The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. Brown of Maryland).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC, October 1, 2019.

I hereby appoint the Honorable Anthony G. Brown to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

Nancy Pelosi,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer:

Gracious and merciful God, we give You thanks for giving us another day. In this Chamber, where the people’s House gathers, we pause to offer You gratitude for the gift of this good land on which we live and for this great Nation which You have inspired in developing over so many years.

In these historic days, may all Members and their constituents be engaged in serious consideration of the constitutional issues facing our Nation. May a sincere love for and dedication to our form of government prevail over partisan arguments, that our experiment in Republican democracy might perdure into a hopeful future.

Give to us and all people a vivid sense of Your presence, that we may learn to understand each other, to respect each other, and to work with each other, so shall we make our Nation great in goodness and good in its greatness.

May all that is done this day be for Your greater honor and glory.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 5(a) of House Resolution 577, the Journal of the last day’s proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The SPEAKER pro tempore led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, September 27, 2019.

Hon. Nancy Pelosi,
The Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

Dear Madam Speaker: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on September 27, 2019, at 1:31 p.m.; That the Senate passed S. 737.

With best wishes, I am,
Sincerely,

Cheryl L. Johnson.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 4 of rule I, the following enrolled joint resolution was signed by the Speaker on Friday, September 27, 2019:

S.J. Res. 54, relating to a national emergency declared by the President on February 15, 2019.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 4 of rule I, the following enrolled bill was signed by Speaker pro tempore Brown of Maryland on Friday, September 27, 2019:

H.R. 4285, to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend and modify certain authorities and requirements relating to the Department of Veterans Affairs.

RESIGNATION FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following resignation from the House of Representatives:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Ms. Nancy Pelosi,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

Dear Speaker Pelosi: I hereby submit my resignation effective immediately, September 30, 2019, as United States Representative of the 27th District of New York. Attached is the letter I submitted to The Secretary of New York State.

Sincerely,

Chris Collins.

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Hon. Rossana Rosado,
Secretary of State, New York Department of State, Albany, NY.

Dear Secretary Rosado: I hereby submit my resignation effective immediately, September 30, 2019, as United States Representative of the 27th District of New York. Attached is the letter I submitted to Speaker of the United States House of Representatives.

Sincerely,

Chris Collins.
ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Under clause 5(d) of rule XX, the Chair announces to the House that, in light of the resignation of the gentleman from New York (Mr. COLLINS) the whole number of the House is 433.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Cheryl L. Johnson, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled a bill of the House of the following title, which was thereupon signed by the Speaker pro tempore, Mr. Brown of Maryland, on Friday, September 27, 2019:

H.R. 4285. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend and modify certain authorities and requirements relating to the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

SENATE ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION

The Speaker on Friday, September 27, 2019, announced her signature to a joint resolution of the Senate of the following title:

S.J. Res. 54.—A Joint Resolution relating to a national emergency declared by the President on February 15, 2019.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 5(b) of House Resolution 577, the House stands adjourned until 10 a.m. on Friday, October 4, 2019.

Thereupon (at 9 o’clock and 4 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Friday, October 4, 2019, at 10 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker’s table and referred as follows:

2390. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting a designation as an emergency requirement all funding so designated by the Congress in the Act pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, pursuant to Continuing Appropriations Act, 2020, and Health Extenders Act of 2019, Sec. 116 (H. Doc. No. 116—71); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

2391. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency’s final rule — Clean Data Determination; for the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

2392. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Army, transmitting a letter on Armed Services, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 516(a)(1); Public Law 96-513, Sec. 112 (as amended by Public Law 104-106, Sec. 502(b)); (110 Stat. 263); to the Committee on Armed Services.

2393. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Manpower and Reserve Services, Department of the Army, transmitting notification to Congress of the anticipated use of Selected Reserve units that will be ordered to active duty, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 3516(c)(1); (125 Stat. 1396); to the Committee on Armed Services.

2394. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Manpower and Reserve Services, Department of the Army, Department of Defense, transmitting notification to Congress of the anticipated use of Selected Reserve units that will be ordered to active duty, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 2309b(h); Public Law 112-81, Sec. 516(a)(1); (125 Stat. 1396); to the Committee on Armed Services.

2395. A letter from the Assistant Director, Fair Lending and Equal Opportunity, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, transmitting two corrections to the Bureau’s 2018 Fair Lending Report to Congress, published on June 28, 2019; to the Committee on Financial Services.

2396. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Electricity, Department of Energy, transmitting findings in response to legislative language set forth in Sections 1239 and 12390 of Division A of the Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act, 2018, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 6201(c); Public Law 115-224; Sec. 182(c); (118 Stat. 1389); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

2397. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency’s withdrawal of direct final rule — Air Plan Approval; Wisconsin; Title V Operation Permit Program (EPA-R05-OAR-2018-0285; FRL-10000-39-Region 5) received September 19, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

2398. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency’s final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Maryland; Removal of Stage II Gasoline Vapor Recovery Program Requirements (EPA-R03-OAR-2018-0730; FRL-10000-80-Region 3) received September 20, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

2399. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency’s final rule — Approval of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Pennsylvania; Redesignation Requests and Maintenance Plans for Delaware County and Lebanon County 2012 Fine Particulate Matter Areas (EPA-R03-OAR-2019-0262; FRL-10000-27-Region 3) received September 20, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

2400. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency’s final rule — Nicotinamide; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance (EPA-HQ-OPP-2018-0645; FRL-9998-67) received September 20, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

2401. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency’s final rule — 2-Phenoxyethanol; Exemption From the Requirement of a Tolerance (EPA-HQ-OPP-2017-0065; FRL-9996-66) received September 20, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

2402. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency’s final rule — 2-Phenoxyethanol; Exemption From the Requirement of a Tolerance (EPA-HQ-OPP-2017-0065; FRL-9996-66) received September 20, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

2403. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency’s final rule — 2-Phenoxyethanol; Exemption From the Requirement of a Tolerance (EPA-HQ-OPP-2017-0065; FRL-9996-66) received September 20, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

2404. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency’s final rule — Approval of Air Quality Improvement Plan; Pennsylvanina; Designation Requests and Maintenance Plans for Delaware County and Lebanon County 2012 Fine Particulate Matter Areas (EPA-R03-OAR-2019-0262; FRL-10000-27-Region 3) received September 20, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

2405. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency’s final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Pennsylvania; Redesignation Requests and Maintenance Plans for Delaware County and Lebanon County 2012 Fine Particulate Matter Areas (EPA-R03-OAR-2019-0262; FRL-10000-27-Region 3) received September 20, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

2406. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency’s final rule — Air Plan Approval and Air Quality Designation; New Hampshire; Designation of the Central New Hampshire Sulfor Dioxide Nonattainment Area (EPA-R01-OAR-2019-0352; FRL-9999-84-Region 4) received September 20, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

2407. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency’s final rule — Air Plan Approval and Air Quality Designation; Missouri; Operating Permits Program, and 112(1) Plan; Missouri Operating Permits (EPA-R07-OAR-2019-0325; FRL-10000-14-Region 7) received September 20, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

2408. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency’s final rule — Air Plan Approval and Air Quality Designation; North Carolina; Amendments of Air Quality Rules (EPA-R08-OAR-2016-0272-Region 4) received September 20, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.
Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

2410. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency’s final rule — Air Plan Approval; KY; Existing Indirect Heat Exchangers for Jefferson County [EPA-R04-OAR-2019-0278; FRL-10000-9 Region 4] received September 20, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

2411. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency’s final rule — Air Plan Approval; KY; Existing Indirect Heat Exchangers for Jefferson County [EPA-R04-OAR-2019-0278; FRL-10000-9 Region 4] received September 20, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

2412. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency’s final rule — Air Plan Approval; Ohio; Second Maintenance Plan for 1997 Ozone NAAQS; Dayton-Springfield [EPA-R05-OAR-2019-0216; FRL-10000-38 Region 5] received September 20, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

2413. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency’s final rule — Air Plan Approval; Texas; Control of Air Pollution from Motor Vehicles [EPA-R04-OAR-2019-0278; FRL-9999-17 Region 6] received September 20, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

2414. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency’s final rule — Air Plan Approval; KY; Infrastructure for the 2015 Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard [EPA-R06-OAR-2018-0843; FRL-9999-17 Region 6] received September 20, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

2415. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency’s final rule — Air Plan Approval; KY; Existing Indirect Heat Exchangers for Jefferson County [EPA-R04-OAR-2019-0278; FRL-10000-9 Region 4] received September 20, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

2416. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency’s final rule — Air Plan Approval; Missour; Infrastructure State Implementation Plan Requirements for the 2015 Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard [EPA-R07-OAR-2019-0334; FRL-10000-15 Region 7] received September 20, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

2417. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency’s final rule — Air Plan Approval; Missouri; Designation of VOC Control Areas from Traffic Coatings [EPA-R07-OAR-2019-0336; FRL-9999-74 Region 7] received September 20, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

