

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed S.J. Res. 24, Carbon Pollution Emission Resolution.

Senate passed S.J. Res. 23, Greenhouse Gas Emissions Resolution.

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Twelve bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2284–2295, S.J. Res. 25, and S. Res. 314. **Pages S8020–21**

Measures Reported:

H.R. 515, to protect children from exploitation, especially sex trafficking in tourism, by providing advance notice of intended travel by registered child-sex offenders outside the United States to the government of the country of destination, requesting foreign governments to notify the United States when a known child-sex offender is seeking to enter the United States, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. Res. 310, condemning the ongoing sexual violence against women and children from Yezidi, Christian, Shabak, Turkmen, and other religious communities by Islamic State of Iraq and Syria militants and urging the prosecution of the perpetrators and those complicit in these crimes.

S. 2184, to direct the President to establish guidelines for United States foreign development and economic assistance programs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

Measures Passed:

Carbon Pollution Emission Resolution: By 52 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. 306), Senate passed S.J. Res. 24, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of a rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to “Carbon Pollution Emission Guidelines for Existing Stationary Sources: Electric Utility Generating Units”, after agreeing to the motion to proceed. **Pages S7979–S8012**

Greenhouse Gas Emissions Resolution: By 52 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. 307), Senate passed S.J. Res. 23, providing for congressional disapproval

under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of a rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to “Standards of Performance for Greenhouse Gas Emissions from New, Modified, and Reconstructed Stationary Sources: Electric Utility Generating Units”, after agreeing to the motion to proceed. **Page S8012**

Hezbollah International Financing Prevention Act: Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 2297, to prevent Hizballah and associated entities from gaining access to international financial and other institutions, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendments proposed thereto: **Page S8027**

Daines (for Rubio) Amendment No. 2810, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S8027**

Daines (for Rubio/Shahen) Amendment No. 2811, to amend the title. **Page S8027**

Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2016—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the cloture motion with respect to the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 2577, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, be withdrawn; and that at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, in concurrence with the Democratic Leader, Senate begin consideration of the bill. **Page S8027**

Message from the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, the 2015 National Drug Control Strategy; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (PM–32) **Page S8014**

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—307)	Page S8012

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:48 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, November 18, 2015. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8027.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE REFORM

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Department of Defense reform, focusing on overcoming obstacles to effective management, after receiving testimony from Major General Arnold L. Punaro, USMC (Ret.), Member, and Richard V. Spencer, former Member, both of the Defense Business Board; David M. Walker, former Comptroller General of the United States, PricewaterhouseCoopers' Public Sector Practice; and Lisa Bisaccia, CVS Health.

WILDLAND FIRE MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine past wildfire seasons to inform and improve future Federal wildland fire management strategies, focusing on agencies' efforts to assess program effectiveness and modernize the firefighting aviation fleet, after receiving testimony from Anne-Marie Fennell, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, Government Accountability Office; John Maisch, Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Fairbanks, on behalf of the National Association of State Foresters; William Wallace Covington, Northern Arizona University Ecological Restoration Institute, Flagstaff; Richard Zerkel, Lynden Air Cargo, LLC, Anchorage, Alaska; Mike Burnett, Chelan County Fire District 1,

Wenatchee, Washington; and Jon Wyss, Okanogan County Long Term Recovery Group, Brewster, Washington.

PHYSICIAN OWNED DISTRIBUTORS

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine physician owned distributors, focusing on whether they are harmful to patients and payers, after receiving testimony from Scott Lederhaus, Association for Medical Ethics, Monarch Beach, California; John Steinmann, American Association of Surgical Distributors, Redlands, California; Suzie Draper, Intermountain Healthcare, Salt Lake City, Utah; and Kevin Reynolds, Ventura, California.

NORTH KOREA

Committee on Foreign Relations: On Monday, November 16, 2015, Committee received a closed briefing on United States policy tools to combat North Korea's nuclear and ballistic missile capabilities from Sung Kim, Special Representative for North Korea Policy, Department of State; and Andrea Hall, National Intelligence Officer for WMD, Office of the Director of National Intelligence.

U.S. OVERSEAS BROADCASTING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine options for reforming United States overseas broadcasting, after receiving testimony from John Lansing, CEO and Director, Jeff Shell, Chairman, and Kenneth R. Weinstein, Member, all of the Broadcasting Board of Governors; Enders Wimbush, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Washington, D.C.; and Kevin Klose, University of Maryland Philip Merrill College of Journalism, College Park.

NOMINATION

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Robert McKinnon Califf, of South Carolina, to be Commissioner of Food and Drugs, Department of Health and Human Services, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Burr, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

LAW ENFORCEMENT AND THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Oversight, Agency Action, Federal Rights and Federal Courts concluded a hearing to examine the relationship between the Federal government and state and local law enforcement, after receiving testimony from Vanita Gupta, Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, and Ronald L. Davis, Director, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, both of the Department of Justice; Heather

Mac Donald, Manhattan Institute, and Andrew C. McCarthy, National Review Institute, both of New York, New York; Cedric Alexander, DeKalb County Police Department, DeKalb County, Georgia, on behalf of the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives; and Sherrilyn Ifill, NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc., John P. Walters, Hudson Institute Center for Substance Abuse Policy Research, and Robert N. Driscoll, McGlinchey Stafford PLLC, all of Washington, D.C.

NOMINATION

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Michael Joseph Missal, of Maryland, to be Inspector General, Department of Veterans Affairs, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Blumenthal, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intel-

ligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

DRUG TRAFFICKING ACROSS THE SOUTHWEST BORDER

United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control: Caucus concluded a hearing to examine drug trafficking across the Southwest Border and oversight of United States counterdrug assistance to Mexico, including S. 32 and H.R. 3380, bills to provide the Department of Justice with additional tools to target extraterritorial drug trafficking activity, after receiving testimony from Michael P. Botticelli, Director, Office of National Drug Control Policy; William R. Brownfield, Assistant Secretary of State for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs; Jack Riley, Acting Deputy Administrator, Drug Enforcement Administration, Department of Justice; and Todd C. Owen, Assistant Commissioner, Office of Field Operations, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 32 public bills, H.R. 4023–4054; and 1 resolution, H. Res. 530, were introduced. **Pages H8279–80**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H8281–82**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 529, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1210) to amend the Truth in Lending Act to provide a safe harbor from certain requirements related to qualified mortgages for residential mortgage loans held on an originating depository institution's portfolio, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3189) to amend the Federal Reserve Act to establish requirements for policy rules and blackout periods of the Federal Open Market Committee, to establish requirements for certain activities of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, and to amend title 31, United States Code, to reform the manner in which the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System is audited, and for other purposes; and providing for proceedings during the period from November 20, 2015, through November 27, 2015 (H. Rept. 114–341). **Page H8279**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Fleischmann to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H8245**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:50 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H8250**

Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures which were debated on Monday, November 16th:

Fairness to Veterans for Infrastructure Investment Act of 2015: H.R. 1694, to amend MAP–21 to improve contracting opportunities for veteran-owned small business concerns, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 285 yeas to 138 nays, Roll No. 631; and

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Providing funds to the Army Corps of Engineers to hire veterans and members of the Armed Forces to assist the Corps with curation and historic preservation activities: H.R. 3114, amended, to provide funds to the Army Corps of Engineers to hire veterans and members of the Armed Forces to assist the Corps with curation and historic preservation activities, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 422 yeas to 3 nays, Roll No. 632. **Page H8260**

Tribal Labor Sovereignty Act of 2015: The House passed H.R. 511, to clarify the rights of Indians and

Indian tribes on Indian lands under the National Labor Relations Act, by a yea-and-nay vote of 249 yeas to 177 nays, Roll No. 633.

