

official business; exceptions are made if no commercial flight is available during the time at which travel is necessary; any senior political appointee who travels on a non-commercial, private, or chartered flight under the above exception must submit a written statement to Congress certifying that no commercial flight was available; **Pages H2489–90**

Jayapal amendment (No. 13 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–16) that directs the Office of Government Ethics to promulgate rules to apply ethics laws to unpaid employees of the Executive Office of the President and the White House; **Pages H2490–91**

Jayapal amendment (No. 14 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–16) that prohibits compensation for lobbying contacts on behalf of foreign countries identified by the Secretary of State as engaging in a consistent pattern of gross violations of internationally recognized human rights; **Pages H2491–92**

Jayapal amendment (No. 15 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–16) that directs the Office of Government Ethics to promulgate regulations establishing limits on gifts and donations to legal defense funds; the regulations shall, at a minimum, set basic requirements on transparency and prohibit mixing federal employees with non-federal employees to ensure federal employees cannot obtain money from prohibited sources; **Pages H2492–94**

Connolly amendment (No. 16 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–16) that establishes a Race to the Top model to award supplementary grants to state applicants based on evidence of previous voting system security reforms and plans for implementing additional innovations; **Page H2494**

Foxx amendment (No. 17 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–16) that codifies a Senate rule that brings transparency to sources of compensation for Congressional fellowships, applying it to both chambers; **Pages H2494–95**

Lawrence amendment (No. 18 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–16) that adds Cabinet members to the list of individuals prohibited from benefiting from an agreement with the U.S. Government; **Pages H2495–96**

Rouda amendment (No. 20 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–16) that requires that all paper ballots used in an election for Federal office must be printed on recycled paper; this requirement applies to all elections occurring on or after January 1, 2021; **Page H2496**

Rouda amendment (No. 21 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–16) that directs the Election Assistance Commission to conduct a study of the best ways to design ballots used in elections for public office to minimize confusion, including paper and digital ballots to minimize confusion and user errors;

the EAC must submit to Congress this report no later than January 1, 2020; and **Pages H2496–97**

Rouda amendment (No. 22 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–16) that directs the Postmaster General to modify paper change of address forms used by the United States Postal Service to include a reminder that any individual using the form should update the individual's voter registration as a result of any change in address. **Pages H2497–98**

Proceedings Postponed:

Raskin amendment (No. 3 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–16) that seeks to prevent corporate expenditures for campaign purposes unless the corporation has established a process for determining the political will of its shareholders; and **Pages H2481–83**

Cole amendment (No. 5 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–16) that seeks to restore a provision currently in law that bars government contractors from disclosing campaign contributions as part of the bidding process. **Pages H2484–85**

H. Res. 172, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1) was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 232 yeas to 192 nays, Roll No. 107, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 232 yeas to 191 nays, Roll No. 106. **Pages H2379–88**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2387–88 and H2388.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

Committee Meetings

PUBLIC WITNESS HEARING—TRIBAL PROGRAMS

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

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on the Department of Homeland Security held an oversight hearing on the Office of Inspector General, Department of Homeland Security. Testimony was heard from John V. Kelly, Acting Inspector General, Department of Homeland Security.

ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORD MODERNIZATION AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY OVERSIGHT

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

Agencies held a hearing entitled “Electronic Health Record Modernization and Information Technology Oversight”. Testimony was heard from the following Department of Veterans Affairs officials: James M. Byrne, General Counsel, Performing the Duties of the Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs; James P. Gfrerer, Assistant Secretary for Information and Technology and Chief Information Officer; and John H. Windom, Executive Director, Office of Electronic Health Record Modernization.

PROTECTING STUDENT BORROWERS: LOAN SERVICING OVERSIGHT

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies held a hearing entitled “Protecting Student Borrowers: Loan Servicing Oversight”. Testimony was heard from Bryon Gordon, Assistant Inspector General for Audit, Office of Inspector General, Department of Education; Shennan Kavanagh, Assistant Attorney General and Deputy Chief of Consumer Protection Division, Office of Massachusetts Attorney General; and public witnesses.

MEMBER DAY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs held a hearing entitled “Member Day”. Testimony was heard from Chairman McGovern, Chairman Engel, and Representatives Case, Espaillat, Yoho and Wagner.

PUBLIC WITNESS HEARING—TRIBAL PROGRAMS

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

U.S. CENTRAL COMMAND

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held an oversight hearing on U.S. Central Command. Testimony was heard from General Joseph L. Votel, Commander, U.S. Central Command. This hearing was closed.

OUTSIDE PERSPECTIVES ON NUCLEAR DETERRENCE POLICY AND POSTURE UPDATE

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Outside Perspectives on Nuclear Deterrence Policy and Posture Update”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

FISCAL YEAR 2020 BUDGET: MEMBER'S DAY

Committee on the Budget: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Fiscal Year 2020 Budget: Member’s Day”. Testimony was heard from Chairman Johnson of Texas, Chairman McGovern, and Representatives Case, Cole, Plaskett, Olsen, Malinowski, Cohen, Adams, Miller, Luján, Scanlon, Bucshon, Burgess, Haaland, Hoyer, McAdams, Cline, Houlahan, Biggs, Cloud and Arrington.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Education and Labor: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 582, the “Raise the Wage Act”. H.R. 582 was ordered reported, as amended.

STRENGTHENING OUR HEALTH CARE SYSTEM: LEGISLATION TO LOWER CONSUMER COSTS AND EXPANDING ACCESS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Strengthening Our Health Care System: Legislation to Lower Consumer Costs and Expanding Access”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

INCLUSION IN TECH: HOW DIVERSITY BENEFITS ALL AMERICANS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Consumer Protection and Commerce held a hearing entitled “Inclusion in Tech: How Diversity Benefits All Americans”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee held a business meeting on the Views and Estimates of the Committee on Financial Services on Matters to be Set Forth in the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2020. The Committee’s Budget Views and Estimates were adopted, as amended.

THE HUMANITARIAN CRISIS IN YEMEN: ADDRESSING CURRENT POLITICAL AND HUMANITARIAN CHALLENGES

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Middle East, North Africa, and International Terrorism held a hearing entitled “The Humanitarian Crisis in Yemen: Addressing Current Political and Humanitarian Challenges”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

THE WAY FORWARD ON BORDER SECURITY

Committee on Homeland Security: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Way Forward on Border Security”. Testimony was heard from Kirstjen Nielsen, Secretary, Department of Homeland Security.

PROTECTING DREAMERS AND TPS RECIPIENTS

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Protecting Dreamers and TPS Recipients”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

EXAMINING THE POLICIES AND PRIORITIES OF THE BUREAU OF OCEAN ENERGY MANAGEMENT, THE BUREAU OF SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL ENFORCEMENT, AND THE U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

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, and the U.S. Geological Survey”. Testimony was heard from Walter Cruickshank, Acting Director, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management; and Doug Morris, Chief, Office of Offshore Regulatory Programs, Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement, Department of the Interior.

EXAMINING PFAS CHEMICALS AND THEIR RISKS

Committee on Oversight and Reform: Subcommittee on Environment held a hearing entitled “Examining PFAS Chemicals and their Risks”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Fitzpatrick and Kildee; Dave Ross, Assistant Administrator, Office of Water, Environmental Protection Agency; and Maureen Sullivan, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Environment, Department of Defense.

GAO’S 2019 HIGH RISK REPORT

Committee on Oversight and Reform: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “GAO’s 2019 High Risk Report”. Testimony was heard from Gene L. Dodaro, Comptroller General of the United States, Government Accountability Office.

MAINTAINING U.S. LEADERSHIP IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Maintaining U.S. Leadership in Science and Technology”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Small Business: Full Committee held a business meeting on the Committee’s Budget Views and Estimates for Fiscal Year 2020. The Committee’s Budget Views and Estimates were adopted.

REBUILDING AMERICA: SMALL BUSINESS PERSPECTIVE

Committee on Small Business: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Rebuilding America: Small Business Perspective”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

U.S. MARITIME AND SHIPBUILDING INDUSTRIES: STRATEGIES TO IMPROVE REGULATION, ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES, AND COMPETITIVENESS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held a hearing entitled “U.S. Maritime and Shipbuilding Industries: Strategies to Improve Regulation, Economic Opportunities, and Competitiveness”. Testimony was heard from Rear Admiral John Nadeau, Assistant Commandant for Prevention Policy, U.S. Coast Guard; Rear Admiral Mark H. Buzby, U.S. Navy (Ret.), Administrator, Maritime Administration; and public witnesses.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Ways and Means: Full Committee held a business meeting on the Views and Estimates Letter to the Committee on the Budget. The Committee’s Budget Views and Estimates were adopted, without amendment.

