

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1641–S1674

Measures Introduced: Eleven bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3423–3433, and S. Res. 537–538. **Page S1672**

Measures Considered:

Advanced Geothermal Innovation Leadership Act: Senate continued consideration of S. 2657, to support innovation in advanced geothermal research and development, taking action on the following amendments and motions proposed thereto:

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Pending:

Murkowski Modified Amendment No. 1407, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S1644**

Portman/Shahen Amendment No. 1514 (to Amendment No. 1407), to establish greater energy efficiency and cost-effectiveness in building codes.

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Shahen Amendment No. 1525 (to Amendment No. 1514), to modify the authorization of appropriations for cost-effective codes implementation for efficiency and resilience. **Page S1644**

Borrower Defense Institutional Accountability—Agreement: Senate began consideration of S.J. Res. 56, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of Education relating to “Borrower Defense Institutional Accountability”.

Pages S1658–60, S1660–65

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to discharge the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions from further consideration of the joint resolution. **Page S1669**

By 55 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. 69), Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to consideration of the joint resolution. **Pages S1659–60**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the joint resolution at approximately 10 a.m., on Wednesday,

March 11, 2020, and that all time expire at 12 noon. **Page S1675**

House Messages:

Broadband DATA Act: Senate agreed to the motion to concur in the amendment of the House of Representatives to S. 1822, to require the Federal Communications Commission to issue rules relating to the collection of data with respect to the availability of broadband services. **Page S1660**

Danly Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of James P. Danly, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. **Page S1658**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Thursday, March 12, 2020. **Page S1658**

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S1658**

Messages from the House: **Page S1669**

Measures Referred: **Page S1669**

Measures Placed on the Calendar: **Page S1669**

Executive Communications: **Pages S1669–71**

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Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions: **Page S1674**

Additional Statements: **Pages S1668–69**

Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Pages S1674–75**

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—69) **Page S1660**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:37 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, March 11, 2020. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S1675.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: FCC

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2021 for the Federal Communications Commission, after receiving testimony from Ajit Pai, Chairman, and Jessica Rosenworcel, Geoffrey Starks, and Brendan Carr, each a Commissioner, all of the Federal Communications Commission.

THE SAHEL

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs concluded a hearing to examine fragility in the Sahel, after receiving testimony from Mark Green, Administrator, U.S. Agency for International Development; and David Hale, Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Matthew P. Donovan, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary for Personnel and Readiness, and William Jordan Gillis, of Georgia, who was introduced by Senator Perdue, and Victor G. Mercado, of California, both to be an Assistant Secretary, all of the Department of Defense, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

CFPB SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT TO CONGRESS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau's semi-annual report to Congress, after receiving testimony from Kathleen L. Kraninger, Director, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR BUDGET

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2021 for the Department of the Interior, after receiving testimony from David Bernhardt, Secretary of the Interior.

AFGHANISTAN AGREEMENT

Committee on Foreign Relations: On Monday, March 9, 2020, Committee received a joint closed briefing

with the Committee on Appropriations Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs on the Afghanistan agreement from Mary Catherine Phee, Deputy Special Representative for Afghanistan Reconciliation, and Alice G. Wells, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of South and Central Asian Affairs, both of the Department of State.

DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY MARKETS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights concluded a hearing to examine competition in digital technology markets, focusing on self-preferencing by digital platforms, after receiving testimony from Gene Kimmelman, Public Knowledge, Sally Hubbard, Open Markets Institute, and Morgan Reed, ACT The App Association, all of Washington, D.C.; Thomas W. Hazlett, Clemson University, Clemson, South Carolina; and Luther Lowe, Yelp, San Francisco, California.

COPYRIGHT LAW AND DIGITAL PIRACY

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Intellectual Property concluded a hearing to examine copyright law in foreign jurisdictions, focusing on how other countries are handling digital piracy, after receiving testimony from Justin Hughes, Loyola Marymount University, and Jonathan Yunger, Millennium Media, both of Los Angeles, California; Pamela Samuelson, University of California Law School, Berkeley; Michael D. Smith, Carnegie Mellon University Heinz College of Information Systems and Public Policy, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Daphne Keller, Stanford University Cyber Policy Center, Stanford, California; Stanford K. McCoy, Motion Picture Association EMEA, Brussels, Belgium; Julia Reda, Harvard University Berkman Klein Center, Cambridge, Massachusetts; and Matt Schruers, Computer and Communications Industry Association, Washington, D.C.

