The House met at noon and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. RASKIN).

DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE
The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:
WASHINGTON, DC, April 8, 2019.
I hereby appoint the Honorable JAMIE RASKIN to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.
NANCY PELOSI, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

MORNING-HOUR DEBATE
The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of January 3, 2019, the Chair will now recognize Members from lists submitted by the majority and minority leaders for morning-hour debate.

The Chair will alternate recognition between the parties. All time shall be equally allocated between each party. No list shall exceed 5 minutes. Each Member, other than the majority and minority leaders and the minority whip, shall be limited to 5 minutes.

ENOUGH IS ENOUGH
The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Kansas (Mr. MARSHALL) for 5 minutes.
Mr. MARSHALL. Mr. Speaker, enough. Enough.
I finished my 16th, 17th, and 18th townhall this weekend, and everywhere I went across Kansas, my people told me, “Enough of this.”
We have had of enough the Mueller investigation.
We have had enough on the tax return issues.
We have had enough Russia mania.

Mr. Speaker, it is time to move on; we have all had enough.
There are great things that we can move on to:
We can fix healthcare; we can secure our southern borders; we can overhaul our immigration system; we can come up with a nationwide infrastructure plan.
Mr. Speaker, this country is doing good. Our economy is strong, wages are up, unemployment is down, but we can go from good to great if you take this stranglehold off of this Congress and let us get back to work.
Mr. Speaker, I am embarrassed by the performance of the Congress this far.
We came from the most productive Congress, perhaps in history, to maybe the least productive.
I have only been here a short while, but I have learned that this little bubble we live in has a very finite amount of oxygen. And right now, politics is taking up all the oxygen.
Mr. Speaker, it is time to move from politics to policy. We have all had enough. It is time to move on.

RECESS
The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until 2 p.m. today. Accordingly (at 12 o’clock and 2 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

PRAYER
The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer:

Dear Lord, we give You thanks for giving us another day.
At the beginning of a new workweek, we use this moment to be reminded of Your presence and to tap the resources needed by the Members of this people’s House to do their work as well as it can be done.
We ask that You send Your holy spirit upon them, giving them the gifts of patience and diligence. With all the pressures, concerns, and worry that accompany their responsibilities, we pray that they might know Your peace, which surpasses all human understanding.
May all that is done this day be for Your greater honor and glory.
Amen.

THE JOURNAL
The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day’s proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.
Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.
Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to clause 1, rule I, I demand a vote on agreeing to the Speaker’s approval of the Journal.
The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the Speaker’s approval of the Journal.
The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.
Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.
The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8, rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.
The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Will the gentleman from Washington (Mr. KILMER) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. KILMER led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF KATE IRWIN

(Mr. KILMER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. KILMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in memory of a member of my district staff, Kate Irwin, who passed away this morning following a long and courageous battle with cancer.

While she was taken far too soon, I feel so lucky that she was part of my team and part of our lives. Kate was the ultimate public servant.

If she was meeting with the Navy about issues of national security, she had a smile on her face.

If she was serving food to folks who were down on their luck at the Salvation Army, she had a smile on her face.

If she was visiting a local high school and getting to try out a flight simulator, Kate had a really big smile on her face.

She looked at every day that she got to serve the people of Washington’s Sixth Congressional District as a blessing because she knew that every day on this Earth was one as well.

When I interviewed Kate for a job on my team, she memorably said: “I will work harder and will care more than anyone you’ll ever meet.’’ And every day that she came into work, every time she staffed an event, every time she followed up with a constituent in need, she showed that extraordinary commitment, even in the face of impossible circumstances.

Mr. Speaker, I want to extend my condolences to Kate’s amazing family, and I want to thank them for sharing such an extraordinary young woman with us.

You are in our prayers.

RECOGNIZING APRIL AS INVASIVE SPECIES MONTH

(Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. THOMPSON. Mr. Speaker, April is Invasive Plant Pest and Disease Awareness Month. These species, commonly known as hungry pests, begin to emerge in the warmer months and can be spread easily by the public.

They attack trees, plants, and agriculture products, and it costs the United States nearly $40 billion each year in damages and extermination efforts. The transfer of these invasive species hurts our American farmers and contributes to the destruction of forests and public lands.

In Pennsylvania the spotted lanternfly is a threat to apples, grapes, peaches, and various other species—specifically hardwoods—throughout the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Pests can be spread by human activities like moving into a new home, traveling in the U.S. or internationally, mailing plants and food, and moving untreated firewood. The USDA offers a free checklist for those moving into a new household that would help reduce the risk of spreading hungry pests into their new home.

Mr. Speaker, it is important to be mindful of these risks and utilize the great resources available to reduce the spread of invasive species.

RECOGNIZING MATTHEW VITAL FOR HIS WIN AT AUGUSTA

(Ms. WILD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. WILD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Matthew Vital, an eighth grader from Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, and his entire family.

Yesterday, Matthew became a national golf champion, winning the Drive, Chip & Putt national title for the boys 12 to 13 age group. He holed a difficult chip and drained a 30-foot putt at Augusta’s 18th green, the same course where PGA professionals will compete at the Masters in a few days.

The Morning Call, our hometown newspaper, features a great photo of Matthew that captures the focus and determination that he demonstrated in this tournament and has demonstrated throughout his already impressive golfing career.

Mr. Speaker, I say to Matthew that the qualities he demonstrated to this victory—a powerful work ethic and a commitment to setting goals and seeing them through—will serve him well not just on the course, but also in school and in every aspect of life: Keep working hard. Your family, your community, and your Congresswoman are proud of you. Congratulations.

HONORING MOTORSPORTS LEGEND TONY STEWART

(Mr. PENCE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor a motorsports legend and perhaps the most famous son of my hometown, Columbus, Indiana.

From the dirt tracks to the high banks, to the Brickyard, Tony Stewart amassed a racing career that includes nearly 50 NASCAR wins, three NASCAR Cup titles, a USAC Triple Crown, and an IndyCar Series championship.

Tony won his first championship at the Columbus Fairgrounds when he was just 8 years old. He is synonymous with racing, and we are proud to call him a Hoosier.

On behalf of the people of Columbus, the Sixth Congressional District, and race fans across Indiana, I want to congratulate Tony Stewart on his recent nomination to the NASCAR Hall of Fame.

I also want to thank Tony for his work in our community as part of the Tony Stewart Foundation. Through December 2017, the foundation has awarded over $7 million to outstanding charities serving children with special needs, endangered animals, and injured drivers.

We honor his achievements on and off the track, and we look forward to cheering him on in years to come.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

Mr. Speaker, pursuant to clause 4 of rule I, the following enrolled bill was signed by the Speaker on Thursday, April 4, 2019:

S. 725, to change the address of the postal facility designated in honor of Captain Humayun Khan.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Speaker declares the House in recess until approximately 4:45 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 2 o’clock and 8 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

AFTER RECESS

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or votes objected to under clause 6 of rule XX.

The House will resume proceedings on postponed questions at a later time.

AUTHORIZING USE OF CAPITOL GROUNDS FOR NATIONAL PEACE OFFICERS MEMORIAL SERVICE

Mrs. CRAIG. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 16) authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the National Peace Officers Memorial Service and the National Honor Guard and Pipe Band Exhibition.
Mrs. CRAIG. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H. Con. Res. 19, which authorizes the use of the Capitol grounds this May for the annual National Peace Officers Memorial Service and the National Honor Guard and Pipe Band Exhibition.

The use of the Capitol Grounds is a worthy recognition of the honorable sacrifice of our Nation’s brave first responders and their families.

This year, the National Peace Officers Memorial will honor 222 women and men, including 158 officers who were killed in the line of duty last year and 59 officers who responded to the attacks of September 11 and recently succumbed to illnesses resulting from their service on that tragic day. There are an additional three officers, as defined by the Honoring Hometown Heroes Act, being memorialized who passed away between 2014 and 2018.

Unfortunately, this year’s honorees also include two officers from Minnesota: Officers Joseph Gomm and Joseph Parise.

Officers Gomm and Parise’s deaths are a clear reminder of the sacrifices that law enforcement officers make every day, putting their lives on the line to keep our communities safe.

My sincere condolences to the families of these fallen officers who have had to endure the tragedy of their loved ones’ deaths. I have a deep appreciation for all of these fallen officers being honored and the ultimate sacrifice that they have made on behalf of their local communities.

Mr. Speaker, I strongly support this resolution and urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this tribute to law enforcement officers who died in the line of duty.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. MEADOWS. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself as much time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to join my colleague opposite in support of this particular resolution. I am actually an original cosponsor of H. Con. Res. 16, which authorizes the use of the Capitol Grounds for the annual National Peace Officers Memorial Service and the National Honor Guard Pipe Band Exhibition.

Now, this year we will be honoring those fallen soldiers, including more than 150 who died in the line of duty in 2018; and eight, Mr. Speaker, are from my home State of North Carolina. I would like to recognize them right now. They are: Officer Jason B. Quick of the Lumberton Police Department; Officer Jared Franks of the Greensboro Police Department; Corporal Travis Wells from the Dallas Police Department; Trooper Kevin K. Conner of the North Carolina Highway Patrol; Trooper Samuel N. Bullard of the North Carolina Highway Patrol; Senior Police Officer Christopher Devore; Deputy Sheriff David L. Manning of Edgecombe County; and Deputy Sheriff Alexis Locklear.

It is with sadness that I recognize them, but in honor of their great service. Mr. Speaker, this resolution demonstrates our bipartisan support, not only for the men and women in law enforcement who put their lives on the line each day and every day, who leave their families to serve their community, but the broader family of law enforcement in general.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this resolution.

Mr. Speaker, seeing that the gentlewoman has no additional speakers, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mrs. CRAIG. Mr. Speaker, I encourage all of my colleagues to support this legislation, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from Minnesota (Mrs. CRAIG) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution, H. Con. Res. 16.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the concurrent resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

AUTHORIZING USE OF CAPITOL GROUNDS FOR GREATER WASHINGTON SOAP BOX DERBY

Mrs. CRAIG. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 19) authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby.

The Clerk read the title of the concurrent resolution.

The text of the concurrent resolution is as follows:

H. CON. RES. 19
Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring),

SECTION 1. USE OF CAPITOL GROUNDS FOR SOAP BOX DERBY RACES.
(a) In General.—The Greater Washington Soap Box Derby Association (in this resolution referred to as the “sponsor”) shall be permitted to sponsor a public event, the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby races (in this resolution referred to as the “event”), on the Capitol Grounds, under such conditions and on such dates as the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate jointly designate, with preparation for the event to begin on May 11, 2019, and takedown completed on May 16, 2019.

SEC. 2. USE OF CAPITOL GROUNDS FOR NATIONAL HONOR GUARD AND PIPE BAND EXHIBITION.
(a) In General.—The Grand Lodge of the Fraternal Order of Police and its auxiliary shall be permitted to sponsor a public event, the National Honor Guard and Pipe Band Exhibition (in this resolution referred to as the “Exhibition”), on the Capitol Grounds, under such conditions and on such dates as the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate jointly designate.

SEC. 3. TERMS AND CONDITIONS.
(a) In General.—Under conditions to be prescribed by the Architect of the Capitol and the Capitol Police Board, the event shall be—
(1) free of admission charge and open to the public; and
(2) managed not to interfere with the needs of Congress.

(b) EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES.—The sponsors of the Memorial Service and Exhibition shall assume full responsibility for all expenses and liabilities incident to all activities associated with the events.

SEC. 4. EVENT PREPARATIONS.
Subject to the approval of the Architect of the Capitol, the sponsors referred to in section 3(b) are authorized to erect upon the Capitol Grounds such stage, sound amplification devices, and other related structures and equipment, as may be required for the Memorial Service and Exhibition.

SEC. 5. ENFORCEMENT OF RESTRICTIONS.
The Capitol Police Board shall provide for enforcement of the restrictions contained in section 5104(c) of title 40, United States Code, concerning sales, advertisements, displays, and solicitations on the Capitol Grounds, as well as other restrictions applicable to the Capitol Grounds, in connection with the events.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentlewoman from Minnesota (Mrs. CRAIG) and the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. MEADOWS) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Minnesota.

Mrs. CRAIG. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on H. Con. Res. 16.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from Minnesota?

There was no objection.

Mrs. CRAIG. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H. Con. Res. 16. H. Con. Res. 16 authorizes the use of the Capitol Grounds this May for the annual National Peace Officers Memorial Service and the National Honor Guard and Pipe Band Exhibition.

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Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this resolution.

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Mrs. CRAIG. Mr. Speaker, I encourage all of my colleagues to support this legislation, and I yield back the balance of my time.

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(b) DATE OF EVENT.—The event shall be—
(1) free of admission charge and open to the public; and
Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H. Con. Res. 19 that indeed authorizes the use of the Capitol Grounds for the annual Greater Washington Soap Box Derby on June the 15th.

Now, Mr. Speaker, I am being very clear: I had not risen in support of this; this is known as how we would have given me what for, not today, not tomorrow, but from now until the end of time. So I recognize the gentleman from Maryland’s unyielding support for this particular effort and I join him in it. I certainly recognize his desire to really support the youth that get involved in this.

I have been one of the few Members of Congress, other than the gentleman I just referred to, to actually witness these races.

We don’t have those, Mr. Speaker, in North Carolina. I live in the mountains. If you start a soap box derby up there, we would end up in Atlanta, Georgia, by the time we were finished. I can tell you very pleased I was. The mission of the Soap Box Derby is to build knowledge and character and to teach fair and honest competition. Indeed, it does exactly that.

As the gentlewoman has expressed, it has been around since 1934.

Carrying on this time-honored tradition allows children to demonstrate their dedication and creativity.

Winners from this local competition will actually go on to other races and compete, hopefully, at the world championship in Akron, Ohio.

Mr. Speaker, I urge all of my colleagues to support this resolution, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mrs. CRAIG. Mr. Speaker, I yield 20 minutes.

Mr. MEADOWS. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Minnesota.

Mrs. CRAIG. Mr. Speaker. I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on H. Con. Res. 19.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H. Con. Res. 19 authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the 2019 Greater Washington Soap Box Derby.

This year’s derby marks the 78th running of the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to acknowledge the efforts of the gentleman from Maryland, Mr. STENY HOYER, who has been such a champion for this event for his constituents.

The Soap Box Derby allows children to develop leadership skills and highlight their creativity, dedication, and commitment to their communities.

Not only are these youngsters competing for a trophy and the glory of being first, fastest, car down the course, but the winners of each division qualify to compete in the National Soap Box Derby at the Derby Downs track in Akron, Ohio.

As with all events using the Capitol Grounds, this event is open to the public and charge. Its organizers will coordinate with the Capitol Police and the Architect of the Capitol.

Mr. Speaker, I strongly support passage of this resolution and urge my colleagues to do the same.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. MEADOWS. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.
Mr. MEADOWS. Mr. Speaker, I want to reiterate my support for this particular resolution.

Mr. Speaker, I was very jovial early on, but I want to get serious for just a moment. On this floor, you will see passionate debate, oftentimes, that is divided by this center aisle. Yet, on this particular issue and others like them, the Boys and Girls Club and other things that actually minister to the needs of children in our Nation, the gentleman from Maryland is not only an advocate, he is a champion.

I want to thank the Chair today to thank the gentleman from Maryland for his leadership, not only on this but on a number of things that affect our youth in this great country.

Today, we are unanimous in support of promoting that future generation, and I thank the gentleman for his leadership.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mrs. CRAIG. Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support the legislation, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from Minnesota (Mrs. CRAIG) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution, H. Con. Res. 19.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the ayes have it.

Mrs. CRAIG. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

LOCAL WATER PROTECTION ACT

Mrs. CRAIG. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 1331) to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to reauthorize certain programs relating to nonpoint source management, and for other purposes.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows: H.R. 1331

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Local Water Protection Act.”

SEC. 2. NONPOINT SOURCE MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS.

Section 319(g) of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1329(g)) is amended by striking “subsections (h) and (i) not to exceed” and all that follows through “fiscal year 1991” and inserting “subsections (h) and (i) $200,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2020 through 2024”.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentlewoman from Minnesota (Mrs. CRAIG) and the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. MEADOWS) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Minnesota.

GENEAL LEAVE

Mrs. CRAIG. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 15 minutes in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on H.R. 1331.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from Minnesota?

There was no objection.

Mrs. CRAIG. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 1331.

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 1331 is a bipartisan bill to reauthorize appropriations for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s nonpoint source management grants program.

I thank my colleague, the gentleman from Florida (Mr. MAST), for introducing this bill with me. I also thank the gentlewoman from California (Mrs. NAPOLITANO) for her support in moving this legislation through committee.

The Clean Water Act was enacted in 1972 to restore and maintain the chemical, physical, and biological integrity of the Nation’s waters. In 1987, the Clean Water Act was amended to add section 319 to create a nonregulatory program through which EPA administers annual grants to help States develop and implement nonpoint source management programs for managing nonpoint sources of water pollution.

Under EPA’s 319 program, States retain the primary role for addressing nonpoint source water pollution caused by snowmelt and rainfall runoff, which they do largely through monetary means and financial incentives. However, according to the Government Accountability Office, the extent of available incentives has declined in recent years, as grants to States under the section 319 program have declined by more than 30 percent from a high of about $240 million annually in fiscal year 2004.

The section 319 program was initially authorized at $70 million annually in fiscal year 1988, and its authorization level steadily increased to $130 million in fiscal year 1991, the last year of authorization for this program.

This bill, H.R. 1331, would reauthorize $200 million annually for the 319 program’s grant fund, which gives local and State governments the flexibility to make conservation practices improvements aimed at decreasing water pollutants through partnerships within their local communities.

In Minnesota, we take the quality of our 10,000 lakes very seriously, and we all want to preserve the quality of these important waterways for generations to come. We also know that local communities are the experts on the most effective and innovative ways to keep these waterways clean.

That is why this bill is so important. It gives local and State governments authority to create best voluntary conservation programs that work for their communities.

Here are just a few of the examples of section 319 grants in action from Minnesota’s Second Congressional District.

The Scott County Soil and Water Conservation District is currently working to reduce pollutants in the Mississippi River-Lake Pepin watershed by 20 percent.

In Wahaska County, the Whitewater Watershed Project worked with communities to increase awareness of water contamination and provided low-interest loans to improve residential infrastructure and help farmers come into compliance with pollution standards.

The South Washington Watershed District integrated a storm water reuse plan that captures roadway storm water in two existing ponds. This integrates into two golf course irrigation systems and provides new water amenities with the public golf courses. This is estimated to reduce potable water usage by more than 40 million gallons annually.

Finally, in Rice County, the Cannon River Watershed Partnership is working to engage local, regional, and State programs and organizations to develop a way for their local community to engage in pollution reduction in a meaningful and long-term way.

Again, I thank the gentleman from Florida for introducing this bipartisan bill with me. This legislation passed out of committee with bipartisan support. It is a good bill, and I am pleased to support it. I urge my colleagues to do so as well.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. MEADOWS. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 1331, the Local Water Protection Act. I thank my colleague from Minnesota (Mrs. CRAIG) for her leadership and my good friend from Florida (Mr. MAST) for introducing this important bill.

H.R. 1331 reauthorizes the Environmental Protection Agency’s section 319, which is a nonpoint source pollution control program under the Clean Water Act. Indeed, the section 319 program takes a cooperative, nonregulatory approach toward addressing nonpoint sources.
Reauthorizing this program reinforces the Federal leadership being provided to help our State and local partners in their nonpoint source control efforts. This program has benefited water bodies all across the country, including in my district.

For example, when agricultural runoff left the Mills River, a source of drinking water for more than 50,000 people in western North Carolina, the North Carolina Division of Water Quality used $450,000 of the section 319 grant to restore the Mills River and remove it from the State’s impaired list in 2006.

There are hundreds more success stories from States across the Nation where the section 319 program has addressed nonpoint sources and restored water bodies.

For these reasons, Mr. Speaker, I support this program. I urge all Members to support the passage of H.R. 1331, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mrs. CRAIG. Mr. Speaker, I include in the Record a letter of support for H.R. 1331 from Trout Unlimited.


Re Trout Unlimited supports HR 1331, The Local Water Protection Act.

Hon. ANGIE CRAIG, House of Representatives.

Dear Representative Craig and Mast:

On behalf of Trout Unlimited (TU), I am writing to strongly support the above referenced bill, to urge its swift passage through the House, and to thank you for introducing it. Section 319 of the Clean Water Act has provided our field staff with valuable funds which they have leveraged many times over to accomplish a number of valuable nonpoint source pollution projects across the nation. But as you know there is much more work to be done, and passage of this bill will be a big step in a positive direction for the health of the Nation’s watersheds.

Trout Unlimited has over 300,000 conservation-minded members and supporters, organized into 380 chapters in 35 state councils. Our mission is to conserve, protect and restore the Nation’s trout and salmon fisheries and their watersheds. We have 250 staff spread across America who work with our members and a wide variety of partners—including farmers, ranchers, miners and state and local agencies—to accomplish our mission. Section 319 has become an increasingly important tool for fulfilling that work.

Working with our partners, we have used Section 319 funds in a variety of ways to control nonpoint pollution. Of special note is our recent use of funds to control abandoned mine pollution in Pennsylvania and Colorado. Abandoned mine pollution is especially insidious problems in coal country and in the mining regions of the Rocky Mountain West, but we have developed a number of techniques which are restoring formerly dead streams to healthy streams.

TU and other conservation groups are pressing Congress to provide more funding for natural infrastructure funding and projects. Section 319, and your bill, are delivering on that request.

Abandoned mine cleanup, sediment control, and nutrient runoff control, are model examples of natural infrastructure projects.

Thank you again for introducing this bill. We urge its speedy passage.

Sincerely,

STEVE MOYER, Vice President, Government Affairs.

Mrs. CRAIG. Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. MEADOWS. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Florida (Mr. MAST), the sponsor of this particular legislation.

Mr. MAST. Mr. Speaker, I rise today also in support of H.R. 1331, the Local Water Protection Act. I thank both my colleagues for their support and their comments on this legislation.

Let’s talk about what this really does, how this bill is so important, and how it makes a difference with nonpoint source pollution.

Point source pollution is easy to identify, for most people. They have an image of it in their head. It is that pipe coming out of some sort of seawall, coming out of the ground somewhere, dripping something that doesn’t look so fresh into their waterways that they want to look pristine and beautiful.

That is easy to identify. The nonpoint stuff is not quite as easy for everybody to go out there and see.

What this does is it helps us prevent toxic agricultural runoff that can have an impact from things like fertilizer spraying, those things that go out there and are put onto our crops at different times.

It can help implement best management practices. It can install pump stations where they might be needed.

It can assist with septic to sewer conversions for those issues that arise in our more suburban and residential areas where we have runoff coming off yards, leaky septic tanks, things that we also don’t want in our waterways coming from those areas.

It can help address legacy pollutants already in place. It can help prevent other forms of pollutants from coming in. This is why it is so important.

For us, Mr. Speaker, in Florida, this is a huge issue because our Florida waterways, we know how irreplaceable a treasure they are. They are eco-logically unique. They are central to our economy. They are central to our health because our family members are in and out of the water so often, whether they are recreating, whatever they are doing, whether they are boating, whether they are fishing, whether they are swimming, whether they are... Swimming. They are central to our economy. They are central to our health because our family members are in and out of the water so often, whether they are swimming, whether they are... Swimming. They are central to our economy. They are central to our health because our family members are in and out of the water so often, whether they are swimming, whether they are... Swimming. They are central to our economy. They are central to our health because our family members are in and out of the water so often, whether they are... Swimming. 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This past summer, we had freshwater that was released into our coastal estuaries that was labeled nearly 50 times too toxic for human contact. Now that water has tested positive for a number of toxins in areas that are very heavily populated. It is a very bad situation for what we experience each and every year.

This bill helps to stop this pollution by increasing the EPA’s successful section 319 grant program. It addresses nonpoint source pollution through State-run nonpoint source pollution management, not Washington, D.C., one-size-fits-all approaches, but State-run. The bill reauthorizes this program and increases funding levels up to $200 million annually through 2024. This is an amazing bill. I am very proud to work with everybody else on it.

In short, Mr. Speaker, this is a bill that can make a real difference for communities across our country, but especially for communities in California and around Florida and our beautiful peninsula, as well.

Mr. Speaker, I fully support its passage. I thank Congresswoman Craig for leading this effort with me.

By the way, congratulations to Congresswoman Craig on passing her first piece of legislation, as well. Let’s get this bill passed.

Mrs. CRAIG. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentlewoman from California (Mrs. NAPOLITANO).

Mrs. NAPOLITANO. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman from Minnesota (Mrs. CRAIG) for yielding.

I rise in very strong support of H.R. 1331, the bipartisan Local Water Protection Act, and I wish to thank Representatives Craig and Mast for their leadership in introducing this bill that will help many communities in Minnesota, Florida, California, and around the country manage and treat pollution in our rivers, lakes, and seas.

This bill authorizes funding annually for EPA to provide grants to States to address nonpoint source water pollution. This is pollution that comes when rain runoff carries toxins, fertilizers, metals, and other contaminants from farms, roads, and forests into the water bodies.

Today, according to the data provided by the State of California, my home State, approximately 89 percent of my State’s assessed rivers and streams currently do not meet the State water quality standards. That is pretty high. And of that number, somewhere between 30 to 60 percent are impaired because of nonpoint sources of pollution in the State, both urban and rural sources. The number is staggering and has remained relatively constant over the past decade.

As Mrs. CRAIG mentioned, States around the country are experiencing the same level of unacceptable pollution entering their waterways, and this bill will address it.

Mr. Speaker, I again thank the gentlewoman from Minnesota (Mrs. CRAIG)
and the gentleman from Florida (Mr. MAST) for introducing this bipartisan bill, and I urge my colleagues to support this important legislation, which will help all of our congressional districts.

Mr. MEADOWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support.

I thank the leadership of the gentlewoman from Minnesota (Mrs. CRAIG) and the gentleman from Florida (Mr. MAST), and I urge all of my colleagues to support it, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mrs. CRAIG. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time and urge my colleagues to support this legislation.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 1331, "The Local Water Protection Act", which provides 200 million annually to support the nonpoint source management grants program administered by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

I support this legislation because it is necessary to counteract the current crisis of water pollution in our country.

As an Energy and Environment Task Force Co-Chair of the Congressional Black Caucus, I understand the necessity of this bill and its funding to managing sources of water pollution.

It is unsustainable to think we can continue to allow runoff that carries pollutants, fertilizers, and sediment from fields; toxins from abandoned mines, and oils and heavy metals from roads, into lakes, rivers, and other bodies of water.

As pollutants in our waters increase, human exposure to toxins will follow in step, toxin exposure is directly linked to cancers and heart disease.

Before the pollutants reach people they reach our waterways, adversely affecting a whole ecosystem, putting 1 to 11 percent of marine species in to extinction every decade.

The strain on the marine life is not the only adverse effect to nature, global warming is also worsened when we turn a cheek to decreasing the pollution of our waterways.

Water pollution is not a topic to be taken lightly and we are reminded of our current privileges of clean water when we look at cities that have experienced the unimaginable, such as Flint, Michigan.

Flint, Michigan has lived in a state of fear, having to drink from bottles of filtered water in order to completely avoid lead poisoning and contamination.

Citizens of Flint, Michigan had to abandon their homes and the residents had to be compensated for their property and their current and future health conditions that arise from the contamination by polluted water.

Water pollution poses a threat in every state, including my home state of Texas.

It was found just recently that in 938 instances, Texas companies released pollution that exceeded the levels permitted by federal clean water laws according to researchers who examined Texas Commission for Environmental Quality data.

Texas was found in 2018 to have the most widespread radiated drinking water contamination affecting more than 3,500 utilities serving 22 million people.

The contamination in Texas included detectable levels of radium--226 and radium--228 in a study conducted by the Environmental Working Group (EWG).

Currently, it is required by law for states to submit reports to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regarding the current sources of water pollution in their state, as well as plans to manage those sources of pollution. EPA provides grants for states to carry out their plans to manage water pollution.

Mr. Speaker, we must not wait to take action when the health of our marine life, the state of Global Warming, and the health of our people are being affected. H.R. 1331 would allow instrumental programs to continue serving as a step in the right direction in protecting and healing our home.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The yeas and nays were ordered.

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Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 639) to amend section 327 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to clarify that Federal employees are able to participate in the National Urban Search and Rescue Response System task forces coordinated by the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

FEMA has developed the National Urban Search and Rescue Response System Act at the end of the 114th Congress, certain Federal agencies that employ members of some of these task forces have, unfortunately, been misinterpreting language that granted liability protections for non-Federal task force members equal to Federal first responders only when their task force was called into Federal service, resulting in an impediment to those Federal employees serving on a task force.

This bill will simply clarify that nothing in section 327 of the Stafford Act shall be interpreted to mean that a task force cannot include Federal employees and that, in instances where a Federal employee is detailed to a National USAR Response System task force, the sponsoring agency shall enter into an agreement with the relevant employing Federal agency.

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Mr. Speaker, we need to understand that they need our support. This is an important piece of legislation.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mrs. CRAIG. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. MEADOWS), and I encourage all of my colleagues to support this legislation.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from Minnesota (Mrs. CRAIG) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 639.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

COLORADO RIVER DROUGHT CONTINGENCY PLAN AUTHORIZATION ACT

Mr. GRIJALVA. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 2030) to direct the Secretary of the Interior to execute and carry out agreements concerning Colorado River Drought Contingency Management and Operations, and for other purposes.

The Clerk read the bill. The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 2030

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled.

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Colorado River Drought Contingency Plan Authorization Act.”

SEC. 2. COLORADO RIVER BASIN DROUGHT CONTINGENCY PLANS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law or treaty, the Federal Government has the authority to enter into agreements concerning Colorado River System reservoirs, immediately upon execution of the March 19, 2019, version of the Agreement Concerning Colorado River Drought Contingency Management and Operations, and the agreements attached thereto as Attachments A1, A2, and B, by all of the United States, Indian Tribe, Tribe, and community, the Secretary of the Interior shall, without delay, execute such agreements, and is directed and authorized to carry out the provisions of such agreements and operate applicable Colorado River System reservoirs accordingly.

