

provide industry and economic development opportunities to Indian communities, S. 3261, to establish a business incubators program within the Department of the Interior to promote economic development in Indian reservation communities, and H.R. 4685, to take certain Federal lands located in Tulare County, California, into trust for the benefit of the Tule River Indian Tribe, after receiving testimony from Cheryl Andrews-Maltais, Senior Policy Advisor, Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior; Harvey J. Godwin Jr., Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina, Pembroke; Kenneth McDarment, Tule River Tribe of California, Porterville; and Derrick Watchman, The National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development, Mesa, Arizona.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Walter David Counts, III, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Texas, Karen Gren Scholer, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Texas, and E. Scott Frost, James Wesley Hendrix, and Irma Carrillo Ramirez, each to be a

United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

VETERANS HEALTH ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Veterans Health Administration best practices, focusing on exploring the Diffusion of Excellence initiative, after receiving testimony from Carolyn Clancy, Deputy Under Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Organizational Excellence, Veterans Health Administration.

SECURING AMERICA'S RETIREMENT FUTURE

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine securing America's retirement future, focusing on the Bipartisan Policy Center's recommendations to boost savings, after receiving testimony from former Senator Kent Conrad, and James B. Lockhart III, both of the Bipartisan Policy Center Commission on Retirement Security and Personal Savings, Washington, D.C.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 11 public bills, H.R. 5942–5950; and 2 resolutions, H. Res. 847–848, were introduced. **Page H5161**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H5162–63**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H.R. 5178, to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide educational and vocational counseling for veterans on campuses of institutions of higher learning, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–727). **Page H5161**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Valadao to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H5099**

Recess: The House recessed at 11:07 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Pages H5106–07**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Rev. Marvin Jacobo, City Ministry Network, Modesto, CA. **Page H5107**

Stop Settlement Slush Funds Act of 2016: The House passed H.R. 5063, to limit donations made pursuant to settlement agreements to which the

United States is a party, by a recorded vote of 241 ayes to 174 noes, Roll No. 488. **Pages H5119–36**

Rejected the Meng motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on the Judiciary with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 181 ayes to 234 noes, Roll No. 487. **Pages H5134–35**

Pursuant to the Rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule. **Page H5124**

Agreed to:

Price (GA) amendment (No. 6 printed in H. Rept. 114–724) that requires the head of each Federal agency to electronically submit a report to the Congressional Budget Office on each settlement agreement entered into pursuant to this bill; and

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Price (GA) amendment (No. 7 printed in H. Rept. 114–724) that requires each agency's Inspector General to report annually to the House and Senate Committees on the Budget, the Judiciary, and Appropriations on any settlement agreement entered into by an during the previous year that are in violation of section 2. **Page H5131**

Rejected:

Jackson Lee amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 114–724) that sought to exempt settlement agreements that pertain to providing restitution for a State; **Pages H5126–27**

Conyers amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 114–724) that sought to exempt from the bill any settlement pertaining to discrimination based on race, religion, national origin, or any other protected category (by a recorded vote of 178 ayes to 234 noes, Roll No. 483); **Pages H5125, H5131–32**

Cicilline amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 114–724) that sought to exempt settlement agreements that strengthen the personal privacy of Americans from the blanket prohibition in this legislation (by a recorded vote of 175 ayes to 236 noes, Roll No. 484); **Pages H5125–26, H5132–33**

Jackson Lee amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 114–724) that sought to exempt settlement agreements that resolves a civil action or potential civil action in relation to sexual harassment, violence, or discrimination in the work place (by a recorded vote of 178 ayes to 235 noes, Roll No. 485); and **Pages H5128–29, H5133**

Gosar amendment (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 114–724) that sought to cap settlement payments for attorney fees provided in relation to environmental cases at \$125 per hour (by a recorded vote of 155 ayes to 262 noes, Roll No. 486).

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H. Res. 843, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5063) was agreed to by a recorded vote of 231 ayes to 178 noes, Roll No. 482, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 231 yeas to 177 nays, Roll No. 481.

