

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.

Pages H3491–96

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

2016. The Defense Appropriations Bill, FY 2016 was forwarded to the full committee, without amendment. This markup was closed.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Appropriations: Full Committee held a markup on Commerce, Justice, and Science Appropriations Bill for FY 2016. The Commerce, Justice, and Science Appropriations Bill for FY 2016 was ordered reported, as amended.

REFORMING THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION PROGRAM FOR FEDERAL EMPLOYEES

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Workforce Protections held a hearing entitled "Reforming the Workers' Compensation Program for Federal Employees". Testimony was heard from Scott Dahl, Inspector General, Department of Labor; Leonard Howie III, Director, Office of Workers' Compensation Programs, Department of Labor; Andrew Sherrill, Director of Education, Workforce, and Income Security, Government Accountability Office; a public witness.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Communications and Technology held a markup on a discussion draft of the "FCC Process Reform Act of 2015"; a bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to require the Federal Communications Commission to publish on its Internet website changes to the rules of the Commission not later than 24 hours after adoption; a bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to require the Federal Communications Commission to publish on the website of the Commission documents to be voted on by the Commission; a bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to require identification and description on the website of the Federal Communications Commission of items to be decided on authority delegated by the Commission; a bill to direct the Federal Communications Commission to submit to Congress a report on improving the participation of small businesses in the proceedings of the Commission; a bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to provide for a quarterly report on pending requests for action by the Federal Communications Commission and pending congressional investigations of the Commission; and a bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to provide for publication on the Internet website of the Federal Communications Commission of certain policies and procedures established by the chairman of the Commission. The following bills were forwarded to the full committee, without amendment: the "FCC Process Reform Act of 2015"; a bill to amend the Commu-

nications Act of 1934 to require the Federal Communications Commission to publish on its Internet website changes to the rules of the Commission not later than 24 hours after adoption; a bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to require identification and description on the website of the Federal Communications Commission of items to be decided on authority delegated by the Commission; a bill to direct the Federal Communications Commission to submit to Congress a report on improving the participation of small businesses in the proceedings of the Commission; and a bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to provide for publication on the Internet website of the Federal Communications Commission of certain policies and procedures established by the chairman of the Commission. The following bills were forwarded to the full committee, as amended: a bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to require the Federal Communications Commission to publish on the website of the Commission documents to be voted on by the Commission; and a bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to provide for a quarterly report on pending requests for action by the Federal Communications Commission and pending congressional investigations of the Commission.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 432, the "SBIC Advisers Relief Act of 2015"; H.R. 686, the "Small Business Mergers, Acquisitions, Sales, and Brokerage Simplification Act of 2015"; H.R. 1334, the "Holding Company Registration Threshold Equalization Act of 2015"; H.R. 1525, the "Disclosure Modernization and Simplification Act of 2015"; H.R. 1675, the "Encouraging Employee Ownership Act of 2015"; H.R. 1723, the "Small Company Simple Registration Act of 2015"; H.R. 1847, the "Swap Data Repository and Clearinghouse Indemnification Correction Act of 2015"; H.R. 1965, the "Small Company Disclosure Simplification Act"; H.R. 1975, the "Securities and Exchange Commission Overpayment Credit Act"; H.R. 2064, the "Improving Access to Capital for Emerging Growth Companies Act"; H.R. 2354, the "Streamlining Excessive and Costly Regulations Review Act"; H.R. 2356, the "Fair Access to Investment Research Act of 2015"; H.R. 2357, the "Accelerating Access to Capital Act of 2015"; and a resolution to name a new Republican Member of the Committee to subcommittees. The following bills were ordered reported, without amendment: H.R. 432, H.R. 686, H.R. 1334, H.R. 1525, H.R. 1675, H.R. 1723, H.R. 1847, H.R. 1965, H.R. 1975, H.R. 2064, H.R. 2354, H.R. 2356, and H.R. 2357.

The resolution to name a new Republican Member of the Committee to subcommittees was adopted.

EGYPT TWO YEARS AFTER MORSI: PART I

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa held a hearing entitled “Egypt Two Years After Morsi: Part I”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; EVEREST TREMBLED: LESSONS LEARNED FROM THE NEPAL EARTHQUAKE RESPONSE

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific held a markup on H.R. 1853, to direct the President to develop a strategy to obtain observer status for Taiwan in the International Criminal Police Organization, and for other purposes; and H. Res. 235, expressing deepest condolences to and solidarity with the people of Nepal following the devastating earthquake on April 25, 2015; and a hearing entitled “Everest Trembled: Lessons Learned from the Nepal Earthquake Response”. H.R. 1853 was forwarded to the full committee, without amendment. H. Res. 235 was forwarded to the full committee, as amended. Testimony was heard from Nisha Desai Biswal, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of South and Central Asian Affairs, Department of State; Jonathan Stivers, Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Asia, U.S. Agency for International Development; Thomas H. Staal, Acting Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance, U.S. Agency for International Development; and Anne A. Witkowsky, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense, Stability and Humanitarian Affairs, Department of Defense.

