

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.

EXAMINING ANTI-SEMITISM ON COLLEGE CAMPUSES

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Examining Anti-Semitism on College Campuses”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY AND THE INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY SYSTEM

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet held a hearing entitled “Sovereign Immunity and the Intellectual Property System”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

EXAMINING CHALLENGES IN PUERTO RICO’S RECOVERY AND THE ROLE OF THE FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT AND MANAGEMENT BOARD

Committee on Natural Resources: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Examining Challenges in Puerto Rico’s Recovery and the Role of the Financial Oversight and Management Board”. Testimony was heard from Natalie Jaresko, Executive Director, Financial Oversight and Management Board for Puerto Rico; Noel Zamot, Revitalization Coordinator, Financial Oversight and Management Board for Puerto Rico; and Angel Pérez Otero, Mayor, Guaynabo, Puerto Rico.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURE

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a hearing on legislation to distribute revenues from oil and gas leasing on the outer Continental Shelf to certain coastal States, to require sale of approved and scheduled offshore oil and gas leases, to establish offshore wind lease sale requirements, and to empower States to manage the development and production of oil and gas on available Federal land, and for other purposes. Testimony was heard from Lynn Helms, Director, North Dakota Industrial Commission, Department of Mineral Resources; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Full Committee began a markup on H.R. 995, the “21st Century Respect Act”; H.R. 1532, the “Poarch Band of Creek Indians Land Reaffirmation Act”; H.R. 1800, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to transfer certain Federal land to facilitate scientific research supporting Federal space and defense programs; H.R. 2504, to ensure fair treatment in licensing requirements for the export of certain echinoderms; H.R. 2907, the “Planning for American Energy Act of 2017”; H.R. 3469, to designate the bridge located in Blount County, Tennessee, on the Foothills Parkway (commonly known as “Bridge 2”) as the “Dean Stone Bridge”; H.R. 3905, the “Minnesota’s Economic Rights in the Superior National Forest Act”; H.R. 4239, the “SECURE American Energy 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.

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MICRO OFFERING SAFE HARBOR ACT

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 2201, the “Micro Offering Safe Harbor Act”. The Committee granted, by record vote of 9–4, a structured rule for H.R. 2201. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Financial Services. 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 makes in order only the amendment printed in the Rules Committee report, if offered by the Member designated in the report, which shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment printed in the report. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Hensarling and Representative Maxine Waters of California.

INVESTING IN SMALL BUSINESSES: THE SBIC PROGRAM

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Energy, and Trade held a hearing entitled “Investing in Small Businesses: The SBIC Program”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Ways and Means: Full Committee continued a markup on H.R. 1, the “Tax Cuts and Jobs Act”.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2017

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: business meeting to consider S. 1693, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to clarify that section 230 of that