2418. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency’s final rule — Air Plan Approval; Missouri; Designation of VOC Control Areas from Traffic Coatings [EPA-R07-OAR-2019-0336; FRL-9999-74 Region 7] received September 20, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

2419. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency’s final rule — Air Plan Approval; GA; 8-hour Ozone Interstate Transport [EPA-R04-OAR-2018-0813; FRL-10000-25 Region 4] received September 20, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

2420. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency’s final rule — Air Plan Approval; Illinois; State Board and Infrastructure SIP Require-ments for the 2010 Secondary National Ambient Air Quality Standard [EPA-R05-OAR-2019-0979; Region 5] received September 20, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

2421. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency’s final rule — Air Plan Approval; Kansas; Attainment Plan for the Morgan County Sul-fur Dioxide Nonattainment Area [EPA-R05-OAR-2015-0980; FRL-7777-77 Region 5] received September 20, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

2422. A letter from the Associate Commissioner for Legislative Affairs, Food and Drug Administration, transmitting the Administration’s Draft Guidance for Industry (GFI) #263 in lieu of report to Congress entitled “Recommendations for Sponsors of Medi-cally Important Antimicrobial Drugs Ap-propriate for Use in Food Animals to Voluntarily Bring Under Veterinary Oversight All Products That Continue to Be Available Over-the-Counter”; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

2423. A letter from the Assistant Legal Advisor, Office of Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting reports concerning international agreements other than treaties entered into by the United States to be transmitted to the Congress within the sixty-day period specified in the Case-Za-pata Act, pursuant to 1 U.S.C. 112b(a); Public Law 92-403, Sec. 1(a) (as amended by Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

2424. A letter from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries Service, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administra-tion, transmitting the Administration’s temporary rule — Fisheries of the Exclusive Eco-nomic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod by Vessels Using Pot Gear in the Central Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska [Docket No.: 170816769-8162-02 (RIN: 0648-XG792) received September 25, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

2425. A letter from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries Service, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administra-tion, transmitting the Administration’s temporary rule — Fisheries of the Exclusive Eco-nomic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod by Vessels Using Pot Gear in the Central Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska [Docket No.: 170816769-8162-02 (RIN: 0648-XG792) received September 25, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

2426. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administra-tion, transmitting the Administration’s temporary rule — Fisheries of the Exclusive Eco-nomic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod by Vessels Using Pot Gear in the Central Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska [Docket No.: 170816769-8162-02 (RIN: 0648-XG792) received September 25, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

2427. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries Service, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administra-tion, transmitting the Administration’s temporary rule — Snapper-Grouper Fishery of...
the South Atlantic; 2019 Commercial Accountability Measure and Closure for the Other South Atlantic Complex (Docket No.: 12881354-3325-02) (RIN: 0648-X6002) received September 25, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

2434. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration’s temporary rule — Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod by Catcher Vessels Using Hook-and-Line Gear in the George Bank Fishing Area of the Gulf of Maine (Docket No.: 17081779-8162-02) (RIN: 0648-XG674) received September 25, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

2435. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration’s temporary rule — Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod by Catcher Vessels Using Pot-and-Line Gear in the Gulf of Alaska (Docket No.: 17081779-8162-02) (RIN: 0648-XG674) received September 25, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

2436. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration’s temporary rule — Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; 2019 Commercial Accountability Measure and Closure for South Atlantic Bluefin Tuna (Docket No.: 0907711773-0629-03) (RIN: 0648-X5006) received September 25, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

2437. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration’s temporary rule — Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; 2019 Commercial Accountability Measure and Closure for South Atlantic Bluefin Tuna (Docket No.: 0907711773-0629-03) (RIN: 0648-X5006) received September 25, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

2438. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration’s temporary rule — Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod by Catcher Vessels Using Pot-and-Line Gear in the Gulf of Alaska (Docket No.: 17081779-8162-02) (RIN: 0648-XG674) received September 25, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

2439. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration’s temporary rule — Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod by Catcher Vessels Using Pot-and-Line Gear in the Gulf of Alaska (Docket No.: 17081779-8162-02) (RIN: 0648-XG674) received September 25, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

2440. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration’s temporary rule — Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod by Catcher Vessels Using Pot-and-Line Gear in the Gulf of Alaska (Docket No.: 17081779-8162-02) (RIN: 0648-XG674) received September 25, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions of the following titles were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. SCHNEIDER (for himself and Ms. KELLY of Illinois):
H.R. 4583. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to treat digitized records as originals with respect to claims under such laws; and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

By Mr. COX of California (for himself, Mrs. LEE of Nevada, Mr. STEUBE, and Mrs. RADDAGHIN):
H.R. 4586. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to require certain institutions of higher education to provide notice of tuition levels for students; to the Committee on Education and Labor.

By Mr. CARTWRIGHT (for himself, Mr. ROONEY DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York, Mr. PETERS, Mr. TONKO, Mr. VARGAS, and Mr. FITZPATRICK):
H.R. 4587. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to require certain institutions of higher education to provide notice of tuition levels for students; to the Committee on Education and Labor.
H.R. 4590. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to terminate capitalization of interest after forbearance and certain deferment periods; to the Committee on Education and Labor.

By Mr. FINKENAUER (for herself and Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana):

H.R. 4591. A bill to permit the Secretary of Transportation to give Federal participation in the replacement or rehabilitation of certain bridges, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. HECK (for himself and Mr. BUDDE):

H.R. 4592. A bill to preserve the State-based system of insurance regulation and provide greater oversight of, and transparency on, international insurance standards and transactions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Ms. MOORE:

H.R. 4593. A bill to amend the FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012 and title 49, United States Code, with respect to disadvantaged business enterprises, and for other purposes; referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. MOULTON:

H.R. 4594. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to treat bump-stock-type devices as machineguns, and to ban the possession or transfer of other devices designed to accelerate the rate of fire of a semiautomatic firearm; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. NORTON (for herself, Mr. RASKIN, and Mr. BROWN of Maryland):

H.R. 4595. A bill to require that the headquarters for any agency of the Federal Government located in the National Capital region be treated as a Federal Government region unless relocation legislation is enacted, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

By Ms. MOORE:

H.R. 4596. A bill to improve service to students and other participants in the Federal student financial assistance programs, to establish the Office of the Borrower Advocate to replace the Student Loan Ombudsman, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. PETERS (for himself, Mr. BRINDISI, and Mr. KING of New York):

H.R. 4597. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to eliminate cost sharing for biosimilar biological products furnished under part B of the Medicare program; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. SUOZZI (for himself and Mr. PUGLIESE):

H.R. 4598. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an exemption from FIRPTA for interests held by certain foreign insurance companies; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Ms. TORRES SMALL of New Mexico (for herself, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Mr. VARGAS, Mrs. KIRKPATRICK, Mr. ESCOBAR, Mr. GONZALEZ of Texas, Mr. GHLIAVA, Ms. HAALAND, Mr. PETERS, and Mr. CROW):

H.R. 4599. A bill to provide resources for jurisdictions and organizations that have experienced a significant influx of migrant alien populations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Financial Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. LEWIS (for himself and Mr. RYAN):

H.R. 4611. A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of “National Nonviolence Week” to promote awareness of youth violence in the United States; to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

By Mr. PASCARELLI (for himself and Mr. ANGELINO):

H.R. 4612. A resolution urging the people of the United States to observe the month of October of each year as Italian and Italian-American Heritage Month; to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

By Mr. QUIGLEY (for himself, Ms. HILL of California, Mr. BETTER, Mr. PATRICK MALONEY of New York, Ms. VELAZQUEZ, Mr. LOWENTHAL, Mr. EVANS, Mr. NAIDLER, Mr. LIUAN, Mr. LARSEN of Washington, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Mr. KILDEE, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Ms. SCHAWSKY, Mr. KENNEDY, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Mr. CICCHINE, Mr. KANNA, Ms. TLAIB, Mr. HAALAND, Ms. MOORE, Mr. JAYAPAL, Ms. PRESSLEY, Mr. APPAS, Mr. PASCARELLI, Mr. SWALWELL of California, Mr. VASSEY, Mr. GREEN of Texas, Mr. MOULTON, Ms. ESCOBAR, Mr. HIGGINS of New York, Mr. PALLONE, Ms. SPEIER, Mr. GHLIAVA, Ms. NORTON, Mr. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Mr. MCFEACHIN, Mr. BLUMENTAER, Mr. SCANLON, and MRS. LAWRENCE):

H.R. 4613. A resolution condemning Secretary Ben Carson’s bigoted comments regarding transgender people and decrying the Department of Housing and Urban Development’s continued effort, under Secretary Carson’s leadership, to single out and discriminate against LGBTQ individuals; to the Committee on Financial Services.

MEMORIALS

Under clause 3 of rule XII.

