

and agree to H. Res. 812, making a technical correction to the SFC Sean Cooley and SPC Christopher Horton Congressional Gold Star Family Fellowship Program Act. **Page H835**

**Providing for the reappointment of John Fahey as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution:** The House agreed to discharge from committee and pass S.J. Res. 65, providing for the reappointment of John Fahey as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution. **Page H835**

**Providing for the reappointment of Risa Lavizzo-Mourey as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution:** The House agreed to discharge from committee and pass S.J. Res. 67, providing for the reappointment of Risa Lavizzo-Mourey as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution. **Page H835**

**Privileged Resolution—Intent to Offer:** Representative Granger announced her intent to offer a privileged resolution. **Pages H836–37**

**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate today appears on pages H835–36.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H833, H834, and H834–35. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### SUPERCHARGING THE INNOVATION BASE

*Committee on Armed Services:* Future of Defense Task Force held a hearing entitled “Supercharging the Innovation Base”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### EXCEPTIONAL FAMILY MEMBER PROGRAM—ARE THE MILITARY SERVICES REALLY TAKING CARE OF FAMILY MEMBERS?

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a hearing entitled “Exceptional Family Member Program—Are the Military Services Really Taking Care of Family Members?”. Testimony was heard from Carolyn Stevens, Director, Office of Military Family Readiness Policy, Department of Defense; Captain Edward Simmer, U.S. Navy, Chief Clinical Officer, TRICARE Health Plans, Defense Health Agency, Department of Defense; Colonel Steve Lewis, U.S. Army, Deputy Director, DA Quality of Life Task Force and DA Family Advocacy Program Manager, U.S. Army; Ed Cannon, Director,

Fleet and Family Readiness, Commander, U.S. Navy Installations Command; Norma Inabinet, Deputy Director, Military Personnel Programs, U.S. Air Force Personnel Center; Jennifer Stewart, Manager, Exceptional Family Member Program, Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps; Jackie Nowicki, Director, K–12 Education, Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

### UPDATE ON NAVY AND MARINE CORPS READINESS IN THE PACIFIC IN THE AFTERMATH OF RECENT MISHAPS

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces; and Subcommittee on Readiness held a joint hearing entitled “Update on Navy and Marine Corps Readiness in the Pacific in the Aftermath of Recent Mishaps”. Testimony was heard from Vice Admiral Richard A. Brown, Commander, Naval Surface Forces, U.S. Pacific Fleet; and Lieutenant General Steven R. Rudder, U.S. Marine Corps, Deputy Commandant for Aviation, U.S. Marine Headquarters.

### OVERSIGHT HEARING ON DOE’S ROLE IN ADVANCING BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies held a hearing entitled “Oversight Hearing on DOE’s Role in Advancing Biomedical Sciences”. Testimony was heard from Narayanan Kasthuri, Neuroscientist, Argonne National Laboratory, Department of Energy; and public witnesses.

### STRENGTHENING COMMUNITY RECYCLING PROGRAMS: CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a hearing entitled “Strengthening Community Recycling Programs: Challenges and Opportunities”. Testimony was heard from Peter Wright, Assistant Administrator, Office of Land and Emergency Management, Environmental Protection Agency; and public witnesses.

### THE FUTURE OF WORK: PROTECTING WORKERS’ CIVIL RIGHTS IN THE DIGITAL AGE

*Committee on Education and Labor:* Subcommittee on Civil Rights and Human Services held a hearing entitled “The Future of Work: Protecting Workers’ Civil Rights in the Digital Age”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### **MODERNIZING THE NATURAL GAS ACT TO ENSURE IT WORKS FOR EVERYONE**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Energy held a hearing entitled “Modernizing the Natural Gas Act to Ensure it Works for Everyone”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### **VAPING IN AMERICA: E-CIGARETTE MANUFACTURERS’ IMPACT ON PUBLIC HEALTH**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Vaping in America: E-Cigarette Manufacturers’ Impact on Public Health”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### **RENT-A-BANK SCHEMES AND NEW DEBT TRAPS: ASSESSING EFFORTS TO EVADE STATE CONSUMER PROTECTIONS AND INTEREST RATE CAPS**

*Committee on Financial Services:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Rent-A-Bank Schemes and New Debt Traps: Assessing Efforts to Evade State Consumer Protections and Interest Rate Caps”. Testimony was heard from Monique Limon, Chair, Banking and Finance Committee, State Assembly, California; and public witnesses.

