

**Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures. Consideration began Tuesday, May 2nd.

**Disaster Declaration Improvement Act:** H.R. 1665, amended, to ensure that Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency considers severe local impact in making a recommendation to the President for a major disaster declaration, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  recorded vote of 425 ayes with none voting “no”, Roll No. 248; and **Page H3089**

**Amending the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act concerning the statute of limitations for actions to recover disaster or emergency assistance payments:** H.R. 1678, amended, to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act concerning the statute of limitations for actions to recover disaster or emergency assistance payments, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  recorded vote of 423 ayes with none voting “no”, Roll No. 250. **Pages H3307–08**

**Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2017:** The House concurred in the Senate amendments numbered 2 and 3 to H.R. 244, to encourage effective, voluntary investments to recruit, employ, and retain men and women who have served in the United States military with annual Federal awards to employers recognizing such efforts, and concurred in the Senate amendment numbered 1 with an amendment consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 115–16 modified by the amendment printed in H. Rept. 115–108, by a yea-and-nay vote of 309 yeas to 118 nays, Roll No. 249. **Pages H3089–H3307**

H. Res. 305, the rule providing for consideration of the Senate amendments to the bill (H.R. 244) was agreed to by a recorded vote of 240 ayes to 186 noes, Roll No. 247, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 231 yeas to 192 nays, Roll No. 246. **Pages H3080–89**

**Moment of Silence:** The House observed a moment of silence in memory of Matthew McClanahan, a pipefitter for the Architect of the Capitol, who died in a tragic accident on the Capitol Grounds on April 18. **Page H3307**

**Providing for a correction in the enrollment of H.R. 244:** The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 53, providing for a correction in the enrollment of H.R. 244. **Pages H3309–10**

**Meeting Hour:** Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow, May 4. **Page H3310**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 6:12 p.m. and reconvened at 10:15 p.m. **Page H3320**

**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H3080.

**Senate Referral:** S. 141 was referred to the Committees on Science, Space, and Technology, Armed Services, Transportation and Infrastructure, Foreign Affairs, and the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence. **Page H3321**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Two yea-and-nay votes and four recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H3087–88, H3088–89, H3089, H3306–07, H3307, H3308–09. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 10:16 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

**Committee on Agriculture:** Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 1177, the “Removing Outdated Restrictions to Allow for Job Growth Act”; and H.R. 2154, to rename the Red River Valley Agricultural Research Center in Fargo, North Dakota, as the Edward T. Schafer Agricultural Research Center. H.R. 1177 was ordered reported, without amendment. H.R. 2154 was ordered reported, as amended.

### 2020 CENSUS

**Committee on Appropriations:** Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies held an oversight hearing on the 2020 Census. Testimony was heard from John H. Thompson, Director, Census Bureau; Kevin Smith, Chief Information Officer, Census Bureau; Robert Goldenkoff, Director of Strategic Issues, Government Accountability Office; and David Powner, Director of Information Technology, Government Accountability Office.

### PUBLIC WITNESS DAY

**Committee on Appropriations:** Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies held a hearing for public witnesses. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### MEMBERS AND OUTSIDE WITNESS DAY

**Committee on Appropriations:** Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held a hearing for Members of Congress and outside witnesses. Testimony was heard from Representatives Hultgren and McGovern, and public witnesses.

### 2018 VETERANS AFFAIRS OVERSIGHT

**Committee on Appropriations:** Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs and Related

Agencies held an oversight hearing on 2018 Veterans Affairs. Testimony was heard from David J. Shulkin, Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

#### **LITTORAL COMBAT SHIPS AND THE TRANSITION TO FRIGATE CLASS**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces held a hearing entitled “Littoral Combat Ships and the Transition to Frigate Class”. Testimony was heard from Rear Admiral John P. Neagley, U.S. Navy, Program Executive Officer, Littoral Combat Ships; and Rear Admiral Ronald A. Boxall, U.S. Navy, Director, Surface Warfare (N96).

#### **FAILURES OF FISCAL MANAGEMENT: A VIEW FROM THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL**

*Committee on the Budget:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Failures of Fiscal Management: a View from the Comptroller General”. Testimony was heard from Gene L. Dodaro, Comptroller General of the United States, Government Accountability Office.

#### **LEGISLATION ADDRESSING PIPELINE AND HYDROPOWER INFRASTRUCTURE MODERNIZATION**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Energy held a hearing entitled “Legislation Addressing Pipeline and Hydropower Infrastructure Modernization”. Testimony was heard from John Katz, Deputy Associate General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; Terry Turpin, Director, Office of Energy Projects, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; and public witnesses.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE**

*Committee on Financial Services:* Full Committee continued a markup on H.R. 10, the “Financial CHOICE Act of 2017”.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 1625, the “Targeted Rewards for the Global Eradication of Human Trafficking Act”; H.R. 1677, the “Caesar Syria Civilian Protection Act of 2017”; and H.R. 2200, the “Frederick Douglass Trafficking Victims Prevention and Protection Reauthorization Act of 2017”. H.R. 1625 was ordered reported, without amendment. H.R. 1677 and H.R. 2200 were ordered reported, as amended.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 625, the “Reporting Efficiently to Proper Officials in Response to Terrorism Act of

2017”; H.R. 1351, the “Strengthening Oversight of TSA Employee Misconduct Act”; H.R. 2131, the “Fixing Internal Response to Misconduct Act”; H.R. 2132, the “Traveler Redress Improvement Act of 2017”; H.R. 2169, the “Improving Fusion Centers’ Access to Information Act”; H.R. 2188, the “Community Counterterrorism Preparedness Act”; H.R. 2190, the “Streamlining DHS Overhead Act”; H.R. 2213, the “Anti-Border Corruption Reauthorization Act of 2017”; H.R. 2283, the “Department of Homeland Security Morale, Recognition, Learning and Engagement Act of 2017”; and H.R. 2281, the “Border Enforcement Security Task Force Reauthorization Act of 2017”. H.R. 2188, H.R. 2283, H.R. 2131, H.R. 2190, H.R. 625, H.R. 2169, H.R. 2132, H.R. 2213, H.R. 1351, and H.R. 2281 were ordered reported, as amended.

