

## ACCESSING CAPITAL IN INDIAN COUNTRY OVERSIGHT

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine accessing capital in Indian Country, after receiving testimony from Alejandra Y. Castillo, National Director, Minority

Business Development Agency, Department of Commerce; Derrick Watchman, The National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development, Mesa, Arizona; Ross Alan Hill, Bank2, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; and Dante Desiderio, NAFOA, Washington, D.C.

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# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 20 public bills, H.R. 2798–2817; and 4 resolutions, H. Res. 322–325, were introduced. **Pages H4490–91**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H4492–93**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1626, to reduce duplication of information technology at the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–162);

H.R. 1633, to provide for certain improvements relating to the tracking and reporting of employees of the Department of Homeland Security placed on administrative leave, or any other type of paid non-duty status without charge to leave, for personnel matters, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–163);

H.R. 2200, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear intelligence and information sharing functions of the Office of Intelligence and Analysis of the Department of Homeland Security and to require dissemination of information analyzed by the Department to entities with responsibilities relating to homeland security, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–164);

H.R. 2206, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to require recipients of State Homeland Security Grant Program funding to preserve and strengthen interoperable emergency communications capabilities, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–165);

H.R. 1640, to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to submit to Congress a report on the Department of Homeland Security headquarters consolidation project in the National Capital Region, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–166); and H. Res. 321, providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 2146) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow Federal law enforcement officers, fire-

fighters, and air traffic controllers to make penalty-free withdrawals from governmental plans after age 50, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 114–167).

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

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 10:19 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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**Reception in the House Chamber of Former Members of Congress:** Agreed by unanimous consent that the proceedings had during the former Members program held earlier in the day be printed in the Congressional Record and that all Members and former Members who spoke during the proceedings have the privilege of revising and extending their remarks.

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**Protect Medical Innovation Act of 2015:** The House began consideration of H.R. 160, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the excise tax on medical devices. Consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, June 18th.

**Pages H4449–55, H4471–72**

Pursuant to the Rule, an 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 A of H. Rept. 114–157, shall be considered as adopted.

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H. Res. 319, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 160) and (H.R. 1190) was agreed to by a recorded vote of 241 ayes to 186 noes, Roll No. 372, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 241 yeas to 186 nays, Roll No. 371.

**Pages H4471–72**

**Directing the President, pursuant to section 5(c) of the War Powers Resolution, to remove United States Armed Forces deployed to Iraq or Syria on or after August 7, 2014:** The House failed to agree to H. Con. Res. 55, directing the

President, pursuant to section 5(c) of the War Powers Resolution, to remove United States Armed Forces deployed to Iraq or Syria on or after August 7, 2014, other than Armed Forces required to protect United States diplomatic facilities and personnel, from Iraq and Syria, by a yea-and-nay vote of 139 yeas to 288 nays with one answering “present”, Roll No. 370. **Pages H4455–71**

H. Con. Res. 55 was considered pursuant to the order of the House of June 16, 2015.

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

***VBID for Better Care Act of 2015:*** H.R. 2570, amended, to establish a demonstration program requiring the utilization of Value-Based Insurance Design to demonstrate that reducing the copayments or coinsurance charged to Medicare beneficiaries for selected high-value prescription medications and clinical services can increase their utilization and ultimately improve clinical outcomes and lower health care expenditures; **Pages H4479–81**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act with respect to the treatment of patient encounters in ambulatory surgical centers in determining meaningful EHR use, establish a demonstration program requiring the utilization of Value-Based Insurance Design to demonstrate that reducing the copayments or coinsurance charged to Medicare beneficiaries for selected high-value prescription medications and clinical services can increase their utilization and ultimately improve clinical outcomes and lower health care expenditures, and for other purposes.”. **Page H4481**

***Increasing Regulatory Fairness Act of 2015:*** H.R. 2507, amended, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to establish an annual rule-making schedule for payment rates under Medicare Advantage; **Pages H4481–83**

***Medicare Advantage Coverage Transparency Act of 2015:*** H.R. 2505, amended, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to require the annual reporting of data on enrollment in Medicare Advantage plans; and **Pages H4483–85**

***Securing Seniors’ Health Care Act of 2015:*** H.R. 2582, amended, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve the risk adjustment under the Medicare Advantage program, and to delay the authority to terminate Medicare Advantage contracts for MA plans failing to achieve minimum quality ratings. **Pages H4485–87**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to delay the authority to terminate Medicare Advantage con-

tracts for MA plans failing to achieve minimum quality ratings, to make improvements to the Medicare Adjustment risk adjustment system, and for other purposes.”. **Page H4487**

**Meeting Hour:** Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow, June 18. **Page H4489**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Two yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H4470, H4471, and H4471–72. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

***Committee on Agriculture:*** Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 2647, the “Resilient Federal Forests Act of 2015”; and H.R. 2620, to amend the United States Cotton Futures Act to exclude certain cotton futures contracts from coverage under such Act. H.R. 2647 and H.R. 2620 were both ordered reported, as amended.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

***Committee on Appropriations:*** Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held a markup on the Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations Bill, FY 2016. The Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations Bill, FY 2016, was forwarded to the full committee, without amendment.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

***Committee on Appropriations:*** Full Committee held a markup on the Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Bill for FY 2016. The Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Bill for FY 2016 was ordered reported, as amended.

### U.S. POLICY AND STRATEGY IN THE MIDDLE EAST

***Committee on Armed Services:*** Full Committee held a hearing entitled “U.S. Policy and Strategy in the Middle East”. Testimony was heard from Ashton B. Carter, Secretary, Department of Defense; and General Martin E. Dempsey, USA, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff.