

for Health Clinical Operations, Veterans Health Administration; Joseph W. Wescott II, National Association of State Approving Agencies, Raleigh, North Carolina; Roscoe G. Butler, The American Legion,

and Aleks Morosky, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, both of Washington, D.C.; and Donald F. Kettl, University of Maryland School of Public Policy, Annapolis.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 21 public bills, H.R. 8, 3511–3530; and 3 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 77 and H. Res. 422–423 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 420, providing for consideration of the bill (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; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 758) to amend Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure to improve attorney accountability, and for other purposes; and providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules (H. Rept. 114–261); and

H. Res. 421, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3134) to provide for a moratorium on Federal funding to Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc.; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3504) to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit a health care practitioner from failing to exercise the proper degree of care in the case of a child who survives an abortion or attempted abortion (H. Rept. 114–262).

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

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Recess: The House recessed at 12:14 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m.

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Recess: The House recessed at 2:20 p.m. and reconvened at 3 p.m.

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

National Windstorm Impact Reduction Act Reauthorization of 2015: Concur in the Senate amendment to H.R. 23, to reauthorize the National Windstorm Impact Reduction Program;

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Gerardo Hernandez Airport Security Act of 2015: Concur in the Senate amendment to H.R. 720, to improve intergovernmental planning for and

communication during security incidents at domestic airports;

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Allowing the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma to lease or transfer certain lands: H.R. 487, to allow the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma to lease or transfer certain lands;

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Medgar Evers House Study Act: H.R. 959, amended, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of the Medgar Evers House, located in Jackson, Mississippi;

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National Forest Small Tracts Act Amendments Act of 2015: H.R. 1214, amended, to amend the Small Tracts Act to expand the authority of the Secretary of Agriculture to sell or exchange small parcels of National Forest System land to enhance the management of the National Forest System, and to resolve minor encroachments, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 403 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 495;

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John Muir National Historic Site Expansion Act: H.R. 1289, amended, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire approximately 44 acres of land in Martinez, California;

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Elkhorn Ranch and White River National Forest Conveyance Act of 2015: H.R. 1554, to require a land conveyance involving the Elkhorn Ranch and the White River National Forest in the State of Colorado;

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National Liberty Memorial Clarification Act of 2015: H.R. 1949, amended, to provide for the consideration and submission of site and design proposals for the National Liberty Memorial approved for establishment in the District of Columbia, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 402 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 496;

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Western Oregon Tribal Fairness Act: H.R. 2791, to require that certain Federal lands be held in trust by the United States for the benefit of certain Indian tribes in Oregon;

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New Mexico Navajo Water Settlement Technical Corrections Act: S. 501, to make technical corrections to the Navajo water rights settlement in the State of New Mexico; **Page H6002**

Providing for the conveyance of certain property to the Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation located in Bethel, Alaska: S. 230, to provide for the conveyance of certain property to the Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation located in Bethel, Alaska; and **Pages H6002–03**

Crags, Colorado Land Exchange Act of 2015: H.R. 2223, to authorize, direct, expedite, and facilitate a land exchange in El Paso and Teller Counties, Colorado. **Pages H6005–06**

Recess: The House recessed at 4:21 p.m. and reconvened at 6:31 p.m. **Page H6003**

Providing for a recess of the House for a joint meeting to receive Pope Francis of the Holy See: Agreed by unanimous consent that it may be in order at any time on Thursday, September 24, 2015 for the Speaker to declare a recess, subject to the call of the Chair, for the purpose of receiving in joint meeting Pope Francis of the Holy See. **Page H6005**

Recess: The House recessed at 8:31 p.m. and reconvened at 10:04 p.m. **Page H6012**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H5987.

Senate Referral: S. 2036 was held at the desk. **Page H5987**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H6003–04 and H6004–05. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12 noon and adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

Committee Meetings

REVIEW OF USDA ORGANIZATION AND PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION, PART II

Committee on Agriculture: Full Committee held a hearing to review USDA organization and program administration, part II. Testimony was heard from the following Department of Agriculture officials: Lisa Mensah, Under Secretary, Rural Development; Edward Avalos, Under Secretary, Marketing and Regulatory Programs; Alfred V. Almanza, Deputy Under Secretary, Food Safety; and Kevin W. Concannon, Under Secretary, Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Service.

OVERSIGHT OF FEDERAL FACILITY CLEANUP UNDER CERCLA

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy concluded a hearing entitled “Oversight of Federal Facility Cleanup under CERCLA”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

RAPID ACT; LAWSUIT ABUSE REDUCTION ACT OF 2015; DEFUND PLANNED PARENTHOOD ACT OF 2015; AND BORN-LIVE ABORTION SURVIVORS PROTECTION ACT

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 348, the “RAPID Act”; H.R. 758, the “Law-suit Abuse Reduction Act of 2015”; H.R. 3134, the “Defund Planned Parenthood Act of 2015”; and H.R. 3504, the “Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act”. The Committee granted, by record vote of 9–4, a structured rule for H.R. 348. 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 an original bill for purpose of amendment an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 114–26 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 recommit with or without instructions. Additionally, the rule grants a closed rule for H.R. 758. The rule provides one hour of 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 provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill. The rule provides one motion to recommit. Lastly, in section 3, the rule provides that it shall be in order at any time on the legislative day of September 24, 2015, for the Speaker to entertain motions that the House suspend the rules and that the Speaker or his designee shall consult