

Burma Unified through Rigorous Military Accountability Act of 2019: H.R. 3190, amended, to authorize humanitarian assistance and impose sanctions with respect to human rights abuses in Burma, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 394 yeas to 21 nays, Roll No. 541; **Pages H7878–85, H7888–89**

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives on the importance and vitality of the United States alliances with Japan and the Republic of Korea, and our trilateral cooperation in the pursuit of shared interests: H. Res. 127, amended, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives on the importance and vitality of the United States alliances with Japan and the Republic of Korea, and our trilateral cooperation in the pursuit of shared interests; and **Pages H7885–86**

Reaffirming the importance of the United States to promote the safety, health, and well-being of refugees and displaced persons: H. Res. 444, amended, reaffirming the importance of the United States to promote the safety, health, and well-being of refugees and displaced persons. **Pages H7886–88**

Recess: The House recessed at 3:50 p.m. and reconvened at 6:20 p.m. **Page H7888**

Senate Referral: S. 1340 was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs. **Page H7898**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H7873.

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yeas-and-nays vote developed during the proceedings of today and appears on pages H7888–89. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12 noon and adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Committee Meetings

OVERSIGHT OF THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION: WALL STREET'S COP ON THE BEAT

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Oversight of the Securities and Exchange Commission: Wall Street’s Cop on the Beat”. Testimony was heard from the following U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission officials: Jay Clayton, Chairman; Robert J. Jackson, Jr., Commissioner; Hester M. Peirce, Commissioner; Elad L. Roisman, Commissioner; and Allison Herren Lee, Commissioner.

EXAMINING THE RACIAL AND GENDER WEALTH GAP IN AMERICA

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Diversity and Inclusion held a hearing entitled “Exam-

ining the Racial and Gender Wealth Gap in America”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT OF THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION'S MUSLIM BAN

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship; and Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs held a joint hearing entitled “Oversight of the Trump Administration’s Muslim Ban”. Testimony was heard from Edward Ramotowski, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Visa Services, Bureau of Consular Affairs, Department of State; Elizabeth Neumann, Assistant Secretary for Threat Prevention and Security Policy, Office of Strategy, Policy, and Plans, Department of Homeland Security; Todd Hoffman, Executive Director, Admissions and Passenger Programs, Office of Field Operations, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security; and public witnesses.

CONGRESSIONAL AUTHORITY TO PROTECT VOTING RIGHTS AFTER SHELBY COUNTY V. HOLDER

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties held a hearing entitled “Congressional Authority to Protect Voting Rights After Shelby County v. Holder”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

FOSSIL FUEL DEVELOPMENT: PROTECTING TAXPAYERS AND ELIMINATING INDUSTRY GIVEAWAYS

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a hearing entitled “Fossil Fuel Development: Protecting Taxpayers and Eliminating Industry Giveaways”. Testimony was heard from Representatives DeGette, Cartwright, and McAdams; Frank Rusco, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, Government Accountability Office; John Putnam, Director of Environmental Programs, Department of Public Health and Environment, Colorado; and public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife held a hearing on H.R. 925, the “NAWCA”; H.R. 1747, the “National Fish Habitat Conservation Through Partnerships Act”; H.R. 2748, the “Safeguarding America’s Future and Environment Act”; H.R. 2854, the “Protect Our Refuges Act of 2019”; H.R. 2918, the “Extinction Prevention Act”; H.R. 2956, to provide for the establishment of the Western Riverside County Wildlife Refuge; H.R. 3399, to amend the Nutria Eradication and Control Act of 2003 to include California in the program, and for other purposes; H.R. 4340,

the “SALAMANDER Act of 2019”; H.R. 4341, the “Critically Endangered Animals Act of 2019”; and H.R. 4348, the “PAW and FIN Conservation Act of 2019”. Testimony was heard from Chairman Grijalva, and Representatives Thompson of California, Harder, Cartwright, Wittman, and Huffman; Stephen Guertin, Deputy Director for Policy, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; David G. Smith, Administrator, Hawaii Division of Forestry and Wildlife; and public witnesses.

DON'T VAPE: EXAMINING THE OUTBREAK OF LUNG DISEASE AND CDC'S URGENT WARNING NOT TO USE E-CIGARETTES

Committee on Oversight and Reform: Subcommittee on Economic and Consumer Policy held a hearing entitled “Don't Vape: Examining the Outbreak of Lung Disease and CDC's Urgent Warning Not to Use E-Cigarettes”. Testimony was heard from Anne Schuchat, Principal Deputy Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; Ngozi O. Ezike, Director, Illinois Department of Public Health; and public witnesses.

BUILDING RESILIENT COMMUNITIES FOR AMERICA'S FUTURE

Committee on Rules: Subcommittee on Legislative and Budget Process held a hearing entitled “Building Resilient Communities for America's Future [Original Jurisdiction Hearing]”. Testimony was heard from Bill Johnson, Director of Emergency Management, Palm Beach County, Florida; and public witnesses.

HOMELAND SECURITY IMPROVEMENT ACT; U.S. BORDER PATROL MEDICAL SCREENING STANDARDS ACT; EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES WITH RESPECT TO THE WHISTLEBLOWER COMPLAINT OF AUGUST 12, 2019, MADE TO THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OF THE INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 2203, the “Homeland Security Improvement Act” [Further consideration]; H.R. 3525, the “U.S. Border Patrol Medical Screening Standards Act”; and H. Res. 576, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives with respect to the whistleblower complaint of August 12, 2019, made to the Inspector General of the Intelligence Community. The Committee granted, by record vote of 8–3, a rule providing for consideration of H.R. 2203, the “Homeland Security Improvement Act”, H.R. 3525, the “U.S. Border Patrol Medical Screening Standards Act”, and H. Res. 576, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives with respect to the whistle-

blower complaint of August 12, 2019, made to the Inspector General of the Intelligence Community. The rule provides for consideration of H.R. 2203, the “Homeland Security Improvement Act”, under a closed rule. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Homeland Security. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 116–27, modified by the amendment printed in the Rules Committee report, shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. The rule provides for consideration of H.R. 3525, the “U.S. Border Patrol Medical Screening Standards Act”, under a closed rule. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Homeland Security. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 116–33 shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. The rule provides for consideration of H. Res. 576, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives with respect to the whistleblower complaint of August 12, 2019, made to the Inspector General of the Intelligence Community, under a closed rule. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence. The rule provides that the resolution shall be considered as read. The rule provides that it shall be in order at any time on the legislative day of September 26, 2019, for the Speaker to entertain motions that the House suspend the rules and that the Speaker or her designee shall consult with the Minority Leader or his designee on the designation of any matter for consideration pursuant to this section. The rule provides that on any legislative day during the period from September 30, 2019, through October 14, 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 5. The rule provides that each day during the period addressed by section 5 shall not constitute a calendar day for the purposes of section 7 of the War Powers Resolution; shall not constitute a legislative day for purposes of clause 7 of rule XIII; shall not constitute a calendar or legislative day for purposes of clause 7(c)(1) of rule XXII; and shall not constitute a legislative day for the purposes of clause 7 of rule XV. Testimony was heard from Chairman Schiff, and Representatives Wenstrup and Lesko.

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND THE FUTURE OF WORK

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Research and Technology held a hearing entitled “Artificial Intelligence and the Future of Work”. Testimony was heard from Arthur Lupia, Assistant Director, Directorate for Social, Behavioral and Economic Sciences, National Science Foundation; and public witnesses.

CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR COMMUTER RAILROADS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials held a hearing entitled “Challenges and Opportunities for Commuter Railroads”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2019

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: to hold hearings to examine perspectives on the livestock and poultry sectors, 10 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine facilitating faster payments in the United States, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine fishery failures, focusing on improving the disaster declaration and relief process, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: business meeting to consider S. 334, to authorize the construction of the Musselshell-Judith Rural Water System and study of the Dry-Redwater Regional Water Authority System in the States of Montana and North Dakota, S. 607, to amend the Department of Energy Organization Act to address insufficient compensation of employees and other personnel of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, S. 860, to amend the Omnibus Public Land Management

Act of 2009 to modify the terms of the Jackson Gulch rehabilitation project in Colorado, S. 990, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the implementation of the Platte River Recovery Implementation Program First Increment Extension for threatened and endangered species in the Central and Lower Platte River Basin, S. 1570, to provide flexibility to allow greater aquifer recharge, S. 1602, to amend the United States Energy Storage Competitiveness Act of 2007 to establish a research, development, and demonstration program for grid-scale energy storage systems, S. 1751, to amend the Reclamation Project Act of 1939 to authorize pumped storage hydropower development utilizing multiple Bureau of Reclamation reservoirs, S. 1758, to extend a repayment contract relating to the Purgatoire River Water Conservancy District and to authorize the District to develop an excess capacity contract to offset repayment costs, S. 1821, to amend the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 to provide for research on, and the development and deployment of, marine energy, S. 1882, to make available the continued use of Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program project use power by the Kinsey Irrigation Company and the Sidney Water Users Irrigation District, S. 1931, to require the Administrator of the Western Area Power Administration to establish a pilot project to provide increased transparency for customers, S. 2044, to amend the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 to establish an Aging Infrastructure Account, to amend the Reclamation Safety of Dams Act of 1978 to provide additional funds under that Act, to establish a review of flood control rule curves pilot project within the Bureau of Reclamation, S. 2094 and H.R. 2114, bills to amend the Energy Policy and Conservation Act to provide Federal financial assistance to States to implement, review, and revise State energy security plans, S. 2095, to provide for certain programs and developments in the Department of Energy concerning the cybersecurity and vulnerabilities of, and physical threat to, the electric grid, S. 2137, to promote energy savings in residential buildings and industry, S. 2300, to amend the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 to establish a program to incentivize innovation and to enhance the industrial competitiveness of the United States by developing technologies to reduce emissions of nonpower industrial sectors, S. 2332, to provide for the modernization of the electric grid, S. 2333, to provide for enhanced energy grid security, S. 2334, to require the Secretary of Energy to establish the 21st Century Energy Workforce Advisory Board, S. 2335, to accelerate smart building development, and H.R. 1420, to amend the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 to promote energy efficiency via information and computing technologies, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: business meeting to consider S. 2260, to provide for the improvement of domestic infrastructure in order to prevent marine debris, S. 2099, to redesignate the Sullys Hill National Game Preserve in the State of North Dakota as the White Horse Hill National Game Preserve, the nominations of Aurelia Skipwith, of Indiana, to be Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, Department