(b) EFFECT.—Nothing in this section shall—

(1) be construed or interpreted as precedent for the litigation of, or as altering, affecting, or being deemed as a congressional determination regarding, the water rights of the United States, any Indian Tribe, band, or community, any State or political subdivision or district of a State, or any person; or

(2) exempt the implementation of such agreements and the operation of applicable Colorado River System reservoirs from any requirements of applicable Federal environmental laws.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. GRIJALVA) and the gentleman from Utah (Mr. BISHOP) each will control 20 minutes.
Mr. GRJALVA. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous materials on the measure under consideration.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Arizona?

There was no objection.

Mr. GRJALVA. Mr. Speaker, H.R. 2030 will direct the Secretary of the Interior to immediately execute the drought contingency plan agreements.

The drought contingency plan agreements will allow us to immediately respond to the historic drought conditions in the Colorado River Basin. These conditions pose a threat to the water supply of 40 million people, and 5.5 million acres of farmland.

This legislation directs the Secretary of the Interior to immediately execute the drought contingency plan agreements since the actions to be undertaken are within the analyses and ranges of effects reviewed in existing environmental documents.

These environmental documents include: Number 1, a 2007 final EIS on Colorado River Interim Guidelines for Lower Basin Shortages and Coordinated Operations for Lakes Powell and Mead. Number 2, existing ESA documents for the Colorado River Storage Project Act initial storage unit reservoirs. Additional environmental compliance is only applicable should further Federal actions be undertaken that are outside the range of effects analyzed in the previously mentioned environmental documents.

Mr. Speaker, that essentially means that the drought contingency plan agreements fit within the framework of existing environmental compliance. This compliance allows the Secretary of the Interior to immediately sign the drought contingency plan agreements.

This immediate action is essential to preserving the water supply for millions of people in the American Southwest.

Before closing, I would also like to thank the many people who worked for years to develop and finalize the DCP. In particular, I want to highlight the contributions of the Colorado River Indian Tribes, and Gila River Indian Community. Without their contributions, DCP simply would not be possible.

I also want to thank the seven basin States and others who worked with me and my staff to finalize DCP and enable the legislation over the past several weeks. I am glad that we were able to work together to develop legislation that has earned broad, bipartisan support here in Congress, and with affected stakeholders.

I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. BISHOP of Utah. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, this is a totally unique bill. What we have done is allowed the seven affected States to get together and work out a solution and bring it to us and the entire Congress, didn't screw it up too badly.

So what we have done now is, if this bill can actually go into law, we have allowed for the system to build the capacity to take advantage of this extra water by 5.5 million acres of irrigated land.

It is rare for Congress, but in this case, we respected what the States have done, and we are moving quickly to try and get this into law.

I appreciate the chairman and the 30 other Members from the affected States who have joined me as part of this bill. Now I hope we can expedite this through the Senate where we will ask them to refrain from their usual practices and to quickly get this bill on the President's desk because, not only is this bill bipartisan, this bill is that important.

I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. GRJALVA. Mr. Speaker, let me also thank the ranking member, Mr. BISHOP, and his staff for helping expedite the process, and for their input throughout this process.

I also rise in very strong support of H.R. 2030, the Colorado River Drought Contingency Plan Authorization Act, and I thank Mr. GRJALVA for his leadership on this issue that is so vital to the seven Colorado River Basin States including: Arizona, California, Nevada, Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming.

The Colorado River Drought Contingency Plan, known as DCP, is a great achievement of collaboration, compromise, and foresight agreed to by the seven basin States after 2 years of negotiations.

As stated by my colleague on the other side of the aisle, it is quite an important matter to the States. It reflects a realistic appraisal by water managers in the Colorado River system of increasing water scarcity with the watershed in its 19th year of drought.

That is a long time, and I think this will help prevent it.

Collectively, the basin States developed a practical, workable approach that provides for enhanced conservation and new management tools to address shortages on the river system.

This will allow California and other water users to store water in Lake Mead for the good of the entire system and habitat, and increase conservation measures in the basin, and bank—of all things—bank excess water supplies for future use.

The drought contingency plan is supported by the California Natural Resources Agency, the Colorado River Board of California, California Native Tribes, and the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California. This legislation will authorize the Secretary of the Interior to implement what the seven basin States have agreed upon. The legislation protects all environmental laws and existing environmental documents that govern the river.

Enactment of this authorizing legislation will not only support the interstate agreement, but would also implement Minute 323 of our treaty with Mexico to address transnational water cooperation on the Colorado River. This allows Mexico to bank water in Lake Mead for the benefit of our country to prevent shortage conditions and maximize power production.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The time of the gentlewoman has expired.

Mr. GRJALVA. Mr. Speaker, I yield an additional 30 seconds to the gentlewoman from California.

Mrs. NAPOLITANO. Mr. Speaker, we are blessed to have a good snowpack in the Upper Colorado River watershed this year. The legislation also provides us the opportunity to take advantage of this extra water by beginning implementation immediately of the DCP.

We must also support collaborative approaches to manage our most precious natural resource: water. The DCP creates increased dependability to the water users in southern California and the seven basin States.

I urge my colleagues to strongly support H.R. 2030, and I urge the Senate to pass this legislation immediately.

Mr. BISHOP of Utah. Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentleman from Colorado (Mr. TIPTON), a former member of our committee and one of the original cosponsors of this bill.

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to support H.R. 2030, the Colorado River Drought Contingency Plan Authorization Act.

Following a historic two-decade long drought in the Southwest, I am glad to see an effective strategy produced after years of collaboration between the seven States involved and the Federal Government.

Demand for water has drastically increased over the years due to population growth, but prolonged drought has limited the available water from the headwaters to supply roughly 40 million people, Colorado plays an especially crucial role in the management of our most precious resource.

This year's winter brought much-needed snowpack to the region, but there is no certainty that this trend will continue in the coming years. It is important to have a contingency plan in place.

Ensuring the Colorado River can meet the demands of all water users who rely on it is a shared responsibility among all of the upper and lower
basin States. The drought contingency plan agreed to by the basin States will ensure continued hydropower operations and compact compliance.

Now each State must work to develop a plan for meeting the obligations to Native American Tribes. Within the State of Colorado, it will be critical that all of the stakeholders come together to shoulder the burden of a voluntary demand management program. The western slope cannot carry the entire load, nor can the front range.

I would like to thank the local and State governments who have worked on the DCP, and my colleagues in the House and the Senate for recognizing the urgency of this issue. I am proud to cosponsor H.R. 2030, and I urge my colleagues to vote in favor of the bill.

Mr. GRIJALVA. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. O’HALLERAN).

Mr. O’HALLERAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my strong support of the Colorado River Drought Contingency Plan.

In Arizona and across the Southwest, communities have struggled through a 19-year-long drought. During my time in the State legislature, I spent years working with Republicans and Democrats alike to create Arizona’s first conservation, drought, and statewide water management plans. It cannot be understated how hard Arizona has worked to implement a drought program that ensures our State continues to have access to the Colorado River and other in-state water sources.

I am pleased to see the resulting plan was passed earlier this year. Now it is our turn. This legislation will complete the process by directing the Secretary of the Interior to enter into agreements with each of the seven Colorado River Basin States and it will ensure that water conservation efforts can begin quickly.

There are get these agreements signed, the sooner we can address the water issues across the region. I applaud the great work being done here in Washington and in the seven States impacted by this drought contingency plan to put forward innovative solutions to protect our precious water assets.

It is important to remember that we are not done. We must continue these conversations and work together to manage our rivers in ways that allow cities to grow, ensure farmers and ranchers are successful, and keep our obligations to Native American Tribes and Nations.

I urge a “yes” vote on this important legislation.

Mr. BISHOP of Utah. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from California (Mr. CALVERT), another former member of our committee and a long-time worker on water issues in Congress.

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I thank the ranking member for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 2030, the Colorado River Drought Contingency Plan Authorization Act. The Colorado River is a critical source of water for approximately 19 million people in the southern California region. After 19 years of drought on the Colorado, Lake Mead is near critical levels. If no action is taken, it is estimated that the lake will reach critically low elevations where basic reservoir operations and water deliveries become impossible.

We are here today because of the tremendous leadership of the seven Colorado River Basin States. The water users throughout the basin. Traditionally, the shared water resources of the Colorado River have been managed through consensus and collaboration, and the drought contingency plan, or DCP, is no exception.

Water users throughout the basin agree to voluntary conservation measures that protect existing water rights in order to protect the water supplies of Lake Powell and Lake Mead for the foreseeable future. I want to commend the bill’s sponsor for working to ensure that the Salton Sea is protected under this legislation. DCP was developed with input from stakeholders throughout the basin, including water users, Tribal leaders, and environmental groups. California holds the senior water rights in the lower basin. In the short term, though, California may have the most water security during this historic drought, but water leaders in my region recognize the importance of protecting Lake Mead now to preserve southern California’s long-term water supply reliability.

Mr. Speaker, I want to extend a special thanks to Jeff Kightlinger for his tireless efforts on behalf of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California to get this historic deal across the finish line. If not for his work over the last several years, we would not be here today.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this legislation.

Mr. GRIJALVA. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. STANTON).

Mr. STANTON. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding, and I thank him for his leadership as chairman of the Natural Resources Committee and as a senior member of the Arizona delegation for his leadership on this important legislation.

Mr. Speaker, the importance of the Colorado River to the West and my State of Arizona cannot be overstated. Forty million Western States get water from the Colorado, and nearly 40 percent of the water used in Phoenix comes from the Colorado. We must absolutely protect it, and we must do so without delay.

To prepare for the impact of the changing climate and a drier future, water users in the seven Colorado River Basin States reached agreements to voluntarily conserve water and better manage the river to mitigate the risk of water levels falling to perilously low levels in Lakes Mead and Powell, the two largest man-made reservoirs in the United States.

A little over a week ago, a Natural Resources subcommittee heard testimony from committee members from all seven basin States on the urgency to authorize the drought contingency plan as quickly as possible.

This urgency was also expressed by U.S. Bureau of Reclamation Commissioner Brenda Burns, who described the consequences of not advancing the drought contingency plan. She said: “This is a dangerous situation, where we could be reaching critically low elevations that affect the drinking water of 40 million people; that affect 5.5 million acres that could go dry; that affect species, both endangered and not endangered; that affect entire economies and the recreation of the Southwest. Action is needed now.”

The legislation before us today is critical because it directs the Secretary of the Interior to immediately execute the agreements reached so water conservation efforts can get underway this year. By no means a permanent long-term solution. We all recognize that more must be done. But this legislation is an important step, and it must be advanced without delay.

It is also important to note that this legislation has strong support from a wide variety of interests across the State of Arizona, from our Tribal leaders, including the Gila River Indian Community and the Colorado River Indian Tribes, to cities and municipalities across the State, including the city of Phoenix. Industrial users support it, as do environmental organizations.

I urge my colleagues to join us in supporting this bill.

Mr. BISHOP of Utah. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself 1 minute.

I would like the RECORD to reflect that, although they are not noted as original cosponsors, Congressmen AMODEI, BUCK, and TIPPTON were, in fact, with us supporting this bill since the very beginning, and it should be reflected as such. Due to an error in the introduction of the bill, they were initially left off H.R. 2030, but they should be original cosponsors.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. GRIJALVA. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Utah (Mr. MCADAMS).

Mr. MCADAMS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 2030, the Colorado River Drought Contingency Plan. My State is one of the four upper division States, and Utah gets 22 percent of its total water supply from the Colorado River.

The water is not only the lifeblood for farmers and ranchers in eastern Utah. It also supplies water to the Wasatch Front, a fast-growing urban area where most of the State’s residents live.
Since the year 2000, the Colorado River Basin and the State of Utah have been in severe drought. We don’t know whether this drought will continue or, due to climate change, may permanently alter the river as a source of water. In the meantime, demand for water continues to rise.

Both Lake Powell and Lake Mead appear to be operating as designed, but both are at uncomfortably low levels. Congress must act promptly on this legislation as a collaborative measure that builds on past efforts to decrease stress on basin water delivery, and protections for endangered species continue in compliance with the Colorado River Compact. I strongly support this bipartisan, collaborative measure that builds on past efforts to decrease stress on basin water supplies and lets States and water continues to rise.

The Upper Basin Drought Contingency Plan is aimed at protecting upper basin water supplies by keeping Lake Powell from falling below a specified critical elevation. Taking steps now to avoid that just makes sense and helps ensure that hydropower needs, water delivery, and protections for endangered species continue in compliance with the Colorado River Compact.

I appreciate everyone who has spoken on behalf of this particular bill. It is a significant piece of legislation.

As Mr. Schweikert said, hopefully, we will never have to use it. Even in April of this year, the flow into Lake Powell is 133 percent of average. The snowpack is 138 percent of the 30-year average. Hopefully, we will never have to implement it, but at some time in the future, it may, indeed, happen. Having this in place now provides for the future necessity, if and when that negative time has to take place.

I am proud the States came together. They have have come up with a plan that is going to be successful, a solution to it, because if this thing does not pass, Utah is going to keep all the water and the rest of you can suck under.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. BISHOP of Utah. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I appreciate everyone who worked on what we called our contingency plan, think creatively. Are there technologies, and are there encouragements of farming techniques, as we are doing urban construction and types of plants in our communities?

In the meantime, demand for water continues to rise.

The work that was being done today is not complete yet. There is much still to be done. I hope that the stakeholders and everyone involved in getting the plan to this point continue, with earnestness and with purpose, to address the issue of water availability in the Southwest. As our areas become more and more arid, understand that this is not an infinite resource we have in water. It is a finite resource, and we need to treat it that way.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support the legislation, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until approximately 6:30 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 5 o’clock and 54 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. Cuellar) at 6 o’clock and 30 minutes p.m.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfinished business is the vote on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from Minnesota (Mrs. Craig) to suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 19) authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the concurrent resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from Minnesota (Mrs. Craig) that House suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution. The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 386, nays 0, not voting 45, as follows:

[Roll No. 157]

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## CONGRESSIONAL RECORD — HOUSE

### April 8, 2019

### Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York and Mr. PETERS changed their vote from "aye" to "no.

So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the concurrent resolution was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

### LOCAL WATER PROTECTION ACT

The SPEAKER read the title of the bill. The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfinished business is the motion on the passage of the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 1331) to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to reauthorize certain programs relating to nonpoint source management, and for other purposes, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill. The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Minnesota (Mrs. CRAIG) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill.

This is a 5-minute vote. The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 329, nays 56, not voting 46, as follows:

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The question is on the Speaker’s approval of the Journal.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

[Roll No. 119]

AYES—194

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NOES—182

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. WALDEN. Mr. Speaker, due to a prior commitment to speak at an event in my district that was set prior to the late change in the schedule by the Majority, I was unable to attend votes. Had I been present, I would have voted “yay” on rolloca No. 157—H. Con. Res 19 and “yea” on rolloca No. 158—H. 1331.

THE JOURNAL

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The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

RECORDED VOTE

Mr. TONKO. Mr. Speaker, I demand a recorded vote.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 194, noes 182, answered “present” 1, not voting 54, as follows:

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 1055

Ms. WILD and Mrs. McBATH changed their vote from “no” to “aye.” So the Journal was approved. The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

REQUEST TO CONSIDER H.R. 962, BORN-ALIVE ABORTION SURVIVORS PROTECTION ACT

Mr. NORMAN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the following amendment be agreed to as a part of the bill:

This is essential legislation that would protect the lives of children who are born alive and thereby impose a duty on hospitals and other health-care providers to take reasonable action to ensure the health and well-being of the newborn in cases where a baby is born alive, even if the pregnancy was terminated by an abortion.
survive the trauma of an abortion, children who deserve to be given the best medical care, a bill that should not be controversial.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under guidelines consistently issued by successive Speakers, as recorded in section 956 of the House Rules and Manual, the Chair is constrained not to entertain the request unless it has been cleared by the bipartisan floor and committee leaderships.

Mr. NORMAN. Mr. Speaker, if this unanimous consent request cannot be entertained, I urge the Speaker and majority leader to immediately schedule the Born-Alive bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman has not been recognized for debate.

SECRETARY NIELSEN'S RESIGNATION

(Mr. PAYNE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, hallelujah. Yesterday evening, Homeland Security Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen resigned. Good.

Under the Trump administration and Secretary Nielsen, both of whom were empowered by my colleagues across the aisle, the United States of America ripped children away from their parents and put them into tent cities. Ripping children away from their parents and lying about it to the American people was evil, and it should have ended Secretary Nielsen’s career a year ago. Then, in December 2018, two little children died in the custody of the federal government while under the care of Secretary Nielsen.

She should have done the honorable thing at that time and resigned. Those children did not deserve to die. That will be Secretary Nielsen’s legacy.

Mr. Speaker, the next Secretary of Homeland Security must commit to laying out for the American people a plan of action that ensures our border policy respects human life, promotes safety and dignity, and reins in this administration’s horrible policies.

HONORING THE LIFE OF ARTHUR SEYMOUR, JR.

(Mr. BURCHETT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BURCHETT. Mr. Speaker, the city of Knoxville and the people of the Second Congressional District lost a distinguished citizen and leader on March 11 when my good friend, Arthur Seymour, Jr., died at the age of 74.

Arthur was born in Knoxville and lived there his entire life, leaving only to attend the University of the South at Sewanee and to serve in the U.S. Army.

He was a leading attorney in east Tennessee and was an example of what an attorney should be. He was fair, well-prepared, honest, objective, and relentless for his clients.

He was involved in many civic organizations and was a strong leader at St. John’s Episcopal Church. He served on the Knoxville Airport Authority as a board member and chair of the East Tennessee Historical Society.

He virtually never missed an election and took his civic duties very seriously. He and his wife traveled extensively in Europe, and Arthur had a particular interest in literary matters. For several years he belonged to a book club which met regularly, and he was always reading a book.

His life was enhanced by a 50-year marriage to his wife, Susan, who was a long-time teacher in our wonderful city of Knoxville. Arthur Seymour, Jr., was truly an example of what a citizen should aspire to be.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY SECRETARY

(Ms. JACKSON LEE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, it is well known that the Department of Homeland Security, established after the heinous and unspeakable acts of 9/11, is one of America’s most important departments.

It is tragic that during the tenure of this administration, it has been in the midst of confusion and disbelief. The Department needs long and strong leadership. Secret Service, Customs and Border Protection, Border Patrol, many other departments that are crucial, those dealing with domestic terrorism, those dealing with transportation security, it needs someone that can make an independent decision that separating children from families is not the right thing to do; that the border crisis is a humanitarian crisis; that the fences that have been built are still being built through funding that has come from previous administrations.

I wish well the Acting Secretary that is now in the position, but I will tell you that I wish more well to the hard-working employees every day that work to keep this Nation safe.

Leave the Department alone, and let its leadership work its will on behalf of the security of the American people to do the right thing and to act according to the decency of the rule of law.

HONORING THE LIFE OF FREDDIE WARMACK

(Mr. YOHO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. YOHO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Freddie Warmack, member of my constituency, Mr. Freddie Warmack, from Newberry, Florida, a small rural community of approximately 6,000 in north central Florida.

Following a lifetime of public service, Mr. Warmack passed away on April 1, 2019, at the age of 87. Mr. Warmack dedicated his life to the betterment of his community and country.

As a young man, Mr. Warmack served his country in the Korean War. Upon his return to Newberry, Florida, he became a city commissioner and went on to be elected the first African American mayor of Newberry, where he served from 1984 to 1994. During the 10 years that Mr. Warmack served as mayor of Newberry, he established a citywide coalition of groups and organizations and worked to keep this Nation safe.

He helped institute the historic city hall still used today and renovated the first African American school in the city and the adjoining property into a park named in his honor.

Mr. Warmack’s compassion and respect for others has left an impact on all those who were lucky enough to have known him, and I would like to honor the accomplishments and legacy of Mr. Warmack and the strides he has made for his community and communities across our great Nation.

CONGRATULATING CHRISTENE MOSS ON 29 YEARS OF SERVICE

(Mr. VEASEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. VEASEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Christene Moss for 29 years of dedicated service to our community as a trustee on the Fort Worth Independent School District Board of Education.

Christene has dedicated her time on the board to improving children’s literacy by working with parents and teachers to close the achievement gap and pushing to create a facility for homeless students.

Christene, who is from Lake Como, Texas, now living in Carver Heights in the Stop Six community, spearheaded projects for the board of education, including creating the Fort Worth ISD’s first community forum and working to reinstate music and art programs into the school curriculum.

In 2013, she also made history becoming the board’s first Black president. For years, Christene has been an active member of the Texas Caucus of Black School Board Members where she served as president and helped to mentor the next generation of Black leaders.

Her passion for the community will be enshrined in our neighborhood through the children’s library, and elementary school named in her honor.

We will miss Christene’s service on the board, but we are very grateful for her decades of service and the legacy that she has left behind for students in Fort Worth.

We wish her the very best as she moves on to the next chapter in her life.
CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

(Mr. TAYLOR asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TAYLOR. Mr. Speaker, recognized each April, Child Abuse Prevention Month has brought awareness to the needs for families and communities to work in tandem to prevent child abuse and neglect, while promoting the social and emotional wellbeing of both children and families.

Texas' Third Congressional District is incredibly fortunate to have court appointed special advocates, or CASAs, of Collin County serve our communities. These volunteers work tirelessly on behalf of abused and neglected children in our community, and we are incredibly grateful for their work.

Mr. Speaker, today and every day, let us come together as a community to make a positive difference in the lives of these children to ensure their futures are safer, brighter, and healthier.

AVAILABLE AND AFFORDABLE HEALTHCARE

(Mr. CASE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CASE. Mr. Speaker, most of our fellow Americans just want us to assure them that the necessities of life are available and affordable: food, shelter, education, safety. Are they available and affordable?

Most of our fellow Americans would add to that available and affordable to all Americans, because the promise, opportunities and responsibilities of citizenship are shared, and are best shared by all of us. Nowhere is this more evident than in healthcare.

The question before us all now is how to ensure that quality healthcare is available and affordable for all Americans.

We can, should, and must continue the great debate over how best to do so, for healthcare remains unavailable to tens of millions of Americans, unaffordable when available, and widely inconsistent on quality.

What we can’t, shouldn’t, and must do not is take a giant step backward to strip tens of millions of Americans of any semblance of available, affordable, quality healthcare. That is exactly what we would do if the Affordable Care Act were repealed by this Congress or our courts.

To those few who don’t agree with our basic premise to start with, please get out of the way. To those who do, but don’t agree that this is the best way forward, let’s hear your concrete proposal.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. ALLRED). Members are reminded to address their remarks to the Chair.

CONGRATULATING INDIAN RIVER STATE COLLEGE

(Mr. MAST asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MAST. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Indian River State College on being named a winner of the 2019 Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence.

IRSC has made it their mission, literally, to provide the best to every student developing academic plans. They have proven their ability to consistently improve student success rates. Their effort to create educational opportunities beyond the 2-year degree have produced amazing results worth recognizing.

I have been on the campus many times. I have never spoken to a student there that hasn’t said anything but praise for IRSC.

So congratulations to Indian River State College, to Dr. Massey on receiving this special recognition to help educate and prepare the next generation of young professionals for success.

DO NOT REPEAL AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

(Ms. MUCARSEL-POWELL asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. MUCARSEL-POWELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to tell Lucia Huete Suarez’ story. Lucia, an immigrant from Nicaragua, lives in Kendall.

Ten years ago, she was healthy, working at a job she enjoyed, living a normal life.

Her life changed when she was diagnosed with chronic pancreatitis. She was heartbroken when she had to stop working due to her illness. Now, she pays high copays for monthly lab work and procedures even with insurance.

Every time Trump threatens to repeal the Affordable Care Act and rip away protections for preexisting conditions, it is Lucia and 300,000 others living in my district whose lives are on the line.

I was proud to stand with colleagues to introduce legislation to protect Lucia and every other Floridian, every American living in fear of Trump’s attacks on healthcare.

I stand in opposition to Trump’s heartless attacks and reiterate that we must all support the Protecting Pre-existing Conditions and Making Health Care More Affordable Act.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to refrain from engaging in personalities toward the President.

Mr. SMUCKER. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to thank some individuals who helped in the passage of my bill, the Susquehanna National Heritage Act, which designates York and Lancaster Counties in the district that I represent as a national heritage area.

I thank Senator Bob Casey, who has been working on this in the Senate for 12 years, as well as Representative Rob Bishop from Utah, who helped push this bill through the Natural Resources Committee when I was chair there last year. Representative Tom McClintock was chair of the subcommittee.

Also, I would like to recognize Mark Platts and Jonathan Pinkerton of Susquehanna Heritage. They have been proposing this and working on it in the district, and they will be helping to manage this national heritage area.

I also thank Columbia Mayor Leo Lutz, who testified in support of the bill last year.

National heritage areas celebrate the special historic places in our country and highlight the beauty and natural resources of our community. They also provide 148,000 jobs and nearly $13 billion in economic growth. Our area will definitely benefit from this designation.

I am very proud to have worked with these folks to help this bill become law. I am also grateful to my colleagues who supported the passage of this bill, and I thank them for their hard work and help.

RECOGNIZING EAGLE SCOUT MICHAEL BRYAN

(Mr. VAN DREW asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. VAN DREW. Mr. Speaker, I am grateful for the opportunity to honor my exceptional student Michael Bryan of Dennis Township, New Jersey, the 42 servicemembers who perished during training at NAS Wildwood.

Michael Bryan is a member of the National Honor Society and, for his Eagle Scout project, acquired the skills to weld a stand for an American World War II plane propeller that was pulled out of the Atlantic Ocean. It honors the 42 servicemembers who perished during training at NAS Wildwood.

Michael plans to follow in the footsteps of his father and his grandfather and enroll in the Coast Guard to bravely serve and defend our country.

We are all looking for heroes. Some look to celebrities. Some look to Washington, God help them. But I look to people like Michael Bryan who make a difference in their community. He is south Jersey’s hero. He is an American hero.

1930 APPRECIATING DESIGNATION OF SUSQUEHANNA NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA

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RECOGNIZING WORK OF CUSTOMS, BORDER PATROL AT THE SOUTHERN BORDER

(Mr. LAMALFA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, I rise tonight to speak about our recent trip, on Friday, to Calexico, California, on the southern border between California and Mexico, with President Trump and several of my colleagues here from the House.

What really stood out the most to me on this visit was the dedicated men and women who do this important work along the border from the U.S. Customs and Border Protection and the U.S. Border Patrol. They did make it very clear to us in the group that they don’t currently have the personnel, the funding, the infrastructure, and even the commitment by Congress to do everything they need to do to get their job done well.

This includes the continued need for a physical barrier along the border, which they have seen and have demonstrated works very well. They reinforced that fences do, indeed, work. They serve as checkpoints for those who are trying to come across the border illegally. We have much to do in this department if we are going to have a secure border.

For this time, my hat is off to them for the great work they do and for being honest with us about what needs to be done so they can do their jobs well instead of watching them go right on by into our country.

RECOGNIZING GRIFF DOYLE

(Mr. CARTER of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Griff Doyle, who retired as the University of Georgia’s vice president of government relations on Friday, March 22. Mr. Doyle dedicated 40 years to good government throughout Georgia, and a large part of his career has been crucial to UGA becoming a premier public university in this country.

Before he started with the university, he worked with the Georgia Public Policy Foundation, with former Governor George Busbee, and as an assistant U.S. attorney in the State.

Experiences like these gave him a priceless breadth of knowledge that enabled him to be one of the most important figures at the University of Georgia.

While at the university, he educated Members of Congress on the latest research projects and secured funding necessary to move those projects forward, keeping UGA itself, the State of Georgia, and our entire Nation as global research leaders.

He also contributed directly to the students by placing 40 interns annually in congressional offices and even teaching seminars in government.

Thank you, Griff, for your personal friendship and for your dedication to our State and our beloved University of Georgia. Your work has truly been invaluable. Enjoy your retirement.

CALLING FOR A BUDGET PLAN

(MR. STEIL asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. STEIL. Mr. Speaker, where is the proposed budget plan? We just voted to approve the use of the Capitol Grounds for a soapbox derby, but we can’t vote on the budget.

Article I of the Constitution gives Congress the primary responsibility of creating spending priorities for the Nation. The President submitted his budget weeks ago. Rather than fulfilling this obligation to govern, House leadership is asleep at the wheel.

It is irresponsible to not allow us to vote on a budget resolution. We are more than $22 trillion in debt. We can’t continue this broken process. The American people deserve to see theSpeaker’s spending priorities and know where taxpayer dollars are going to be spent.

Mr. Speaker, I say to Speaker Pelosi, show me your budget. Let’s vote on a budget. Let’s get to work.

CELEBRATING THE 2019 MASTERS

(Mr. ALLEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ALLEN. Mr. Speaker, this week in Augusta, Georgia, we celebrate a tradition unlike any other: bringing together the most elite golfers in the world to take on the prestigious Augusta National Golf Club for the first major of the year, the 2019 Masters Tournament.

The first full week of April in my hometown of Augusta is always filled with excitement and great competition, creating one of the most electrifying atmospheres in all of sports.

This year, I am thrilled that a new tradition has unfolded. This past Saturday, the inaugural Augusta National Women’s Amateur took place at the famed Augusta National for the first time.

I congratulate the entire field for their stellar performance and especially our women’s amateur champion, Jennifer Kupcho.

I also thank Chairman Ridley, the membership of Augusta National, and all the volunteers for their continued success in conducting the finest competition in sports and in growing the game of golf worldwide.

This special week allows the world to get a glimpse into Georgia’s 12th District and the wonderful people who live and work there. I am looking forward to the final round on Sunday and the 2019 champion putting on that coveted green jacket. The tradition that encompasses the Masters is truly special.

CLOSING THE IMMIGRATION LOOPHOLE

(Mr. SPANO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SPANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to bring attention to the worsening humanitarian and national security crisis on our southern border. In the past 6 months alone, over 200,000 migrants have been detained by the Border Patrol, nearly twice as many as the previous year.

Currently, caravans of migrants are headed north with little to no opposition by neighboring governments. The U.S. must demand regional cooperation. While fleeing their countries to escape poverty, gang violence, and crime, they fall victim to coyotes and criminals on the trek to our border, including women and children.

Our immigration facilities are too full to house, and our court systems are too burdened to process, these cases. This results in migrants being released into America, most never to be seen again.

We have a moral obligation to American families across this land to close these immigration loopholes, secure our borders, and restore the rule of law.

Congress must fix our broken immigration system, and we must do it now.

RECOGNIZING THE 35TH ANNIVERSARY OF NCMEC

(Ms. FOXX of North Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. FOXX of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the 35th anniversary of the founding of the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, NCMEC.

Every child deserves a safe childhood, but each year, hundreds of thousands of children are abducted, abused, and exploited. NCMEC serves as the national clearinghouse and coordinated response center to locate missing children, combat sexual exploitation, and prevent victimization.

NCMEC’s impact cannot be overstated. Since its founding in 1984, NCMEC has assisted law enforcement and families with more than 25,000 cases of missing children and helped to identify more than 16,700 children who were victims of sexual abuse. Thanks to NCMEC’s efforts, law enforcement has successfully recovered more than 290,000 missing children.

NCMEC’s dedication to serving vulnerable children and their families is remarkable, and I am proud to honor NCMEC as it continues its tireless efforts to bring children home.

April 8, 2019
THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION’S FAILED POLICIES IN THE NORTHERN TRIANGLE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker’s announced policy of January 3, 2019, the gentleman from New York (Mr. ESPAILLAT) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.

Mr. ESPAILLAT. Mr. Speaker, I am grateful for this opportunity to speak. I thank Representative CLYBURN for allowing me a few minutes to address a president whose actions he assumes control of this Special Order hour.

Last week, the President of the United States made politically motivated announcements that he will seek to cut U.S. aid to Honduras, Guatemala, and El Salvador, which together are commonly known and referred to as the Northern Triangle countries. In making his decision, the President cited asylum seekers—moms, children, seniors, and young men—who make up the migration patterns from these nations that reflect themselves at the southern border.

As it turns out, Mr. Speaker, I was in the region with some of my colleagues from the other aisle when the President articulated his plan to freeze foreign aid for this part of the world. This aid has effectively helped curb violence in El Salvador, forge economic hope, and furnish essential health and education programs there as well. While on this trip with key members of the Foreign Affairs and Judiciary Committees, we met with leaders from the region and El Salvador and discussed the relationship between the United States and their respective countries with great optimism.

I will admit, Mr. Speaker, the manner in which our President views and that every step we take backwards will result in two steps forward for our visit.

In El Salvador, we met with ambitious, 38-year-old President-elect Nayib Bukele. He detailed his intentions to work more closely with the United States, specifically, to review and re-evaluate Chinese influence and an agreement with China that he has inherited from the previous government.

He also informed us that, because of our help, Mr. Speaker, homicide has gone down 50 percent in El Salvador. At one point, 104 people per 100,000 people were being killed, the highest homicide rate in the world. It is now down 50 percent—still a war zone, but down 50 percent. Young people are being recruited away from the gangs. What they really need now is a shot in the arm for economic development and jobs, and that is what the migration patterns that reflect themselves at the southern border.

And this young President has captured the enthusiasm of the young people. He campaigned against corruption and violence; yet, while we were there, the President threatened to cut the aid to El Salvador.

In fact, we should take what we did there to Guatemala and Honduras, because it is working.

And it is clear, Mr. Speaker, that this is all summed up that the President fails to share our optimism that collaboration will lead to a solution in this region.

He fails to register the miserable motivations that would prompt somebody to seek refuge for their families in an unknown country thousands and thousands of miles away. People just don’t get up and leave their families and neighborhoods. They do that because they are faced with circumstances they are facing abject poverty, because they are facing natural disasters.

The President fails to understand that, he fails to understand, Mr. Speaker, that Chinese and Russian influence in Central America is growing and that even when we take backwards will result in two steps forward for them and will leave a vacuum of leadership in the region.

Right now, the President is simply falling—falling the American people and our allies.

I look forward to reviewing this issue this week when the Foreign Affairs Committee holds a hearing on the administration’s failed policies in Central America.

We must hold him accountable. Mr. Speaker, I again want to thank Whip CLYBURN for allowing me some time to address this issue on behalf of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus in lieu of our monthly Special Order hour, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to refrain from engaging in personalities toward the President.

HONORING ERNEST “FRITZ” HOLLINGS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of January 3, 2019, the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. CLYBURN) will control the remainder of the hour as the designee of the majority leader.

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, it is with mixed emotions that I stand in the well here this evening with my colleagues from South Carolina. We are here because our State and our Nation has lost a giant of a man, one whom I call a one-of-a-kind statesman, Ernest “Fritz” Hollings.

A native of Charleston, South Carolina, he graduated from The Citadel in 1947, and the very next year, 1948, he was elected to the South Carolina Legislature. There, he served until being elected Governor of South Carolina in 1954.

I am pointing out some years here because I want to make a statement about the man Fritz Hollings.

He was elected Governor in 1958.

Now, in 1947, some interesting things were taking place in South Carolina at the time Ernest Hollings graduated college; and, in 1948, when he was elected to the legislature, a very significant court decision was handed down.

The court case was Elmore v. Rice, the 1948 court case that opened up the South Carolina Democratic primary to people other than Whites. This was the atmosphere within which Fritz Hollings was first elected.

And, of course, in 1954, when he was elected Lieutenant Governor, I need not tell anybody what Court decision came down that year. That was the year that the Supreme Court ruled that school desegregation had to take place. That was the atmosphere.

So, Fritz Hollings gets elected Governor. I was a student on the campus of South Carolina State when he was elected, and in 1960 is when I first met Fritz Hollings.

He was Governor, and I was organizing sit-ins in Orangeburg, South Carolina, and he had invited us to the State house. He gave me a great lesson that day in politics, so much so, that what we talked about in his office on that day I still have not told anybody.

Well, fast-forward. Fritz Hollings, Governor of a State with tremendous challenges. So what did he do? Did he just meander through time, as so many did in those days? No.
Fritz knew what the challenges were, and he put forth trailblazing legislation to create the South Carolina Technical Education System. That was a big deal in those days. In fact, it became a national model. But he didn’t stop there. He blazed another trail, creating the South Carolina Educational Television Corporation. That was really a big deal, and it was viewed as trailblazing innovation, like no other State had made up until that point.

But that was not his last test. In 1962, just before he was to finish his term as Governor, the courts ruled that Clemson University had to accept another Charlestonian, Harvey Gantt, as a student. Of course, of there was much resistance.

Fritz spoke to the legislature and said to them on that day: We have run out of courts, and we are going to be a nation of laws. And he carried upon all South Carolinians to set aside the acrimony and accept the fact that it was a new day in South Carolina and the Nation.

And, of course, Harvey Gantt peacefully integrated Clemson University. All of that was because Fritz demonstrated the kind of leadership that we would expect any public servant to give.

Fritz and I became fast friends after I came here in 1992. Of course, we interacted quite a bit down in Charleston. Of course, he got elected to the United States Senate in 1996. We interacted quite a bit.

Fritz had a tremendous wit, and I remember when I first came up here, 1993, there was a reception held because I had become, with his help, the first African American to represent my State in the Congress in 95 years. So there were a lot interesting kinds of interactions taking place.

We go to this reception, Fritz Hollings along with then-Senator Strom Thurmond, and I was being presented to the group. One of them made a joke out of the fact that I had met my wife in jail when Fritz was Governor. I guess I brought it upon myself because I reminded him of our first meeting and the fact that we were not exactly on the same page in those days.

So, when I yielded the mikes to him, he told the group about my meeting my wife in jail when she brought a hamburger and shared a hamburger with me, and he said to the crowd: “And Fritz is eating out of her hand ever since.” It brought a great chuckle in the crowd, and I was reminded never to get smart in front of Fritz Hollings again.

Well, we have lost Fritz. But just before he really began to fall in health, Fritz called me and said he wanted me to do something for him. He said he wanted me to put in a piece of legislation to remove his name from the Judicial Center in Charleston.

I asked him: Why do you want me to do that?

He said, because Judge J. Waties Waring was the judge who made that decision in 1948 to open up the Democratic primary to people of color. He thought that J. Waties Waring, because of that decision and others—equalizing teacher pay between Black and White teachers, writing a dissenting opinion in Briggs v. Elliott that became the foundation of United States Supreme Court decision—he said to me: J. Waties Waring is the one who is deserving of having his name on that courthouse. That is the courthouse where the Briggs case was decided.

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And I said to him: Now, maybe this would pass in the House, but what would happen over in the Senate?

And he told me that he had already talked to Senator Graham, and he wanted this done. I told him I would get back to him because it is not something that I wanted to do.

Well, I called Senator Graham. He told me that Senator Hollings had called him. But I still would not do it. I called Senator Hollings back and asked him, in a second conversation, was I going to be able to depend upon him to hold when the bill was introduced because some reactions that would be unfavorable, and in his Gullah-throated way, he assured me that he would stand firm.

I then called the Congressional Research Service and I asked them: Has anything like this been done before? Has anyone in the history of this great country ever asked that his or her name be removed from a Federal building in order to accommodate someone else?

They came back to me several weeks later and said, no, that had never been done before.

We put forth the legislation. It passed the House and the Senate, and I joined with Senator Hollings and others at the ceremony removing his name from the Judicial Center in Charleston.

Fritz Hollings, a one-of-a-kind statesman.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. WILSON).

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I thank Mr. CLYBURN for inviting the delegation to participate in honoring the late Senator Ernest F. “Fritz” Hollings.

During his Governorship, he was a champion of the civil rights movement and helped ensure the peaceful integration of South Carolina schools. He is also credited with creating the State’s technical college system which, to this day, helps people connect with jobs and opportunities. He also helped develop the Charleston Port, which has turned South Carolina into a world-class exporter and one of the most competitive ports to do business in the country.

An absolute titan in the United States Senate, he spent nearly 40 years advocating for policies that would benefit South Carolinians and Americans.

Though I never had the pleasure of serving with him, I know that he brought South Carolina spirit to Washington with his sharp tongue and quick wit.

He will be missed, but we can find comfort that he is reunited in Heaven with his beloved wife, Peatsy.

I am honored to join my colleagues and all South Carolinians in celebrating his remarkable life.

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. DUNCAN).

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, tonight, I rise to remember and pay tribute to the late Senator Fritz Hollings, who was a true statesman through and through.

As Governor Henry McMaster said on Saturday, learning of Senator Hollings’ passing: “One of South Carolina’s greatest lions roars no more.” Those are powerful words to describe Senator Hollings.

His life was dedicated to the service of South Carolina and the United States, and the positive impact he made on our communities will be felt for years to come.

I heard fine words from Mr. CLYBURN earlier, but I talked about his career. But Senator Hollings’ career spanned for many decades, beginning with his graduation from The Citadel to his service as an artillery officer fighting for freedom during World War II. Like many in the Greatest Generation, he put his life on the line for our country at a very young age.

He then moved into service on behalf of the constituents of South Carolina
in a variety of roles, including Lieutenant Governor, Governor, and, most notably, here in the Halls of Congress, where he spent decades—36 years, I think—serving as a United States Senator.

He became well known as a national figure, a trailblazer, a respected fighter and champion for the American people in so many areas, including commerce and defense.

I met him in 1987 when I was working for Senator Strom Thurmond.

He will go down as one of the most effective Senators on record, and it is safe to say, there will be no one else like Senator Hollings.

Beyond his work ethic and advocacy for South Carolina, he was known as a genuine person, respected by folks from all walks of life, from every political party and from all 50 States.

His decades of work left South Carolina and our Nation better off; for that, there is no doubt, he was the true embodiment of selflessness and public service. His legacy will be felt for generations to come.

My prayers and condolences are with Fritz Hollings' family. His decades of work left South Carolina and our Nation better off; for that, there is no doubt, he was the true embodiment of selflessness and public service. His legacy will be felt for generations to come.

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from New York (Mr. MORELLE).

Mr. CUNNINGHAM. Mr. Speaker, I would like to also add my condolences to the Senator’s family.

I remember, as a young boy growing up interested in politics, that I was always struck by his thoughtfulness, the demeanor in which he held himself in an era where we were in full-contact politics all the time. Senator Hollings was an extraordinary American and a great patriot, and I join with my colleagues in offering condolences to the family and remembering his extraordinary legacy.

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to close this tribute tonight by acknowledging that this is the 50th year since Fritz Hollings’ hunger tour.

A lot of people may remember, in 1969, Ernest Hollings embarked upon a tour—or several tours of South Carolina. The first one was on Charleston's East Side, and it was my great honor to lead him, along with Sister Mary Anthony, on that tour so that he could see some of the anxiety, some of the wanting that was present in his hometown.

He went from there to other places throughout the State, most especially, Beaufort, Jasper County. Many people may remember, he, after a tour with a Dr. Gatch in Beaufort County, Fritz wrote a book called “The Case Against Hunger.” That book was eye-opening to a lot of people.

In fact, he made the case for significant expansion of community health centers throughout the South, and he made the case for what we now call the WIC program: Women, Infants, and Children. It was that book and that tour; and 2 years later, I took a tour with his classmate from The Citadel, John Carl West, who was my mentor in government.

When West became Governor, he then took a tour. He wanted to retrace some of Fritz’s steps and redouble the efforts to eradicate poverty.

Poverty is still with us. Ill health is still with us. Hunger among children is still with us.

I am going to be moving, at several points this year, to memorialize Fritz by calling upon my colleagues to redouble our efforts for children, for women, for infants, for the poor.

I would hope that as we think about Fritz, we will think about that passage of scripture found in Matthew 25 where we are told that it is incumbent upon us to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and do right for those who are less fortunate.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

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Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. MORELLE (during the Special Order of Mr. CLYBURN), from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 116–37) on the resolution (H. Res. 294) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1644) to restore the open internetorder of the Federal Communications Commission; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2021) to amend the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 and to establish a congressional budget for fiscal year 2020; and for other purposes.

Mr. MORELLE. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to be on this floor and to hear the eloquence of Jim Clyburn talking about a legend in Senator Fritz Hollings' heart as it is to all America: Social Security.

We have introduced a bill. On Wednesday at 2 o’clock we will be having our fourth hearing on the subject matter of Social Security. We are honored to see that that is going forward, because there haven’t been hearings for some time on the matter of expanding Social Security.

Under the leadership of Nancy Pelosi and now Rich Neal on the Ways and Means Committee and a return to regular order, we are focusing on the needs of the American people, and nothing is more important than Social Security.

Let’s start by underscoring something that should be intuitively obvious to everyone, but oftentimes is overlooked: Social Security is not an entitlement. Social Security is the insurance that people have paid for.

How do we know this? We know it simply because you only have to look as far as your pay stub, whether it is weekly, biweekly, or monthly, under the definition of FICA.


Citizens all across this Nation understand that they have contributed to this program.
I want to give the President of the United States a shout-out here, because even under the intense scrutiny of the campaign, when challenged by 16 other Republicans, President Trump alone amongst the Republicans said: No, this is not an entitlement. This is an earned benefit, and I intend to protect it.

Not only does Social Security need protection, as CONOR LAMB understands, but it needs to be expanded. It needs this, because the last time that this Congress did anything significant with respect to Social Security was in 1983.

In 1983, Ronald Reagan was the President of the United States, Tip O'Neill was the Speaker of the House. And you know what? A Democrat and Republican were able to come together and change Social Security and make sure that it would be there for future generations.

However, they didn’t do a number of things that would have enhanced the program, and it has been 36 years since there has been any change to Social Security, the Nation’s premier insurance program.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the viewing audience: Have any of your insurance premiums gone up since 1983? And, of course, everyone knows what the answer is.

It is not the people’s fault at home or citizens all across this Nation. It is the responsibility of the United States Congress to make sure that the Nation’s premier program, a program that not only provides a pension, but provides disability and spousal and dependent coverage, is there.

It is the only program out there that provides the full faith and credit of the United States Government, and, by the way, has never missed a payment.

Yet, if we do nothing. If we continue to kick the can down the road, then by as soon as 2034, just 15 years from now, there will be a 21 percent cut in the program, sending many people on the program directly into poverty.

That cannot stand. The time for us to act is now.

That is especially true given the circumstances that have taken place in this Nation, especially as recent as 2008.

If you will observe the chart on my left here, what this demonstrates is essentially from 2007 to 2010, the Great Recession, what we have witnessed happen with respect to their overall wealth and assets.

What we see is that only 10 percent of the people of this country, and they happen to be in the top 10 percent of wealth, have recovered from the Great Recession.

Imagine if Social Security had been privatized, as was intended by the Bush administration in 2005. Thankfully, it was not, because people depend on Social Security. They depend on Social Security because they know it is the only guarantee that is there for them.

I have gone across this country speaking to people about Social Security and our enhancements and what we do, and I take with me two props: one is the actuary report of Social Security 2100, the bill that CONOR LAMB and 206 other Members of this body are original cosponsors of; and I also carry with me this Starbucks coffee. This happened to me, but it is part of my prop, and I will get to that shortly.

But what we said to the actuary is that what we wanted to do is make sure that Social Security not only remains solvent for beyond the 75 years, it is in a position to last longer and to enhance it. The last time it was enhanced by this body was 36 years ago.

So that is why CONOR LAMB and myself and so many others have stepped forward to say, let’s add and enhance this, and let’s do it in four ways.

Number 1, let’s have a 2 percent across-the-board increase for all Social Security recipients.

Number 2, let’s not let anyone who has paid their quarters into Social Security, who is working all of their lives, retire into poverty.

Unfortunately for many Americans, especially women, that is the case. Why would that be so? It is so because women have been the caregivers in our lives, from the time they take on the job of raising families, to take care of children.

Also, unfortunately, women have found themselves in the workplace earning 77 cents for every dollar their male counterpart was. This change in the law will correct that.

We also found, and CONOR LAMB pointed this out several times, that there were people that he talked to who were still working, many out of necessity, some because of the joy that they find and the fulfillment of their lives in being active and busy, but nonetheless, they found that they were being taxed on their Social Security, because back in 1983, we did not index Social Security, so that back then, if you were single and making more than $24,000, you were taxed. If you were a married couple and making more than $32,000, you were taxed.

So what CONOR and others said is, let’s raise that to $50,000 for an individual and $100,000 for a couple, and immediately 12 million Americans will get a tax break under this bill.

We also wanted to adopt something that the AARP has fought for, which is to have a COLA that actually reflects what the consumer cost of living is, whether you are older, whether that is doctor visits, whether it is nutritional concerns, whether it is physical therapy, or whether it is heating and cooling your home. These are the things that you need and are important to you, and that is what the COLA should reflect, and that is what we put in the bill.

Most of all, we have to make sure that the bill is sustainably solvent beyond 75 years, as is required by law, so that no one in any generation could say it won’t be there in the future.

In fact, it has always been there. It has never missed a payment. It has a 99 percent loss ratio.

What does that mean? That means it is the most efficient government program there is. It is the Nation’s insurance program.

I have heard my good friend and colleague talk about this often, and I yield the floor to the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. LAMB).

Mr. LAMB. Mr. Speaker, I thank Mr. LARSON for yielding to me.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to be here tonight.

Last year, during a long campaign season, two campaigns and two elections, there was no issue in western Pennsylvania that came to me from my constituents more often than Social Security, and it was usually with a heavy heart.

I will never forget one man who came up to me at an event. He was about 77 years old. He told me how he started paying into Social Security when he was 12. They didn’t really make them like that anymore, but in western Pennsylvania, people started working at earlier and earlier ages to make ends meet.

The gentleman had worked in a factory. He had been laid off. He told me: We were in the streets, not sure where to go during the depression, but we didn’t want our kids to know that we were out of work.

He had five kids. He became a janitor, got hurt on the job, needed his union to stick up for him, but that cut into his prime years of earning.

So the gentleman becomes 65. He retires, eventually collects Social Security, but he still works to this day as a janitor.

So he is telling me all about his life, and he pulls out one of those big key rings that every janitor seems to have, and he shows it into my hand. He had pulled off of it the dog tag that he carried when he served in the U.S. Army in Korea in the 1950s.

He pressed it into my palm and he just looked up at me and said: Don’t you break your promise to us. If you get a chance to go down to Washington, D.C., you fight for Social Security, you fight for Medicare. You promised these programs to us and you have got to keep your promise.

I will tell you, I don’t think a man his age and his experience wanted to have to stand there and ask a 33-year-old young congressional candidate to stick up for him in that way.

That was a promise that we made, and it is not an entitlement. It is something he paid into for over 45, 50 years of a working life.

Mr. Speaker, I wonder if Mr. LARSON has not constituents like that back in Connecticut as well.

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, no question about it. We were just at a senior center in Elmwood on Friday and had the same experience.

I think really people find it annoying when this is called an entitlement, especially when they know they have worked all of their lives for this. They
only had to look at their pay stub to know that they had made these contributions.

To say that this is an entitlement, when you look at the investment that you have made over a lifetime, nothing could be further from the truth, and that is why it is so important that we get the Social Security 2100 Act passed into law.

Mr. LAMB. It is the most important thing we can work on in this Congress for many of the people who are affected.

The problem is, as you said, it hasn’t been adjusted since the 1980s, and a couple of really important things have happened since then. When Tip and President Reagan struck the last deal on Social Security, there wasn’t the heroin epidemic that we see today.

One of the problems that we have in western Pennsylvania is that we are losing a lot of young parents in their 30s and 40s to heroin, fentanyl, and prescription drug overdoses. Because they come from good families, their aunts, their uncles, and their parents are stepping up and taking care of the kids who are left behind.

I have run into dozens and dozens of senior citizens in western PA who are raising kids on their Social Security benefits. They are working part time, too. And they are barely making ends meet. Social Security wasn’t designed for that.

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, the gentleman makes an excellent point. There is nobody who is getting wealthy on the Social Security program, but it is essential to their very existence and essential to our economy. Every penny that goes into Social Security comes right back and is recirculated through our economy because these are the things that are needed to sustain life.

It is such an important point, Mr. Speaker. I said earlier that I carry this Starbucks, and you make an apt comparison here. In terms of the $2 trillion tax cut that was passed in the previous session, 83 percent of that tax cut goes to the Nation’s wealthiest 1 percent. When you contrast that to the bill we are proposing that says that we want to make sure that people are able to purchase insurance that they have paid into, it seems utterly cruel that this hasn’t already taken effect and taken hold. What is even more, we are not going to do it by passing on debt to a future generation. It is paid for.

All those recipients, I know they say it in Connecticut, and I heard it again in West Hartford, and I know the gentleman has heard it as well in his community, Mr. Speaker. We don’t want to be a burden, not to our families or future generations.

Well, they have never been a burden. They were the generations that made us what we are today, so we paid for this bill. We paid for it in two ways.

Number one, we lift the cap over $400,000. So if you are one of the six-tenths of 1 percent in this Nation who make over $400,000, we are going to lift the cap off that Social Security so that you are paying what the guy making $50,000 is. Then we do something else. We do what Roosevelt intended and what every American knows because they consult their bill. We increase the contribution that you make in your paycheck by 1 percent.

But then we say: No, even 1 percent is a lot. We are going to phase that in over 25 years to accomplish what should have been done in 1983, indexing it and phasing it in a significant time.

What does that mean? That means a person earning $50,000 a year would pay 50 cents a week to make sure that he gets all the benefits we have described for Social Security and that it is solvent beyond 75 years. For 50 cents a week, a disability policy, dependent coverage, spousal coverage, and a pension, you could not purchase that in the private market. It is the full faith and credit of the United States Government that makes it possible because of the individual contribution.

That is where this Starbucks comes in. When I am at a public forum and when I am doing a townhall, I say to people: How much is this Starbucks? They are going to tell me it is a latte. I say yes. They say $4.50. I go: You are right. Or 9 weeks of Social Security payments if you are making $50,000 a year. Or if you are that individual making over $400,000 a year, it could amount to $3,000 a month more than it will to save Social Security.

We can do this together. This is why we have been going all across the country. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman, and I will, for going out and putting this online and on Facebook, making sure that we are getting the message out that, no, you are not a burden to us; you are our fellow Americans. This isn’t a Democratic or a Republican or an independent plan; this is the American plan. In fact, it was President Reagan who enhanced it, and it was President Eisenhower who enhanced and grew the program of Social Security. That is why it becomes vitally important that we help out our fellow citizens, especially with this disparity and, as in the chart we showed before, with many Americans still not recovered from the Great Recession of 2008.

Mr. LAMB. Mr. Speaker, how many programs do we really have that are truly universal, that are truly for every American, in which we all share the sacrifice and we all share the benefit? We are all in this together at the end of the day.

A very wise man said to me once that one of the problems we have in America today is people think the economy is like the weather. You might be able to predict it, and you might be able to prepare for what is coming, but you just can’t do anything about it.

Well, that is not true. The economy is a set of rules written down on pieces of paper and it is the set of people who are there to enforce them.

This is a better rule than anything the other side has. This is a rule that all of us should be proud of. This is a rule that says, if you paid into this for all your working lives and now all you are asking for is about $16,000 a
year to be able to live with some dignity in your old age, after you finished the project of a lifetime of building the country that we all enjoy, we are going to make sure that there is for you, and we are going to make sure we keep our promise.

We think it is a pretty good bet to side with the folks who are getting $16,000 a year over the folks who are making $16 million a year. We think that is a pretty good bet, and we are all going to share the burden together going forward.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Mr. LARSON for allowing me to be part of this great bill.

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for joining me.

I thank Social Security Works, National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare, AFL-CIO, Paralyzed Veterans of America, Arc of the United States, American Federation of Government Employees, International Federation of Professional and Technical Engineers, Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities Social Security Task Force, Justice in Aging, Association of University Centers on Disability, and The Senior Citizens League of University Centers on Disability in their endorsement of this outstanding piece of legislation. I thank Mr. LAMB and the 206 other original co-sponsors of the Social Security 2100 Act.

Mr. Speaker, I thank you for allowing me to be part of this great bill.

Executive Communications, Etc.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows: 629. A letter from the Under Secretary, Acquisition and Sustainment, Department of Defense, transmitting a Department's report titled "Progress Toward the Strategic Plan to Improve Capabilities of Department of Defense Training, Ranges and Installations", pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 113 note; Public Law 115-232, Sec. 2862(f); (132 Stat. 2284); to the Committee on Armed Services.

630. A letter from the Under Secretary, Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense, transmitting a letter authorizing Colonel David S. Eagan and David J. Sanford, United States Coast Guard, to wear the insignia of the grade of brigadier general, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 777(b)(3)(B); Public Law 104-106, Sec. 506(a)(1) (as added by Public Law 108-136, Sec. 509(a)(3)); (117 Stat. 1458); to the Committee on Armed Services.

631. A letter from the Under Secretary, Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense, transmitting a letter authorizing five officers to wear the insignia of the grade of rear admiral (lower half), pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 777(b)(3)(B); Public Law 108-136, Sec. 509(a)(3); (117 Stat. 1458); to the Committee on Armed Services.

632. A letter from the Executive Director, Office of Minority and Women Inclusion, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, transmitting the Office's 2018 Annual Report of the Office of Minority and Women Inclusion, pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 5452(e); Public Law 111-203, Sec. 342(e); (124 Stat. 1545); to the Committee on Financial Services.

633. A letter from the Inspector General, Social Security Administration, transmitting a notification of a proposed change in the regulations for the period of 90 days following publication of a Notice of Proposed Rule Making, pursuant to 20 C.F.R. 600.305(a)(1) (as added by Public Law 108-136, Sec. 509(a)(3)); (117 Stat. 1458); to the Committee on Armed Services.

634. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting a notification of a proposed change in the regulations, pursuant to 49 C.F.R. 10.90; (106 Stat. 3416); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

635. A letter from the Director, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, transmitting the Bureau's Fiscal Year 2017 FAIR Act Inventory, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 331(e)(1); Public Law 97-258, Sec. 331(e)(1) (as amended by Public Law 103-356, Sec. 495(c)); (108 Stat. 3416); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

636. A letter from the Associate General Counsel for Legal General, Department of Commerce, transmitting a notification of a vacancy, and a designation of acting officer, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 3349(a); Public Law 105-277, 151(b); (112 Stat. 2681-614); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

637. A letter from the Director (Acting), U.S. Trade and Development Agency, transmitting the Agency's FY 2018 No FRAR Act Report, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 2301 note; Public Law 107-174, 203(a) (as amended by Public Law 109-155, Sec. 604(f)); (120 Stat. 3242); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

638. A letter from the Chairman, United States International Trade Commission, transmitting the Commission's FY 2018 No FRAR Act Report, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 2301 note; Public Law 107-174, 203(a) (as amended by Public Law 109-155, Sec. 604(f)); (120 Stat. 3242); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

639. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's temporary rule — Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; 2018 Commercial Accountability Measures and Closure for Atlantic Migratory Group Cobia (Docket No.: 0648-XG435) received April 5, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

640. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's temporary rule — Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area (Docket No.: 120815345-XG420) (RIN: 0648-XG420) received April 5, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

641. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's temporary rule — Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Atka Mackerel in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area (Docket No.: 170817779-8161-02) (RIN: 0648-XG420) received April 5, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

642. A letter from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's temporary rule — Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area (Docket No.: 101206604-1758-02) (RIN: 0648-XG420) received April 5, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

643. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's temporary rule — Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area (Docket No.: 101206604-1758-02) (RIN: 0648-XG420) received April 5, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

644. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's temporary rule — Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area (Docket No.: 101206604-1758-02) (RIN: 0648-XG420) received April 5, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.
653. A letter from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration’s temporary rule — Fishery of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Inseason Adjustment to the 2018 Gulf of Alaska Pollock Seasonal Apportionments [Docket No.: 170816769-8162-02] (RIN: 0648-XG192) received April 5, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

654. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration’s temporary rule — Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod by Catcher Vessels Greater Than or Equal to 50 Feet Length Overall Using Hook-and-Line Gear in the Central Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska [Docket No.: 170816769-8162-02] (RIN: 0648-XG384) received April 5, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, public bills and resolutions of the following titles were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. NEAL (for himself and Mr. BRADY):
H.R. 2113. A bill to amend titles XI and XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for drug manufacturer price transparency, to require certain manufacturers to report on product samples provided to certain health care providers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. RUSH (for himself and Mr. UPTON):
H.R. 2114. A bill to amend the Energy Policy and Conservation Act to provide Federal financial assistance for State energy plans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Ms. SPANBERGER (for herself, Mr. RAUL R. GRIJALVA, Mr. ARRINGTON, and Mr. B RENDAN F. BAKER):
H.R. 2021. A bill to amend the Federal Maritime Commission; with an amendment by Mr. BRADLEY:
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REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

The following actions occurred on April 5, 2019

Mr. PALLOM: Committee on Energy and Commerce. H.R. 164. A bill to provide the open internet order of the Federal Communications Commission; with an amendment (Rept. 116-34); Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. YARMUTH: Committee on the Budget. H.R. 2021. A bill to amend the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 and to establish a congressional budget for fiscal year 2020 (Rept. 116-35, Pt. 1); Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. MORELLE: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 294. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 164) to restate the open internet order of the Federal Communications Commission; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2021) to amend the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 and to establish a congressional budget for fiscal year 2020; and for other purposes (Rept. 116-37); Referred to the House Calendar.

DISCHARGE OF COMMITTEE

Pursuant to clause 2 of rule XIII, the Committee on Rules discharged H.R. 2021 from further consideration. H.R. 2021 was referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.
By Ms. MATSUZAKI: H.R. 2117. A bill to improve the health and safety of Americans living with food allergies and related disorders, including potentially life-threatening anaphylaxis, a rare and potentially lethal allergic reaction to a food, food additive, or food ingredient; to the Committee on Education and Labor, and in addition to the Committee on Financial Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. MCCAUL: H.R. 2118. A bill to expand sanctions against Iran with respect to the ballistic missile program of Iran, to impose additional sanctions with respect to Iran’s Revolutionary Guard Corps, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on Financial Services, the Judiciary, Oversight and Reform, and Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. BURCHETT: H.R. 2127. A bill to prohibit the use of United States Government funds for art in United States embassies and consulates, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. COOK (for himself, Ms. Moore, and Mr. Kind): H.R. 2128. A bill to amend part A of title IV of the Social Security Act to permit the authorities of tribal governments to apply the Social Security Act to their own member families; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. GUTHRIE (for himself and Ms. BONAMICI): H.R. 2129. A bill to amend the loan counseling requirements under the Higher Education Act of 1965, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and Labor.

By Mr. KILMER (for himself and Mr. McCaul): H.R. 2130. A bill to provide grants to assist States in developing plans to address cybersecurity threats or vulnerabilities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. KIND (for himself, Mr. Kelly of Pennsylvania, Ms. Guthrie, and Mr. Maciol of New York): H.R. 2131. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to eliminate a provision that inadverently penalizes Medicare Advantage plans for providing high quality care to Medicare beneficiaries; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. LONG: H.R. 2132. A bill to exempt certain structures and equipment from Army Corps of Engineers property on Table Rock Lake, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. NATHAN: H.R. 2133. A bill to provide for interim appropriations for the District of Columbia courts and related agencies with respect to the fiscal year for which such appropriations are not otherwise provided for such courts and agencies; to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. POCAN (for himself, Mr. Sogacz, and Mr. Cole): H.R. 2134. A bill to reauthorize the Helen Keller National Center for Youths and Adults Who Are Deaf-Blind; to the Committee on Education and Labor.

By Ms. SLOTKIN (for herself and Ms. Scalise): H.R. 2135. A bill to prevent foreign adversaries from influencing elections by prohibiting foreign nationals from purchasing at any time a broadcast, cable, or satellite communication that mentions a clearly identified candidate for Federal office; to the Committee on House Administration.

By Mr. SCHIFF (for himself, Mr. BILIRANIS, Mr. PAUL of New York, Mr. McGovern, Mr. Carbaajal, Mr. Grijalva, Mr. Costa, Mr. Loebsack, Mr. Rankin, Miss Rice of New York, Mr. Judy Chu of California, Mr. Bevker, Mr. DeFazio, Ms. Pingree, Ms. Eshoo, Mr. Cicilline, Mr. Correa, Mr. Nunes, Mrs. Carolyn B. Maloney of New York, Ms. Garbar, Ms. McCollum, Mr. Espaillat, Ms. Lee of California, Mr. Napolitano, Ms. Schakowsky, Ms. Galloway Ratcliff, Patrick Maloney of New York, Ms. DeSkttte, Ms. Meng, Mr. King of Iowa, Mr. Court, Mr. Krishnamoorthi, Mr. Tonko, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Tauschin, Mr. Titts, Mr. Pappas, Mr. Ted Lieu of California, Ms. Schneider, Mr. Sánchez, Ms. Mccaul, Mr. Moynihan, and Mr. Kennedy): H.R. 2137. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the 7-percentage-point reduction in the Federal excise tax on gasoline.

By Mr. THOMPSON of California (for himself, Mr. Rice, Mr. Driscoll, and Mr. Garamendi): H.R. 2138. A bill to amend the Transportation Act of 1964 to establish a national initiative for agricultural nonpoint source pollution prevention; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. YARMUTH: H. Res. 293. A resolution providing for on the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. GIBBS (for himself, Mr. King of Iowa, Mr. Gosar, Mr. Webster of Texas, and Mrs. Lesko): H. Res. 295. A resolution reaffirming that voting is a fundamental right of all eligible United States citizens and recognizing that allowing illegal immigrants the right to vote devalues the franchise and diminishes the voting power of United States citizens; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SCHIFF: H. Res. 297. A resolution reaffirming that the voting power of United States citizens; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. SCHIFF (for himself, Mr. BILIRANIS, Mr. PAUL of New York, Mr. McGovern, Mr. Carbaajal, Mr. Grijalva, Mr. Costa, Mr. Loebsack, Mr. Rankin, Miss Rice of New York, Mr. Judy Chu of California, Mr. Bevker, Mr. DeFazio, Ms. Pingree, Ms. Eshoo, Mr. Cicilline, Mr. Correa, Mr. Nunes, Mrs. Carolyn B. Maloney of New York, Ms. Garbar, Ms. McCollum, Mr. Espaillat, Ms. Lee of California, Mr. Napolitano, Ms. Schakowsky, Ms. Galloway Ratcliff, Patrick Maloney of New York, Ms. DeSkttte, Ms. Meng, Mr. King of Iowa, Mr. Court, Mr. Krishnamoorthi, Mr. Tonko, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Tauschin, Mr. Titts, Mr. Pappas, Mr. Ted Lieu of California, Ms. Sanchez, Mr. Sánchez, Ms. Mccaul, Mr. Moynihan, and Mr. Kennedy): H.R. 2137. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the 7-percentage-point reduction in the Federal excise tax on gasoline.
MEMORIALS

Under clause 3 of rule XII,

19. The SPEAKER presented a memorial of the General Assembly of the State of New Jersey, relative to Assembly Resolution No. 191, urging the United States Congress to expand Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program eligibility requirements for students enrolled in college and other institutions of higher education; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY STATEMENT

Pursuant to clause 7 of rule XII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the following statements are submitted regarding the specific powers granted to Congress in the Constitution to enact the accompanying bill or joint resolution.

By Mr. NEAL:
H.R. 2113.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to: Article I, Section 8, Clause 18.

By Mr. ENGEL:
H.R. 2116.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article I, Section 8, Clause 18 of the Constitution.

By Ms. MATSUI:
H.R. 2117.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to:

Under Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution, Congress has the power "to make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States, or any Department or Officer thereof."

By Mr. McCaul:
H.R. 2118.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to:

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SPANO, Mr. NEAL, Mr. MORELLE, Mr. CARDENAS, Mrs. TRAHAN, Mrs. LAWRENCE, Mr. KHANNA, Mr. PERLMUTTER, Mr. CUSHEROS, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. SCHNEIDER, Mr. CRENshaw, Mrs. LESKO, Mr. GOTTHEIMER, Mr. COX of California, Mr. CLARK of Massachusetts, Mr. DURbin, Mr. GARAMendi, Mr. KEVIN HERN of Oklahoma, Mr. Sires, Mrs. LOWEY, Mr. LEVIN of Michigan, Mr. GOMEZ, Mr. HARDER of California, Ms. WATERMAN SCHULTZ, Mr. SHERMAN, Mr. MOULTON, Ms. SPEIER, Mr. SARBANES, Ms. DELAvo, Mr. NADLER, Mr. SCOZZI, Mr. VARGAS, Ms. LOFgren, Ms. ROYVAL-ALLARD, and Ms. SHALALA.}

H. Res. 296. A resolution affirming the United States record on the Armenian Genocide; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Ms. KELLY of Illinois:
H.R. 2119.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

clause 3 of section 8 of article 1 of the Constitution.

By Mr. PETERS:
H.R. 2120.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8.

By Mr. RESCHENTHALER:
H.R. 2121.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 1 of the Constitution.

By Mr. WILSON of South Carolina:
H.R. 2122.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 1 of the Constitution.

By Mr. RUTHERFORD:
H.R. 2123.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 18.

By Mr. BURCHETT:
H.R. 2124.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 18 of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. AXNE:
H.R. 2125.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

This bill is enacted pursuant to the power granted to Congress under Article I, Section 8, Clause 18 of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. BABIN:
H.R. 2126.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 18.

By Mr. COOK:
H.R. 2127.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article IV, Section 3, Clause 2. The Congress shall have Power to dispose of and make all needful Rules and Regulations respecting the Territory or other Property belonging to the United States; and nothing in this Constitution shall be so construed as to Prejudice any Claims of the United States, or of any particular State.

By Mr. GUTHRIE:
H.R. 2128.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, clause 18 (Necessary and Proper Clause).

By Mr. KILMER:
H.R. 2129.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, section 8 of the Constitution of the United States.

By Mr. LONG:
H.R. 2130.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Pursuant to Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. KIND:
H.R. 2131.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8.

By Ms. NORTON:
H.R. 2132.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8.

By Mr. POE:
H.R. 2133.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

clause 18 of section 8 of article 1 of the Constitution.

By Ms. SLOTKIN:
H.R. 2134.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution.

By Mr. SMUCKER:
H.R. 2135.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution.

By Mr. THOMPSON of California:
H.R. 2136.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1.

By Mr. TIPTON:
H.R. 2137.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

section 8 of article I of the Constitution.

By Mrs. TRAHAN:
H.R. 2138.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution of the United States.

By Mr. WALLEberg:
H.R. 2139.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8.

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 7 of rule XII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions, as follows:

H.R. 9: Mr. ALLRED, Mr. SWALWELL of California, Mr. AGUIRRE, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Mrs. BUSTOS, Mr. BRINDISI, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mrs. McCATHY, and Mr. CROW.
H.R. 13: Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ.
H.R. 36: Mr. DEFAZIO, Mr. FOSTER, Mr. POCAN, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Ms. HILL of California, Ms. HUHALAHAN, Ms. CASTOR of Florida, and Mrs. TRAHAN.
H.R. 40: Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ, Mr. GILBREATH, and Ms. O’MARA.
H.R. 41: Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi and Ms. JACKSON LEE.
H.R. 51: Mr. PHILLIPS.
H.R. 92: Mr. NIGUise.
H.R. 94: Mr. PAPPAS.
H.R. 95: Mrs. MCBATH.
H.R. 96: Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN.
H.R. 114: Mrs. MCBATH.
H.R. 230: Mr. AGUILAR.
H.R. 312: Mr. MULLIN, Mr. O’HALLERAN, Ms. PRESSLEY, Mr. RASKIN, Mr. MOULTON, and Ms. MCCULLOCH.
H.R. 366: Mr. NRUISH and Ms. BARRADAN.
H.R. 372: Mr. HINES.
H.R. 383: Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois and Mr. STIVERS.
H.R. 397: Mr. PHILLIPS, Ms. JAYAPAL, Ms. DEGETTE, Mr. BUTTFielder, Mr. WELCH, Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, and Mr. QUIGLEY.
H.R. 1854: Mr. Lamborn and Mr. Amodei.
H.R. 1858: Mr. Guest, Mr. Harris, Mr. David P. Roe of Tennessee, and Mr. Boggs.
H.R. 1864: Mr. Khanna, Mr. Ryan, and Mr. Pocan.
H.R. 1869: Mr. Conway, Mr. Cloud, Mr. Gibbs, Mr. Norman, Mr. Upton, Mr. Turner, Mrs. Kihuen, Ms. McNakill-Powell, and Mr. Suozzi.
H.R. 1872: Mrs. Miller.
H.R. 1873: Mr. Posey and Mr. Cole.
H.R. 1884: Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Larsen of Washington, Mr. Pocan, Mr. McEachin, Mr. Neguse, Ms. Escobar, Ms. Lie of California, Mr. Payne, and Ms. Scanlon.
H.R. 1895: Mr. Hastings.
H.R. 1911: Mr. Cisneros, Mr. Golden, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Mullin, and Mr. Chow.
H.R. 1940: Mr. Wright.
H.R. 1943: Ms. Pressley, Mr. Kennedy, and Mr. Pappas.
H.R. 1952: Mr. Lynch and Mr. Sherman.
H.R. 1957: Mr. Buchanan, Ms. Sewell of Alabama, Mr. Danny K. Davis of Illinois, Mrs. Murphy, Mr. Riddle of New York, Mr. Holden, Mr. Gomez, Mr. Horford, Mr. Larson of Connecticut, Mr. Evans, Mr. Taylor, and Mr. Cisneros.
H.R. 1970: Mr. Carson of Indiana.
H.R. 1992: Mr. Suozzi and Mr. Gianforte.
H.R. 2004: Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Lowenthal, Mrs. Carolyn B. Maloney of New York, and Mr. Kilmer.
H.R. 2006: Mr. Peters, Mr. Peters, and Ms. Pressley.
H.R. 2007: Mr. Napolitano.
H.R. 2009: Mr. Khanna, Mr. Raja, and Mrs. Maloney of New York.
H.R. 2011: Mr. Cisneros, Ms. Sánchez, Mr. Perdue, Mr. Agner, and Mr. Fitzpatrick.
H.R. 2012: Mr. Brown, Mr. Lipinski, Mr. Bilirakis, Mrs. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Lowenthal, and Mr. Pressley.
H.R. 2013: Mr. Norton, Ms. Raskin, and Mr. Thorn.
H.R. 2020: Mr. Hagedorn, Mr. Norman, Mr. Bacon, Mr. Mooney of West Virginia, and Mr. McHenry.
H.R. 2030: Mr. Crow, Ms. Waters, Mr. Neguse, and Mr. Cisneros.
H.R. 2038: Mr. Khanna, Ms. Wasserman Schultz, Ms. Speier, and Ms. McCollum.
H.R. 2042: Mr. McNerney and Ms. Jayapal.
H.R. 2045: Ms. Shalala and Mr. Courtney.
H.R. 2055: Mr. Cohen and Mr. Garcia of Illinois.

CONGRESSIONAL EARMARKS, LIMITED TAX BENEFITS, OR LIMITED TARIFF BENEFITS

Under clause 9 of rule XXI, lists or statements on congressional earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits were submitted as follows:

The amendment to be offered by Representative Burgess, or a designee, to H.R. 1644, the Save the Internet Act, does not contain any congressional earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits as defined in clause 9 of rule XXI.

DELETIONS OF SPONSORS FROM PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 7 of rule XII, sponsors were deleted from public bills and resolutions, as follows:

H.R. 1035: Mr. Thompson of Pennsylvania.
The Senate met at 4 p.m. and was called to order by the President pro tempore (Mr. GRASSLEY).

PRAYER
The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Eternal Father, You are the source and strength of our lives. Great is Your faithfulness. We thank You today for our lawmakers, who have embraced the calling to serve You by serving our Nation. Lord, provide them with the wisdom and courage they need for the living of these challenging times. Bless them with Divine insights as they grapple with complexity that requires difficult choices. May they make it their ultimate goal to serve You by striving to do what is best for our Nation and world.

Guide us, Eternal Father, for we are pilgrims in this land.

We pray in Your merciful Name. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
The President pro tempore led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME
The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. ERNST). Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

MORNING BUSINESS
The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will be in a period of morning business with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER
The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader is recognized.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR
Mr. McCONNELL. Madam President, I move to proceed to executive session to consider Calendar No. 200.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Hearing none, the question is on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The assistant bill clerk read the nomination of David Bernhardt, of Virginia, to be Secretary of the Interior.

CLOTURE MOTION
Mr. McCONNELL. I send a cloture motion to the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The cloture motion having been presented under rule XXII, the Chair directs the bill clerk to read the motion.

The bill clerk read as follows:

CLOTURE MOTION
We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the nomination of David Bernhardt, of Virginia, to be Secretary of the Interior.


REMEMBERING FRITZ HOLLINGS
Mr. McCONNELL. Madam President, the Senate mourns a part of our institution’s history who passed away over the weekend. Until Saturday, Senator Fritz Hollings of South Carolina was the oldest living former Senator. He is also the longest tenured junior Senator in history, since 36 of his 38 years in this body came alongside Senator Strom Thurmond.

But there was nothing “junior” about Fritz’s career, his impact, or his larger-than-life personality. By the time I arrived in the Senate, Fritz had already built a reputation as a war veteran, State legislator, Governor, Senator, and as a candidate for the Democratic Presidential nomination. He had raised a family between his hometown of Charleston and the State capital, Columbia.

At every turn, he was a square-jawed southern gentleman. In every case, he was someone who would call things exactly how he saw them. Fritz spoke his mind with cutting wit and undeniable sincerity on causes that captured his attention. As a result of his passion and skill, his name will be forever linked with a long list of important achievements here in the Senate. He called attention to a growing Federal budget deficit, advocated for the needs of our Nation’s men and women in uniform, and confronted the tragic poverty in America’s own backyard, especially child hunger.

So today the Senate mourns not just a friend and former colleague but a true example of what it means to live a life of service. We mourn with Fritz’s family and the people of South Carolina, and we join them in celebrating a life so fully lived.

RESIGNATION OF KRISTJEN NIELSEN
Madam President, on a completely different matter, Department of Homeland Security Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen announced that she is concluding her 2-plus years of service to the administration and to the American people.

The men and women of DHS keep America safe on a dizzying array of fronts. They confront natural disasters, guard our coasts, defend our critical infrastructure, and maintain many of our Nation’s cyber security defenses.
Of course, the pressure on the Department has only been heightened as a result of the ongoing security and humanitarian crisis at the southern border. The Department has to balance countless complicated missions, from defending against criminal gangs and stopping the movement of drugs to protecting victims of human trafficking and providing care for the individuals they detain.

Through all of these challenges, Secretary Nielsen has provided expert leadership and steady leadership. Her grasp of the issues and dedication were major assets for the Department and, as a result, for our country.

My colleagues and I thank her for her service, and we wish her well.

NOMINATIONS

Madam President, this week the Senate will continue its work to move well-qualified nominees off of the Executive Calendar and to give the American people the government they elect.

We will sensibly and efficiently restore order to the nominations process.

As we discussed extensively last week, the past 2 years have offered a record day of high-profile nominations to positions in the executive branch and on the Federal bench. We have comprehensively prevented a President from putting his team in place, extending even to thoroughly uncontroversial nominations.

Fortunately, last week we took a big step toward restoring the sort of productive nominations process that had once been the Senate’s routine. Now it is time to move forward together. This week the Senate will be able to consider a number of the President’s capable nominees to positions in the executive branch and on the Federal bench.

We will begin with Daniel Domenico, named to serve as U.S. district judge for the District of Colorado. Mr. Domenico is a graduate of Georgetown University Law Center and the University of Virginia School of Law. His well-rounded legal career includes a clerkship on the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals, a term as solicitor general of Colorado, as well as work in private practice. I would encourage each of my colleagues to join me in supporting Mr. Domenico’s nomination.

We will follow with the consideration of Patrick Wyrick, nominated to the Western District of Oklahoma; then, Cheryl Benton, to be Administrator of the Labor Department’s Wage and Hour Division; then, General John Abizaid, to be Ambassador to Saudi Arabia; and then, Holly Brady and David Morales, to serve as district judges in Indiana and Texas, respectively.

These are six more well-qualified nominees who, among them, have passed a combined 2,364 days since the Senate received their nominations. But, most importantly, they are six of the many nominees who will receive now more prompt consideration here on the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum. The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The bill clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. CORNYN. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded. The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

RESIGNATION OF KIRSTJEN NIELSEN

Mr. CORNYN. Madam President, we learned yesterday that Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen was stepping down from her position as Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security. I just got off the phone with her and thanked her for her service.

When the Department was first established more than a decade and a half ago, we knew that this position would be highly visible in the aftermath of 9/11—the terrible terrorist attacks. We knew that protecting the American people from the growing threat of terrorism was job No. 1. The truth is that this job has only gotten harder since then.

While counterterrorism remains a central focus for the DHS, the number of missions it is responsible for, both on the ground and in cyberspace, has multiplied to include a myriad of natural and manmade threats.

Since Secretary Nielsen has taken this job, she has led the Department’s response through flooding and wildfires, foreign attempts to infiltrate our election infrastructure, and the growing humanitarian crisis we continue to see unfold along the southern border.

Above all, Secretary Nielsen has been a fierce advocate for the men and women at the Department who carry out these diverse missions on a daily basis. With more than 240,000 DHS employees around the world—many of them in Texas—keeping them mission-ready is one of the most important responsibilities the Secretary has, and it is one she has taken very seriously.

I have the opportunity to work closely with the Secretary on a number of issues but in particular on attempting to find commonsense reforms to secure our border and close loopholes that are being exploited in our immigration system.

I have been consistently impressed by her deep knowledge of the issues and of her steadfast commitment to finding solutions.

America is better off for her service, and I hope we will continue to find good people like the Secretary who will be willing to contribute their service to the betterment of our country. I thank her, and I wish her well in the next chapter of her life.

PRESCRIPTION DRUG COSTS

Madam President, the Senate Finance Committee will continue with hearings tomorrow on the high cost of prescription drugs. I hear a lot about how we need to take an advanced degree to figure out what exactly is behind these high prices? That is exactly what the Senate Finance Committee is going to find out.

Over the last few months, we have been looking at every step a drug takes on its journey from the manufacturer to the patient. Since 2016, consumers would expect to see their prescription drug costs increase by an average of 6.1 percent each year. That is faster than the increase in doctors’ visits, hospital stays, or any other aspect of health care.

What exactly is behind these high prices? That is exactly what the Senate Finance Committee is going to find out. Out of every dollar of revenue they bring in, PBMs make a dime. They are self-rationing, and it can be dangerous.

Without intervention, I don’t expect these prices to drop anytime soon. In fact, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services has estimated that between 2016 and 2027, consumers would expect to see their prescription drug costs increase by an average of 6.1 percent each year. That is faster than the increase in doctors’ visits, hospital stays, or any other aspect of health care.

What exactly is behind these high prices? That is exactly what the Senate Finance Committee is going to find out.
where your money is going when you buy your prescription drugs.

I am eager to question these PBMs tomorrow and to hopefully begin to remove the shroud of secrecy surrounding these rebates and prescription prices. Finding out what has led to these rising prices is critical to ensuring that Americans are able to receive the drugs they need at prices they can afford.

TICE FAMILY

Madam President, on a final matter, several families were in Washington this last week to advocate for the release of their loved ones by two rogue regimes. One of the men being held captive in Syria is Austin Tice.

There are many ways you can describe Austin. He is a seventh-generation Texan, a decorated Marine Corps veteran, an Eagle Scout, and an award-winning journalist. Yet, to Austin’s family, he is so much more than his impressive list of accomplishments. He is their beloved son, brother, and friend whom they have not seen or heard from for 6 1/2 years.

In the summer of 2012, Austin was getting ready to enter his final year of law school at Georgetown University. Instead, during the summer working at a law firm, he chose to do something few were brave enough to do at the time, which was to report on the Syrian civil war from the inside. Austin always had a passion for storytelling and for those who were on the front lines of the fight against hunger and poverty. Austin’s family will return home.

In November of 2017, days before Thanksgiving, six Citgo executives were summoned to Venezuela for meetings with Citgo’s parent company, Venezuela’s state-owned PDVSA. During the final meeting, these men were detained by the Venezuelan Government, and for the past 16 months, they have been held captive beneath a military intelligence compound in Caracas. They have been denied contact with the State Department. They have been unable to speak with their families or known to receive humanitarian aid. As the already horrible situation in Venezuela continues to worsen, their conditions are likely deteriorating even further.

In February, the children of two of these men wrote an op-ed in the Houston Chronicle that detailed the suffering of their fathers and that all six families have faced. They wrote: “In their isolation, our fathers have bonded together over a shared purpose: to stay strong in body, mind and spirit in anticipation of their eventual return to their families.”

I assure these families that we will continue to stand alongside them in this fight. I call on the Maduro regime to immediately release these Americans and to allow them to return home. I have continued and will continue to urge the administration to make sure this remains a top priority.

Just as we have worked closely with the Tice family over the last 6 years in advocating for the release of Austin, their son, we will continue to do the same for these six men. The heartbreaking reality is that families are being impacted by this, and we will do everything in our power to make that a reality.

Madam President, I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

RECOGNITION OF THE MINORITY LEADER

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Democratic leader is recognized.

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, today I wish to start off by just sharing a few words about our former colleague, Senator Fritz Hollings—Ernest F. Hollings, to be precise—of South Carolina. He passed away this weekend at his home in Isle of Hope.

With Fritz Hollings, the people of South Carolina, the Senate, have lost a great man. Hollings was the longest serving junior Senator in American history—behind, of course, Strom Thurmond—representing his constituents for 38 years in the Senate.

Before that, he was a Governor, State legislator, and World War II veteran. Public service was his life’s calling. He championed education reform, increasing teachers’ pay, a national voice in the fights against hunger and poverty.

He was brought up in the old Jim Crow days, with a great deal of segregation, but as he went through South Carolina, he realized how terrible that was and began to move in the opposite direction.

He was an original. You could always go over to Fritz Hollings. Even when I was younger, when I was in high school and in college, he would pay attention, and he would have something very interesting to say.

Everyone talks about the days of blow-dried, look-alike Senators. Fritz Hollings certainly wasn’t one of them. He was an original, and we were all much better for it.

So Fritz, we will miss you, and our thoughts go with your family, as do our prayers and well wishes.

DISASTER RELIEF FOR PUERTO RICO

Now, on another matter, Puerto Rico. Last week, Senator LEAHY and I offered this Chamber a chance to pass a natural disaster funding package that would have addressed everyone’s concerns in the Senate.

The “all of the above” solution we presented contained $16.7 billion in relief for all Americans affected by natural disasters. I would add, I see my two friends from Iowa on the floor today, one in the President’s chair, one ready to speak. That would have included far more money for the Midwest than the Republican bill because the Republican bill that was on the floor, while it added 2019 to disaster relief, didn’t add in any money despite the devastation in Iowa and Missouri and Nebraska.

Well, our bill added an additional—an additional—$2.5 billion in funding for the disasters of 2019, and the vast majority of that would go to Iowa, to Missouri and to Nebraska, but it also provided much needed aid for the people of Puerto Rico and other territories. They need the help, too, and they are Americans citizens as well.

Let’s face the music, folks. Everyone knows what is going on here. Democrats and Republicans alike, as we always do, when there is a disaster, we help. The original bill that was put together had aid for Puerto Rico, as
well as aid for the other areas of dis-
aster. The original bill was put to-
gether before the Midwest so it didn’t
have that.

What happened? Is it that somehow
our Republican friends from the Mid-
west were thinking about it. New York
didn’t deserve the aid? No; Presi-
dent Trump went to a Tuesday lunch,
banged his fist on the table—figur-
atively, I suppose—and said: I don’t
think any aid should go to Puerto
Rico.

Did our Republican friends, espe-
cially those from States with disasters
and who needed the aid, say: No; no; we
are not going to do that; we are not
going to let you divide us? No; they
went gamefully along with it, hurting
their States.

We all know that if there is no real
aid for Puerto Rico, the House will not
pass the bill. We in the Senate on the
Democratic side do not want to hold
Iowa, Nebraska, Missouri, and the
other States, Florida, Texas, Alabama,
that are getting the aid hostage for
what we want, and our Republican
friends shouldn’t hold Puerto Rico hos-
tag for what they want.

This grand tradition seems to crum-
ble here minute by minute, of helping States that need help; that
when one American is hurt in one area,
Americans in every other area come to-
gether and say: We are going to help.
That is why we have disaster aid be-
cause of a tornado or a wildfire or a hurri-
cane—the taxpayers of that State can’t afford to do it all
themselves. So citizens throughout
America have had, in effect, a compact
that says, when one area is hurt, we all
come together.

Look, I suffered a little from that
when New York had Sandy. We had
some of our Senators from the very
States—from the very States—that
now are requesting aid say: Don’t give aid
to New York for Sandy. I have never
done that. I have always been for
aid to States that are far away from
New York and just have Republican
representation. We don’t do that here—
until now. Until now.

So I would say to all of my friends
on the other side of the aisle, there is a
way out of this—provide the aid that
originally Senators Shelby, a Repub-
lican, Leahy, a Democrat, agreed on.
Don’t let Donald Trump’s nasty temper
trumor something about Puerto Rico
get in the way. Do the right thing, and
he will sign the bill. We know he will
sign the bill. He is not going to stop aid
for Texas or Florida or Iowa or any
other State because this body and the
House have put in aid for Puerto Rico.

Let me just mention just as the peo-
ple in the Midwest are suffering, people
in Puerto Rico are suffering. That is-
land has had a slower recovery from a
storm of greater magnitude than any
others we are talking about.

So we need to vote on this legisla-
tion. It is not an either-or situation.
To say you are putting $600 million in
food stamps for Puerto Rico so people
will not starve, when they are not get-
ting the same aid everybody else gets—
CBDB, FEMA—that is not right, that
is not fair, and that figleaf will not
cover up the real motivation of Presi-
dent Trump, which, unfortunately, I
don’t think most of our Republican col-
teagues—men and women along with
with. Everyone is afraid on the other
side of anything President Trump does—right or wrong. Unfortunately,
he is wrong far too often.

Puerto Rico so they can re-
build. They need the food aid, but they
need more than that. Trump wanted to
cut out all of it. Someone on this side
said: Well, you have to at least do food
aid. He said: Well, I will do that and
nothing more. That is not right.

Should we do food aid just for every
State? Should we do food aid just for
in Texas or just for Florida or just for
Iowa? No rebuilding? Let all of those
houses and homes and factories and
stores suffer? No. We wouldn’t do it for
those States, and we shouldn’t do it for
Puerto Rico.

So then we decided to compromise
even more. There is $20 billion of aid
already for Puerto Rico that hasn’t
been allocated. The President, in his
nastiness, said all of Puerto Rico—citizens, they are American citi-
izens—refused to allocate that money.

Well, Senator Leahy then said: Let’s
just take $8.3 billion of that and free it
up. Our colleagues will not even do
that.

So when the American people want
to know what is holding up this bill,
when the people in the flooded areas
and the areas that have been hit by
wildfires and hurricanes want to know
what is holding it up, it is Donald
Trump picking one of the country and
saying: “I don’t want to give aid to
them,” and too many—just about every
one of our colleagues, at least thus
far—going along.

Elect to the consequences. The
House is now Democratic. It is their
strong view that we ought to give aid
to Puerto Rico. It is a view I share, but
if we don’t do the right thing in this
body, where we have a tradition of
coming together, and you say Presi-
dent Trump will not sign something,
when he originally had nothing to do
with putting together this bill, we are
all going to be stuck for quite a while.
We are all going to be stuck for quite a
while. Let us in the House, in this
body, the Senate, come to a com-
promise that satisfies the Midwest,
that satisfies the hurricane States of
Florida, Mississippi, Georgia, and Ala-
bama, that satisfies Texas, and get
moving. That is what we should be
doing.

This idea that we are holding up this
bill, when the House wouldn’t pass it
anyway; the idea that we are holding up
this bill, when we know the history
that President Trump went into that
lunch and changed everything around
in the nasty way that he can’t even ex-
plain—uh-uh; that is not going to fly.
That is not going to fly.
Madam President, on the Secret Service Director’s dismissal, this brings me to my final point.

Just a few hours ago, the White House confirmed that it has now also asked the Secret Service Director Randolph Alles step aside. His departure comes in the midst of recent reports about potentially serious security vulnerabilities surrounding President Trump, particularly at Mar-a-Lago. This is why the outgoing Secret Service Director must testify before Congress as soon as possible about the potential security vulnerabilities at Mar-a-Lago, vulnerabilities that involve a Chinese national arrested with malware on her person and other threats.

The public and Congress need to know the extent to which adversarial governments like China are attempting to infiltrate and conduct electronic surveillance on classified conversations or other information regarding national security at President Trump’s properties. The President and the White House staff may like to treat hiring and firing in the administration as some kind of reality TV show or parlor game, but to the American people, this has real-life consequences.

This is about national security, security at our airports, responding to national disasters, including our efforts to fight international cargo carrying drugs like fentanyl. That is why it is urgent to get to the bottom of this and why the outgoing Secret Service Director must testify as soon as possible.

Now, all three of these comments—what is happening in Puerto Rico, what is happening with the Department of Homeland Security, and now the Secret Service—just the chaos that seems to be overwhelming this administration.

President Trump’s policies, if he has them, switch from day to day. He is erratic. He seems to get emotional. He pushes harder on his mind that day no matter its consequences, and this country is floundering. There is a lot of rhetoric and not much else.

All these people leaving in very important positions—the President undercutting them, not calling them into the office and having a discussion, but tweeting and ranting. I have never seen America governed like this—never.

And I don’t care what your political affiliation is. I don’t care if you are a liberal, moderate, or conservative. What is happening in this White House—as it fails to lead this country and does seem something like a TV reality show—is hurting us. It is hurting us and hurting us badly, and I hope we can get some bipartisan efforts to do things about this and to speak up about it.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BOOZMAN). The senior Senator from Iowa.
was necessary to complete the investigation and requesting permission to access them, the FBI never sent this request to the Department.

So the inspector general found four important things, according to the unclassified report. No. 1, the FBI apparently had highly classified information potentially relevant to the Clinton investigation in its possession. Two, the FBI drafted a memo to get access to the information. Three, that memo said review of the information was necessary to complete the investigation. And then, four, ironically, that memo was never sent.

Years later, when the inspector general interviewed the FBI agents, they said they didn’t seek access to the information because they didn’t think it would materially impact the conclusion. Now, how could they conclude that point if they never got access to the information?

In May of 2015, the memo was necessary to complete the investigation, and then years later, somehow, it wasn’t. That is materially inconsistent and obviously makes no sense. Moreover, look at the month the memo was drafted, May 2015.

That is the same month that James Comey began writing his statement exonerating Hillary Clinton, which was months before the FBI interviewed her. Did Comey’s actions have a trickle-down effect on his subordinates, causing them to know the memo and pull their punches? It seems to me that we ought to find out.

To my colleagues, it sounds like the FBI left a potential mountain of evidence unreviewed. How can you complete an investigation without reviewing all the evidence relative to the investigation? The American people have every right to question how this investigation was handled, and they deserve answers.

Assuming President Trump has read the classified inspector general report, he would understand the importance of the Justice Department responding to my inquiries about it. I have written to the Justice Department and other agencies seeking those answers.

I would like to know, since the Democrats want to investigate everything dealing with collusion and the Mueller report, would they join me in that request?

I will give you another example: Uranium One. I have been pushing for years for more answers about the transaction that allowed the Russian Government to acquire U.S. uranium assets.

I have received classified and unclassified briefings about it from multiple Agencies, and I have identified some FBI intelligence reports that may shed more light on the transaction.

Just last week, my staff were told that the Attorney General has refused to provide access to those documents. Well, if the Democrats demand intelligence-related information from the Justice Department regarding the Mueller report, there is no reason they shouldn’t do the same for Uranium One. And if the Justice Department provides that information about the Mueller report, well, then, there is no reason they should hold the Uranium One material.

And, let’s also get down to this point: If the Democrats want to be consistent, they will have to treat Clinton, Uranium One, and Russia-related investigations the same. Anything less than that reeks of political gamesmanship and self-serving, and such a double standard also extends to the position the Democrats have taken with respect to obstruction.

We know Mueller did not conclude that the President committed a crime, and neither did the Attorney General. Still, Democrats want to make the case that Trump obstructed justice, even though the Justice Department said otherwise.

With my evidence, the Democrats have accused the Attorney General of bias, but Mr. Barr evaluated this matter in close consultation with Deputy Attorney General Rosenstein—the person who appointed Mueller in the first place. We are looking for absolutely anything they can to make a case when there is no case. But these same Democrats and the Obama Justice Department didn’t bat an eye when Clinton’s associates deleted records subject to congressional subpoena and preservation orders.

In March of 2015, Secretary Clinton’s attorneys had a conference call with Paul Combetta, the man who helped manage Clinton’s nongovernment server. After that call, he deleted Clinton’s emails with BleachBit, a software program designed to prevent forensic recovery.

I have seen no evidence that anyone has even speculated that the President ever engaged in the effort to go that far. What also troubles me about one aspect of the Clinton investigation is that the FBI agreed to limit the scope of review to her time as Secretary of State. That eliminated potentially highly relevant emails before and after her tenure that could have shed light on why she operated a non-government server. It also eliminated emails around the time of that conference call that could have shown exactly what was intended in deleting those emails.

Why did the DOJ and FBI pull their punches? Mueller sure didn’t pull his punches. He extended his scope of investigation well beyond allegations of collusion, which turned out to be false.

Lastly, the FBI agreed to destroy records and laptops of Clinton’s associates after reviewing them. That happens to be an astonishing agreement in light of the fact that those records could have been relevant to ongoing congressional inquiries that the FBI knew about.

Where were the Democrats when all of that stuff happened? Where was their outrage at the potential obstruction of justice and obstruction of congressional oversight? It seems to me that if the Democrats want to be consistent, they will have to address what was done—and what was totally ignored—in the Clinton investigation.

Remember, I also recommended prosecution in the Uranium One case when there is no case. But these same Democrats and the Obama Justice Department suddenly seems to care about power, party, or privilege. That approach prevents inconsistent application and avoids double standards. So when the Democrats ask for material relating to the Russian investigation, I say: Fine, let’s do it. However, that means they ought to be consistent with other investigations, and the Justice Department has to be as well. Anything less is a double standard.

That is why I tell you right now, the Democrats’ obsession with bringing Trump down is nothing but a double standard if they are going to ignore other investigations of national importance. If
you want to be taken seriously in this country, you have to be consistent. My attitude and my approach is straightforward and nonpartisan. Let’s see it all: Clinton, Uranium One, Russia—all of it. Let it hang out. Sunshine is the best disinfectant.

To my colleagues in the Democratic Party: Are you afraid to be consistent? Are you afraid of what might be found? Let’s work to make sure the American people have as much information as possible about all of these investigations. The American taxpayers are paying for the work. And don’t forget that the American taxpayers ought to have some consideration when their money is spent. Make sure that equality and enforcement of the law is the same for all.

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. SCOTT of Florida. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

You may proceed.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF JEREMIA “JERI” BUSTAMANTE ON THE 1-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF HER PASSING

Mr. SCOTT of Florida. Mr. President, I rise today to honor the life of one of Florida’s brightest lights—a light that was extinguished far too soon.

One year ago today, we lost Jeri Bustamante in a tragic accident. She was my press secretary, but she was so much more. She was my Spanish tutor. She was my travel partner. She was so kind to everyone that you couldn’t help but love her.

Everyone thought Jeri was their best friend because she was so loving to everyone. She brightened every room that she walked into and made everyone around her better. There is not a word to describe all of what she contributed to this nation.

Jeri lived the American dream. As a small child, Jeri moved from Panama to the United States. She was determined. She was brave. She made it. Jeri made in Spanish is as follows:

Jeri lived the American dream. She was determined. She was brave. She had great goals. She wanted to be the Press Secretary of the President of the United States. She was courageous. She had big goals. She wanted to be the Press Secretary for the President of the United States, and I have no doubt she would have been. That is the kind of person she was. She never stopped working to meet her goals in life, but she always did it with a smile, with a joke, and with a kind word.

In Jeri’s memory, my wife Ann and I established the Jeri Bustamante Memorial Scholarship to support a graduate of Miami Beach Senior High School, who, like Jeri, is trying to become the first in their family to go to college.

Today Senator MARCO RUBIO and I are introducing a resolution to honor Jeri’s memory. We will never forget her, and we will never forget the ways she made all of us better.

Now I would like to honor Jeri in the best way I know how, speaking the Spanish she taught me.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to address the Senate in Spanish.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection.

Mr. SCOTT of Florida. I have provided a translation to the Senate for the Record.

(English translation of statement made in Spanish is as follows:

Jeri lived the American dream. She was determined. She was brave. She had great goals. She wanted to be the Press Secretary of the President of the United States. I have no doubt that she would have achieved it. That is the kind of person she was. She never stopped struggling to fulfill her goals in life and always did so with a smile, a joke, and a kind word.

Senator Rubio and I today present a resolution to honor Jeri’s memory. We will never forget her.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 147, submitted earlier today.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 147) honoring the memory of Jeremía "Jeri" Bustamante on the 1-year anniversary of her passing.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. SCOTT of Florida. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, and that the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 147) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution (S. Res. 147) was reported out of the Senate Committee on the Judiciary.

The resolution (S. Res. 147) was by consensus agreement reported out of the Senate Committee on the Judiciary.

The resolution (S. Res. 147) was the third time and passed and that the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table.

Mr. President, as in legislative session, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. 1057. I further ask consent that the bill be considered read a third time and passed and that the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Ms. MCSALLY. Mr. President, the Colorado River is the lifeblood of the Southwestern United States. The river provides drinking water to 40 million Americans, irrigation to 5.5 million acres of farmland, and more than 4,000 megawatts of carbon-free hydropower to communities across the West in seven States.

Unfortunately, the last 19 years have been the Colorado Basin’s driest on record. This long and intense drought has left the combined water stored behind Lakes Mead and Powell near critically low levels, putting the water supply for some of the Nation’s largest cities in danger.

The Colorado River Drought Contingency Plan—otherwise known as the DCP—was negotiated among the seven Colorado River Basin States to respond to this prolonged drought. It is designed to protect Lakes Mead and Powell from reaching certain critical water elevations that would trigger severe water supply and demand impacts, including the risk of reaching crisis levels where operational control of the Colorado River system would be lost.

These States put in a lot of hard work and sacrifice for the good of all who rely on the river. By doing this, they avoided having the Department of Interior directing draconian measures and cuts from the Federal Government.

The plan must be codified in law. It literally takes an act of Congress to approve the DCP, approve the program. That is why I am on the floor today.

I am proud of the bipartisan nature of this legislation. As the Water and Power Subcommittee chair, I am leading this legislation with my Democratic ranking member from Nevada, Senator Cortez Masto. We have all 14 Senators from all 7 States—8 Democrats and 6 Republicans spanning a wide ideological spectrum—as original cosponsors. This bill is about an impending water crisis impacting Western States like Arizona. The effort to get this bill to this point is an example of bipartisanship that Arizonans and Americans are calling for. This is about the livelihood and the safety of 40 million Americans.

The Colorado River DCP Authorization Act puts sound water policy over partisan politics. People thought that never happened in Washington, DC. Today, they should be celebrating about this bill. I ask all my colleagues to join the 14 bipartisan Senators from the Colorado River Basin and support this bill.

Mr. President, as in legislative session, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. 1057. I further ask consent that the bill be considered read a third time and passed and that the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

The Senator from Nevada.

Ms. Cortez Masto. Mr. President, reserving the right to object, would the
Senator from Arizona modify her request to add that when the Senate receives the papers on H.R. 2030, and if the text is identical to S. 1057, the bill be considered read three times and passed and the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Does the Senator from Arizona so modify her request?

Ms. MCSALLY. Mr. President, I would gladly modify my request. It seems that our House colleagues—again, both sides of the aisle—will be passing an identical version of our bill tonight. As we talked about, this is urgent. It is urgent for Arizona. It is urgent for all the seven States that rely on the Colorado River. So the fastest way we can get this legislation to the President's desk is what I support. I support this modification.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to the modified proposal?

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

The bill (S. 1057) was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed, as follows: S. 1057

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.
This Act may be cited as the “Colorado River Drought Contingency Plan Authorization Act”.

SEC. 2. COLORADO RIVER BASIN DROUGHT CON-TINGENCY PLANS.
(a) In GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law expressly addressing the operation of the applicable Colorado River System reservoirs, immediately upon execution of the March 19, 2019, versions of the Agreement Concerning Colorado River Drought Contingency Management and Operations and the agreements attached thereto as Attachment A and B, by all of the non-Federal parties thereto, the Secretary of the Interior shall, without delay, execute such agreements, and is directed and authorized to implement the provisions of such agreements and operate applicable Colorado River System reservoirs accordingly.

(b) EFFECT.—Nothing in this section shall—

(1) be construed or interpreted as precedent for the litigation of, or as altering, affecting, or being deemed as a congressional determination regarding, the water rights of the United States, any Indian Tribe, band, or community, any State or political subdivision or district of a State, or any person; or

(2) implement any provisions of such agreements and the operation of applicable Colorado River System reservoirs from any requirements of applicable Federal environmental laws.

Ms. MCSALLY. Mr. President, I want to thank you, and I want to thank Senator CORTEZ MASTO and all of our colleagues for supporting this critical legislation. It is now going to allow immediate action to increase the water security for Arizona and all of the seven Colorado River Basin States. We just introduced this legislation last Tuesday. By acting so quickly, the Lower Basin States will be able to immediately begin saving hundreds of thousands of acre-feet of water behind Hoover Dam, and this will dramatically reduce the risk of reaching critically low reservoir levels and ensure that Mexico’s water contribution to Lake Mead will be made beginning next year.

We worked hand in hand with Chairman GRIJALVA to develop this legislation. As I said, we have identical bills passing now in the House and the Senate on the same day. I want to thank our House colleagues, Chairman GRIJALVA, Ranking Member BISHOP, and I want to thank all the staff on both sides of the House and the Senate. This bipartisan, bicameral effort only came into fruition because of their hard work over these last years and days to make this happen. Thanks again to everybody.

This is a really great day for the Colorado River Basin and for Arizonans. I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate resume legislative session and be in order for the Adjourned Session.

MORNING BUSINESS

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO MARY SKEENS

Mrs. CAPITO. Mr. President, I wish to recognize and roll call my colleague, Mary Skees, who has been a tireless advocate for affordable housing for Virginians. Mary is retiring as the executive director of Community Works where she has spent the last 12 years serving on many housing related boards of directors, and, as a result of her work, was inducted into the West Virginia Affordable Housing Hall of Fame in 2012.

Mary has accomplished so much in her years of service to West Virginia’s housing community. I would like to thank Mary for aiding our State and its residents by providing safe, decent, and affordable housing to so many citizens who could not have afforded it otherwise.

Thank you for working with me and my staff over the years to serve as a resource on housing policy. I wish you well in your retirement. It is my honor to call you a friend and fellow Virginian.

RECOGNIZING THE EMPORIUM SENIOR CENTER AND THE CLEARFIELD SENIOR CENTER

Mr. CASEY. Mr. President, I recently visited two senior centers in Pennsylvania, the Emporium Senior Center in Cameron County and the Clearfield Senior Center in Clearfield County, to discuss issues on the minds of older Pennsylvanians and those who serve them. We spoke about the need to protect Medicare, Medicaid, and Social Security, the importance of keeping down the high cost of prescription drugs; and how to confront con artists from scamming older adults out of their hard-earned savings.

We must continue to support senior centers and other gathering places for older adults. For many, senior centers are a hub for services and a place where older Americans find a sense of community and belonging. They are the
place where seniors gather with friends to socialize, look for help with everyday challenges, and learn about timely topics. I am pleased that the U.S. Senate Special Committee on Aging, of which I am the ranking member, has examined ways to enhance the services and supports that senior centers provide. I’d like to commend the Emporium Senior Center and Clearfield Senior Center for the excellent services that they provide seniors and important role they play in the community.

TRIBUTE TO JOHN BARThELMES

Ms. HASSAN. Mr. President, today I would like to recognize Mr. John Barthelmes of Hopkinton, NH, and celebrate his well-deserved retirement after years of service to New Hampshire and America.

In 1976, John began his career in public service as a State trooper in New Hampshire’s North Country, where he fell in love with his wonderful wife, Jadean. He then rose through the ranks to become colonel of New Hampshire State Police, a position he held from 1996 to 1999. After retiring from the State police, John served as the director of New England Drug Trafficking Area unit, until 2007 when Governor Lynch appointed him to serve as commissioner of the department of safety. I am proud and honored that, as Governor, I had the opportunity to appoint this exceptional public servant to lead our department of safety.

As commissioner, John has focused on maintaining New Hampshire’s status as one of the safest States in the Nation and on improving services for our citizens. Under his leadership, the department has effectively managed severe weather events and other emergencies. He also oversaw the merger of the State police and highway patrol and took over the back of the State police officer recruitment process.

Additionally, under John’s leadership, the department has dramatically reduced wait times at the Division of Motor Vehicles, given citizens the option to renew their drivers’ licenses online, and undertaken a number of other improvements.

Underscoring his commitment to helping the people of New Hampshire, John is an outspoken advocate for treatment options for behavioral health and has served on the board of Riverbend Community Mental Health. John also serves on the New Hampshire Advisory Council on Emergency Preparedness and Security and the Governor’s Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention, Treatment, and Recovery.

But as impressive as John Barthelmes’ service, effectiveness, and achievements are, it is his insight, even-keeled demeanor, and extraordinary kindness that distinguishes him the most. A man of immeasurable character and deep understanding of the human condition, John Barthelmes broadened the outlook of everyone he worked with and gave hope to all he served.

Ensuring the safety of our people and communities is the most important role of government. Doing it with the skill, professionalism, and wisdom that John Barthelmes exhibited throughout his career is extraordinary.

I thank John for his dedication to keeping our people and communities safe, and I thank John’s family for their willingness to share him with the people of New Hampshire.

I hope you will join me in honoring a dedicated Granite Stater, John Barthelmes.

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Ridgway, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

In executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the Committee on Armed Services.

(The messages received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 4:02 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

S. 725. An act to change the address of the postal facility designated in honor of Captain Humayun Khan.

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. Grassley).

At 4:04 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following joint resolution, without amendment:

S. J. Res. 7. Joint resolution to direct the removal of United States Armed Forces from hostilities in the Republic of Yemen that have not been authorized by Congress.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 829. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1450 Montauk Highway in Mastic, New York, as the “Army Specialist Thomas J. Wilwerth Post Office Building”.

H. R. 1585. An act to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act of 1994, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that pursuant to sections 5580 and 5581 of the revised statutes (20 U.S.C. 42-43), and the order of the House of January 3, 2019, the Speaker appoints the following Member on the part of the House of Representatives to the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution: Mr. Shimkus of Illinois.

The message also announced that pursuant to 36 U.S.C. section 101, the Minority Leader appoints the following Members of the House of Representatives to the United States Semiquincentennial Commission: Mr. Holding of North Carolina and Mr. Adenholt of Alabama.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 829. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1450 Montauk Highway in Mastic, New York, as the “Army Specialist Thomas J. Wilwerth Post Office Building”; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, April 8, 2019, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 725. An act to change the address of the postal facility designated in honor of Captain Humayun Khan.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. Johnson, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 313. A bill to authorize cyber hunt and incident response teams at the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 116-27).

By Mr. Hoeven, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, without amendment:

S. 212. A bill to amend the Native American Business Development, Trade Promotion, and Tourism Act of 2000, the Buy Indian Act, and the Native American Programs Act of 1974 to provide industry and economic development opportunities to Indian communities (Rept. No. 116-28).

S. 294. A bill to establish a business incubators program within the Department of the Interior to promote economic development in Indian reservation communities (Rept. No. 116-29).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Ms. McSally (for herself, Mr. Cordero Masto, Mr. Barraso, Mrs. Feinstein, Mr. Gardner, Mr. Romney, Ms. Sinema, Mr. Lee, Mr. Enzi, Ms. Rosen, Mr. Bennet, Mr. Udall, Mr. Heinrich, and Ms. Harris):

S. 1097. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to execute and carry out agreements concerning Colorado River Drought Contingency Management and Operations, and for other purposes; considered and passed.
By Ms. HARRIS (for herself and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):
S. 1058. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude from gross income earthquake loss mitigation received under State-based earthquake loss mitigation programs; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. YOUNG (for himself, Mr. BENNET, and Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina):
S. 1059. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to support innovative, evidence-based approaches that improve the effectiveness and efficiency of postsecondary education for all students, to allow pay for success initiatives, to provide additional evaluations and report for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. VAN HOLLEN (for himself and Ranking Member ROGERS):
S. 1060. A bill to deter foreign interference in United States elections, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. BARRASSO (for himself, Mr. CARPER, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. CARDIN, and Ms. WARREN):
S. 1062. A bill to amend the John F. Kennedy Center Act to authorize appropriations for the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mrs. FISCHER:
S. 1063. A bill to require the Securities and Exchange Commission to revise the rules of the Commission relating to general solicitation or general advertising, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. WARRINER (for himself and Mr. GARDNER):
S. 1064. A bill to require the Secretary of Energy to conduct a study on the national security implications of building ethane and other liquefied-gas-related petrochemical infrastructure in the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. PETERS, Mr. SANDERS, and Mr. REED:
S. 1065. A bill to provide grants to assist States in developing and implementing plans to address cybersecurity threats or vulnerabilities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Ms. HARRIS (for herself, Ms. ROSEN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. SMITH, Mr. KLOKOWER, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. PETERS, Mr. SANDERS, and Mr. REED):
S. 1066. A bill to provide an increased allocation of funding under certain programs for assistance in persistent poverty counties, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. BOOKER:
S. 1067. A bill to provide for research to better understand the causes and consequences of sexual harassment affecting individuals in the scientific, technical, engineering, and mathematics workforce and to examine policies to reduce the prevalence and negative impact of such harassment, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS
The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. SCOTT of Florida (for himself and Mr. RUBIO):
S. Res. 147. A resolution honoring the memory of Jerema “Jeri” Bustamante on the 1-year anniversary of her passing; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS
S. 151
At the request of Mr. THUNE, the names of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS), the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORRINE), the Senator from California (Ms. HARRIS) and the Senator from Michigan (Mr. PETERS) were added as cosponsors of S. 151, a bill to deter criminal robocall violations and improve enforcement of section 227(b) of the Communications Act of 1934, and for other purposes.

S. 277
At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 277, a bill to posthumously award a Congressional Gold Medal to Fred Korematsu, in recognition of his dedication to justice and equality.

S. 296
At the request of Mr. MURKOWSKI, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Ms. HARRIS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 296, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the coverage of marriage and family therapist services and mental health counselor services under part B of the Medicare program, and for other purposes.

S. 323
At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 323, a bill to direct the Secretary of Education to establish the Recognition Inspiring School Employees (RISE) Program recognizing excellence exhibited by classified school employees providing services to students in pre-kindergarten through high school.

S. 342
At the request of Mr. YOUNG, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. PORTMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 342, a bill to reauthorize title VI of the Higher Education Act of 1965 in order to improve and encourage innovation in international education, and for other purposes.

S. 382
At the request of Mr. YOUNG, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. ROUNDS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 382, a bill to authorize a special research study on the spread of vectors of chronic wasting disease in Cervidae, and for other purposes.

S. 598
At the request of Mr. PETERS, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CRAMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 598, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase certain funeral benefits for veterans, and for other purposes.

S. 622
At the request of Mr. JONES, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Ms. UDALL), the Senator from Nevada (Ms. ROSEN) and the Senator from New Hampshire (Ms. HASSAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 622, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to repeal the requirement for reduction of survivors’ annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan by veterans’ dependency and indemnity compensation, and for other purposes.

S. 636
At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 636, a bill to designate Venezuela under section 244 of the Immigration and Nationality Act to permit nationals of Venezuela to be eligible for temporary protected status under such section.

S. 688
At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 688, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to waive coinsurance under Medicare for colorectal cancer screening tests, regardless of whether therapeutic intervention is required during the screening.

S. 703
At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Ms. DUCKWORTH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 703, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to address health, safety, and environmental hazards at private military housing units, to prohibit the payment by members of the Armed Forces of deposits or other fees relating to such housing units, and for other purposes.

S. 758
At the request of Mr. DUCKWORTH, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. MARKEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 758, a bill to ensure affordable abortion coverage and care for every woman, and for other purposes.

S. 848
At the request of Ms. HARRIS, the name of the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 848, a bill to establish digital services in State and local governments, and for other purposes.
At the request of Ms. Hassan, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. Murphy) was added as a cosponsor of S. 867, a bill to protect students of institutions of higher education and the taxpayer investment in institutions of higher education by improving oversight and accountability of institutions of higher education, particularly for-profit colleges, improving protections for students and borrowers, and ensuring the integrity of postsecondary education programs, and for other purposes.

At the request of Ms. Stabenow, the names of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. Lankford), the Senator from Oregon (Mr. Merkley), the Senator from Colorado (Mr. Bennet), the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. Blumenthal), the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. Cramer), and the Senator from Wisconsin (Ms. Baldwin) were added as co-sponsors of S. 880, a bill to provide outreach and reporting on comprehensive Alzheimer’s disease care planning services furnished under the Medicare program.

At the request of Ms. Collins, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Ms. Murkowski) was added as a cosponsor of S. 901, a bill to amend the Older Americans Act of 1965 to support individuals with younger onset Alzheimer’s disease.

At the request of Mr. Young, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. Braun) was added as a cosponsor of S. 907, a bill to preserve open competition and Federal Government neutrality towards the labor relations of Federal Government contractors on Federal and federally funded construction projects, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. Grassley, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. Collins) was added as a cosponsor of S. 928, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modernize and improve the Internal Revenue Service, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. Brown, the name of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. Capito) was added as a cosponsor of S. 954, a bill to provide grants to State, local, territorial, and Tribal law enforcement agencies to purchase chemical screening devices and train personnel to use chemical screening devices in order to enhance law enforcement efficiency and protect law enforcement officers.

At the request of Mr. Burr, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. Klobuchar) was added as a cosponsor of S. 960, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the resolution provision of services for homeless veterans, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. Hawley, the name of the Senator from California (Ms. Feinstein) was added as a cosponsor of S. 986, a bill to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to expand support for police officer family services, stress reduction, and suicide prevention, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. Whitehouse, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Ms. Duckworth) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1033, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish a public health insurance option, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. Brown, the name of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. Manchin) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1034, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the maximum age for children eligible for medical care under the CHAMPVA program, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mrs. Shaheen, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. Heinrich) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1049, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to ensure that members of the Armed Forces and their families have access to the contraception they need in order to promote the health and readiness of all members of the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. Peters, the names of the Senator from Hawaii (Ms. Hirono), the Senator from California (Ms. Feinstein), the Senator from Virginia (Mr. Warner) and the Senator from Oregon (Mr. Merkley) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 99, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that Congress should take all appropriate measures to ensure that the United States Postal Service remains an independent establishment of the Federal Government and is not subject to privatization.

At the request of Mr. Cardin, the names of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. Grassley) and the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. Scott) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 120, a resolution opposing efforts to delegitimize the State of Israel and the Global Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions Movement targeting Israel.

STATMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Ms. McSally (for herself, Ms. Cortez Masto, Mr. Barrasso, Mrs. Feinstein, Mr. Gardner, Mr. Romney, Ms. Sinema, Mr. Lee, Mr. Enzi, Ms. Rosen, Mr. Bennet, Mr. Udall, Mr. Heinrich, and Ms. Harris):

S. 1057. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to execute and carry out agreements concerning Colorado River Drought Contingency Management and Operations, and for other purposes; considered and passed.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE. This Act may be cited as the “Colorado River Drought Contingency Plan Authorization Act”.

SEC. 2. COLORADO RIVER BASIN DROUGHT CONTINGENCY PLANS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law expressly addressing the operation of the applicant Colorado River System, immediately upon execution of the March 19, 2019, versions of the Agreement Concerning Colorado River Drought Contingency Management and Operations and the agreements attached thereto as Attachments A1, A2, and B, by all of the non-Federal parties thereto, the Secretary of the Interior shall, without delay, execute such agreements, and is directed and authorized to carry out the provisions of such agreements and operate applicable Colorado River System reservoirs accordingly.

(b) EFFECT.—Nothing in this section shall—

(1) be construed or interpreted as precedent for the litigation of, or as altering, affecting, or being deemed as a congressional determination regarding, the water rights of the United States, any Indian Tribe, band, or community, any State, political subdivision or district of a State, or any person; or

(2) exempt the implementation of such agreements and the operation of applicable Colorado River System reservoirs from any requirements of applicable Federal environmental laws.
PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR
Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, first, I ask unanimous consent that Charles Pankenier, a detailee on my Senate Finance Committee staff, be given floor privileges for the remainder of the 116th Congress.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ORDERS FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 2019

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 10 a.m., Tuesday, April 9; further, that following the prayer and pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, morning business be closed, and the Senate proceed to executive session to resume consideration of the Domenico nomination.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that it stand adjourned under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 6:10 p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, April 9, 2019, at 10 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate:

IN THE AIR FORCE

The following named officer for appointment as vice chairman of the joint chiefs of staff and for appointment in the United States armed forces to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., sections 152 and 601:

To be vice admiral

GEN. JOHN E. HYten
The following named Air National Guard of the United States officer for appointment in the reserve of the air force to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be general

Maj. Gen. Mark E. Sasseville
The following named officer for appointment in the United States air force to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., sections 152 and 601:

To be lieutenant general

Maj. Gen. Todd M. Fick

IN THE ARMY

The following named officer for appointment as chairman of the joint chiefs of staff and for appointment in the United States armed forces to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., sections 152 and 601:

To be general

Gen. Mark A. Milley

The following named officer for appointment as vice chief of staff of the Army and for appointment in the United States armed forces to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., sections 152 and 601:

To be general

Lt. Gen. Joseph M. Martin

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Army to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be general

Lt. Gen. Paul J. LaCamera

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Army to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be general

Lt. Gen. Laura J. Richardson

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Army to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be general

Maj. Gen. Michael T. Flynn

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Army to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be vice general

Vice Adm. William R.梅

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Army to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be vice admiral

Br. Adm. Ross A. Myers

IN THE NAVY

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Navy to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be general

Vice Adm. Joseph D.遗产

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Navy to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be general

Br. Adm. Robert J. Joseph

IN THE MARINE CORPS

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Marine Corps to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be general

Lt. Col. Erin M. Smith
Greetings to all. Over the years, our Indian American Cultural Center and other cultural centers in America have gone to such noble causes as cancer research, tsunami and hurricane relief efforts, and support for organizations such as the Nazareth Home in Chicago and Veterans Life Changing Services in Indiana. The members and leaders of the Indian American Cultural Center have been instrumental in supporting these charitable endeavors, both nationally and locally. Since its inception, the Indian American Cultural Center has been instrumental in educating Northwest Indiana’s citizens on the traditions and customs of the Indian heritage.

The Indian American Cultural Center, which opened on March 9, 2002, was established with the following goal in mind: to foster peace and harmony amongst the people of Northwest Indiana by showcasing their cultural heritage and creating spiritual awareness in both youth and adults, as well as to engage in various charitable endeavors, both nationally and locally. Since its inception, the Indian American Cultural Center has been instrumental in educating Northwest Indiana’s citizens on the traditions and customs of the Indian heritage.

The members of the Indian American Cultural Center of NWIHRCC are to be honored, not only for their commitment to preserving tradition, but also for their dedication to making improvements that benefit all mankind. Proceeds from this year’s gala, which throughout the years has demonstrated the immense generosity of its attendees and organizations, will go to support the Nazareth Home in East Chicago and Veterans Life Changing Services in Gary. In the past, proceeds from the gala have gone to such noble causes as cancer research, educational scholarships, the American Red Cross, tsunami and hurricane relief funds, the Carmelite Home for Girls, Arc Bridges of Hobart, Campagna Academy, and many more. For their significant contributions to the community of Northwest Indiana and beyond, the members and leaders of the NWIHRCC are worthy of the highest praise.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Indian American Cultural Center of NWIHRCC on its 17th anniversary. The members and leaders of this outstanding organization have dedicated themselves to serving others, and continue to improve the quality of life for the people of Northwest Indiana and throughout the world. They serve as an inspiration to us all.

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Katherine Cisneros for receiving the Adams County Mayors and Commissioners Youth Award.

The Youth Award focuses on teenagers who have overcome personal adversity and created positive changes in their lives and their community. The program provides businesses, the community and civic leaders an opportunity to support young people in their communities and recognize their accomplishments. Katherine is the perfect recipient for this award because, despite adversities and challenges, she has become an inspiration and role model for her peers.

The dedication and leadership demonstrated by Katherine is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives. I extend my deepest congratulations to Katherine Cisneros for this well-deserved recognition. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

Mr. CONOLLY. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the Buchanan Partners and Nancy Hersch Ingram at the Hylton Performing Arts Center’s 9th Anniversary Gala.

The Buchanan Partners have played a key role in establishing the Hylton Performing Arts Center’s vision by sponsoring the Buchanan Partners Art Gallery. This gallery features local and regional artists and serves to enrich the community through various visual art experiences. They continue to reach out to the community and live out their mission of “Developing Values. Building Relationships.” It is my pleasure to honor the Buchanan Partners for their contributions and efforts.

Mr. BAIRD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate two outstanding high school basketball teams from the Fourth District of Indiana. I’m proud to say that the Fourth District is home to not only the runner up for the Indiana High School Athletic Association’s Girls Basketball State Tournament, but also the 2019 State Champions.

At the State Championship on February 23, in Indianapolis, Northwestern Senior High School, from Kokomo, Indiana achieved their second-straight state title with a sixty-one to thirty-nine victory over Benton Central, from Oxford, Indiana.

Both teams played with the passion and dedication they have shown all season. Northwestern junior Kendall Bostic led the night with twenty-five points and set Class 3A State records for both rebounds and steals. Her teammate, Madison Layden, tied a state record as well, making ten out of twelve free throw attempts. Allison Miller from Northwestern was named the winner of the Patricia L. Roy Mental Attitude Award in Class 3A Girls Basketball.

From Benton Central, leaders like Audrey Strawser contributed eleven points, Tressa Senesac with nine, and senior Emma Fisher had seven. In addition to the strong showing from all the players on the court, it is notable...
that this is only the third time since 1995 that both teams in the State Championship game were from the same conference.

It is an honor to represent hardworking student athletes across the Fourth District, especially the young women of Northwestern and Benton Central. Their coaches, Kathie Layden from Northwestern and David Baxter from Benton Central, should also be commended on their leadership and commitment.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the Fourth District of Indiana, I want to congratulate both teams, their families, schools, and coaches on an impressive 2019 basketball season.

HONORING JOHANNA HAGER FOR HER WORK AT BRAVEHEART CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER

HON. CHERI BUSTOS OF ILLINOIS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, April 8, 2019

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Johanna Hager for her work at the Braveheart Child Advocacy Center. Ms. Hager serves as a Diplomate Certified Practitioner and a Certified Child Forensic Interview Trainer who has done remarkable work.

Johanna Hager, a member of First Lutheran Church in Geneseo, is committed to assisting members of the community through her expertise in child trauma. Ms. Hager earned a master's degree in Marriage, Family and Child Therapy and has gone on to work closely with the National Association of Forensic Counseling and the American Academy of Certified Forensic Counselors. Ms. Hager actively assists the State Police on how they can best communicate with children who are affected by criminal investigations. She has also used her knowledge to support and aid adults, children, and families dealing with grief, trauma and recovery from child sexual abuse and severe physical abuse. In addition, Ms Hager has testified as an expert witness in many cases and has assisted with the establishment of a nationwide competency exam for Child Forensic Interviewers. Ms. Hager is an asset to the community and provides much-needed services for those she assists.

It is because of dedicated leaders such as Johanna Hager that I am especially proud to serve Illinois’ 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to again formally honor Johanna Hager on her service to the community and thank her for all she does for those who are in need of assistance.

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HON. ED PERLMUTTER
OF COLORADO
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, April 8, 2019

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Destiny Orozco Uribe for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Destiny Orozco Uribe is a student at Jefferson Jr./Sr. and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Destiny Orozco Uribe is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Destiny Orozco Uribe for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future endeavors.

HONORING PETER CAMERON

HON. JARED HUFFMAN
OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, April 8, 2019

Mr. HUFFMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the significant career and accomplishments of Peter Cameron, a United States Army veteran who has dedicated more than 47 years to serving his fellow veterans in Sonoma County, on the occasion of his retirement.

Mr. Cameron entered military service in 1965 and served his country with distinction in Vietnam in 1966 and 1967. He was awarded the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, and the Vietnam Campaign Medal.

Following his Army service, Mr. Cameron became the founder, President, and Chief Executive Officer of Veterans Resource Centers of America, a community-based nonprofit organization in Sonoma County that provides employment training, housing, rehabilitation and case management as well as small business, legal, and advocacy services to veterans. The organization also supports a clinic and construction of three elementary schools in Luong Son, in the Republic of Vietnam.

As a prominent leader and active voice for veterans, Mr. Cameron has, over the past 47 years, been a White House, Department of Labor, Department of Veterans Affairs, and Agent Orange Class Assistance Program as well as numerous state and local agencies. Mr. Cameron collected materials for the first archival collection of Vietnam veterans’ memorabilia, which is now held at Cornell University. He also organized the first Vietnam veterans symposium held at Sonoma State University in 1979 and coordinated delegations of Vietnam veterans to travel to the Soviet Union and Kazakhstan to meet Soviet veterans of the war in Afghanistan in 1989 and 1990. In more recent years, he served as Secretary and Board Member of the National Coalition for Homeless Veterans.

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Madam Speaker, Peter Cameron’s career is a sterling example of service and dedication to our country’s veteran population. Mr. Cameron’s tireless advocacy on behalf of his fellow veterans raised awareness and improved lives in Sonoma County and across the United States. Please join me in honoring Peter Cameron on the occasion of his retirement, and in wishing him the best of luck in his future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF LEIDOS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY
OF VIRGINIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, April 8, 2019

Mr. CONNOLLY. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Chairman/CEO Roger Krone and the 32,000 employees of Leidos on the occasion of the company’s 50th anniversary.

Founded in 1969 by Dr. J. Robert Beyster and Science Applications Incorporated (SAI), the company that would become Leidos was a result of Dr. Beyster’s lifelong commitment to innovation. Born in Detroit, Michigan in 1924 and raised in the midst of the Great Depression, Dr. Beyster watched as his family struggled through incredible hardships to provide for themselves. He joined the Navy after graduating from high school and served on a destroyer during World War II. With the help of the GI Bill, he attended the University of Michigan after his naval career and earned several degrees, including his Ph.D. in nuclear physics in 1950.

After earning his doctorate, Dr. Beyster spent five years working at the Los Alamos National Laboratory before spending a dozen years with General Dynamics in San Diego. His time there came to an end shortly after Gulf Oil acquired General Atomics. Mr. Beyster felt that senior management had little interest in the research his department was performing. He resolved to create a company where that would never be the case and which nurtured a culture of innovation and entrepreneurship. That vision led to the creation of SAI, which changed its name to SAIC in 1984.

I served as Director of Community Relations for SAIC from 2002 to 2008 and will always remember fondly my time with the company. I was pleased to be present in Congress in 2009 when SAIC made the decision to relocate its headquarters from San Diego to my district in Tysons. I’m not sure anyone, including Dr. Beyster, could have foreseen the growth that this company would experience. What began as a $50,000 loan with Dr. Beyster’s house as collateral has evolved into a $7 billion Fortune 500 powerhouse. In 2013, SAIC bifurcated its company into two entities; Leidos, the solutions-focused parent company and a services business spin-off which carried on the SAIC name. I am confident that both of these companies will continue the fine legacy that has been left by Dr. Beyster, Roger Krone and so many others over the last 50 years.

The impact of Leidos and SAIC is not solely confined to a profit margin or a balance sheet. Both companies have received numerous accolades for their work in their communities, including being named one of the Best Places to Work by the Human Rights Campaign in 2017, receiving an Annual Corporate Equality Index Score of 100 percent and being named one of the World’s Most Ethical Companies by the Ethisphere Institute just last year. When I served as Director of Community Relations, I saw firsthand the engagement in and care for the community that SAIC/Leidos exhibited. We saw firsthand the engagement in and care for the community that SAIC/Leidos exhibited. We saw firsthand the engagement in and care for the community that SAIC/Leidos exhibited.
Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Leidos on this momentous occasion and in wishing them great success in all their future endeavors. I have no doubt that they will continue their myriad contributions to our economy, our government and our community for many more decades to come.

FOURTH ANNUAL WORLD CIVILITY DAY

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY
OF INDIANA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 8, 2019

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Madam Speaker, it is with great honor and respect that I recognize the Community Civility Counts Initiative as the organization celebrates its fourth annual World Civility Day on April 11, 2019, along with the Gary Chamber of Commerce, the entire community of Northwest Indiana, and beyond. World Civility Day is a day in which we are asked to become aware of our behavior towards others and to become mindful of our thoughts, words, and actions. It is a day to remember that we can be better people in every area of life, and to remember that our actions serve as an example for generations to come. In observance of this special event, a day of civility-themed activities will be held at the Indiana Welcome Center in Hammond, and an awards banquet will follow in the evening at the Avalon Manor in Merrillville.

In 2015, Chuck Hughes, Executive Director of the Gary Chamber of Commerce, and Dr. Gordon E. Bradshaw, Chairman of the Public Policy Committee, worked together through the Gary Chamber to create the Civility Counts Initiative. The organization’s mission is to build public awareness of civility and to help transform communities through positive programs and relationships. The Initiative works to raise the consciousness level of individuals and groups of people, as so many of us face incidents of disrespect, intolerance, bullying, or violence. For striving to make a difference in our communities, the organization and its supporters are worthy of the highest praise.

This year, the organization welcomes and honors Dr. Clyde Rivers, President and Founder of IChange Nations, Dr. Rivers is also an Ambassador-at-Large for the Republic of Burundi, Africa. Dr. Rivers plans to incorporate the Community Civility Counts message into his own organization and his work for peace and civility throughout the world. Showing her support for this powerful message, Ms. McCall, Grammy nominee and Tony Award winner, will be performing at the International Awards Dinner. Mr. Michael Turner, saxophonist for the Ohio Players, and Mr. Reginald Thornton, original dancer from the iconic Soul Train television show, will celebrate civility through their performances, as well.

Madam Speaker, I ask you and my other colleagues to join me in honoring and congratulating the Community Civility Counts Initiative and in celebrating World Civility Day. The significance of this movement will have a positive impact on all our lives. For their influence, passion, and dedication to the community of Northwest Indiana and beyond, the leaders and supporters of the Community Civility Counts Initiative are to be commended.

HON. ED PERLMUTTER
OF COLORADO
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 8, 2019

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Damian Diaz for receiving the Adams County Mayors and Commissioners Youth Award. The Youth Award focuses on teenagers who have overcome personal adversity and created positive changes in their lives and their community. The program provides businesses, the community and civic leaders an opportunity to support young people in their communities and recognize their accomplishments. Damian is the perfect recipient for this award because despite adversities and challenges, he has become an inspiration and role model for his peers.

The dedication and leadership demonstrated by Damian is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their educational opportunities to create a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives. I extend my deepest congratulations to Damian Diaz for this well-deserved recognition. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

HONORING MR. RICHARD FIMBRES AND MRS. MARY FIMBRES

HON. ANN KIRKPATRICK
OF ARIZONA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 8, 2019

Mrs. KIRKPATRICK. Madam Speaker, I rise before you today to recognize two special individuals, Mr. Richard Fimbres and Mrs. Mary Fimbres, for their three decades of work and commitment to bettering the lives of local youth. In response to their concerns about the state of education in their community, Richard and Mary Fimbres helped to found the LULAC Youth Leadership Conference, a program that promotes and develops leadership in middle and high school students.

With the cooperation and involvement of local public, private, and charter schools, as well as institutions of higher learning, the LULAC Youth Leadership Conference has become a nationally recognized program that assists students with resources, mentoring, and leadership skills, thereby equipping them with the necessary tools to help them remain in school, graduate, and further their education.

For 29 years, Richard and Mary Fimbres have worked to build and grow the conference, and to date, it has hosted over 118,000 participants. Over the years, these participants have gained invaluable experience thanks to the conference, including attending a Resource Fair where they can discover high-paying careers that will enable them to make a difference by creating the social and technological advancements that will define the future of our world. The fair also gives them access to health, educational, and life resources and features a strong public safety component with law enforcement, fire, and medical emergency professionals who display the latest technologies and equipment in their fields. Additionally, the conference includes 30 interactive workshops that focus on leadership, health, culture, issues affecting teens, student resources, and technology. Professionals from various fields are present to provide information about community resources and ways to access them, as well as offering information about their career paths. It should also be noted that, thanks to Richard and Mary Fimbres and local school systems, students are provided secure transportation to and from the conference.

The LULAC Youth Leadership Conference has been nationally recognized by former First Ladies Barbara Bush and Hillary Clinton, as well as Louis Caldera, former Secretary of the Army, and Lauro Cavazos, former Secretary of Education. In tandem with the Youth Leadership Conference, Richard and Mary Fimbres also formed the LULAC Educator’s Awards and Scholarship Banquet, which honors educators, community leaders, and elected officials for their work on improving the lives of youth and the community, as well as raises funds to go toward educational scholarships.

Mr. and Mrs. Fimbres’ standing as community leaders is evident in their commitment and countless hours of work throughout the community over the past three decades. Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in recognizing these outstanding citizens and exemplary leaders for their work and dedication to improving the lives of our young people.

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2019

SPEECH OF

HON. DAVID B. MCKINLEY
OF WEST VIRGINIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 3, 2019

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 1585) to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act of 1994, and for other purposes:

Mr. MCKINLEY. Mr. Chair, the Violence Against Women Act is an important law that authorizes funding to protect women from violent crimes and supports victims. Let me be clear: the Violence Against Women Act needs to be reauthorized. In 2013, I was proud to vote to reauthorize this legislation. Last fall, I joined the letter urging Speaker Ryan to pass a clean extension of the Violence Against Women Act before it expired. Finally, I will vote to support a clean one-year extension of the Violence Against Women Act.

Unfortunately, my Democratic colleagues let politics stand in the way of funding to help victims of violent crimes. They have included provisions in H.R. 1585, the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2019, to deny citizens of their constitutional Second Amendment rights without due process. Our requests for a clean reauthorization, without such politicized provisions, have gone unanswered.

Victims of domestic violence and sexual assault deserve better. This is why I opposed
H.R. 1585. Congress needs to work towards a reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act that removes these poison pills and puts victims before politics.

RECOGNIZING THE 2019 NORTHERN VIRGINIA FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES AND AWARD RECIPIENTS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY
OF VIRGINIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 8, 2019

Mr. CONNOLLY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Northern Virginia Football Hall of Fame (NVFHOF) and to congratulate the 2019 inductees and scholarship award recipients.

Participation in organized sports instills many values that will serve our youth well throughout life, including sportsmanship, teamwork, honesty, and the work ethic developed by striving for success and working to achieve a common goal.

For 29 years, the NVFHOF has recognized the efforts of players, coaches, officials, and cheerleaders from local youth and scholastic football programs, and has inducted a few exceptional individuals who have made significant contributions to the game. In addition, the NVFHOF presents several student-athletes with scholarships to help defray the cost of college.

I commend the NVFHOF and congratulate the following students, coaches, and community leaders who are being recognized during the 29th Annual NVFHOF Awards Banquet:

$2,000 Scholarship Award Recipients: Conley J. Ku, Miles M. Thompson, Nicholas E. Kuzemka.

Fairfax County Football Hall of Fame 2019 Inductees: Jonathan Allen, Paul Hayden.

Football Official of the Year: Frank Hill, Jr.

Karl Davey Community Achievement Award: Martha Coleman.

Tom Davis Meritorious Service Award: Derek and Jenni Green.

Gene Nelson Commissioner of the Year Award: Brandon Miller.

High School Coaches of the Year: Mickey Thompson, Tom Verbanic.


Youth Coaches of the Year: Boomer DeConti, Tom Hamm, Rodney Soldivar, Stanley Wills.

Youth Players of the Year: Chase Murchison, Jaelyn Carlo, George Lynch III, Adam Stewart, Jack McLaury, Evan Ross, Chase Geter, Cameron Petrey, Dylan Lyerly, Marcus Williams, Jaylen Ware, Cash Crosby, Ethan Mack-Moore, Tyree Hogan, Christos Proctor, Bryson Thompson, Colton Quaker, McCormack Koopman, Isaiah Lagland, Jake Nielsen, Donovan Mullins, Clifton Dorsey, Bobby Schroder.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating Mark Meana and the Northern Virginia Hall of Fame, as well as those students, coaches, and community leaders who are being honored at the 2019 Football Hall of Fame celebration.

RECOGNIZING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF WILLOW SPRINGS, MISSOURI

HON. JASON SMITH
OF MISSOURI
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 8, 2019

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the sesquicentennial birthday of Willow Springs, Missouri. Located in Howell County, Willow Springs sits at the intersections of U.S. Hwy 63 and U.S. Hwy 60, making it the hub of the Ozarks. On March 29, 1869, the Willow Springs Post Office was established. The post office was located at the general store of Mr. James Harris, a Union veteran of the Civil War. The town remained small until the development of the Kansas City, Fort Scott and Memphis railroads in the 1880s. The railroad stimulated commerce and brought new businesses and people to the area who were interested in taking part in the expansion.

It is my privilege to acknowledge this historic birthday before the United States House of Representatives and to honor the people of Willow Springs, Missouri as they partake in this yearlong celebration.

BRITTNEY CUMMINGS
HON. ED PERLMUTTER
OF COLORADO
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 8, 2019

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Brittny Cummings for receiving the Adams County Mayors and Commissioners Youth Award.

The Youth Award focuses on teenagers who have overcome personal adversity and created positive changes in their lives and their community. The program provides businesses, the community and civic leaders an opportunity to support young people in their communities and recognize their accomplishments. Brittny is the perfect recipient for this award because despite adversities and challenges, she has become an inspiration and role model for her peers.

The dedication and leadership demonstrated by Brittny is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives. I commend my deepest congratulations to Brittny Cummings for this well-deserved recognition. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

IN HONOR OF THE WOODLANDS CHRISTIAN ACADEMY 25TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. KEVIN BRADY
OF TEXAS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 8, 2019

Mr. BRADY. Madam Speaker, today I rise in celebration of the 25th Anniversary of The Woodlands Christian Academy.

Established in 1993, The Woodlands Christian Academy (TWCA) is one of our community’s most impressive academic institutions. A non-denominational college preparatory school located in The Woodlands, Texas, TWCA aims to integrate classroom learning with Biblical truth. TWCA provides programs for over 600 students Pre-K–12th grade and pushes them to reach their highest spiritual, academic, and social potential. The caliber of their students is matched only by the quality of their faculty, whose dedicated commitment to teaching has shaped countless students and inspired thousands of young learners.

TWCA has a strong history of preparing its students for success after graduation, with student ACT and SAT scores continuing to rise above the local, state, and national average. Students of TWCA often go on to receive national competitive scholarships—with an average of $103,000 per student being awarded in merit-based college scholarships in 2017 alone.

Students at TWCA are notable not only for their academic achievements, but also for their proven ability to be remarkable leaders in their respective industries and communities.

Through service opportunities and educational experiences and in and outside of the classroom, TWCA encourages its students to engage in responsible citizenship and critical thinking, and to develop a life-long appreciation for learning. TWCA understands the importance of investing in our students, and therefore investing in our future.

TWCA would not be where it is today without their fearless leader, Julie Ambler. Julie has been a hardworking member of the faculty since 2006, and now serves as Head of School. Under her outstanding leadership and direction, TWCA was named the corporate Hometown Hero of The Woodlands by Interfaith in 2017—a well-deserved award for someone whose vision and guidance has impacted this community so much.

This year, we celebrate TWCA’s quarter-of-a-century mark. I thank them for the outstanding impact that the faculty and administration have made on young people of our community, and I am proud to join those across The Woodlands in celebration of their Anniversary. Congratulations on 25 years, I know that the next 25 will be just as successful.

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2019

SPEECH OF
HON. JAIME HERRERA BEUTLER
OF WASHINGTON
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 3, 2019

The House in Committee of the Whole on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 1585) to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act of 1994, and for other purposes:

Ms. HERRERA BEUTLER. Mr. Chair, I’ve been a strong supporter of VAWA, consistent with my vote to advance this important bill to assist victims of domestic abuse. However, H.R. 1585 in its current form is not perfect and I have serious outstanding concerns with the provisions relating to Second Amendment protections. I urge my colleagues to work in a bipartisan effort to address these concerns so
we can have a final bill that respects Americans’ constitutional rights.

HONORING ALBERT STRAUS

HON. JARED HUFFMAN
OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 8, 2019

Mr. HUFFMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Albert Straus, the founder and CEO of Straus Family Creamery. Under Albert’s leadership the Straus Family Creamery became the first creamery in the country to become one hundred percent certified organic. Twenty-five years later, the business is not only thriving, but has created a model for sustainable family dairy farming that has been replicated to great success.

The oldest of four children, Albert Straus grew up on his family’s dairy farm in northern California. The son of William and Ellen Straus, his father founded the dairy in 1941, after fleeing to the United States as a refugee from Nazi Germany. Albert left his family’s dairy to go to college, but returned in 1977, after earning a bachelor’s degree in Dairy Science from California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo. Albert took over management of the dairy alongside his father, but realized that changes would need to be made if family-run dairy farms were going to survive the growth of larger industrial competitors.

Over the course of the nearly two decades that followed, Albert Straus implemented innovative solutions at his family dairy that improved both the stewardship of the land and the farm’s economic vitality. These solutions included the cessation of herbicides and chemical fertilizers, the use of planting methods that reduced soil erosion, and the use of food waste for cow feed, among many others. Finally, in 1994, Straus opened the first certified organic dairy and creamery west of the Mississippi River and the first 100 percent certified organic creamery in the U.S. Today, the Straus Family Creamery has had great success, both economically and in its mission to create a farming community that is committed to the stewardship of the land. Albert Straus has been a model and mentor for many other family dairy farms. Now nearly ninety percent of all dairy farms in the region are certified organic, and as a result, family farms are continuing to thrive. Still a leader in innovation, the Straus Family Dairy Farm uses a methane digester to turn the 4,000 gallons of manure that it produces daily into compost and renewable energy. This energy not only powers the 500-acre farm, but also Albert Straus’ harvester truck.

Madam Speaker, Albert Straus’ leadership and vision has proven that environmentally-sustainable farming can both turn a profit and support a larger community of family farms and distributors. And at a time when the public has grown increasingly more concerned by the means and consolidation of food production, this example is that much more significant. Therefore, please join me in recognizing Albert Straus and the success of the Straus Family Creamery, on the occasion of its 25th anniversary.

American Family Dairy

In the House of Representatives

Monday, April 8, 2019

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Jenna Hays for receiving the Adams County Mayors and Commissioners Youth Award.

The Youth Award focuses on teenagers who have overcome personal adversity and created positive changes in their lives and their community. The program provides businesses, the community and civic leaders an opportunity to support young people in their communities and recognize their accomplishments.

Jenna is the perfect recipient for this award because despite adversities and challenges, she has become an inspiration and role model for her peers.

The dedication and leadership demonstrated by Jenna is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Jenna Hays for this well-deserved recognition. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

RECOGNIZING THE 2019 OCOCQUAN-WOODBRIDGE-LORTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFICERS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY
OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 8, 2019

Mr. CONNOLLY. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the incoming 2019 officers of the Occoquan-Woodbridge-Lorton Volunteer Fire Department. OWLVFD is located in Prince William County, Virginia, 25 miles from our Nation’s Capital. The OWLVFD goes on an average of 20,000 runs per year, aiding 80,000 residents in a 27 square mile area. Incorporated in the Commonwealth of Virginia in 1938, the OWLVFD is comprised of committed community members who volunteer their time, energy, and financial resources to ensure the safety of the families and property in and around Woodbridge. During its 80 year history, the Department has continued to expand and there are now three stations staffed by approximately 250 volunteers who serve and protect an ever-growing local population. From their bravery in action to their presence with the youth in the community, OWLVFD is readily available for the families of Woodbridge.

It is with great honor that I include in the Record the following Occoquan-Woodbridge-Lorton Volunteer Fire Department Officers:

- Department President—Dave Williams
- Department Chief—James McAllister
- Executive Vice President—George Smith

Membership Secretary—Scott Shaw
Board of Directors—Michelle Bauer, Kevin Lewis, Melissa Payne, Rebecca Barnes, Zach Wessolock, Jonathan Baldwin, Michael Clark, Anna Smith

Election Officer—Sabrina Brandon Ricks
Treasurer—Debbie Haight
Sergeant-At-Arms—Rick Moore
Assistant Chiefs—Kurt Bolland, Ernest DeSantis, Steve Godin, Wayne Haight, Rick Michaels

Rescue Chief—Ed Craig
Fire Captains—Ben New, Justin Wilt
Rescue Captain—Stephanie Powers

While a new executive board has been elected and new officers sworn in, the mission of OWLVFD remains the same. The volunteers of the OWLVFD continue to put themselves in harm’s way for the benefit of the residents of the area and have educated and mentored the youth in Woodbridge, not only teaching fire safety education, but also strengthening community relations.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing the men and women of the Occoquan-Woodbridge-Lorton Volunteer Fire Department for their service to our country and steadfast commitment to their community and in congratulating the newly-elected officers and board members. I thank them for their dedication and to all, I say: “Stay safe.”

HONORING THE LIFE OF FREEHOLDER PEARL BEATTY

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE, JR.
OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 8, 2019

Mr. PAYNE. Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring the life and legacy of former Essex County Freeholder Pearl Beatty. Freeholder Beatty passed away on April 2, 2019, leaving behind a trail of success as a community servant.

Freeholder Beatty’s interest in politics began in her early twenties, when she worked a voter registration table for the NAACP. It continued through 1960, when she sang at a rally for presidential candidate John F. Kennedy. Freeholder Beatty went on to work for the Kennedy campaign in New Jersey, helping put Kennedy over the top in the state. Three years later, Freeholder Beatty attended the 1963 March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom. She helped Newark residents picket Woolworth’s for racial equality. And Freeholder Beatty was a key player in getting Newark’s first Black mayor, Kenneth Gibson, elected in 1970.