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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. 526, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 1737) and (H.R. 511) was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 243 yeas to 181 nays, Roll No. 630, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 245 yeas to 178 nays, Roll No. 629.

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Pursuant to section 3 of House Resolution 526, the House shall be considered to have: (1) taken from the Speaker's table the bill (S. 1177) to reauthorize the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to ensure that every child achieves; (2) stricken all after the enacting clause of such bill and inserted in lieu thereof the provisions of H.R. 5, as passed by the House; and (3) passed the Senate bill as so amended. Additionally, it shall be in order for the chair of the Committee on Education and the Workforce or his designee to move that the House insist on its amendment to S. 1177 and request a conference with the Senate thereon.

Every Child Achieves Act of 2015—Motion to go to Conference: Pursuant to H. Res. 526, the House agreed to the Kline motion to take from the Speaker's table the bill (S. 1177) to reauthorize the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to ensure that every child achieves, insist on the House amendment, and request a conference with the Senate thereon, by voice vote.

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The Chair appointed the following Members of the House to the conference committee on the bill: Representatives Kline, Foxx, Roe (TN), Thompson (PA), Guthrie, Rokita, Messer, Grothman, Russell, Curbelo (FL), Scott (VA), Davis (CA), Fudge, Polis, Wilson (FL), Bonamici, and Clark (MA).

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

Condemning in the strongest terms the terrorist attacks in Paris, France, on November 13, 2015: H. Res. 524, amended, condemning in the strongest terms the terrorist attacks in Paris, France, on November 13, 2015, that resulted in the loss of at least 129 lives.

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Recess: The House recessed at 4:16 p.m. and reconvened at 5:21 p.m.

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Recess: The House recessed at 5:26 p.m. and reconvened at 10:10 p.m.

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Additional Conferees: The Chair announced the appointment of the following additional conferees on H.R. 22, to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs:

From the Committee on Armed Services, for consideration of sec. 1111 of the House amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Thornberry, Rogers (AL), and Loretta Sanchez (CA).

From the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for consideration of secs. 1109, 1201, 1202, 3003, Division B, secs. 31101, 31201, and Division F of the House amendment and secs. 11005, 11006, 11013, 21003, 21004, subtitles B and D of title XXXIV, secs. 51101 and 51201 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Upton, Mullin, and Pallone.

From the Committee on Financial Services, for consideration of sec. 32202 and Division G of the House amendment and secs. 52203 and 52205 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Hensarling, Neugebauer, and Maxine Waters (CA).

From the Committee on the Judiciary, for consideration of secs. 1313, 24406, and 43001 of the House amendment and secs. 32502 and 35437 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Goodlatte, Marino, and Lofgren.

From the Committee on Natural Resources, for consideration of secs. 1114–16, 1120, 1301, 1302, 1304, 1305, 1307, 1308, 1310–1313, 1316, 1317, 10001, and 10002 of the House amendment and secs. 11024–27, 11101–13, 11116–18, 15006, 31103–05, and 73103 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Thompson (PA), LaHood, and Grijalva.

From the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, for consideration of secs. 5106, 5223, 5504, 5505, 61003, and 61004 of the House amendment and secs. 12004, 21019, 31203, 32401, 32508, 32606, 35203, 35311, and 35212 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Mica, Hurd (TX), and Connolly.

From the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, for consideration of secs. 3008, 3015, 4003, and title VI of the House amendment and secs. 11001, 12001, 12002, 12004, 12102, 21009, 21017, subtitle B of title XXXI, secs. 35105 and 72003 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Smith (TX), Comstock, and Edwards.

From the Committee on Ways and Means, for consideration of secs. 31101, 31201, and 31203 of

the House amendment, and secs. 51101, 51201, 51203, 52101, 52103–05, 52108, 62001, and 74001 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Brady (TX), Reichert, and Levin.