OUR NATION’S CRUMBLING INFRASTRUCTURE AND THE NEED FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION

Committee on Ways and Means: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Our Nation’s Crumbling Infrastructure and the Need for Immediate Action”. Testimony was heard from Chairman DeFazio and Representative Graves of Missouri; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

VFW LEGISLATIVE PRESENTATION

Senate Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Committee concluded a joint hearing with the House Committee on Veterans’ Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, after receiving testimony from Vincent Lawrence, Bob Wallace, Ryan Gallucci, Carlos Fuentes, and Darrell Bencken, all of Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, Washington, D.C.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY,
MARCH 7, 2019

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the chain of command's accountability to provide safe military housing and other building infrastructure to servicemembers and their families, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Security, to hold hearings to examine China, focusing on challenges for United States commerce, 10 a.m., SD-562.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: business meeting to consider the nominations of Rita Baranwal, of Pennsylvania, to be an Assistant Secretary (Nuclear Energy), William Cooper, of Maryland, to be General Counsel, Christopher Fall, of Virginia, to be Director of the Office of Science, and Lane Genatowski, of New York, to be Director of the Advanced Research Projects Agency-Energy, all of the Department of Energy; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine an overview of the multiple values and unique issues of access and development associated with public lands in the western United States, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, Transnational Crime, Civilian Security, Democracy, Human Rights, and Global Women's Issues, to hold hearings to examine United States-Venezuela relations and the path to a democratic transition, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, to hold hearings to examine private sector data breaches, 10 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider the nominations of Joseph F. Bianco, of New York, and Michael H. Park, of New York, both to be a United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit, Greg Girard Guidry, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana, Michael T. Liburdi, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona, and Peter D. Welte, to be United States District Judge for the District of North Dakota, 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 multiple veterans service organizations, 2 p.m., SD-G50.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2 p.m., SH-219.

Special Committee on Aging: to hold hearings to examine the complex web of prescription drug prices, focusing on untangling the web and paths forward, 10 a.m., SD-138.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, hearing entitled "Public Witness Hearing—Tribal Programs", 9 a.m., 2007 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, budget hearing on the Library of Congress, 9:15 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, oversight hearing on the Executive Office for Immigration Review, 10 a.m., H-309 Capitol.

Subcommittee on the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, hearing entitled "Addressing the Public Health Emergency of Gun Violence", 10:30 a.m., 2358-C Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, hearing entitled "Stakeholder Perspectives: Affordable Housing Production", 10:30 a.m., 2358-A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, hearing entitled "VA Whole Health, Mental Health and Homelessness", 11 a.m., HT-2 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies, hearing entitled "Energy Workforce Opportunities and Challenges", 1 p.m., 2362-B Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, hearing entitled "Public Witness Hearing—Tribal Programs", 1 p.m., 2007 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, budget hearing on the Supreme Court, 1:30 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Defense, oversight hearing on the U.S. European Command, 3 p.m., H-140 Capitol. This hearing will be closed.

Committee on Armed Services, Full Committee, hearing entitled "National Security Challenges and U.S. Military Activities in the Greater Middle East and Africa", 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces; and Subcommittee on Readiness, joint hearing entitled "U.S. Transportation Command and Maritime Administration: State of the Mobility Enterprise", 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Education And Labor, Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions, hearing entitled "The Cost of Inaction: Why Congress Must Address the Multiemployer Pension Crisis", 10:15 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Energy, hearing entitled "Wasted Energy: DOE's Inaction on Efficiency Standards and Its Impact on Consumers and the Climate", 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Putting Consumers First? A Semi-Annual Review of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau", 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Full Committee, markup on H. Res. 75, strongly condemning the January 2019 terrorist attack on the 14 Riverside Complex in Nairobi, Kenya; H.R. 739, the "Cyber Diplomacy Act of 2019"; H. Res. 156 calling for accountability and justice for the assassination of Boris Nemtsov; H.R. 596, the "Crimea Annexation Non-recognition Act"; and H.R. 295, the "End Banking for Human Traffickers Act of 2019", 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.