

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency that was originally declared in Executive Order 13047 of May 20, 1997, with respect to Burma, received during adjournment of the Senate on May 15, 2015; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM-17) **Page S2970**

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—182) **Pages S2963-64**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 7:57 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, May 19, 2015. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3006.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 15 public bills, H.R. 2390-2404 and 2 resolutions, H.J. Res. 54 and H. Res. 270 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors: **Page H3310**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows: Committee on Appropriations; Revised Suballocation of Budget Allocations for Fiscal Year 2016 (H. Rept. 114-118);

H.R. 2262, to facilitate a pro-growth environment for the developing commercial space industry by encouraging private sector investment and creating more stable and predictable regulatory conditions, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114-119); and

H. Res. 271, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1806) to provide for technological innovation through the prioritization of Federal investment in basic research, fundamental scientific discovery, and development to improve the competitiveness of the United States, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2250) making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes; and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2353) to provide an extension of Federal-aid highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 114-120). **Page H3308**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Womack to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H3257**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:01 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H3257**

Recess: The House recessed at 2:09 p.m. and reconvened at 4:05 p.m. **Page H3258**

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

Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Programs Reauthorization Act of 2015: H.R. 474, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for a five-year extension to the homeless veterans reintegration programs and to provide clarification regarding eligibility for services under such programs; **Pages H3258-59**

Ensuring VA Employee Accountability Act: H.R. 1038, to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to retain a copy of any reprimand or admonishment received by an employee of the Department in the permanent record of the employee; **Pages H3259-60**

Service Disabled Veteran Owned Small Business Relief Act: H.R. 1313, to amend title 38, United States Code, to enhance the treatment of certain small business concerns for purposes of Department of Veterans Affairs contracting goals and preferences, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 403 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 241; **Pages H3260-61, H3294**

BRAVE Act: H.R. 1382, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, in awarding a contract for the procurement of goods or services, to give a preference to offerors that employ veterans, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 404 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 242; **Pages H3261–63, H3294–95**

Veteran's I.D. Card Act: H.R. 91, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to issue, upon request, veteran identification cards to certain veterans, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 402 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 240; **Pages H3263–64, H3293–94**

Vulnerable Veterans Housing Reform Act of 2015: H.R. 1816, to exclude from consideration as income under the United States Housing Act of 1937 payments of pension made under section 1521 of title 38, United States Code, to veterans who are in need of regular aid and attendance; and **Pages H3264–66**

Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2015: H.R. 1987, amended, to authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard for fiscal years 2016 and 2017. **Pages H3284–93**

Recess: The House recessed at 6:02 p.m. and reconvened at 6:31 p.m. **Page H3293**

Suspension—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measure under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed.

Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act of 2015: S. 178, to provide justice for the victims of trafficking. **Pages H3266–84**

Authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for an event to celebrate the birthday of King Kamehameha I: The House agreed to discharge from committee and agree to S. Con. Res. 3, authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for an event to celebrate the birthday of King Kamehameha I. **Page H3295**

Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the national emergency declared with respect to Burma is to continue in effect beyond May 20, 2015—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Rept. 114–39). **Page H3258**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three ye-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H3293–94, H3294, and H3294–95. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12 noon and adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

Committee Meetings

AMERICA COMPETES REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2015; LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2016; HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION FUNDING ACT OF 2015

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 1806, the “America COMPETES Reauthorization Act of 2015”; H.R. 2250, the “Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2016”; and H.R. 2353, the “Highway and Transportation Funding Act of 2015”. The committee granted, by a record vote of 9–4, a structured rule for H.R. 1806. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology. 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 114–15 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 A 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 part A of the report. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Additionally, the rule grants a structured rule for H.R. 2250. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill and provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill for failure to comply with clause 2 of rule XXI. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in part B of 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