

House and was administered the Oath of Office by the Speaker. Earlier, the Clerk of the House transmitted a scanned copy of a letter received from Mr. Robert A. Brehm and Mr. Todd D. Valentine, Co-Executive Directors of the New York State Board of Elections, indicating that, according to the preliminary results of the Special Election held May 5, 2015, the Honorable Daniel M. Donovan, Jr. was elected Representative to Congress for the Eleventh Congressional District, State of New York.

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Whole Number of the House: The Speaker announced to the House that, in light of the administration of the oath to the gentleman from New York, the whole number of the House is 433.

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Supplemental Report: Agreed that the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to file a supplemental report on H.R. 1735, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016.

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WIOA Technical Amendments Act: The House agreed to discharge from committee and pass S. 1124, to amend the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act to improve the Act.

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Expressing the condolences of the House of Representatives on the death of the Honorable James Claude Wright, Jr.: The House agreed to H. Res. 254, expressing the condolences of the House of Representatives on the death of the Honorable James Claude Wright, Jr., a Representative from the State of Texas.

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Recess: The House recessed at 9:11 p.m. and reconvened at 10:15 p.m.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on pages H2826, H2850–51.

Senate Referrals: S. 179, S. 136, and S. 994 were referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. S. Con. Res. 16 was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2850, H2851–52, H2853, H2853–54, and H2854–55. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12 noon and at 10:16 p.m., pursuant to H. Res. 254, the House stands adjourned until 10 a.m. on May 13, 2015 out of respect for the late Honorable James Claude Wright, Jr.

Committee Meetings

PAIN-CAPABLE UNBORN CHILD PROTECTION ACT; NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016; USA FREEDOM ACT OF 2015

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 36, the “Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act”; H.R. 1735, the “National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016” (General Debate); and H.R. 2048, the “USA FREEDOM Act of 2015”. The committee granted, by record vote of 8–3, a general debate rule for H.R. 1735. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Armed Services. 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. Additionally, the rule grants a closed rule for H.R. 36. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary or their respective designees. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in part A of the Rules Committee report 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. The rule also grants a closed rule for H.R. 2048. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment printed in part B of the Rules Committee report 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. Lastly, the rule provides that it shall be in order at any time on the legislative day of May 14, 2015, or May 15, 2015, for the Speaker to entertain motions that the House suspend the rules, as though under clause 1 of rule XV and that the Speaker or his designee shall consult with the Minority Leader or her designee on the designation of any matter for consideration pursuant to this section. Testimony was heard from Chairman Thornberry, Chairman Goodlatte, and Representatives Smith of Washington, Courtney, Nadler, Issa, Polis, Yoder, Amash, Massie, Franks of Arizona, and Cohen.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 2015

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2016 for the Bureau of Land Management, 10 a.m., SD-124.

Committee on Armed Services: closed business meeting to markup the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2016, 9:30 a.m., SR-222.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine safeguarding American interests in the East and South China Seas, 2:15 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine securing the border, focusing on fencing, infrastructure, and technology force multipliers, 2 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: business meeting to consider S. 986, to require the Secretary of the Interior to take into trust 4 parcels of Federal land for the benefit of certain Indian Pueblos in the State of New Mexico; to be immediately followed by an oversight hearing to examine the Bureau of Indian Education, focusing on organizational challenges in transforming educational opportunities for Indian children, 2:15 p.m., SD-628.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine protecting the constitutional right to counsel for indigents charged with misdemeanors, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: to hold hearings to examine pending benefits legislation, 3 p.m., SR-418.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Biotechnology, Horticulture, and Research, hearing to review the federal coordination and response regarding pollinator health, 1:30 p.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Full Committee, markup on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill for FY 2016, 10:15 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Energy and Power, hearing entitled "Discussion Drafts Addressing Hydropower Regulatory Modernization and FERC Process Coordination under the Natural Gas Act", 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, hearing entitled "Stakeholder Perspectives on the IANA Transition", 2 p.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "The Dodd-Frank Act and Regulatory Overreach", 9:30 a.m., HVC-210.

Subcommittee on Capital Markets and Government Sponsored Enterprises, hearing entitled "Legislative Proposals to Enhance Capital Formation and Reduce Regulatory Burdens, Part II", 2 p.m., HVC-210.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Ancient Communities Under Attack: ISIS's War on Religious Minorities", 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Oversight and Management Efficiency, markup on H.R. 1615, the "DHS FOIA Efficiency Act of 2015"; H.R. 1626, the "DHS IT Duplication Reduction Act of 2015"; H.R. 1633, the "DHS Paid Administrative Leave Accountability Act of 2015"; H.R. 1640, the "Department of Homeland Security Headquarters Consolidation Accountability Act of 2015"; and H.R. 1646, the "Homeland Security Drone Assessment and Analysis Act", 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet, hearing entitled "Stakeholder Perspectives on ICANN: The .Sucks Domain and Essential Steps to Guarantee Trust and Accountability in the Internet's Operation", 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Full Committee, hearing entitled "The Obama Administration's CEQ Recently Revised Draft Guidance for GHG Emissions and the Effects of Climate Change", 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Full Committee, markup on a bill to clarify the effective date of the Border Patrol Agent Pay Reform Act of 2014; and hearing entitled "Transportation Security: Are Our Airports Safe?", 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on National Security; and Subcommittee on the Interior, joint hearing entitled "The EMP Threat: The State of Preparedness Against the Threat of an Electromagnetic Pulse (EMP) Event", 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 1735, the "National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016" (Amendment Consideration); and H.R. 1806, the "America COMPETES Reauthorization Act of 2015", 3 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Subcommittee on Energy, hearing entitled "Nuclear Energy Innovation and the National Labs", 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Full Committee, markup on the "Spurring Private Aerospace Competitiveness and Entrepreneurship Act of 2015"; H.R. 1508, the "Space Resource Exploration and Utilization Act of 2015"; the "Commercial Remote Sensing Act of 2015"; and the "Office of Space Commerce Act", 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Bridging the Small Business Capital Gap: Peer-to-Peer Lending", 11 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials, hearing entitled "The 35th Anniversary of the Staggers Rail Act: Railroad Deregulation Past, Present, and Future", 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Assessing the Promise and Progress of the Choice Program", 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.