

after the previous question was ordered by a ye-and-nay vote of 228 yeas to 194 nays, Roll No. 571.

**Pages H8307–15**

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

**Rodchenkov Anti-Doping Act of 2019:** H.R. 835, amended, to impose criminal sanctions on certain persons involved in international doping fraud conspiracies, to provide restitution for victims of such conspiracies, and to require sharing of information with the United States Anti-Doping Agency to assist its fight against doping; **Pages H8339–45**

**Copyright Alternative in Small-Claims Enforcement Act of 2019:** H.R. 2426, amended, to amend title 17, United States Code, to establish an alternative dispute resolution program for copyright small claims, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  ye-and-nay vote of 410 yeas to 6 nays, Roll No. 578; **Pages H8345–53, H8370–71**

**National POW/MIA Flag Act:** S. 693, to amend title 36, United States Code, to require that the POW/MIA flag be displayed on all days that the flag of the United States is displayed on certain Federal property; **Pages H8354–55**

**Preventing Animal Cruelty and Torture Act:** H.R. 724, amended, to revise section 48 of title 18, United States Code; **Pages H8355–57**

**Divisional Realignment for the Eastern District of Arkansas Act of 2019:** H.R. 1123, to amend title 28, United States Code, to modify the composition of the eastern judicial district of Arkansas; **Pages H8357–58**

**Georgia Support Act:** H.R. 598, amended, to support the independence, sovereignty, and territorial integrity of Georgia; **Pages H8358–62**

**Calling on the Government of the Russian Federation to provide evidence of wrongdoing or to release United States citizen Paul Whelan:** H. Res. 552, calling on the Government of the Russian Federation to provide evidence of wrongdoing or to release United States citizen Paul Whelan; and **Pages H8362–64**

**Expressing the sense of Congress regarding the execution-style murders of United States citizens Ylli, Agron, and Mehmet Bytyqi in the Republic of Serbia in July 1999:** H. Con. Res. 32, expressing the sense of Congress regarding the execution-style murders of United States citizens Ylli, Agron, and Mehmet Bytyqi in the Republic of Serbia in July 1999. **Pages H8364–65**

**Board of Visitors to the United States Coast Guard Academy—Appointment:** The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Member on the part of the House to the Board of

Visitors to the United States Coast Guard Academy: Representative Cunningham. **Page H8358**

**Presidential Message:** Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the national emergency declared with respect to the situation in or in relation to the Democratic Republic of the Congo is to continue in effect beyond October 27, 2019—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 116–75). **Page H8315**

**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H8307.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Four ye-and-nay votes and four recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H8314–15, H8315, H8366, H8366–67, H8367–68, H8369–70, H8370, and H8370–71. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### REALIZING THE CONSERVATION BENEFITS OF PRECISION AGRICULTURE

*Committee on Agriculture:* Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry held a hearing entitled “Realizing the Conservation Benefits of Precision Agriculture”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### SHIP AND SUBMARINE MAINTENANCE: COST AND SCHEDULE CHALLENGES

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Readiness held a hearing entitled “Ship and Submarine Maintenance: Cost and Schedule Challenges”. Testimony was heard from James F. Geurts, Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development and Acquisition, U.S. Department of the Navy; and Vice Admiral Thomas J. Moore, Commander, Naval Sea Systems Command, U.S. Department of the Navy.

### LEGISLATIVE MEASURE

*Committee on Education and Labor:* Subcommittee on Civil Rights and Human Services held a hearing entitled “Long Over Due: Exploring the Pregnant Workers' Fairness Act (H.R. 2694)”. Testimony was heard from Chairman Nadler and public witnesses.

### THE END OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING? A REVIEW OF THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION'S PLANS TO CHANGE HOUSING FINANCE IN AMERICA

*Committee on Financial Services:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The End of Affordable Housing? A Review of the Trump Administration's Plans to

Change Housing Finance in America”. Testimony was heard from Steven T. Mnuchin, Secretary, Department of the Treasury; Benjamin S. Carson, Secretary, Department of Housing and Urban Development; and Mark A. Calabria, Director, Federal Housing Finance Agency.