Over the years, Freeholder Beatty was a constant presence in Essex County politics and communities. She was scheduler for Jimmy Carter’s 1976 New Jersey campaign, then ran for Essex County Freeholder in 1977. She served three terms as District 2 Commissioner, always fighting for her constituents.

Freeholder Beatty worked tirelessly to get people of color registered to vote. I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring the life of Essex County Freeholder Pearl Beatty.
IN RECOGNITION OF HOOSAC VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS’ BASKETBALL TEAM

HON. RICHARD E. NEAL
OF MASSACHUSETTS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, April 8, 2019

Mr. NEAL. Madam Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the Hoosac Valley High School girls’ basketball team on winning the 2019 Massachusetts Division III championship. Hoosac Valley defeated St. Mary’s (Lynn) 66–49 in the final championship game. The win capped a 21–4 season and the first State Championship for Hoosac Valley’s girls’ basketball team after five post-season appearances in the last six years.

The team’s tremendous dedication and commitment to excellence was led by Head Coach Ronald Wojcik, and the impressive efforts on the court were led by senior captains Ali Mendel and Lexi Mercier—both thousand-point scorers—and junior captain Riley Robinson.

It gives me great pleasure to extend my sincere congratulations to the entire team, which also included Annie Canales, Cairegan Green, Shalhevet Levin, Kaley Wynn, Faith Halsey, Abby Hugger, Ryllyn Witek, Averie McGrath, Sarah Field, and Abby Bird. These student-athletes should be proud of their contributions to this victorious season that furthers the legacy of Hoosac Valley athletics.

Madam Speaker, the players, coaches, and entire school community should be very proud of their accomplishments and exemplary character. I wish the graduating seniors all the best in their future endeavors and good luck to those who will return for a chance to win again next season.

RECOGNIZING THE 2019 DALE CITY MULTICULTURAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIP FUND WINNERS

HON. GERARD E. CONNOLLY
OF VIRGINIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, April 8, 2019

Mr. CONNOLLY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 2019 Dale City Multicultural Achievement Awards and Scholarship Fund winners.

For 35 years, the Dale City Multicultural Achievement Awards and Scholarship Fund has been dedicated to promoting higher education by providing young adults with partial or full scholarships. Sponsored by the Dale City Christian Church and through its work with area youth and community partners, it advocates and encourages achievable independence. This is done through providing guidance and financial assistance to high school graduates and continuing this guidance as they begin their next academic chapter in higher education. In its years of service, the Dale City Multicultural Achievement Awards and Scholarship Fund has awarded more than $300,000.00 in scholarships for higher education. Through its partnership with local leaders and other groups, it has been able to unite the community and inspire these young adults.

The annual banquet honors graduating high school students as well as church and community leaders and has become a signature community event highlighting distinguished speakers and showcasing the community’s “best.” The Dale City Multicultural Achievement Awards and Scholarship Fund’s mission is to “help educate the youth of today, to become outstanding citizens of tomorrow.” It is my honor to include in the RECORD the following names of the 2019 Dale City Multicultural Achievement Awards & Scholarship Fund recipients:

Pastoral Leadership Award: Pastor Gibbilla Bangura
Religious Leadership Award: Mrs. Barbara Murphy
Lifetime Humanitarian Award: Mrs. Joann Bagnarelli
Community Service Award: Ms. Sharon Stone, Mrs. Lisa Hicks
Business Achievement Award: Jiran—Coffee House, Dawne Horizons—Spa & Wellness Center
Public Service Award: Ms. Diane Raulston
Professional Leadership Award: Dr. Vanessa Gattis
Christian Service Award: Mrs. Aleishia Thomas-Miller, Mr. Alonzo Johnson
Faithfulness Award: Ms. Jera Stubblefield, Mr. Tyrell Allen
Dedicated Christian Family Award: Ms. Katreece Harris & Family
Senior Christian Service Award: Mr. Aaron Dade
Junior Christian Service Award: Miss Jade Spurlock, Mr. Rey Jzon Roundtree
Youth Christian Service Award: Miss Deja Conner, Mr. Brandon Holloway
2019 Seniors: Mr. Aaron Dade, Miss Desiree Freeman, Mr. Samuel Mitchell, Mr. Kali Parson, Mr. Keonte Parson
Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating the 2019 Dale City Multicultural Achievement Awards and Scholarship Fund recipients and in commending the Dale City Christian Church for its dedication and commitment to educating the leaders of tomorrow.

HONORING FRANK BARBARO
HON. MIKE LEVIN
OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, April 8, 2019

Mr. LEVIN of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Friends of Women’s History. Each year, we pay special tribute to the contributions and sacrifices made by our nation’s women. It is an honor to pay homage to outstanding women who are making a difference in my Congressional District.

I would like to recognize a remarkable woman, Jeanne Broberg of La Cañada Flintridge, California.

Born and raised in Glendale, California, Jeanne attended Glendale public schools, graduating from Herbert Hoover High School as Valedictorian prior to attending Brigham Young University and Glendale Community College. In 1970, Jeanne and her late husband, Dr. Charles Broberg, an obstetrician and gynecology specialist, settled in La Cañada Flintridge, where they raised eight children.

A selfless advocate for children and committed to enriching the lives of children, Jeanne became active in the La Cañada Elementary School Parent Teacher Association (PTA), where she worked on a successful effort to have sidewalks built on La Cañada Blvd., and eventually serving as President for a total of six terms of various PTAs and the Council PTA. Along with her husband, she volunteered with La Cañada Flintridge schools, Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts of America YMCA day camps and sports programs, thespian and choral activities and the American Youth Soccer Organization.

In 1993, Mrs. Broberg was elected to the La Cañada Unified School District Governing Board, where she served two terms until 2001, and was re-elected again in 2007 for a third term, serving as President for three years. Jeanne was an active participant in the 5 Star Coalition, an affiliation of school officials from the La Cañada Flintridge, Pasadena, South Pasadena, Glendale, Burbank school districts that addresses regional issues.

A dedicated member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in La Cañada Flintridge,...
Flintridge, Jeanne taught seminary to young people, served as President of the Young Women’s Organization and President of the Church Relief Society Women’s Organization. Jeanne and her husband, Charles served on a missionary trip where Dr. Broberg was a medical advisor in the Ukraine and Russia. In addition to being a longtime Volunteer with the Assistance League of Flintridge, where she served as its 2015–2016 President, Mrs. Broberg’s passion for genealogy and family history led her to become Director of the La Crescenta Family History Library in 2006 and a consultant at the Santa Monica Regional Family History Center from 2012 to 2014.

For her outstanding service to the community, Jeanne received the prestigious PTA Golden Oak Award in 2012 and the La Cañada of the Year Award from the Kiwanis Club of La Cañada in 2016.

I ask all Members to join me in honoring this exceptional, well-respected woman of California’s 28th Congressional District, Jeanne Broberg.

RECOGNIZING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NORTHERN VIRGINIA CONSERVATION TRUST

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY
OF VIRGINIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, April 8, 2019

Mr. CONNOLLY. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the Northern Virginia Conservation Trust on the occasion of its 25th anniversary. Founded in 1994, NVCT undertook a mission to sustain abundant, thriving and natural places in local neighborhoods and communities. Over the last 25 years, their efforts have led to the protection of over 7,000 acres of land, comprising parks, streams, forests and farms in both rural and urban settings. In a region of over 3 million people and growing, that is an incredible accomplishment that deserves high praise.

In Northern Virginia, we have always made an effort to preserve our parkland and green spaces. This is one of the reasons why our region continues to enjoy such a high quality of life. I was proud during my tenure as Chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors to make environmental conservation one of my top priorities. We set a goal of preserving 10 percent of our open space as parkland. We are currently at 9.7 percent and I am confident that the future will see us reach that goal of 10 percent.

I also saw firsthand the commitment of the membership of NVCT to the goal of conservation. The late Jean Packard, who served as Chairman of the Board of NVCT, was an instrumental figure in the downzoning of the Occoquan watershed.

That decision was arguably one of the most consequential environmental decisions made by the Board of Supervisors. It is no coincidence that the healthiest streams in Fairfax County and the most scenic, ecologically intact open space are found within the boundaries of the Occoquan watershed.

The existence of organizations like NVCT is a testament to the high level of civic engagement and citizen activism that we are blessed with not only in Fairfax County, but in Northern Virginia as a whole. The actions of governments, while important, will never be sufficient by themselves. Organizations like NVCT provide an invaluable supplement, which ensures that we will continue to prioritize preservation and conservation of our natural resources for future generations.

On the occasion of its 25th anniversary, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Northern Virginia Conservation Trust on 25 years of preserving nature. I commend them for their service to our community and our region and ask my colleagues to join me in wishing them great success in all their future endeavors.

CORY HENRY

HON. ED PERLMUTTER
OF COLORADO
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, April 8, 2019

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Cory Henry for receiving the Adams County Mayors and Commissioners Youth Award. The Youth Award focuses on teenagers who have overcome personal adversity and created positive changes in their lives and their community. The program provides businesses, the community and civic leaders an opportunity to support young people in their communities and recognize their accomplishments. Cory is the perfect recipient for this award because despite adversities and challenges, he has become an inspiration and role model for his peers.

The dedication and leadership demonstrated by Cory is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives. I extend my deepest congratulations to Cory Henry for this well-deserved recognition. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

HON. J. LUIS CORREA
OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, April 8, 2019

Mr. CORREA. Madam Speaker, I would like to take some time today to honor Nativo Virgil Lopez, a longtime civil rights activist and a powerful voice and advocate for the immigrant community. A sixth-generation Mexican-American, Nativo Virgil Lopez was born in Los Angeles and raised in Norwalk. As a high school student, he was inspired to grassroots immigrant rights activism by the national movement against the Vietnam War, due to the high numbers of deaths and wounded of Latinos and African Americans.

In 1982 he founded the Orange County chapter of Hermandad Mexicana Nacional (HMX) based in Santa Ana, an organization dedicated to improving the social and political conditions of Latinos in the United States. He was involved in successful efforts to win a large-scale amnesty for undocumented immigrants in 1986, and the years-long campaign to allow undocumented immigrants to obtain drivers’ licenses in the 1990s.

In 1996 Lopez and Hermandad was instrumental on a Latino get-out-the-vote drive that helped Lorenzo Sanchez win California’s 46th District seat in the U.S. Congress.

In 1996 Nativo was elected as a trustee of the Santa Ana Unified School District and served through 2003. Backed by the MALDEF—Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund—he claimed that the practice of printing initiative and recall petitions in English-only was a violation of the 1965 Voting Rights Act. This led to the state requiring Spanish-language petitions statewide in 2002, and local jurisdictions also providing multilingual election materials.

Nativo was a key co-organizer of the 2006 United States immigration reform protests. Over 500,000 people marched for comprehensive immigration reform in those marches in Los Angeles and Santa Ana. Nativo was leader in making this a reality.

Nativo has been a previous member of LULAC and has renewed his 2019 membership with Santa Ana LULAC Council No. 147. He has worked closely with LULAC National President Domingo Garcia to stop the building of the border wall and continuing his struggle for the adoption of a comprehensive immigration reform that has a smooth pathway towards citizenship.

Nativo Lopez is truly a fighter for the immigrant community, and I am proud to honor his commitment to the community.

CELEBRATING THE COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP OF MR. D. SCOTT KARNS

HON. SCOTT PERRY
OF PENNSYLVANIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, April 8, 2019

Mr. PERRY. Madam Speaker, today I recognize and celebrate Mr. D. Scott Karns, a dedicated husband, father, grandfather, mentor, business owner and community leader from Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania.

After graduating from Messiah College with a B.S. in Business Administration, Mr. Karns joined his father, David, at the family grocery business, Karns Quality Foods, in 1977. Upon joining the company, Scott began learning every facet of the business, and in 1989, he succeeded his father as Chief Executive Officer.

Mr. Karns takes great pride in operating Karns Quality Foods with his family, which has grown to eight stores in Central Pennsylvania that total over 370,000 square feet, employs over 1,200 associates, and serves 100,000 customers each week. Mr. Karns and his team have capitalized on the advantages of a locally-owned and -operated business by catering directly to their customers’ needs and requests. Their hard work and dedication has resulted in Karns Quality Foods recognition as the premier meat and seafood store in the greater Harrisburg area.

In addition to his business leadership, Mr. Karns recently was honored by the Boy Scouts of America New Birth of Freedom...
Council for his generous contributions to one of our prized, American institutions. In addition, he’s served on the board of the Pennsylvania Food Merchants Association and the advisory board of Channels Food Rescue. In his spare time, Scott enjoys traveling with Marlene, his wife of 37 years, supporting his church and community, cooking up new recipes, hitting the links, and spending time with his grandchildren.

On behalf of Pennsylvania’s Tenth Congressional District, I am honored to recognize the leadership and community involvement of Mr. D. Scott Karns. I thank and commend him for his tireless service, commitment, and leadership to the Central Pennsylvania region.

RECOGNIZING THE 2019 TYSONS REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY
OF VIRGINIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 8, 2019

Mr. CONNOLLY. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the Tysons Regional Chamber of Commerce and to congratulate the incoming 2019 board members.

Tysons has drastically transformed during the past 56 years from a sleepy, rural area to one of the most vibrant regions in the country. This change began when the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors approved plans for the Tysons Corner Shopping Center in 1962. When the mall opened in 1968, it was hailed as the largest enclosed mall in the world.

Since then, there has been a dramatic influx of technology companies, government contracting firms, and other corporations. Tysons has become the premier business district of the Washington Metropolitan Area and is one of the largest employment centers in the United States. With the opening of Metro’s Silver Line and ongoing redevelopment, the region is expected to continue adding not only businesses but also high-density residential housing. 45 million square feet of transit-oriented development is already present in Tysons, and more is on the way.

The mission of the Tysons Regional Chamber of Commerce is to be the unified voice of the business community while ensuring that its ties and commitment to the community are strengthened.

The Chamber actively promotes local nonprofits and community organizations as well as youth educational programs, and it sponsors multiple events each year in support of these activities. The growth of the Chamber has been the result of the diversity of its members and the participation of its board. I am pleased to include in the Record the names of the incoming 2019 board members:

Chairman of the Board: Tucker Gladhill
At-Large Members: Alex Levy, Andrew Clark, Rodney Lusk, Cameron Tomsett, David MacGillivray, Diana Villareal, Dr. Michelle Walker, Frederick Keown, Gina Gagliardi, James Lawson, Jeffrey Krashin, Jonathan LaCroix, Kara Shelton, Kara Mayle, Kathleen Kelley, Kathy McNiel, Kevin Corey, Maureen Loftus, Maureen Caufield, Miriam Tadros, Neelam Ardeishar, Sanjay Srikantiah, Suzan Zimmermann, Timothy Klinkner, Uppasana Chand, Virginia Case, and Walter Kim.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating the incoming board members and in commending the Tysons Regional Chamber of Commerce for its commitment to promoting the business community while encouraging social responsibility and civic engagement. I wish the Chamber the very best for its continued growth and success.

CASEY PENNING

HON. PERLMUTTER
OF COLORADO
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 8, 2019

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Casey Penning for receiving the Adams County Mayors and Commissioners Youth Award.

The Youth Award focuses on teenagers who have overcome personal adversity and created positive change in their lives and their community. The program provides businesses, the community and civic leaders an opportunity to support young people in their communities and recognize their accomplishments.

Casey is the perfect recipient for this award because despite adversities and challenges, he has become an inspiration and role model for his peers.

The dedication and leadership demonstrated by Casey is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to levels of success in their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Casey Penning for this well-deserved recognition. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

TRIBUTE TO DR. DIANE L. EVANS—38TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT WOMAN OF THE YEAR

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF
OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 8, 2019

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Women’s History Month. Each year, we pay special tribute to the contributions and sacrifices made by our nation’s women. It is an honor to pay homage to outstanding women who make a difference in my Congressional District. I would like to recognize a remarkable woman, Dr. Diane L. Evans of La Crescenta, California.

Dr. Evans has been the Director for Earth Science and Technology Directorate at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration’s (NASA) Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) for the last fifteen years, and is the first woman to lead the Earth Science activities at JPL. During her tenure, the Directorate has grown substantially in annual funding and the number of spaceborne missions in development has increased, as well as the number of collaborators.

Dr. Evans holds a Bachelor’s Degree in Geology from Occidental College in Los Angeles and both a Master of Science and a Ph.D. degree in Geological Sciences from the University of Washington in Seattle. A member of many international science teams, Diane has been a principal investigator on several research activities sponsored by NASA.

Diane is responsible for the implementation, development, and operation of JPL’s Earth Science flight experiments and missions. One such mission was entitled “Grace” and accomplished its main goal of measuring the Earth’s gravity field and measuring water loss from major aquifers and ice loss from Greenland.

The Grace mission represents one mission whose science results have expended beyond its original objectives to include other crucial measurements, thus making key contributions to understanding our world. Dr. Evans has been instrumental in defining the missions, which often include domestic and foreign partnerships.

Earth Science research at JPL, which is also under Diane’s direction, include research areas of oceanography, geophysics, climate, atmospheric composition and combines a wide spectrum of advanced technology. Dr. Evans has chaired many planning committees for NASA and other academic institutions, has authored more than one hundred research publications and conference presentations in the areas of geologic and radar remote sensing and has presented many of these topics globally. For her outstanding leadership and accomplishments in the development of Earth science missions, Diane has received many awards including the NASA Outstanding Leadership Medal.

I ask all Members to join me in honoring this exceptional, well-respected woman of California’s 38th Congressional District, Dr. Diane L. Evans.

IN RECOGNITION OF CAROLINE SERRATO

HON. JACKIE SPEIER
OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 8, 2019

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Caroline Serrato upon her retirement from the Hillsborough Police Department after 23 years of service to the residents of Hillsborough, California, and after 31 years in law enforcement. Caroline Serrato has enjoyed a long career in law enforcement dating back to May 20, 1988 when she was first sworn in as a peace officer and park ranger for the City of Escondido.

The City of Brisbane benefited from Caroline’s leadership where she served starting in 1991. For a brief time, she was also a peace officer for the University of San Francisco where she attained the rank of Inspector and then Sergeant.

The Town of Hillsborough recruited Caroline in 1996 and she quickly proved to be an exemplary addition to its police force. She was the first school liaison officer and was promoted to Inspector in 1998 and to Corporal in 2001. Hillsborough’s policing environment is specialized. In addition to the town’s rolling hills and leafy streets, both deceptively serene yet creating a complex web to patrol, you can also add the challenge of visiting luminaries and leadership from around the globe.

Caroline met the challenge by being professional and polite, firm but fair. She was quickly
by Judith is exemplary of the type of achievement for her peers. Because despite adversities and challenges, she has become a force for good and a role model for others. Judith's dedication and leadership demonstrated by her work in education, business, and community service are a testament to her commitment to making a difference in the lives of others.

INTRODUCTION OF A BILL TO PROVIDE FOR INTERIM APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COURTS AND RELATED AGENCIES WITH RESPECT TO ANY FISCAL YEAR FOR WHICH APPROPRIATIONS ARE NOT OTHERWISE PROVIDED FOR SUCH COURTS AND AGENCIES

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON
OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, April 8, 2019

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, today, I introduce a bill that would exempt from federal government shutdowns the federal and independent civil and criminal justice system law enforcement agencies that are exclusively or primarily federally funded but have exclusive jurisdiction over District of Columbia matters. This bill is modeled on a provision I have been able to get enacted each year since the 2013 shutdown to exempt the D.C. government from shutdowns. This bill would exempt the following agencies from federal government shutdowns: Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency, D.C. Courts, D.C. Public Defender Service, D.C. Commission on Judicial Disabilities and Tenure, D.C. Judicial Nomination Commission, and D.C. Criminal Justice Coordinating Council. These agencies are not under the District's control and are funded exclusively by the federal government, with one exception, the D.C. Criminal Justice Coordinating Council, which is an independent agency within the D.C. government with federal members primarily, but not exclusively, funded by the federal government. However, these agencies provide critical local services to the District, including law enforcement, and should continue to function during a shutdown. Each of these agencies was adversely affected by the recent 35-day shutdown, including canceled services and furloughed employees. My bill would allow these agencies to continue to function during a shutdown in much the same way that the D.C. government itself is now exempt from shutting down during a federal shutdown. I urge my colleagues to support this important bill.

TRIBUTE TO KAREN KNAPP—82ND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT WOMAN OF THE YEAR

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF
OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, April 8, 2019

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Women's History Month. Each year, we pay special tribute to the contributions and sacrifices made by our nation's women. It is an honor to pay homage to outstanding women who are making a difference in my Congressional District. I would like to recognize a remarkable woman, Karen Knapp of the Atwater Village area of Los Angeles.

Karen Knapp, Madam Speaker, is a woman who has overcome personal adversity and created positive changes in her life and community. Her life story is an inspiration to all, and her dedication to public service is a testament to the power of resilience and determination.

Karen Knapp was born in New York, New York, in 1923, and she moved to California when she was five years old. She lived in Northern California until 1976, when she moved to Hollywood, California, to work in the movie industry. Karen's acting roles included the "Voice of the Devil" in the sequel movie to "The Exorcist," a small part in "The Incredible Shrinking Woman" movie, and roles on the stage and voice-over jobs, while working at various jobs as a restaurant manager, driving instructor and waitress to support herself. Karen then worked at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) Publications Department as the Graphics Manager for fourteen years and after UCLA closed the department, began working for the Los Angeles County Museum of Art as the Graphics Manager in their Graphic Design Department.

A homeowner in Atwater Village since 2004, after Ms. Knapp retired, she became involved in both national and local political, and began volunteering for various organizations, such as the Sustainability Alliance and the Alliance of River Communities. In 2012, she was elected to the Atwater Village Neighborhood Council, where she is currently serving her third term.

As a councilmember, Karen participates in a variety of committees, attends Los Angeles City Council meetings and organizes activities. In addition to her service on the Atwater Village Neighborhood Council, Karen has been a dedicated, hardworking volunteer for the Friends of the Los Angeles River's Great Los Angeles River Cleanup, which is known as the largest urban river cleanup in the nation. Ms. Knapp enjoys helping out her friends and neighbors, working on various home repair projects and gardening. She shares her home with her rescue cat and dog.

I ask all Members to join me in honoring this exceptional, well-respected woman of California's 28th Congressional District, Karen Knapp.

RECOGNIZING THE 2019 VIENNA BUSINESS ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY
OF VIRGINIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, April 8, 2019

Mr. CONNOLLY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Vienna Business Association (VBA) and to congratulate the incoming members of the 2019 Board of Directors.

Vienna is known for its local charm and strong small business community. Money Magazine and CNN have both rated Vienna as one of the best places to live in the United States. The vibrant community spirit exhibited by its residents and local businesses has fostered an exceptional quality of life that is cherished by so many.

The Vienna Business Association is the voice of the greater Vienna business community, promotes business opportunities and development through networking and increased interaction between the commercial and residential communities within the town.
The VBA has thrived thanks to the diversity of its members and the leadership of its Board.

I am pleased to include in the RECORD the following, names of the incoming members of the 2019 Board of Directors:


Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating the incoming board members and in commending the Vienna Business Association for their commitment to promoting the business community while encouraging social responsibility. I wish them continued success in all their future endeavors.

DANIELLE PEASE
HON. ED PERLMUTTER
OF COLORADO
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, April 8, 2019

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Danielle Pease for receiving the Adams County Mayors and Commissioners Youth Award.

The Youth Award focuses on teenagers who have overcome personal adversity and created positive changes in their lives and their community. The program provides businesses, the community and civic leaders an opportunity to support young people in their communities and recognize their accomplishments. Danielle is the perfect recipient for this award because despite adversities and challenges, she has become an inspiration and role model for her peers.

The dedication and leadership demonstrated by Danielle is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Danielle Pease for this well-deserved recognition. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

IN RECOGNITION OF CHARLES S. TEMEL
HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY
OF NEW YORK
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, April 8, 2019

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a distinguished leader and dedicated advocate of the New York Jewish community, Mr. Charles S. Temel.

Mr. Temel has served for nearly three years as President of the Jewish Community Relations Council of New York (JCRC–NY). During that time he has led JCRC–NY in advocating for and ensuring the rights, interests, and values of the New York Jewish community.

Mr. Temel is being honored on April 9th, at the JCRC–NY’s 2019 Gala Dinner for his extraordinary leadership and contributions to this organization that he has led for the past three years.

Under Mr. Temel’s leadership, not only has JCRC–NY helped strengthen the Jewish community in New York, it has also operated at the local community level to form partnerships with other ethnic and religious communities to solve issues that are of collective concern. These cross-organizational coalitions serve to promote understanding and cultural appreciation across diverse communities while improving local resources such as health services, nonprofit operations and governance, and the special needs of the aging, emigres, and youth.

In addition to his exemplary leadership of JCRC–NY, Mr. Temel has served many other worthy nonprofit organizations over the years including the American Friends of Ben-Gurion University’s executive and investment committees, the latter of which he chaired. Additionally, he is an active member of the Cornell University Library Advisory, the Cornell University Council, and the Cornell Friends of Jewish Studies through his alma mater, Cornell University.

Mr. Temel has also led a successful professional career as an accomplished consultant in the financial services industry. He currently works as Managing Director at UBS Financial Services, Inc., focusing on portfolio construction and investment strategies. He has been named as one of the “Top 400 Financial Advisors in the United States” by the Financial Times from 2014 2019. He has been recognized in Barron’s Best-in-State Advisors List for 2019. Additionally, he was named to the Forbes Best-In-State Wealth Advisors List in 2018 and 2019.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Charles S. Temel for the honor he is receiving tomorrow night and to recognize all he has done to strengthen New York’s Jewish community, help unify New York’s diverse ethnic and religious communities, and create a better New York for all.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF MAJOR ALLEN SANDERSON, JR.
HON. LARRY BUCHSON
OF INDIANA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, April 8, 2019

Mr. BUCHSON. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the service of Major Allen Sanderson Jr., and to thank him for his dedication to educating young Hoosiers and ensuring the preservation of the history of the United States of America.

Born in Roanoke, Virginia on November 17, 1922, Allen Sanderson enlisted in the United States Army Air Corps as a Lieutenant in 1942. Over the course of his service in World War II, Major Sanderson took part in more than 118 flight missions in his P–47 Thunderbolt “Lady Jane” as a member of the 64th Fighter Squadron, including two missions over the beaches of Normandy on D-Day in 1944. After being honorably discharged after the war, Major Sanderson pursued a career in finance as a credit manager.

However, Major Sanderson’s service to his community did not stop when he left the military. After moving to Evansville, IN, Allen began volunteering with the Evansville War Time Museum, eventually becoming a board member of the museum and serving as its World War II veteran liaison.

In this capacity, Allen has passed on his stories and experiences from the war to thousands of students who visited the museum, or whose classes he visited from across Southwestern Indiana over the last seven years. Mr. Sanderson’s firsthand experiences allow him to bring the events and history of WWII to life in a way that a textbook never could, and is an invaluable asset to the Evansville community. Even today at the age of 96, Major Sanderson continues his efforts, educating young Hoosiers and telling his incredible story.

I join Major Sanderson’s friends, family, and community in thanking him for his service and sacrifice to our country, and for his continued dedication to preserving our history and educating young Hoosiers.

RECOGNIZING FATHER ANDREW GREEN ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT
HON. RAUL RUIZ
OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, April 8, 2019

Mr. RUIZ. Madam Speaker, I rise to congratulate Father Andrew Green on his retirement after 30 years of leading the St. Paul in the Desert Episcopal Church.

Father Green joined St. Paul in the Desert in December 1988. From his earliest days in our Valley, Father Green has been a generous and compassionate leader.

Father Green was a trailblazer who advocated for the Coachella Valley’s LGBTQI community at a time when few religious leaders would. He was one of the first religious leaders to bury AIDS sufferers and many same-sex couples. Through his words and actions, he lives a gospel that recognizes the equality of all people and the fundamental dignity of humanity.

Outside of his parish, Father Green brought his leadership to the Desert AIDS Project’s board of directors, where he served as a member of the board for 18 years. He also helped empower young people with a quality education through his work with the Palm Springs Unified School District. A generation of tomorrow’s leaders owe him their gratitude.

From feeding the hungry to advocating to every corner of our Valley for years to come. I wish him a long, healthy, and happy retirement.

RECOGNIZING THE VALLEYS OF TOMORROW: THE LEGACY OF FRANCINE GREEN
HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY
OF NEW YORK
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, April 8, 2019

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating and applauding the Valley of Tomorrows, a community foundation that has invested in the future of our Valley for more than 30 years.

Since its founding in 1988, Valley of Tomorrows has invested more than $60 million in our region, helping to create a better future for all. They have invested in education through their work with the Palm Springs Unified School District. A generation of tomorrow’s leaders owe him their gratitude.

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April 8, 2019

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CORRECTION

RECOGNIZING THE 2018-2019 PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS DIVISION ON OBTAINING CERTIFICATION OR RECERTIFICATION BY THE NATIONAL BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL TEACHING STANDARDS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY
OF VIRGINIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 8, 2019

Mr. CONNOLLY. Madam Speaker, I rise to congratulate the educators serving in the Prince William County Public Schools Division on obtaining certification or recertification by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards.

Founded in 1987, the National Board was established by teachers for teachers as the premier vehicle for defining and recognizing accomplished educators. Today, this independent nonprofit organization remains dedicated to supporting excellence in education and is governed by classroom teachers, school administrators, school board leaders, governors, state legislators, higher education officials, teacher union leaders, and business and community leaders.

A National Board Certification denotes the most respected professional certification available in the education field. Obtaining certification and completing the renewal process is a personal and public statement of one’s commitment to the evolution of effective instruction methods. In order to obtain the distinction, teachers must display a mastering of the standards established by the National Board by successfully completing a rigorous multi-component assessment that demonstrates that he or she has acquired the knowledge, skills, and practices required of an accomplished educator. Certified educators support a vision of and standards established by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards.

A dedicated volunteer in her community, Pat’s activities include over thirty years of participation in the Sierra Club, Angeles Chapter, where she has held leadership positions and advocates for issues affecting the quality of life in the foothills. A Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council (STNC) member for many years, some of her accomplishments on the council include helping to complete a decades-long project to create a new community park in Sunland, Oro Vista Park, as Inventory Chairperson, organizing the STNC’s 2017 move to North Valley City Hall, which involved managing volunteers, overseeing inventory of supplies and historical records, and co-chairing the STNC’s Safe Traffic and Transportation Committee, which creates informative monthly meetings about improving safety on Sunland-Tujunga’s streets.