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Authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the District of Columbia Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run: The House agreed to take from the Speaker's table and agree to H. Con. Res. 131, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the District of Columbia Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run. **Page H5119**

Unanimous Consent Agreement: Agreed by unanimous consent that it be in order at any time on the legislative day of September 9, 2016, for the Speaker to entertain motions that the House suspend the rules, as though under clause 1 of rule 15, relating to the bill (S. 2040) to deter terrorism, and provide justice for victims. **Page H5136**

North American Energy Security and Infrastructure Act of 2016—Change in Conferees: The Chair appointed the following conferee on S. 2012, to provide for the modernization of the energy policy of the United States, to fill the vacancy caused by

the resignation of Representative Whitfield: Representative Kinzinger (IL). **Page H5136**

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

Recognizing the importance of the United States-Republic of Korea-Japan trilateral relationship to counter North Korean threats and nuclear proliferation, and to ensure regional security and human rights: H. Res. 634, amended, recognizing the importance of the United States-Republic of Korea-Japan trilateral relationship to counter North Korean threats and nuclear proliferation, and to ensure regional security and human rights; **Pages H5139–42**

Education for All Act of 2016: H.R. 4481, amended, to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to provide assistance for developing countries to promote quality basic education and to establish the goal of all children in school and learning as an objective of the United States foreign assistance policy; **Pages H5142–46**

Digital Global Access Policy Act of 2016: H.R. 5537, amended, to promote internet access in developing countries and update foreign policy toward the internet; and **Pages H5146–49**

African Growth and Opportunity Act Enhancement Act: H.R. 2845, amended, to promote access to benefits under the African Growth and Opportunity Act. **Pages H5149–53**

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

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives to support the territorial integrity of Georgia: H. Res. 660, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives to support the territorial integrity of Georgia. **Pages H5136–39**

John F. Kennedy Centennial Commission—Appointment: Read a letter from Representative Pelosi, Minority Leader, in which she appointed the following Member to the John F. Kennedy Centennial Commission: Representative Kennedy. **Page H5153**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H5112.

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote and seven recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5117–18, H5118–19, H5131–32, H5132, H5133, H5133–34, H5135, and H5135–36. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Committee Meetings

DEFERRED MAINTENANCE IN THE NUCLEAR SECURITY ENTERPRISE: SAFETY AND MISSION RISKS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces held a hearing entitled “Deferred Maintenance in the Nuclear Security Enterprise: Safety and Mission Risks”. Testimony was heard from Frank Klotz, Administrator, National Nuclear Security Administration; James McConnell, Associate Administrator for Safety, Infrastructure, and Operations, National Nuclear Security Administration; and public witnesses.

CENTER FOR MEDICARE AND MEDICAID INNOVATION: SCORING ASSUMPTIONS AND REAL-WORLD IMPLICATIONS

Committee on the Budget: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation: Scoring Assumptions and Real-World Implications”. Testimony was heard from Mark Hadley, Deputy Director, Congressional Budget Office; and public witnesses.

FEDERAL POWER ACT: HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power held a hearing entitled “Federal Power Act: Historical Perspectives”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

FEDERAL RESERVE DISTRICTS: GOVERNANCE, MONETARY POLICY, AND ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Monetary Policy and Trade held a hearing entitled “Federal Reserve Districts: Governance, Monetary Policy, and Economic Performance”. Testimony was heard from Jeffrey M. Lacker, President and Chief Executive Officer, Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond; Esther L. George, President and Chief Executive Officer, Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City; and public witnesses.

THE GROWING CRISIS IN SOUTH SUDAN

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations held a hearing entitled “The Growing Crisis in South Sudan”. Testimony was heard from Donald Booth, Special Envoy to Sudan and South Sudan, Department of State; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT OF THE JUDGMENT FUND: IRAN, BIG SETTLEMENTS, AND THE LACK OF TRANSPARENCY

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice held a hearing entitled “Oversight of the Judgment Fund: Iran, Big Settlements, and the Lack of Transparency”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Full Committee began a markup on H.R. 3764, the “Tribal Recognition Act of 2015”; H.R. 4564, the “Robert Emmet Park Act of 2016”; H.R. 5032, to allow certain property in the town of Louisa, Virginia, to be used for purposes related to compliance with water quality standards, and for other purposes; and H.R. 5259, the “Certainty for States and Tribes Act”.

OVERSIGHT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL’S MILITARY WHISTLEBLOWER REPRISAL INVESTIGATIONS

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Security held a hearing entitled “Oversight of the Department of Defense Office of Inspector General’s Military Whistleblower Reprisal Investigations”. Testimony was heard from Representative Zinke; Glenn Fine, Principal Deputy Inspector General, Department of Defense; Lori Atkinson, Assistant Director, Defense Capabilities and Management, Government Accountability Office; and a public witness.

COMMERCIAL REMOTE SENSING: FACILITATING INNOVATION AND LEADERSHIP

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Space held a hearing entitled “Commercial Remote Sensing: Facilitating Innovation and Leadership”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

ENSURING OPPORTUNITIES: OVERSIGHT OF THE HUBZONE PROGRAM

Committee on Small Business: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Ensuring Opportunities: Oversight of the HUBZone Program”. Testimony was heard from William B. Shear, Director, Financial Markets and Community Investment, Government Accountability Office; and John Shoraka, Associate Administrator, Office of Government Contracts and Business Development, Small Business Administration.