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Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted the 2015 National Drug Control Strategy—referred to the Committees on Agriculture, Armed Services, Education and the Workforce, Energy and Commerce, Financial Services, Foreign Affairs, Homeland Security, the Judiciary, Natural Resources, Oversight and Government Reform, Transportation and Infrastructure, Veterans Affairs, Ways and Means, and the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 114–79).

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Five yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H8258, H8258–59, H8259–60, H8260, and H8272. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Committee Meetings

U.S. INTERNATIONAL FOOD AID PROGRAMS: TRANSPORTATION PERSPECTIVES

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Livestock and Foreign Agriculture; and the Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation of the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, held a joint hearing entitled “U.S. International Food Aid Programs: Transportation Perspectives”. Testimony was heard from David J. Berteau, Assistant Secretary of Defense, Logistics and Material Readiness, Department of Defense; Paul N. (Chip) Jaenichen, Sr., Administrator, Maritime Administration; and public witnesses.

EXAMINING THE REGULATION OF DIAGNOSTIC TESTS AND LABORATORY OPERATIONS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Examining the Regulation of Diagnostic Tests and Laboratory Operations”. Testimony was heard from Jeffrey Shuren, Director, Center for Devices and Radiological Health, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; and Patrick Conway, Deputy Administrator for Innovation and Quality and Chief Medical Officer, Office of the Administrator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services.

OVERSIGHT OF THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Communications and Technology held a hearing entitled “Oversight of the Federal Communications Commission”. Testimony was heard from the following Federal Communications Commission officials: Tom Wheeler, Chairman; Mignon Clyburn, Commissioner; Jessica Rosenworcel, Commissioner; Ajit Pai, Commissioner; and Michael O’Rielly, Commissioner.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Full Committee began a markup on H.R. 1321, the “Microbead-Free Waters Act of 2015”; H.R. 2017, the “Common Sense Nutrition Disclosure Act of 2015”; H.R. 3014, the “Medical Controlled Substances Transportation Act”; H.R. 3537, the “Synthetic Drug Control Act of 2015”; H.R. 3716, the “Ensuring Terminated Providers Are Removed from Medicaid and CHIP Act”; H.R. 3821, the “Medicaid Directory of Caregivers Act”; H. J. Res. 71, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of a rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to “Standards of Performance for Greenhouse Gas Emissions from New, Modified, and Reconstructed Stationary Sources: Electric Utility Generating Units”; H.J. Res. 72, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of a rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to “Carbon Pollution Emission Guidelines for Existing Stationary Sources: Electric Utility Generating Units”; and S. 611, the “Grassroots Rural and Small Community Water Systems Assistance Act”.

DODD-FRANK FIVE YEARS LATER: WHAT HAVE WE LEARNED FROM CONFLICT MINERALS REPORTING?

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Monetary Policy and Trade held a hearing entitled “Dodd-Frank Five Years Later: What Have We Learned from Conflict Minerals Reporting?”. Testimony was heard from Kimberly Gianopoulos, Director for International Trade, Government Accountability Office; Evode Imena, Minister of Mines, Ministry of Natural Resources, Republic of Rwanda; and public witnesses.

WOMEN AND TECHNOLOGY: INCREASING OPPORTUNITY AND DRIVING INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Women and Technology: Increasing Opportunity and Driving International Development”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

TERRORIST FINANCING: KIDNAPPING, ANTIQUITIES TRAFFICKING, AND PRIVATE DONATIONS

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade held a hearing entitled “Terrorist Financing: Kidnapping, Antiquities Trafficking, and Private Donations”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

CHARTING THE ARCTIC: SECURITY, ECONOMIC, AND RESOURCE OPPORTUNITIES

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Europe, Eurasia and Emerging Threats; and Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, held a joint hearing entitled “Charting the Arctic: Security, Economic, and Resource Opportunities”. Testimony was heard from Admiral Robert Papp, Jr., USCG, Retired, U.S. Special Representative for the Arctic, Department of State; Rear Admiral Timothy C. Galaudet, USN, Oceanographer and Navigator, Department of Defense; and Vice Admiral Charles D. Michel, USCG, Vice Commandant, Department of Homeland Security.

