

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 11 a.m., on Tuesday, July 28, 2015; that all time during the adjournment of the Senate count post-cloture on McConnell Modified Amendment No. 2266. **Page S6042**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

- 61 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.
- 7 Army nominations in the rank of general.
- 1 Marine Corps nomination in the rank of general.
- 7 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, and Navy. **Pages S6042–43**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Victoria Marie Baecher Wassmer, of Illinois, to be Under Secretary of Energy.

Richard Capel Howorth, of Mississippi, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority for a term expiring May 18, 2020.

Harry K. Thomas, Jr., of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Zimbabwe.

- 1 Coast Guard nomination in the rank of admiral. **Page S6042**

Messages from the House: **Pages S5927–28**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages S5928–31**

Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions: **Pages S5931–33**

Additional Statements: **Pages S5923–27**

Amendments Submitted: **Pages S5933–42**

Quorum Calls: One quorum call was taken today. (Total—6) **Page S5921**

Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—257) **Pages S5921, S5922**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 11:13 p.m., until 11 a.m. on Tuesday, July 28, 2015. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6042.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 16 public bills, H.R. 3214–3229; 1 private bill, H.R. 3230; and 4 resolutions, H. Res. 381–384, were introduced. **Pages H5522–23**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H5524–25**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1634, to strengthen accountability for deployment of border security technology at the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–226);

H.R. 2750, to reform programs of the Transportation Security Administration, streamline transportation security regulations, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–227);

H.R. 348, to provide for improved coordination of agency actions in the preparation and adoption of environmental documents for permitting determinations, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 114–228, Part 1);

Supplemental report on H.R. 1994, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the removal

or demotion of employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs based on performance or misconduct, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 114–225, Part 2);

H.R. 1138, to establish certain wilderness areas in central Idaho and to authorize various land conveyances involving National Forest System land and Bureau of Land Management land in central Idaho, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 114–229); and

H. Res. 380, providing for consideration of the bill (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; providing for proceedings during the period from July 30, 2015, through September 7, 2015, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 114–230). **Page H5522**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Curbelo (FL) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H5471**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:18 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H5473**

Recess: The House recessed at 2:12 p.m. and reconvened at 3 p.m. **Page H5475**

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

Sawtooth National Recreation Area and Jerry Peak Wilderness Additions Act: H.R. 1138, to establish certain wilderness areas in central Idaho and to authorize various land conveyances involving National Forest System land and Bureau of Land Management land in central Idaho; **Pages H5475–78**

Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated Fishing Enforcement Act of 2015: H.R. 774, amended, to strengthen enforcement mechanisms to stop illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing, and to amend the Tuna Conventions Act of 1950 to implement the Antigua Convention; **Pages H5478–86**

Evidence-Based Policymaking Commission Act of 2015: H.R. 1831, amended, to establish the Commission on Evidence-Based Policymaking; **Pages H5486–88**

Hire More Heroes Act of 2015: H.J. Res. 61, amending the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or the Veterans Administration from being taken into account for purposes of determining the employers to which the employer mandate applies under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; **Pages H5488–90**

Need-Based Educational Aid Act of 2015: S. 1482, to improve and reauthorize provisions relating to the application of the antitrust laws to the award of need-based educational aid, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 378 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 467; **Pages H5490–91, H5510–11**

Secret Service Improvements Act of 2015: H.R. 1656, amended, to provide for additional resources for the Secret Service, and to improve protections for restricted areas, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 365 yeas to 16 nays, Roll No. 468; **Pages H5491–94, H5510, H5511–12**

Border Security Technology Accountability Act of 2015: H.R. 1634, amended, to strengthen accountability for deployment of border security technology at the Department of Homeland Security; **Pages H5494–95**

Preclearance Authorization Act of 2015: H.R. 998, amended, to establish the conditions under which the Secretary of Homeland Security may establish preclearance facilities, conduct preclearance operations, and provide customs services outside the United States; **Pages H5495–97**

Improved Security Vetting for Aviation Workers Act of 2015: H.R. 2750, amended, to reform pro-

grams of the Transportation Security Administration and streamline transportation security regulations; **Pages H5497–99**

Keeping our Travelers Safe and Secure Act: H.R. 2770, amended, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to require certain maintenance of security-related technology at airports, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 380 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 469; **Pages H5499–H5501, H5510, H5512–13**

Independent Contractor Tax Fairness and Simplification Act of 2015: H.R. 2483, amended, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide standards for determining employment status; **Pages H5501–02**

Securing Expedited Screening Act: H.R. 2127, amended, to direct the Administrator of the Transportation Security Administration to limit access to expedited airport security screening at an airport security checkpoint to participants of the PreCheck program and other known low-risk passengers; **Pages H5502–04**

State Wide Interoperable Communications Enhancement Act: H.R. 2206, amended, 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; **Pages H5506–08**

Veterans Entrepreneurship Act of 2015: Concur in the Senate amendment to H.R. 2499, to amend the Small Business Act to increase access to capital for veteran entrepreneurs and to help create jobs; and **Pages H5508–10**

Ruth Moore Act of 2015: H.R. 1607, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the disability compensation evaluation procedure of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for veterans with mental health conditions related to military sexual trauma. **Pages H5517–19**

Recess: The House recessed at 5:36 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. **Page H5510**

Authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center: The House agreed to discharge from committee and agree to H. Con. Res. 64, authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for a ceremony to present the Congressional Gold Medal to the Monuments Men. **Page H5513**

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

First Responder Anthrax Preparedness Act: H.R. 1300, amended, to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to make anthrax vaccines and

antimicrobials available to emergency response providers; and **Pages H5504–06**

Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2015: H.R. 675, amended, to increase, effective as of December 1, 2015, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans. **Pages H5513–17**

Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate and message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on pages H5474, H5519.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5510–11, H5511–12, and H5512–13. There were no quorum calls.

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

Committee Meetings

REGULATIONS FROM THE EXECUTIVE IN NEED OF SCRUTINY ACT OF 2015

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 427, the “Regulations from the Executive in Need of Scrutiny Act of 2015”. The committee granted, by record vote of 8–3, a structured rule for H.R. 427. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule makes in order as original text for the purpose of amendment the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the bill 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 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. In section 2, the rule provides that on any legislative day during the period from July 30,

2015 through September 7, 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. In section 3, 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 2. In section 4, the rule provides that each day during the period addressed by section 2 of the resolution shall not constitute a calendar day for purposes of section 7 of the War Powers Resolution (50 U.S.C. 1546). In section 5, the rule provides that each day during the period addressed by section 2 of the resolution shall not constitute a legislative day for purposes of clause 7 of rule XIII (resolutions of inquiry). In section 6, the rule provides that it shall be in order at any time on the legislative day of July 30, 2015, for the Speaker to entertain motions that the House suspend the rules and that the Speaker or his designee shall consult with the Minority Leader or her designee on the designation of any matter for consideration pursuant to this section. In section 7, the rule waives the requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII (requiring a two-thirds vote to consider a rule on the same day it is reported from the Rules Committee) with respect to any resolution reported through the legislative day of July 30, 2015. Finally, in section 8, the rule addresses access to the Chamber for the joint meeting to be held on September 24, 2015. Testimony was heard from Representatives Marino, Johnson of Georgia, and Young of Iowa.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, JULY 28, 2015

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine lifting the crude oil export ban, 9:30 a.m., SD–538.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: business meeting to consider an original bill to provide for the modernization of the energy policy of the United States, S. 133, to approve and implement the Klamath Basin agreements, to improve natural resource management, support economic development, and sustain agricultural production in the Klamath River Basin in the public interest and the interest of the United States, S. 145, to require the Director of the National Park Service to refund to States all State funds that were used to reopen and temporarily operate a unit of the National Park System during the October 2013 shutdown, S. 146, to authorize