#### **AN EXAMINATION OF THE DECLINE OF MINORITY DEPOSITORY INSTITUTIONS AND THE IMPACT ON UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES**

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Consumer Protection and Financial Institutions held a hearing entitled “An Examination of the Decline of Minority Depository Institutions and the Impact on Underserved Communities”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### **HUMAN RIGHTS IN SOUTH ASIA: VIEWS FROM THE STATE DEPARTMENT AND THE REGION**

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific, and Nonproliferation held a hearing entitled “Human Rights in South Asia: Views from the State Department and the Region”. Testimony was heard from Alice G. Wells, Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of South and Central Asian Affairs, Department of State; Robert A. Destro, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor, Department of State; and public witnesses.

#### **PROTECTING THE GOOD FRIDAY AGREEMENT FROM BREXIT**

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on Europe, Eurasia, Energy, and the Environment held a hearing entitled “Protecting the Good Friday Agreement from Brexit”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### **PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE: AN ASSESSMENT OF EMERGING CYBER THREATS**

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection and Innovation held a hearing entitled “Preparing for the Future: An Assessment of Emerging Cyber Threats”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### **SECURING AMERICA’S ELECTIONS PART II: OVERSIGHT OF GOVERNMENT AGENCIES**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Securing America’s Elections Part II: Oversight of Government Agencies”. Testimony was heard from Matthew Masterson, Senior Cybersecurity Advisor, Department of Homeland Security; Nikki Floris, Deputy Assistant Director for Counterterrorism, Federal Bureau of Investigation; Adam

Hickey, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, National Security Division, Department of Justice; and Ben Hovland, Vice Chair, U.S. Election Assistance Commission.

#### **LEGISLATIVE MEASURE**

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Full Committee held a hearing on legislation to amend the Puerto Rico Oversight, Management, and Economic Stability Act or ‘PROMESA,’ and for other purposes. Testimony was heard from Omar Marrero, Executive Director, Puerto Rico Fiscal Agency and Financial Advisory Authority; Natalie Jaresko, Executive Director, Financial Oversight and Management Board for Puerto Rico; Carmelo Ríos, Majority Leader, Senate of Puerto Rico; Eduardo Bhatia Gautier, Minority Leader, Senate of Puerto Rico; Antonio L. Soto Torres, Member, Puerto Rico House of Representatives; Rafael Hernández, Minority Leader, Puerto Rico House of Representatives; and Carmen Yulín Cruz Soto, Mayor, San Juan, Puerto Rico.

#### **NO MORE STANDOFFS: PROTECTING FEDERAL EMPLOYEES AND ENDING THE CULTURE OF ANTI-GOVERNMENT ATTACKS AND ABUSE**

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands held a hearing entitled “No More Standoffs: Protecting Federal Employees and Ending the Culture of Anti-Government Attacks and Abuse”. Testimony was heard from Anne-Marie Fennell, Director, Natural Resources and Environment Team, Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

#### **METRO: REPORT CARD FOR AMERICA’S SUBWAY**

*Committee on Oversight and Reform:* Subcommittee on Government Operations held a hearing entitled “Metro: Report Card for America’s Subway”. Testimony was heard from David L Mayer, Chief Executive Officer, Washington Metrorail Safety Commission, and the following Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority officials: Geoffrey Cherrington, Inspector General; Paul Smedberg, Chair, Board of Directors; and Paul Wiedefeld, General Manager and Chief Executive Officer.