#### **DENYING TERRORISTS ENTRY TO THE UNITED STATES: EXAMINING VISA SECURITY**

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Task Force on Denying Terrorists Entry into the United States held a hearing entitled “Denying Terrorists Entry to the United States: Examining Visa Security”. Testimony was heard from Edward Ramotowski, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Visa Services, Department of State; John Wagner, Deputy Executive Assistant Commissioner, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security; Michael Dougherty, Acting Assistant Secretary, Border, Immigration, and Trade Policy Office of Policy, Department of Homeland Security; Clark E. Settles, Assistant Director, National Security Investigations Division, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security; and Rebecca Gambler, Director, Homeland Security and Justice, Government Accountability Office.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 1892, the “Honoring Hometown Heroes Act”; H.R. 1761, the “Protecting Against Child Exploitation Act of 2017”; H.R. 1039, the “Probation Officer Protection Act of 2017”; and H.R. 2266, the “Bankruptcy Judgeship Act of 2017”. H.R. 1892 and H.R. 1039 were ordered reported, without amendment. H.R. 1761 and H.R. 2266 were ordered reported, as amended.

#### **THE CHALLENGES OF KEEPING HYDROPOWER AFFORDABLE AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR NEW DEVELOPMENT**

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans held a hearing entitled “The Challenges of Keeping Hydropower Affordable

and Opportunities for New Development”. Testimony was heard from David Montagne, Executive Vice President, General Manager, Sabine River Authority of Texas; and public witnesses.

#### REVIEWING THE FAFSA DATA BREACH

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Reviewing the FAFSA Data Breach”. Testimony was heard from James W. Runcie, Chief Operating Officer, Office of Federal Student Aid, Department of Education; Jason K. Gray, Chief Information Officer, Department of Education; Ken Corbin, Deputy Commissioner Wage and Investment Division, Internal Revenue Service; Gina Garza, Chief Information Officer, Internal Revenue Service; and Tim Camus, Deputy Inspector General, Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration.

#### AMERICAN HEALTH CARE ACT OF 2017; TO AMEND THE PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE ACT TO ELIMINATE THE NON-APPLICATION OF CERTAIN STATE WAIVER PROVISIONS TO MEMBERS OF CONGRESS AND CONGRESSIONAL STAFF

*Committee on Rules:* Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 1628, the “American Health Care Act of 2017”; and H.R. 2192, to amend the Public Health Service Act to eliminate the non-application of certain State waiver provisions to Members of Congress and congressional staff. The Committee granted, by record vote of 8–3, a closed rule for H.R. 2192. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce. 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. Additionally, section 2 of the rule provides for further consideration of H.R. 1628, the American Health Care Act of 2017. The rule provides that the further amendments printed in the Rules Committee Report shall be considered as adopted. Testimony was heard from Representatives Upton, MacArthur, and McSally.

#### OIL AND GAS TECHNOLOGY INNOVATION

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:* Subcommittee on Energy held a hearing entitled “Oil and Gas Technology Innovation”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### EMPOWERING SMALL BUSINESSES: THE ACCELERATOR MODEL

*Committee on Small Business:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Empowering Small Businesses: The

Accelerator Model”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### MARITIME TRANSPORTATION REGULATORY ISSUES

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held a hearing entitled “Maritime Transportation Regulatory Issues”. Testimony was heard from Rear Admiral Paul F. Thomas, Assistant Commandant for Prevention Policy, U.S. Coast Guard; Michael A. Khouri, Acting Chairman, Federal Maritime Commission; and public witnesses.

### Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

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#### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MAY 4, 2017

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

#### Senate

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine telemedicine in the Department of Veterans Affairs, focusing on leveraging technology to increase access, improve health outcomes, and lower costs, 10:30 a.m., SD–124.

*Committee on Armed Services:* to hold hearings to examine United States Special Operations Command, 9:30 a.m., SD–G50.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine reauthorization of the National Flood Insurance Program, 10 a.m., SD–538.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Aviation Operations, Safety, and Security, to hold hearings to examine questions, answers, and perspectives on the current state of airline travel, 10:30 a.m., SR–253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* to hold hearings to examine the threat posed by electromagnetic pulse and policy options to protect energy infrastructure and to improve capabilities for adequate system restoration, 10 a.m., SD–366.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* to hold hearings to examine international development, focusing on value added through private sector engagement, 10 a.m., SD–419.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* business meeting to consider S. 139, to implement the use of Rapid DNA instruments to inform decisions about pretrial release or detention and their conditions, to solve and prevent violent crimes and other crimes, to exonerate the innocent, to prevent DNA analysis backlogs, and S. 534, to prevent the sexual abuse of minors and amateur athletes by requiring the prompt reporting of sexual abuse to law enforcement authorities, Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2 p.m., SH–219.