

and programs in the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2016 for the Department of State, after receiving testimony from John Kerry, Secretary of State.

EFFICIENCY, EFFECTIVENESS, AND INDEPENDENCE OF INSPECTORS GENERAL

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine improving the efficiency, effectiveness, and independence of inspectors general, after receiving testimony from Michael E. Horowitz, Inspector General, Department of Justice; Steve A. Linick, Inspector General, Department of State, and Inspector General, Broadcasting Board of Governors; John Roth, Inspector General, Department of Homeland Security; and Patrick P. O'Carroll, Jr., Inspector General, Social Security Administration.

RECALIBRATING REGULATION OF COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine recalibrating regulation of colleges and universities, focusing on a report from the Task Force on Government Regulation of Higher Education, after receiving tes-

timony from William E. Kirwan, University System of Maryland, Adelphi; and Nicholas S. Zeppos, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING IN THE UNITED STATES

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine human trafficking in the United States, focusing on protecting the victim, including S. 178, to provide justice for the victims of trafficking, and S. 166, to stop exploitation through trafficking, after receiving testimony from Senators Collins, Gillibrand, Ayotte, and Mikulski; Michael Ferjak, Iowa Department of Justice Senior Criminal Investigator and Human Trafficking Enforcement and Prosecution Initiative Director, Des Moines; Holly Austin Smith, Walking Prey, Richmond, Virginia; Malika Saada Saar, Human Rights Project for Girls, Washington, DC; and Jayne Bigelsen, Covenant House, New York, New York.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 34 public bills, H.R. 1021–1054; and 6 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 17–18; and H. Res. 120–123, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 212, to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to provide for the assessment and management of the risk of cyanotoxins in drinking water, and for other purposes, with amendments (H. Rept. 114–26);

H.R. 734, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to consolidate the reporting obligations of the Federal Communications Commission in order to improve congressional oversight and reduce reporting burdens (H. Rept. 114–27); and

H. Res. 121, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 529) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to improve 529 plans; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5) to support State and local accountability for public education, protect State and local authority, inform parents of the per-

formance of their children's schools, and for other purposes; and for other purposes (H. Rept. 114–28).

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

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Recess: The House recessed at 12:49 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m.

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Recess: The House recessed at 2:12 p.m. and reconvened at 4:03 p.m.

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

Drinking Water Protection Act: H.R. 212, amended, to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to provide for the assessment and management of the risk of cyanotoxins in drinking water, by a 2/3 yeand-nay vote of 375 yeas to 37 nays, Roll No. 84; and

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "To amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to provide for

the assessment and management of the risk of algal toxins in drinking water, and for other purposes.”.

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Federal Communications Commission Consolidated Reporting Act of 2015: H.R. 734, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to consolidate the reporting obligations of the Federal Communications Commission in order to improve congressional oversight and reduce reporting burdens, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 411 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 85.

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Recess: The House recessed at 4:47 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m.

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Suspension—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measure under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed.

STEM Education Act of 2015: H.R. 1020, to define STEM education to include computer science, and to support existing STEM education programs at the National Science Foundation.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H1093.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yeas-and-nays votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1100–01 and H1101–02. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12 noon and adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

Committee Meetings

STUDENT SUCCESS ACT; A BILL TO AMEND THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986 TO IMPROVE 529 PLANS

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 5, the “Student Success Act”; and H.R. 529, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to improve 529 plans. The committee granted, by voice vote, a closed rule for H.R. 529. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means. 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 Ways and Means now printed in the bill 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. Section 2 of the rule provides a general debate rule for H.R. 5. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and con-

trolled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Education and the Workforce. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that no further consideration of the bill shall be in order except pursuant to a subsequent order of the House. Section 3 of the rule waives the requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII (requiring a two-thirds vote to consider a rule on the same day it is reported from the Rules Committee) with respect to any resolution reported through the legislative day of March 2, 2015, relating to a measure making or continuing appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015. Section 4 of the rule provides that it shall be in order at any time through the calendar day of March 1, 2015, for the Speaker to entertain motions that the House suspend the rules relating to a measure making or continuing appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015. Testimony was heard from Chairman Kline, Chairman Ryan of Wisconsin, and Representatives Fudge, and Nugent.

Joint Meetings

LEGISLATIVE PRESENTATION OF THE DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Senate Committee concluded a joint hearing with the House Committee on Veterans’ Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of the Disabled American Veterans, after receiving testimony from Ronald F. Hope, Disabled American Veterans, Washington, DC.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2015

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of Defense, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2016 for the Air Force, 10:30 a.m., SD–192.

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Personnel, to hold hearings to examine healthcare recommendations of the Military Compensation and Retirement Modernization Commission, 2:30 p.m., SH–216.

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to hold hearings to examine regional nuclear dynamics, 2:30 p.m., SR–222.

Committee on the Budget: to hold hearings to examine America’s debt, 10:30 a.m., SH–216.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine preserving the multistakeholder model of Internet governance, 10 a.m., SR–253.