Marks, M.D., Director, Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research, U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

OVERSIGHT OF PRUDENTIAL REGULATORS: ENSURING THE SAFETY, SOUNDNESS, DIVERSITY, AND ACCOUNTABILITY OF DEPOSITORY INSTITUTIONS?

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Oversight of Prudential Regulators: Ensuring the Safety, Soundness, Diversity, and Accountability of Depository Institutions?”. Testimony was heard from Rodney Hood, Chairman, National Credit Union Administration; Jelena McWilliams, Chairman, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; and Randal Quarles, Vice Chairman of Supervision, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

THE IMPORTANCE OF THE NEW START TREATY

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Importance of the New START Treaty”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

THE IMPEACHMENT INQUIRY INTO PRESIDENT DONALD J. TRUMP: CONSTITUTIONAL GROUNDS FOR PRESIDENTIAL IMPEACHMENT

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Impeachment Inquiry into President Donald J. Trump: Constitutional Grounds for Presidential Impeachment”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands held a hearing on H.R. 722, the “Miracle Mountain Designation Act”; H.R. 1702, the “Free Veterans from Fees Act”; H.R. 2317, the “Peter J. McGuire Labor Day Landmark Act”; H.R. 3094, to designate the National Pulse Memorial located at 1912 South Orange Avenue, Orlando, Florida, 32806, and for other purposes; H.R. 3349, the “Republic of Texas Legation Memorial Act”; H.R. 3465, the “Fallen Journalists Memorial Act of 2019”; and H.R. 5068, the “Women Who Worked on the Home Front Commemorative Work Act”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Curtis, Soto, Napolitano, Norton,

and Doggett; R. David Vela, Deputy Director, Operations, Exercising the Authority of the Director, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; Ty Ellis, Mayor, Elk Ridge City, Utah; and public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURE

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee for Indigenous Peoples of the United States held a hearing on H.R. 1964, the “Lumbee Recognition Act”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

BROKEN PROMISES: EXAMINING THE ADMINISTRATION’S RETREAT ON BANNING VAPING FLAVORS

Committee on Oversight and Reform: Subcommittee on Economic and Consumer Policy held a hearing entitled “Broken Promises: Examining the Administration’s Retreat on Banning Vaping Flavors”. Testimony was heard from Mitch Zeller, Director, Center for Tobacco Products, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services.

EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES REGARDING UNITED STATES EFFORTS TO RESOLVE THE ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN CONFLICT THROUGH A NEGOTIATED TWO-STATE SOLUTION; VOTING RIGHTS ADVANCEMENT ACT OF 2019

Committee on Rules: Full Committee continued a hearing on H. Res. 326, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding United States efforts to resolve the Israeli-Palestinian conflict through a negotiated two-state solution; and held a hearing on H.R. 4, the “Voting Rights Advancement Act of 2019”. The Committee granted, by record vote of 8–4, a rule providing for consideration of H.R. 4, the “Voting Rights Advancement Act of 2019”, and H. Res. 326, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding United States efforts to resolve the Israeli-Palestinian conflict through a negotiated two-state solution. The rule provides for consideration of H.R. 4, the “Voting Rights Advancement Act”, under a closed rule. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the bill, modified by the amendment printed in part A of the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution, shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in

the bill, as amended. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. The rule provides for consideration of H. Res. 326, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding United States efforts to resolve the Israeli-Palestinian conflict through a negotiated two-state solution, under a closed rule. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the resolution. The rule provides that the amendments to the resolution and the preamble recommended by the Committee on Foreign Affairs now printed in the resolution, modified by the amendments printed in part B of the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution, shall be considered as adopted and the resolution, as amended, shall be considered as read. Testimony was heard from Representatives Cohen and Biggs.

CALM BEFORE THE STORM: REAUTHORIZING THE NATIONAL WINDSTORM IMPACT REDUCTION PROGRAM

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Research and Technology; and Subcommittee on Environment held a joint hearing entitled “Calm Before the Storm: Reauthorizing the National Windstorm Impact Reduction Program”. Testimony was heard from Scott Weaver, Director, National Windstorm Impact Reduction Program, National Institute of Standards and Technology; Major General Lee Tafanelli, Adjutant General, Director of Kansas Division of Emergency Management and Kansas Homeland Security; and public witnesses.

EMBRACING CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY: SMALL BUSINESS BEST PRACTICES

Committee on Small Business: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Embracing Corporate Social Responsibility: Small Business Best Practices”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2019

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine strategic threats, ongoing challenges, and National Defense Strategy implementation, 9:30 a.m., SD–G50.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold an oversight hearing to examine financial regulators, 10 a.m., SD–538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Communications, Technology, Innovation, and the Internet, to hold hearings to examine the evolution of next-generation technologies, focusing on implementing MOBILE NOW, 10 a.m., SH–216.

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, Transnational Crime, Civilian Security, Democracy, Human Rights, and Global Women’s Issues, to hold hearings to examine illicit mining, focusing on threats to United States national security and international human rights, 10 a.m., SD–419.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2 p.m., SH–219.

House

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Readiness, hearing entitled “Privatized Housing: Are Conditions Improving for Our Military Families?”, 1 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing entitled “Military Health System Reform: A Cure for Efficiency and Readiness?”, 2 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, hearing entitled “Accountability and Oversight of the Federal Communications Commission”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Environment and Climate Change, hearing entitled “Building a 100 Percent Clean Economy: Solutions for Economy-Wide Deep Decarbonization”, 10:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Promoting Financial Stability? Reviewing the Administration’s Deregulatory Approach to Financial Stability”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Housing, Community Development, and Insurance, hearing entitled “An Examination of the Federal Housing Administration and Its Impact on Homeownership in America”, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 537, the “Bureau of Reclamation Pumped Storage Hydropower Development Act”; H.R. 722, the “Miracle Mountain Designation Act”; H.R. 877, the “Modernizing the Pittman-Robertson Fund for Tomorrow’s Needs Act”; H.R. 2642, the “Wild Olympics Wilderness and Wild and Scenic Rivers Act”; H.R. 3742, the “Recovering America’s Wildlife Act of 2019”; H.R. 3977, the “Justice for Native Survivors of Sexual Violence Act”; H.R. 4479, the “Disaster Recovery Workforce Act”; H.R. 4957, the “Native American Child Protection Act”; and