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HYDRAULIC FRACTURING

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining concluded a hearing to examine the Bureau of Land Management’s final rule on hydraulic fracturing, after receiving testimony from Neil Kornze, Director, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; Mark Watson, Wyoming Oil and Gas Conservation Commission State Oil and Gas Supervisor, Casper; Bruce Baizel, Earthworks, Durango, Colorado; and Kathleen Sgamma, Western Energy Alliance, Denver, Colorado.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported S. 993, to increase public safety by facilitating collaboration among the criminal justice, juvenile justice, veterans treatment services, mental health treatment, and substance abuse systems.

INTELLIGENCE

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

Committee recessed subject to call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 72 public bills, H.R. 2123–2194; and 7 resolutions, H. Res. 236–242 were introduced. **Pages H2766–72**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H2772–73**

Reports Filed: A report was filed today as follows:
 H.J. Res. 43, disapproving the action of the District of Columbia Council in approving the Reproductive Health Non-Discrimination Amendment Act of 2014 (H. Rept. 114–99); **Page H2766**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Carter (GA) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H2659**

Discharge Petition: Representative Heck (WA) presented to the clerk a motion to discharge the Committee on Financial Services from the consideration of the bill, H.R. 1031, to reauthorize the Export-Import Bank of the United States, and for other purposes (Discharge Petition No. 1).

Recess: The House recessed at 11:21 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H2668**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Rabbi Michael Siegel, Anshe Emet Synagogue, Chicago, Illinois. **Page H2668**

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker’s approval of the Journal by a yea-and-nay vote of 236 yeas to 175 nays with two answering “present”, Roll No. 182. **Pages H2684–85**

Authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds, the rotunda of the Capitol, and Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for official Congress-

sional events surrounding the visit of His Holiness Pope Francis to the United States Capitol: The House agreed to discharge from committee and agree to H. Con. Res. 43, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds, the rotunda of the Capitol, and Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for official Congressional events surrounding the visit of His Holiness Pope Francis to the United States Capitol. **Page H2685**

Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2016: The House continued consideration of H.R. 2028, making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016. Consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, May 1. **Pages H2685–94, H2710–27, H2742–64**

Agreed to:

Jackson Lee amendment that redirects \$1,000,000 in funding within the Departmental Administration account; **Pages H2692–94**

Fortenberry amendment that increases, by offset, funding for Defense Nuclear Non-Proliferation by \$13,802,000; **Pages H2712–14**

Langevin amendment that increases the funding for the Naval Reactor account by \$2,426,000 and reduces funding for the Federal Salaries and Expenses by \$2,500,000; **Pages H2715–19**

McKinley amendment that prohibits the use of the funds to transform the National Energy Technology Laboratory into a government-owned, contractor-operated laboratory, or to consolidate or close the National Energy Technology Laboratory;

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Babin amendment (No. 3 printed in the Congressional Record of April 27, 2015) that prohibits the use of funds under the heading “Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation” from being made available to enter into new contracts with, or new agreements for Federal assistance to the Islamic Republic of Iran except for contracts or agreements that require the Islamic Republic of Iran to cease the pursuit, acquisition, and development of nuclear weapons technology; **Pages H2719–20**

Engel amendment (No. 7 printed in the Congressional Record of April 29, 2015) that prohibits the use of funds to lease or purchase new light duty vehicles for any executive fleet, or for an agency’s fleet inventory, except in accordance with Presidential Memorandum; **Pages H2722–23**

Dent amendment that prohibits the use of funds by the Department of Energy to finalize, implement, or enforce the proposed rule entitled “Standard Ceiling Fans and Ceiling Fan Light Kits”; **Pages H2726–27**

Napolitano amendment that prohibits the use of funds in contravention of section 2101 of the Water Resources Reform and Development Act of 2014 (33 U.S.C. 2238b) or section 210 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1986; **Page H2727**

Stivers amendment that prohibits the use of funds for the Cape Wind Energy Project on the Outer Continental Shelf off Massachusetts, Nantucket Sound; **Page H2727**

Burgess amendment that prohibits the use of funds to implement or enforce the standards established by tables contained in section 325(i)(1)(B) of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act with respect to BPAR incandescent reflector lamps, BR incandescent reflector lamps, and ER incandescent reflector lamps (by a recorded vote of 232 ayes and 189 noes, Roll No. 207); **Pages H2724–26, H2750–51**

Barton amendment that increases, by offset, funding for the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works by \$30,000,000; **Pages H2751–52**

Abraham amendment that prohibits the use of funds to implement Executive Order 13690 and Federal Flood Risk Management Standard; **Pages H2752–53**