ASSESSING TSA’S MANAGEMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SCREENING PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Transportation Security held a hearing entitled “Assessing TSA’s Management and Implementation of the Screening Partnership Program”. Testimony was heard from Jennifer Grover, Director, Homeland Security and Justice, Government Accountability Office; and Carolyn Dorough, Director, Screening Partnership Program, Office of Security Operations, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security.

OVERSIGHT OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Oversight of the United States Department of Justice”. Testimony was heard from Loretta E. Lynch, Attorney General, Department of Justice.

THE STATE OF COMPETITION IN THE PHARMACY BENEFITS MANAGER AND PHARMACY MARKETPLACES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law held a hearing entitled “The State of Competition in the Pharmacy Benefits Manager and Pharmacy Marketplaces”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION: INFORMATION SECURITY REVIEW

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “U.S. Department of Education: Information Security Review”. Testimony was heard from Greg Wilshusen, Director, Information Security Issues, Government Accountability Office; Kathleen S. Tighe, Inspector General, Department of Education; and Danny A. Harris, Chief Information Officer, Department of Education.

PORTFOLIO LENDING AND MORTGAGE ACCESS ACT; FORM ACT OF 2015

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 1210, the “Portfolio Lending and Mortgage Access Act”; and H.R. 3189, the “FORM Act of 2015”. The committee granted, by record vote of 7–1, a structured rule for H.R. 1210. 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 an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 114–34 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 makes in order only the amendment to H.R. 1210 printed in part A of the Rules Committee report, if offered by Representative Norcross of New Jersey, or his designee, which shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for 10 minutes 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 part A of the report. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Additionally, the rule grants a structured rule for H.R. 3189. The rule provides one hour of general 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 an amendment in the nature of a

substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 114–35, modified by the amendment printed in part B of the Rules Committee report, 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 makes in order only those further amendments to H.R. 3189 printed in part C of the Rules Committee report. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, 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 amendments printed in part C of the report. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. In section 3, the rule provides that on any legislative day during the period from November 20, 2015, through November 27, 2015: 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, in section 4, 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 Hensarling and Representative Maxine Waters of California.

EXPLORING COMMERCIAL OPPORTUNITIES TO MAXIMIZE EARTH SCIENCE INVESTMENTS

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Space; and Subcommittee on Environment, held a joint hearing entitled “Exploring Commercial Opportunities to Maximize Earth Science Investments”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

NATIONAL ENTREPRENEURS’ DAY

Committee on Small Business: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “National Entrepreneurs’ Day”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on H.R. 1319, the “Ask Veterans Act”; H.R. 1603, the “Military Sexual Assault Victims Empowerment Act”; H.R. 1904, the “Wounded Warrior Workforce Enhancement Act”; H.R. 2639, the “Marriage and Family Therapists for Veterans Act”; H.R. 3234, the “Failing VA Medical Center Recovery Act”; H.R. 3471, the “Veterans

Mobility Safety Act of 2015”; H.R. 3549, the “VA Billing Accountability Act”; draft of the “Promoting Responsible Opioid Management and Incorporating Medical Expertise Act”; and the “VA Purchased Health Care Streamlining and Modernization Act”. Testimony was heard from Representatives O’Rourke; Barr; Cartwright; Peters; Roby; Walorski; and Bilirakis; Janet Murphy, Acting Deputy Under Secretary for Health for Operations and Management, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

MOVING AMERICA’S FAMILIES FORWARD: LESSONS LEARNED FROM WELFARE REFORMS IN OTHER COUNTRIES

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Human Resources held a hearing entitled “Moving America’s Families Forward: Lessons Learned from Welfare Reforms in Other Countries”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

