

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Mark T. Esper, of Virginia, to be Secretary of the Army, Robert L. Wilkie, of North Carolina, to be Under Secretary for Personnel and Readiness, Joseph Kernan, of Florida, to be Under Secretary for Intelligence, and Guy B. Roberts, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary, all of the Department of Defense.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Robert Behler, of Pennsylvania, to be Director of Operational Test and Evaluation, Dean L. Winslow, of Delaware, to be an Assistant Secretary, Thomas B. Modly, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of the Navy, and James F. Geurts, of Pennsylvania, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Navy, all of the Department of Defense, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported S. 1591, to impose sanctions with respect to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

INTERNET OF THINGS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Communications, Technology, Innovation, and the Internet concluded a hearing to examine advancing the Internet of Things in rural America, after receiving testimony from Michael P.

Adcock, University of Mississippi Medical Center, Jackson; David Armitage, Cartasite, Denver, Colorado; Timothy Hassinger, Lindsay Corporation, Omaha, Nebraska; Michael Terzich, Zebra Technologies, Lincolnshire, Illinois; and Angela Siefer, National Digital Inclusion Alliance, Columbus, Ohio.

NORTH KOREA'S CYBER CAPABILITIES

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee received a closed briefing on North Korea's cyber capabilities and United States policy response from Robert L. Strayer, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Cyber and International Communications and Information Policy; and an official of the intelligence community.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Ernest W. Dubester, of Virginia, Colleen Kiko, of North Dakota, who was introduced by Representative Sensenbrenner, and James Thomas Abbott, of Virginia, each to be a Member of the Federal Labor Relations Authority, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of John C. Demers, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 31 public bills, H.R. 4263–4293; and 4 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 90; and H. Res. 608, 610, 611, were introduced. **Pages H8595–97**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H8598**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1133, to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs

to provide for an operation on a live donor for purposes of conducting a transplant procedure for a veteran, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–393);

H.R. 2123, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the ability of health care professionals to treat veterans through the use of telemedicine, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115–394);

H.R. 2601, to amend the Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014 to improve the access of veterans to organ transplants, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–395);

H.R. 3634, to amend title 38, United States Code, to ensure that individuals may access documentation verifying the monthly housing stipend paid to the individual under the Post-9/11 Educational Assistance Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs (H. Rept. 115–396);

H.R. 3705, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to require the use of certified mail and plain language in certain debt collection activities, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–397);

H.R. 3949, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the designation of State approving agencies for multi-State apprenticeship programs for purposes of the educational assistance programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–398);

H.R. 1900, to designate the Veterans Memorial and Museum in Columbus, Ohio, as the National Veterans Memorial and Museum, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–399, Part 1);

H.R. 4173, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to conduct a study on the Veterans Crisis Line, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–400); and

H. Res. 609, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2201) to amend the Securities Act of 1933 to exempt certain micro-offerings from the registration requirements of such Act, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115–401). **Page H8595**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Weber to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H8525**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:51 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H8531**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Chaplain Michael J. Halyard, South Texas Veterans Health Care System, San Antonio, TX. **Pages H8531–32**

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by a yeas-and-nays vote of 225 yeas to 184 nays with 3 answering "present", Roll No. 612. **Pages H8532, H8544–45**

Gold Star Family Support and Installation Access Act of 2017: The House agreed to discharge from committee and pass H.R. 3897, to amend title 10, United States Code, to provide for the issuance of the Gold Star Installation Access Card to the surviving spouse, dependent children, and other next of kin of a member of the Armed Forces who dies while serving on certain active or reserve duty, and

to ensure that a remarried surviving spouse with dependent children of the deceased member remains eligible for installation benefits to which the surviving spouse was previously eligible. **Page H8545**

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

Veterans Crisis Line Study Act of 2017: H.R. 3911, to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 with respect to risk-based examinations of Nationally Recognized Statistical Rating Organizations, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 389 yeas to 32 nays, Roll No. 615; **Pages H8545–47, H8581**

Clarifying Commercial Real Estate Loans: H.R. 2148, amended, to amend the Federal Deposit Insurance Act to clarify capital requirements for certain acquisition, development, or construction loans; **Pages H8547–50**

Veteran Urgent Access to Mental Healthcare Act: H.R. 918, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to furnish mental health care to certain former members of the Armed Forces who are not otherwise eligible to receive such care; **Pages H8550–53**

Veterans Transplant Coverage Act of 2017: H.R. 1133, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide for an operation on a live donor for purposes of conducting a transplant procedure for a veteran; **Pages H8553–54**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "To amend the Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014 to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide for an operation on a live donor for purposes of conducting a transplant procedure for a veteran, and for other purposes." **Page H8554**

National Veterans Memorial and Museum Act: H.R. 1900, amended, to designate the Veterans Memorial and Museum in Columbus, Ohio, as the National Veterans Memorial and Museum; **Pages H8554–56**

Veterans E-Health and Telemedicine Support Act of 2017: H.R. 2123, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the ability of health care professionals to treat veterans through the use of telemedicine; **Pages H8556–58**

Veterans Increased Choice for Transplanted Organs and Recovery Act of 2017: H.R. 2601, amended, to amend the Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014 to improve the access of veterans to organ transplants; **Pages H8558–60**

Securing Electronic Records for Veterans' Ease Act of 2017: H.R. 3634, to amend title 38, United

States Code, to ensure that individuals may access documentation verifying the monthly housing stipend paid to the individual under the Post-9/11 Educational Assistance Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs; and
Pages H8560–61

Veterans Apprenticeship and Labor Opportunity Reform Act: H.R. 3949, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the designation of State approving agencies for multi-State apprenticeship programs for purposes of the educational assistance programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs.
Pages H8562–63

Save Local Business Act: The House passed H.R. 3441, to clarify the treatment of two or more employers as joint employers under the National Labor Relations Act and the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938, by a recorded vote of 242 ayes to 181 noes, Roll No. 614.
Pages H8566–81

Rejected the Bonamici motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Education and the Workforce with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with amendments, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 186 yeas to 235 nays, Roll No. 613.
Pages H8579–80

Pursuant to the Rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Education and the Workforce now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted.
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H. Res. 607, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 3043) and (H.R. 3441) was agreed to by a recorded vote of 233 yeas to 182 noes, Roll No. 611, after the previous question was ordered by a yeas-and-nays vote of 233 yeas to 182 nays, Roll No. 610.
Pages H8535–44

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

Veterans Fair Debt Notice Act of 2017: H.R. 3705, amended, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to require the use of certified mail and plain language in certain debt collection activities; and
Pages H8561–62

Veterans Crisis Line Study Act of 2017: H.R. 4173, amended, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to conduct a study on the Veterans Crisis Line.
Pages H8563–66

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on pages H8534–35.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yeas-and-nays votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H8543, H8543–44, H8544, H8580, H8580–81, and H8581. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Committee Meetings

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy held a hearing entitled “Discussion Draft, Energy Star Reform Act of 2017 and H.R. 3477, Ceiling Fan Energy Conservation Harmonization Act”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

SUSTAINABLE HOUSING FINANCE, PART III

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Housing and Insurance held a hearing entitled “Sustainable Housing Finance, Part III”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

EXAMINING FEDERAL RESERVE REFORM PROPOSALS

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Monetary Policy and Trade held a hearing entitled “Examining Federal Reserve Reform Proposals”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

DEMOCRACY AND GOVERNANCE IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa held a hearing entitled “Democracy and Governance in the Middle East and North Africa”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

RUSSIA: COUNTERTERRORISM PARTNER OR FANNING THE FLAMES?

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade; and Subcommittee on Europe, Eurasia, and Emerging Threats held a joint hearing entitled “Russia: Counterterrorism Partner or Fanning the Flames?”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

HOW EFFECTIVE IS THE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY DIRECTORATE?: STAKEHOLDER PERSPECTIVES

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Communications held a hearing entitled “How Effective is the Science and Technology Directorate?: Stakeholder Perspectives”. Testimony was heard from Timothy Rice, Battalion Chief, Weapons of Mass Destruction Branch Coordinator, City of New York Fire Department; and public witnesses.