NOMINATION

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of James E. Trainor III, of Texas, to be a Member of the Federal Election Commission, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 23 public bills, H.R. 6164–6186; and 5 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 96; and H. Res. 892–895, were introduced. **Pages H1586–87**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H1588–89**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 891, providing for consideration of the joint resolution (S.J. Res. 68) to direct the removal of United States Armed Forces from hostilities against the Islamic Republic of Iran that have not been authorized by Congress; providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 2486) to reauthorize mandatory funding programs for historically Black colleges and universities and other minority-serving institutions; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 6172) to amend the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 to prohibit the production of certain business records, and for other purposes; and for other purposes (H. Rept. 116–415). **Page H1586**

Announcement by the Chair: The Speaker addressed the Members on matters of decorum in the House. **Page H1559**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:33 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H1563**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Reverend Erin Keys, Capitol Hill Presbyterian Church, Washington, D.C. **Page H1563**

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by a yea-and-nay vote of 212 yeas to 185 nays with two answering "present", Roll No. 94. **Pages H1563, H1578–79**

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

Requiring an evaluation by the Government Accountability Office of the social, economic, and historic contributions that Minor League Baseball has made to American life and culture: H.R. 6020, amended, to require an evaluation by the Government Accountability Office of the social, economic, and historic contributions that Minor League Baseball has made to American life and culture; **Pages H1564–67**

Moving Our Democracy and Congressional Operations Towards Modernization Resolution: H. Res. 756, amended, implementing the recommendations adopted by the Select Committee on the Mod-

ernization of Congress, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 395 yeas to 13 nays, Roll No. 93; and

Pages H1567–74, H1577–78

Federally Requiring Earned Education-debt Discharges for Vets Act: H.R. 3598, amended, to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to automatically discharge the loans of certain veteran borrowers. **Pages H1575–77**

Recess: The House recessed at 1:27 p.m. and reconvened at 3:30 p.m. **Page H1577**

Suspension—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measure under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed.

Support for Veterans in Effective Apprenticeships Act: S. 760, to enable registered apprenticeship programs to better serve veterans. **Pages H1574–75**

Recess: The House recessed at 5:04 p.m. and reconvened at 7:28 p.m. **Page H1585**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1577–78 and H1578–79. There were no quorum calls,

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Agriculture: Full Committee held a markup on the Budget Views and Estimates Letter of the Committee on Agriculture for the agencies and programs under the jurisdiction of the Committee for fiscal year 2021; H. Res. 189, recognizing the importance of sustained United States leadership to accelerating global progress against maternal and child malnutrition and supporting United States Agency for International Development's commitment to global nutrition through its multi-sectoral nutrition strategy; and H. Res. 742, recognizing the continued success of the Food for Peace Act. The Budget Views and Estimates Letter of the Committee on Agriculture was approved, without amendment. H. Res. 189 and H. Res. 742 were ordered reported, without amendment.

U.S. AGRICULTURAL TRADE: STAKEHOLDER PERSPECTIVES

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Livestock and Foreign Agriculture held a hearing entitled

“U.S. Agricultural Trade: Stakeholder Perspectives”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MEMBER DAY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a hearing entitled “Member Day”. Testimony was heard from Chairman McGovern, and Representatives Casten of Illinois, Cunningham, Rodney Davis of Illinois, González-Colón of Puerto Rico, Griffith, Haaland, Jackson Lee, Radewagen, Schneider, Schrier, Slotkin, Suozzi, Thompson of Pennsylvania, Graves of Louisiana, and Trahan.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on the Department of Agriculture. Testimony was heard from Sonny Perdue, Secretary, Department of Agriculture.

APPROPRIATIONS—OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government held a budget hearing on the Office of Management and Budget. Testimony was heard from Russ Vought, Acting Director, Office of Management and Budget.

APPROPRIATIONS—CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Testimony was heard from the following Centers for Disease Control and Prevention officials: Ileana Arias, Associate Deputy Director for Public Health Science and Surveillance; Sherri A. Berger, Chief Strategy Officer and Chief Operating Officer; Debra Houry, Director, National Center for Injury Prevention and Control; and Robert Redfield, Director.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on the Department of Commerce. Testimony was heard from Wilbur Ross, Secretary, Department of Commerce.

