

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 56 public bills, H.R. 238–293; and 7 resolutions, H.J. Res. 14–18; H. Con. Res. 4–5, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 22, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 26) to amend chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, to provide that major rules of the executive branch shall have no force or effect unless a joint resolution of approval is enacted into law, and providing for consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 11) objecting to United Nations Security Council Resolution 2334 as an obstacle to Israeli-Palestinian peace, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115–1).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Thompson (PA) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 10:30 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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

Approving the location of a memorial to commemorate and honor the members of the Armed Forces who served on active duty in support of Operation Desert Storm or Operation Desert Shield: H.J. Res. 3, approving the location of a memorial to commemorate and honor the members of the Armed Forces who served on active duty in support of Operation Desert Storm or Operation Desert Shield;

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Taxpayers Right-To-Know Act: H.R. 71, to provide taxpayers with an annual report disclosing the cost and performance of Government programs and areas of duplication among them;

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Presidential Library Donation Reform Act of 2017: H.R. 73, to amend title 44, United States Code, to require information on contributors to Presidential library fundraising organizations;

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Federal Advisory Committee Act Amendments of 2017: H.R. 70, to amend the Federal Advisory Committee Act to increase the transparency of Federal advisory committees;

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GAO Access and Oversight Act of 2017: H.R. 72, to ensure the Government Accountability Office has adequate access to information; and

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Thoroughly Investigating Retaliation Against Whistleblowers Act: H.R. 69, to reauthorize the Office of Special Counsel, to amend title 5, United States Code, and to provide modifications to authorities relating to the Office of Special Counsel.

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Recess: The House recessed at 2:53 p.m. and reconvened at 4:15 p.m.

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Midnight Rules Relief Act of 2017: The House passed H.R. 21, to amend chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, and to provide for en bloc consideration in resolutions of disapproval for “midnight rules”, by a recorded vote of 238 ayes to 184 noes, Roll No. 8.

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Rejected the Castor (FL) motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on the Judiciary with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a yea-and-nay vote of 183 yeas to 236 nays, Roll No. 7.

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H. Res. 5, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 21) was agreed to yesterday, January 3rd.

Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 10 a.m. tomorrow, January 5.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H86 and H87. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:02 p.m.

Committee Meetings

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING;
REGULATIONS FROM THE EXECUTIVE IN
NEED OF SCRUTINY ACT OF 2017;
RESOLUTION OBJECTING TO UNITED
NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL
RESOLUTION 2334 AS AN OBSTACLE TO
ISRAEL-PALESTINIAN PEACE, AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held an organizational meeting for the 115th Congress; and hearing on H.R. 26, the “Regulations from the Executive in Need of Scrutiny Act of 2017”; and H. Res. 11, objecting to United Nations Security Council Resolution 2334 as an obstacle to Israeli-Palestinian peace, and for other purposes. The committee adopted rules of procedure for the 115th Congress and subcommittee ratios. The committee granted, by voice

vote, a structured rule for H.R. 26. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the Majority Leader and the Minority Leader or their respective designees. 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 those amendments printed in 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 the report. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Additionally, the rule grants a closed rule for H. Res. 11. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the resolution. The rule provides that the resolution shall be considered as read and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. Testimony was heard from Chairman Goodlatte, Chairman Royce of California, and Representatives Johnson of Georgia, Biggs, Young of Iowa, Engel, Connolly, and Price of North Carolina.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1159)

H.R. 6452, to implement the Convention on the Conservation and Management of High Seas Fisheries Resources in the North Pacific Ocean, to implement the Convention on the Conservation and Management of High Seas Fishery Resources in the South Pacific Ocean. Signed on December 16, 2016. (Public Law 114–327)

S. 2943, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2017 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year. Signed on December 23, 2016. (Public Law 114–328)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JANUARY 5, 2017

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine foreign cyber threats to the United States, 9:30 a.m., SD–G50.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to receive a closed briefing on recent administration actions in response to Russian hacking and harassment of United States diplomats, 3 p.m., SVC–217.

Select Committee on Intelligence: closed business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 2 p.m., SH–219.

House

No hearings are scheduled.