

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Kelly (IL) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H2105**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:41 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H2109**

Bipartisan Background Checks Act of 2019 and Enhanced Background Checks Act of 2019—Rule for Consideration: The House agreed to H. Res. 145, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 8) to require a background check for every firearm sale, and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1112) to amend chapter 44 of title 18, United States Code, to strengthen the background check procedures to be followed before a Federal firearms licensee may transfer a firearm to a person who is not such a licensee, by a yea-and-nay vote of 227 yeas to 194 nays, Roll No. 91, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 229 yeas to 191 nays, Roll No. 90. **Pages H2119–28**

Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Levin (MI) wherein he resigned from the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. **Page H2130**

Committee Election: The House agreed to H. Res. 148, electing Members to certain standing committees of the House of Representatives. **Page H2130**

Clerk Designation: Read a letter from the Clerk wherein she designated Ms. Gloria Lett, Deputy Clerk, Mr. Robert Reeves, Deputy Clerk, and Lloyd Horwich, Legal Counsel, to sign any and all papers and do all other acts in case of her temporary absence or disability. **Page H2130**

Extension of time: Agreed by unanimous consent that debate under clause 1(c) of rule XV on a motion to suspend the rules relating to S. 47 be extended to 50 minutes. **Page H2141**

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

Natural Resources Management Act: S. 47, to provide for the management of the natural resources of the United States, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 363 yeas to 62 nays, Roll No. 95. **Pages H2218–19**

Relating to a national emergency declared by the President on February 15, 2019: The House passed H.J. Res. 46, relating to a national emergency declared by the President on February 15, 2019, by a yea-and-nay vote of 245 yeas to 182 nays, Roll No. 94. **Pages H2130–41, H2217–18**

H. Res. 144, the rule providing for consideration of the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 46) was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 229 yeas to 193 nays, Roll No. 93, after the previous question was ordered by

a yea-and-nay vote of 228 yeas to 193 nays, Roll No. 92. **Pages H2128–30**

Directing the Secretary of the Senate to make a correction in the enrollment of the bill S. 47: The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 21, directing the Secretary of the Senate to make a correction in the enrollment of the bill S. 47. **Page H2219**

Congressional-Executive Commission on the People's Republic of China—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Member on the part of the House to the Congressional-Executive Commission on the People's Republic of China: Representative McGovern, Chair. **Pages H2221–22**

Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Member to serve as Co-Chair of the Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission: Representative McGovern. **Page H2222**

Migratory Bird Conservation Commission—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Member on the part of the House to the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission: Representative Thompson (CA). **Page H2222**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Six yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2127–28, H2128, H2128–29, H2129–30, H2217–18, and H2218–19. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Committee Meetings

PUBLIC WITNESS HEARING

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a hearing entitled "Public Witness Hearing". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT HEARING: UNDERSTANDING THE CHANGING CLIMATE SYSTEM AND THE ROLE OF CLIMATE RESEARCH

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies held a hearing entitled "Oversight Hearing: Understanding the Changing Climate System and the Role of Climate Research". Testimony was heard from Michael H. Freilich, Director, Earth Science Division, Science Mission Directorate, National Aeronautics and Space Administration; and Neil Jacobs, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Environmental Observation and Prediction, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce.

LEVERAGING PRIVATE CAPITAL FOR UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES AND INDIVIDUALS: A LOOK INTO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS (CDFIS)

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government held a hearing entitled “Leveraging Private Capital for Underserved Communities and Individuals: A look into Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs)”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

APPROPRIATIONS—ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held a budget hearing on the Architect of the Capitol. Testimony was heard from Christine A. Merdon, Acting Architect of the Capitol.

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies held an oversight hearing on Department of Veterans Affairs. Testimony was heard from Richard A. Stone, M.D., Executive in Charge, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and Robert Wilkie, Secretary, Department of Veterans Affairs.

APPROPRIATIONS—CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held a budget hearing on the Congressional Budget Office. Testimony was heard from Keith Hall, Director, Congressional Budget Office.

PUBLIC WITNESS HEARING

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a hearing entitled “Public Witness Hearing”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

NAVAL SURFACE FORCES READINESS: ARE NAVY REFORMS ADEQUATE?

