

transactions, and requires the EXIM bank to include in its annual report the impacts of any transaction backed by the Bank on the cost of energy in the importing country and the estimated emissions reductions caused by exports financed by the Bank;

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McAdams amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 116–289) that seeks to expand the prohibition of the Board of Directors from approving a transaction unless the person receiving the Agency's support certifies that the person does not engage in any activity in contravention of any U.S. law, regulation, or order concerning sanctions relating to the illegal trafficking of synthetic opioids, including any sanctions imposed pursuant to the Foreign Narcotics Kingpin Designation Act; and

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Davidson (OH) amendment (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 116–289) that seeks to prohibit Agency assistance for the governments of certain countries (including China and Mexico) unless the President certifies that the government is cooperating with the U.S. to prevent illegal trafficking of synthetic opioids.

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H. Res. 695, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4863) was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 228 yeas to 198 nays, Roll No. 616, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 226 yeas to 198 nays, Roll No. 615. Pursuant to H. Res. 695, H. Res. 661 and H. Res. 693 are considered as adopted.

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Discharge Petition: Representative Rodney Davis presented to the clerk a motion to discharge the Committee on Financial Services from consideration of the bill (H.R. 3407) to strengthen the competitiveness of the United States, to modernize and reform the United States Export Finance Agency, and for other purposes (Discharge Petition No. 4).

Senate Referral: S. 2851 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 H8845.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H8843–44 and H8844–45. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

Committee Meetings

SAFEGUARDING AMERICAN AGRICULTURE FROM WILD, INVASIVE, AND NON-NATIVE SPECIES

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Livestock and Foreign Agriculture held a hearing entitled “Safeguarding American Agriculture from Wild, Invasive, and Non-Native Species”. Testimony was heard from Ric Ortega, General Manager, Grassland Water District, Los Banos, California; Beth Thompson, State Veterinarian, Minnesota, and Executive Director, Minnesota Board of Animal Health; and public witnesses.

OFFICE OF ACCOUNTABILITY AND WHISTLEBLOWER PROTECTION'S FAILURES AT VA

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies held a hearing entitled “Office of Accountability and Whistleblower Protection's Failures at VA”. Testimony was heard from Tamara Bonzanto, Assistant Secretary for Accountability and Whistleblower Protection, Department of Veterans Affairs; and Michael J. Missal, Inspector General, Department of Veterans Affairs.

THE ECONOMIC OUTLOOK: THE VIEW FROM THE FEDERAL RESERVE

Committee on the Budget: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Economic Outlook: The View from the Federal Reserve”. Testimony was heard from Jerome H. Powell, Chair, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Consumer Protection and Commerce held a markup on H.R. 3851, the “Travel Promotion, Enhancement, and Modernization Act of 2019”; and H.R. 4779, to extend the Undertaking Spam, Spyware, And Fraud Enforcement With Enforcers beyond Borders Act of 2006, and for other purposes. H.R. 3851 was forwarded to the full Committee, as amended. H.R. 4779 was forwarded to the full Committee, without amendment.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Communications and Technology held a markup on H.R. 4229, the “Broadband Deployment Accuracy and Technological Availability Act”; H.R. 4227, the “Mapping Accuracy Promotes Services Act”; H.R. 5000, the “Studying How to Harness Airwave Resources Efficiently Act of 2019”; H.R. 4998, the “Secure and Trusted Communications Networks

Act”; H.R. 4461, the “Network Security Information Sharing Act of 2019”; H.R. 2881, the “Secure 5G and Beyond Act of 2019”; H.R. 4500, the “Promoting United States Wireless Leadership Act of 2019”; H. Res. 575, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that all stakeholders in the deployment of 5G communications infrastructure should carefully consider and adhere to the recommendation of “The Prague Proposals”; and H.R. 5035, the “Television Viewer Protection Act”. H.R. 4227, H.R. 5000, H.R. 5035 were forwarded to the full Committee, without amendment. H.R. 4229, H.R. 4998, H.R. 4461, H.R. 2881, H.R. 4500, H. Res. 575 were forwarded to the full Committee, as amended.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee concluded a markup on H.R. 2445, the “Self-Employed Mortgage Act”; H.R. 3490, the “Small Business Lending Fairness Act”; H.R. 3948, the “Debt Collection Practices Harmonization Act”; H.R. 4403, the “Stop Debt Collection Abuse Act”; H.R. 5021, the “Ending Debt Collection Harassment Act of 2019”; H.R. 2398, to amend the United States Housing Act of 1937 and title 38, United States Code, to expand eligibility for the HUD–VASH program, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit annual reports to the Committees on Veterans’ Affairs of the Senate and House of Representatives regarding homeless veterans, and for other purposes; H.R. 5003, the “Fair Debt Collection Practices for Servicemembers Act”; H.R. 5001, the “Non-Judicial Foreclosure Debt Collection Clarification Act”; and H.R. 5013, the “Small Business Fair Debt Collection Protection Act”. H.R. 4403, H.R. 3490, H.R. 5001, H.R. 5013, H.R. 3948, H.R. 5021, H.R. 2398, and H.R. 5003 were ordered reported, as amended.