In addition to her outstanding work in the community, Ms. Kramer is passionate about animal rescue work, and has been working to try to initiate the City of Los Angeles Department of Animal Service’s Volunteer Animal Officer program and supports other worthwhile animal rescue organizations.

Born and raised in Worcester, Massachusetts, Pat credits her grandparents, immigrants from the Ukraine, with teaching her good values, in instilling in her the importance of hard work, while encouraging her to follow her dreams. As a result of doing what she loves and thanks to her grandparents’ influence, Pat’s full life includes hiking, gardening, and caring for her three rescue dogs.

I ask all Members to join me in honoring this exceptional, well-respected woman of California’s 28th Congressional District, Pat Kramer.

HONORING MS. ANN M. GALLAGHER (NÉE BOYLE)
OF VIRGINIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 8, 2019

Mr. BEYER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in celebrating the esteemed life of Ms. Ann M. Gallagher (née Boyle). Ms. Gallagher passed away on March 25, 2019 at the age of 96 and is survived by nine nieces and nephews, eleven grandnieces and nephews, and ten great-grandnieces and nephews.

Ms. Gallagher spent her life in distinguished service to her country, working as an intelligence operative during World War II for the Office of Strategic Services (“OSS”), the predecessor of the CIA, followed by a 30-year career as a civilian intelligence official in the Department of Defense.

Ms. Gallagher was born in 1923 in Hazleton, Pennsylvania and graduated from high school there in 1940. She began her career as a clerk-typist in Philadelphia and Washington, D.C. before joining the OSS in 1943. While working at the OSS, Ms. Gallagher participated in an operation in the Mediterranean, parachuting into a small, German-held island and planting a listening device before successfully being ferried back to Allied lines by boat.

As a civilian intelligence official with the military post-war, Ms. Gallagher was posted with counterintelligence corps at the U.S. Embassy.
in Berlin from 1964 to 1967. From June 1948 to May 1951 she served as the Civilian Direc-

tor of Intelligence for the USAF. Following this, she was the Defense Attaché for the U.S. Air

Force in New Delhi from May 1951 to August 1953. She rose to become Assistant Chief of

Staff for the Air Intelligence Department in May 1954 until June 1962, when she began

her 14-year role in counterintelligence with the Defense Intelligence Agency.

Madam Speaker, for these reasons, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in re-

membering the life of Ms. Ann M. Gallagher (née Boyle).

CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNI-

VERSARY OF THE AUBURN

KIWANIS CLUB

HON. JOHN KATKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 8, 2019

Mr. KATKO. Madam Speaker, I rise today in celebration of the Auburn Kiwanis Club's

100th anniversary. Throughout the course of its history, the Auburn Kiwanis Club has tire-

lessly worked to serve our community and improve the lives of underprivileged children and adults.

Since its founding in 1919, the Auburn Kiwanis Club has included a diverse membership of

men and women of all ages who are committed to public service. Members of the Auburn

Kiwanis Club are focused on conducting service-oriented projects, undertaking a variety of initiatives such as fighting hunger and early childhood development.

In addition to focusing on service projects, the Kiwanis Club has also provided grants and

scholarships to local individuals, charities, and causes. With the money raised from various

events including the yearly Auburn Kiwanis Duck Derby, the Auburn Kiwanis Club has been able to sponsor two annual academic scholarships and award over $750,000 over the past 30 years.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues in the House join me in celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Auburn Kiwanis Club. This organization has consistently and diligently provided Auburn with a devoted group of public servants committed to supporting all members of their community. Central New York truly benefits from the Auburn Kiwanis Club’s commitment to our region.

JEREMY POWELL

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 8, 2019

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Jeremy Pow-

e ll for receiving the Adams County Mayors and Commissioners Youth Award.

The Youth Award focuses on teenagers who have overcome personal adversity and cre-

ated positive changes in their lives and their community. The program provides businesses, the community and civic leaders an opportunity to support young people in their commu-

nities and recognize their accomplishments.

Jeremy is the perfect recipient for this award because despite adversities and challenges, he has become an inspiration and role model for his peers.

The dedication and leadership demonstrated by Jeremy is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential stu-

dents at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Jer-


Jeremy Powell for this well-deserved recognition. I have no doubt that all Members of this Congress will support him in any future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO KATHY JANE ONOYE,

Ed.D.—28TH CONGRESSIONAL DI-

STRICT WOMAN OF THE YEAR

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 8, 2019

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Women's History Month. Each year, we pay special tribute to the contribu-

tions and sacrifices made by our nation's women. It is an honor to pay homage to out-

standing women who are making a difference in my Congressional District. I would like to recognize a remarkable woman, Kathy Jane Onoye, Ed.D. of Pasadena, California.

Dr. Onoye holds an Ed.D degree and a state Lifetime Elementary Teaching Cre-

dential from the University of California, Santa Barbara, a state Administrative Service Cre-

dential and Master of Arts degree from the California State University, Los Angeles, a Master of Science degree from Pepperdine University, Los Angeles, and a Doctor of Edu-

cation and a School Business Management Program Certificate of Completion from the University of Southern California (USC).

Kathy admirably served the Pasadena Uni-

fied School District for over four decades, begin-

ning in 1971 as a classroom teacher at Au-

dubon Primary School, then serving as a Prin-

cipal, Curriculum Resource Teacher and Math-

ematics Resource Teacher at Willard Elemen-

tary School, until her retirement in 2014 as Ex-

cutive Director, Elementary, K–6 & K–8 Cur-

riculum and Instruction for PUSD. In addition, Kathy was a Master Teacher for USC, a Mas-

ter Teacher for Pacific Oaks College, has con-

ducted many educational conferences and workshops, and was instrumental in helping Willard Elementary School achieve its Intern-
national Baccalaureate status.

A true leader in her profession, some of the educational organizations and committees Dr. Onoye has served include the Association of California School Administrators (ACSA), the Association of Pasadena School Adminis-

trators, Member of PUSD's Technology Com-

mittee, and a Member of the Advisory Com-

mittee for Professional Growth for the Com-

mission on Teacher Credentialing, State of California. Kathy's past and present com-

munity involvement includes serving on the boards of the Boys and Girls clubs of Pasa-

adena, Young and Healthy Pasadena Edu-

cational Foundation and Delta Kappa Gamma, as a member of the Greater Pasadena Japa-

nese American Citizens League and the San

Rafael Library Associates, leadership positions at All Saints Episcopal Church and as a volun-

teer at Huntington Memorial Hospital.

Dr. Onoye has been the recipient of numer-

ous commendations, including PUSD and ACSA Administrator of the Year Awards, the PUSD Outstanding Teacher Award, several Title I Academic Achievement Awards, a Cali-

ifornia Business for Educational Excellence and Just for Kids Star Honor School Award, USC Research Awards and the Women's Clubs Council of Pasadena's Outstanding Community Service Award.

Madam Speaker, I ask all Members to join me in honoring this exceptional, well-respected woman of Califor-

nia's 28th Congressional District, Dr. Kathy Jane Onoye.

RECOGNIZING THE BURKE VOLUN-

TEER FIRE AND RESCUE DE-

PARTMENT

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 8, 2019

Mr. CONNOLLY. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the Burke Volunteer Fire and Res-

cue Department. For more than 6 decades it has provided life-
saving fire suppression/prevention and emer-
gency medical and rescue services to the resi-
dents of Burke and the surrounding communi-

ties. It also provides, houses, and maintains firefighting and emergency medical equipment, provides opportunities for professional growth and development for the membership, and maintains and fosters a strong viable organi-

zation.

As one of the county's most active volunteer fire and rescue departments, the Burke Volun-

teer Fire and Rescue Department works in co-

operation with the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department to serve the community. In the last year, the Department responded to 3,829 incidents and provided over 22,000 hours of volunteer service to the community. I am honored to recognize the dedicated men and women who have volunteered for extra duty as Officers or as members of the Board of Directors and to include in the RECORD their names:

Board of Directors—President: Ian Dickin-

don; Vice President: John Powers; Secretary:

Amy Gold; Treasurer: Patrick Owens; Mem-

bers at Large: Larry Bocknek, Matthew Bryant, Kenneth Senn.

Officers—Chief: Thomas Warnock; Deputy

Chief: Tina Godfrey; Deputy Chief: John Hudak; Captain II: Melissa Ashby; Captain II:

Larry Bocknek; Lt. Commander: Kevin O'Connor; Lieutenant: Emily Fincher; Lieutenant: Kevin Grotte; Sergeant: Peter Hamilton; Sergeant: Caitlin Curran; Chaplain: Harry Chelpon.

In addition to the men and women who have generously assumed the responsibilities of serving as an Officer or as a member of the Board of Directors, the Burke Volunteer Fire Department is also presenting awards to the following individuals in recognition of their ex-

emplary service during the last year.
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Ms. OMAR, Madam Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 126.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the Congressional Record on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, April 9, 2019 may be found in the Daily Digest of today’s Record.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED APRIL 10

9:15 a.m. Committee on Foreign Relations
To hold hearings to examine the President’s proposed budget request for fiscal year 2020 for the Department of State.

10 a.m. Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry
To hold hearings to examine perspectives on child nutrition reauthorization.

10:15 a.m. Committee on Finance
To hold hearings to examine the 2019 tax filing season and the 21st century Internal Revenue Service.

10:45 a.m. Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development
To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2020 for the United States Army Corps of Engineers and the Bureau of Reclamation within the Department of the Interior.

3 p.m. Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Legislative Branch
To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2020 for the Department of Agriculture.

10 a.m. Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation
To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2020 for the National Institutes of Health.

10 a.m. Committee on Appropriations
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. Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Energy and Natural Resources
To hold hearings to examine opportunities for energy innovation and other

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ILHAN OMAR
OF MINNESOTA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 8, 2019

Ms. OMAR, Madam Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 126.

Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies
To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2020 for the Department of Justice.

Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Department of Defense
To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2020 for the National Guard and Reserve.

Committee on Armed Services
Subcommittee on SeaPower
To hold hearings to examine Marine Corps ground modernization and naval aviation programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2020 and Future Years Defense Program.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation
To hold hearings to examine broadband mapping, focusing on challenges and solutions.

Committee on Environment and Public Works
Business meeting to consider 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, S. 747, to reauthorize the diesel emissions reduction program, an original bill entitled, “John P. Kennedy Center Reauthorization Act of 2019”, and 8 General Services Administration resolutions.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
To hold hearings to examine reauthorizing the Higher Education Act, focusing on strengthening accountability to protect students and taxpayers.

Committee on the Judiciary
To hold hearings to examine nominations of Jeffrey A. Rosen, of Virginia, to be Deputy Attorney General, Department of Justice; and Jeffrey Vincent Brown, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas, Stephanie L. Haines, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania, and Brantley Starr, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas.

Committee on Armed Services
Subcommittee on Cyberspace
To hold hearings to examine defense industrial base cybersecurity policy.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Subcommittee on Transportation and Safety
To hold hearings to examine pipeline safety, focusing on Federal oversight and stakeholder perspectives.

Committee on Indian Affairs
To hold hearings to examine building out Indian country, focusing on tools for community development.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship
To hold hearings to examine reauthorization of the Small Business Administration’s international trade programs.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs
To hold hearings to examine VA MISSION Act, focusing on implementing the Veterans Community Care Program.

3 p.m. Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Legislative Branch
To hold hearings to examine budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2020 for the Government Accountability Office and the Congressional Budget Office.

9:30 a.m. Committee on Armed Services
To hold hearings to examine the proposal to establish a United States Space Force.

10 a.m. Committee on Appropriations
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 Department of Agriculture.

10 a.m. Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Armed Services
To hold hearings to examine defense industrial base cybersecurity policy.

SVC-217
Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Subcommittee on Transportation and Safety
To hold hearings to examine pipeline safety, focusing on Federal oversight and stakeholder perspectives.

SD-562
Committee on Indian Affairs
To hold hearings to examine building out Indian country, focusing on tools for community development.

SD-628
Committee on the Judiciary
Subcommittee on the Constitution
To hold hearings to examine free speech, focusing on technological censorship and the public discourse.

SD-226
Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship
To hold hearings to examine small business administration’s international trade programs.

SR-428A
Committee on Veterans’ Affairs
To hold hearings to examine VA MISSION Act, focusing on implementing the Veterans Community Care Program.

SR-418

3 p.m. Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Legislative Branch
To hold hearings to examine budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2020 for the Department of Agriculture.

SD-124

APRIL 11

9:30 a.m. Committee on Armed Services
To hold hearings to examine the proposal to establish a United States Space Force.

SD-490

10 a.m. Committee on Appropriations
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 Department of Agriculture.

SD-192

Committee on Appropriations
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 National Institutes of Health.

SD-124

Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Communications, Technology, Innovation, and the Internet
To hold hearings to examine illegal robocalls.

SH-216

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
To hold hearings to examine opportunities for energy innovation and other
potential solutions to help address global climate change.

2:30 p.m.
Committee on Foreign Relations
To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Kate Marie Byrnes, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Macedonia, Edward F. Crawford, of Ohio, to be Ambassador to Ireland, and David Michael Satterfield, of Missouri, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Turkey, all of the Department of State.

POSTPONEMENTS
APRIL 11
10 a.m.
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 Department of Homeland Security.

Committee on the Judiciary
Business meeting to consider S. 820, to strengthen programs authorized under the Debbie Smith Act of 2004, and the nominations of Ronald D. Vitiello, of Illinois, to be an Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security, and Virgil Madden, of Indiana, to be a Commissioner of the United States Parole Commission.
Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2285–S2296

Measures Introduced: Eleven bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1057–1067, and S. Res. 147.

Measures Reported:


S. 212, to amend the Native American Business Development, Trade Promotion, and Tourism Act of 2000, the Buy Indian Act, and the Native American Programs Act of 1974 to provide industry and economic development opportunities to Indian communities. (S. Rept. No. 116–28)

S. 294, to establish a business incubators program within the Department of the Interior to promote economic development in Indian reservation communities. (S. Rept. No. 116–29)

Measures Passed:

Honoring the memory of Jereima “Jeri” Bustamante: Senate agreed to S. Res. 147, honoring the memory of Jereima “Jeri” Bustamante on the 1-year anniversary of her passing.

Colorado River Drought Contingency Management and Operations: Senate passed S. 1057, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to execute and carry out agreements concerning Colorado River Drought Contingency Management and Operations.

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached that when the Senate receives the papers on H.R. 2030, if the text is identical to S. 1057, the bill be considered read three times and passed, with no intervening action or debate.

Bernhardt Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of nomination of David Bernhardt, of Virginia, to be Secretary of the Interior.

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 upon disposition of the nomination of David Steven Morales, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas.

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.

Domenico Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 10 a.m., on Tuesday, April 9, 2019, Senate resume consideration of nomination of Daniel Desmond Domenico, of Colorado, to be United States District Judge for the District of Colorado.

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

3 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.
6 Army nominations in the rank of general.
1 Marine Corps nomination in the rank of general.
2 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Messages from the House:

Enrolled Bills Presented:

Additional Cosponsors:

Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:

Additional Statements:

Privileges of the Floor:

Adjournment: Senate convened at 4 p.m. and adjourned at 6:10 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, April 9, 2019. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S2296.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.
House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 29 public bills, H.R. 2113–2141; and 3 resolutions, H. Res. 293, 295–296 were introduced. Pages H3127–29

Additional Cosponsors: Pages H3129–31

Reports Filed: Reports were filed on Friday, April 5, 2019 as follows:

- H.R. 1644, to restore the open internet order of the Federal Communications Commission, with an amendment (H. Rept. 116–34); and

Reports were filed today as follows:

- H.R. 1331, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to reauthorize certain programs relating to nonpoint source management, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 116–36); and
- H. Res. 294, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1644) to restore the open internet order of the Federal Communications Commission; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2021) to amend the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 and to establish a congressional budget for fiscal year 2020; and for other purposes (H. Rept. 116–37). Pages H3127

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Raskin to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. Page H3105

Recess: The House recessed at 12:02 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. Page H3105

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker’s approval of the Journal by a recorded vote of 194 ayes to 182 noes with one answering “present”, Roll No. 159. Pages H3105, H3117

Recess: The House recessed at 5:54 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. Page H3115

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12 noon and adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Committee Meetings

SAVE THE INTERNET ACT OF 2019;
INVESTING FOR THE PEOPLE ACT OF 2019

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 1644, the “Save the Internet Act of 2019”; and H.R. 2021, the “Investing for the People Act of 2019”. The Committee granted, by record vote of 6–4, a rule providing for consideration of H.R. 1644, the Save the Internet Act of 2019 and H.R. 2021, the Investing for the People Act of 2019. Section 1 of the rule provides for consideration of H.R. 1644, the Save the Internet Act of 2019, under a structured rule. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule makes in order as original text for the purpose of
of amendment an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 116–10 and provides that it shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against that amendment in the nature of a substitute. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in part A of the Rules Committee report. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in part A of the report. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Section 2 of the rule provides for consideration of H.R. 2021, the Investing for the People Act of 2019, under a structured rule. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Budget. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule makes in order as original text for the purpose of amendment an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 116–11 and provides that it shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against that amendment in the nature of a substitute. The rule makes in order only those further amendments printed in part B of the Rules Committee report. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in part B of the report. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Section 3 of the rule provides that House Resolution 293 is hereby adopted. Section 4 of the rule provides that on any legislative day during the period from April 11, 2019, through April 26, 2019: 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 4 of the resolution. The rule provides that each day during the period addressed by section 4 of the resolution shall not constitute a calendar day for purposes of section 7 of the War Powers Resolution. The rule provides that each day during the period addressed by section 4 of the resolution shall not constitute a legislative day for purposes of clause 7 of rule XIII. Testimony was heard from Representatives Michael F. Doyle of Pennsylvania, Latta, Yarmuth, Womack, and Austin Scott of Georgia.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D288)

S. 252, to authorize the honorary appointment of Robert J. Dole to the grade of colonel in the regular Army. Signed on April 6, 2019. (Public Law 116–11)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 2019

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2020 for military construction and family housing, 2:30 p.m., SD–124.

Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2020 for the Department of State, 2:30 p.m., SD–138.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the posture of the Department of the Navy in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2020 and the Future Years Defense Program, 9:30 a.m., SD–G50.

Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, to hold closed hearings to examine United States Special Operations Command’s efforts to transform the force for future security challenges and implement the National Defense Strategy, 2:30 p.m., SVC–217.


Committee on the Budget: to hold hearings to examine the President’s proposed budget request for fiscal year 2020 for the Department of Defense, 2:30 p.m., SD–608.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine the President’s proposed budget request for fiscal year 2020 for the Forest Service, 10 a.m., SD–366.

CONGRESSIONAL RECORD — DAILY DIGEST

April 8, 2019
Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine drug pricing in America, focusing on a prescription for change, part III, 10:15 a.m., SD–215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on East Asia, the Pacific, and International Cybersecurity Policy, to hold hearings to examine ARIA in action, focusing on human rights, democracy, and the rule of law, 10 a.m., SD–419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Jeffrey L. Eberhardt, of Wisconsin, to be Special Representative of the President for Nuclear Non-proliferation, with the rank of Ambassador, and James S. Gilmore, of Virginia, to be U.S. Representative to the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, with the rank of Ambassador, both of the Department of State; and Alan R. Swendiman, of North Carolina, to be Deputy Director of the Peace Corps, 3 p.m., SD–419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: business meeting to consider the nomination of Gordon Hartogensis, of Connecticut, to be Director of the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation for a term of five years, and other pending nominations, Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine migration at the United States Southern border, focusing on perspectives from the frontline, 10 a.m., SD–342.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act, 10 a.m., SD–226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 9:30 a.m., SH–219.

Full Committee, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH–219.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, budget hearing on the Department of Justice, 9:30 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies, hearing entitled “Member Day”, 10 a.m., 2362–B Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, budget hearing on the Department of the Treasury, 10 a.m., 2362–A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Defense, budget hearing on the U.S. Special Operations Command, 10 a.m., H–140 Capitol. This hearing will be closed.

Subcommittee on the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, hearing entitled “Combatting Wage Theft: The Critical Role of Wage and Hour Enforcement”, 10:15 a.m., 2358–C Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, budget hearing on the Department of Agriculture, 10:30 a.m., 2358–A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, budget hearing on the Indian Health Service, 11:30 a.m., 2008 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Defense, budget hearing on the U.S. Army, 2 p.m., H–140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, budget hearing on the Internal Revenue Service, 2 p.m., 2362–A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, hearing entitled “Public Witness Day”, 2 p.m., 2358–C Rayburn.


Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Intelligence and Emerging Threats and Capabilities, hearing entitled “Evolution, Transformation, and Sustainment: A Review of the Fiscal Year 2020 Budget Request for U.S. Special Operations Forces and Command”, 2 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, hearing entitled “FY20 Priorities for Atomic Energy Defense, Nonproliferation, Safety and Environmental Management”, 2:30 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and Labor, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 1010, to provide that the rule entitled “Short-Term, Limited Duration Insurance” shall have no force or effect, 10:15 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.


Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Environment and Climate Change, hearing entitled “The Fiscal Year 2020 EPA Budget”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.


Full Committee, hearing entitled “The Annual Testimony of the Secretary of the Treasury on the State of the International Financial System”, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Full Committee, hearing entitled “FY 2020 Foreign Assistance Budget and Policy Priorities”, 10:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

as a violation of the human rights of women and girls and urging the international community and the Federal Government to increase efforts to eliminate the harmful practice; H.R. 1359, the “Digital Global Access Policy Act of 2019”; and H.R. 2116, the “Global Frailty Act”, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.


Committee on House Administration, Full Committee, hearing entitled “House Officer Priorities for 2019 and Beyond”, 10 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on the Judiciary, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Hate Crimes and the Rise of White Nationalism”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The Status of the ‘Rebuilding and Privatization of the Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority’, (PREPA)”, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.


Committee on Oversight and Reform, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The Need for Leadership to Combat Climate Change and Protect National Security”, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.


Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Subcommittee on Research and Technology, hearing entitled “A Review of the National Institute of Standards and Technology Fiscal Year 2020 Budget Request”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Environment, markup on H.R. 1237, the “COAST Research Act of 2019”; H.R. 1716, the “Coastal Communities Ocean Acidification Act of 2019”; H.R. 1921, the “Ocean Acidification Innovation Act of 2019”; and H.R. 988, the “NEAR Act of 2019”, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.


Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, hearing on H.R. 95, the “Homeless Veteran Families Act”; H.R. 444, the “Reduce Unemployment for Veterans of All Ages Act of 2019”; H.R. 1718, the “GI Education Benefits Fairness Act”; legisla-
Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: April 10, to hold hearings to examine perspectives on child nutrition reauthorization, 10 a.m., SH–216.

Committee on Appropriations: April 9, Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2020 for military construction and family housing, 2:30 p.m., SD–124.

April 9, Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2020 for the Department of State, 2:30 p.m., SD–138.

April 10, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2020 for the Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD–192.

April 10, Subcommittee on Department of Defense, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2020 for the National Guard and Reserve, 10 a.m., SD–138.

April 10, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2020 for the United States Army Corps of Engineers and the Bureau of Reclamation within the Department of the Interior, 2:30 p.m., SD–138.

April 10, Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2020 for the Government Accountability Office and the Congressional Budget Office, 3 p.m., SD–124.

April 11, 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 National Institutes of Health, 10 a.m., SD–124.

April 11, 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 Department of Agriculture, 10 a.m., SD–192.

Committee on Armed Services: April 9, to hold hearings to examine the posture of the Department of the Navy in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2020 and the Future Years Defense Program, 9:30 a.m., SD–G50.

April 9, Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, to hold closed hearings to examine United States Special Operations Command's efforts to transform the force for future security challenges and implement the National Defense Strategy, 2:30 p.m., SVC–217.

April 9, Subcommittee on Airland, to hold hearings to examine Air Force modernization in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2020 and the Future Years Defense Program, 3 p.m., SR–232A.

April 10, Subcommittee on SeaPower, to hold hearings to examine Marine Corps ground modernization and naval aviation programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2020 and Future Years Defense Program, 10 a.m., SR–232A.

April 10, Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, to hold closed hearings to examine defense industrial base cybersecurity policy, 2:30 p.m., SVC–217.

April 11, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the proposal to establish a United States Space Force, 9:30 a.m., SD–G50.

Committee on the Budget: April 9, to hold hearings to examine the President’s proposed budget request for fiscal year 2020 for the Department of Defense, 2:30 p.m., SD–608.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: April 10, to hold hearings to examine broadband mapping, focusing on challenges and solutions, 10 a.m., SD–G50.

April 10, Subcommittee on Transportation and Safety, to hold hearings to examine pipeline safety, focusing on Federal oversight and stakeholder perspectives, 2:30 p.m., SD–562.

April 11, Subcommittee on Communications, Technology, Innovation, and the Internet, to hold hearings to examine illegal robocalls, 10 a.m., SH–216.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: April 9, to hold hearings to examine the President’s proposed budget request for fiscal year 2020 for the Forest Service, 10 a.m., SD–566.

April 11, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine opportunities for energy innovation and other potential solutions to help address global climate change, 10 a.m., SD–366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: April 10, business meeting to consider 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, S. 747, to reauthorize the diesel emissions reduction program, an original bill entitled, “John F. Kennedy Center Reauthorization Act of 2019”, and 8 General Services Administration resolutions, 10 a.m., SD–406.

Committee on Finance: April 9, to hold hearings to examine drug pricing in America, focusing on a prescription for change, part III, 10:15 a.m., SD–215.

April 10, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the 2019 tax filing season and the 21st century Internal Revenue Service, 10:15 a.m., SD–215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: April 9, Subcommittee on East Asia, the Pacific, and International Cybersecurity Policy, to hold hearings to examine ARIA in action, focusing on human rights, democracy, and the rule of law, 10 a.m., SD–419.

April 9, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Jeffrey L. Eberhardt, of Wisconsin, to be Special Representative of the President for Nuclear Nonproliferation, with the rank of Ambassador, and James S. Gilmore, of Virginia, to be U.S. Representative
to the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, with the rank of Ambassador, both of the Department of State; and Alan R. Swendiman, of North Carolina, to be Deputy Director of the Peace Corps, 3 p.m., SD–419.

April 10, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the President’s proposed budget request for fiscal year 2020 for the Department of State, 9:15 a.m., SD–419.

April 11, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Kate Marie Byrnes, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Macedonia, Edward F. Crawford, of Ohio, to be Ambassador to Ireland, and David Michael Satterfield, of Missouri, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Turkey, all of the Department of State, 2:30 p.m., SD–419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: April 9, business meeting to consider the nomination of Gordon Hartogensis, of Connecticut, to be Director of the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation for a term of five years, and other pending nominations, Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

April 10, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine reauthorizing the Higher Education Act, focusing on strengthening accountability to protect students and taxpayers, 10 a.m., SD–430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: April 9, to hold hearings to examine migration at the United States Southern border, focusing on perspectives from the frontline, 10 a.m., SD–342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: April 10, to hold hearings to examine building out Indian country, focusing on tools for community development, 2:30 p.m., SD–628.

Committee on the Judiciary: April 9, to hold hearings to examine the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act, 10 a.m., SD–226.

April 10, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Jeffrey A. Rosen, of Virginia, to be Deputy Attorney General, Department of Justice; and Jeffrey Vincent Brown, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas, Stephanie L. Haines, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania, and Brantley Starr, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas, 10 a.m., SD–226.

April 10, Subcommittee on the Constitution, to hold hearings to examine free speech, focusing on technological censorship and the public discourse, 2:30 p.m., SD–226.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: April 10, to hold hearings to examine reauthorization of the Small Business Administration’s international trade programs, 2:30 p.m., SR–428A.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: April 10, to hold hearings to examine VA MISSION Act, focusing on implementing the Veterans Community Care Program, 2:30 p.m., SR–418.

Select Committee on Intelligence: April 9, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 9:30 a.m., SH–219.

April 9, Full Committee, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH–219.

House Committees

Committee on Appropriations, April 10, Subcommittee on Defense, hearing entitled “Member Day”, 9 a.m., H–140 Capitol.


April 10, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, hearing entitled “Economic Opportunities for Farmers through Sustainable Agricultural Practices”, 10 a.m., 2362–A Rayburn.

April 10, Subcommittee on the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, budget hearing on the Department of Transportation, 11 a.m., 2358–A Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, April 10, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The Fiscal Year 2020 National Defense Authorization Budget Request for the Department of the Navy”, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and Labor, April 10, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Examining the Policies and Priorities of the U.S. Department of Education”, 9 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.


April 10, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “Priced Out of a Lifesaving Drug: Getting Answers on the Rising Cost of Insulin”, 10:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, April 10, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Holding Megabanks Accountable: A Review of Global Systemically Important Banks 10 years after the Financial Crisis”, 9 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, April 10, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The Importance of U.S. Assistance to Central America”, 9:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, April 10, Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands, hearing entitled “Examining the Spending Priorities and Missions of the U.S. Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management”, 9 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Small Business, April 10, Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Tax, and Capital Access, hearing entitled “SBA 7(a) Budget Proposal and the Impact of Fee Structure Changes”, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.


Committee on Ways and Means, April 10, Subcommittee on Social Security, hearing entitled “Comprehensive Legislative Proposals to Enhance Social Security”, 9 a.m., 2020 Rayburn.
Joint Meetings

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: April 9, to hold hearings to examine recent developments in Hungary, focusing on issues related to the rule of law and corruption, 10 a.m., 1539, Longworth Building.
Next Meeting of the SENATE
10 a.m., Tuesday, April 9

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Daniel Desmond Domenico, of Colorado, to be United States District Judge for the District of Colorado, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination at 11 a.m.

Senators should expect additional votes relating to pending nominations.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
10 a.m., Tuesday, April 9

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Consideration of H.R. 1644—Save the Internet Act of 2019 (Subject to a Rule). Possible consideration of H.R. 2021—Investing for the People Act of 2019 (Subject to a Rule). Consideration of measures under suspension of the Rules.

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