

H.R. 427, to amend chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, to provide that major rules of the executive branch shall have no force or effect unless a joint resolution of approval is enacted into law, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–214, Part 1);

H.R. 3128, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 114–215); and

H. Res. 369, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1599) to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to food produced from, containing, or consisting of a bioengineered organism, the labeling of natural foods, and for other purposes, and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1734) to amend subtitle D of the Solid Waste Disposal Act to encourage recovery and beneficial use of coal combustion residuals and establish requirements for the proper management and disposal of coal combustion residuals that are protective of human health and the environment (H. Rept. 114–216). **Page H5329**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Curbelo (FL) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H5299**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 12:24 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H5302**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 2:14 p.m. and reconvened at 4:31 p.m. **Page H5303**

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

**Veterans Information Modernization Act:** H.R. 2256, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit an annual report on the Veterans Health Administration and the furnishing of hospital care, medical services, and nursing home care by the Department of Veterans Affairs, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yea-and-nay vote of 408 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 449; **Pages H5304–08, H5316**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit an annual report on the Veterans Health Administration, to provide for the identification and tracking of biological implants used in Department of Veterans Affairs facilities, and for other purposes.” **Page H5316**

**Federal Employee Antidiscrimination Act of 2015:** H.R. 1557, to amend the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 to strengthen Federal antidiscrimination laws enforced by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and expand accountability within

the Federal government, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yea-and-nay vote of 403 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 448; and

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**FTO Passport Revocation Act of 2015:** H.R. 237, amended, to authorize the revocation or denial of passports and passport cards to individuals affiliated with foreign terrorist organizations.

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**Supplemental Report:** Agreed that the Committee on Agriculture be authorized to file a supplemental report on H.R. 1599, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to food produced from, containing, or consisting of a bioengineered organism, and the labeling of natural foods.

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 5:12 p.m. and reconvened at 5:42 p.m. **Page H5312**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 5:57 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. **Page H5314**

**Moment of Silence:** The House observed a moment of silence in honor of the U.S. Marine and U.S. Navy victims of the Chattanooga, TN tragedy.

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**Presidential Message:** Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13581 with respect to significant transnational criminal organizations is to continue in effect beyond July 24, 2015—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 114–49).

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**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H5303.

**Senate Referral:** S. 1177 was held at the desk.

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**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Two yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5315, H5316. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 12 noon and adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### D.C. METRO: UPDATE

**Committee On Oversight and Government Reform:** Subcommittee on Transportation and Public Assets; and Subcommittee on Government Operations, held a joint hearing entitled “D.C. Metro: Update”. Testimony was heard from T. Bella Dinh-Zarr, Vice Chairman, National Transportation Safety Board; and public witnesses.

**SAFE AND ACCURATE FOOD LABELING  
ACT OF 2015; IMPROVING COAL  
COMBUSTION RESIDUALS REGULATION  
ACT OF 2015**

*Committee on Rules:* Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 1599, the “Safe and Accurate Food Labeling Act of 2015”; and H.R. 1734, the “Improving Coal Combustion Residuals Regulation Act of 2015”. The committee granted, by record vote of 9–4, a structured rule for H.R. 1599. 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 114–24, modified by the amendment printed in part A of the Rules Committee report, 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 part B of 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 part B of the report. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. The rule also grants a structured rule for H.R. 1734. 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 provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in part C of 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 part C of the report. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was

heard from Representatives Shimkus, Tonko, Pompeo, Peterson, and Pingree of Maine.

**LACK OF OVERSIGHT OF INTERAGENCY  
AGREEMENTS—VA PROCUREMENT  
FAILURES CONTINUED**

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Lack of Oversight of Interagency Agreements—VA Procurement Failures Continued”. Testimony was heard from C. Ford Heard III, Associate Deputy Assistant Secretary, Procurement Policy, Systems and Oversight, Department of Veterans Affairs; and Michele Mackin, Director, Acquisition and Sourcing Management Team, Government Accountability Office.

## *Joint Meetings*

No joint committee meetings were held.

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JULY 22, 2015

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, business meeting to markup an original bill entitled, “Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, 2016”, 10:30 a.m., SD–138.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance, and Investment, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Financial Stability Oversight Council designation process, 10:15 a.m., SD–538.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Marie Therese Dominguez, of Virginia, to be Administrator of the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, 10 a.m., SR–253.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Paul Wayne Jones, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Poland, Hans G. Klemm, of Michigan, to be Ambassador to Romania, Kathleen Ann Doherty, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cyprus, James Desmond Melville, Jr., of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Estonia, and Samuel D. Heins, of Minnesota, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Norway, all of the Department of State, and Thomas O. Melia, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, 2 p.m., SD–419.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* to hold hearings to examine reauthorizing the Higher Education Act, focusing on exploring barriers and opportunities within innovation, 10 a.m., SD–430.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine protecting the electric grid