

by the Corps of Engineers to develop, adopt, implement, administer, or enforce any change to the regulations pertaining to definitions of the terms “fill material” or “discharge of fill material”;

**Pages H2640–41**

Beyer amendment that sought to strike section 105 from the bill. Section 105 prohibits use of funds in the bill by the Corps of Engineers to develop, adopt, implement, administer, or enforce any change to the regulations and guidance pertaining to the definition of waters under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act;

**Pages H2641–42**

Castor (FL) amendment that sought to increase funding for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy by \$266,161,000 and to reduce funding for Fossil Energy Research and Development by \$355,000,000;

**Pages H2645–46**

Withdrawn:

Crawford amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have increased funding for Mississippi River and Tributaries by \$27,000,000 and reduced EERE by \$96,000,000;

**Pages H2635–37**

Rice (SC) amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have decreased Regulatory funding by \$4,500,000 and increased funding for Operations and Maintenance by a similar amount; and

**Pages H2637–38**

Perry amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have increased funding for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy by \$22,300,000 and to reduced funding for Departmental Administration by a similar amount.

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Proceedings Postponed:

McClintock amendment that seeks to reduce funding for sundry accounts and to apply the aggregate savings of \$128,920,000 to the spending reduction account;

**Pages H2638–40**

Ruiz amendment that seeks to increase funding for Water and Related Resources by \$5,000,000 and to reduce funding for Fossil Energy Research and Development by \$2,000,000;

**Pages H2642–43**

Griffith amendment that seeks to increase funding for Fossil Energy Research and Development by \$5,000,000 and to reduce funding for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy by a similar amount;

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Swalwell (CA) amendment that seeks to increase funding for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy by \$25,500,000 and to reduce funding for Fossil Energy by \$34,000,000;

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Byrne amendment that seeks to zero out funding for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy and to apply the savings of \$1,657,774,000 to the spending reduction account; and

**Pages H2649–50**

McClintock amendment that seeks to zero out funding for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, reduce Nuclear Energy by \$691,886,000, and zero out funding for Fossil Energy and to apply the aggregate savings of \$2,954,660,000 to the spending reduction account.

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H. Res. 223, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 2028) and (H.R. 2029) was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 240 yeas to 186 nays, Roll No. 176, after the previous question was ordered.

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**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appear on page H2506.

**Senate Referrals:** S. 304 was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce. **Pages H2506, H2651**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Two yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2515, H2515–16 and H2585–86. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 11:29 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### NATIONAL FOREST SYSTEM AND ACTIVE FOREST MANAGEMENT

*Committee on Agriculture:* Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry held a hearing to review the National Forest System and active forest management. Testimony was heard from Tom Tidwell, Chief, Forest Service; and public witnesses.

### PUBLIC AND OUTSIDE WITNESS DAY

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held a hearing for public and outside witnesses. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies held a markup on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies appropriations bill, FY 2016. The bill was forwarded to the full committee, without amendment.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

*Committee on Armed Services:* Full Committee began a markup on H.R. 1735, the “National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016”.

## EXAMINING REFORMS TO MODERNIZE THE MULTIEMPLOYER PENSION SYSTEM

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions held a hearing entitled “Examining Reforms to Modernize the Multiemployer Pension System”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Full Committee concluded a markup on H.R. 2042, the “Ratepayer Protection Act”; and H.R. 2045, the “Targeting Rogue and Opaque Letters (TROL) Act”. H.R. 2042 and H.R. 2045 were both ordered reported, without amendment.

## THE IMPACT OF INTERNATIONAL REGULATORY STANDARDS ON THE COMPETITIVENESS OF U.S. INSURERS

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Housing and Insurance held a hearing entitled “The Impact of International Regulatory Standards on the Competitiveness of U.S. Insurers”. Testimony was heard from Michael McRaith, Director, Federal Insurance Office, Department of the Treasury; Mark Van Der Weide, Deputy Director, Division of Banking Supervision and Regulation, Federal Reserve Board of Governors; and a public witness.

## LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS TO ENHANCE CAPITAL FORMATION AND REDUCE REGULATORY BURDENS

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Capital Markets and Government Sponsored Enterprises held a hearing entitled “Legislative Proposals to Enhance Capital Formation and Reduce Regulatory Burdens”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## THE GLOBAL MAGNITSKY HUMAN RIGHTS ACCOUNTABILITY ACT

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations held a hearing entitled “The Global Magnitsky Human Rights Accountability Act”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## ISIS: DEFINING THE ENEMY

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade held a hearing entitled “ISIS: Defining the Enemy”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## PROGRESS AND CHALLENGES IN THE WESTERN BALKANS

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on Europe, Eurasia, and Emerging Threats held a hearing

entitled “Progress and Challenges in the Western Balkans”. Testimony was heard from Hoyt Brian Yee, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs, Department of State; Susan Fritz, Acting Assistant Administrator, Europe and Eurasia Bureau; U.S. Agency for International Development; former Member Joseph J. DioGuardi; and a public witness.

