

Agreed to:

Torres amendment (No. 2 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–19) that recognizes the severity of the gender wage gap for girls and women of color;

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Torres amendment (No. 3 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–19) that highlights the gender pay gap's impact on women and girls of color during research and education efforts conducted by the Secretary of Labor;

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Jayapal amendment (No. 5 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–19) that clarifies that the studies conducted by the Department of Labor concerning the elimination of pay disparities between men and women must include information about, and an analysis of, women of all racial and ethnic backgrounds;

**Pages H2867–68**

Lawrence amendment (No. 8 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–19) that requires the Department of Labor to conduct a study on the gender pay gap in the teenage workforce and provide recommendations for how to address the gap;

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Brown (MD) amendment (No. 9 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–19) that makes it unlawful to discriminate against an employee for inquiring or discussing with the employer why the wages of the employee are set at a certain rate or salary; and

**Pages H2871–72**

Beyer amendment (No. 7 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–19) that exempts employers with fewer than 100 employees from reporting compensation data under Section 8 of this Act (by a recorded vote of 406 yeas to 24 nays, Roll No. 132).

**Pages H2868–70, H2872**

Rejected:

Foxx amendment (No. 1 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–19) that sought to strike Section 8 relating to the collection by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission of pay information and other employment-related data (including hiring, termination, and promotion data) disaggregated by the sex, race, and national origin of employees; and

**Pages H2863–64**

Byrne amendment (No. 4 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–19) that sought to clarify that the “any other factor other than sex” defense in the Equal Pay Act means “a bona fide business-related reason other than sex”; strike Section 3(a)(B) relating to the application of the factor other than sex defense to an Equal Pay Act claim.

**Pages H2865–67**

H. Res. 252, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 7) and the resolution (H. Res. 124) was agreed to by a yeas-and-nays vote of 232 yeas to 190 nays, Roll No. 131, after the previous question was ordered by a yeas-and-nays vote of 231 yeas to 192 nays, Roll No. 130.

**Pages H2840–47**

**Providing for the expenses of certain committees of the House of Representatives in the One Hundred Sixteenth Congress:** The House agreed to take from the Speaker's table and agree to H. Res. 245, providing for the expenses of certain committees of the House of Representatives in the One Hundred Sixteenth Congress.

**Pages H2875–76**

**Providing for a recess of the House for a joint meeting to receive His Excellency Jens Stoltenberg, Secretary General of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization:** Agreed by unanimous consent that it may be in order at any time on Wednesday, April 3, 2019, for the Speaker to declare a recess, subject to the call of the Chair, for the purpose of receiving in joint meeting His Excellency Jens Stoltenberg, Secretary General of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

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**Meeting Hour:** Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow, March 28th.

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**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Three yeas-and-nays votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2846–47, H2847, H2872, H2874, and H2874–75. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF STATE

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs held a budget hearing on the Department of State. Testimony was heard from Mike Pompeo, Secretary, Department of State.

### 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; R.D. James, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; Tim Petty, Assistant Secretary for Water and Science, Department of Interior; and Lieutenant General Todd T. Semonite, Chief of Engineers and Commanding General, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

**MEMBER DAY**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government held a hearing entitled “Member Day”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Finkenauer and Jackson Lee.

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*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies held a hearing entitled “Member Day”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Fitzpatrick, Haaland, Jackson Lee, Khanna, McCollum, Smith of New Jersey, Suozzi, Hagedorn, Visclosky, and Wild.

**APPROPRIATIONS—NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Testimony was heard from Neil Jacobs, Acting Administrator, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

**USDA’S PROPOSED RELOCATION OF THE ECONOMIC RESEARCH SERVICE AND THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a hearing entitled “USDA’s Proposed Relocation of the Economic Research Service and the National Institute of Food and Agriculture”. Testimony was heard from Kristi J. Boswell, Senior Advisor to the Secretary of Agriculture, Department of Agriculture.

**APPROPRIATIONS—NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY, U.S. CYBER COMMAND**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Defense held a budget hearing on the National Security Agency, U.S. Cyber Command. Testimony was heard from General Paul M. Nakasone, Director, Commander, National Security Agency, Cyber Command. This hearing was closed.

**MEMBER DAY**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a hearing entitled “Member Day”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Visclosky, Posey, Gallagher, Comer, and Haaland.

**APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

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

Agencies held a budget hearing on the Department of Veterans Affairs. Testimony was heard from the following Department of Veterans Affairs officials: Paul R. Lawrence, Under Secretary for Benefits; Jon Rychalski, Assistant Secretary for Management and Chief Financial Officer; Richard A. Stone, M.D., Executive in Charge, Veterans Health Administration; and Robert Wilkie, Secretary.

**PUBLIC WITNESS HEARING**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government held a hearing entitled “Public Witness Hearing”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**APPROPRIATIONS—NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Testimony was heard from James Bridenstine, Administrator, National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

**APPROPRIATIONS—NATIONAL RECONNAISSANCE OFFICE**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Defense held a budget hearing on the National Reconnaissance Office. Testimony was heard from Frank Calvelli, Principal Deputy Director, National Reconnaissance Office. This hearing was closed.

**NATIONAL SECURITY CHALLENGES AND U.S. MILITARY ACTIVITIES IN THE INDO-PACIFIC**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “National Security Challenges and U.S. Military Activities in the Indo-Pacific”. Testimony was heard from Admiral Philip S. Davidson, U.S. Navy, Commander, U.S. Indo-Pacific Command; General Robert B. Abrams, U.S. Army, Commander, United Nations Command, Combined Forces Command, and U.S. Forces Korea; and Randall G. Schriver, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Indo-Pacific Security Affairs, Department of Defense.

**RESERVE COMPONENT DUTY STATUS REFORM**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a hearing entitled “Reserve Component Duty Status Reform”. Testimony was heard from Jeri Bucsh, Director, Military Compensation Policy, Office of the Undersecretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense; Major General Michael R. Taheri, U.S. Air Force, Director, Joint Staff, National Guard Bureau; Major

General A.C. Roper, U.S. Army, Deputy Chief, Army Reserve; Patrick J. Barrett, U.S. Navy, Deputy Chief, Navy Reserve; Lieutenant General Richard W. Scobee, U.S. Air Force; Chief, Air Force Reserve; and Major General Bradley S. James, U.S. Marine Corps, Commander, Marine Forces Reserve.

#### **DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE'S FISCAL YEAR 2020 BUDGET REQUEST**

*Committee on the Budget:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Department of Defense's Fiscal Year 2020 Budget Request". Testimony was heard from David L. Norquist, Performing the Duties of Deputy Secretary, Department of Defense.

#### **INNOVATIONS IN EXPANDING REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS**

*Committee on Education and Labor:* Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Investment held a hearing entitled "Innovations in Expanding Registered Apprenticeship Programs". Testimony was heard from public witness.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Health held a markup on H.R. 1781, the "Payment Commission Data Act of 2019"; H.R. 938, the "BLOCKING Act of 2019"; H.R. 1520, the "Purple Book Continuity Act of 2019"; H.R. 1503, the "Orange Book Transparency Act of 2019"; H.R. 1499, the "Protecting Consumer Access to Generic Drugs Act of 2019"; H.R. 965, the "CREATES Act of 2019"; H.R. 1385, the "SAVE Act"; H.R. 1386, the "ENROLL Act of 2019"; H.R. 1425, the "State Health Care Premium Reduction Act"; H.R. 987, the "MORE Health Education Act"; H.R. 986, the "Protecting Americans with Preexisting Conditions Act of 2019"; and H.R. 1010, a bill to provide that the rule entitled "Short-Term, Limited Duration Insurance" shall have no force or effect. H.R. 1781, H.R. 938, H.R. 1385, H.R. 1386, H.R. 987, H.R. 986, and H.R. 1010 were forwarded to the full Committee, without amendment. H.R. 1520, H.R. 1503, H.R. 965, H.R. 1499, and H.R. 1425 were forwarded to the full committee, as amended.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Financial Services:* Full Committee continued a markup on H.R. 389, the "Kleptocracy Asset Recovery Rewards Act"; H.R. 1500, the "Consumers First Act"; H.R. 1595, the "Secure and Fair Enforcement Banking Act of 2019"; H.R. 1815, the "SEC Disclosure Effectiveness Testing Act"; and H.R. 1856, the "Ending Homelessness Act of 2019".

#### **MAKING SANCTIONS EFFECTIVE: THE CASE OF NORTH KOREA**

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific, and Nonproliferation held a hearing entitled "Making Sanctions Effective: The Case of North Korea". Testimony was heard from a public witness.

#### **THE STATE DEPARTMENT'S FOREIGN POLICY STRATEGY AND FY20 BUDGET REQUEST**

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled "The State Department's Foreign Policy Strategy and FY20 Budget Request". Testimony was heard from Michael R. Pompeo, Secretary, Department of State.

