

was introduced by Representative Bill Johnson, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 3051, to improve protections for wildlife, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

The nomination of Robert J. Feitel, of Maryland, to be Inspector General, Nuclear Regulatory Commission; and

19 General Services Administration resolutions.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of John Hennessey-Niland, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Palau, Dorothy Shea, of North Carolina, to be Ambassador to the Lebanese Republic, Todd C. Chapman, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Federative Republic of Brazil, and Donald Wright, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the United Republic of Tanzania, all of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the

nomination of Paul J. Ray, of Tennessee, to be Administrator of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget.

OPIOID CRISIS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine tackling the opioid crisis, focusing on a whole-of-government approach, after receiving testimony from Kemp L. Chester, Assistant Director of the National Opioids and Synthetics Coordination Group, Office of National Drug Control Policy; Amanda Liskamm, Director, Opioid Enforcement and Prevention Efforts, Office of the Deputy Attorney General, and Tim McDermott, Assistant Administrator, Diversion Control Division, Drug Enforcement Administration, both of the Department of Justice; Neeraj Gandotra, Chief Medical Officer, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; Bradley D. Stein, RAND Corporation, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Patrick M. Kelly, Healthcare Distribution Alliance, Arlington, Virginia; and Ronna B. Hauser, National Community Pharmacists Association, and Sue R. Thau, Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America, both of Alexandria, Virginia.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 27 public bills, H.R. 5444–5470; and 5 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 81 and 82; and H. Res. 766, 768, and 769, were introduced. **Pages H10608–09**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H10610–11**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 5140, to amend title 17, United States Code, to narrow the category of households eligible to receive signals under a distant-signal satellite license, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 116–354); and

H. Res. 767, providing for consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 755) impeaching Donald John Trump, President of the United States, for high crimes and misdemeanors (H. Rept. 116–355).

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Recess: The House recessed at 9:31 a.m. and reconvened at 10 a.m. **Page H10312**

Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures. Consideration began Monday, December 16th.

Identifying Barriers and Best Practices Study Act: H.R. 4183, amended, to direct the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a study on disability and pension benefits provided to members of the National Guard and members of reserve components of the Armed Forces by the Department of Veterans Affairs, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-a-and-nay vote of 408 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 685; **Page H10314**

Improving Confidence in Veterans' Care Act: H.R. 3530, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to enforce the licensure requirement for medical providers of the Department of Veterans Affairs, by

a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 409 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 686; **Pages H10314–15**

Miracle Mountain Designation Act: H.R. 722, to designate a mountain in the State of Utah as “Miracle Mountain”, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 410 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 687; **Pages H10315–16**

Hazard Eligibility and Local Projects Act: H.R. 2548, amended, to modify eligibility requirements for certain hazard mitigation assistance programs, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 409 yeas to 7 nays, Roll No. 688; **Page H10600**

Funding Instruction for Safety, Health, and Security Avoids Fishing Emergencies Act: H.R. 4719, amended, to amend the Federal share of the fishing safety standards grants; and **Page H10602**

Banning Smoking on Amtrak Act of 2019: H.R. 2726, to amend title 49, United States Code, to prohibit smoking on Amtrak trains. **Page H10602**

National Law Enforcement Museum Commemorative Coin Act: The House concurred in the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 1865) to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint a coin in commemoration of the opening of the National Law Enforcement Museum in the District of Columbia, with an amendment consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 116–44 modified by the amendment printed in H. Rept. 116–353, by a ye-and-nay vote of 297 yeas to 120 nays, Roll No. 689. **Pages H10386–H10601**

H. Res. 765, the rule providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 1158), providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 1865), and providing for the adoption of the resolution (H. Res. 761) was agreed to by a ye-and-nay vote of 219 yeas to 189 nays, Roll No. 684, after the previous question was ordered by a ye-and-nay vote of 220 yeas to 192 nays, Roll No. 683. Pursuant to section 4 of H. Res. 765, H. Res. 761 is considered adopted. **Pages H10312–14**

DHS Cyber Incident Response Teams Act of 2019: The House concurred in the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 1158) to authorize cyber incident response teams at the Department of Homeland Security, with an amendment consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 116–43, by a ye-and-nay vote of 280 yeas to 138 nays, Roll No. 690. **Pages H10316–86, H10601–02**

H. Res. 765, the rule providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 1158), providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 1865), and providing for the adoption of the resolution (H. Res. 761) was agreed to by a ye-and-nay vote of 219 yeas to 189 nays, Roll

No. 684, after the previous question was ordered by a ye-and-nay vote of 220 yeas to 192 nays, Roll No. 683. Pursuant to section 4 of H. Res. 765, H. Res. 761 is considered adopted. **Pages H10312–14**

Directing the Clerk of the House of Representatives to make a correction in the enrollment of H.R. 1158: The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 81, directing the Clerk of the House of Representatives to make a correction in the enrollment of H.R. 1158. **Page H10602**

Directing the Clerk of the House of Representatives to make a correction in the enrollment of H.R. 1865: The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 82, directing the Clerk of the House of Representatives to make a correction in the enrollment of H.R. 1865. **Page H10602**

Recess: The House recessed at 2:48 p.m. and reconvened at 9:36 p.m. **Page H10606**

Senate Referrals: S. 457 was held at the desk. S. 2824 was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. **Page H10607**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H10601.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Eight ye-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H10312–13, H10313–14, H10314, H10314–15, H10315–16, H10600, H10600–01, and H10601–02. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 9:36 p.m.

Committee Meetings

ACCESS TO CONSERVATION PROGRAMS BY HISTORICALLY UNDERSERVED FARMERS AND RANCHERS

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry held a hearing entitled “Access to Conservation Programs by Historically Underserved Farmers and Ranchers”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

U.S. COUNTERTERRORISM PRIORITIES AND CHALLENGES IN AFRICA

Committee on Oversight and Reform: Subcommittee on National Security held a hearing entitled “U.S. Counterterrorism Priorities and Challenges in Africa”. Testimony was heard from Alexis Arieff, Specialist in African Affairs, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; and public witnesses.