

after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 228 yeas to 197 nays, Roll No. 536.

**Pages H7783–85, H7785–86**

**Suspensions:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

*Christa McAuliffe Commemorative Coin Act of 2019:* S. 239, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in recognition of Christa McAuliffe; **Pages H7796–H7800**

*Public Company Accounting Oversight Board Whistleblower Protection Act of 2019:* H.R. 3625, amended, to establish a whistleblower program at the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board;

**Pages H7800–03**

*Appraisal Reform Act of 2019:* H.R. 3619, amended, to amend the Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery, and Enforcement Act of 1989 to provide the Appraisal Subcommittee with the authority to modify annual registry fees for appraisal management companies, to maintain a registry of trainees and charge a lower trainee registry fee, and to allow grants to States to assist appraiser and potential appraiser compliance with the Real Property Appraiser Qualification Criteria; **Pages H7803–05**

*Shutdown Guidance for Financial Institutions Act:* H.R. 2290, amended, to require the Federal financial regulators to issue guidance encouraging financial institutions to work with consumers and businesses affected by a Federal Government shutdown; **Pages H7805–07**

*Merchant Mariners of World War II Congressional Gold Medal Act of 2019:* H.R. 550, amended, to award a Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the United States Merchant Mariners of World War II, in recognition of their dedicated and vital service during World War II; **Pages H7807–10**

*Advancing Innovation to Assist Law Enforcement Act:* H.R. 2613, to require the Director of the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network to carry out a study on the use of emerging technologies within the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network;

**Pages H7810–12**

*Hidden Figures Congressional Gold Medal Act:* H.R. 1396, amended, to award Congressional Gold Medals to Katherine Johnson and Dr. Christine Darden, to posthumously award Congressional Gold Medals to Dorothy Vaughan and Mary Jackson, and to award a Congressional Gold Medal to honor all of the women who contributed to the success of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration during the Space Race; **Pages H7812–14**

*Greg LeMond Congressional Gold Medal Act:* H.R. 3589, amended, to award a Congressional Gold

Medal to Greg LeMond, in recognition of his service to the Nation as an athlete, activist, role model, and community leader; and **Pages H7814–16**

*National Purple Heart Hall of Honor Commemorative Coin Act:* H.R. 1830, amended, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the National Purple Heart Hall of Honor. **Pages H7816–18**

**Presidential Message:** Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13224 of September 23, 2001 with respect to persons who commit, threaten to commit, or support terrorism, is to continue in effect beyond September 23, 2019—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 116–64). **Pages H7782–83**

**Senate Messages:** Message received from the Senate today and message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on pages H7782, H7818.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H7785–86, H7786, and H7796. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### TO REVIEW THE IMPLEMENTATION OF FEDERAL FARM AND DISASTER PROGRAMS

*Committee on Agriculture:* Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management; and Subcommittee on Livestock and Foreign Agriculture held a joint hearing entitled “To Review the Implementation of Federal Farm and Disaster Programs”. Testimony was heard from Bill Northey, Under Secretary, Farm Production and Conservation, Department of Agriculture.

### SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, AND MATHEMATICS (STEM) ENGAGEMENT

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies held a hearing entitled “Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Engagement”. Testimony was heard from Michael Kincaid, Associate Administrator for STEM Engagement, National Aeronautics and Space Administration; and Karen Marrongelle, Assistant Director, Education and Human Resources, National Science Foundation.

### MARINE DEBRIS: IMPACTS ON ECOSYSTEMS AND SPECIES

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a hearing entitled “Marine Debris: Impacts on Ecosystems and Species”. Testimony was heard from Stephen Guertin, Deputy Director for Program Management/Policy, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; Anne Kinsinger, Associate Director, Ecosystems Mission Area, U.S. Geological Survey, Department of the Interior; Linsey Haram, Marine Ecologist, Marine Invasions Research Lab, Smithsonian Environmental Research Center, Smithsonian Institution; and public witnesses.

### SOLUTIONS TO RISING ECONOMIC INEQUALITY

*Committee on the Budget:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Solutions to Rising Economic Inequality”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### BROKEN PROMISES: EXAMINING THE FAILED IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE LOAN FORGIVENESS PROGRAM

*Committee on Education and Labor:* Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Investment held a hearing entitled “Broken Promises: Examining the Failed Implementation of the Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program”. Testimony was heard from Yael Shavit, Assistant Attorney General, Consumer Protection Division, Massachusetts Office of the Attorney General; Melissa Emery-Arras, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security, Government Accountability Office; Jeff Appel, Office of Federal Student Aid, Director of Policy Liaison and Implementation, Department of Education; and public witnesses.

### EXAMINING THE POLICIES AND PRIORITIES OF THE EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION (EEOC) AND THE OFFICE OF FEDERAL CONTRACT COMPLIANCE PROGRAMS (OFCCP)

*Committee on Education and Labor:* Subcommittee on Civil Rights and Human Services held a hearing entitled “Examining the Policies and Priorities of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) and the Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs (OFCCP)”. Testimony was heard from Craig Leen, Director, Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Department of Labor; Janet Dhillon, Chair, U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission; and Cindy Brown Barnes, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security, Government Accountability Office.

### PROTECTING UNACCOMPANIED CHILDREN: THE ONGOING IMPACT OF THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION’S CRUEL POLICIES

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Protecting Unaccompanied Children: The Ongoing Impact of the Trump Administration’s Cruel Policies”. Testimony was heard from Jonathan Hayes, Director, Office of Refugee Resettlement, Administration for Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services; Commander Jonathan White, U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps, Department of Health and Human Services; Ann Maxwell, Assistant Inspector General for Evaluation and Inspections, Office of Evaluation and Inspections, Office of Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services; and John R. Modlin, Acting Deputy Chief, Law Enforcement Operational Programs, Law Enforcement Operations Directorate, U.S. Border Patrol, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security.

### PROFITS OVER CONSUMERS: EXPOSING HOW PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANIES GAME THE SYSTEM

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Consumer Protection and Commerce held a hearing entitled “Profits Over Consumers: Exposing How Pharmaceutical Companies Game the System”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Financial Services:* Full Committee continued a markup on H.R. 123, the “FHA Additional Credit Pilot Program Reauthorization Act”; H.R. 132, the “North America Development Bank Improvement Act of 2019”; H.R. 4029, the “Tribal Eligibility for Homeless Assistance Grants Act of 2019”; H.R. 4067, the “Financial Inclusion in Banking Act of 2019”; H.R. 4242, the “Greater Accountability in Pay Act of 2019”; H.R. 4300, the “Fostering Stable Housing Opportunities Act of 2019”; H.R. 4302, the “Facilitating Access to Homeless Assistance Act of 2019”; H.R. 4328, the “Protecting Innocent Consumers Affected by a Shutdown Act”; H.R. 4329, the “ESG Disclosure Simplification Act of 2019”; H.R. 4344, to amend the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934 to allow for the SEC to seek and Federal courts to grant restitution to investors and disgorgement of unjust enrichment; H.R. 4335, the “8-K Trading Gap Act of 2019”; and H.R. 4320, the “Corporate Management Accountability Act of 2019”.

**THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION'S  
AFGHANISTAN POLICY**

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Trump Administration’s Afghanistan Policy”. Testimony was heard from Alice G. Wells, Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of South and Central Asian Affairs, Department of State; Karen Freeman, Assistant to the Administrator, Office of Afghanistan and Pakistan Affairs, U.S. Agency for International Development; and public witnesses.

**THE NORTHERN NORTHERN BORDER:  
HOMELAND SECURITY PRIORITIES IN THE  
ARCTIC, PART I**

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Transportation and Maritime Security held a hearing entitled “The Northern Northern Border: Homeland Security Priorities in the Arctic, Part I”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**OVERSIGHT HEARING ON POLICING  
PRACTICES**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Oversight Hearing on Policing Practices”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**LEGISLATIVE MEASURES**

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a hearing on H.R. 496, the “Sinkhole Mapping Act of 2019”; H.R. 2485, the “Federal Land Asset Inventory Reform Act of 2019”; H.R. 2640, the “Buffalo Tract Protection Act”; H.R. 4026, the “Enhancing Geothermal Production on Federal Lands Act”; and H.R. 4299, the “Data Preservation Act of 2019”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Haaland, Soto, Fulcher, and Westerman; and public witnesses.

**LEGISLATIVE MEASURES**

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands held a hearing on H.R. 3458, the “Recreation Not Red Tape Act”; and H.R. 3879, the “SOAR Act”. Testimony was heard from Representative Bishop of Utah; Leah Baker, Acting Assistant Director, Resources and Planning, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; Chris French, Deputy Chief, U.S. Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; and public witnesses.

**LEGISLATIVE MEASURES**

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee for Indigenous Peoples of the United States held a hearing on H.R. 1312, the “Yurok Lands Act of 2019”; S. 216, the “Spokane Tribe of Indians of the Spokane

Reservation Equitable Compensation Act”; H.R. 3846, the “Safeguard Tribal Objects of Patrimony Act of 2019”; and H.R. 4153, the “Health Care Access for Urban Native Veterans Act”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Huffman, Luján, and Khanna; Darryl LaCounte, Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior; Rear Admiral Chris Buchanan, Deputy Director, Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services; Sonya Baskerville, Manager, National Relations, Bonneville Power Administration, Oregon; and public witnesses.

**H.R. 51: MAKING D.C. THE 51ST STATE**

*Committee on Oversight and Reform:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “H.R. 51: Making D.C. the 51st State”. Testimony was heard from Muriel Bowser, Mayor, District of Columbia; Phil Mendelson, Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia; Jeffrey S. DeWitt, Chief Financial Officer, District of Columbia; Kenneth R. Thomas, Legislative Attorney, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; and public witnesses.

**MAKING CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS  
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020, AND FOR OTHER  
PURPOSES**

*Committee on Rules:* Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 4378, making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2020, and for other purposes. The Committee granted, by nonrecord vote, a closed rule providing for consideration of H.R. 4378, making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2020, and for other purposes. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit.

**SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AT THE  
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Science and Technology at the Environmental Protection Agency”. Testimony was heard from Andrew Wheeler, Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency.

**SBA PROGRAMS SPURRING INNOVATION**

*Committee on Small Business:* Subcommittee on Innovation and Workforce Development held a hearing entitled “SBA Programs Spurring Innovation”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 3632, the “Fair and Open Skies Act”; H.R. 1620, the “Chesapeake Bay Program Reauthorization Act”; H.R. 1132, the “San Francisco Bay Restoration Act”; H.R. 2247, the “Promoting United Government Efforts to Save Our Sound Act”; H.R. 4031, the “Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Act of 2019”; H.R. 4044, the “Protect and Restore America’s Estuaries Act”; H.R. 4275, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to reauthorize the Lake Pontchartrain Basin Restoration Program, and for other purposes; H.R. 3779, the “Resilience Revolving Loan Fund Act of 2019”; H.R. 2242, to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to include certain services in the definition of critical services, and for other purposes; H.R. 4347, the “PREPARE Act of 2019”; and General Services Administration’s Capital Investment and Leasing Program Resolutions. H.R. 3632, H.R. 1620, H.R. 4031, H.R. 4044, and H.R. 4347 were ordered reported, without amendment. H.R. 1132, H.R. 2242, H.R. 2247, H.R. 4275, and H.R. 3779 were ordered reported, as amended. General Services Administration’s Capital Investment and Leasing Program Resolutions were adopted.

**UPDATE ON VA CONTRACTED EXAMS, QUALITY REVIEW PROCESS, AND SERVICE TO RURAL VETERANS**

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs:* Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs held a hearing entitled “Update on VA Contracted Exams, Quality Review Process, and Service to Rural Veterans”. Testimony was heard from Mary Glenn, Deputy Director, Mandatory Disability Exams Program, Veterans Benefit Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; Elizabeth Curda, Director, Education, Workforce and Income Security Issues, Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

**EXAMINING VA’S OVERPAYMENTS AND COLLECTION PROCESSES**

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Examining VA’s Overpayments and Collection Processes”. Testimony was heard from Jon Rychalski, Assistant Secretary for Management and Chief Financial Officer, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

**HOW THE TAX CODE SUBSIDIZES HATE**

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing entitled “How the Tax Code Subsidizes Hate”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMPROVING THE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS PROCESS: A LOOK AT THE WORK OF THE JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE**

*Select Committee on the Modernization of Congress:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Recommendations for Improving the Budget and Appropriations Process: A Look at the Work of the Joint Select Committee”. Testimony was heard from Chairman Lowey and Representative Womack; Megan Lynch, Specialist on Congress and the Legislative Process, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; and public witnesses.

**Joint Meetings****NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT**

*Conferees* met in closed session to resolve the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of S. 1790, a bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2020 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to the call.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2019**

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

**Senate**

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

**House**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* Subcommittee on Energy, hearing entitled “Building a 100 Percent Clean Economy: Solutions for the U.S. Building Sector”, 9 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services,* Full Committee, continue a markup on H.R. 123, the “FHA Additional Credit Pilot Program Reauthorization Act”; H.R. 132, the “North America Development Bank Improvement Act of 2019”; H.R. 4029, the “Tribal Eligibility for Homeless Assistance Grants Act of 2019”; H.R. 4067, the “Financial Inclusion in Banking Act of 2019”; H.R. 4242, the “Greater Accountability in Pay Act of 2019”; H.R. 4300, the “Fostering Stable Housing Opportunities Act of 2019”; H.R. 4302, the “Facilitating Access to Homeless Assistance Act of 2019”; H.R. 4328, the “Protecting Innocent Consumers Affected by a Shutdown Act”; H.R. 4329, the “ESG Disclosure Simplification Act of 2019”; H.R. 4344, to amend the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934 to allow for the SEC to seek and Federal courts to grant restitution to investors and disgorgement of unjust enrichment; H.R. 4335, the