

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 28 public bills, H.R. 2962–2989; and 4 resolutions, H. Res. 349, 351–353, were introduced. **Pages H4954–56**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H4957–58**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 350, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 6) to accelerate the discovery, development, and delivery of 21st century cures, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 114–193). **Page H4954**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Holding to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H4867**

Recess: The House recessed at 11:06 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H4874**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Reverend Shane Hall, First Southern Baptist Church, Del City, Oklahoma. **Page H4874**

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by voice vote. **Pages H4874, H4935**

Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2016: The House continued consideration of H.R. 2822, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016. Consideration began on June 25th. **Pages H4888–H4900, H4935–46**

Agreed to:

Pearce amendment that was debated on July 7 that prohibits the use of funds to increase the rate of any royalty required to be paid to the United States for oil and gas produced on Federal land, or to prepare or publish a proposed rule relating to such an increase (by a recorded vote of 231 ayes to 198 noes, Roll No. 408); **Pages H4898–99**

Hardy amendment that was debated on July 7 that prohibits the use of funds to make a Presidential declaration by public proclamation of a national monument under chapter 3203 of title 54, United States Code in the counties of Mohave and Cococino in the State of Arizona, in the counties of Modoc and Siskiyou in the State of California, in the counties of Chaffee, Moffat, and Park in the State of Colorado, in the counties of Lincoln, Clark, and Nye in the State of Nevada, in the county of Otero in the State of New Mexico, in the counties of Jackson, Josephine and Malheur in the State of Oregon, or in the counties of Wayne, Garfield, and Kane in the State of Utah (by a recorded vote of 222 ayes to 206 noes, Roll No. 409); and **Page H4899**

Buck amendment that prohibits the use of funds to be used to pay the salaries and expenses of personnel or any other entity to negotiate or conclude a settlement with the Federal Government that includes terms requiring the defendant to donate or contribute funds to an organization or individual. **Page H4937**

Rejected:

Garamendi amendment that was debated on June 25 that sought to reduce funding for the Bureau of Land Management by \$4,010,000 and increase funding for the US Fish and Wildlife Service by \$3,902,000 (by a recorded vote of 181 ayes to 244 noes, Roll No. 393); **Pages H4888–89**

Capps amendment that was debated on June 25 that sought to increase funding by offset, for Inland Oil Spill Programs, by \$5,434,000 (by a recorded vote of 184 ayes to 243 noes, Roll No. 394); **Page H4889**

Sablan amendment that was debated on June 25 that sought to increase funding, by offset, for Insular Affairs by \$5,000,000 (by a recorded vote of 183 ayes to 245 noes, Roll No. 395); **Pages H4889–90**

Castor (FL) amendment that was debated on June 25 that sought to redirect funding within Environmental Programs and Management, by \$1,913,000 (by a recorded vote of 188 ayes to 239 noes, Roll No. 396); **Pages H4890–91**

Grijalva amendment that was debated on July 7 that sought to strike section 423, relating to stream buffers (by a recorded vote of 189 ayes to 239 noes, Roll No. 397); **Page H4891**

Tsongas amendment that was debated on July 7 that sought to strike section 425, relating to the limitation on the use of funds for National Ocean Policy (by a recorded vote of 191 ayes to 238 noes, Roll No. 398); **Pages H4891–92**

Grijalva amendment that was debated on July 7 that sought to strike section 433, relating to the availability of vacant grazing allotments (by a recorded vote of 178 ayes to 251 noes, Roll No. 399); **Pages H4892–93**

Polis amendment that was debated on July 7 that sought to strike section 437, relating to the use of funds for the social cost of carbon (by a recorded vote of 186 ayes to 243 noes, Roll No. 400); **Page H4893**

Edwards amendment that was debated on July 7 that sought to strike section 438, which provides for a limitation on the use of funds regarding ozone standards (by a recorded vote of 180 ayes to 249 noes, Roll No. 401); **Pages H4893–94**

