

*Advancing Critical Connectivity Expands Service, Small Business Resources, Opportunities, Access, and Data Based on Assessed Need and Demand Act:* H.R. 1328, amended, to establish the Office of Internet Connectivity and Growth.

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 12:48 p.m. and reconvened at 1:30 p.m.

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**Presidential Messages:** Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the national emergency declared with respect to Syria is to continue in effect beyond May 11, 2019—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 116–30).

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Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the national emergency declared with respect to the Central African Republic is to continue in effect beyond May 12, 2019—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 116–31).

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Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress of his intention to designate Brazil as a Major Non-NATO Ally—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 116–32).

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Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress of his Executive Order with respect to Iran that takes additional steps with respect to the national emergency declared in Executive Order 12957 of March 15, 1995—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the Committee on Financial Services and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 116–33).

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**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H3490.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** One yea-and-nay vote and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H3491 and H3491–92. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 3:07 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Appropriations:* Full Committee held a markup on the Report on the Suballocation of Budget Allocations for FY 2020; and the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, FY 2020. The Report on the Suballocation of Budget Allocations for FY 2020 passed. The Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related

Agencies Appropriations Bill, FY 2020, was ordered reported, as amended.

### FY20 PRIORITIES FOR MISSILE DEFENSE AND MISSILE DEFEAT PROGRAMS

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Strategic Forces held a hearing entitled “FY20 Priorities for Missile Defense and Missile Defeat Programs”. Testimony was heard from the following Department of Defense officials: Robert F. Behler, Director, Operational Test and Evaluation, Office of the Secretary of Defense; James H. Anderson, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Strategy, Plans and Capabilities; General Terrence O’Shaughnessy, Commander, U.S. Northern Command; Lieutenant General Samuel Greaves, Director, Missile Defense Agency; and Vice Admiral David Kriete, Deputy Commander, U.S. Strategic Command.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

*Committee on Education and Labor:* Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 2480, the “Stronger Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act”. H.R. 2480 was ordered reported, as amended.

### THE PROTECTING THE RIGHT TO ORGANIZE ACT: DETERRING UNFAIR LABOR PRACTICES

*Committee on Education and Labor:* Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions held a hearing entitled “The Protecting the Right to Organize Act: Deterring Unfair Labor Practices”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### BAN ASBESTOS NOW: TAKING ACTION TO SAVE LIVES AND LIVELIHOODS

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Environment and Climate Change held a hearing entitled “Ban Asbestos Now: Taking Action to Save Lives and Livelihoods”. Testimony was heard from Alexandra Dunn, Assistant Administrator, Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention, Environmental Protection Agency; and public witnesses.

### OVERSIGHT OF THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION: STRENGTHENING PROTECTIONS FOR AMERICANS’ PRIVACY AND DATA SECURITY

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Consumer Protection and Commerce held a hearing entitled “Oversight of the Federal Trade Commission: Strengthening Protections for Americans’ Privacy and Data Security”. Testimony was heard from the following Federal Trade Commission officials: Joseph J. Simons, Chairman; Noah Joshua Phillips,

Commissioner; Rohit Chopra, Commissioner; Rebecca Kelly Slaughter, Commissioner; and Christine S. Wilson, Commissioner.

#### **A REVIEW OF THE STATE OF AND BARRIERS TO MINORITY HOMEOWNERSHIP**

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Housing, Community Development and Insurance held a hearing entitled “A Review of the State of and Barriers to Minority Homeownership”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Financial Services:* Full Committee began a markup on H.R. 1988, the “Protect Affordable Mortgages for Veterans Act of 2019”; H.R. 2409, the “Expanding Access to Capital for Rural Job Creators Act”; H.R. 2513, the “Corporate Transparency Act of 2019”; H.R. 2514, the “Coordinating Oversight, Upgrading and Innovating Technology, and Examiner Reform Act of 2019”; H.R. 2515, to amend the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934 to amend the definition of whistleblower; H.R. 2534, the “Insider Trading Prohibition Act of 2019”; legislation on the Task Force on Financial Technology Resolution of 2019; and legislation on the Task Force on Artificial Intelligence Resolution of 2019.

#### **SMART COMPETITION: ADAPTING U.S. STRATEGY TOWARD CHINA AT 40 YEARS**

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Smart Competition: Adapting U.S. Strategy Toward China at 40 Years”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### **OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES IN U.S. RELATIONS WITH THE GULF STATES**

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on the Middle East, North Africa, and International Terrorism held a hearing entitled “Opportunities and Challenges in U.S. Relations with the Gulf States”. Testimony was heard from Timothy A. Lenderking, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Arabian Gulf Affairs, Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs, Department of State.

