

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: DEFENSE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of Defense approved for full committee consideration an original bill entitled, “Fiscal Year 2017 Department of Defense Appropriations”.

APPROPRIATIONS: HOMELAND SECURITY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of Homeland Security approved for full committee consideration an original bill entitled, “Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, Fiscal Year 2017”.

IRAN DEAL SANCTIONS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine understanding the role of sanctions under the Iran Deal, after receiving testimony from Juan C. Zarate, Financial Integrity Network, Mark Dubowitz, Foundation for Defense of Democracies Center on Sanctions and Illicit Finance, Michael Elleman, The International Institute for Strategic Studies, and Elizabeth Rosenberg, Center for a New American Security, all of Washington, D.C.

INTERNET ASSIGNED NUMBERS AUTHORITY

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the multistakeholder plan for transitioning the Internet Assigned Numbers Authority, after receiving testimony from David A. Gross, former Coordinator for International Communications and Information Policy, Department of State, Michael Beckerman, Internet Association, Steve DelBianco, NetChoice, and Brett D. Schaefer, The Heritage Foundation, all of Washington, D.C.; Richard Manning, Americans for Limited Government, Fairfax, Virginia; and Andrew Sullivan, Internet Architecture Board, Manchester, New Hampshire.

WATERS OF THE UNITED STATES

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Fisheries, Water, and Wildlife concluded a hearing to examine the implementation of the definition of Waters of the United States, after receiving testimony from Don Parrish, American Farm Bureau Federation, and William W. Buzbee, Georgetown University Law Center, both of Washington, D.C.; Damien Schiff, Pacific Legal Foundation, Sacramento, California; Valerie Wilkinson, The ESG Companies, Virginia Beach, Virginia; and Scott

Kovarovics, Izaak Walton League of America, Gaithersburg, Maryland.

DEBT VERSUS EQUITY

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine debt versus equity, focusing on corporate integration considerations, after receiving testimony from John L. Buckley, former Chief Tax Counsel, House of Representatives Committee on Ways and Means, Washington, D.C.; Jody K. Lurie, Janney Montgomery Scott LLC, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; John D. McDonald, Baker and McKenzie LLP, Chicago, Illinois; and Alvin C. Warren, Harvard Law School, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

U.S.-INDIA RELATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine United States-India relations, focusing on balancing progress and managing expectations, after receiving testimony from Nisha Desai Biswal, Assistant Secretary of State for South and Central Asian Affairs; and Sadanand Dhume, American Enterprise Institute, and Alyssa Ayres, Council on Foreign Relations, both of Washington, D.C.

VETERANS AFFAIRS LEGISLATION

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 2919, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide greater flexibility to States in carrying out the Disabled Veterans' Outreach Program and employing local veterans' employment representatives, S. 2896, to eliminate the sunset date for the Veterans Choice Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs, to expand eligibility for such program, and to extend certain operating hours for pharmacies and medical facilities of the Department, S. 2888, to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry's review and publication of illness and conditions relating to veterans stationed at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, and their family members, S. 2679, to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish within the Department of Veterans Affairs a center of excellence in the prevention, diagnosis, mitigation, treatment, and rehabilitation of health conditions relating to exposure to burn pits, S. 2520, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the care provided by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to newborn children, S. 2487, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to identify mental health care and suicide prevention programs and metrics that are effective in treating women veterans as part of the evaluation of such programs by

the Secretary, S. 2049, to establish in the Department of Veterans Affairs a continuing medical education program for non-Department medical professionals who treat veterans and family members of veterans to increase knowledge and recognition of medical conditions common to veterans and family members of veterans, an original bill to reform the rights and processes relating to appeals of decisions regarding claims for benefits under the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, an original bill to make certain improvements in the provision of automobiles and adaptive equipment by the Department of Veterans Affairs, and an original bill to expand eligibility for hospital care and medical services under section 101 of the Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014 to include veterans in receipt of health services under the pilot program of the Department of Veterans Affairs for

rural veterans, after receiving testimony from Senators McCain, Boxer, and Klobuchar; Sloan Gibson, Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs; Michael H. Michaud, Assistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans' Employment and Training Service; Carlos Fuentes, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, Louis J. Celli, Jr., The American Legion, Adrian M. Atizado, Disabled American Veterans, Carl Blake, Paralyzed Veterans of America, and Diane Boyd Rauber, National Organization of Veterans' Advocates, Inc., all of Washington, D.C.; and Master Sergeant J. M. Ensminger, (Ret.), USMC, Elizabethtown, North Carolina.

BUSINESS MEETING

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill entitled, "Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017".

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 9 public bills, H.R. 5311–5319; and 4 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 133; and H. Res. 745–747, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1769, to establish in the Department of Veterans Affairs a national center for research on the diagnosis and treatment of health conditions of the descendants of veterans exposed to toxic substances during service in the Armed Forces that are related to that exposure, to establish an advisory board on such health conditions, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–592, Part 1); and

H. Res. 744, providing for consideration of the bill (S. 2012) to provide for the modernization of the energy policy of the United States, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5233) to repeal the Local Budget Autonomy Amendment Act of 2012, to amend the District of Columbia Home Rule Act to clarify the respective roles of the District government and Congress in the local budget process of the District government, and for other purposes; and providing for proceedings during the period from May 27, 2016, through June 6, 2016 (H. Rept. 114–593).

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Recess: The House recessed at 10:54 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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Suspension—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure which was debated on Monday, May 23rd:

Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017: H.R. 5077, amended, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2017 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 371 yeas to 35 nays with 1 answering "present", Roll No. 235.

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Unanimous Consent Agreement: Agreed by unanimous consent that the question of motion to concur in the Senate amendment to H.R. 2576 with an amendment may be subject to postponement as though under clause 8 of rule 20.

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Toxic Substances Control Act Modernization Act: The House agreed to the motion to concur in the Senate amendment with an amendment consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 114–54, modified by the amendment printed in H. Rept. 114–590, in lieu of the matter proposed to be inserted by the Senate, to H.R. 2576, to modernize the Toxic Substances Control Act, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 403 yeas to 12 nays, Roll No. 238.

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H. Res. 742, the rule providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 2576) and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R.