Lawrence amendment (No. 13 printed in the Congressional Record of June 24, 2015) that was debated on July 7 that sought to strike section 439, which provides for prohibitions regarding hydraulic fracturing (by a recorded vote of 179 ayes to 250 noes, Roll No. 402); **Pages H4894–95**

Polis amendment that was debated on July 7 that sought to prohibit the use of funds in contravention of Public Law 94–579 (by a recorded vote of 192 ayes to 237 noes, Roll No. 403); **Page H4895**

Tsongas amendment that was debated on July 7 that sought to prohibit the use of funds to implement or enforce sections 117, relating to Sage-Grouse, section 121 relating to reissuance of rules (wolves), and section 122 relating to the Northern Long Eared Bat (by a recorded vote of 186 ayes to 243 noes, Roll No. 404); **Pages H4895–96**

Grijalva amendment that was debated on July 7 that sought to prohibit the use of funds to implement or enforce section 120, with respect to ivory (by a recorded vote of 183 ayes to 244 noes, Roll No. 405); **Pages H4896–97**

Beyer amendment that was debated on July 7 that sought to prohibit the use of funds in contravention of Executive Orders regarding climate change (by a recorded vote of 189 ayes to 237 noes, Roll No. 406); and **Page H4897**

Blackburn amendment (No. 6 printed in the Congressional Record of June 24, 2015) that was debated on July 7 that sought to reduce funds by 1 percent across-the-board (by a recorded vote of 168 ayes to 258 noes, Roll No. 407). **Pages H4897–98**

Withdrawn:

Buck amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have prohibited the use of funds to pay retention bonuses to Senior Executive Service personnel at the Environmental Protection Agency; not more than \$50,000 to be made available to be used by the Department of the Interior to conduct a study on whether *Agricola Americus* should be classified as an endangered species. **Pages H4936–37**

Proceedings Postponed:

Ellison amendment that seeks to prohibit the use of funds to enter into contracts with any person whose disclosures of a proceeding with a disposition listed in United States Code, in the Federal Awardee Performance and Integrity Information System include the term “Fair Labor Standards Act” and such disposition is listed as “willful” or “repeated”; **Pages H4935–36**

Buck amendment that seeks to prohibit the use of funds to pay a Federal employee for any period of time during which such employee is using official time under United States Code; **Pages H4937–38**

Grothman amendment that seeks to prohibit the use of funds to regulate the location of the placement of a monitor of pollutants under the Clean Air Act in any county provided such county has at least one monitor; **Pages H4939–40**

Sanford amendment that seeks to prohibit the use of funds for oil and gas lease sale 260 included in the Draft Proposed Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) oil and Gas Leasing program for 2017–2022 (DPP), or in any subsequent proposed or final iteration of such Program; **Page H4940**

Palmer amendment that seeks to prohibit the use of funds for grants under title VII, subtitle G of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 and to reduce funds for EPA-State and Tribal Assistance Grants as well as grants under title VII, subtitle G of the Energy Policy Act by \$50,000,000 in each instance; **Pages H4941–42**

Palmer amendment that seeks to prohibit the use of funds by the Environmental Protection Agency to carry out the powers granted under section 3063 of title 18, United States Code; and **Pages H4942–43**

Calvert amendment that seeks to prohibit the use of funds to prohibit the display the flag of the United States or the POW/MIA flag, or the decoration of graves with flags in the National Park Service national cemeteries as provided in National Park Service Director’s order #61 or to contravene the National Park Service memorandum dated June 24, 2015 with the subject line containing the words “Immediate Action Required, No Reply Needed” with respect to sales items. **Pages H4945–46**

H. Res. 333, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 2822) and (H.R. 2042) was agreed to on June 24th.

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

Calling for substantive dialogue, without preconditions, in order to address Tibetan grievances and secure a negotiated agreement for the Tibetan people: H. Res. 337, amended, calling for substantive dialogue, without preconditions, in order to address Tibetan grievances and secure a negotiated agreement for the Tibetan people; and **Pages H4900–04**

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding Srebrenica: H. Res. 310, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding Srebrenica. **Pages H4904–08**

Student Success Act: The House passed H.R. 5, to support State and local accountability for public education, protect State and local authority, and inform parents of the performance of their children’s schools,

by a recorded vote of 218 ayes to 213 noes, Roll No. 423. Consideration began February 25th.

