

Service in the State of Oregon as wilderness and national recreation areas, to withdraw certain land located in Curry County and Josephine County, Oregon, from all forms of entry, appropriation, or disposal under the public land laws, location, entry, and patent under the mining laws, and operation under the mineral leasing and geothermal leasing laws, with an amendment;

S. 1890, to provide for grants for energy efficiency improvements and renewable energy improvements at public school facilities;

S. 2108, to amend section 6903 of title 31, United States Code, to provide for additional population tiers;

S. 2393, to promote a 21st century energy workforce, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2399, to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to improve State loan eligibility for projects for innovative technology, with an amendment;

S. 2660, to establish a grant program for wind energy research, development, and demonstration, with an amendment; and

H.R. 617, to authorize the Department of Energy to conduct collaborative research with the Department of Veterans Affairs in order to improve healthcare services for veterans in the United States.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 2971, to amend and reauthorize the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2997, to revise and extend health workforce programs under title VII of the Public Health Service Act, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2683, to establish a task force to assist States in implementing hiring requirements for child care staff members to improve child safety, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2927, to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide that the authority of the Director of the National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities to make certain research endowments applies with respect to both current and former centers of excellence; and

The nomination of Crosby Kemper III, of Missouri, to be Director of the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

NOMINATION

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of J. Brett Blanton, of Virginia, to be Architect of the Capitol, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 22 public bills, H.R. 5406–5427; and 4 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 79–80; and H. Res. 762–763 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1620, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to reauthorize the Chesapeake Bay Program (H. Rept. 116–338);

H.R. 2548, to modify eligibility requirements for certain hazard mitigation assistance programs, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 116–339, Part 1);

H.R. 4719, to amend the Federal share of the fishing safety standards grants, with an amendment (H. Rept. 116–340);

H.R. 3256, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to reauthorize and improve the Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards Program, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 116–341, Part 1);

H.R. 4704, to direct the Director of the National Science Foundation to support multidisciplinary research on the science of suicide, and to advance the knowledge and understanding of issues that may be associated with several aspects of suicide including intrinsic and extrinsic factors related to areas such as wellbeing, resilience, and vulnerability, with an amendment (H. Rept. 116–342);

H.R. 5065, to amend the Small Business Act to provide re-entry entrepreneurship counseling and

training services for formerly incarcerated individuals, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 116–343); and

H.R. 5078, to amend the Small Business Act to provide re-entry entrepreneurship counseling and training services for incarcerated individuals, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 116–344). **Pages H10256–57**

Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12 noon tomorrow, December 13th. **Page H10127**

Elijah E. Cummings Lower Drug Costs Now Act: The House passed H.R. 3, to establish a fair price negotiation program, protect the Medicare program from excessive price increases, and establish an out-of-pocket maximum for Medicare part D enrollees, by a yea-and-nay vote of 230 yeas to 192 nays, Roll No. 682. Consideration began yesterday, December 11th. **Pages H10129–H10225**

Rejected the Upton motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Energy and Commerce with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a yea-and-nay vote of 196 yeas to 226 nays, Roll No. 681.

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Agreed to:

Tonko amendment (No. 2 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–334) that requires CMS to create and implement a measure in the Star Ratings program evaluating Medicare Advantage and Part D plans on how well they provide access to biosimilar drugs;

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Peters amendment (No. 3 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–334) that amends the Public Health Service Act to authorize a pilot program to develop, expand, and enhance the commercialization of biomedical products, and for other purposes;

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Kennedy amendment (No. 4 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–334) that requires another Senate confirmed officer with HHS to carry out the negotiation duties should the Secretary of HHS have a conflict of interest; the General Counsel of HHS would be responsible for identifying these conflicts;

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Kennedy amendment (No. 6 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–334) that expresses the Sense of Congress regarding the impact of the high cost of prescription drugs on communities of color and persons living in rural or sparsely populated areas of the United States;

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Axne amendment (No. 8 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–334) that establishes a grant program for states to reduce the burdens associated with health care administrative work and reduces HHS administrative costs by 50% over 10 years; **Pages H10211–14**

Finkenauer amendment (No. 9 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–334) that requires drug companies to disclose truthful and non-misleading pricing information about prescription drugs and biological products when they advertise these products directly to consumers;

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Houlahan amendment (No. 12 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–334) that increases funding for clinical trials at NIH and ban the use of spread pricing by PBMs as it relates to Medicaid;

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O'Halleran amendment (No. 5 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–334) that creates a grant program within HHS for hospitals located in rural and medically underserved areas, including Critical Access Hospitals, to cover the start-up costs for establishing a Graduate Medical Education (GME) program or a partnership with a hospital that has an existing program; would include a reporting requirement for GAO to analyze whether residents continue to practice in a rural or medically underserved area after completing their training (by a recorded vote of 351 ayes to 73 noes, Roll No. 677);

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Gottheimer amendment (No. 7 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–334) that requires an HHS study to identify conditions without an FDA-approved treatment where the development of a treatment would fill an unmet medical need for a serious or life-threatening condition or rare disease; requires HHS to identify appropriate incentives that would lead to the development of such treatments (by a recorded vote of 380 ayes to 45 noes, Roll No. 678);

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Luria amendment (No. 10 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–334) that makes clear that federal employee health plans are covered by the price reduction provisions of the bill (by a recorded vote of 231 ayes to 192 noes, Roll No. 679); and

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Cunningham amendment (No. 11 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–334) that allows the Veteran's Administration to benefit from Maximum Fair Pricing guidelines (by a recorded vote of 234 ayes to 192 noes, Roll No. 680). **Pages H10216–17, H10222**

Rejected:

Walden amendment (No. 1 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–334) that sought to include provisions in the bill related to Medicare Parts B&D, drug price transparency, Medicare Part D benefit redesign, MedPAC, Medicaid, FDA, and revenue provisions (by a recorded vote of 201 ayes to 223 noes, Roll No. 676). **Pages H10167–H10202, H10219–20**

H. Res. 758, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 3) and (H.R. 5038) and the conference report to accompany the bill (S. 1790) was agreed to yesterday, December 11th.

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H10234.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes and five recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H10219–20, H10220, H10221, H10221–22, H10222, H10224, and H10225. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 4:12 p.m.

Program for Friday: House will meet in Pro Forma session at 12 noon.

Committee Meetings

EXAMINING THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S IMPLEMENTATION OF BORROWER DEFENSE

Committee on Education and Labor: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Examining the Education Department's Implementation of Borrower Defense". Testimony was heard from Betsy DeVos, Secretary, Department of Education.

MEMBER DAY HEARING

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Member Day Hearing". Testimony was heard from Representatives Case, Garamendi, Green of Texas, Hill of Arkansas, Meng, Roy, and Steil.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee continued a markup on H. Res. 755, the "Articles of Impeachment Against President Donald J. Trump".

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2019

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on the Judiciary, Full Committee, continue markup on H. Res. 755, the "Articles of Impeachment Against President Donald J. Trump", 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.