MEMBER DAY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related

Agencies held a hearing entitled “Member Day”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Cisneros, Craig, Golden, González-Colón of Puerto Rico, Hudson, and Johnson of Louisiana.

U.S. SOUTHERN COMMAND (SOUTHCOM)

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing entitled “U.S. Southern Command (SOUTHCOM)”. Testimony was heard from Admiral Craig S. Faller, Commander, U.S. Southern Command. This hearing was closed.

APPROPRIATIONS—U.S. COAST GUARD

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on the Department of Homeland Security held a budget hearing on the U.S. Coast Guard. Testimony was heard from Admiral Karl Schultz, Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard.

APPROPRIATIONS—U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS AND BUREAU OF RECLAMATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Bureau of Reclamation. Testimony was heard from Brenda Burman, Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation; Rickey James, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works; Timothy Petty, Assistant Secretary for Water and Science, Department of Interior; and Lieutenant General Todd Semonite, Chief of Engineers and Commanding General of the Army Corps.

PUBLIC WITNESS DAY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies held a hearing entitled “Public Witness Day”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

APPROPRIATIONS—U.S. ARMY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held a budget hearing on the U.S. Army. Testimony was heard from Ryan McCarthy, Secretary of the Army; and General James McConville, Chief of Staff of the Army.

NATIONAL SECURITY CHALLENGES AND U.S. MILITARY ACTIVITIES IN THE GREATER MIDDLE EAST AND AFRICA

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “National Security Challenges and U.S. Military Activities in the Greater Middle East and Africa”. Testimony was heard from Kathryn Wheelbarger, Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs, Department of Defense; General Kenneth F. McKenzie, Jr., U.S. Marine Corps, Commander, U.S. Central Command;

and General Stephen Townsend, U.S. Army, Commander, U.S. Africa Command.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE TACTICAL AND ROTARY AIRCRAFT ACQUISITION AND MODERNIZATION PROGRAMS IN THE FY21 PRESIDENT'S BUDGET REQUEST

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces held a hearing entitled “Department of Defense Tactical and Rotary Aircraft Acquisition and Modernization Programs in the FY21 President’s Budget Request”. Testimony was heard from Bruce D. Jette, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology (ASA(ALT)), Department of the Army; Brigadier General Walter T. Rugen, U.S. Army, Director, Future Vertical Lift Cross-Functional Team, Army Futures Command; James F. Geurts, Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development, and Acquisition, Department of the Navy; Lieutenant General Steven R. Rudder, U.S. Marine Corps, Deputy Commandant for Aviation, Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps; Rear Admiral Gregory N. Harris, U.S. Navy, Director, Air Warfare (OPNAV N98), Office of the Chief of Naval Operations; William Roper, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics (SAF/AQ), Department of the Air Force; General James M. Holmes, U.S. Air Force, Commander, Air Combat Command, Headquarters, U.S. Air Force; and Lieutenant General David S. Nahom, U.S. Air Force, Director of Programs, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Plans and Requirements, Headquarters, U.S. Air Force.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE FY2021 BUDGET

Committee on the Budget: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Department of Defense FY2021 Budget”. Testimony was heard from David L. Norquist, Deputy Secretary, Department of Defense.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Communications and Technology held a markup on H.R. 451, the “Don’t Break Up the T-Band Act of 2019”; H.R. 5926, the “RESILIENT Networks Act”; H.R. 6096, the “Reliable Emergency Alert Distribution Improvement Act of 2020”; H.R. 4194, the “National Suicide Hotline Designation Act of 2019”; H.R. 5918, a bill to direct the Federal Communications Commission to issue reports after activation of the Disaster Information Reporting System and to make improvements to network outage reporting; H.R. 1289, the “Preserving Home and Office Numbers in Emergencies Act of 2019”; H. Res. 549, resolution reaffirming the commitment of the House of Representatives to media diversity

and pledging to work with media entities and diverse stakeholders to develop common ground solutions to eliminate barriers to media diversity; H.R. 3957, the “Expanding Broadcast Ownership Opportunities Act of 2019”; H.R. 5567, the “MEDIA Diversity Act of 2020”; H.R. 5564, the “Enhancing Broadcaster DIVERSITY Data Act”; and H.R. 4855, the “C-BAND Act”. H.R. 451, H.R. 4194, H.R. 1289, H.R. 3957, and H.R. 5564 were forwarded to the full Committee, as amended. H.R. 5926, H.R. 6096, H.R. 5918, H. Res. 549, H.R. 5567, and H.R. 4855 were forwarded to the full Committee, without amendment.