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness; and Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces held a joint hearing entitled “Naval Surface Forces Readiness: Are Navy Reforms Adequate?”. Testimony was heard from Admiral Christopher W. Grady, Commander, U.S. Fleet Forces Command, and Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Northern Command, Department of the Navy; and Admiral John C. Aquilino, Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet, Department of the Navy.

INF WITHDRAWAL AND THE FUTURE OF ARMS CONTROL: IMPLICATIONS FOR THE SECURITY OF THE UNITED STATES AND ITS ALLIES

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces held a hearing entitled “INF Withdrawal and the Future of Arms Control: Implications for the Security of the United States and its Allies”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, CYBERSECURITY, AND INFORMATION ASSURANCE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Intelligence and Emerging Threats and Capabilities held a hearing entitled “Department of Defense Information Technology, Cybersecurity, and Information Assurance”. Testimony was heard from Dana Deasy, Chief Information Officer, Department of Defense; Lisa Hershman, Acting Chief Management Officer, Department of Defense; and Brigadier General Dennis Crall, U.S. Marine Corps, Deputy Principal Cyber Advisor, Department of Defense.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Education and Labor: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 865, the “Rebuild America’s Schools Act of 2019”; and H.R. 7, the “Paycheck Fairness Act”. H.R. 865 and H.R. 7 were ordered reported, as amended.

PROTECTING CONSUMER PRIVACY IN THE ERA OF BIG DATA

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Consumer Protection and Commerce held a hearing entitled “Protecting Consumer Privacy in the Era of Big Data”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

EPA’S ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM: TAKING THE ENVIRONMENTAL COP OFF THE BEAT

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “EPA’s Enforcement Program: Taking the Environmental Cop Off the Beat”. Testimony was heard from Susan Bodine, Assistant Administrator, Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance, Environmental Protection Agency; and public witnesses.

WHO’S KEEPING SCORE? HOLDING CREDIT BUREAUS ACCOUNTABLE AND REPAIRING A BROKEN SYSTEM

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Who’s Keeping Score? Holding Credit Bureaus Accountable and Repairing a Broken System”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

ON THE EVE OF THE SUMMIT: OPTIONS FOR U.S. DIPLOMACY ON NORTH KOREA

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific, and Nonproliferation held a hearing entitled “On the Eve of the Summit: Options for U.S. Diplomacy on North Korea”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MADE BY MADURO: THE HUMANITARIAN CRISIS IN VENEZUELA AND U.S. POLICY RESPONSES

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, Civilian Security, and Trade held a hearing entitled “Made by Maduro: The Humanitarian Crisis in Venezuela and U.S. Policy Responses”. Testimony was heard from Representative Ruiz and public witnesses.

A GLOBAL CRISIS: REFUGEES, MIGRANTS AND ASYLUM SEEKER

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations held a hearing entitled “A Global Crisis: Refugees, Migrants and Asylum Seekers”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

SECURING U.S. SURFACE TRANSPORTATION FROM CYBER ATTACKS

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Transportation and Maritime Security; and the Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection, and Innovation held a joint hearing entitled “Securing U.S. Surface Transportation from Cyber Attacks”. Testimony was heard from Sonya Proctor, Director for the Surface Division, Office of Security Policy and Industry Engagement, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security; Bob Kolasky, Director of National Risk Management Center, Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, Department of Homeland Security; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on House Administration: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 1, the “For the People Act of 2019”. H.R. 1 was ordered reported, as amended.

OVERSIGHT OF THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION’S FAMILY SEPARATION POLICY

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Oversight of the Trump Administration’s Family Separation Policy”. Testimony was heard from Nathalie R. Asher, Acting Executive Associate Director, Enforcement and Removal Operations, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security; Scott Lloyd, Senior

Advisor, Center for Faith and Opportunity Initiatives, Department of Health and Human Services; James McHenry, Director, Executive Office for Immigration Review, Department of Justice; Carla Provost, Chief, U.S. Border Patrol, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security; and Commander Jonathan White, U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps, Department of Health and Human Services.