Jackson Lee amendment that prohibits the use of funds in contravention of the Department of Energy Organization Act (42 U.S.C. 7101 et seq.); **Pages H2753–54**

DelBene amendment that prohibits the use of funds for the purchase of welded shipboard anchor and mooring chain 4 inches in diameter and under unless the anchor and mooring chain are procured from a manufacturer that is part of the national technology and industrial base; **Pages H2755–56**

Gosar amendment that prohibits the use of funds for the removal of any Federally owned or operated dam; **Page H2756**

Grayson amendment that prohibits the use of funds to enter into contracts with individuals convicted of fraud; **Pages H2756–57**

Blackburn amendment (No. 13 printed in the Congressional Record of April 29, 2015) that prohibits the use of funds to finalize, promulgate, or enforce the DOE’s proposed rule entitled “Energy Conservation Program for Consumer Products: Energy Conservation Standards for Residential Furnaces”; and **Page H2759**

Luetkemeyer amendment (No. 16 printed in the Congressional Record of April 29, 2015) that prohibits the use of funds for the Missouri River Ecosystem Restoration Program (MRERP). **Page H2761**

Rejected:

Heck (NV) amendment that sought to increase funding for Nuclear Energy by \$75,000,000 and to zero out funding for Nuclear Waste Disposal; **Page H2686**

Titus amendment that sought to reduce funding for Nuclear Waste Disposal by \$150,000,000 and apply the savings to the spending reduction account; **Pages H2689–91**

Garamendi amendment that sought to reduce funds for Defense Nuclear Non-Proliferation by \$125,000,000 and increase funds for Environmental and other Defense activities, Defense Environmental clean up by the same amount; **Pages H2714–15**

McClintock amendment that sought to reduce funding for sundry accounts and to apply the aggregate savings of \$128,920,000 to the spending reduction account (by a recorded vote of 126 ayes to 295 noes, Roll No. 195); **Page H2743**

Ruiz amendment that sought 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 (by a recorded vote of 172 ayes to 249 noes, Roll No. 196); **Pages H2743–44**

Griffith amendment that sought 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 (by a recorded vote of 177 ayes to 244 noes, Roll No. 197); **Page H2744**

Swalwell (CA) amendment that sought to increase funding for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy by \$25,500,000 and to reduce funding for Fossil Energy by \$34,000,000 (by a recorded vote of 173 ayes to 248 noes, Roll No. 198); **Pages H2744–45**

Byrne amendment that sought 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 (by a recorded vote of 139 ayes to 282 noes, Roll No. 199); **Pages H2745–46**

McClintock amendment that sought 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 (by a recorded vote of 110 ayes to 311 noes, Roll No. 200); **Page H2746**

Ellison amendment that sought to reduce funding for Fossil Energy Research and Development by \$45,000,000 and apply the savings to the spending reduction account (by a recorded vote of 175 ayes to 246 noes, Roll No. 201); **Pages H2686–88, H2746–47**

Swalwell (CA) amendment that sought to increase funding for Advanced Research Projects Agency—Energy (ARPA-E) by \$20,000,000 and reduce funding for Departmental Administration by a similar amount (by a recorded vote of 202 ayes to 219 noes, Roll No. 202); **Pages H2691–92, H2747–48**

Quigley amendment that sought to apply \$167,050,000 to the savings reduction account for the new nuclear arm cruise missile (by a recorded vote of 164 ayes to 257 noes, Roll No. 203);

Pages H2711, H2748

Garamendi amendment that sought to reduce the Atomic Energy Defense Activities National Nuclear Security Administration, Weapons Activities Account by \$25,000,000 and apply the savings to the spending reduction account (by a recorded vote of 149 ayes to 272 noes, Roll No. 204);

Pages H2711–12, H2748–49

Hudson amendment that sought to reduce funds in the bill by 11.1208 percent except for National Nuclear Security Administration, Environmental and Defense Activities, and Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (by a recorded vote of 143 ayes to 278 noes, Roll No. 205); **Pages H2721–22, H2749–50**

Sanford amendment that sought to zero out the funding for the Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Loan Program and to prohibit the use of funds to provide a loan under the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (by a recorded vote of 171 ayes to 250 noes, Roll No. 206); and

Pages H2723–24, H2750

Castro amendment that sought to prohibit the use of funds in excess of \$276,117,000 for additional funding for ongoing work on Flood and Storm Damage Reduction projects. **Pages H2757–59**

Withdrawn:

Flores amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have increased funding for Science by \$2,500,000 and reduced funding for Salaries and Expenses of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission by \$25,000,000; and **Page H2688**

Foster amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have increased funding for Science Activities by \$239,749,000 and reduced funding for National Nuclear Security Weapons Activities by a similar amount. **Pages H2688–89**

Point of Order sustained against:

Babin amendment (No. 4 printed in the Congressional Record of April 27, 2015) that sought to prohibit the use of funds under the heading “Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation” from being used to enter into new contracts with, or new agreements for Federal assistance to the Islamic Republic of Iran except for contracts or agreements that include authority for the International Atomic Energy Agency to conduct anytime, anywhere inspections of civil and military sites within the Islamic Republic of Iran; and

Pages H2720–21

Cleaver amendment that sought to provide that total project costs in section 902 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1986 shall not apply with respect to any project that receives funds made available by title I of this Act. **Page H2724**

Proceedings Postponed:

Rothfus (No. 5 printed in the Congressional Record of April 29, 2015) that seeks to prohibit use of funds to apply the report entitled “Life Cycle Greenhouse Gas Perspective on Exporting Liquefied Natural Gas from the United States” in any public interest determination under the Natural Gas Act;

Pages H2754–55

Gosar (No. 10 printed in the Congressional Record of April 29, 2015) that seeks to prohibit the use of funds for the Department of Energy’s Climate Model Development and Validation program;

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Blackburn (No. 12 printed in the Congressional Record of April 29, 2015) that seeks to reduce funding in the bill by 1 percent across-the-board;

Pages H2759–61

McClintock that seeks to prohibit the use of funds for the purchase of water to supplement or enhance instream water flow requirements in California;

Pages H2761–62

LaMalfa that seeks to prohibit the use of funds to implement, administer, or enforce the requirement in the Code of Federal Regulations, that activities identified in the Federal Water Pollution Control Act must be established or ongoing in order to receive an exemption under the Act; and

Pages H2762–63

LaMalfa that seeks to prohibit use of funds to deliver water to the Trinity River above the minimum requirements of the Trinity Record of Decision or to supplement flows in the Klamath River.

Pages H2763–64

H. Res. 223, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 2028) and (H.R. 2029) was agreed to yesterday, April 29th.

Recess: The House recessed at 5:26 p.m. and reconvened at 5:40 p.m. **Page H2702**

Congressional Budget Resolution FY 2016: The House agreed to the conference report to accompany 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, by a ye-and-nay vote of 226 yeas to 197 nays, Roll No. 183. **Pages H2761–84, H2694–H2702**

H. Res. 231, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1732), the conference report to accompany the concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 11), and the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 43) was agreed to by a recorded vote of 242 yeas to 181 noes, Roll No. 181, after the previous question was ordered by a ye-and-nay vote of 241 yeas to 181 nays, Roll No. 180. **Pages H2683–84**

A point of order was raised against the consideration of H. Res. 231 and it was agreed to proceed with consideration of the resolution by a ye-and-nay vote of 240 yeas 174 nays, Roll No. 179. **Pages H2672–74**

Military Construction and Veterans Affairs and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2016: The House passed H.R. 2029, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, by a ye-and-nay vote of 255 yeas to 163 nays, Roll No. 193. Consideration began yesterday, April 29th. **Pages H2702–10**

Rejected the Kirkpatrick motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 181 yeas to 236 noes, Roll No. 192. **Pages H2708–10**

Rejected:

Van Hollen amendment that was debated on April 29th that sought to strike the pending paragraph pertaining to the Military Construction, Navy and Marine Corps (by a recorded vote of 191 yeas to 229 noes with one answering “present”, Roll No. 184); **Page H2703**

Mulvaney amendment that was debated on April 29th that sought to strike the pending paragraph pertaining to the Military Construction, Air Force (by a recorded vote of 192 yeas to 229 noes with one answering “present”, Roll No. 185); **Pages H2703–04**

Mulvaney amendment that was debated on April 29th that sought to strike the pending paragraph pertaining to the Military Construction, Defense-

Wide (by a recorded vote of 190 yeas to 231 noes with one answering “present”, Roll No. 186); **Pages H2704–05**

Nadler amendment that was debated on April 29th that sought to strike section 512 from the bill pertaining to the United States Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba (by a recorded vote of 167 yeas to 254 noes, Roll No. 187); **Page H2705**

Blumenauer amendment that was debated on April 29th that sought to prohibit the use of funds to implement, administer, or enforce Veterans Health Administration directive 2011–004 with respect to the prohibition on “VA providers for completing forms seeking recommendations or opinions regarding a Veteran’s participation in a State marijuana program” (by a recorded vote of 210 yeas to 213 noes, Roll No. 188); **Pages H2705–06**

Pocan amendment that was debated on April 29th that sought to prohibit the use of funds to enter into a contract with any person whose disclosures of a proceeding with a disposition listed in the Federal Awardee Performance and Integrity Information System include the term “Fair Labor Standards Act” (by a recorded vote of 186 yeas to 237 noes, Roll No. 189); **Pages H2706–07**

Hice (GA) amendment that was debated on April 29th that sought to prohibit the use of funds to pay a Federal Employee for any period of time during which such employee is using official time under U.S. Code (by a recorded vote of 190 yeas to 232 noes, Roll No. 190); and **Page H2707**

King (IA) amendment (No. 3 printed in the Congressional Record of April 28, 2015) that was debated on April 29th that sought to prohibit the use of funds to implement, administer, or enforce the prevailing wage requirements under what is commonly known as the Davis-Bacon Act (by a recorded vote of 186 yeas to 235 noes, Roll No. 191). **Pages H2707–08**

H. Res. 223, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 2028) and (H.R. 2029) was agreed to yesterday, April 29th.

Disapproving the action of the District of Columbia Council in approving the Reproductive Health Non-Discrimination Amendment Act of 2014: The House passed H.J. Res. 43, disapproving the action of the District of Columbia Council in approving the Reproductive Health Non-Discrimination Amendment Act of 2014, by a ye-and-nay vote of 228 yeas to 192 nays, Roll No. 194. **Pages H2727–42**

H. Res. 231, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1732), the conference report to accompany the concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 11), and the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 43) was agreed to by a recorded vote of 242 yeas to 181 noes, Roll No.

181, after the previous question was ordered by a ye-and-nay vote of 241 yeas to 181 nays, Roll No. 180. **Pages H2683–84**

A point of order was raised against the consideration of H. Res. 231 and it was agreed to proceed with consideration of the resolution by a ye-and-nay vote of 240 yeas 174 nays, Roll No. 179. **Pages H2672–74**

Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress of the recommendations of the Military Compensation and Retirement Modernization Commission—referred to the Committee on Armed Services and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 114–30). **Page H2765**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Five ye-and-nay votes and 23 recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2673–74, H2683–84, H2684, H2702, H2703, H2703–04, H2704–05, H2705, H2705–06, H2706–07, H2707, H2707–08, H2709–10, H2710, H2742, H2743, H2743–44, H2744, H2744–45, H2745–46, H2746, H2747, H2747–48, H2748, H2748–49, H2749–50, H2750 and H2750–51. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 1:48 a.m. on Friday, May 1st.

Committee Meetings

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Agriculture: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 2088, the “United States Grains Standards Act Reauthorization Act of 2015”; and H.R. 2051, the “Mandatory Price Reporting Act of 2015”. H.R. 2051 was ordered reported, as amended. H.R. 2088 was ordered reported, without amendment.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Appropriations: Full Committee held a markup on Legislative Branch Appropriations Bill for FY 2016. The Legislative Branch Appropriations Bill for FY 2016 was ordered reported, as amended.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee concluded a markup on H.R. 1735, the “National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016”. H.R. 1735 was ordered reported, as amended.

IMPROVING COLLEGE ACCESS AND COMPLETION FOR LOW-INCOME AND FIRST-GENERATION STUDENTS

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce

Training held a hearing entitled “Improving College Access and Completion for Low-Income and First-Generation Students”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE HEARING ON 21ST CENTURY CURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Legislative Hearing on 21st Century Cures”. Testimony was heard from Kathy Hudson, Deputy Director for Science, Outreach, and Policy, National Institutes of Health; Janet Woodcock, Director of the Center for Drug Evaluation and Research, Food and Drug Administration; and Jeff Shuren, Director of the Center for Devices and Radiological Health, Food and Drug Administration.

STRATEGIC PETROLEUM RESERVE DISCUSSION DRAFT AND TITLE IV ENERGY EFFICIENCY

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power held a hearing entitled “Strategic Petroleum Reserve Discussion Draft and Title IV Energy Efficiency”. Testimony was heard from Christopher A. Smith, Assistant Secretary for Fossil Energy, Department of Energy; and public witnesses.

FCC REAUTHORIZATION: IMPROVING COMMISSION TRANSPARENCY

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Communications and Technology held a hearing entitled “FCC Reauthorization: Improving Commission Transparency”. Testimony was heard from Tom Wheeler, Chairman, Federal Communications Commission; and Mike O’Rielly, Commissioner, Federal Communications Commission.

REGIONAL IMPACT OF U.S. POLICY TOWARDS IRAQ AND SYRIA

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa held a hearing entitled “Regional Impact of U.S. Policy Towards Iraq and Syria”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

BANGLADESH’S FRACTURE: POLITICAL AND RELIGIOUS EXTREMISM

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific held a hearing entitled “Bangladesh’s Fracture: Political and Religious Extremism”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.