Pages H4908–35

Rejected the Esty motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Education and the Workforce with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 185 ayes to 244 noes, Roll No. 422.

Pages H4932–34

Pursuant to H. Res. 125, it was made in order to consider the further amendments printed in part A of H. Rept. 114–192 as though they were the last further amendments printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–29.

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Agreed to:

Rokita amendment (No. 45 printed in part A of H. Rept. 114–192) that sets the authorization from fiscal year 2016 through 2019;

Pages H4908–10

Zeldin amendment (No. 30 printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–29) that was debated on February 26 that allows a State to withdraw from the Common Core Standards or any other specific standards (by a recorded vote of 373 ayes to 57 noes, Roll No. 410);

Pages H4924–25

Hurd amendment (No. 31 printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–29) that was debated on February 26 that expresses the sense of Congress that students' personally identifiable information is important to protect as applied to current law and this act (by a recorded vote of 424 ayes to 2 noes, Roll No. 411);

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Loebsack amendment (No. 40 printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–29) that was debated on February 26 that supports the expansion of the use of digital learning through competitive grants to partnerships to implement and evaluate the results of technology-based learning practices, strategies, tools, or programs at rural schools (by a recorded vote of 218 ayes to 213 noes, Roll No. 416); and

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Salmon amendment (No. 47 printed in part A of H. Rept. 114–192) that allows parents to opt their student out of the testing required under this bill and exempt schools from including students that have opted out in the schools' participation requirements (by a recorded vote of 251 ayes to 178 noes, Roll No. 420).

Pages H4912–13, H4931

Rejected:

Grayson amendment (No. 32 printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–29) that was debated on February 26 that sought to require the Secretary of Education to conduct an assessment of the impact of school start times on student health, well-being, and performance (by a recorded vote of 199 ayes to 228 noes, Roll No. 412);

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Wilson (FL) amendment (No. 33 printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–29) that was debated on Feb-

ruary 26 that sought to provide for school dropout prevention and re-entry and provide grants to raise academic achievement levels for all students (by a recorded vote of 192 ayes to 237 noes, Roll No. 413);

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Carson (IN) amendment (No. 35 printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–29) that was debated on February 26 that sought to advance assessments of student achievement and instructional practices, effective teacher preparation and continuing professional development, education administration, and international comparisons; the amendment supports development of a national research strategy to ensure that students, particularly at risk students, have effective teachers and are being prepared for the future (by a recorded vote of 186 ayes to 245 noes, Roll No. 414);

Pages H4927–28

Brownley (CA) amendment (No. 39 printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–29) that was debated on February 26 that sought to create a grant program for states to create or expand biliteracy seal programs to recognize student proficiency in speaking, reading, and writing in both English and a second language for graduating high school seniors (by a recorded vote of 191 ayes to 239 noes, Roll No. 415);

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Polis amendment (No. 41 printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–29) that was debated on February 26 that sought to authorize—but does not appropriate funds—for the Secretary of Education to provide grants for: early-childhood education scholarships, professional development and licensing credentials, or increased compensation for educators who have attained specific qualifications (by a recorded vote of 205 ayes to 224 noes, Roll No. 417);

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Thompson (MS) amendment (No. 43 printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–29) that was debated on February 27 that sought to require that The Student Success Act shall not go into effect until the Secretary of Education determine that its enactment will not reduce the college and career readiness of racial or ethnic minority students, students with disabilities, English learners, and low-income students and provide written notification to Congress on such determination (by a recorded vote of 189 ayes to 241 noes, Roll No. 241);

