

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 20 public bills, H.R. 6000–6019; and 4 resolutions, H.J. Res. 862, 864–866 were introduced. **Pages H5435–36**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H5436–37**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 3438, to amend title 5, United States Code, to postpone the effective date of high-impact rules pending judicial review, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–743);

H. Res. 863, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5351) to prohibit the transfer of any individual detained at United States Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5226) to amend chapter 3 of title 5, United States Code, to require the publication of information relating to pending agency regulatory actions, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 114–744);

H.R. 4419, to update the financial disclosure requirements for judges of the District of Columbia courts, with amendments (H. Rept. 114–745); and

H.R. 5461, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to submit a report to the appropriate congressional committees on the estimated total assets under direct or indirect control by certain senior Iranian leaders and other figures, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 114–746, Part 1). **Pages H5434–35**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Webster (FL) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H5341**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 11 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H5348**

**Guest Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Reverend Wayne Lomax, The Fountain of New Life Church, Miami Gardens, FL. **Page H5348**

**Privileged Resolution—Intent to Offer:** Representative Fleming announced his intent to offer a privileged resolution. **Pages H5351–52**

**Committee Resignation:** Read a letter from Representative Cartwright wherein he resigned from the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform and the Committee on Natural Resources. **Page H5365**

**Committee Election:** The House agreed to H. Res. 862, electing a Member to a certain standing committee of the House of Representatives. **Page H5365**

**Halt Tax Increases on the Middle Class and Seniors Act:** The House passed H.R. 3590, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the increase in the income threshold used in determining the deduction for medical care, by a yea-and-nay vote of 261 yeas to 147 nays, Roll No. 502. **Pages H5380–86**

Pursuant to the Rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Ways and Means now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted. **Page H5380**

H. Res. 858, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3590) was agreed to by a recorded vote of 239 yeas to 169 noes, Roll No. 501, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 237 yeas to 171 nays, Roll No. 500. **Pages H5352–57, H5364–65**

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

**Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act:** H.R. 5587, amended, to reauthorize the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yea-and-nay vote of 405 yeas to 5 nays, Roll No. 503; and **Pages H5365–80, H5386**

**Department of Veterans Affairs Expiring Authorities Act of 2016:** H.R. 5985, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend certain expiring provisions of law administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs. **Pages H5387–90**

**Suspension—Proceedings Resumed:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and agree to the following measure which was debated on Monday, September 12th:

**Expressing support for the expeditious consideration and finalization of a new, robust, and long-term Memorandum of Understanding on military assistance to Israel between the United States Government and the Government of Israel:** H. Res. 729, expressing support for the expeditious consideration and finalization of a new, robust, and long-term Memorandum of Understanding on military assistance to Israel between the United States Government and the Government of Israel, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yea-and-nay vote of 405 yeas to 4 nays, Roll No. 504. **Pages H5386–87**

**VA Accountability First and Appeals Modernization Act of 2016:** The House began consideration of H.R. 5620, 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. Consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, September 14th.

**Pages H5390–H5417**

Agreed to:

Miller (FL) manager's amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 114–742) that makes technical and conforming changes to the bill and aligns the due process procedures for the recoupment provisions of the bill;

**Pages H5404–05**

Michelle Lujan Grisham (NM) amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 114–742) that adds Members of Congress to the reporting requirements;

**Pages H5407–08**

Takano amendment (No. 6 printed in H. Rept. 114–742), as modified, that adds section 8, Office of Accountability and Whistleblower Protection, to the bill;

**Pages H5409–11**

Newhouse amendment (No. 7 printed in H. Rept. 114–742) that applies the statutory requirements of the Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act (EMTALA) to emergency care furnished by the VA to enrolled veterans; requires every enrolled veteran who arrives at the emergency department of a VA medical facility, and indicates an emergency condition exists, be assessed and treated in an effort to prevent further injury or death;

**Pages H5411–14**

Takano amendment (No. 10 printed in H. Rept. 114–742) that provides the sense of the Congress honoring American veterans disabled for life and encouraging Americans to do so each year;

**Page H5415**

Takano amendment (No. 11 printed in H. Rept. 114–742) that establishes positions of Directors of Veterans Integrated Service Networks (VISN) in the VA's Office of Undersecretary for Health;

**Pages H5415–16**

Keating amendment (No. 12 printed in H. Rept. 114–742) that directs healthcare providers with VA affiliation to take continuing education courses specific to pain management, opioids, and substance abuse; and

**Pages H5416–17**

Lowenthal amendment (No. 13 printed in H. Rept. 114–742) that requires the Secretary of Veterans Affairs or a designee to review covered whistleblower complaints quarterly.

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Withdrawn:

Schweikert amendment (No. 8 printed in H. Rept. 114–742) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have required that the VA use distributive ledger technology when scheduling healthcare appointments to ensure transparency and accountability 1 year after enactment.

**Pages H5414–15**

Proceedings Postponed:

Walz amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 114–742) that seeks to strike sections 2 through 8 and section 10;

**Pages H5405–06**

Takano amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 114–742) that seeks to replace Section 3 with a new provision allowing the Secretary to suspend without pay any VA employee whose performance or misconduct threatens public health or safety, including the health and safety of veterans; and may remove a suspended employee after such investigation and review as the Secretary considers necessary, if the Secretary determines removal is in the interests of public health and safety; and

**Pages H5406–07**

Kuster amendment (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 114–742) that seeks to replace Section 7 with S. 2921 Section 113, which contains an improved process to expedite the removal or demotion of a member of the Senior Executive Service.

**Pages H5408–09**

H. Res. 859, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5620) was agreed to by a yeas-and-nays vote of 241 yeas to 169 nays, Roll No. 499, after the previous question was ordered by a yeas-and-nays vote of 237 yeas to 170 nays, Roll No. 498.

**Pages H5357–64**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Six yeas-and-nays votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5362–63, H5363–64, H5364, H5364–65, H5385–86, H5386 and H5387. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:32 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE OF SNAP: IMPROVING INNOVATION AND SUCCESS IN EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING PROGRAMS

*Committee on Agriculture:* Subcommittee on Nutrition held a hearing entitled “Past, Present, and Future of SNAP: Improving Innovation and Success in Employment and Training Programs”. Testimony was heard from David Stillman, Assistant Secretary for the Economic Services Administration, Department of Social and Health Services, Olympia, Washington and a public witness.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Communications and Technology concluded a markup on H.R. 2566, the “Improving Rural Call Quality and Reliability Act of 2015”; and H.R. 2669, the “Anti-Spoofing Act of 2015”. H.R. 2566 was forwarded to the full committee, as amended. H.R. 2669 was forwarded to the full committee, without amendment.