### **A FUTURE WITHOUT PUBLIC HOUSING? EXAMINING THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION’S EFFORTS TO ELIMINATE PUBLIC HOUSING**

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Housing, Community Development, and Insurance held a hearing entitled “A Future Without Public Housing? Examining the Trump Administration’s Efforts to Eliminate Public Housing”. Testimony was heard from Ann Gass, Director of Strategic Housing Initiatives, Housing Authority of the City of Austin, Texas; Bobby Collins, Executive Director, Housing Authority of the City of Shreveport, Louisiana; Eugene Jones, Jr., President and Chief Executive Officer, Atlanta Housing Authority, Georgia; and public witnesses.

### **UNIQUE CHALLENGES WOMEN FACE IN GLOBAL HEALTH**

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Unique Challenges Women Face in Global Health”. Testimony was heard from Chairman Lowey and Representative Rodgers of Washington; and public witnesses.

### **THE WUHAN CORONAVIRUS: ASSESSING THE OUTBREAK, THE RESPONSE, AND REGIONAL IMPLICATIONS**

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific, and Nonproliferation held a hearing entitled “The Wuhan Coronavirus: Assessing the Outbreak, the Response, and Regional Implications”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### **THE NORTHERN NORTHERN BORDER: HOMELAND SECURITY PRIORITIES IN THE ARCTIC, PART II**

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Transportation and Maritime Security held a hearing entitled “The Northern Northern Border: Homeland Security Priorities in the Arctic, Part II”. Testimony was heard from Admiral Charles Ray, Vice Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard; Michael Murphy, Deputy Assistant Secretary for European and Eurasian Affairs, Department of State; and Marie Mak, Director for Contracting and National Security Acquisitions, Government Accountability Office.

### **OVERSIGHT OF THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION: OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH BY HONORING LATINO AMERICANS AND ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICANS**

*Committee on House Administration:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Oversight of the Smithsonian Institution: Opportunities for Growth by Honoring Latino Americans and Asian Pacific Americans”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Serrano, Meng, and Hurd; Lonnie G. Bunch III, Secretary, Smithsonian Institution; Lisa Sasaki, Director, Smithsonian Asian Pacific American Center, Smithsonian Institution; Eric Petersen, Specialist in American National Government, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; and public witnesses.

### **OVERSIGHT OF THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Oversight of the Federal Bureau of Investigation”. Testimony was heard from Christopher A. Wray, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation.

### **LEGISLATIVE MEASURE**

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a hearing on H.R. 5598, the “Boundary Waters Wilderness Protection and Pollution Prevention Act”. Testimony was heard from Representative McCollum; Chris French, Deputy Chief, National Forest System, Department of Agriculture; Leah Baker, Associate State Director,

Bureau of Land Management Eastern States, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

#### LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee for Indigenous Peoples of the United States held a hearing on H.R. 4059, to take certain lands in California into trust for the benefit of the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians, and for other purposes; H.R. 4495, to authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting through the Director of the Indian Health Service, to acquire private land to facilitate access to the Desert Sage Youth Wellness Center in Hemet, California, and for other purposes; H.R. 4888, to amend the Grand Ronde Reservation Act, and for other purposes; and H.R. 5153, the “Indian Buffalo Management Act”. Testimony was heard from Darryl LaCounte, Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior; Randy Grinnell, Deputy Director for Management Operations, Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

#### A THREAT TO AMERICA’S CHILDREN? THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION’S PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE POVERTY LINE CALCULATION

*Committee on Oversight and Reform:* Subcommittee on Government Operations held a hearing entitled “A Threat to America’s Children? The Trump Administration’s Proposed Changes to the Poverty Line Calculation”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Ocasio-Cortez and Miller; and public witnesses.

