

Protocol Amending the Convention between the United States of America and the Swiss Confederation for the Avoidance of Double Taxation with Respect to Taxes on Income, signed at Washington on October 2, 1996, signed on September 23, 2009, at Washington, as corrected by an exchange of notes effected November 16, 2010 and a related agreement effected by an exchange of notes on September 23, 2009 (Treaty Doc. 112–1);

The Protocol Amending the Convention between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Japan for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with respect to Taxes on Income and a related agreement entered into by an exchange of notes (together the “proposed Protocol”), both signed on January 24, 2013, at Washington, together with correcting notes exchanged March 9 and March 29, 2013 (Treaty Doc. 114–1);

Protocol Amending the Convention between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income and Capital, signed on May 20, 2009, at Luxembourg (the “proposed Protocol”) and a related agreement effected by the exchange of notes also signed on May 20, 2009 (Treaty Doc. 111–8); and

The nomination of Eliot Pedrosa, of Florida, to be United States Executive Director of the Inter-American Development Bank.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 37 public bills, H.R. 3456–3492; and 2 resolutions, H. Res. 461 and 463 were introduced. **Pages H5165–67**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H5168–69**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1199, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to conduct a study regarding the accessibility of websites of the Department of Veterans Affairs to individuals with disabilities (H. Rept. 116–127); and

H. Res. 462, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3401) making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 116–128). **Pages H5164–65**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Cuellar to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H5079**

Recess: The House recessed at 11:23 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H5088**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Dr. James Merritt, Cross Pointe Church, Duluth, Georgia. **Page H5088**

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker’s approval of the Journal by voice vote. **Pages H5089, H5163**

Japan-United States Friendship Commission—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker’s

appointment of the following Member on the part of the House to the Japan-United States Friendship Commission: Representative Hill (AR). **Page H5090**

Board of Trustees of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker’s appointment of the following Member on the part of the House to the Board of Trustees of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts: Representative Smith (MO). **Page H5090**

House Democracy Partnership—Appointment: Read a letter from Representative McCarthy, Minority Leader, in which he appointed the following Members to the House Democracy Partnership: Representatives Fortenberry, Conaway, Smith (NE), Womack, Flores, Walorski, Rice (SC), and Mullin. **Page H5090**

Recess: The House recessed at 1:23 p.m. and reconvened at 1:30 p.m. **Page H5099**

Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2020: The House passed H.R. 3055, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020, by a yea-and-nay vote of 227 yeas to 194 nays, Roll No. 408. Consideration began on Wednesday, June 19th. **Pages H5100–04**

Rejected the Hurd (TX) motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 201 ayes to 220 noes, Roll No. 407. **Pages H5102–04**

Agreed to:

Jayapal amendment (No. 268 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–119) that was debated on June 24th that reallocates \$1,000,000 to fund transitional housing and homelessness services (by a recorded vote of 294 ayes to 127 noes, Roll No. 406). **Pages H5101–02**

Rejected:

Banks amendment (No. 251 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–119) that was debated on June 24th that sought to reduce amounts made available in Division E, other than amounts made available to the Department of Defense, by 14 percent (by a recorded vote of 131 ayes to 287 noes, Roll No. 405). **Pages H5100–01**

Agreed that in the engrossment of the bill, the Clerk be authorized to make technical corrections and conforming changes to reflect the actions of the House. **Page H5104**

H. Res. 445, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3055) and relating to consideration of the bill (H.R. 2740) was agreed to Wednesday, June 19th.

Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, 2020: The House began consideration of H.R. 3351, making appropriations for financial services and general government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020. Consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, June 26th. **Pages H5104–38, H5159–61**

Agreed to:

Pocan amendment (No. 1 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–126) that prohibits the Federal Communications Commission from finalizing the proposed rule “Universal Service Contribution Methodology,” which would impose a cap on the Universal Service Fund and allow the sub-caps of USF programs to be combined; **Pages H5130–31**

Velázquez amendment (No. 6 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–126) that increases funding for Small Business Administration, Entrepreneurial Development Programs by \$1 million, with the increase intended to specifically support Growth Accelerators; **Page H5134**

Hill (AR) amendment (No. 7 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–126) that increases and decreases funding in the Small Business Administration’s Entrepreneurial Development Programs by \$5,000,000 to support funding for the Small Business Administration’s Regional Innovation Cluster Program; **Pages H5134–35**

Lee (CA) amendment (No. 8 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–126) that increases funding by \$1 million to the Taxpayer Advocate Service for the purpose of assisting the parents of a deceased child, when that child’s information has been stolen and used on personal income taxes filed with the IRS, when the parent or guardian of record must report the identity theft of their deceased child’s information; **Page H5135**