138. The SPEAKER presented a memorial of the House of Representatives of the State of Michigan, relative to House Resolution No. 550, urging the Congress of the United States to allow jail and prison inmates to be eligible for Medicaid coverage; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY STATEMENT

Pursuant to clause 7 of rule XII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the following statements are submitted regarding the specific powers granted to Congress in the Constitution to enact the accompanying bill or joint resolution.

By Mr. SCHNEIDER:

H.R. 4583. Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following: Article I, Section 8—“The Congress shall have Power . . . to regulate Commerce with foreign Nations, and among the several States, and with the Indian Tribes”.

By Mr. BASS:

H.R. 4584. Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following: Article I, Section 8—“The Congress shall have Power to make all Laws necessary and proper for carrying out the powers vested in Congress”.

By Mr. HECK:

H.R. 4585. Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following: Article I, Section 8, Clause 3 of the Constitution.

By Ms. MOORE:

H.R. 4586. Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following: Article I, Section 8—“The Congress shall have Power to control the Election of Senators and Representatives.”

By Mr. COX of California:

H.R. 4587. Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following: Article I, Section 8, Clause 3 of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. DANNY K. DAVISS of Illinois:

H.R. 4588. Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following: Article I, Section 8—“The Congress shall have Power to declare the War.”

By Mr. QUIGLEY (for himself, Ms. HILL of New York, Mr. CROW, Mr. PARKS, Ms. SALUDI, and Mr. TALABOTTI):

H.R. 4589. Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following: Article I, Section 8—“The Congress shall have Power . . . to regulate Commerce with foreign Nations, and among the several States, and with the Indian Tribes.”

By Mr. HECK:

H.R. 4590. Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following: Article I, Section 8, Clause 3 and Clause 18 (relating to the power to make all laws necessary and proper for carrying out the powers vested in Congress).

By Ms. MOORE:

H.R. 4591. Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following: Article I, Section 8—“The Congress shall have Power . . . to make all Laws necessary and proper for executing the Laws of the Union.”

By Mr. MOULTON:

H.R. 4592. Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following: Article I, Section 8—“The Congress shall have Power to declare War.”

By Ms. NORTON:

H.R. 4593. Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following: Article I, Section 8, Clause 3 of the United States Constitution.

By Ms. OMAR:

H.R. 4594. Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following: Article I, Section 1.

By Mr. PETERS:

H.R. 4595. Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following: Article I, Section 8, Clause 18 of section 8 of article I of the Constitution.

By Mr. SUOZZI:

H.R. 4596. Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following: Article I, Section 8.

By Mr. BASS:

H.R. 4597. Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following: Article I, Section 8—“‘To make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States, or in any Department or Officer thereof.’”

By Ms. TORRES SMALL of New Mexico:

H.R. 4598. Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following: Article I, Section 8, Clause 3 of the United States Constitution.
ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 7 of rule XII, 235 petitions were added to public bills and resolutions, as follows:

H.R. 3: Mrs. Hayes, Mr. Cartwright, Mr. McNerny, Ms. Blunt Rochester, Mr. Kim, Mr. Trone, Mr. Allred, Mr. Rose of New York, Mr. Gonzalez of California, Ms. Meng, and Mr. Cohen.

H.R. 99: Mr. Griffith and Mr. Reschenthaler.

H.R. 1380: Mr. Peters, Mr. Panetta, Ms. Frankel, and Mr. Soto.

H.R. 1236: Mr. Peters, Mr. Peters, Ms. Panetta, Ms. Frankel, Mr. McNerny, and Mr. Soto.

H.R. 2250: Ms. Lofgren.

H.R. 2315: Mrs. Dingell.

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H.R. 4236: Mr. Thompson of California.

H.R. 878: Mr. Taylor.

H.R. 3546: Mr. Veasey.

H.R. 2382: Ms. Kelly of Illinois, Mr. Sarbanes, Mr. Mucarsel-Powell, and Ms. Mucarsel-Powell.

H.R. 2243: Mr. Sablan, Mr. McGovern, Ms. Blunt Rochester, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Peterson, Mr. Brown of Maryland, Ms. Johnson of Texas, Ms. Dean, Mr. DeFazio, Mr. Green of Texas, Ms. Hasan, Mr. Higdon of New York, Ms. Napolitano, Mr. Pappas, Mr. Jayapal, Mr. Keating, Mrs. Lawrence, Mrs. Lowey, Ms. McCollum, Mr. Meeks, Ms. Meng, Ms. Mucarsel-Powell, Mrs. Murphy of Florida, Mr. Núñez, Mr. Pallone, Mr. Pappas, Mr. Pascrell, Ms. Pingree, Mr. Pressley, Mr. Raskin, Mr. Sarlo, Ms. Sewell of Alabama, Mr. Smith of Washington, Mr. Takano, Ms. Plair, Mrs. Torres of California, and Mr. Veasey.

H.R. 3937: Ms. Houlahan.

H.R. 4334: Mr. DeFazio, Mr. Fitzpatrick, and Mr. Wright.

H.R. 4339: Ms. Pressley.

H.R. 4341: Ms. Norton and Mr. Langevin.

H.R. 4422: Miss Gonzalez-Culon of Puerto Rico.

H.R. 4512: Mr. Bluminauer.

H.R. 4546: Ms. Ocasio-Cortez.

H.R. 4550: Ms. McCollum.

H.R. 4656: Mr. Gomez.

H.R. 4671: Mr. Kelly of Pennsylvania.

H.R. 5398: Mr. Stanton.

H.R. 5399: Mr. Stanton.

H.R. 5569: Mr. Omar.

H.R. 561: Mr. Quigley.

H.R. 565: Mr. Mast, Mr. Stivers, and Mr. Turner.

H.R. 576: Mrs. Dingell.

H.R. 581: Ms. Gardbard, Mr. Sablan, Ms. Napolitano, Mr. Ted Lieu of California, Ms. Meng, Ms. Rotrai-Allard, Mr. Takano, and Mr. Case.

H.R. 604: Mr. McCarthy, Mr. Green of Tennessee, Mr. Meadows, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Brooks of Alabama, Mr. Perry, Mr. Steube, Mr. Crawford, Mr. Reschenthaler, Mr. Jordan, Mr. Scalise, Mr. Gosar, Mr. Posey, Mr. Davidson of Ohio, Mr. Gibbs, Mr. Hice of Georgia, Mr. Norman, and Mr. Gaetz.

PETITIONS, ETC.

Under clause 3 of rule XII, petitions and papers were laid on the clerk's desk and referred as follows:

44. The SPEAKER presented a petition of the Council of the City of New York, relative to Resolution No. 867-A, calling on Congress to pass, and the President to sign, the ‘‘Never Forget the Heroes: James Zadroga, Ray Pfeifer, and Luis Alvarez Permanent記念事業, relative to Resolution No. 867-A, calling on Congress to pass, and the President to sign, the ‘‘Never Forget the Heroes: James Zadroga, Ray Pfeifer, and Luis Alvarez Permanent
The Senate met at 12 noon and 1 second p.m. and was called to order by the Honorable Josh Hawley, a Senator from the State of Missouri.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. Grassley).

The bill clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, October 1, 2019.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable Josh Hawley, a Senator from the State of Missouri, to perform the duties of the Chair.

CHUCK GRASSLEY,
President pro tempore.

Mr. HAWLEY thereupon assumed the Chair as Acting President pro tempore.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2019, AT 4:30 P.M.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate stands adjourned until 4:30 p.m. on Friday, October 4, 2019. Thereupon, the Senate, at 12 noon and 31 seconds p.m., adjourned until Friday, October 4, 2019, at 4:30 p.m.
RECOGNIZING ALLEN AND LINDA ERICKSON OF KALISPELL

HON. GREG GIANFORTE
OF MONTANA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, October 1, 2019

Mr. GIANFORTE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Allen and Linda Erickson of Kalispell for their commitment to local veterans, and their families, through the North West Montana Veterans Service Center.

The nonprofit organization was born from Allen’s vision to serve Montana veterans. He organized and executed a two-day event, Stand Down, to provide supplies and services to homeless veterans. The now annual Stand Down event led to the creation of the Veterans Service Center, which Allen founded and leads as president. The service center includes a food pantry, a thrift store, and medical equipment loans—all tailored to serve veterans.

Allen and Linda opened the Food Pantry in 2002 and have helped organize the community to provide over 156,000 pounds of food to those in need. They have helped provide food to over 2,000 veteran households and over 500 children.

The Veterans Thrift Store provides services such as “move in” assistance, basic furniture, and seasonal clothing. The service center also includes access to shower and laundry facilities for homeless veterans in the community.

In addition to the Stand Downs and the North West Montana Veterans Service Center, the Ericksons have been working on creating Camp Ponderosa Veterans Retreat. The live-in treatment facility will provide veterans with counseling and group therapy. Similar to the Stand Downs, the facility will offer a community for veterans battling homelessness to learn job skills and apply for jobs.

The Ericksons have spent so much of their time dedicated to making this vision become a reality. With the help of countless volunteers and a generous anonymous donor, the camp will become a place for veterans to heal, recover, and rebuild.