#### A THREAT TO AMERICA’S CHILDREN: THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION’S PROPOSAL TO GUT FAIR HOUSING ACCOUNTABILITY

*Committee on Oversight and Reform:* Subcommittee on Civil Rights and Civil Liberties held a hearing entitled “A Threat to America’s Children: The Trump Administration’s Proposal to Gut Fair Housing Accountability”. Testimony was heard from Ellen Lee, Director of Community and Economic Development, New Orleans, Louisiana; and public witnesses.

#### PROTECTING THE RIGHT TO ORGANIZE ACT OF 2019; EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR DISASTER RELIEF AND PUERTO RICO DISASTER TAX RELIEF ACT, 2020; EXPRESSING DISAPPROVAL OF THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION’S HARMFUL ACTIONS TOWARDS MEDICAID

*Committee on Rules:* Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 2474, the “Protecting the Right to Organize Act of 2019”; H.R. 5687, the “Emergency Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief and Puerto Rico Disaster Tax Relief Act, 2020”; and H. Res.

826, expressing disapproval of the Trump administration’s harmful actions towards Medicaid. The Committee granted, by record vote of 9–4, a rule providing for consideration of H. Res. 826, the “Protecting the Right to Organize Act of 2019”, H.R. 2474, the “Emergency Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief and Puerto Rico Disaster Tax Relief Act, 2020”, and H.R. 5687, Expressing disapproval of the Trump administration’s harmful actions towards Medicaid. The rule provides for consideration of H. Res. 826, Expressing disapproval of the Trump administration’s harmful actions towards Medicaid, under a closed rule. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the resolution. The rule provides that the resolution shall be considered as read. The rule provides for consideration of H.R. 2474, the “Protecting the Right to Organize Act of 2019”, under a structured rule. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Education and Labor. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Education and Labor now printed in the bill, modified by the amendment printed in part A of the Rules Committee report, shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in part B of the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution. Each amendment made in order 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 in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in Part B of the report. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. The rule provides for consideration of H.R. 5687, the “Emergency Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief and Puerto Rico Disaster Tax Relief Act, 2020”, under a structured rule. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the bill shall

be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill and provides that clause 2(e) of Rule XXI shall not apply during consideration of the bill. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in Part C of the Rules Committee report. 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 in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. All points of order against the amendments printed in Part C of the report are waived. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Pallone, Chairman Lowey, Chairman Scott of Virginia, and Representatives Walden, Rodgers of Washington, Granger, Suozzi, Rice of South Carolina, Graves of Louisiana, and Foxx.

#### **MANAGEMENT AND SPENDING CHALLENGES WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY'S OFFICE OF ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND RENEWABLE ENERGY**

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:* Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight; and Subcommittee on Energy held a joint hearing entitled "Management and Spending Challenges within the Department of Energy's Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy". Testimony was heard from Daniel Simmons, Assistant Secretary, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy; and public witnesses.

#### **AMERICA'S SEED FUND: A REVIEW OF SBIR AND STTR**

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:* Subcommittee on Research and Technology held a hearing entitled "America's Seed Fund: A Review of SBIR and STTR". Testimony was heard from Dawn Tilbury, Assistant Director, Directorate of Engineering, National Science Foundation; and public witnesses.

#### **SBA MANAGEMENT REVIEW: OFFICE OF CREDIT RISK MANAGEMENT**

*Committee on Small Business:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled "SBA Management Review: Office of Credit Risk Management". Testimony was heard from Susan E. Streich, Director, Office of Credit Risk Management, U.S. Small Business Administration.

