

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Simpson to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H1181**

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by voice vote. **Pages H1181, H1200**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:22 a.m. and reconvened at 10:27 a.m. **Page H1192**

Recess: The House recessed at 11:15 a.m. and reconvened at 11:20 a.m. **Page H1198**

Americans with Disabilities Act Education and Reform Act: The House passed H.R. 620, to amend the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 to promote compliance through education, to clarify the requirements for demand letters, and to provide for a notice and cure period before the commencement of a private civil action, by a yea-and-nay vote of 225 yeas to 192 nays, Roll No. 80.

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Agreed to:

Denham amendment (No. 1 printed in part A of H. Rept. 115–559) that ensures the Department of Justice's Disability Rights Section takes action, to the extent practicable, to make ADA compliance publications available in languages commonly used by owners and operators of U.S. businesses;

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Speier amendment (No. 4 printed in part A of H. Rept. 115–559) that clarifies that the defendant is still liable if the defendant fails to make substantial progress to remove the barrier;

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Bera amendment (No. 5 printed in part A of H. Rept. 115–559) that shortens the timeline from 180 to 120 total days; and

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McMorris Rodgers amendment (No. 6 printed in part A of H. Rept. 115–559) that strikes the requirement that the written notices of alleged violation include the specific sections of the ADA alleged to have been violated.

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Rejected:

Foster amendment (No. 3 printed in part A of H. Rept. 115–559) that sought to allow for punitive damages for noncompliance after the cure period; and

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Langevin amendment (No. 2 printed in part A of H. Rept. 115–559) that sought to remove the requirement that a person who claims discrimination must first provide written notice that allows 60 days for an owner to acknowledge receipt of the complaint and 120 days to demonstrate substantial progress in removing the barrier before legal action may be pursued (by a recorded vote of 188 yeas to 226 noes, Roll No. 79).

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H. Res. 736, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 620), (H.R. 3299), and (H.R. 3978) was agreed to yesterday, February 14th.

Inspector General for the U.S. House of Representatives—Appointment: The Chair announced on behalf of the Speaker, Majority Leader and Minority Leader, the joint appointment of Mr. Michael Ptasienki of McLean, Virginia, as Inspector General for the U.S. House of Representatives. **Page H1200**

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1198–99 and H1199–H1200. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 1:36 p.m.

Committee Meetings

STRATEGIC COMPETITION WITH CHINA

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Strategic Competition with China”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

EVOLUTION, TRANSFORMATION, AND SUSTAINMENT: A REVIEW AND ASSESSMENT OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2019 BUDGET REQUEST FOR U.S. SPECIAL OPERATIONS FORCES AND COMMAND

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities held a hearing entitled “Evolution, Transformation, and Sustainment: A Review and Assessment of the Fiscal Year 2019 Budget Request for U.S. Special Operations Forces and Command”. Testimony was heard from General Raymond A. Thomas, Commander, U.S. Special Operations Command; and Owen West, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Special Operations/Low-Intensity Conflict, Department of Defense.

THE OPIOIDS EPIDEMIC: IMPLICATIONS FOR AMERICA'S WORKPLACES

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions; and Subcommittee on Workforce Protections held a joint hearing entitled “The Opioids Epidemic: Implications for America's Workplaces”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Oversight of the Department of Health and Human Services”. Testimony was heard from Alex Azar, Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services.

EXAMINING DE-RISKING AND ITS EFFECT ON ACCESS TO FINANCIAL SERVICES

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit held a

hearing entitled “Examining De-risking and its Effect on Access to Financial Services”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

INDUSTRY VIEWS OF THE CHEMICAL FACILITY ANTI-TERRORISM STANDARDS PROGRAM

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Protection held a hearing entitled “Industry Views of the Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards Program”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

THE EFFECT OF SANCTUARY CITY POLICIES ON THE ABILITY TO COMBAT THE OPIOID EPIDEMIC

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security held a hearing entitled “The Effect of Sanctuary City Policies on the Ability to Combat the Opioid Epidemic”. Testimony was heard from A.J. Louderback, Sheriff, Jackson County, Texas; and public witnesses.

THE COSTS OF DENYING BORDER PATROL ACCESS: OUR ENVIRONMENT AND SECURITY

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “The Costs of Denying Border Patrol Access: Our Environment and Security”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURE

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a hearing on H.R. 520, the “National Strategic and Critical Minerals Production Act”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Federal Lands held a hearing on H.R. 2591, the “Modernizing the Pittman-Robertson Fund for Tomorrow’s Needs Act of 2017”; H.R. 4429, the “Cormorant Control Act”; H.R. 4609, the “West Fork Fire Station Act of 2017”; H.R. 4647, the “Recovering America’s Wildlife Act”; and H.R. 4851, the “Kennedy-King Establishment Act of 2018”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Fortenberry, Tipton, Bergman, Carson of Indiana, and Austin Scott of Georgia; Randy Claramunt, Lake Huron Basin Coordinator, Department of Natural Resources, Michigan; Floyd Cook, County Commissioner, Dolores County, Colorado; Gregory Porter, State Representative, Indiana; and a public witness.

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION—CHECKING IN WITH THE GOVERNMENT’S ACQUISITION AND PROPERTY MANAGER

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Operations held a hearing entitled “General Services Administration—Checking in with the Government’s Acquisition and Property Manager”. Testimony was heard from the following General Services Administration officials: Emily W. Murphy, Administrator; Alan B. Thomas, Jr., Commissioner, Federal Acquisition Service; Dan Mathews, Commissioner, Public Buildings Service; and Carol F. Ochoa, Inspector General.

MENTORING, TRAINING, AND APPRENTICESHIPS FOR STEM EDUCATION AND CAREERS

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Research and Technology held a hearing entitled “Mentoring, Training, and Apprenticeships for STEM Education and Careers”. Testimony was heard from Victor R. McCrary, Chair, Task Force on the Skilled Technical Workforce, National Science Board; and public witnesses.

RESTORING RURAL AMERICA: HOW AGRITECH IS REVITALIZING THE HEARTLAND

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Energy, and Trade held a hearing entitled “Restoring Rural America: How Agritech is Revitalizing the Heartland”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT OF POSITIVE TRAIN CONTROL IMPLEMENTATION IN THE UNITED STATES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials held a hearing entitled “Oversight of Positive Train Control Implementation in the United States”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Heck and Kelmer; Juan D. Reyes III, Chief Counsel, Federal Railroad Administration; Robert Sumwalt, Chairman, National Transportation Safety Board; and public witnesses.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS BUDGET REQUEST FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Budget Request for Fiscal Year 2019”. Testimony was heard from David J. Shulkin, M.D., Secretary, Department of Veterans Affairs.

**THE PRESIDENT'S FISCAL YEAR 2019
BUDGET PROPOSALS**

Committee on Ways and Means: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "The President's Fiscal Year 2019 Budget Proposals". Testimony was heard from Steven T. Mnuchin, Secretary, Department of the Treasury.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY,
FEBRUARY 16, 2018**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.