## TERRORISM IN AFRICA: THE IMMINENT THREAT TO THE UNITED STATES

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Counterterrorism and Intelligence held a hearing entitled “Terrorism in Africa: The Imminent Threat to the United States”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## THE REGISTER’S PERSPECTIVE ON COPYRIGHT REVIEW

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Register’s Perspective on Copyright Review”. Testimony was heard from Maria A. Pallante, Register of Copyrights and Director, U.S. Copyright Office.

## BUSINESS MEETING; BIRTHRIGHT CITIZENSHIP: IS IT THE RIGHT POLICY FOR AMERICA?

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security held a business meeting to adopt rules of procedure and statement of policy for private immigration bills and statement of policy on Federal charters; and a hearing entitled “Birthright Citizenship: Is it the Right Policy for America?”. The rules of procedure and statement of policy for private immigration bills and statement of policy on Federal charters were adopted. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## LEGISLATIVE MEASURE

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice held a hearing on H.R. 1927, the “Fairness in Class Action Litigation Act of 2015”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## ZERO ACCOUNTABILITY: THE CONSEQUENCES OF POLITICALLY DRIVEN SCIENCE

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Zero Accountability: The Consequences of Politically Driven Science”. Testimony was heard from Clara Beckett, Commissioner, Bastrop County, Precinct 2, Bastrop, Texas; and public witnesses.

## MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Full Committee began a markup on H.R. 774, the “Illegal, Unreported,

and Unregulated Fishing Enforcement Act of 2015”; H.R. 1214, the “National Forest Small Tracts Act Amendments Act of 2015”; H.R. 1335, the “Strengthening Fishing Communities and Increasing Flexibility in Fisheries Management Act”; and H.R. 1991, the “Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act Extension Act of 2015”.

#### **FLYING UNDER THE RADAR: SECURING WASHINGTON D.C. AIRSPACE**

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Flying Under the Radar: Securing Washington D.C. Airspace”. Testimony was heard from Admiral William Gortney, Commander, NORAD/USNORTHCOM; Michael Huerta, Administrator, Federal Aviation Administration; Joseph Clancy, Director, Secret Service; Robert MacLean, Chief, U.S. Park Police; Kim Dine, Chief of Police, Capitol Police; Paul Irving, Sergeant at Arms, House of Representatives; and Robert G. Salesses, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense, Homeland Defense Integration and Defense Support of Civil Authorities, Department of Defense.

#### **FOLLOWING THE TRAIL OF U.S. TAXPAYERS’ DOLLARS ABROAD: ON-BUDGET ASSISTANCE IN AFGHANISTAN**

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Subcommittee on National Security held a hearing entitled “Following the Trail of U.S. Taxpayers’ Dollars Abroad: On-Budget Assistance in Afghanistan”. Testimony was heard from John Sopko, Inspector General, Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction.

#### **ENCRYPTION TECHNOLOGY AND POTENTIAL U.S. POLICY RESPONSES**

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Information Technology held a hearing entitled “Encryption Technology and Potential U.S. Policy Responses”. Testimony was heard from Amy Hess, Executive Assistant Director, Science and Technology Branch, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice; Daniel Conley, District Attorney, Suffolk County, Massachusetts; and public witnesses.

#### **REGULATORY INTEGRITY PROTECTION ACT OF 2015; HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION DISAPPROVING THE ACTION OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COUNCIL IN APPROVING THE REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH NON-DISCRIMINATION AMENDMENT ACT OF 2014; CONFERENCE REPORT TO ACCOMPANY S. CON. RES. 11**