#### **CHINA’S GROWING INFLUENCE IN ASIA AND THE UNITED STATES**

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific, and Nonproliferation held a hearing entitled “China’s Growing Influence in Asia and the United States”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### **CONFRONTING THE RISE OF DOMESTIC TERRORISM IN THE HOMELAND**

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Confronting the Rise of Domes-

tic Terrorism in the Homeland”. Testimony was heard from Michael McGarrity, Assistant Director for Counterterrorism, Federal Bureau of Investigation; Brian Murphy, Principal Deputy Undersecretary for Intelligence and Analysis, Department of Homeland Security; and Brad Wiegmann, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, National Security Division, Department of Justice.

#### **ELECTION SECURITY**

*Committee on House Administration:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Election Security”. Testimony was heard from Jocelyn Benson, Secretary of State, Michigan; John Merrill, Secretary of State, Alabama; and public witnesses.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Full Committee held a markup on the Committee Report for Resolution Recommending that the House of Representatives Find William P. Barr, Attorney General, U.S. Department of Justice, in Contempt of Congress for Refusal to Comply with a Subpoena Duly Issued by the Committee on the Judiciary. The Committee Report for Resolution Recommending that the House of Representatives Find William P. Barr, Attorney General, U.S. Department of Justice, in Contempt of Congress for Refusal to Comply with a Subpoena Duly Issued by the Committee on the Judiciary was ordered reported, as amended.

#### **LEGISLATIVE MEASURES**

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife held a hearing on H.R. 417, to amend title 18, United States Code, to establish measures to combat invasive lionfish, and for other purposes; H.R. 1023, the “Great Lakes Fishery Research Authorization Act of 2019”; H.R. 1218, the “American Fisheries Advisory Committee Act”; H.R. 1240, the “Young Fishermen’s Development Act of 2019”; H.R. 1314, the “Integrated Coastal and Ocean Observation System Act Amendments of 2019”; H.R. 1979, the “Driftnet Modernization and Bycatch Reduction Act”; H.R. 2189, the “Digital Coast Act”; H.R. 2405, the “National Sea Grant College Program Amendments Act of 2019”; H.R. 2406, the “National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Officer Corps Amendments Act of 2019”. Testimony was heard from Rear Admiral Timothy Gallaudet, U.S. Navy (Ret.), Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere, Deputy Administrator, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; and public witnesses.

## VETERAN AND ACTIVE-DUTY MILITARY SUICIDES

*Committee on Oversight and Reform:* Subcommittee on National Security held a hearing entitled “Veteran and Active-Duty Military Suicides”. Testimony was heard from Captain Mike Colston, Director, Mental Health Programs, Department of Defense; Karin Orvis, Director, Defense Suicide Prevention Office, Department of Defense; Richard Stone, Executive in Charge, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

## A REVIEW OF THE NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION FY 2020 BUDGET REQUEST

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:* Subcommittee on Research and Technology held a hearing entitled “A Review of the National Science Foundation FY 2020 Budget Request”. Testimony was heard from France Córdova, Director, National Science Foundation; and Diane Souvaine, Chair, National Science Board.

## KEEPING OUR SIGHTS ON MARS: A REVIEW OF NASA’S DEEP SPACE EXPLORATION PROGRAMS AND LUNAR PROPOSAL

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:* Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics held a hearing entitled “Keeping Our Sights on Mars: A Review of NASA’s Deep Space Exploration Programs and Lunar Proposal”. Testimony was heard from William H. Gerstenmaier, Associate Administrator, Human Exploration and Operations, National Aeronautics and Space Administration; Mark Sirangelo, Special Assistant to the Administrator, National Aeronautics and Space Administration; and public witnesses.

## HONORING THE NATION’S SMALL BUSINESS HEROES

*Committee on Small Business:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Honoring the Nation’s Small Business Heroes”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 2440, the “Full Utilization of the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund Act”; H.R. 1984, the “DISASTER Act”; H.R. 2502, the “Transparency in Federal Buildings Projects Act of 2019”; and General Services Administration Capital Investment and Leasing Program Resolutions. H.R. 1984, H.R. 2440, H.R. 2502, and General Services Administration Capital Investment and Leasing Program Resolutions were ordered reported, without amendment.

## THE COST OF DOING NOTHING: MARITIME INFRASTRUCTURE VULNERABILITIES IN AN EMERGING ARCTIC

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held a hearing entitled “The Cost of Doing Nothing: Maritime Infrastructure Vulnerabilities in an Emerging Arctic”. Testimony was heard from Admiral Charles W. Ray, Vice Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard; Rear Admiral Shepard M. Smith, Director, Office of Coast Survey, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce; Colonel Phillip J. Borders, Commander, Alaska District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; and public witnesses.

## MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs:* Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 299, the “Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act of 2019”; H.R. 2385, to permit the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a grant program to conduct cemetery research and produce educational materials for the Veterans Legacy Program; H.R. 1988, the “Protect Affordable Mortgages for Veterans Act”; H.R. 2372, the “Veterans’ Care Quality Transparency Act”; H.R. 2340, the “FIGHT Veteran Suicides Act”; H.R. 2359, the “Whole Veteran Act”; H.R. 2333, the “Support for Suicide Prevention Coordinators Act”; H.R. 1126, the “Honoring Veterans Families Act”; H.R. 2045, the “VET OPP Act”; H.R. 1200, the “Veterans’ Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act”; H.R. 1199, the “VA Website Accessibility Act”; H.R. 95, the “Homeless Veteran Families Act”; H.R. 2109, the “BRAVE Act”; H.R. 2196, to amend title 38, United States Code, to reduce the credit hour requirement for the Edith Nourse Rogers STEM Scholarship program of the Department of Veterans Affairs; H.R. 2326, the “Navy SEAL Chief Petty Officer William Bill Mulder (Ret.) Transition Improvement Act of 2019”; H.R. 2398, the “Veteran HOUSE Act”; H.R. 2399, the “Home for Our Heroes Act of 2019”; H.R. 1812, the “Vet Center Eligibility Expansion Act”; and H.R. 1947, to exempt transfers of funds from Federal agencies to the Department of Veterans Affairs for nonprofit corporations established under subchapter IV of chapter 73 of such title from certain provisions of the Economy Act. H.R. 2333, H.R. 1200, H.R. 1199, H.R. 95, H.R. 2109, H.R. 2196, H.R. 2398, H.R. 2399, and H.R. 2326 were ordered reported, without amendment. H.R. 299, H.R. 2372, H.R. 2340, H.R. 2359, H.R. 1947, H.R. 1812, H.R. 2385, H.R. 1988, and H.R. 2045 were ordered reported, as amended.

**PAID FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE:  
HELPING WORKERS AND EMPLOYERS  
SUCCEED**

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Paid Family and Medical Leave: Helping Workers and Employers Succeed”. Testimony was heard from Suzan LeVine, Commissioner, Employment Security Department, Washington; and public witnesses.

**FISCAL YEAR 2020 NATIONAL SECURITY  
PROGRAM BUDGET REQUEST**

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Fiscal Year 2020 National Security Program Budget Request”. This hearing was closed.

## *Joint Meetings*

No joint committee meetings were held.

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**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY,  
MAY 9, 2019**

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

**Senate**

*Committee on Finance:* to hold hearings to examine the nominations of David Fabian Black, of North Dakota, to be Deputy Commissioner of Social Security, and Emin Toro, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court, 9:30 a.m., SD–215.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* business meeting to consider S. 998, 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, S. 1231, to reauthorize the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Program, S. 1208, to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 with respect to payments to certain public safety officers who have become permanently and totally disabled as a result of personal injuries sustained in the line of duty, S. 1328, to designate foreign persons who improperly interfere in United States elections as inadmissible aliens, S. 1321, to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit interference with voting systems under the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act, and the nominations of Jeffrey Vincent Brown, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas, Robert J. Colville, and Stephanie L. Haines, both to be a United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania, Brantley Starr, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas, and Jeffrey A. Rosen, of Virginia, to be Deputy Attorney General, Timothy J. Downing, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Oklahoma, William Travis Brown, Jr., to be United States Marshal for the Middle District of Louisiana, and Michael Blaine East, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of North

Carolina, all of the Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD–226.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* closed business meeting to consider pending intelligence matters; to be immediately followed by a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2 p.m., SH–219.

**House**

*Committee on Agriculture,* Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management, hearing entitled “Reviewing the State of the Farm Economy”, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Appropriations,* Full Committee, markup on the Legislative Branch Appropriation Bill, FY 2020; and the Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, FY 2020, 10:30 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

*Committee on Armed Services,* Subcommittee on Readiness, hearing entitled “Fiscal Year 2020 Budget Request for Military Readiness”, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and Labor,* Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Investment, hearing entitled “The Cost of Non-Completion: Improving Student Outcomes in Higher Education”, 10:15 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “Lowering Prescription Drug Prices: Deconstructing the Drug Supply Chain”, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Energy, hearing entitled “The Fiscal Year 2020 DOE Budget”, 10:15 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services,* Full Committee, continue markup on H.R. 1988, the “Protect Affordable Mortgages for Veterans Act of 2019”; H.R. 2409, the “Expanding Access to Capital for Rural Job Creators Act”; H.R. 2513, the “Corporate Transparency Act of 2019”; H.R. 2514, the “Coordinating Oversight, Upgrading and Innovating Technology, and Examiner Reform Act of 2019”; H.R. 2515, to amend the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934 to amend the definition of whistleblower; H.R. 2534, the “Insider Trading Prohibition Act of 2019”; legislation on the Task Force on Financial Technology Resolution of 2019; and legislation on the Task Force on Artificial Intelligence Resolution of 2019, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs,* Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, Civilian Security, and Trade, hearing entitled “Dollar Diplomacy or Debt Trap? Examining China’s Role in the Western Hemisphere”, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Europe, Eurasia, Energy, and the Environment, hearing entitled “China’s Expanding Influence in Europe and Eurasia”, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Middle East, North Africa, and International Terrorism, hearing entitled “Chinese and Russian Influence in the Middle East”, 1:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.