HOLDING WELLS FARGO ACCOUNTABLE: CEO PERSPECTIVES ON NEXT STEPS FOR THE BANK THAT BROKE AMERICA'S TRUST

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Holding Wells Fargo Accountable: CEO Perspectives on Next Steps for the Bank that Broke America’s Trust”. Testimony was heard from a public witness.

PROSPECTS FOR PEACE: THE WAY FORWARD IN AFGHANISTAN

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific, and Nonproliferation held a hearing entitled “Prospects for Peace: The Way Forward in Afghanistan”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

COMMUNITY PERSPECTIVES ON CORONAVIRUS PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Response and Recovery held a hearing entitled “Community Perspectives on Coronavirus Preparedness and Response”. Testimony was heard from Christopher Neuwirth, Assistant Commissioner, Division of Public Health Infrastructure, Laboratories, and Emergency Preparedness, New Jersey Department of Health; Thomas Dobbs, M.D., State Health Officer, Mississippi State Department of Health; and public witnesses.

EXAMINING THE SPENDING PRIORITIES AND MISSIONS OF THE U.S. FOREST SERVICE AND THE BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands held a hearing entitled “Examining the Spending Priorities and Missions of the U.S. Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management”. Testimony was heard from Victoria Christiansen, Chief, U.S. Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; and Michael Nedd, Deputy

Director, Operations, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior.

EXAMINING THE POLICIES AND PRIORITIES OF THE BUREAU OF OCEAN ENERGY MANAGEMENT, THE BUREAU OF SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL ENFORCEMENT, THE U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, THE BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT, AND THE OFFICE OF SURFACE MINING RECLAMATION AND ENFORCEMENT

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a hearing entitled “Examining the Policies and Priorities of the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement, the U.S. Geological Survey, the Bureau of Land Management, and the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement”. Testimony was heard from the following Department of the Interior officials: William Perry Pendley, Deputy Director, Policy and Programs, and Exercising the Authority of the Director, Bureau of Land Management; Scott Angelle, Director, Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement; Walter Cruickshank, Acting Director, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management; Glenda Owens, Deputy Director, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement; and James Reilly, Director, U.S. Geological Survey.

SENATE AMENDMENT TO THE FUTURE ACT; TO DIRECT THE REMOVAL OF UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES FROM HOSTILITIES AGAINST THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN THAT HAVE NOT BEEN AUTHORIZED BY CONGRESS; USA FREEDOM REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2020

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on the Senate Amendment to H.R. 2486, the “FUTURE Act” [NO BAN Act; Access to Counsel Act of 2020]; S.J. Res. 68, to direct the removal of United States Armed Forces from hostilities against the Islamic Republic of Iran that have not been authorized by Congress; and H.R. 6172, the “USA FREEDOM Reauthorization Act of 2020”. The Committee granted, by record vote of 7–4, a rule providing for consideration of S.J. Res 68, To direct the removal of United States Armed Forces from hostilities against the Islamic Republic of Iran that have not been authorized by Congress, H.R. 2486, the “FUTURE Act” [NO BAN Act; Access to Counsel Act of 2020], and H.R. 6172, the “USA FREEDOM Reauthorization Act of 2020”. The rule provides for consideration of S.J. Res. 68, To direct the removal of United States Armed Forces from

