

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 21 public bills, H.R. 4187–4207; and 4 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 92; and H. Res. 510, 512–513 were introduced. **Pages H2300–02**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H2302–03**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 511, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4138) to protect the separation of powers in the Constitution of the United States by ensuring that the President takes care that the laws be faithfully executed, and for other purposes, and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3973) to amend section 530D of title 28, United States Code (H. Rept. 113–378). **Page H2300**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Denham to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H2261**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:12 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H2262**

Recess: The House recessed at 2:14 p.m. and reconvened at 3:30 p.m. **Page H2264**

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

Farmers Undertake Environmental Land Stewardship Act: 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; **Pages H2264–66**

Honoring the life and legacy of Václav Havel by directing the House of Representatives Fine Arts Board to provide for the display of a bust of Václav Havel in the United States Capitol: H. Res. 506, to honor the life and legacy of Václav Havel by directing the House of Representatives Fine Arts Board to provide for the display of a bust of Václav Havel in the United States Capitol; **Pages H2266–68**

Condemning the violation of Ukrainian sovereignty, independence, and territorial integrity by military forces of the Russian Federation: H. Res. 499, amended, to condemn the violation of Ukrainian sovereignty, independence, and territorial integrity by military forces of the Russian Federation, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 402 yeas to 7 nays with 1 answering “present”, Roll No. 117; **Pages H2268–73, H2286**

Equitable Access to Care and Health Act: H.R. 1814, to amend section 5000A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an additional religious

exemption from the individual health coverage mandate; **Pages H2273–76**

Hire More Heroes Act: H.R. 3474, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or the Veterans Administration from being taken into account for purposes of the employer mandate under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 406 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 115; **Pages H2276–78, H2284–85**

Protecting Volunteer Firefighters and Emergency Responders Act of 2014: H.R. 3979, amended, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to ensure that emergency services volunteers are not taken into account as employees under the shared responsibility requirements contained in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, by a ye-and-nay vote of 410 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 116; and **Pages H2278–80, H2285–86**

Federal Communications Commission Process Reform Act: H.R. 3675, amended, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to provide for greater transparency and efficiency in the procedures followed by the Federal Communications Commission. **Pages H2280–84**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To amend the Communications Act of 1934 to provide for greater transparency and efficiency in the procedures followed by the Federal Communications Commission, and for other purposes.”. **Page H2284**

Recess: The House recessed at 5:47 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. **Page H2284**

Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted hard copy volumes of the Fiscal Year 2015 Budget: Appendix, Analytical Perspectives, and Historical Tables—referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 113–84). **Page H2264**

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appear on page H2264.

Senate Referral: S. 1917 was referred to the Committees on Armed Services, Transportation and Infrastructure, and the Judiciary. **Page H2299**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three ye-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2284–85, H2285 and H2286. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12 noon and adjourned at 9:22 p.m.

Committee Meetings

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS— DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a hearing on Department of Homeland Security FY 2015 Budget. Testimony was heard from Jeh Johnson, Secretary, Department of Homeland Security.

NORTHERN IRELAND PEACE PROCESS TODAY: ATTEMPTING TO DEAL WITH THE PAST

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations; and Subcommittee on Europe, Eurasia, and Emerging Threats held a joint subcommittee hearing entitled “The Northern Ireland Peace Process Today: Attempting to Deal With the Past”. Testimony was heard from Richard N. Haass, Chair, Panel of Parties in the Northern Ireland Executive; and public witnesses.

FAITHFUL EXECUTION OF THE LAW ACT OF 2014; AND THE ENFORCE THE LAW ACT OF 2014

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 3973, the “Faithful Execution of the Law Act of 2014”; and H.R. 4138, the “ENFORCE the Law Act of 2014”. The Committee granted, by voice vote, a structured rule for H.R. 4138. The rule provides one hour of general 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 makes in order as original text for the purpose of amendment an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 113–43 and provides that it shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against that amendment in the nature of a substitute. The rule makes in order only those further amendments printed in part A of the Rules Committee report. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in part A of the report. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. In section 2, the rule provides a structured rule for H.R. 3973. 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 consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 113–42 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 makes in order only the further amendment printed in part B of the Rules Committee report, if offered by Representative Ellison of Minnesota or his designee. The amendment shall be considered as read, shall be separately debatable for 10 minutes equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment printed in part B of the report. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Goodlatte and Representatives Cohen, Jackson Lee, and Gibson.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, 2014

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of Homeland Security, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2015 for the Department of Homeland Security, 2 p.m., SD–138.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the situation in Afghanistan, 9 a.m., SH–216.

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to hold hearings to examine military space programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2015 and the Future Years Defense Program, 2:30 p.m., SR–222.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Housing, Transportation, and Community Development, to hold hearings to examine Superstorm Sandy recovery, focusing on ensuring strong coordination among Federal, state, and local stakeholders, 10 a.m., SD–538.

Subcommittee on Economic Policy, to hold hearings to examine the state of United States retirement security, focusing on the middle class, 2:30 p.m., SD–538.

Committee on the Budget: to hold hearings to examine the President’s proposed budget request and revenue proposals for fiscal year 2015, 10 a.m., SD–608.