Madam Speaker, for their selfless work to provide greater opportunity for our veterans, I recognize Allen and Linda Erickson of Kalispell for their spirit of Montana.

WELCOME GRACE MARGUERITE MARTIN

HON. HALEY M. STEVENS
OF MICHIGAN
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, October 1, 2019

Ms. STEVENS. Madam Speaker, I am happy to congratulate Amanda Martin and James Martin of Royal Oak, Michigan, on the birth of their new baby girl, Grace Marguerite Martin. Grace Marguerite Martin was born on September 16, 2019, at Ascension St. John Hospital in Detroit, Michigan at 10:54 a.m. Grace weighed eight pounds and six ounces and measured 20 and 8/10 inches long.

I would also like to congratulate Grace’s grandparents, Kathryn and Mark Higgins of Grose Pointe Woods, Michigan, Heather and Matthew Martin of Wilmington, North Carolina, Barbara Kortas of Warren, Michigan, and John Ponczocha of Wyandotte, Michigan, as well as her great grandmother, Marguerite Gore, of Grose Pointe Woods, Michigan. Congratulations to the entire family as they welcome their newest addition of pure pride and joy.

HONORING MARIAH COLLINS AND HANNAH MCEJSSEY FOR THEIR LIFE-SAVING EFFORTS

HON. BRAD R. WENSTRUP
OF OHIO
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, October 1, 2019

Mr. WENSTRUP. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor and thank University of Cincinnati nursing students Mariah Collins and Hannah Mcejssy for their life-saving assistance to the victim of a tragic drive-by shooting on Short Vine Street in April.

Mariah and Hannah were walking on Short Vine Street when the shooting occurred. After witnessing a man fall to the ground, they leapt into action and used a belt from a bystander as a tourniquet to slow the victim’s bleeding until he was able to be transported to UC Medical Center for care.

Mariah and Hannah are heroes. I am proud to see them recognized for their extraordinary courage and actions. I can think of no two recipients more deserving of the certificate of merit from the American Red Cross than these two outstanding women and future nurses.

I wish them both the best of luck in their medical careers.

HONORING HARRIS COUNTY SHERIFF’S DEPUTY SANDEEP SINGH DHALIWAL

HON. DAN CRENSHAW
OF TEXAS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, October 1, 2019

Mr. CRENSHAW. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Harris County Sheriff Deputy Sandeep Singh Dhalwal, who was tragically and senselessly murdered in the line of duty while serving the Houston community. Deputy Dhalwal’s life was devoted to serving our community and the inspiration he created for Sikhs who want to serve our nation.

As a Houstonian, I am heartbroken over the loss of Deputy Dhalwal, but as with every tragedy in my hometown, I am proud to see the community come together in the face of adversity. While this display of compassion does not come close to replacing the husband, father, and son his family lost, it is a small way of showing how much Houston appreciates Deputy Dhalwal and his contributions to our community and the inspiration he created for Sikhs who want to serve our nation.

I urge all who hear and read this to take a moment to remember the life of Deputy Dhalwal. The world would be a better place if we all lived by the example Deputy Dhalwal set.

IN RECOGNITION OF COLONEL SCOTT MCFARLANE’S DEDICATED SERVICE IN THE U.S. ARMY

HON. MIKE GALLAGHER
OF WISCONSIN
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, October 1, 2019

Mr. GALLAGHER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the career and dedicated service of Door County Veteran Service Officer, Colonel Scott A. McFarlane.

Colonel McFarlane spent 30 years in the U.S. Army in both active and reserve service. While enlisted, he attended numerous specialized military schools, expanding his ability to...
Mr. DESAULNIER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service of esteemed public servant and community advocate, Joan Carpenter.

A long-time resident of West Contra Costa, Joan graduated from El Cerrito High School and later earned her bachelor’s degree in economics from the University of California, Berkeley. After graduation, Joan worked in Contra Costa County’s mediation program and helped residents, businesses, and agencies with conflict resolution.

In 1998, Joan joined the Office of Contra Costa Supervisor John Gioia, where she has continued to serve West County constituents for the past 21 years. She has worked tirelessly to improve and expand services for seniors, the homeless, infants, and individuals with HIV/AIDS. Joan has served on various community boards such as the Contra Costa Home Health Agency Advisory Board, the West Contra Costa Unified School District School Attendance Review Board, and the Rehabs on Services of Northern California Executive Board.

An advocate in both her professional and personal life, Joan currently serves on the Executive Board of the West Contra Costa League of Women Voters, Contra Costa County Democratic Central Committee, the National Women’s Political Caucus of California, and the California Alliance for Retired Americans. Additionally, she was a founding member of both the Richmond Juneteenth Celebration and the West County Democratic Club.

Joan’s colleagues and friends admire her passion for and dedication to the West County community. Please join me in congratulating Joan for her dedicated service, and in wishing her well in retirement.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH

HON. DAVID J. TRONE
OF MARYLAND
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 1, 2019

Mr. TRONE. Madam Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to include in the RECORD a statement from Faces and Voices of Recovery in recognition of National Recovery Month.

FACES AND VOICES OF RECOVERY

For 30 years, National Recovery Month has provided an opportunity for communities nationwide to celebrate the fact that recovery from addiction is not only possible, but it is a reality for over 23 million Americans and their families. Faces & Voices of Recovery, representing the organized recovery advocacy movement in the U.S., extends our sincere gratitude to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) for sponsoring National Recovery Month and to members of Congress who work tirelessly to listen to the real stories of individuals and families impacted by addiction and those who have found long-term recovery. Together we can find solutions and continue to build on the foundation of Congressional support in recent years to make recovery possible for even more Americans.

HON. KATIE PORTER
OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 1, 2019

Ms. PORTER. Madam Speaker, I am honored to recognize Mr. Henry S. Barbosa as the recipient of the Legacy Award, which will be presented during the 25th Anniversary Celebration of Orange County Conservation Corps (OCCC).

Mr. Barbosa has served for seven years on the Board of OCCC, which is a voluntary work and learn program that provides an opportunity for at-risk and disadvantaged youths, age 18 to 25. Corpsmembers have a chance to earn a living while learning valuable employment skills through job training and attending an on-site charter school.

Mr. Barbosa’s long and distinguished record of service to his community stretches well beyond his time with OCCC. His legal career began as a Deputy District Attorney for Los Angeles County and continued over 27 years in private practice, primarily representing cities and other public agencies throughout California. Mr. Barbosa also acted as Assistant General Counsel to the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California.

In recognition of his community leadership, Mr. Barbosa was appointed as a member of the Los Angeles Board of Police Commission’s Blue Ribbon Panel to analyze the causes of and response to the Rampart area police corruption scandal. He was an elected public official for 10 years, serving as the President and a Director of the Three Valleys Municipal Water District representing Rowland Heights and as a member of the Board for the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California. Mr. Barbosa was appointed to the Solid Waste Advisory Committee that developed statewide regulations for landfills management.

Mr. Barbosa continues to advocate for inclusion in our communities. He has served for 10 years as Vice-Chair of the National Hispanic Media Coalition, a national-wide advocacy group for greater access by minorities in film and broadcast media.

I thank Mr. Barbosa for his leadership and commitment to service and congratulate him on this well-deserved award.

HONORING AUGUSTUS BURNS ELKINS II

HON. DAVID E. PRICE
OF NORTH CAROLINA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 1, 2019

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Augustus Burns Elkins II, an Administrative Law judge in my district, who on September 30, 2019, retired after 35 years of public service.

Judge Elkins’ service is one of dedication to his home state of North Carolina and the nation. He worked as Staff Judge Advocate in the United States Air Force Reserves at Seymour Johnson Air Force Base in Goldsboro, North Carolina, achieving the rank of Lt. Colonel. He also served as the Deputy Director of the North Carolina Department of Administration Motor Fleet Management and as Senior Managing Attorney for North Carolina’s Governor’s Council for Persons with Disabilities. His retirement from the Office of Administrative Hearings marks the conclusion of 19 years of service to that office.

Judge Elkins’ tenure was distinguished by a commitment to ensuring accessibility to services and support for people with disabilities. He is regarded as a leading expert in North Carolina on both the Americans with Disability Act and Individuals with Disability Act. Recently, he was honored with the 2018 Distinguished Service Award by the Exceptional Children Division of the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction.

Judge Elkins is a member of the North Carolina Bar Association and was certified as a Judge Advocate by the Air Force Management and Leadership School. He received a bachelor’s degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where he was inducted as a member of Phi Beta Kappa before earning his Juris Doctor from Wake Forest University School of Law.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Judge Augustus Burns Elkins II on his well-deserved retirement.
Elkins Il on his retirement and exemplary service to North Carolina.

RECOGNIZING THE RETURN TO OUR EL PASO ROOTS REUNION

HON. VERONICA ESCOBAR
OF TEXAS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, October 1, 2019

Ms. ESCOBAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Return to Our El Paso Roots Reunion. This reunion, which originally started as a decennial reunion of the Douglass Grammar and High School alumni, will honor the contributions and heritage of the African American community in El Paso, Texas. There is special importance in passing down the rich history and culture that we experience throughout our lives and this event seeks to do exactly that. The reunion serves as an opportunity for participants to share stories, explore the growth of El Paso’s African American community, and support the University of Texas at El Paso’s Black Alumni Network (UBAN) and the McCall Neighborhood Center; both fundamental to El Paso’s history and our enduring commitment to upholding civil rights in our community and across the United States.

As a native El Pasono, it is an honor to recognize the Return to our El Paso Roots Reunion in the House of Representatives. I commend their work and contributions to our community and wish them a successful series of events.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE LIFE OF ABEY KAPPAKAMMOOTtil VARUGHESE

HON. HALEY M. STEVENS
OF MICHIGAN
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, October 1, 2019

Ms. STEVENS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the remarkable life of Abey Kappakammoottil Varughese.

Abey was born on July 29, 1962 to K.T. and Chinnamma Varughese in Kerala, India. He was the youngest of four siblings and was greatly loved by his immediate and extended family. Abey loved to learn and excelled throughout his grade school years. He went on to receive a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry from the University of Kerala. After immigrating to America, he proudly worked as a registered alien, then received his Bachelor of Science in Chemistry and graduated valedictorian of his class in 1947. In 1950, Judge Sachs received his Juris Doctor with honors from Harvard Law School.

After completing law school, Judge Sachs returned to his hometown of Kansas City and was a law clerk for the Honorable Albert A. Ridge of the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Missouri from 1950 to 1951. While clerking for Judge Ridge, Judge Sachs was assigned the well-known Swope Park Swimming Pool case, which challenged the constitutionality of segregated municipal pools in Kansas City. He contributed to the opinion siding with the argument made by the NAACP’s chief attorney at the time, Thurgood Marshall, that segregated public swimming pools violated the constitution of the United States. Though this case was profoundly significant, the work of Judge Sachs was only beginning. During his private practice in the 1950s, a tumultuous time for race relations in America, Judge Sachs served as Chairman of the Board of the Urban League of Greater Kansas City and helped orchestrate the admission of women and African American lawyers into the Kansas City Bar Association. In 1962, Judge Sachs drafted the ordinance that eventually reached the Supreme Court—to the legal profession and his well-analyzed, clearly expressed opinions rooted in the bedrock of justice. Distinguished by his intellectual excellence, faithfulness to precedent, and reserved demeanor, Judge Sachs has established an inspirational legacy steeped in justice, fairness, and due process.

Madam Speaker, please join me and all of Missouri’s Fifth Congressional District in celebrating Judge Howard F. Sachs’ forty years of distinguished service on the Federal Judiciary.

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IN RECOGNITION OF THE HONORABLE JUDGE HOWARD F. SACHS

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER
OF MISSOURI
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, October 1, 2019

Mr. CLEAVER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Honorable Judge Howard F. Sachs’ service and commitment to justice throughout his forty years on the bench. Judge Sachs has spent his entire career advancing the cause of justice in his hometown of Kansas City, Missouri and throughout Missouri’s Fifth Congressional District.

A lifelong Kansas Citian, Judge Sachs was born in 1925 to Alex and Rose Sachs. Judge Sachs attended Southwest High School in Kansas City’s Brookside neighborhood before serving the country in the Pacific Theatre as a Naval Electric Technician’s Mate aboard the U.S.S. South Dakota. While he was anchored in Tokyo Bay on Fleet Admiral Chester Nimitz’s Flag Ship, the Japanese signed the terms of surrender, ending World War II. Judge Sachs was there, serving his country, during this significant moment in history. Upon discharge from the military, Judge Sachs attended Williams College in Williamstown, Massachusetts, where he received his bachelor’s degree and graduated valedictorian of his class in 1947. In 1950, Judge Sachs received his Juris Doctor with honors from Harvard Law School.

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IN RECOGNITION OF THE HONORABLE JUDGE HOWARD F. SACHS

HON. MARK DESAULNIER
OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, October 1, 2019

Mr. DESAULNIER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service of long-time law enforcement officer and community advocate, Guy Swanger.

In January 2011, Chief Swanger was sworn in as the Concord Police Chief, taking command of a 154-member department in a city of 127,000 residents. An advocate for families and children, Chief Swanger played a crucial part in bringing the Central County Family Justice Center to Concord to provide support to domestic violence victims.

Prior to joining the Concord Police Department, Chief Swanger spent 26-years with the San Diego Police Department. In that role, he served as Executive Director of the San Diego Family Justice Center under the Office of the Mayor. He also co-authored Managing Innovation in Policing: The Untapped Potential of the Middle Manager, which has been utilized and taught at many command colleges and universities.

In addition to his position with the Concord Police Department, he currently serves as a...
board member for the National Council on Crime and Delinquency and is a member of the State of California AARP Livable Communities Committee.

Chief Swanger and his wife, Lora, have three children: Matt, Cameron, and Hayley. I am grateful for Chief Guy Swanger’s dedicated service, and wish him great luck and joy in his retirement.

INTRODUCTION OF PROTECTING FEDERAL AGENCIES AND EMPLOYEES FROM POLITICAL INTERFERENCE ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON
OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 1, 2019

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, today, I rise to introduce the Protecting Federal Agencies and Employees from Political Interference Act, which would require an act of Congress before any federal agency headquarters may be moved out of the National Capital Region (NCR). My bill would require that the headquarters of any agency located in the NCR on the date of the introduction of this bill remain in the NCR absent subsequent legislation. This bill is cosponsored by Representatives Anthony Brown and Jamie Raskin.

The Trump administration has already begun moving agencies out of the NCR to the detriment of federal employees, their families and the work of these agencies. Employees who work in agency headquarters fulfill the indispensable role of keeping Congress and the president informed of agency activities. Congress cannot do its work to write laws and engage in vital oversight without the unvarnished facts that nonpartisan agencies provide. In fact, we have already seen the negative impacts of these relocation efforts. The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has announced that it will be moving its headquarters staff to Grand Junction, Colorado, where agency staff will share office space with a Chevron corporate office, a state oil and gas association and an independent natural gas exploration company.

As for the Department of Agriculture’s relocation efforts, two-thirds of impacted highly specialized employees will not relocate to Kansas City, retreating early or quitting instead. Preliminary reports suggest similarly low retention rates for BLM staffs asked to relocate west. While agency leadership touts these moves as cost effective, the work of the agency suffers when experienced personnel leave and relocation efforts appear to favor special interests.

Unless measures like the Protecting Federal Agencies and Employees from Political Interference Act are taken to stop agencies from relocating, the federal government will lose more employees and agencies will be unable to perform critical tasks, like assisting Congress in vital oversight.

I strongly urge my colleagues to support this bill.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CLAY HIGGINS
OF LOUISIANA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 1, 2019

Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana. Madam Speaker, I was on official business in my district (LA-03). Had I been present, I would have voted yea on Roll Call No. 541; nay on Roll Call No. 542; nay on Roll Call No. 543; yea on Roll Call No. 544; yea on Roll Call No. 545; nay on Roll Call No. 546; yea on Roll Call No. 547; yea on Roll Call No. 548; nay on Roll Call No. 549; nay on Roll Call No. 550; yea on Roll Call No. 551; nay on Roll Call No. 552; nay on Roll Call No. 553; yea on Roll Call No. 554; and nay on Roll Call No. 555.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BRENDA L. LAWRENCE
OF MICHIGAN
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 1, 2019

Mrs. LAWRENCE. Madam Speaker, unfortunately, on September 27, 2019, I was not able to cast my votes during the vote series due to personal matters in Michigan. Had I been in attendance, I would have voted: “aye” on Roll Call No. 555: H. Res. 603—Raising a question of the privileges of the House; “yea” on Roll Call No. 554: H.R. 3722—the Joint Task Force to Combat Opioid Trafficking Act; and “yea” on Roll Call No. 553: S.J. Res. 54—A joint resolution relating to a national emergency declared by the President on February 15, 2019.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MICHAEL CLOUD
OF TEXAS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 1, 2019

Mr. CLOUD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the brave men and women of the Spring Fire Department, a public safety agency that has come a long way in its 66-year history, but never so much as in the past decade.

For the first few decades, local residents and businesses passed the hat, and volunteers manned the donated and frequently pre-owned, equipment.

As Spring has evolved from a rural railroad stop into a Houston suburb, the fire department has grown alongside the community. In 1997, Spring Fire began employing professional firefighters to supplement their volunteers during the daytime hours.

Meeting the expectations of a rapidly growing population is a challenge they meet every day. Six of Spring’s nine fire stations were built this decade. Station 74 is the last of the new stations to open for service.

Every day, the men and women of the Spring Fire Department provide fire suppression, emergency medical response, and more to over 152,000 people in 62 square miles of northern Harris County.