hostilities against the Islamic Republic of Iran that have not been authorized by Congress, under a closed rule. The rule provides one hour of general 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 joint resolution. The rule provides that the joint resolution shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the joint resolution. The rule provides one motion to commit. The rule provides for the consideration of the Senate amendment to H.R. 2486. The rule makes in order a motion offered by the chair of the Committee on the Judiciary or his designee that the House concur in the Senate amendment with two House amendments: Amendment #1 consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 116–52, the No Ban Act; and Amendment #2 consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 116–53, the Access to Counsel Act. The rule provides one hour of debate on each House amendment, equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the motion and provides that the Senate amendment and the motion shall be considered as read. The rule provides that the question of adoption shall be divided between the two House amendments, and that the two portions of the divided question shall be considered in the order specified by the chair. The rule provides that if only one amendment is adopted, that amendment shall be engrossed as an amendment in the nature of a substitute to the Senate amendment to H.R. 2486. The rule provides for consideration of H.R. 6172, the “USA FREEDOM Reauthorization Act of 2020”, under a closed rule. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided among and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary and the chair and ranking minority member of the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment printed in 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 provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Section 7 of the rule provides that on any legislative day during the period from March 13, 2020, through March 22, 2020: 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. 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 7. The rule provides that each day during the period addressed by section 7 shall not constitute a legislative day for the purposes of clause 7 of rule XV. The rule provides that it shall be in order at any time through the calendar day of March 22, 2020, for the Speaker to entertain motions that the House suspend the rules as though under clause 1 of rule XV, and that the Speaker or her designee shall consult with the Minority Leader or his designee on the designation of any matter for consideration pursuant to this section. The rule waives the requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII for a two-thirds vote to consider a report from the Committee on Rules on the same day it is presented to the House with respect to any resolution reported through the legislative day of March 23, 2020. Testimony was heard from Chairman Nadler, and Representatives Jordan, Davidson of Ohio, and Gohmert.

THE IMPACT OF CORONAVIRUS ON AMERICA'S SMALL BUSINESSES

Committee on Small Business: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Impact of Coronavirus on America’s Small Businesses”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

THE INTERNATIONAL ROLE OF THE UNITED STATE COAST GUARD

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held a hearing entitled “The International Role of the United States Coast Guard”. Testimony was heard from Vice Admiral Daniel B. Abel, Deputy Commandant for Operations, U.S. Coast Guard; and public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity held a hearing on H.R. 2224, the “Homeless Veterans with Children Reintegration Act”; H.R. 5056, the “Modern GI Bill Act”; H.R. 5324, the “Sergeant Daniel Somers Veteran Network of Support Act of 2019”; legislation on the Disaster School Closures; legislation on the Education Eligibility, TAP, Skillbridge; legislation on the HMIS Fees; legislation on the Native VetSuccess Pilot; legislation on the Consumer Testing GI Bill Comparison Tool; legislation on the Reducing Veteran Homelessness Act of 2020; legislation on the IHS/ HUD–VASH Case Management Coordination; legislation on the Clarifying the Location of Online Schools; legislation on the Montgomery Repayment Clarification; legislation on the VR&E Rebranding; and legislation on the Overseas Yellow Ribbon Clar-

ification. Testimony was heard from Margarita Devlin, Principal Deputy Undersecretary for Benefits, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on H.R. 1133, the “VA Employee Fairness Act of 2019”; H.R. 4949, the “VA Hospitals Establishing Leadership Performance Act”; H.R. 5245, the “SHIELD for Veterans Act”; H.R. 5843, the “Strengthening Oversight for Veterans Act of 2020”; and legislation to align the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Chief Financial Officer’s authority with federal law. Testimony was heard from the following Department of Veterans Affairs officials: Jon Rychalski, Assistant Secretary for Management and Chief Financial Officer; Christopher Wilber, Counselor to the Inspector General, Office of the Inspector General; Jessica Bonjorni, Acting Assistant Deputy Undersecretary for Health for Workforce Services, Veterans Health Administration; and public witnesses.

NGA BUDGET HEARING

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Strategic Technologies and Advanced Research held a hearing entitled “NGA Budget Hearing”. This hearing was closed.

Joint Meetings

MOLDOVA

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Commission concluded a hearing to examine Moldova, focusing on access and accountability, after receiving testimony from William H. Hill, Woodrow Wilson Center for International Studies, Washington, D.C.; Tatyana Margolin, Open Society Foundations, New York, New York; and Valeriu Pasa, WatchDog.MD, Chisinau, Moldova.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 2020

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of Defense, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2021 for the Navy and Marine Corps, 10 a.m., SD–138.

Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2021 for the Government Accountability Office and Congressional Budget Office, 2 p.m., SD–124.

Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2021 for the Department of Housing and Urban Development, 2 p.m., SD-192.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2021 for the Army Corps of Engineers and the Bureau of Reclamation within the Department of the Interior, 2:30 p.m., SD-138.

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on SeaPower, to hold hearings to examine Marine Corps ground modernization in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2021 and the Future Years Defense Program, 10 a.m., SR-222.

