

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 20 public bills, H.R. 1188–1207; and 4 resolutions, H. Res. 132, 133, 135, and 136, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 280, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to recoup bonuses and awards paid to employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–32, Part 1);

H.R. 1029, to amend the Environmental Research, Development, and Demonstration Authorization Act of 1978 to provide for Scientific Advisory Board member qualifications, public participation, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–33);

H.R. 1030, to prohibit the Environmental Protection Agency from proposing, finalizing, or disseminating regulations or assessments based upon science that is not transparent or reproducible (H. Rept. 114–34);

H.R. 294, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to enter into contracts and agreements for the transfer of veterans to non-Department medical foster homes for certain veterans who are unable to live independently, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–35); and

H. Res. 134, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 749) to reauthorize Federal support for passenger rail programs, and for other purposes, and providing for proceedings during the period from March 6, 2015, through March 13, 2015 (H. Rept. 114–36).

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

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Recess: The House recessed at 12:20 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m.

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Recess: The House recessed at 2:10 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m.

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

Long-Term Care Veterans Choice Act: H.R. 294, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to enter into contracts and agreements for the transfer of veterans to non-Department medical foster homes for certain veterans who are unable to live independently, by a 2/3 ye-a-and-nay vote of 405 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 107; and

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read “To amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to enter into contracts and agreements for the placement of veterans in non-Departmental medical foster homes for certain veterans who are unable to live independently.”

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Authorizing the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to recoup bonuses and awards paid to employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs: H.R. 280, amended, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to recoup bonuses and awards paid to employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

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Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 10 a.m. tomorrow, March 3.

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President’s Export Council—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker’s appointment of the following Members on the part of the House to the President’s Export Council: Representatives Kildee and DelBene.

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Migratory Bird Conservation Commission—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker’s appointment of the following Member on the part of the House to the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission: Representative Thompson (CA).

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Recess: The House recessed at 8:53 p.m. and reconvened at 9:30 p.m.

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote developed during the proceedings of today and appears on pages H1510–11. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12 noon and adjourned at 9:31 p.m.

Committee Meetings

LEGISLATIVE HEARING

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law held a hearing on H.R. 348, the “Responsibly And Professionally Invigorating Development Act of 2015”; H.R. 712, the “Sunshine for Regulatory Decrees and Settlements Act of 2015”; and H.R. 1155, the “Searching for and Cutting Regulations that are Unnecessarily Burdensome Act of 2015”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

PASSENGER RAIL REFORM AND INVESTMENT ACT OF 2015

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 749, the “Passenger Rail Reform and Investment Act of 2015”. The committee granted, by voice vote, a structured rule for H.R. 749. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. 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 114–9 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 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 the report. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. In section 2, the rule provides that on any legislative day during the period from March 6, 2015, through March 13, 2015: the Journal of the proceedings of the previous day shall be considered as approved; and the Chair may at any time declare the House adjourned to meet at a date and time to be announced by the Chair in declaring the adjournment. In section 3, the rule provides that the Speak-

er may appoint Members to perform the duties of the Chair for the duration of the period addressed by section 2. In section 4, the rule provides that at any time through the legislative day of March 13, 2015, the Chair may postpone further consideration of a measure in the House to such time as may be designated by the Speaker. Testimony was heard from Chairman Shuster and Representatives Mica and Fitzpatrick.

ONGOING INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Ongoing Intelligence Activities”. This hearing was closed.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D159)

H.R. 33, 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. Signed on February 27, 2015. (Public Law 114–3)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2015

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: business meeting to consider the nominations of Jeffery S. Hall, of Kentucky, and Dallas P. Tonsager, of South Dakota, both to be a Member of the Farm Credit Administration Board, Farm Credit Administration, Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine a review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2016 and the Future Years Defense Program, 2:30 p.m., SH–216.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine Federal Reserve accountability and reform, 2:30 p.m., SD–538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine the President’s proposed budget request for fiscal year 2016 for the Department of Commerce and the Department of Transportation, 9 a.m., SR–253.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine fairness in taxation, 9 a.m., SD–215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to receive a closed briefing on an update on the campaign against the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS), 4 p.m., SVC–217.