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House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 42 public bills, H.R. 1415–1456; and 6 resolutions, H. Res. 154–159, were introduced. **Pages H1767–70**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H1771**

Reports Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H.R. 1021, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve the integrity of the Medicare program, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–46, Part 1). **Page H1767**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Hardy to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H1725**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:41 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Pages H1729–30**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Reverend Dr. Mark Gooden, Munsey Memorial United Methodist Church, Johnson City, Tennessee. **Page H1730**

Committee Elections: The House agreed to H. Res. 155, electing Members to certain standing committees of the House of Representatives. **Page H1730**

Secret Science Reform Act of 2015: The House passed 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, by a recorded vote of 241 ayes to 175 noes, Roll No. 125. **Pages H1733–48**

Rejected the Takai motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 181 ayes to 239 noes, Roll No. 124.

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Pursuant to the Rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 114–11 shall be considered as read.

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Rejected:

Edwards amendment (No. 1 printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–37) that authorizes \$250 million for each of fiscal years 2016 through 2019, by a re-

corded vote of 164 ayes to 254 noes, Roll No. 122; and

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Kennedy amendment (No. 2 printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–37) that allows the EPA to use all peer-reviewed scientific publications, by a recorded vote of 184 ayes to 231 noes, Roll No. 123.

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H. Res. 138, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 1029) and (H.R. 1030) was agreed to yesterday, March 17th.

Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow, March 19. **Page H1748**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1745, H1745–46, H1747–48, and H1748. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 3:51 p.m.

Committee Meetings

THE IMPORTANCE OF TRADE TO U.S. AGRICULTURE

Committee on Agriculture: Full Committee held a hearing on the importance of trade to U.S. agriculture. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

APPROPRIATIONS—INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES PUBLIC AND OUTSIDE WITNESS DAY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a hearing for public and outside witnesses. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

CLOSING THE ACHIEVEMENT GAP IN HIGHER EDUCATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held an oversight hearing on closing the achievement gap in higher education. Testimony was heard from Aaron Thompson, Executive Vice President and Chief Academic Officer, Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education; and public witnesses.