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Walker amendment (No. 46 printed in part A of H. Rept. 114–192) that sought to add A-PLUS, which would send funding under NCLB back to states in the form of block grants, and states would then be able to direct that funding to any education purpose under state law (by a recorded vote of 195 ayes to 235 noes, Roll No. 419); and

Pages H4910–12, H4930–31

Scott (VA) amendment (No. 44 printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–29) that was debated on February

27 that sought to repeal H.R. 5 and replace the bill text with a substitute amendment that provides robust funding levels, replaces the mandates of No Child Left Behind, and maintains civil rights and equity protections that ensure all students graduate from high school college- and career-ready (by a recorded vote of 187 yeas to 244 nays, Roll No. 421).

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Withdrawn:

Polis amendment (No. 48 printed in part A of H. Rept. 114–192) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have required states to have college- and career-ready standards and set performance, growth, and graduation rate targets for all student subgroups; also included performance targets for English language learners and students with disabilities.

Pages H4913–24

Agreed that the Clerk be authorized to make technical and conforming changes to reflect the actions of the House.

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H. Res. 347, the rule providing for the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 5) and consideration of the bill (H.R. 2647) was agreed to by a yeas-and-nays vote of 242 yeas to 185 nays, Roll No. 392, after the previous question was ordered.

Pages H4879–87

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H4900.

Senate Referrals: S. 286 was held at the desk.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Thirty one recorded votes and one yeas-and-nays vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H4887, H4888–89, H4889, H4890, H4890–91, H4891, H4891–92, H4892–93, H4893, H4893–94, H4894–95, H4895, H4895–96, H4896–97, H4897, H4897–98, H4898–99, H4899, H4924–25, H4925, H4926, H4926–27, H4927, H4928, H4928–29, H4929, H4930, H4930–31, H4931, H4932, H4934, and H4934–35. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:37 p.m.

Committee Meetings

ENERGY AND THE RURAL ECONOMY: THE ECONOMIC IMPACT OF EXPORTING CRUDE OIL

Committee on Agriculture: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Energy and the Rural Economy: the Economic Impact of Exporting Crude Oil”. Testimony was heard from David J. Porter, Chairman, Texas Railroad Commission; Frank Rusco, Director for Natural Resources and Environment, Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Appropriations: Full Committee held a markup on the Agriculture Appropriations Bill for FY 2016; and Revised Report on the Suballocation of Budget Allocations for FY 2016. The Agriculture Appropriations Bill for FY 2016 was ordered reported, as amended. The Revised Report on the Suballocation of Budget Allocations for FY 2016 was agreed to.

INTERNET GOVERNANCE PROGRESS AFTER ICANN 53

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Communications and Technology held a hearing entitled “Internet Governance Progress After ICANN 53”. Testimony was heard from Larry Strickling, Administrator, National Telecommunications and Information Administration; and a public witness.

MEDICAID AT 50: STRENGTHENING AND SUSTAINING THE PROGRAM

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Medicaid at 50: Strengthening and Sustaining the Program”. Testimony was heard from Vikki Wachino, Deputy Administrator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, and Director, Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services; Carolyn Yocom, Director, Health Care, Government Accountability Office; and Anne Schwartz, Executive Director, Medicaid and CHIP Payment and Access Commission.

EXAMINING THE DESIGNATION AND REGULATION OF BANK HOLDING COMPANY SIFIS

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit held a hearing entitled “Examining the Designation and Regulation of Bank Holding Company SIFIs”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

EXAMINING DHS’S MISPLACED FOCUS ON CLIMATE CHANGE

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Oversight and Management Efficiency held a hearing entitled “Examining DHS’s Misplaced Focus on Climate Change”. Testimony was heard from the following Department of Homeland Security officials: Thomas Smith, Acting Assistant Secretary, Strategy, Planning, Analysis, and Risk, Office of Policy; Roy Wright, Deputy Associate Administrator, Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administration, Federal Emergency Management Agency; and Robert Kolasky, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Infrastructure Protection, National Protection and Programs Directorate; and a public witness.