From a fire department where volunteers heard the siren and rushed to a station to pick up a fire engine, Spring has evolved into a combination department that staffs all its nine stations 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Today, the department has a mix of full-time, part-time and volunteer firefighters to answer the calls. With a fleet of over two dozen pieces of fire and rescue apparatus, along with more than a dozen support vehicles, Spring firefighters respond to fires, medical emergencies, vehicle accidents, and highwater rescues.

Built to withstand strong hurricane-force winds, the new Station 74 is already home to an engine and a tanker. Designed with the future in mind, Station 74 will be able to house more fire equipment, an additional crew, and a District Chief in the years to come.

The new Spring Fire Station 74 is a testament to the commitment of the department, their command staff, and the board of Harris County Emergency Services District Number 7 to serve Spring today and in the future.

It is my honor to be part of the Spring Fire Station 74 Grand Opening Celebration on October 5. May God bless these crews putting their lives on the line for this community every day, and may God continue to bless Texas and the United States of America.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. VERONICA ESCOBAR
OF TEXAS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 1, 2019

Ms. ESCOBAR. Madam Speaker, my votes were not recorded on September 27, 2019. I am not recorded because I had to attend to a family matter. Had I been present, I would have voted “yea” on Roll Call No. 553, “aye” on Roll Call No. 554, and “yea” on Roll Call No. 555.

CONGRATULATING PASTOR JIM GRAFF AND TAMARA GRAFF ON FAITH FAMILY CHURCH’S 30TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. MICHAEL CLOUD
OF TEXAS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 1, 2019

Mr. CLOUD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Pastor Jim and Tamara Graff for their over 30 years of serving Faith Family Church.

Faith Family Church began with humble origins as a home Bible Study. In 1989—after favor and growth from the Lord—Faith Family Church called Pastor Jim and Tamara Graff to
the Pastorate with a vision to build a Luke 14 church where people could find help, hope, and a family. On Easter Sunday 1998, Faith Family Church dedicated a new sanctuary and ministry campus with a vision to be: “A Church with a heart for all people” that would “Not see through people but help see people through.”

Faith Family Church has provided Christ-centered education to equip people for a better life through Faith Academy, Destiny Bible Institute, Celebrate Recovery and hundreds of classes, workshops, and community small groups weekly. Their vision is to encourage empowerment, and equip overlooked churches in overlooked places has led to the development of the Significant Church Network. Their heart to further the reach of the Gospel led them to open campuses in Hallettsville and Gonzales, Texas.

The people of Faith Family provide help and assistance to the surrounding community through efforts including: Passion Week projects, Backpack outreach, Toys for Tots, Sidewalk Sunday School, Adopt-a-block, and Prison Ministry. Faith Family served as a temporary shelter in 2005 for those fleeing Hurricane Katrina and, in 2017, was a central point to coordinate relief efforts following Hurricane Harvey.

Their commitment to underserved and unreach populations across the world has built 19 Bible Schools, planted 526 churches, supported orphanages in Guatemala, and delivered aid to other parts of the world. Constructed in India, The House of Psalms 1 & 2 rescues girls from sex-traffic, giving them an education and a new way of life.

President George Washington acknowledged that “religion and morality are indispensable supports” of our nation. For 30 years, Pastor Jim has committed himself to the study and sharing of Scripture, the building up of believers, and the leadership, guidance, and ministry to the staff and people of Faith Family Church. The fruit of his labor has strengthened the moral fabric here in our community and in communities around the world.

I would like to personally congratulate Pastors Jim and Tamara Graff and the people of Faith Family Church for 30 years of faithful ministry together sharing the love of Christ with their community, our nation, and the world.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE WEDDING OF PETER JONES AND JENNIFER HOLCOMB

HON. HALEY M. STEVENS
OF MICHIGAN
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 1, 2019

Ms. STEVENS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Peter Jones and Jennifer Holcomb, their remarkable partnership and to wish them well on a lifetime of marriage.

Peter and Jennifer were wed in a beautiful ceremony on July 20th, 2019 in Taos, New Mexico. Surrounded by friends and family, their intimate wedding symbolizes their deep commitment to one another and their future life together.

Their union is the beginning of another journey, as Peter and Jen share an adventurous spirit and a drive to explore the world. With a loving home that includes their two canines Indy and Bear, they begin their married life.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Peter Jones and Jennifer Holcomb for embarking on a new chapter in their lives and wishing them well on their journey together.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF JEFFREY JEWELL

HON. MARK DESAULNIER
OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 1, 2019

Mr. DESAULNIER. Madam Speaker, I rise today with Congressmen MIKE THOMPSON, JERRY MCDONNELL, JOHN GARAMENDI, and ERIC SWALWELL to recognize the service of long-time community advocate and veteran, Jeffrey Jewell.

Jeff’s commitment to service was apparent throughout his life and career. Upon graduating high school, Jeff enlisted in the Air Force. While stationed in Japan, he taught English to Japanese businessmen and volunteered for Big Brothers, Scouting Leadership, and the Suicide Hotline. After his service, Jeff earned his bachelor’s degree in human relations and Master’s in Public Administration from Golden Gate University in San Francisco. He also later received a Master’s in Psychology from Chapman University.

Jeff applied his education and experience in the armed services to aid veterans in the Bay Area. In 1981, he started as a volunteer with veteran organizations in Contra Costa and Solano Counties. Jeff was the past commander in Vacaville of the Disabled American Veterans, American Legion, United Veterans Memorial Association, and past chairman of the Vacaville Veterans Building Association.

In 2001, Jeff began working for the Department of Veterans Affairs Concord Veterans Center as a therapist for combat veterans and for families that lost loved ones in Iraq and Afghanistan. Jeff also served on the Department of Veterans Affairs National Homeless Veterans Working Group and helped veterans find housing and integrate back into society. Jeff became the Director of the Sacramento Veterans Center in March 2010 and returned to the Concord Vet Center a few years later to serve as Director.

Jeff has given so much back to veterans across the country and in Contra Costa County—something our community is incredibly grateful for. I join with Congressman MIKE THOMPSON, JERRY MCDONNELL, JOHN GARAMENDI, and ERIC SWALWELL in thanking Jeff for his sacrifices for our nation and wishing him great luck and joy in retirement.

HONORING QUAKER SPRINGS METHODIST CHURCH ON THEIR 175TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK
OF NEW YORK
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 1, 2019

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Quaker Springs Methodist Church on their 175th Anniversary.

This historic church has been a cornerstone of the Quaker Springs community for generations. While the exact date that the original church was constructed is unknown, the incorporation of the Methodist Church in Quaker Springs occurred in November of 1843. The trustees of the church began constructing a new church shortly thereafter, naming it after their original, on land purchased in 1842 for fifty dollars. Even today, the great, great grandchildren of some of the original congregation still worship there regularly. The deeply historic and tightly woven fabric of our communities is what makes the North Country so unique and special.

On behalf of New York’s 21st Congressional District, I want to congratulate the trustees and congregation of Quaker Springs Methodist Church for reaching another historic milestone. I wish them well and look forward to their continued success.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. WILL HURD
OF TEXAS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 1, 2019

Mr. HURD of Texas. Madam Speaker, I missed votes on September 26, 2019 due to travel. Had I been present, I would have voted: “nay” on Roll Call No. 549; “nay” on Roll Call No. 550; “yea” on Roll Call No. 551; “nay” on Roll Call No. 552; “yea” on Roll Call No. 553; “yea” on Roll Call No. 554; and “nay” on Roll Call No. 555.

HONORING THE PASSING OF PATRICIA GEIB

HON. DANIEL MEUSER
OF PENNSYLVANIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 1, 2019

Mr. MEUSER. Madam Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart to honor the life of Patricia Geib of Palmyra, Pennsylvania who sadly passed away this week after her third battle with cancer.

Patricia was an incredible spirit whose life touched countless others. She was a devoted employee of the H.B. Reese Candy Co. for many years and would keep working at the Hotel Hershey even after her retirement. She was a dedicated community member whose spirit could never be broken. Patricia faced three bouts with cancer with her characteristic courage and optimism. She never stopped inspiring and caring for the people she loved.

Her life was filled with joy from family, friends, and faith and she will surely be missed by all who knew her. Patricia is survived by a loving family including her husband, Daniel W. Geib of Palmyra; daughter, Danielle Geib, brother, David Burke, stepsons, Andrew (Amy) and Geoff Geib; her grandchildren, Alyssa, Alexis, Aiden and Ashton Geib and her nephew Michael Bailey. I ask that the House of Representatives, on behalf of the citizens of Pennsylvania’s Ninth District, join me and her family in remembering the life of Patricia Geib.
HON. ANN M. KUSTER
OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, October 1, 2019

Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire. Madam Speaker, on Friday, September 27, 2019, I was unable to attend roll call votes due to my attendance at a funeral for a close family friend. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on Roll Call vote 553, "aye" on Roll Call vote 554, and "aye" on Roll Call vote 555.

