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House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 24 public bills, H.R. 4294–4317; and 1 resolution, H. Con. Res. 91, were introduced. **Pages H8660–61**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H8662–63**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 3071, to require executive agencies to consider equipment rental in any cost-effectiveness analysis for equipment acquisition, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115–402); and

H.R. 3244, to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide for annual surveys of Federal employees, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–403). **Page H8660**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Bacon to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H8599**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:57 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H8605**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Pastor Jeff Williams, Faith Community Church, Janesville, WI. **Page H8605**

Micro Offering Safe Harbor Act—Rule for Consideration: The House agreed to 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, by a yea-and-nay vote of 233 yeas to 190 nays, Roll No. 617, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 224 yeas to 190 nays, Roll No. 616. **Pages H8609–14**

Recess: The House recessed at 3:20 p.m. and reconvened at 4:30 p.m. **Page H8641**

Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow, November 9. **Page H8641**

Hydropower Policy Modernization Act of 2017: The House passed H.R. 3043, to modernize hydropower policy, by a recorded vote of 257 yeas to 166 noes, Roll No. 620. **Pages H8614–42**

Pursuant to the Rule, it shall be in order to consider as an original bill for the purpose of amend-

ment under the five-minute rule the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Energy and Commerce now printed in the bill. **Page H8630**

Agreed to:

Grothman amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 115–391) that requires the U.S. Department of Interior consider the threat of invasive species when it makes decisions on hydropower licensing; **Pages H8633–34**

Babin amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 115–391) that allows FERC to examine the licenses of any project located in an area that was declared by the President to be a disaster area in 2017; and **Page H8634**

Jenkins (WV) amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 115–391) that ensures that when hydro projects have an existing Memorandum of Understanding for non-federal hydropower with FERC that all relevant federal agencies are authorized to fully study and review the potential expansion of non-federal hydropower, including a review of seasonal pool levels and slowing flood releases. **Pages H8634–35**

Rejected:

Rush amendment in the nature of a substitute (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 115–391) that sought to add a new section to the Federal Power Act (FPA) to improve the hydropower licensing process; direct the Commission and the Federal resource agencies to convene a negotiated rulemaking within 90 days of enactment with state and local government representatives, Indian tribes, and stakeholders to develop a process that will coordinate all necessary Federal authorizations and enable the Commission to make a final decision on a license not later than 3 years of receiving a completed license application (by a recorded vote of 185 yeas to 234 noes, Roll No. 619). **Pages H8635–41, H8641–42**

H. Res. 607, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 3043) and (H.R. 3441) was agreed to yesterday, November 7th.

Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures. Consideration began Tuesday, November 7th.

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, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 420 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 618; and **Page H8614**

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, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 422 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 621. **Page H8643**

Senate Referrals: S. 1088 was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. S. 1015 was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce and the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs. **Page H8660**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H8609.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yeas-and-nays votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H8612–13, H8613–14, H8614, H8641–42, H8642, and H8643. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Committee Meetings

CLOSE TO HOME: HOW OPIOIDS ARE IMPACTING COMMUNITIES

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education; and Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Development held a joint hearing entitled “Close to Home: How Opioids are Impacting Communities”. Testimony was heard from Leana Wen, Commissioner, Baltimore City Health Department; David Cox, Superintendent, Allegany County, Maryland; and public witnesses.

MACRA AND ALTERNATIVE PAYMENT MODELS: DEVELOPING OPTIONS FOR VALUE-BASED CARE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “MACRA and Alternative Payment Models: Developing Options for Value-based Care”. Testimony was heard from Jeffrey Bailet, Chairperson, Physician-Focused Payment Model Technical Advisory Committee, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

ADMINISTRATION PRIORITIES FOR THE INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Monetary Policy and Trade held a hearing entitled “Administration Priorities for the International Financial Institutions”. Testimony was heard from David Malpass, Under Secretary for International Affairs, Department of the Treasury.

FINANCIAL INTELLIGENCE AND ENFORCEMENT: TREASURY’S ROLE IN SAFEGUARDING THE AMERICAN FINANCIAL SYSTEM

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Terrorism and Illicit Finance held a hearing entitled “Financial Intelligence and Enforcement: Treasury’s Role in Safeguarding the American Financial System”. Testimony was heard from Sigal Mandelker, Under Secretary for Terrorism and Financial Intelligence, Department of the Treasury.

THE PRESIDENT’S PLAN FOR AFGHANISTAN AND PAKISTAN: OBJECTIVES AND RESOURCES

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa; and Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific held a joint hearing entitled “The President’s Plan for Afghanistan and Pakistan: Objectives and Resources”. Testimony was heard from Alice G. Wells, Acting Assistant Secretary, Acting Special Representative for Afghanistan and Pakistan, Bureau of South and Central Asian Affairs, Department of State; and Gregory Huger, Assistant to the Administrator, Office of Afghanistan and Pakistan Affairs, U.S. Agency for International Development.

EXAMINING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE KINGPIN DESIGNATION ACT IN THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere held a hearing entitled “Examining the Effectiveness of the Kingpin Designation Act in the Western Hemisphere”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

PREVENTING THE NEXT ATTACK: TSA’S ROLE IN KEEPING OUR TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS SECURE

Committee on Homeland Security: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Preventing the Next Attack: TSA’s Role in Keeping Our Transportation Systems Secure”. Testimony was heard from David P. Pekoske, Administrator, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security.