THE STATE OF WATER SUPPLY RELIABILITY IN THE 21ST CENTURY

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife held a hearing entitled “The State of Water Supply Reliability in the 21st Century”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

THE DENIAL PLAYBOOK: HOW INDUSTRIES MANIPULATE SCIENCE AND POLICY FROM CLIMATE CHANGE TO PUBLIC HEALTH

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “The Denial Playbook: How Industries Manipulate Science and Policy from Climate Change to Public Health”.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Oversight and Reform: Full Committee held a business meeting to consider a Resolution Offered by Chairman Elijah E. Cummings Authorizing Issuance of Subpoenas Related to Child Separation Policy. The Resolution Offered by Chairman Elijah E. Cummings Authorizing Issuance of Subpoenas Related to Child Separation Policy passed, without amendment.

THE FUTURE OF ARPA-E

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Energy held a hearing entitled “The Future of ARPA-E”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

SHUTDOWN LESSONS: SBA CAPITAL ACCESS PROGRAMS

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Investigations, Oversight, and Regulations held a hearing entitled “Shutdown Lessons: SBA Capital Access Programs”. Testimony was heard from William M. Manger, Associate Administrator, Office of Capital Access, Small Business Administration.

EXAMINING HOW FEDERAL INFRASTRUCTURE POLICY COULD HELP MITIGATE AND ADAPT TO CLIMATE CHANGE

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Examining How Federal Infrastructure Policy Could Help Mitigate and Adapt to Climate Change”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

NATIONAL SECURITY IMPLICATIONS OF THE RISE OF AUTHORITARIANISM AROUND THE WORLD

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “National Security Implications of the Rise of Authoritarianism Around the World”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

LEGISLATIVE PRESENTATION OF THE DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Committee concluded a joint hearing with the House Committee on Veterans’ Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of the Disabled American Veterans, after receiving testimony from Dennis R. Nixon, Jim Marszalek, Joy J. Ilem, Randy Reese, J. Marc Burgess, Barry A. Jesinoski, John Kleindienst, Jeffrey C. Hall, and Ellen Timmerman, all of Disabled American Veterans, Washington, D.C.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2019

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, to receive a closed briefing on Department of Defense cyber operations, 2:30 p.m., SVC–217.

Subcommittee on Personnel, to hold an oversight hearing to examine military personnel policies and military family readiness, 2:30 p.m., SR–222.

Committee on the Budget: to hold hearings to examine the Budget Control Act, focusing on a review of cap-adjusted spending, 2:30 p.m., SD–608.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine policy principles for a Federal data privacy framework in the United States, 10 a.m., SH–216.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings to examine S. 383, to support carbon dioxide utilization and direct air capture research, to facilitate the permitting and development of carbon capture, utilization, and sequestration projects and carbon dioxide pipelines, 10 a.m., SD–406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine assessing the role of the United States in the world, 10:15 a.m., SD–419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine protecting the electric grid from an electromagnetic pulse or geomagnetic disturbance, 2:30 p.m., SD–106.

Committee on Indian Affairs: to hold an oversight hearing to examine the 45th anniversary of the Native American Programs Act and the establishment of the Administration for Native Americans, 2:30 p.m., SD–628.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: to hold hearings to examine the future of American industry, 2:30 p.m., SR–428A.

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.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Full Committee, business meeting to consider 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 2020, 9:30 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Full Committee, hearing entitled “The State of the Rural Economy”, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, hearing entitled “Election Security: Ensuring the Integrity of U.S. Election Systems”, 10 a.m., 2362–A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, hearing entitled “Reviewing the Administration’s Unaccompanied Children Program: State-Sanctioned Child Abuse”, 10 a.m., 2358–C Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, budget hearing on the Government Accountability Office, 10 a.m., HT–2 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, hearing entitled “The President’s 2019 National Emergency Declaration Circumventing Congress to Build a Border Wall and Its Effect on Military Construction and Readiness”, 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, hearing entitled “Oversight of U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), Programs and Policies”, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, hearing entitled “Stakeholder Perspectives: Fair Housing”, 10 a.m., 2358–A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, budget hearing on the Government Publishing Office, 11 a.m., HT–2 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, oversight hearing on the Food and Drug Administration, 3 p.m., 2362–A Rayburn.