HON. RICHARD E. NEAL
OF MASSACHUSETTS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, October 1, 2019

Mr. NEAL. Madam Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize Ms. Debbie Jones as she ends her thirty-four-year term of having served as a Financial Counselor with the House Chief Administrative office. She began her career in the House in May 1985, and over the years has done a remarkable job of ensuring the integrity of House payment transactions. She proved herself to be a strong and thoughtful leader for the Chief Administrative office.

Debbie graduated from the University of Massachusetts Amherst in 1979 and retires as a Financial Counselor, where she was responsible for reconciling and processing often complex equipment and supply payments for House offices. Debbie had a fine record of public service as she previously served House Clerk Benjamin Guthrie then transitioned to be a Lead Vendor Management Counselor and later Assistant Manager.

I would like to recognize Debbie for being an invaluable asset to the CAO organization, providing excellent customer service to House offices. Her good work ethic, eye for detail, and sense of humor have endeared her to many colleagues and friends.

Once again, Madam Speaker, I am proud of Debbie Jones and all she has accomplished for Massachusetts and beyond. I wish her well in all her future endeavors, following her successful career with the Chief Administrative Office.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF MARK MORRIS

HON. MARK DeSALVIANI
OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, October 1, 2019

Mr. DeSALVIANI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of long-time justice advocate and community leader, Mark Morris, PhD.

After receiving his bachelor’s degree from Oberlin College in 1964, Mark went on to receive his master’s and doctorate degrees from the University of California, Berkeley in 1965 and 1972, respectively. Dr. Morris focused much of his research and studies on the U.S. justice system and social welfare.

In 1986, Mark founded Mark Morris Associates (MMA) with the goal of developing and reforming the justice system. MMA created projects and programs throughout California, including projects here in the Bay Area and Contra Costa County. These programs typically include analyses of offender populations, corrections interventions, and justice/behavioral health interactions.

Under Mark’s leadership, MMA has supported many people within Contra Costa County. His efforts have brought probation officers into schools with system-involved youth, built a volunteer mentorship network, and established a treatment program based on a partnership of various county agencies such as Probation, Mental Health, and Education.

Dr. Morris was a dedicated advocate for social change and justice reform. Please join me in honoring Dr. Mark Morris for a life of service and his contributions to the Bay Area.

HONORING CALIFIRE FIREFIGHTER ANDREW MALONEY

HON. JIM COSTA
OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, October 1, 2019

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor CalFire Firefighter Andrew Maloney. Mr. Maloney served the State of California during his distinguished career with CalFire until he was tragically killed by an intoxicated driver on June 12, 2016.

Throughout his life and career, Mr. Maloney always sought to serve others and make people smile. He participated in multiple efforts to train and educate the public about fire safety programs throughout Merced and Mariposa Counties and worked tirelessly to serve whichever community he was assigned to. His colleagues noted that even when working in 115-degree heat, he would always find a way to make others smile.

In both his personal and professional life, Mr. Maloney was a lover of the outdoors. He hiked both the Pacific Crest and Appalachian trails, loved animals, and was an avid scuba diver. Mr. Maloney’s adventurous spirit is remembered by all who had the pleasure of knowing and working with him.

On June 9, 2016, Mr. Maloney was riding his motorcycle on State Route 165 when he got into a collision with a driver who was distracted and under the influence. Three days later, he lost his life due to the injuries he sustained.

The loss of this longtime Los Banos resident and local hero hit close to home with the Merced County fire community. In honor of Mr. Maloney’s lifetime of selfless service, the California legislature has chosen to dedicate State Route 165 between Berkeley Drive and Pioneer Road as the CalFire Firefighter Andrew Maloney Memorial Highway. This will ensure that his memory and lifetime of selfless service will be remembered for future generations.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring the life of CalFire Firefighter Andrew Maloney. It is both fitting and appropriate that we honor him as the CalFire Firefighter Andrew Maloney Memorial Highway is dedicated. I wish his family, friends, and all Merced County first responders the best as this section of State Route 165 is dedicated in his honor.
endorsement for H.R. 1595, the SAFE Banking Act.

September 24, 2019.

DEAR CONGRESSMAN PERLMUTTER: We, the undersigned U.S. trade associations, write to express support for H.R. 1595, the SAFE Banking Act of 2019, as amended, on the House Floor. Collectively, we represent a majority of the companies, agents, and brokers of casualty, title, and reinsurance (collectively, “insurers”) in the U.S. We appreciate your leadership in seeking needed clarity for insurance transactions related to otherwise permissible under state law.

The insurance industry is potentially exposed to liability arising from the differences of the legal status of cannabis and cannabis products under federal and state law and regulation at the state level. However, with the addition of key language from H.R. 6071, Clarifying Law Around Insurability of Cannabis and Insurance Act (SAFE Act), there are a variety of federal banking laws related to cannabis. Despite efforts to elevate the fight against white supremacy and end a climate in which individual perpetrators feel emboldened to act.

The Leadership Conference applauds Chairwoman residue. It is little question that violence committed in 2017. Through the DATA Act, Congress should use its oversight and appropriations power to demand that federal agencies make public how it is using its resources to fight white supremacist violence. Congress must pass pertinent legislation like the DATA Act to strengthen laws related to hate violence in this country. The DATA Act will provide Congress information about the federal government’s approach to counterterrorism, including data on investigations and prosecutions.

We support the DATA Act because it promotes increased oversight of federal counterterrorism activities without creating enhanced authorities or resources like new offices.

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I include in the RECORD a letter endorsing H.R. 3106 from the Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights.


Dear Representative: On behalf of the Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights, a coalition of more than 200 national organizations committed to promoting and protecting the civil and human rights of all persons in the United States, we urge you to support the Domestic and International Terrorism Documentation and Analysis of Threats in America Act.

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD a letter endorsing H.R. 3106 from the Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights.


Dear Representative: On behalf of The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights, with which I concur.

The Council of Insurance Agents & Brokers, Washington, DC.

Dear Congressman Perlmutter: On behalf of The Council of Insurance Agents and Brokers (“The Council”), I write to express our strong support for the SAFE Banking Act. This bipartisan legislation would prevent federal criminal prosecution of and civil liability for agents, brokers, and insurers, their officers, directors or employees when engaging in the business of insurance in a manner that have legalized cannabis in some form.

By resolving the legal uncertainty presented by the dueling state and federal treatment of cannabis, the cannabis insurance industry can serve both cannabis-related legitimate business (CLRBs) and other commercial and personal lines consumers who may have a direct or indirect relationship to state-legalized cannabis, and still be in compliance with the law. Insurers must also continue to satisfy all applicable state statutory or regulatory requirements those pertaining to consumer protections and claims payments.

While the industry still needs additional clarifications to fully resolve the challenges presented by conflicting state and federal cannabis laws, H.R. 1595 is a significant and important step toward legal certainty for our industry.

Again, we greatly appreciate your leadership, and we look forward to continuing to work with you and Congress to ensure our “Secure and Fair Enforcement Banking Act of 2019,” (Safe Banking Act) which would liberalize our federal banking laws to allow cannabis-related businesses access to financial services. Sincerely,

Respectfully submitted,
Ken A. Crear,
President/CEO.

Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC), I write to express our support for your “Secure and Fair Enforcement Banking Act of 2019,” (Safe Banking Act) which would liberalize our federal banking laws to allow cannabis-related businesses access to financial services. Sincerely,

Respectfully submitted,
Ken A. Crear,
President/CEO.

RCRC Board of Directors is comprised of elected supervisors from our thirty-six member counties.

California has enacted laws allowing for both medical-use and adult-use of cannabis. In light of the actions of California and other states, it has become apparent there is a need to align federal and state laws when it comes to accessing the banking system.

Fortunately, there is a significant barrier to financial institutions offering banking services to state- and locally-licensed cannabis businesses as they are subject to criminal prosecution for “aiding and abetting” a federal crime as well as money laundering.

Because current law restricts cannabis businesses from accessing banking services, businesses must operate in an “all cash” scheme, which poses a serious public safety risk. In addition to the Controlled Substances Act, there are a variety of federal banking laws (i.e. the Bank Secrecy Act) that can impact the ability of banks to accept monies derived from activities involving cannabis. In February 2014, the Obama Administration issued guidance to financial institutions and the cannabis industry on how the Department of Justice would enforce banking laws related to cannabis. Despite
these guidance memos, most financial institutions refuse to bank cannabis activities and suggest that Congress enact statutes to liberalize the banking laws.

According to one of the most significant hurdles facing the cannabis industry and state and local regulatory authorities, cannabis-related financial activities are conducted in cash. This translates into counties receiving property tax payments in cash, as well as any legal fees and taxes. The current all-cash business also makes it extremely difficult to audit cannabis operators, as well as ensure compliance with various financial regulations. Most importantly, the all-cash status presents enormous security challenges to all parties involved in the industry.