#### **LOST EINSTEINS: LACK OF DIVERSITY IN PATENT INVENTORSHIP AND THE IMPACT ON AMERICA'S INNOVATION ECONOMY**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet held a hearing entitled "Lost Einsteins: Lack of Diversity in Patent Inventorship and the Impact on America's Innovation Economy". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### **EXAMINING THE CONSTITUTIONAL ROLE OF THE PARDON POWER**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties held a hearing entitled "Examining the Constitutional Role of the Pardon Power". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### **EXAMINING THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR'S SPENDING PRIORITIES AND THE PRESIDENT'S FISCAL YEAR 2020 BUDGET PROPOSAL**

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Examining the Department of the Interior's Spending Priorities and the President's Fiscal Year 2020 Budget Proposal". Testimony was heard from Scott Cameron, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy, Management, and Budget, Department of the Interior; and Denise Flanagan, Director, Office of Budget, Department of the Interior.

#### **EPA'S IRIS PROGRAM: REVIEWING ITS PROGRESS AND ROADBLOCKS AHEAD**

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:* Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight; and Subcommittee on Environment held a joint hearing entitled "EPA's IRIS Program: Reviewing its Progress and Roadblocks Ahead". Testimony was heard from Jennifer Orme-Zavaleta, Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator for Science and Science

Advisor, Office of Research and Development, Environmental Protection Agency; Alfredo Gomez, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

#### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:* Subcommittee on Energy held a markup on H.R. 34, the “Energy and Water Research Integration Act of 2019”. H.R. 34 was forwarded to the full Committee, as amended.

#### UNLOCKING SMALL BUSINESS RETIREMENT SECURITY

*Committee on Small Business:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Unlocking Small Business Retirement Security”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 1108, the “Aviation Funding Stability Act of 2019”; H.R. 1775, to establish a task force on NOTAM improvements, and for other purposes; H.R. 367, the “Pay Our Coast Guard Parity Act of 2019”; H.R. 1322, to require a report on the effects of Climate Change on the Coast Guard; H.R. 1306, the “Federal Disaster Assistance Coordination Act”; H.R. 1307, the “Post-Disaster Assistance Online Accountability Act”; H.R. 1311, to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to ensure that unmet needs after a major disaster are met; and H.R. 1331, the “Local Water Protection Act”. H.R. 1331, H.R. 1311, H.R. 1307, H.R. 1306, H.R. 1322, and H.R. 1775 were ordered reported, without amendment. H.R. 367 and H.R. 1108 were ordered reported, as amended.

#### THE 2017 TAX LAW AND WHO IT LEFT BEHIND

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The 2017 Tax Law and Who It Left Behind”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### CONGRESSIONAL REFORMS OF THE PAST AND THEIR EFFECT ON TODAY’S CONGRESS

*Select Committee on the Modernization of Congress:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Congressional Reforms of the Past and Their Effect on Today’s Congress”. Testimony was heard from Walter Oleszek, Senior Specialist, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; and public witnesses.

## Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

#### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 2019

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

##### Senate

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Department of Homeland Security, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2020 for the Coast Guard, 10 a.m., SD-192.

Subcommittee on Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2020 for the Department of Education, 10 a.m., SD-124.

Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2020 for the Food and Drug Administration, 10:30 a.m., SD-138.

*Committee on Armed Services:* to hold hearings to examine Department of Energy’s atomic energy defense programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2020 and the Future Years Defense Program, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

*Committee on the Budget:* business meeting to markup the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2020, 10:30 a.m., SH-216.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* to hold hearings to examine the nomination of David Bernhardt, of Virginia, to be Secretary of the Interior, 10 a.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* to hold hearings to examine the Federal response to the risks associated with per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), 10 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* business meeting to consider the nominations of Daniel P. Collins, and Kenneth Kiyul Lee, both of California, both to be a United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, James Wesley Hendrix, and Mark T. Pittman, both to be a United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas, Sean D. Jordan, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Texas, Wing Chau, to be United States Marshal for the District of Rhode Island, and Ramona L. Dohman, to be United States Marshal for the District of Minnesota, 10 a.m., SD-226.

##### House

*Committee on Appropriations,* Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, budget hearing on the U.S. Forest Service, 10 a.m., 2008 Rayburn.

*Committee on Armed Services,* Subcommittee on Intelligence and Emerging Threats and Capabilities, hearing entitled “Fiscal Year 2020 Budget Request for Department of Defense Science and Technology Programs: