

Question of Privilege: Representative McCarthy rose to a question of the privileges of the House and submitted a resolution. Upon examination of the resolution, the Chair determined that the resolution qualified. Subsequently, the House agreed to the Hoyer motion to table H. Res. 590, raising a question of the privileges of the House, by a recorded vote of 232 yeas to 193 noes, Roll No. 547.

Pages H7976–77

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 House agreed to H. Res. 576, as amended, 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, by a yea-and-nay vote of 421 yeas with none voting “nay” and two answering “present”, Roll No. 548.

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Pursuant to the Rule, the amendments to the text and preamble specified in section 11 are adopted and the resolution, as amended, is considered as read.

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H. Res. 577, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 2203) and (H.R. 3525) and the resolution (H. Res. 576) was agreed to, as amended, by a yea-and-nay vote of 228 yeas to 191 nays, Roll No. 543, after the Scanlon amendment was agreed to by voice vote, after the previous question was ordered on the amendment and the resolution by a yea-and-nay vote of 227 yeas to 191 nays, Roll No. 542.

Pages H7913–20

Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Kelly (MS) wherein he resigned from the Committee on Small Business.

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Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Ratcliffe wherein he resigned from the Committee on Homeland Security.

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Senate Referral: S.J. Res. 54 was held at the desk.

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 H7913 and H7934.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Five yea-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H7919–20, H7920, H7973–74, H7975–76, H7976, H7977, and H7978. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Committee Meetings

INTERNATIONAL FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS AT USDA AND USAID

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a hearing entitled “International Food Assistance Programs at USDA and USAID”. Testimony was heard from Trey Hicks, Director, Office of Food for Peace, U.S. Agency for International Development; and Ken Isley, Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service, Department of Agriculture.

FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION: PROTECTING CONSUMERS AND FOSTERING COMPETITION IN THE 21ST CENTURY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government held a hearing entitled “Federal Trade Commission: Protecting Consumers and Fostering Competition in the 21st Century”. Testimony was heard from Rohit Chopra, Commissioner, Federal Trade Commission; and Joseph J. Simons, Chairman, Federal Trade Commission.

INVESTMENTS IN MEDICAL RESEARCH AT FIVE INSTITUTES AND CENTERS OF THE NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies held a hearing entitled “Investments in Medical Research at Five Institutes and Centers of the National Institutes of Health”. Testimony was heard from the following National Institutes of Health officials: Francis Collins, M.D., Director; Bruce Tromberg, Director, National Institutes of Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering; Eliseo Perez-Stable, M.D., Director, National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities; Helene Langevin, M.D., Director, National Center for Complementary and Integrative Health; Christopher Austin, M.D., Director, National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences; and Patricia Flatley Brennan, Director, National Library of Medicine.

OVERSIGHT HEARING: FAA AVIATION CERTIFICATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies held a hearing entitled “Oversight Hearing: FAA Aviation Certification”. Testimony was heard from Daniel K. Elwell, Deputy Administrator, Federal Aviation Administration; and Earl Lawrence, Executive Director,

Aircraft Certification Service, Federal Aviation Administration.

STATUS OF THE B61–12 LIFE EXTENSION AND W88 ALTERATION–370 PROGRAMS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces held a hearing entitled “Status of the B61–12 Life Extension and W88 Alteration–370 Programs”. Testimony was heard from Charles P. Verdon, Deputy Administrator for Defense Programs, National Nuclear Security Administration; Vice Admiral Johnny Wolfe, Director, Strategic Systems Programs, U.S. Navy; and Lieutenant General Richard Clark, Deputy Chief of Staff for Strategic Deterrence and Nuclear Integration, U.S. Air Force.

AMERICA’S INFRASTRUCTURE: TODAY’S GAPS, TOMORROW’S OPPORTUNITIES, AND THE NEED FOR FEDERAL INVESTMENT

Committee on the Budget: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “America’s Infrastructure: Today’s Gaps, Tomorrow’s Opportunities, and the Need for Federal Investment”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Education and Labor: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 2474, the “Protecting the Right to Organize Act of 2019”. H.R. 2474 was ordered reported, as amended.

SOUNDING THE ALARM: THE PUBLIC HEALTH THREATS OF E CIGARETTES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Sounding the Alarm: The Public Health Threats of E-Cigarettes”. Testimony was heard from Norman E. Sharpless, M.D., Acting Commissioner, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; Anne Schuchat, M.D., Principal Deputy Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services; Joneigh Khaldun, M.D., Chief Deputy Director for Health and Chief Medical Executive, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services; Elizabeth Cuervo Tilson, M.D., State Health Director and Chief Medical Officer, North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services; Lee Norman, M.D., Secretary, Kansas Department of Health and Environment; and Monica Bharel, M.D., Commissioner, Massachusetts Department of Public Health.

MAKING PRESCRIPTION DRUGS MORE AFFORDABLE: LEGISLATION TO NEGOTIATE A BETTER DEAL FOR AMERICANS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Making Prescription Drugs More Affordable: Legislation to Negotiate a Better Deal for Americans”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

PROMOTING FINANCIAL STABILITY: ASSESSING THREATS TO THE U.S. FINANCIAL SYSTEM

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Consumer Protection and Financial Institutions held a hearing entitled “Promoting Financial Stability: Assessing Threats to the U.S. Financial System”. Testimony was heard from Dino Falaschetti, Director, Office of Financial Research, Department of the Treasury; and Lael Brainard, Governor, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

PROTECTING SENIORS: A REVIEW OF THE FHA’S HOME EQUITY CONVERSION MORTGAGE (HECM) PROGRAM

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Housing, Community Development, and Insurance held a hearing entitled “Protecting Seniors: A Review of the FHA’s Home Equity Conversion Mortgage (HECM) Program”. Testimony was heard from Alicia Puente Cackley, Director, Financial Markets and Community Investment, Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a markup on H. Res. 543, recognizing Hong Kong’s bilateral relationship with the United States, condemning the interference of the People’s Republic of China in Hong Kong’s affairs, and supporting the people of Hong Kong’s right to protest; H.R. 3289, the “Hong Kong Human Rights and Democracy Act of 2019”; H. Res. 517, supporting the Global Fund to fight AIDS, tuberculosis (TB), malaria, and its Sixth Replenishment; H. Res. 387, condemning continued violence against civilians by armed groups in the Central African Republic and supporting efforts to achieve a lasting political solution to the conflict; H. Res. 552, calling on the Government of the Russian Federation to provide evidence of wrongdoing or to release United States citizen Paul Whelan; H.R. 4270, the “PROTECT Hong Kong Act”; and H. Res. 521, commending the Government of Canada for upholding the rule of law and expressing concern over actions by the Government of the People’s Republic of China in response to a request from the United States Government to the Government of

Canada for the extradition of a Huawei Technologies Co., Ltd., executive. H. Res. 543, H.R. 3289, H.R. 4270, and H. Res. 387 were ordered reported, as amended. H. Res. 517, H. Res. 552, and H. Res. 521 were ordered reported, without amendment.

ASSESSING THE IMPACT OF CUTTING FOREIGN ASSISTANCE TO CENTRAL AMERICA

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, Civilian Security, and Trade held a hearing entitled “Assessing the Impact of Cutting Foreign Assistance to Central America”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Homeland Security: Full Committee held a markup on H.R.1975, the “Cybersecurity Advisory Committee Authorization Act of 2019”; H.R.4432, the “Protecting Critical Infrastructure Against Drones and Emerging Threats Act”. H.R. 4432 and H.R. 1975 were ordered reported, as amended.

PROTECTING AMERICA FROM ASSAULT WEAPONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Protecting America from Assault Weapons”. Testimony was heard from Nan Whaley, Mayor, Dayton, Ohio; RaShall Brackney, Chief of Police, Charlottesville, Virginia; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 729, the “Tribal Coastal Resiliency Act”; H.R. 925, the “North American Wetlands Conservation Extension Act”; H.R. 1472, to rename the Homestead National Monument of America near Beatrice, Nebraska, as the Homestead National Historical Park; H.R. 1487, the “Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area Boundary Adjustment Study Act”; H.R. 1492, the “Yucca House National Monument Boundary Revision Act”; H.R. 1747, the “National Fish Habitat Conservation Through Partnerships Act”; H.R. 2185, the “District of Columbia Flood Prevention Act of 2019”; H.R. 3115, the “Living Shorelines Act of 2019”; H.R. 3541, the “Coastal State Climate Preparedness Act of 2019”; and H.R. 3596, the “Keep America’s Waterfronts Working Act”. H.R. 729, H.R. 925, H.R. 1472, H.R. 2185, and H.R. 3541 were ordered reported, without amendment. H.R. 1487, H.R. 1492, H.R. 1747, H.R. 3115, and H.R. 3596 were ordered reported, as amended.

ADVANCE APPROPRIATIONS: PROTECTING TRIBAL COMMUNITIES FROM THE EFFECTS OF A GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee for Indigenous Peoples of the United States held a hearing entitled “Advance Appropriations: Protecting Tribal Communities from the Effects of a Government Shutdown”. Testimony was heard from Representatives McCollum and Young; Jason Freihage, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Management, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior; Rear Admiral Michael D. Weahkee, Principal Deputy Director, Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

NEXTGEN FEDS: RECRUITING THE NEXT GENERATION OF PUBLIC SERVANTS

Committee on Oversight and Reform: Subcommittee on Government Operations held a hearing entitled “NextGen Feds: Recruiting the Next Generation of Public Servants”. Testimony was heard from Representative Carolyn B. Maloney of New York; Robert Goldenkoff, Director of Strategic Issues, Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

RELATING TO A NATIONAL EMERGENCY DECLARED BY THE PRESIDENT ON FEBRUARY 15, 2019

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on S.J. Res. 54, relating to a national emergency declared by the President on February 15, 2019. The Committee granted, by record vote of 9–4, a closed rule providing for consideration of S.J. Res. 54, relating to a national emergency declared by the President on February 15, 2019. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the joint resolution. The rule provides that the joint resolution shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the joint resolution. Finally, the rule provides one motion to commit.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 4373, the “Engineering Biology Research and Development Act of 2019”; H.R. 4372, the “MSI STEM Achievement Act”; and H.R. 4355, the “Identifying Outputs of Generative Adversarial Networks Act”. H.R. 4373, H.R. 4372, and H.R. 4355 were ordered reported, as amended.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Small Business: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 4406, the “Small Business Development Centers Improvement Act of 2019”; H.R. 4405, the “Women’s Business Centers Improvements Act of 2019”; H.R. 4407, the “SCORE for Small Business Act of 2019”; H.R. 4387, to establish Growth Accelerator Fund Competition within the Small Business Administration, and for other purposes. H.R. 4406, H.R. 4405, H.R. 4407, and H.R. 4387 were ordered reported, without amendment.

LANDLORD AND TENANT: THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION’S OVERSIGHT OF THE TRUMP INTERNATIONAL HOTEL LEASE

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management held a hearing entitled “Landlord and Tenant: The Trump Administration’s Oversight of the Trump International Hotel Lease”. Testimony was heard from Daniel Mathews, Public Buildings Commissioner, General Services Administration; Carol F. Ochoa, Inspector General, General Services Administration; Michael A. Foster, Legislative Attorney, American Law Division, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; and public witnesses.

COAST GUARD AND PORT INFRASTRUCTURE: BUILT TO LAST?

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held a hearing entitled “Coast Guard and Port Infrastructure: Built to Last?”. Testimony was heard from Rear Admiral Nathan Moore, Assistant Commandant for Engineering and Logistics, U.S. Coast Guard; Nathan Anderson, Acting Director, Homeland Security and Justice, General Accountability Office; Rear Admiral Ann C. Phillips, U.S. Navy (Ret.), Special Assistant to the Governor for Coastal Adaptation and Protection, Office of the Governor, Virginia; and public witnesses.

MISSION CRITICAL: CARE IN THE COMMUNITY UPDATE

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “MISSION Critical: Care in the Community Update”. Testimony was heard from Richard Stone, Executive in Charge, Veterans’ Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2019

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: business meeting to markup an original bill making appropriations for Interior, Environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020, an original bill making appropriations for State, Foreign Operations, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020, an original bill making appropriations for Commerce, Justice, Science, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020, an original bill making appropriations for Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020, and an original bill making appropriations for Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on East Asia, the Pacific, and International Cybersecurity Policy, to hold hearings to examine the Hong Kong emergency, focusing on securing freedom, autonomy, and human rights, 10:45 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 2132, to promote security and provide justice for United States victims of international terrorism, S. 2511, to amend title 40, United States Code, to provide the Marshal of the Supreme Court of the United States and Supreme Court Police with the authority to protect the Chief Justice of the United States, any Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, and other individuals in any location, and the nominations of Halil Suleyman Ozerden, of Mississippi, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit, David B. Barlow, to be United States District Judge for the District of Utah, John Fitzgerald Kness, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois, R. Austin Huffaker, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Alabama, Lee Philip Rudofsky, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Arkansas, Justin Reed Walker, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Kentucky, Eleni Maria Roumel, of Maryland, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims, Steven J. Menashi, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit, Karen Spencer Marston, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, Richard Earnest Myers II, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of North Carolina, Anuraag Singhal, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida, and Kenneth Charles Canterbury, Jr., of South Carolina, to be Director, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, and David M. DeVillers, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Ohio, both of the Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 11 a.m., SH-219.

Full Committee, 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.