

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 30 public bills, H.R. 6, 4156–4184; and 8 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 90–91; and H. Res. 504–509, were introduced. **Pages H2255–56**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H2257–58**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H.R. 311, to direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to change the Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure rule with respect to certain farms (H. Rept. 113–375). **Page H2255**

Electricity Security and Affordability Act: The House passed H.R. 3826, to provide direction to the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency regarding the establishment of standards for emissions of any greenhouse gas from fossil fuel-fired electric utility generating units, by a recorded vote of 229 ayes to 183 noes, Roll No. 106. Consideration of the measure began yesterday, March 5th. **Pages H2208–15**

Rejected the Brownley 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 184 yeas to 223 nays, Roll No. 105. **Page H2211**

Agreed to:

Smith (TX) amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 113–373) that was debated on March 5th that requires the Administrator to apply the specific criteria, under the bill, for setting a standard based on the best system of emission reduction for new sources within the coal category, when setting a standard for any fossil fuel category (by a recorded vote of 230 ayes to 184 noes, Roll No. 101). **Page H2209**

Rejected:

Capps amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 113–373) that was debated on March 5th that sought to allow the EPA to consider all pollution control technologies being used in the United States or elsewhere when setting new power plant emission standards (by a recorded vote of 184 ayes to 228 noes, Roll No. 102); **Pages H2209–10**

Schakowsky amendment (No. 6 printed in H. Rept. 113–373) that was debated on March 5th that sought to accept the scientific finding of the EPA that greenhouse gas pollution is “contributing to long-lasting changes in our climate that can have a

range of negative effects” (by a recorded vote of 190 ayes to 221 noes, Roll No. 103); and **Page H2210**

Waxman amendment (No. 8 printed in H. Rept. 113–373) that was debated on March 5th that sought to provide that the bill takes effect when the Administrator of the EIA certifies that another Federal program, other than one under section 111 of the Clean Air Act, will reduce carbon pollution in at least equivalent quantities, with similar timing and from the same sources as the reductions required under the rules and guidelines nullified by section 4 (by a recorded vote of 178 ayes to 231 noes, Roll No. 104). **Pages H2210–11**

H. Res. 497, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 3826) and (H.R. 4118), was agreed to yesterday, March 5th.

Privileged Resolution—Intent to Offer: Representative Fudge announced her intent to offer a privileged resolution. **Page H2215**

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

Providing for the costs of loan guarantees for Ukraine: H.R. 4152, to provide for the costs of loan guarantees for Ukraine, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 385 yeas to 23 nays, Roll No. 114. **Pages H2215–19, H2243**

Responsibly And Professionally Invigorating Development Act: The House passed H.R. 2641, to provide for improved coordination of agency actions in the preparation and adoption of environmental documents for permitting determinations, by a recorded vote of 229 ayes to 179 noes, Roll No. 113. **Pages H2220–36, H2237–43**

Rejected the DelBene motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on the Judiciary with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 190 ayes to 217 noes, Roll No. 112. **Pages H2240–42**

Pursuant to the rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 113–39 shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule. **Page H2228**

Agreed to:

Webster amendment (No. 3 printed in part C of H. Rept. 113–374) that provides for projects that are under environmental review at the time of enactment to be completed within the deadlines that the underlying bill outlines and **Pages H2234–35**

McKinley amendment (No. 2 printed in part C of H. Rept. 113–374) that does not allow agencies under this legislation to take into account the “social

cost of carbon” from the “Technical Support Document: Social Cost of Carbon for Regulatory Impact Analysis Under Executive Order 12866 from May 2013 or November 2013” (by a recorded vote of 222 ayes to 188 noes, Roll No. 109).

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Rejected:

Jackson Lee amendment (No. 1 printed in part C of H. Rept. 113–374) that sought to strike deemed approved language for any project for which an agency does not meet the deadlines contained in the bill (by a recorded vote of 180 ayes to 228 noes, Roll No. 108);

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Nadler amendment (No. 4 printed in part C of H. Rept. 113–374) that sought to exempt from the bill any construction project for a nuclear facility planned in an area designated as an earthquake fault zone (by a recorded vote of 187 ayes to 220 noes, Roll No. 110); and

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Johnson (GA) amendment (No. 5 printed in part C of H. Rept. 113–374) that sought to clarify that nothing in the bill will change or limit any law or regulation allowing for public comment or participation in an agency decision making process (by a recorded vote of 192 ayes to 217 noes, Roll No. 111).

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H. Res. 501, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 2824) and (H.R. 2641), was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 225 yeas to 190 nays, Roll No. 100, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 219 yeas to 191 nays, Roll No. 99.

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Privileged Resolution: Representative Fudge rose to a question of the privileges of the House and submitted a privileged resolution. Upon examination of the resolution, the Chair determined that the resolution qualified. Subsequently, the House agreed to the Cantor motion to table H. Res. 504, raising a question of the privileges of the House, by a yea-and-nay vote of 211 yeas to 186 nays with 10 answering “present”, Roll No. 107.

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Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 2 p.m. on Monday, March 10th and that the order of the House of January 7, 2014 regarding morning hour debate not apply on that day.

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Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he issued an Executive Order declaring a national emergency with respect to the unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States posed by the situation in Ukraine—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 113–95).

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Five yea-and-nay votes and 11 recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2207–08, H2208, H2209, H2209–10, H2210, H2211, H2213–14, H2214, H2237, H2238, H2238–39, H2239, H2240, H2242, H2242–43, and H2243. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 4:39 p.m.

Committee Meetings

APPROPRIATIONS—HOUSE OFFICERS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held a hearing on House Officers FY 2015 Budget. Testimony was heard from the following House Officers: Ed Cassidy, Chief Administrative Officer; Karen L. Haas, Clerk; and Paul D. Irving, Sergeant at Arms.

APPROPRIATIONS—COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, FDA, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Commodity Futures Trading Commission FY 2015 Budget. Testimony was heard from Mark Wetjen, Acting Chairman, Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE BUDGET REQUEST

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Fiscal Year 2015 National Defense Authorization Budget Request from the Department of Defense”. Testimony was heard from General Martin Dempsey, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, Department of Defense; and Chuck Hagel, Secretary of Defense, Department of Defense.

BENEFITS OF AND CHALLENGES TO ENERGY ACCESS IN THE 21ST CENTURY: FUEL SUPPLY AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power held a hearing entitled “Benefits of and Challenges to Energy Access in the 21st Century: Fuel Supply and Infrastructure”. Testimony was heard from Adam Sieminski, Administrator, Energy Information Administration; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “U.S. Foreign Policy Toward Ukraine”; and a markup on H. Res. 499, Condemning the violation of Ukrainian sovereignty, independence, and territorial integrity by military forces of the Russian Federation. Testimony was