For these reasons, we are pleased to support your SAFE Banking Act. If you should have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

PAUL A. SMITH, Vice President, Governmental Affairs.

Brink’s Incorporated,
Dallas, TX, March 25, 2019.

HON. MAXINE WATERS, Chair, Committee on Financial Services, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

HON. PATRICK MCHENRY, Ranking Member, Committee on Financial Services, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIR WATERS AND RANKING MEMBER McHENRY: On behalf of Brink’s Incorporated, I want to thank you for strong support for H.R. 1595, the “Secure and Fair Enforcement Banking Act of 2019.” We believe this legislation addresses much of the uncertainty in the financial services sector about banking and handling of funds sourced from state-regulated cannabis businesses in those states that have legalized cannabis, and helps move towards more secure and easier transport of the cash from those businesses and ultimately the banking of those funds. We wish to thank Representatives Perlmutter, Heck, Stivers and Davidson for their leadership on this issue.

As you may be aware, Brink’s is the world’s largest cash management company and the global leader in total cash management, secure route-based logistics and payment solutions including cash-in-transit, ATM services, vault outsourcing, and intelligent safe services, and international transportation of cash and valuables. The company has a legacy of 160 years in the business of safely and securely transporting valuable and cash—getting them where they need to be in the safest and most secure manner possible. We are also a vital partner to our customers like banks, helping with the logistics of transporting and processing cash.

Brink’s does not take a position in favor or opposed to legalization of cannabis or marijuana. Like our bank customers, Brink’s must comply with federal laws such as requirements on anti-money laundering, and work with our customers subject to federal bank charters and laws and related statutes. These current ambiguities of these federal laws creates a significant barrier to safe handling of the cash generated by state-sanctioned cannabis businesses. Because many banks believe they cannot accept funds from cannabis-related businesses in states that have legalized cannabis in some form, they are not working with federal and state regulators to address these barriers to processing and delivering these funds. The public safety issue in states with legalized cannabis businesses is immediately apparent when you see even millions of dollars in cash are being stored and transported without adequate safeguards.

Brink’s knows well that storage and transport of cash is a very serious issue, and safety and security are both paramount concerns. If H.R. 1595 were enacted, we believe it will allow banks and other financial companies like Brink’s to safely and securely transport cash to the bank customers in states that have legalized and regulated cannabis. It would ensure that these funds are properly tracked and any suspicious activity reported to authorities.

Thank you for considering these important issues related to safety and security in those states that have chosen to legalize and regulate cannabis for medical or recreational purposes. We look forward to working with the Committee on these issues and appreciate your consideration of Brink’s view on this issue.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL F. BEECH, Executive Vice President, Brink’s, Incorporated.

INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF SHOPPING CENTERS, New York, NY.

HON. NANCY PELOSI, Speaker, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

HON. KEVIN MCCARTHY, Minority Leader, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

HON. MITCH MCCONNELL, Majority Leader, U.S. Senate, Washington, DC.

HON. CHUCK SCHUMER, Minority Leader, U.S. Senate, Washington, DC.

HON. MIKE CRAPO, Chairman, Senate Banking Committee, Washington, DC.

HON. SHIRROD BROWN, Ranking Member, Senate Banking Committee, Washington, DC.

DEAR SPEAKER PELOSI, LEADERS MCCARTHY, McCONNELL, AND SCHUMER, CHAIRMAN CRAPO AND RANKING MEMBER BROWN: On behalf of the International Council of Shopping Centers (ICSC), I express strong support for H.R. 1595, the Secure and Fair Enforcement (SAFE) Banking Act, which would allow cannabis-related businesses (including retail tenants and their landlords) in states with existing regulatory structures to access the banking system. The SAFE Banking Act’s protections for ancillary businesses are critical for retail landlords considering leasing space to tenants operating in compliance with the law. This legislation would also provide regulatory certainty for the growing legal and financial liabilities for those who accept these businesses as tenants in retail real estate properties.

We look forward to working with you and your colleagues on this narrowly-tailored bill that balances public safety with the needs of the emerging legalized cannabis products market. We look forward to working with you on this very important matter.

Sincerely,

BETSY LAIRD, Senior Vice President, International Council of Shopping Centers, Global Public Policy.

MINORITY CANNABIS BUSINESS ASSOCIATION, August 29, 2019.


DEAR MAJORITY LEADER HOYER: I am writing on behalf of the Minority Cannabis Business Association (MCBA) in support of the SAFE Banking Act of 2019 which provides a critical first step towards developing an equal playing field for federal cannabis businesses. The SAFE Act represents more than 200 minority-owned businesses, entrepreneurs and community leaders from across the United States seeking to create an equitable cannabis industry. We are the only national trade association dedicated to serving the needs of the minority cannabis businesses and communities disproportionately affected by the lack of access to banking products and services.

Minority-owned businesses make up less than one-fifth of all cannabis businesses. The lack of access to capital is cited as the primary reason for this disparity. Despite benefiting from the aura of diversity surrounding cannabis and the popular perception of color, the industry is overwhelmingly white. The generations long War on Drugs and systemic racism and systemic exclusion have made it difficult for minority entrepreneurs to accumulate and access the inter-generational wealth that provides a significant portion of the financing necessary to enter legal cannabis markets. The prohibitive cost of starting a cannabis business, combined with the lack of access to traditional small business financial services, forces operators to partner with investors who tend to favor high yield investments and majority-ownership.

Some states and municipalities have created equity programs aimed to facilitate industry participation by those most impacted...
by the failed War on Drugs. Unfortunately, these programs are undermined, if not rendered moot, by the lack of access to capital. Traditional funding sources are unavailable to cover the extraordinary start-up costs including license application fees commonly exceeding tens of thousands of dollars and some states require millions in cash escrow or bond. This leaves state equity licensees vulnerable to predatory lending and business practices. Equity applicants and owners give up the rights and benefits of ownership for access to much needed funds and a chance at success. The SAFE Banking Act addresses how current banking laws codify the disproportionately high cost of financing paid by minorities and create inequitable barriers to entry and success.

Furthermore, the large cash transactions, necessary without access to banks, create dangerous burdens for consumers, patients, employees, business owners and their communities. Patients and consumers must carry cash for purchases. Employees and business-owners both bear the risk of transacting in, storing, and transporting staggering sums of cash. Communities then share the risk created by this cash economy. These risks are amplified in communities with higher crime rates, limited resources, and inconsistent law enforcement. Commonly, these communities have higher concentrations of dispensaries. The number of dispensaries places an undue burden on vulnerable communities and business owners seeking to provide revenue, income, and investment in communities where it is most needed.

MCBA asks you to join us in support of the SAFE Banking Act which addresses the unique business challenges of the cannabis industry that disproportionately impact minority business-owners and our communities. In addition to providing access to capital, the SAFE Banking Act includes additional equity study and data requirements. Federal regulators would be required to provide annual reports to Congress on the availability of access to financial services for minority-owned cannabis businesses and Government Accountability Office (GAO) would be required to carry out a study on the barriers to marketplace entry for minority-owned cannabis businesses. These provisions would provide information to help build an equitable legal cannabis framework.

MCBA urges swift action for the minority entrepreneurs who cannot wait for banking, as market-share is divided among the thirty-percent of well-capitalized big cannabis businesses with access to non-traditional financing. As we work toward legalization and our greater equity goals, we must ensure that generational financial inequities do not continue to shape and color the face of the cannabis industry.

We welcome the opportunity to engage with your office on these issues. Please feel free to contact us for more information or if we may be of any assistance on these matters.

Sincerely,
SHANITA PENNY,
President,
Minority Cannabis Business Association.
Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action
The Senate met at 12:00:01 noon in pro forma session, and adjourned at 12:00:31 noon until 4:30 p.m., on Friday, October 4, 2019.

Committee Meetings
No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action
Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 17 public bills, H.R. 4583–4599; and 3 resolutions, H. Res. 611–613, were introduced. Pages H8088–89
Additional Cosponsors: Page H8090
Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.
Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Brown (MD) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. Page H8085
Member Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Collins, wherein he resigned as Representative for the Twenty-Seventh Congressional District of New York, effective on September 30, 2019. Page H8085
Whole Number of the House: The Speaker announced to the House that, in light of the resignation of the gentleman from New York, Mr. Collins, the whole number of the House is 433. Page H8086
Senate Referral: S. 737 was held at the desk.
Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H8085.

Quorum Calls—Votes: There were no yea-and-nay votes, and there were no recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.
Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 9:04 a.m.

Committee Meetings
No hearings were scheduled.

Joint Meetings
No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2019
(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate
No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House
No hearings are scheduled.
CONGRESSIONAL RECORD — DAILY DIGEST

October 1, 2019

Next Meeting of the SENATE
4:30 p.m., Friday, October 4

Senate Chamber
Program for Friday: Senate will meet in a pro forma session.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
10 a.m., Friday, October 4

House Chamber
Program for Friday: House will meet in Pro Forma session at 10 a.m.

Extensions of Remarks, as inserted in this issue

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