

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Tulinabo Salama Mushingi, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Senegal, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Guinea-Bissau, and Todd Philip Haskell, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of the Congo, both of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

DUPLICATION, WASTE, AND FRAUD IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine duplication, waste, and fraud in Federal programs, including opportunities to reduce fragmentation and achieve other financial benefits, after receiving testimony from Gene L. Dodaro, Comptroller General of the United States, Government Accountability Office; J. Russell George, Inspector General for Tax Administration, Department of the Treasury; Keith D. Repko, Medical Center Director, St. Louis Health Care System, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and Rebecca M. Blank, University of Wisconsin, Madison.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 652, to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize a program for early detection, diagnosis, and treatment regarding deaf and hard-of-hearing newborns, infants, and young children, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 849, to support programs for mosquito-borne and other vector-borne disease surveillance and control, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 916, to amend the Controlled Substances Act with regard to the provision of emergency medical services, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

S. 920, to establish a National Clinical Care Commission.

NOMINATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Amul R. Thapar, of Kentucky, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit, Department of Justice, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator McConnell, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

RUNNING A SMALL BUSINESS IN RURAL AMERICA

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the challenges and opportunities of running a small business in rural America, including S. 203, to reaffirm that the Environmental Protection Agency may not regulate vehicles used solely for competition, S. 929, to improve the HUBZone program, and S. 444, to amend the Investment Company Act of 1940 to expand the investor limitation for qualifying venture capital funds under an exemption from the definition of an investment company, after receiving testimony from John Lettieri, Economic Innovation Group, Washington, D.C.; James E. Hobart, Alpaca Direct LLC, Hayden, Idaho; and Rob Riley, Northern Forest Center, Concord, New Hampshire.

NOMINATION

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Courtney Elwood, of Virginia, to be General Counsel of the Central Intelligence Agency, after the nominee testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 38 public bills, H.R. 10, 2146–2182; and 7 resolutions, H.J. Res. 99; and H. Res. 279, 281–285 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 280, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1694) to require additional entities to be subject to the requirements of section 552 of title 5, United States Code (commonly referred to as the Freedom of Information Act), and for other purposes; providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules; and waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain

resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules (H. Rept. 115–96). **Page H2894**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Woodall to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H2851**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:43 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H2856**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Rev. Michael D. Gutierrez, St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Baldwin Park, CA. **Page H2856**

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by a ye-and-nay vote of 237 yeas to 161 nays with 2 answering "present", Roll No. 228. **Pages H2856, H2877–78**

Register of Copyrights Selection and Accountability Act of 2017: The House passed H.R. 1695, to amend title 17, United States Code, to provide additional responsibilities for the Register of Copyrights, by a ye-and-nay vote of 378 yeas to 48 nays, Roll No. 227. **Pages H2860–77**

Pursuant to the Rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 115–13 shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule, in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the bill. **Page H2860**

Agreed to:

Judy Chu (CA) amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 115–95) that specifies that nothing in the bill shall impact the mandatory deposit requirements of title 17; and **Pages H2875–76**

Deutch amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 115–95) that requires the Register of Copyrights to be capable of identifying and supervising a Chief Information Officer or similar official responsible for managing information technology systems (by a recorded vote of 410 yeas to 14 noes, Roll No. 226). **Pages H2874–75, H2876**

H. Res. 275, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1695) was agreed to by a recorded vote of 237 yeas to 186 noes, Roll No. 225, after the previous question was ordered by a ye-and-nay vote of 234 yeas to 191 nays, Roll No. 224. **Pages H2860–68**

Pursuant to section 2 of H. Res. 275, H. Res. 254 was laid on the table. **Page H2860**

Health Information Technology Advisory Committee—Appointment: Read a letter from Representative Pelosi, Minority Leader, in which she appointed the following individual to the Health Infor-

mation Technology Advisory Committee: Dr. Steven Lane of Palo Alto, California. **Page H2880**

Recess: The House recessed at 6:22 p.m. and reconvened at 11:31 p.m. **Page H2893**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three ye-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2867, H2867–68, H2876, H2877, H2877–78. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 11:32 p.m.

Committee Meetings

OVERSIGHT ON U.S. PACIFIC COMMAND

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held an oversight hearing on U.S. Pacific Command. Testimony was heard from Admiral Harry Harris, Commander, U.S. Pacific Command. This hearing was closed.

MILITARY ASSESSMENT OF THE SECURITY CHALLENGES IN THE INDO-ASIA-PACIFIC REGION

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Military Assessment of the Security Challenges in the Indo-Asia-Pacific Region". Testimony was heard from Admiral Harry Harris, Commander, U.S. Pacific Command.

CREATING A FLEXIBLE AND EFFECTIVE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY MANAGEMENT AND ACQUISITION SYSTEM: ELEMENTS FOR SUCCESS IN A RAPIDLY CHANGING LANDSCAPE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities held a hearing entitled "Creating a Flexible and Effective Information Technology Management and Acquisition System: Elements for Success in a Rapidly Changing Landscape". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 1180, the "Working Families Flexibility Act of 2017". H.R. 1180 was ordered reported, as amended.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Environment held a hearing on the "Nuclear Waste Policy Amendments Act of 2017". Testimony was heard from Senator Heller, Representatives Kihuen, Rosen, Titus, and Wilson of South Carolina, and public witnesses.