Subcommittee on Personnel, to hold hearings to examine personnel programs in the Department of Defense in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2021 and the Future Years Defense Program, 2:30 p.m., SD-106.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: business meeting to consider S. 1046, to establish the Office of Internet Connectivity and Growth, S. 3132, to extend the Undertaking Spam, Spyware, And Fraud Enforcement With Enforcers beyond Borders Act of 2006, S. 3191, to increase the capacity of research and development programs of the Federal Government that focus on industries of the future, S. 3248, to reauthorize the United States Anti-Doping Agency, S. 3303, to amend title 49, United States Code, to promote transportation career opportunities and improve diversity in the workforce, H.R. 835, to impose criminal sanctions on certain persons involved in international doping fraud conspiracies, to provide restitution for victims of such conspiracies, and to require sharing of information with the United States Anti-Doping Agency to assist its fight against doping, and routine lists in the Coast Guard; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine pending nominations, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Douglas Benevento, of Colorado, to be Deputy Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, and David A. Wright, of South Carolina, and Christopher T. Hanson, of Michigan, both to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: business meeting to consider the nominations of Kipp Kranbuhl, of Ohio, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, Sarah C. Arbes, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services, and Jason J. Fichtner, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Social Security Advisory Board, 10:10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine Assad's campaign against the Syrian people, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: business meeting to consider S. 3045, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to protect United States critical infrastructure by ensuring that the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency has the legal tools it

needs to notify private and public sector entities put at risk by cybersecurity vulnerabilities in the networks and systems that control critical assets of the United States, S. 3416, to reauthorize the Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards Program of the Department of Homeland Security, S. 2757, to waive the imposition of a civil fine for certain first-time paperwork violations by small business concerns, S. 3412, to require a guidance clarity statement on certain agency guidance, S. 2502, to ban the Federal procurement of certain drones and other unmanned aircraft systems, S. 2722, to prohibit agencies from using Federal funds for publicity or propaganda purposes, S. 3418, to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to allow the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to provide capitalization grants to States to establish revolving funds to provide hazard mitigation assistance to reduce risks from disasters and natural hazards, and other related environmental harm, S. 3207, to require the Director of the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency to establish a Cybersecurity State Coordinator in each State, S. 3332, to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide for the halt in pension payments for Members of Congress sentenced for certain offenses, S. 2847, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 42 Main Street in Slatersville, Rhode Island, as the "Specialist Matthew R. Turcotte Post Office", S. 2945, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 171 South Maple Street in Dana, Indiana, as the Ernest "Ernie" T. Pyle Post Office, S. 3257, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 311 West Wisconsin Avenue in Tomahawk, Wisconsin, as the "Einar 'Sarge' H. Ingman, Jr. Post Office Building", S. 3365, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 100 Crosby Street in Mansfield, Louisiana, as the "Dr. C.O. Simpkins, Sr., Post Office", H.R. 3675, to require a review of Department of Homeland Security trusted traveler programs, H.R. 2589, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish a homeland intelligence doctrine for the Department of Homeland Security, H.R. 4761, to ensure U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers, agents, and other personnel have adequate synthetic opioid detection equipment, that the Department of Homeland Security has a process to update synthetic opioid detection capability, H.R. 5273, to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to develop a plan to increase to 100 percent the rates of scanning of commercial and passenger vehicles entering the United States at land ports of entry along the border using large-scale non-intrusive inspection systems to enhance border security, H.R. 4713, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to make certain improvements in the Office for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties of the Department of Homeland Security, H.R. 4739, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to protect U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers, agents, other personnel, and canines against potential synthetic opioid exposure, H.R. 1833, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 35 Tulip Avenue in Floral Park, New York, as the "Lieutenant Michael R. Davidson Post Office Building", H.R. 3207, to

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Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine the EARN IT Act, focusing on holding the tech industry accountable in the fight against online child sexual exploitation, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: to hold a joint hearing with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of The American Legion, 10 a.m., SD-G50.

Select Committee on Intelligence: closed business meeting to consider pending intelligence matters; to be immediately followed by a closed hearing to examine certain intelligence matters, 2 p.m., SH-219.

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Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, budget hearing on the Department of the Interior, 9:30 a.m., 2362-B Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, budget hearing on the Federal Communication Commission, 10 a.m., H-309 Capitol.

Subcommittee on the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, budget hearing on the National Labor Relations Board, 10 a.m., 2358-C Rayburn.

Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, budget hearing on the Department of the Treasury, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Department of Homeland Security, budget hearing on the Immigration and Customs Enforcement, 10:30 a.m., 2008 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, budget hearing on the Federal Aviation Administration, 10:30 a.m., 2358-A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, budget hearing on the Food and Drug Administration, 11 a.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Defense, hearing entitled “U.S. Central Command (CENTCOM)”, 11 a.m., H-140 Capitol. This hearing is closed.

Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, budget hearing on the Architect of the Capitol, 1 p.m., HT-2 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, hearing entitled “Impact of PFAS Exposure on Servicemembers”, 1 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies, budget hearing on the Department of Energy Advanced Research Projects Agency-Energy, Office of Science, and Environmental, 2 p.m., 2362-B Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, budget hearing on the Government Publishing Office, 2 p.m., HT-2 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Defense, hearing entitled “U.S. Africa Command (AFRICOM)”, 3 p.m., H-140 Capitol. This hearing is closed.

Committee on Armed Services, Full Committee, hearing entitled “National Security Challenges and U.S. Military Activity in North and South America”, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Intelligence and Emerging Threats and Capabilities, hearing entitled “Reviewing Department of Defense Science and Technology Strategy, Policy, and Programs for Fiscal Year 2021: Maintaining a Robust Ecosystem for Our Technological Edge”, 2 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces; and Subcommittee on Readiness, joint hearing entitled “Sea-lift and Mobility Requirements in Support of the National Defense Strategy”, 2:30 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Protecting Congress' Power of the Purse and the Rule of Law”, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Health, markup on H.R. 5279, the “Cosmetic Safety Enhancement Act of 2019”; H.R. 5668, the “MODERN Labeling Act of 2020”; H.R. 5663, the “Safeguarding Therapeutics Act”; H.R. 4866, the “National Centers of Excellence in Continuous Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Act of 2019”; H.R. 4712, the “Fairness in Orphan Drug Exclusivity Act”; H.R. 2117, the “FASTER Act of 2019”; H.R. 2468, the “School-Based Allergies and Asthma Management Program Act”; H.R. 2271, the “Scarlett's Sunshine on Sudden Unexpected Death Act”; H.R. 4801, the “Healthy Start Reauthorization Act of 2019”; H.R. 1379, the “Ensuring Lasting Smiles Act”; H.R. 2477, the “BENES Act of 2019”; H.R. 5534, the “Comprehensive Immunosuppressive Drug Coverage for Kidney Transplant Patients Act”; and H.R. 3935, the “Protecting Patients Transportation to Care Act”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and Labor, Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, hearing entitled “The Healthy Families Act (H.R. 1784): Examining a Plan to Secure Paid Sick Leave for U.S. Workers”, 2 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Holding Wells Fargo Accountable: Examining the Role of the Board of Directors in the Bank’s Egregious Pattern of Customer Abuses”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

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Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Transportation and Maritime Security, hearing entitled “Securing America’s Transportation and Maritime Systems: A Review of the Fiscal Year 2021 Budget Requests for the Transportation Security Administration and the U.S. Coast Guard”, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

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wald Schools Act of 2019”; H.R. 3349, the “Republic of Texas Legation Memorial Act”; H.R. 3723, the “Desalination Development Act”; H.R. 4153, the “Health Care Access for Urban Native Veterans Act”; H.R. 4891, the “Western Water Security Act of 2019”; H.R. 5068, the “Women Who Worked on the Home Front World War II Memorial Act”; and H.R. 5126, the “Direct Enhancement of Snapper Conservation and the Economy through Novel Devices Act of 2019”, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

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Committee on Small Business, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 6079, “Microloan Improvement Act of 2020”; H.R. 6078, “Microloan Transparency and Accountability Act of 2020”; legislation on the STEP Improvement Act of 2020; and H.R. 6021, the “Northern Mariana Islands Small Business Development Act”, 11:30 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

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House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Consideration of H.R. 6172—USA FREEDOM Reauthorization Act of 2020 (Subject to a Rule). Consideration of the Senate amendment to H.R. 2486—Fostering Undergraduate Talent by Unlocking Resources for Education Act (Subject to a Rule). Consideration of S.J. Res. 68—To direct the removal of United States Armed Forces from hostilities against the Islamic Republic of Iran that have not been authorized by Congress (Subject to a Rule).

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