DEVELOPMENTS IN RWANDA

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations held a hearing entitled “Developments in Rwanda”. Testimony was heard from Robert P. Jackson, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of African Affairs, Department of State; Steven Feldstein, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor, Department of State; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Homeland Security: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 1300, the “First Responder Anthrax Preparedness Act”; 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. 1637, the “Federally Funded Research and Development Sunshine Act of 2015”; H.R. 1640, the “Department of

Homeland Security Headquarters Consolidation Accountability Act of 2015”; H.R. 1646, the “Homeland Security Drone Assessment and Analysis Act”; H.R. 1738, the “Integrated Public Alert and Warning System Modernization Act of 2015”; H.R. 2200, the “CBRN Intelligence and Information Sharing Act of 2015”; H.R. 2206, the “SWIC Enhancement Act”; and H.R. 2390, the “Homeland Security University-based Centers Review Act”. The following bills were ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 1300, H.R. 1615, H.R. 1626, H.R. 1633, H.R. 1640, H.R. 1646, H.R. 1738, H.R. 2200, and H.R. 2206. The following bills were ordered reported, without amendment: H.R. 2390 and H.R. 1637.

UNITED STATES CAPITOL POLICE

Committee on House Administration: Full Committee held a hearing on the United States Capitol Police. Testimony was heard from Kim Dine, Chief, Capitol Police.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURE

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Federal Lands; and Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans, held a joint hearing on a discussion draft of a bill to protect and enhance opportunities for recreational hunting, fishing, and shooting, and for other purposes. Testimony was heard from Steve Ellis, Deputy Director for Operations, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; Leslie Weldon, Deputy Chief, National Forest System, U.S. Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; and public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURE

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a hearing on a discussion draft titled the “National Energy Security Corridors Act”. Testimony was heard from Linwood Parker, Mayor, Town of Four Oaks, Four Oaks, North Carolina; Tim Spisak, Senior Advisor for Minerals and Realty Management, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

ELECTRICITY RELIABILITY AND FOREST PROTECTION ACT

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans held a hearing on the “Electricity Reliability and Forest Protection Act”. Testimony was heard from Karen E. Mouritsen, Deputy Assistant Director, Energy, Minerals, and Realty Management, Bureau of Land Management, Department of Interior; Greg Smith, Director of Lands, U.S. Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; and public witnesses.

STATE PERSPECTIVES ON THE STATUS OF COOPERATING AGENCIES FOR THE OFFICE OF SURFACE MINING'S STREAM PROTECTION RULE

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled "State Perspectives on the Status of Cooperating Agencies for the Office of Surface Mining's Stream Protection Rule". Testimony was heard from Randall Johnson, Director, Alabama Surface Mining Commission; Gregory F. Baker, Reclamation Program Manager, Virginia Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy; Russell M. Hunter, Counsel, Division of Mining and Reclamation, West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection; and a public witness.

ADVANCING COMMERCIAL WEATHER DATA: COLLABORATIVE EFFORTS TO IMPROVE FORECASTS

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Environment held a hearing entitled "Advancing Commercial Weather Data: Collaborative Efforts to Improve Forecasts". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

ACROSS TOWN, ACROSS OCEANS: EXPANDING THE ROLE OF SMALL BUSINESS IN GLOBAL COMMERCE

Committee on Small Business: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Across Town, Across Oceans: Expanding the Role of Small Business in Global Commerce". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 2322, the "Public Buildings Reform and Savings Act of 2015"; H.R. 2131, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 83 Meeting Street in Charleston, South Carolina, as the "J. Waties Waring Judicial Center"; and two General Services Administration resolutions. H.R. 2322 was ordered reported, as amended. H.R. 2131 was ordered reported, without amendment. The General Services Administration resolutions were approved.

EXAMINING THE USE OF ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing entitled "Examining the Use of Administrative Actions in the Implementation of the Affordable Care Act". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

LEGISLATIVE PRESENTATIONS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a joint hearing with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of multiple veterans service organizations, after receiving testimony from Al Kovach, Paralyzed Veterans of America, Larry E. Via, AMVETS, and J. Patrick Little, Military Order of the Purple Heart, all of Washington, D.C.; Colonel Robert F. Norton, USA (Ret.), Military Officers Association of America, and Glenn Minney, Blinded Veterans Association, both of Alexandria, Virginia; John Rowan, Vietnam Veterans of America, and Paul Rieckhoff, Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America, both of New York, New York; and Gene Overstreet, Non Commissioned Officers Association of the United States of America, Seguin, Texas.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D575)

H.R. 2252, to clarify the effective date of certain provisions of the Border Patrol Agent Pay Reform Act of 2014. Signed on May 19, 2015. (Public Law 114-13)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MAY 21, 2015

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: business meeting to consider pending legislation, and the nomination of Jeffrey Michael Prieto, of California, to be General Counsel of the Department of Agriculture, 9:45 a.m., SR-328A.

Committee on Appropriations: business meeting to consider the fiscal year 2016 302(b) allocations, an original bill entitled, "Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act, 2016", and an original bill entitled, "Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2016", 11 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine United States policy in Iraq and Syria, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: business meeting to markup an original bill entitled, "The Financial Regulatory Improvement Act of 2015", 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining, to hold hearings to examine S. 160, and H.R. 373, to direct the Secretary