THE U.S. POLICY IN THE SAHEL REGION

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations held a hearing entitled “The U.S. Policy in the Sahel Region”. Testimony was heard from Whitney Baird, Deputy Assistant Secretary for West Africa and Security Affairs, Bureau of African Affairs, Department of State; and Cheryl Anderson, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Africa, U.S. Agency for International Development.

THE ADMINISTRATION OF BAIL BY STATE AND FEDERAL COURTS: A CALL FOR REFORM

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security held a hearing

entitled “The Administration of Bail by State and Federal Courts: A Call for Reform”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

EXAMINING THE USE OF “SNAP” REMOVALS TO CIRCUMVENT THE FORUM DEFENDANT RULE

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet held a hearing entitled “Examining the Use of “Snap” Removals to Circumvent the Forum Defendant Rule”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURE

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a hearing on H.R. 4248, the “Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act Amendments of 2019”. Testimony was heard from Representative Cartwright; John Stefanko, Deputy Secretary, Office of Active and Abandoned Mine Operations, Department of Environmental Protection, Pennsylvania, and Member, Interstate Mining Compact Commission; Alan Edwards, Deputy Director, Department of Environmental Quality, Wyoming, and Administrator, Wyoming Abandoned Mine Land Program, Cheyenne, Wyoming; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT OF NOAA’S REPORT ON ILLEGAL, UNREPORTED, AND UNREGULATED FISHING

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife held a hearing entitled “Oversight of NOAA’s Report on Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated Fishing”. Testimony was heard from Alexa Cole, Acting Director of International Affairs and Seafood Inspection, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; and public witnesses.

EXAMINING STATE EFFORTS TO UNDERMINE ACCESS TO REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH CARE

Committee on Oversight and Reform: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Examining State Efforts to Undermine Access to Reproductive Health Care”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 4979, the “Rural STEM Education Act”; H.R. 4704, the “Advancing Research to Prevent Suicide Act”; and H.R. 4990, the “Election Technology Research Act”. H.R. 4704, H.R. 4990, and H.R. 4979 were ordered reported, as amended.

WATER AND GEOTHERMAL POWER: UNEARTHING THE NEXT WAVE OF ENERGY INNOVATION

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Energy held a hearing entitled “Water and Geothermal Power: Unearthing the Next Wave of Energy Innovation”. Testimony was heard from David Solan, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Renewable Power, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy; Joseph Moore, Manager, Utah Frontier Observatory for Research in Geothermal Energy, Department of Energy; and public witnesses.

ASSESSING THE GOVERNMENT’S ROLE IN SERVING RURAL AMERICAN SMALL BUSINESSES (PART ONE)

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Rural Development, Agriculture, Trade, and Entrepreneurship held a hearing entitled “Assessing the Government’s Role in Serving Rural American Small Businesses (Part One)”. Testimony was heard from Bette Brand, Administrator, Rural Business-Cooperative Service, USDA-Rural Development, Department of Agriculture; and Michelle Christian, National Director, Office of Rural Affairs, U.S. Small Business Administration.

A FAIR PLAYING FIELD? INVESTIGATING BIG TECH’S IMPACT ON SMALL BUSINESS

Committee on Small Business: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “A Fair Playing Field? Investigating Big Tech’s Impact on Small Business”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

COMMERCIAL AND PASSENGER VESSEL SAFETY: CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held a hearing entitled “Commercial and Passenger Vessel Safety: Challenges and Opportunities”. Testimony was heard from Rear Admiral Richard V. Timme, Assistant Commandant for Prevention Policy, U.S. Coast Guard; Richard Balzano, Deputy Administrator, U.S. Maritime Administration; Brian Curtis, Director, Office of Marine Safety, National Transportation Safety Board; and public witnesses.

CYBERSECURITY CHALLENGES AND CYBER RISK MANAGEMENT AT THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Subcommittee on Technology Modernization held a hearing entitled “Cybersecurity Challenges and Cyber Risk Management at the Department of Veterans Affairs”. Testimony was heard from Paul Cunningham, Deputy Assistant Secretary and Chief Information Security Officer, Department of Veterans Affairs; Nick Dahl, Deputy Assistant Inspector General for Audits and Evaluations, Office of the Inspector General, Department of Veterans Affairs; and Greg Wilshusen, Director of Information Technology and Cybersecurity, Government Accountability Office.

CARING FOR AGING AMERICANS

Committee on Ways and Means: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Caring for Aging Americans”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MEMBER DAY

Select Committee on the Climate Crisis: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Member Day”. Testimony was heard from Chairman Deutch, Chairman Kilmer, and Representatives Underwood, McCollum, Davis of California, Barragán, Ted Lieu of California, Bustos, Reed, Lee of California, Kaptur, Beyer, Phillips, DeFazio, Schneider, Peters, Axne, Tonko, Shalala, Stanton, Pingree, Schrier, Kennedy, Rouda, Mucarsel-Powell, and Malinowski.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2019

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Impeachment Inquiry: Ambassador Marie ‘Masha’ Yovanovitch”, 9 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Select Committee on the Modernization of Congress, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Administrative Efficiencies: Exploring Options to Streamline Operations in the U.S. House of Representatives”, 9:30 a.m., 210 Cannon.