

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Mimi Walters (CA) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H8389**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:32 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H8392**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Pastor Kenneth Codner, Grace Baptist Church, Bellefonte, PA. **Page H8392**

Providing for a correction in the enrollment of S. 782: The House agreed to take from the Speaker's table and agree to S. Con. Res. 28, providing for a correction in the enrollment of S. 782. **Page H8393**

Recess: The House recessed at 1:56 p.m. and reconvened at 2:55 p.m. **Page H8410**

Community Health And Medical Professionals Improve Our Nation Act of 2017—Rule for consideration: The House agreed to H. Res. 601, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3922) to extend funding for certain public health programs, by a ye-and-nay vote of 231 yeas to 192 nays, Roll No. 603, after the previous question was ordered by a ye-and-nay vote of 230 yeas to 191 nays, Roll No. 602. **Pages H8402–10, H8412, H8413**

Moment of Silence: The House observed a moment of silence in memory of the victims of the terrorist attack in New York. **Page H8412**

Recess: The House recessed at 3:40 p.m. and reconvened at 3:43 p.m. **Page H8413**

Official Photograph of the House in Session: The official photograph of the House in session was taken pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 350. **Page H8413**

Protecting Seniors Access to Medicare Act: The House passed H.R. 849, to repeal the provisions of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act providing for the Independent Payment Advisory Board, by a ye-and-nay vote of 307 yeas to 111 nays, Roll No. 604. **Pages H8413–21**

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 H8413**

H. Res. 600, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 849) was agreed to by a ye-and-nay vote of 240 yeas to 178 nays, Roll No. 601, after the previous question was ordered by a ye-and-nay vote of 230 yeas to 193 nays, Roll No. 600. **Pages H8395–H8402, H8411–12**

Protecting Patient Access to Emergency Medications Act of 2017: The House agreed to take from the Speaker's table and concur in the Senate amendment to H.R. 304, to amend the Controlled Sub-

stances Act with regard to the provision of emergency medical services. **Pages H8421–22**

Board of Visitors to the United States Naval Academy—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members on the part of the House to the Board of Visitors to the United States Naval Academy: Representative Gallagher, to fill the existing vacancy thereon; Representatives Cummings and Ruppertsberger. **Page H8422**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Five ye-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H8411, H8411–12, H8412, H8413, and H8420–21. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Committee Meetings

THE 2017 HURRICANE SEASON: A REVIEW OF EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE RECOVERY EFFORTS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy held a hearing entitled “The 2017 Hurricane Season: A Review of Emergency Response and Energy Infrastructure Recovery Efforts”. Testimony was heard from Ray Alexander, Director of Contingency Operations, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; Robert Corbin, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Petroleum Reserves, Department of Energy; Patricia Hoffman, Acting Under Secretary for Science and Energy, and Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, Department of Energy; Julio Rhymer, Executive Director, Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority; Frank Rusco, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, Government Accountability Office; DeAnn Walker, Chairman, Public Utility Commission of Texas; and public witnesses.

CONCERNS OVER FEDERAL SELECT AGENT PROGRAM OVERSIGHT OF DANGEROUS PATHOGENS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Concerns Over Federal Select Agent Program Oversight of Dangerous Pathogens”. Testimony was heard from Mary Denigan-Macauley, Acting Director, Health Care, Government Accountability Office; Samuel S. Edwin, Director, Division of Select Agents and Toxins, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; and Freeda E. Isaac, Director, Agriculture Select Agent Services, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

**SUSTAINABLE HOUSING FINANCE:
PRIVATE SECTOR PERSPECTIVES ON
HOUSING FINANCE REFORM, PART II**

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

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 3249, the “Project Safe Neighborhoods Grant Program Authorization Act of 2017”; H.R. 1730, the “Combating Anti-Semitism Act of 2017”; H.R. 3317, the “Stopping Abusive Female Exploitation Act”; and H.R. 4203, the “Combat Online Predators Act”. H.R. 3249, H.R. 1730, and H.R. 4203 were ordered reported, as amended. H.R. 3317 was ordered reported, without amendment.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans held a hearing on H.R. 221, the “Hydrographic Services Improvement Amendments Act”; H.R. 1176, the “Keep America’s Waterfronts Working Act”; and S. 140, to amend the White Mountain Apache Tribe Water Rights Quantification Act of 2010 to clarify the use of amounts in the WMAT Settlement Fund. Testimony was heard from Representatives Pingree and Young of Alaska; W. Russell Callender, Assistant Administrator for Ocean Services and Coastal Zone Management, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; Paul LePage, Governor, Maine; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 4174, the “Foundations for Evidence-Based Policymaking Act of 2017”; H.R. 4182, the “Ensuring a Qualified Civil Service Act of 2017”; H.R. 1132, the “Political Appointee Burrowing Prevention Act”; H.R. 4043, the “Whistleblower Protection Extension Act of 2017”; H.R. 4171, to amend title 5, United States Code, to extend the authority to conduct telework travel expenses test programs, and for other purposes; H.R. 3121, the “All-American Flag Act”; H.R. 4177, the “Preparedness and Risk Management for Extreme Weather Patterns Assuring Resilience and Effectiveness Act of 2017”; H.R. 1850, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 907 Fourth Avenue in Lake Odessa, Michigan, as the “Donna Sauers Besko Post Office”; H.R. 2672, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 520 Carter Street in Fairview, Illinois, as the “Sgt. Douglas J. Riney Post

Office”; H.R. 2673, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 514 Broadway Street in Pekin, Illinois, as the “Lance Corporal Jordan S. Bastean Post Office”; H.R. 3821, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 430 Main Street in Clermont, Georgia, as the “Zachary Addington Post Office”; and H.R. 3893, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 100 Mathe Avenue in Interlachen, Florida, as the “Robert H. Jenkins Post Office”. H.R. 1132, H.R. 4043, and H.R. 3121 were ordered reported, as amended. H.R. 4174, H.R. 4182, H.R. 4171, H.R. 4177, H.R. 1850, H.R. 2672, H.R. 2673, H.R. 3821, and H.R. 3893 were ordered reported, without amendment.

**EXAMINING THE REGULATION OF SHARK
FINNING IN THE UNITED STATES**

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on the Interior, Energy, and Environment held a hearing entitled “Examining the Regulation of Shark Finning in the United States”. Testimony was heard from Brandi Reeder, Assistant Commander, Fisheries Law Administrator, Law Enforcement Division, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department; and public witnesses.

**PUTTING FOOD ON THE TABLE—A
REVIEW OF THE IMPORTANCE OF
AGRICULTURE RESEARCH**

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Research and Technology held a hearing entitled “Putting Food on the Table—A Review of the Importance of Agriculture Research”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**OPERATING OR RULEMAKING? A REVIEW
OF SBA’S OPAQUE STANDARD OPERATING
PROCEDURES PROCESS**

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Investigations, Oversight, and Regulations held a hearing entitled “Operating or Rulemaking? A Review of SBA’s Opaque Standard Operating Procedures Process”. Testimony was heard from Joseph Loddo, Chief Operating Officer, Small Business Administration.

**EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND RECOVERY:
CENTRAL TAKEAWAYS FROM THE
UNPRECEDENTED 2017 HURRICANE
SEASON**

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Emergency Response and Recovery: Central Takeaways from the Unprecedented 2017 Hurricane Season”. Testimony was heard from Chairman McCaul, and Representatives Gene Green of Texas, Rutherford, Lawson of Florida, González-Colón of Puerto Rico, and

Plaskett; William Long, Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency; Vice Admiral Karl Schultz, Commander, Coast Guard Atlantic Area; Major General Donald E. Jackson, Jr., Deputy Commanding General for Civil and Emergency Operations, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; and Pete Lopez, Regional Administrator for Region 2, Environmental Protection Agency.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 1133, the "Veterans Transplant Coverage Act of 2017"; H.R. 1900, the "National Veterans Memorial and Museum Act"; H.R. 2123, the "VETS Act of 2017"; H.R. 2601, the "VICTOR Act of 2017"; H.R. 3634, the "SERVE Act of 2017"; H.R. 3705, the "Veterans Fair Debt Notice Act of 2017"; H.R. 3949, the "VALOR Act"; and H.R. 4173, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to conduct a study on the Veterans Crisis Line. H.R. 1133, H.R. 1900, H.R. 2601, H.R. 3705, and H.R. 4173 were ordered reported, as amended. H.R. 2123, H.R. 3634, and H.R. 3949 were ordered reported, without amendment.

APPEARANCE OF CARTER W. PAGE

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Appearance of Carter W. Page". Testimony was heard from a public witness. This was an open hearing in a closed space.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2017

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Securities, and Investment, hearing entitled "Legislative Proposals to Improve Small Businesses' and Communities' Access to Capital", 9:15 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.