Courtney amendment (No. 9 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–126) that prohibits funds by the GSA to market or sell the National Bio and Agro-defense Facility at Plum Island, New York; **Pages H5135–36**

Pascrell amendment (No. 10 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–126) that increases and decreases funding by \$1,000,000 for the United States Postal Service (USPS) to support USPS expanding its non-bank financial services; and **Pages H5136–38**

Norton amendment (No. 4 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–126) that prohibits funds made available by this Act from being used to relocate the National Institute of Food and Agriculture or the Economic Research Service outside of the National Capital Region (by a recorded vote of 226 ayes to 198 noes, Roll No. 412). **Pages H5132–33, H5160–61**

Rejected:

Huizenga amendment (No. 5 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–126) that sought to prohibit the use of funds to implement, administer, or enforce a SEC rule pursuant to Section 1502 of the Dodd-Frank Act relating to conflict minerals; and **Pages H5133–34**

King (IA) amendment (No. 3 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–126) that sought to strike the section 126 of the underlying bill which prohibits the use of funds from the Department of the Treasury’s Forfeiture Fund to plan, design, construct or carry out a project to construct a southern Border Wall or barrier along the southern border of the U.S. (by a recorded vote of 191 ayes to 226 noes, Roll No. 411). **Pages H5131–32, H5159–60**

H. Res. 460, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 2722) and (H.R. 3351) was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 225 yeas to 190 nays, Roll No. 404, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 228 yeas to 188 nays, Roll No. 403. **Pages H5091–99, H5099–H5100**

Recess: The House recessed at 4:44 p.m. and reconvened at 6:01 p.m. **Page H5138**

Emergency Supplemental Appropriations for Humanitarian Assistance and Security at the Southern Border Act, 2019: The House passed H.R. 3401, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, by a yea-and-nay vote of 230 yeas to 195 nays, Roll No. 414. **Pages H5147–59, H5161–63**

Rejected the Rutherford motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 205 yeas to 218 noes, Roll No. 413. **Pages H5161–62**

Pursuant to the Rule, the amendment printed in H. Rept. 116–128 shall be considered as adopted.

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H. Res. 462, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3401) was agreed to by a yeas-and-nays vote of 225 yeas to 189 nays, Roll No. 410, after the previous question was ordered by a yeas-and-nays vote of 226 yeas to 188 nays, Roll No. 409.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H5090.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Six yeas-and-nays votes and six recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5099–H5100, H5100, H5101, H5101–02, H5103–04, H5104, H5146, H5146–47, H5159–60, H5160–61, H5161–62, and H5162–63. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 10:03 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MANAGING FOR SOIL HEALTH: SECURING THE CONSERVATION AND ECONOMIC BENEFITS OF HEALTHY SOILS

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry held a hearing entitled “Managing for Soil Health: Securing the Conservation and Economic Benefits of Healthy Soils”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

DO NO HARM: EXAMINING THE MISAPPLICATION OF THE RELIGIOUS FREEDOM RESTORATION ACT

Committee on Education and Labor: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Do No Harm: Examining the Misapplication of the Religious Freedom Restoration Act”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Johnson of Louisiana and Kennedy; and public witnesses.

REAUTHORIZING VITAL HEALTH PROGRAMS FOR AMERICAN FAMILIES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Reauthorizing Vital Health Programs for American Families”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Communications and Technology held a markup on H.R. 3375, the “Stopping Bad Robocalls Act”. H.R. 3375 was forwarded to the full Committee, as amended.

DIVERSE ASSET MANAGERS: CHALLENGES, SOLUTIONS AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR INCLUSION

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Diversity held a hearing entitled “Diverse Asset Managers: Challenges, Solutions and Opportunities for Inclusion”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OVERSEEING THE FINTECH REVOLUTION: DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVES ON FINTECH REGULATION

Committee on Financial Services: Task Force on Financial Technology held a hearing entitled “Overseeing the Fintech Revolution: Domestic and International Perspectives on Fintech Regulation”. Testimony was heard from Beth Knickerbocker, Chief Innovation Officer, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury; Valerie Szczepanik, Associate Director of the Division of Corporation Finance, and Senior Advisor for Digital Assets and Innovation, Securities and Exchange Commission; and public witnesses.

THE U.S. RESPONSE TO THE POLITICAL CRISIS IN SUDAN

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations held a hearing entitled “The U.S. Response to the Political Crisis in Sudan”. Testimony was heard from Makila James, Deputy Assistant Secretary for East Africa and the Sudans, Bureau of African Affairs, Department of State; and Ramsey Day, Senior Deputy Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Africa, U.S. Agency for International Development.

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND COUNTERTERRORISM: POSSIBILITIES AND LIMITATIONS

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Intelligence and Counterterrorism held a hearing entitled “Artificial Intelligence and Counterterrorism: Possibilities and Limitations”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.