SECRET SERVICE

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs and Federal Management concluded joint hearings with the House Committee on Homeland Security Subcommittee on Oversight and Management Efficiency to examine ongoing challenges at the Secret Service and their government-wide implications, after receiving testimony from Joseph P. Clancy, Director, Secret Service, and John Roth, Inspector General, both of the Department of Homeland Security; and Joel C. Willemssen, Managing Director, Information Technology, Government Accountability Office.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2015

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on SeaPower, to receive a closed briefing on undersea critical infrastructure protection, 9:30 a.m., SVC–217.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: business meeting to consider S. 571, to amend the Pilot’s Bill of Rights to facilitate appeals and to apply to other certificates issued by the Federal Aviation Administration, to require the revision of the third class medical certification regulations issued by the Federal Aviation Administration, S. 1143, to make the authority of States of Washington, Oregon, and California to manage Dungeness crab fishery permanent and for other purposes, S. 1518, to make exclusive the authority of the Federal Government to regulate the labeling of products made in the United States and introduced in interstate or foreign commerce,

S. 1685, to direct the Federal Communications Commission to extend to private land use restrictions its rule relating to reasonable accommodation of amateur service communications, S. 1886, to reauthorize the Integrated Coastal and Ocean Observation System Act of 2009 and for other purposes, S. 1916, to include skilled nursing facilities as a type of health care provider under section 254(h) of the Communications Act of 1934, S. 2044, to prohibit the use of certain clauses in form contracts that restrict the ability of a consumer to communicate regarding the goods or services offered in interstate commerce that were the subject of the contract, S. 2206, to reduce the incidence of sexual harassment and assault at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, to reauthorize the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Officer Corps Act of 2002, and to reauthorize the Hydrographic Services Improvement Act of 1998, the nominations of Anthony Rosario Coscia, of New Jersey, to be a Director of the Amtrak Board of Directors for a term of five years (Reappointment), and Derek Tai-Ching Kan, of California, to be a Director of the Amtrak Board of Directors for a term of five years, and routine lists in the Coast Guard, 11 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings to examine the international climate negotiations, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to receive a closed briefing on the aftermath of Paris, focusing on America's role, 10 a.m., SH-219.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: business meeting to consider H.R. 2820, to reauthorize the Stem Cell Therapeutic and Research Act of 2005, S. 1719, to provide for the establishment and maintenance of a National Family Caregiving Strategy, and the nominations of Victoria A. Lipnic, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission for a term expiring July 1, 2020 (Reappointment), and Michael Herman Michaud, of Maine, to be Assistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans' Employment and Training, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Indian Affairs: business meeting to consider S. 817, to provide for the addition of certain real property to the reservation of the Siletz Tribe in the State of Oregon, and S. 818, to amend the Grand Ronde Reservation Act to make technical corrections; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine S. 410, to strengthen Indian education, S. 1163, to amend the Native American Programs Act of 1974 to provide flexibility and reauthorization to ensure the survival and continuing vitality of Native American languages, and S. 1928, to support the education of Indian children, 2:15 p.m., SD-628.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine National Adoption Month, focusing on stories of success and meeting the challenges of international adoptions, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: to hold hearings to examine S. 2106, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to develop and publish an action plan for improving the vocational rehabilitation services and assistance provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs, S. 2134, to re-

quire the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program to provide educational assistance to certain former members of the Armed Forces for education and training as physician assistants of the Department of Veterans Affairs, to establish pay grades and require competitive pay for physician assistants of the Department, S. 2170, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the ability of health care professionals to treat veterans through the use of telemedicine, S. 2253, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide veterans affected by closures of educational institutions certain relief and restoration of educational benefits, and an original bill entitled, "Veterans Affairs Patient Protection Act", 2:30 p.m., SR-418.

House

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