#### **STOPPING HARMFUL INTERFERENCE IN ELECTIONS FOR A LASTING DEMOCRACY ACT**

*Committee on Rules:* Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 4617, the “Stopping Harmful Interference in Elections for a Lasting Democracy Act”. The Committee granted, by record vote of 9–2, a structured rule providing for consideration of H.R. 4617, the “Stopping Harmful Interference in Elections for a

Lasting Democracy Act”. The rule provides one hour of general debate on the bill equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on House Administration. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule makes in order as original text for the purpose of amendment an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 116–35, as modified by the amendment printed in Part A of the Rules Committee report, and provides that it shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against that amendment in the nature of a substitute. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in Part B of the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in Part B of the report. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Lofgren and Representative Rodney Davis of Illinois.

#### **NATIVE 8(A) CONTRACTING: EMERGING ISSUES**

*Committee on Small Business:* Subcommittee on Investigations, Oversight, and Regulations held a hearing entitled “Native 8(a) Contracting: Emerging Issues”. Testimony was heard from Seto Bagdoyan, Director, Forensic Audits and Investigative Service, Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

#### **AN ASSESSMENT OF FEDERAL RECOVERY EFFORTS FROM RECENT DISASTERS**

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency held a hearing entitled “An Assessment of Federal Recovery Efforts from Recent Disasters”. Testimony was heard from Jeffrey Byard, Associate Administrator for Response and Recovery, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security; Dennis Alvord, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Economic Development and Chief Operating Officer, Economic Development Administration, Department of Commerce; Chris P. Currie, Director, Homeland Security and Justice, Government Accountability Office; Fernando Gil-Enseñat, Secretary, Departamento de la Vivienda (Department of Housing), Puerto Rico; Rhonda Wiley, Emergency Management/911 Director and

Floodplain Manager, Atchison County, Missouri; and public witnesses.

#### **LEGISLATIVE MEASURES**

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs:* Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs held a hearing on H.R. 4360, the “VA Overpayment Accountability Act”; H.R. 592, the “Protect Veterans from Financial Fraud Act of 2019”; H.R. 1030, the “Veteran Spouses Equal Treatment Act”; H.R. 4165, the “Improving Benefits for Underserved Veterans Act”; H.R. 4183, the “Identifying Barriers and Best Practices Study Act”; H.R. 628, the “WINGMAN Act”; H.R. 1424, the “Fallen Warrior Battlefield Cross Memorial Act”; H.R. 1911, the “SFC Brian Woods Gold Star and Military Survivors Act”; legislation to extend increased dependency and indemnity compensation paid to surviving spouses of veterans who die from ALS; and legislation to permit appellants to appear before the Board of Veterans’ Appeals via picture and voice transmission from locations outside the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). Testimony was heard from Representatives Cisneros, Brownley of California, Delgado, Gonzalez of Ohio, Yoho, and Waltz; Ronald Burke, Executive Director, Pension and Fiduciary Service, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; Kimberly McLeod, Deputy Vice Chairman, Board of Veterans’ Appeals, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 3398, the “Pathways to Health Careers Act of 2019”; H.R. 3, the “Lower Drug Costs Act Now Act of 2019”; H.R. 4650, the “Medicare Dental Act of 2019”; H.R. 4665, the “Medicare Vision Act of 2019”; and H.R. 4618, the “Medicare Hearing Act of 2019”. H.R. 3398, H.R. 3, H.R. 4650, H.R. 4665, and H.R. 4618 were ordered reported, as amended.

#### **SOLVING THE CLIMATE CRISIS: NATURAL SOLUTIONS TO CUTTING POLLUTION AND BUILDING RESILIENCE**

*Select Committee on the Climate Crisis:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Solving the Climate Crisis: Natural Solutions to Cutting Pollution and Building Resilience”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### *Joint Meetings*

#### **ARMENIA**

*Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe:* Commission concluded a hearing to examine reform in Armenia, after receiving testimony from Hamazasp

Danielyan, National Assembly of Armenia, and Daniel Ioannisian, Union of Informed Citizens, both of Yerevan, Armenia; and Arsen Kharatyan, Aliq Media, Miriam Lansky, National Endowment for Democracy, and Jonathan D. Katz, German Marshall Fund, all of Washington, D.C.

