

# House of Representatives

## *Chamber Action*

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 26 public bills, H.R. 2461–2486; and 4 resolutions, H.J. Res. 55; H. Con. Res. 47–48; and H. Res. 279 were introduced. **Pages H3505–06**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H3507–08**

**Reports Filed:** There were no reports filed today.

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Carter (GA) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H3393**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 10:41 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H3398**

**Guest Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Minister Michael Greene, Lehman Avenue Church of Christ, Bowling Green, Kentucky. **Page H3398**

**Unanimous Consent Agreement:** Agreed by unanimous consent that the question of adopting a motion to recommit on H.R. 880 may be subject to postponement as though under clause 8 of rule 20. **Page H3411**

**American Research and Competitiveness Act of 2015:** The House passed H.R. 880, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to simplify and make permanent the research credit, by a yea-and-nay vote of 274 yeas to 145 nays, Roll No. 260. **Pages H3410–19, H3490–91**

Rejected the Neal motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Ways and Means with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a yea-and-nay vote of 181 yeas to 240 nays, Roll No. 259. **Pages H3418–19, H3490–91**

Pursuant to the Rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Ways and Means now printed in the bill, modified by the amendment printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–127, shall be considered as adopted. **Page H3410**

H. Res. 273, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 2262) and (H.R. 880), was agreed to by a recorded vote of 240 yeas to 185 noes, Roll No. 251, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 241 yeas to 183 nays, Roll No. 250. **Pages H3403–10**

**America COMPETES Reauthorization Act of 2015:** The House passed 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, by a recorded vote of 217 yeas to 205 noes, Roll No. 258. **Pages H3419–90**

Pursuant to the Rule, in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology now printed in the bill, the amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 114–15 shall be considered as read. **Pages H3425–26**

Agreed to:

Smith (TX) amendment (No. 1 printed in part A of H. Rept. 114–120) that makes technical corrections; **Pages H3445–46**

Jackson Lee amendment (No. 3 printed in part A of H. Rept. 114–120) that creates state and regional workshops to train K–12 teachers in science and technology project-based learning to provide instruction in initiating robotics and other STEM competition team development programs; leverages the collaboration among higher education, businesses, and local private as well as public education agencies to support STEM efforts at schools located in areas with 1 percent or more above the national unemployment rate; **Pages H3447–49**

Esty amendment (No. 4 printed in part A of H. Rept. 114–120) that instructs NSF's I-Corps to support and invest in female entrepreneurs; **Pages H3449–50**

Crowley amendment (No. 5 printed in part A of H. Rept. 114–120) that requires the National Science Foundation to establish a STEM grant program for Hispanic-serving institutions as authorized in the America COMPETES Act of 2007; **Pages H3450–51**

Kelly (PA) amendment (No. 7 printed in part A of H. Rept. 114–120) that increases the authorized funding for the Manufacturing Extension Partnership by \$5,000,000, while decreasing the authorized funding level for the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy by \$5,000,000; **Pages H3452–54**

Grayson amendment (No. 9 printed in part A of H. Rept. 114–120) that authorizes the Energy Innovation Hubs Program within the Department of Energy; **Pages H3455–56**

Griffith amendment (No. 6 printed in part A of H. Rept. 114–120) that provides for the Speaker of the House and Senate Majority Leader to appoint members to congressionally created advisory boards (by a recorded vote of 234 yeas to 183 noes, Roll No. 253); **Pages H3451–52, H3486**

Rejected:

Eddie Bernice Johnson (TX) amendment (No. 2 printed in part A of H. Rept. 114–120) that sought to strike section 106 of the underlying bill (by a recorded vote of 177 ayes to 243 noes, Roll No. 252);

**Pages H3446–47, H3485–86**

Lowenthal amendment (No. 8 printed in part A of H. Rept. 114–120) that sought to eliminate additional DOE reporting requirements and restrictions on sound scientific processes to independently verify scientific results (by a recorded vote of 187 ayes to 236 noes, Roll No. 254);

**Pages H3454–55, H3486–87**

Bonamici amendment (No. 10 printed in part A of H. Rept. 114–120) that sought to allow the Department of Energy to continue partnering with the Department of Defense to produce biofuels for the military (by a recorded vote of 208 ayes to 215 noes, Roll No. 255);

**Pages H3456–58, H3487–88**

Beyer amendment (No. 11 printed in part A of H. Rept. 114–120) that sought to remove “reductions of energy-related emissions, including greenhouse gases” from goals of ARPA-E (by a recorded vote of 190 ayes to 232 noes, Roll No. 256); and

**Pages H3458–59, H3488**

Eddie Bernice Johnson (TX) amendment in the nature of a substitute (No. 12 printed in part A of H. Rept. 114–120) that sought to provide for sustained growth and policies across the scientific agencies that keep with the goals of the original Competes legislation (by a recorded vote of 179 ayes to 239 noes, Roll No. 257).

**Pages H3459–85, H3488–89**

H. Res. 271, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 1806), (H.R. 2250), and (H.R. 2353), was agreed to yesterday, May 19th.

**Strengthening Fishing Communities and Increasing Flexibility in Fisheries Management Act—Rule for Consideration:** The House considered H. Res. 274, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1335) to amend the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to provide flexibility for fishery managers and stability for fishermen. Consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, May 21st.

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**Meeting Hour:** Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 10 a.m. tomorrow, May 21.

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**Board of Trustees of the Institute of American Indian and Alaska Native Culture and Arts Development—Reappointment:** The Chair announced the Speaker’s reappointment of the following Member on the part of the House to the Board of Trustees of the Institute of American Indian and Alaska Native Culture and Arts Development: Representative Ben Ray Lujan (NM).

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**Commission on Care—Appointment:** The Chair announced the Speaker’s appointment of the following individuals on the part of the House to the Commission on Care: Mr. David P. Blom of Columbus, Ohio; Mr. Darin Selnick of Oceanside, California; and Dr. Roby Cosgrove of Cleveland, Ohio.

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**Mexico-United States Interparliamentary Group—Appointment:** The Chair announced the Speaker’s appointment of the following Members on the part of the House to the Mexico-United States Interparliamentary Group: Representatives Linda T. Sánchez (CA), Gene Green (TX), Polis, Jackson Lee, and Torres.

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 9:20 p.m. and reconvened at 10 p.m.

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**Correcting the enrollment of S. 178:** Agreed to H. Con. Res. 47, to correct the enrollment of S. 178.

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**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Three yea-and-nay votes and eight recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H3408–09, H3409–10, H3485–86, H3486, H3486–87, H3487–88, H3488, H3488–89, H3489–90, H3490–91, H3491. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 10:01 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Agriculture:* Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 2393, to amend the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 to repeal country of origin labeling requirements with respect to beef, pork, and chicken, and for other purposes; and H.R. 2394, the “National Forest Foundation Reauthorization Act of 2015”. H.R. 2393 and H.R. 2394 were ordered reported, as amended.

### PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE OF SNAP: THE WORLD OF NUTRITION, GOVERNMENT DUPLICATION AND UNMET NEEDS

*Committee on Agriculture:* Subcommittee on Nutrition held a hearing entitled “Past, Present, and Future of SNAP: The World of Nutrition, Government Duplication and Unmet Needs”. Testimony was heard from Kay Brown, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security, Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Defense held a markup on Defense Appropriations Bill, FY