

Homeland Security University-based Centers Review Act: H.R. 2390, amended, to require a review of university-based centers for homeland security; and **Pages H4574–76**

DHS Interoperable Communications Act: Concur in the Senate amendment to H.R. 615, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to require the Under Secretary for Management of the Department of Homeland Security to take administrative action to achieve and maintain interoperable communications capabilities among the components of the Department of Homeland Security. **Pages H4578–79**

Recess: The House recessed at 5:28 p.m. and reconvened at 6:31 p.m. **Page H4579**

Protecting Seniors' Access to Medicare Act of 2015: The House passed H.R. 1190, to repeal the provisions of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act providing for the Independent Payment Advisory Board, by a yea-and-nay vote of 244 yeas to 154 nays, Roll No. 376. Consideration began on June 18th. **Pages H4579–80**

H. Res. 319, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 160) and (H.R. 1190) was agreed to on June 17th.

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

DHS FOIA Efficiency Act of 2015: H.R. 1615, amended, to direct the Chief FOIA Officer of the Department of Homeland Security to make certain improvements in the implementation of section 552 of title 5, United States Code (commonly known as the Freedom of Information Act); and **Pages H4570–72**

CBRN Intelligence and Information Sharing Act of 2015: H.R. 2200, amended, 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. **Pages H4576–78**

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appear on page H4549.

Senate Referral: S. 808 was held at the desk.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H4580, H4581, H4581–82. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12 noon and adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Committee Meetings

RATEPAYER PROTECTION ACT OF 2015; DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2016

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 2042, the “Ratepayer Protection Act of 2015”; and H.R. 2822, the “Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2016”. The committee granted, by record vote of 9–4, a modified-open rule for H.R. 2822. 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. The rule waives points of order against provisions in the bill for failure to comply with clause 2 of rule XXI. The rule provides that after general debate the bill shall be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule except that: 1) amendments shall be debatable for 10 minutes equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent and shall not be subject to amendment; and 2) no pro forma amendments shall be in order except that the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations or their respective designees may offer up to 10 pro forma amendments each at any point for the purpose of debate. The rule authorizes the Chair to accord priority in recognition to Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the Congressional Record. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. The rule also grants a structured rule for H.R. 2042. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule makes in order as original text for purpose of amendment an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 114–20 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 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

the report. The rule provides one motion to recommend with or without instructions. In section 3, the rule provides for consideration of concurrent resolutions providing for adjournment during the month of July, 2015. In section 4, the rule provides that on any legislative day during the period from June 26, 2015, through July 6, 2015: the Journal of the proceedings of the previous day shall be considered as approved; and the Chair may at any time declare the House adjourned to meet at a date and time to be announced by the Chair in declaring the adjournment. Lastly, in section 5, the rule provides that the Speaker may appoint Members to perform the duties of the Chair for the duration of the period addressed by section 4. Testimony was heard from Representatives Whitfield, Yarmuth, Griffith of Virginia, Calvert, and McCollum.

MANIPULATION AND FRAUD IN REPORTING OF VA SMALL BUSINESS GOALS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations; and the Subcommittee on Investigations, Oversight and Regulations of the House Committee on Small Business, held a joint hearing entitled "Manipulation and Fraud in Reporting of VA Small Business Goals". Testimony was heard from Jan Frye, Deputy Assistant Secretary and Senior Procurement, Executive Office of Acquisition and Logistics, Department of Veterans Affairs; Thomas J. Leney, Executive Director, Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization, Department of Veterans Affairs; John Shoraka, Associate Administrator, Office of Government Contracting and Business Development, Small Business Administration; and Kevin Youel Page, Deputy Commissioner, Federal Acquisition Service, General Services Administration.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24, 2015

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on the Budget: business meeting to markup S. 1495, to curtail the use of changes in mandatory programs affecting the Crime Victims Fund to inflate spending, Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: business meeting to consider an original bill entitled, "Developing a Reliable and Innovative Vision for the Economy Act", 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: business meeting to consider S. 607, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a five-year extension of the rural community hospital demonstration program, S. 1349, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to require hospitals to provide certain notifications to individuals classified by such hospitals under observation status rather than admitted as inpatients of such hospitals, S. 1461, to provide for the extension of the enforcement instruction on supervision requirements for outpatient therapeutic services in critical access and small rural hospitals through 2015, S. 313, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to add physical therapists to the list of providers allowed to utilize locum tenens arrangements under Medicare, S. 1253, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide coverage of certain disposable medical technologies under the Medicare program, S. 1347, 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, S. 704, to establish a Community-Based Institutional Special Needs Plan demonstration program to target home and community-based care to eligible Medicare beneficiaries, S. 1362, to amend title XI of the Social Security Act to clarify waiver authority regarding programs of all-inclusive care for the elderly (PACE programs), S. 861, to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to curb waste, fraud, and abuse in the Medicare and Medicaid programs, S. 349, to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to empower individuals with disabilities to establish their own supplemental needs trusts, S. 466, to amend title XI of the Social Security Act to improve the quality, health outcomes, and value of maternity care under the Medicaid and CHIP programs by developing maternity care quality measures and supporting maternity care quality collaboratives, and S. 599, to extend and expand the Medicaid emergency psychiatric demonstration project, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine lessons learned from past WMD negotiations, 10:30 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: business meeting to consider S. 742, to appropriately limit the authority to award bonuses to employees, S. 1411, to amend the Act of August 25, 1958, commonly known as the "Former Presidents Act of 1958", with respect to the monetary allowance payable to a former President, S. 1550, to amend title 31, United States Code, to establish entities tasked with improving program and project management in certain Federal agencies, S. 1073, to amend the Improper Payments Elimination and Recovery Improvement Act of 2012, including making changes to the Do Not Pay initiative, for improved detection, prevention, and recovery of improper payments to deceased individuals, S. 1580, to allow additional appointing authorities to select individuals from competitive service certificates, S. 1090, to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to provide eligibility for broadcasting facilities to receive certain disaster assistance, S. 1115, to close out expired, empty grant accounts, S. 779, to provide for Federal