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2019

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, to hold hearings to examine United States policy and assistance in Syria, 2:30 p.m., SD-124.

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on SeaPower, to receive a closed briefing on the Navy's "Spectrum of Conflict" strategic framework, 10 a.m., SVC-217.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* to hold hearings to examine the reauthorization of the Satellite Television Extension and Localism Act, 10 a.m., SH-216.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* to hold hearings to examine improving American economic competitiveness through water resources infrastructure, 10 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Subcommittee on Europe and Regional Security Cooperation, to hold hearings to examine successes and unfinished business in the Western Balkans, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

*United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control:* to hold hearings to examine marijuana and America's health, focusing on questions and issues for policy makers, 2:30 p.m., SD-215.

### House

*Committee on Education and Labor,* Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions; and Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, joint hearing entitled "The Future of Work: Preserving Worker Protections in the Modern Economy", 10:15 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "Sabotage: The Trump Administration's Attack on Health Care", 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Environment and Climate Change, hearing entitled "Building a 100 Percent Clean Economy: Solutions for Planes, Trains and Everything Beyond Automobiles", 10:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services,* Full Committee, hearing entitled "An Examination of Facebook and Its Impact on the Financial Services and Housing Sectors", 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs,* Full Committee, hearing entitled "The Betrayal of our Syrian Kurdish Partners:

How Will American Foreign Policy and Leadership Recover?", 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, Civilian Security, and Trade, hearing entitled "The Trump Administration's FY 2020 Budget and U.S. Policy toward Latin America and the Caribbean", 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security,* Full Committee, markup on H.R. 2932, the "Homeland Security for Children Act"; H.R. 3469, the "Covert Testing and Risk Mitigation Improvement Act of 2019"; H.R. 3787, the "DHS Countering Unmanned Aircraft Systems Coordinator Act"; H.R. 4237, the "Advancing Cybersecurity Diagnostics and Mitigation Act"; H.R. 4402, the "Inland Waters Security Review Act"; H.R. 4713, the "Department of Homeland Security Office of Civil Rights and Civil Liberties Authorization Act"; H.R. 4727, the "Department of Homeland Security Mentor Protégé Program Act of 2019"; H.R. 4739, the "Synthetic Opioid Exposure Prevention and Training Act"; H.R. 4737, the "Department of Homeland Security Climate Change Research Act"; H.R. 4753, the "Drone Origin Security Enhancement Act"; H.R. 4761, the "DHS Opioid Detention Resilience Act of 2019"; and legislation on the National Commission on Online Platforms and Homeland Security Act, 10 a.m., 310 Cannon.

*Committee on the Judiciary,* Full Committee, markup on H.R. 4, the "Voting Rights Advancement Act of 2019"; and H.R. 565, the "AMIGOS Act", 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Natural Resources,* Full Committee, markup on H.R. 934, the "Health Benefits for Miners Act of 2019"; H.R. 935, the "Miners Pension Protection Act"; and H.R. 2579, the "Hardrock Leasing and Reclamation Act of 2019", 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Oversight and Reform,* Subcommittee on Civil Rights and Civil Liberties, hearing entitled "Examining the Oil Industry's Efforts to Suppress the Truth about Climate Change", 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on National Security, hearing entitled "The Trump Administration's Syria Policy: Perspectives from the Field", 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology,* Subcommittee on Environment; and Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics, joint hearing entitled "Space Weather: Advancing Research, Monitoring, and Forecasting Capabilities", 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business,* Full Committee, hearing entitled "Prison to Proprietorship: Entrepreneurship Opportunities for the Formerly Incarcerated", 11:30 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure,* Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, hearing entitled "The Pebble Mine Project: Process and Potential Impacts", 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs,* Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, hearing entitled "Protecting Benefits for All Servicemembers", 10 a.m., HVC-210.