

“Gabrielle Giffords-Leo J. Ryan Cloakroom”: The House agreed to discharge from committee and agree to H. Res. 615, designating the Democratic Cloakroom in the Hall of the House of Representatives as the “Gabrielle Giffords-Leo J. Ryan Cloakroom”.

Pages H9199–H9200

21st Century Flood Reform Act: The House passed H.R. 2874, to achieve reforms to improve the financial stability of the National Flood Insurance Program, to enhance the development of more accurate estimates of flood risk through new technology and better maps, to increase the role of private markets in the management of flood insurance risks, and to provide for alternative methods to insure against flood peril, by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 237 yeas to 189 nays, Roll No. 630.

Pages H9209–38

Rejected the Pascrell motion to recommit to the Committee on Financial Services with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 190 yeas to 236 nays, Roll No. 629.

Pages H9236–37

Pursuant to the Rule, the amendment printed in part A of H. Rept. 115–408, modified by the amendment printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–408, shall be considered as adopted, in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Financial Services now printed in the bill.

Pages H9191–H9209

H. Res. 616, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2874) and the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 2810) was agreed to by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 233 yeas to 187 nays, Roll No. 627, after the previous question was ordered by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 234 yeas to 189 nays, Roll No. 626.

Pages H9191–99

National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018: The House agreed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 2810, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2018 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, and to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 356 yeas to 70 nays, Roll No. 631.

Pages H9200–09, 238–39

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Recess: The House recessed at 7:22 p.m. and reconvened at 12:25 a.m.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H9191.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Six ye-a-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H9197–98, H9198–99, H9199, H9237, H9237–38, H9238–39. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 12:26 a.m. on Wednesday, November 15, 2017.

Committee Meetings

RESPONSE AND RECOVERY TO ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS FROM THE 2017 HURRICANE SEASON

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Environment held a hearing entitled “Response and Recovery to Environmental Concerns from the 2017 Hurricane Season”. Testimony was heard from Sam Coleman, Acting Regional Administrator, Region 6, Environmental Protection Agency; Trent Epperson, Assistant City Manager, Pearland, Texas; Trey Glenn, Regional Administrator, Region 4, Environmental Protection Agency; Peter Lopez, Regional Administrator, Region 2, Environmental Protection Agency; Bryan Shaw, Chairman, Texas Department of Environmental Quality; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee began a markup on H.R. 1153, the “Mortgage Choice Act of 2017”; H.R. 1638, the “Iranian Leadership Asset Transparency Act”; H.R. 3093, the “Investor Clarity and Bank Parity Act”; H.R. 3221, the “Securing Access to Affordable Mortgages Act”; H.R. 3299, the “Protecting Consumers’ Access to Credit Act of 2017”; H.R. 3978, the “TRID Improvement Act of 2017”; H.R. 4015, the “Corporate Governance Reform and Transparency Act of 2017”; H.R. 4247, the “Restoring Financial Market Freedom Act of 2017”; H.R. 4248, to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to repeal certain disclosure requirements related to conflict minerals, and for other purposes; H.R. 4258, the “Family Self-Sufficiency Act”; H.R. 4263, the “Regulation A+ Improvement Act of 2017”; H.R. 4267, the “Small Business Credit Availability Act”; H.R. 4270, the “Monetary Policy Transparency and Accountability Act of 2017”; H.R. 4278, the “Independence from Credit Policy Act of 2017”; H.R. 4279, the “Expanding Investment Opportunities Act”; H.R. 4281, the “Expanding Access to Capital for Rural Job Creators Act”; H.R. 4289, to amend the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act to repeal certain disclosure requirements related to coal and mine

safety; H.R. 4292, the “Financial Institution Living Will Improvement Act”; H.R. 4293, to reform the Comprehensive Capital Analysis and Review process, the Dodd-Frank Act Stress Test process, and for other purposes; H.R. 4294, the “Prevention of Private Information Dissemination Act of 2017”; H.R. 4296, to place requirements on operational risk capital requirements for banking organizations established by an appropriate Federal banking agency; H.R. 4302, the “Congressional Accountability for Emergency Lending Programs Act of 2017”; and H.R. 4324, the “Strengthening Oversight of Iran’s Access to Finance Act”.

LOOKING NORTH: ASSESSING THE CURRENT THREAT AT THE U.S.-CANADA BORDER

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Border and Maritime Security held a hearing entitled “Looking North: Assessing the Current Threat at the U.S.-Canada Border”. Testimony was heard from the following Department of Homeland Security officials: Michael Dougherty, Assistant Secretary for Border, Immigration, and Trade Policy, Office of Strategy, Policy, and Plans; Scott A. Luck, Acting Deputy Chief, Border Patrol; Kevin Kelly, Special Agent in Charge, Immigration and Customs Enforcement; and a public witness.

PREVENTING SEXUAL HARASSMENT IN THE CONGRESSIONAL WORKPLACE

Committee on House Administration: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Preventing Sexual Harassment in the Congressional Workplace”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Speier and Byrne; Gloria Lett, Counsel, Office of House Employment Counsel; and Barbara Childs Wallace, Chair, Board of Directors, Office of Compliance.

OVERSIGHT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Oversight of the Department of Justice”. Testimony was heard from Jefferson Sessions III, Attorney General, Department of Justice.

THE NEED FOR TRANSPARENT FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY IN TERRITORIES’ DISASTER RECOVERY EFFORTS

Committee on Natural Resources: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Need for Transparent Financial Accountability in Territories’ Disaster Recovery Efforts”. Testimony was heard from Ricardo Rosselló, Governor, Puerto Rico; and Kenneth Mapp, Governor, United States Virgin Islands.

REGULATORY REFORM TASK FORCES CHECK-IN: PART II

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Intergovernmental Affairs; and Subcommittee on Healthcare, Benefits, and Administrative Rules held a joint hearing entitled “Regulatory Reform Task Forces Check-In: Part II”. Testimony was heard from Rebeckah Adcock, Senior Advisor, Office of the Secretary, Department of Agriculture; Robert Eitel, Senior Counselor, Office of the Secretary, Department of Education; and Charles Keckler, Associate Deputy Secretary, Office of the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services.

TAX CUTS AND JOBS ACT

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 1, the “Tax Cuts and Jobs Act”. The Committee granted, by record vote of 8–3, a closed rule for H.R. 1. The rule provides four hours of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 115–39 shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. The rule provides that clause 5(b) of rule XXI shall not apply to the bill or amendments thereto. In section 2, the rule provides that upon passage of H.R. 1, the amendment to the title of such bill recommended by the Committee on Ways and Means now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted. In section 3, the rule provides that on any legislative day during the period from November 17, 2017, through November 27, 2017: the Journal of the proceedings of the previous day shall be considered as approved; and the Chair may at any time declare the House adjourned to meet at a date and time to be announced by the Chair in declaring the adjournment. Finally, section 4 of the rule provides that the Speaker may appoint Members to perform the duties of the Chair for the duration of the period addressed by section 3. Testimony was heard from Chairman Brady of Texas and Representatives Neal, Doggett, Barton, Hultgren, King of Iowa, McClintock, Walker, Jackson Lee, and Polis.

BOLSTERING THE GOVERNMENT'S CYBERSECURITY: A SURVEY OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE DHS DIRECTIVE

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing entitled “Bolstering the Government’s Cybersecurity: A Survey of Compliance with the DHS Directive”. Testimony was heard from Jeanette Manfra, Assistant Secretary, Cybersecurity and Communications, National Protection and Programs Directorate, Department of Homeland Security; Renee Wynn, Chief Information Officer, National Aeronautics and Space Administration; Essye Miller, Deputy Chief Information Officer for Cybersecurity, Department of Defense; and a public witness.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 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 Department of Veterans Affairs efforts to prevent and combat opioid over medication, 2:30 p.m., SD-124.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: business meeting to consider, pursuant to H. Con. Res. 71, the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2018, reconciliation legislation to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to establish and administer a competitive oil and gas program in the non-wilderness portion of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, known as the “1002 Area” or Coastal Plain, 9 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings to examine promoting American leadership in reducing air emissions through innovation, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: business meeting to continue consideration of an original bill entitled, “Tax Cuts and Jobs Act”, 9 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine encouraging healthy communities, focusing on perspective from the Surgeon General, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Mitchell Zais, of South Carolina, to be Deputy Secretary, and James Blew, of California, to be Assistant Secretary for Planning, Evaluation, and Policy Development, both of the Department of Education, and Kate S. O’Scannlain, of Maryland, to be Solicitor, and Preston Rutledge, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary, both of the Department of Labor, 2:30 p.m., SD-430.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of James C. Ho, of Texas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit, Don R. Willett, of Texas, to be a Circuit Judge, United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, Claria Horn Boom, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern and Western Districts of Kentucky, John W. Broomes, to be United States District Judge for the District of Kansas, Rebecca Grady Jennings, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Kentucky, and Robert Earl Wier, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Kentucky, 10 a.m., SD-226.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, hearing entitled “2018 Veterans Affairs Electronic Health Record”, 9:30 a.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Examining the Policies and Priorities of the U.S. Department of Labor”, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Environment, markup on H.R. 1917, the “Blocking Regulatory Interference from Closing Kilns Act of 2017”; H.R. 453, the “Relief from New Source Performance Standards Act of 2017”; H.R. 350, the “Recognizing the Protection of Motorsports Act of 2017”; and H.R. 1119, the “Satisfying Energy Needs and Saving the Environment Act”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Full Committee, continue markup on H.R. 1153, the “Mortgage Choice Act of 2017”; H.R. 1638, the “Iranian Leadership Asset Transparency Act”; H.R. 3093, the “Investor Clarity and Bank Parity Act”; H.R. 3221, the “Securing Access to Affordable Mortgages Act”; H.R. 3299, the “Protecting Consumers’ Access to Credit Act of 2017”; H.R. 3978, the “TRID Improvement Act of 2017”; H.R. 4015, the “Corporate Governance Reform and Transparency Act of 2017”; H.R. 4247, the “Restoring Financial Market Freedom Act of 2017”; H.R. 4248, to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to repeal certain disclosure requirements related to conflict minerals, and for other purposes; H.R. 4258, the “Family Self-Sufficiency Act”; H.R. 4263, the “Regulation A+ Improvement Act of 2017”; H.R. 4267, the “Small Business Credit Availability Act”; H.R. 4270, the “Monetary Policy Transparency and Accountability Act of 2017”; H.R. 4278, the “Independence from Credit Policy Act of 2017”; H.R. 4279, the “Expanding Investment Opportunities Act”; H.R. 4281, the “Expanding Access to Capital for Rural Job Creators Act”; H.R. 4289, to amend the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act to repeal certain disclosure requirements related to coal and mine safety; H.R. 4292, the “Financial Institution Living Will Improvement Act”; H.R. 4293, to reform the Comprehensive Capital Analysis and Review process, the Dodd-Frank Act Stress Test process, and for other purposes; H.R. 4294, the “Prevention of Private Information Dissemination Act of 2017”; H.R. 4296, to place requirements on