*Committee on Rules:* Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 1732, the “Regulatory Integrity Protection Act

of 2015”; H.J. Res. 43, disapproving the action of the District of Columbia Council in approving the Reproductive Health Non-Discrimination Amendment Act of 2014; and conference report to accompany S. Con. Res. 11, concurrent resolution setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2016 and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2017 through 2025. The committee granted, by record vote of 8–3, a structured rule for H.R. 1732. 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 114–13 modified by the amendment printed in part A of the Rules Committee report, 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 B of the report. Each such further 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 B of the report. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. In section 2, the rule provides for consideration of the conference report to accompany S. Con. Res. 11. The rule waives all points of order against the conference report and against its consideration. The rule provides that the conference report shall be considered as read. The rule provides that the previous question shall be considered as ordered without intervention of any motion except one hour of debate. The rule provides that debate on the conference report is divided pursuant to clause 8(d) of rule XXII. In section 3, the rule provides that section 604(g) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act shall not apply in the case of H.J. Res. 43. Additionally, the rule grants a closed rule for H.J. Res. 43. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform or their respective designees. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the joint resolution. The rule provides that the joint resolution shall be considered as read. The

rule waives all points of order against provisions in the joint resolution. The rule provides that pursuant to section 604(h) of the Home Rule Act, a motion to recommit is not in order to the joint resolution if under consideration while the act of the D.C. Council is within the congressional review period prescribed in section 602 of such Act. Testimony was heard from Chairman Tom Price of Georgia and Representatives Gibbs, Edwards, Palmer, Yarmuth, Meadows, and Norton.

#### **REALITY CHECK PART II: THE IMPACT OF EPA'S PROPOSED OZONE STANDARDS ON RURAL AMERICA**

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:* Subcommittee on Environment held a hearing entitled "Reality Check Part II: The Impact of EPA's Proposed Ozone Standards on Rural America". Testimony was heard from Jim Reese, Secretary and Commissioner of Agriculture, Oklahoma State Board of Agriculture; Cara Keslar, Monitoring Section Supervisor, Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality, Air Quality Division; and public witnesses.

#### **THE FUTURE OF COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY: TECHNOLOGY, SAFETY INITIATIVES, AND THE ROLE OF FEDERAL REGULATION**

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Highways and Transit held a hearing entitled "The Future of Commercial Motor Vehicle Safety: Technology, Safety Initiatives, and the Role of Federal Regulation". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### *Joint Meetings*

#### **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON THE BUDGET FILED**

*Conferees* agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of S. Con. Res. 11, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2016 and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2017 through 2025.

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#### **COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 2015**

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

##### **Senate**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2016 for the National Institutes of Health, 10 a.m., SD-124.

*Committee on Armed Services:* to hold hearings to examine United States European Command programs and budget in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2016 and the Future Years Defense Program, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance, and Investment, to hold hearings to examine insurance capital rules and Financial Stability Oversight Council (FSOC) process, 10 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* to hold hearings to examine S. 703, to reauthorize the weatherization and State energy programs, S. 720, to promote energy savings in residential buildings and industry, S. 858, to amend the National Energy Conservation Policy Act to encourage the increased use of performance contracting in Federal facilities, S. 523, to coordinate the provision of energy retrofitting assistance to schools, S. 600, to require the Secretary of Energy to establish an energy efficiency retrofit pilot program, S. 723, to amend the National Energy Conservation Policy Act to provide guidance on utility energy service contracts used by Federal agencies, S. 869, to improve energy performance in Federal buildings, S. 878, to establish a State residential building energy efficiency upgrades loan pilot program, S. 886, to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to provide for a smart energy and water efficiency pilot program, S. 888, to promote Federal-State partnerships for developing regional energy strategies and plans to mitigate risks in changing energy systems, S. 893, to establish an Energy Productivity Innovation Challenge (EPIC) to assist energy policy innovation in the States to promote the goal of doubling electric and thermal energy productivity by January 1, 2030, S. 939, to require the evaluation and consolidation of duplicative green building programs within the Department of Energy, S. 1029, to amend the Energy Policy and Conservation Act to prohibit the Secretary of Energy from prescribing a final rule amending the efficiency standards for residential non-weatherized gas furnaces or mobile home furnaces until an analysis has been completed, S. 1038, to clarify that no express or implied warranty is provided by reason of a disclosure relating to voluntary participation in the Energy Star program, S. 1039, to require certain agencies to conduct assessments of data centers and develop data center consolidation and optimization plans to achieve energy cost savings, S. 1044, to enhance consumer access to electricity information and allow for the adoption of innovative products and services to help consumers manage their energy usage, S. 1046, to accelerate the adoption of smart building technologies in the private sector and key Federal agencies, S. 1047, to require the Secretary of Energy to review rulemaking proceedings of other Federal agencies for the potential to cause an adverse effect on the cost, time, or difficulty of complying with energy efficiency regulations, guidelines, or standards, S. 1048, to remove the authority of the Secretary of Energy to amend or issue new energy efficiency standards for ceiling fans, S. 1052, to require a study on the impact of State and local performance benchmarking and disclosure policies for commercial and multifamily buildings, to provide for competitive awards to utilities,