#### **TRACKING TOWARD ZERO: IMPROVING GRADE CROSSING SAFETY AND ADDRESSING COMMUNITY CONCERNS**

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials held a hearing entitled "Tracking Toward Zero: Improving Grade Crossing Safety and Addressing Community Concerns". Testimony was heard from Karl Alexy, Associate Administrator for Railroad Safety and Chief Safety Officer, Federal Railroad Administration; Brian Vercruyse, Rail Safety Program Administrator, Illinois Commerce Commission; Matthew O'Shea, Alderman, 19th Ward of Chicago, Chicago City Council, Illinois; and public witnesses.

#### **EXAMINING HOW THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS SUPPORTS SURVIVORS OF MILITARY SEXUAL TRAUMA**

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations; and Women Veterans Task Force held a joint hearing entitled "Examining How the Department of Veterans Affairs Supports Survivors of Military Sexual Trauma". Testimony was heard from Willie Clark, Deputy Under Secretary for Field Operations, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; Julie Kroviak, Deputy Assistance Inspector General for Healthcare Inspections, Office of Inspector General, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

#### **MORE CURES FOR MORE PATIENTS: OVERCOMING PHARMACEUTICAL BARRIERS**

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled "More Cures for More Patients: Overcoming Pharmaceutical Barriers". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### **CREATING A CLIMATE RESILIENT AMERICA: OVERCOMING THE HEALTH RISKS OF THE CLIMATE CRISIS**

*Committee on the Climate Crisis:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Creating a Climate Resilient America: Overcoming the Health Risks of the Climate Crisis". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### **ARTICLE ONE: FOSTERING A MORE DELIBERATIVE PROCESS IN CONGRESS**

*Select Committee on the Modernization of Congress:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Article One: Fostering a More Deliberative Process in Congress". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## Joint Meetings

### PARLIAMENTARY DIPLOMACY

*Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe:* Commission concluded a hearing to examine the power and purpose of parliamentary diplomacy, focusing on inter-parliamentary initiatives and the United States contribution, after receiving testimony from George Tsereteli, Georgian Member of Parliament and President of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe Parliamentary Assembly, Tbilisi, Georgia; and Attila Mesterhazy, Hungarian Member of Parliament and Acting President of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization Parliamentary Assembly, Budapest, Hungary.

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2020

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

#### Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

#### House

*Committee on Appropriations,* Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, hearing entitled “Non Tribal Public Witness Day”, 9 a.m., 2008 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Defense, hearing entitled “U.S. Strategic Command”, 11 a.m., H-140 Capitol. This hearing is closed.

Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, hearing entitled “Non Tribal Public Witness Day”, 1 p.m., 2008 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and Labor,* Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary and Secondary Education, hearing entitled “Solving America’s Child Care Crisis: Supporting Parents, Children, and the Economy”, 10:15 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* Subcommittee on Environment and Climate Change, hearing entitled “Clearing the Air: Legislation to Promote Carbon Capture, Utilization and Storage”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services,* Full Committee, hearing entitled “Protecting Consumers or Allowing Consumer Abuse? A Semi-Annual Review of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “Fake It Till They Make It: How Bad Actors

Use Astroturfing to Manipulate Regulators, Disenfranchise Consumers and Subvert the Rulemaking Process”, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security,* Full Committee, hearing entitled “About Face: Examining the Department of Homeland Security’s Use of Facial Recognition and Other Biometric Technologies, Part II”, 10 a.m., 310 Cannon.

*Committee on the Judiciary,* Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties, hearing entitled “Citizens United at 10: The Consequences for Democracy and Potential Responses by Congress”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Oversight and Reform,* Subcommittee on Economic and Consumer Policy, hearing entitled “A Threat to America’s Children: The Trump Administration’s Proposed Changes to Broad Based Categorical Eligibility for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program”, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Environment, hearing entitled “A Threat to America’s Children: The Trump Administration’s Proposal to Undermine Protections from Mercury Air Toxics Standards”, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business,* Subcommittee on Rural Development, Agriculture, Trade, and Entrepreneurship, hearing entitled “Taking Care of Business: How Childcare is Important for Regional Economies”, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure,* Subcommittee on Highways and Transit, hearing entitled “Assessing the Transportation Needs of Tribes, Federal Land Management Agencies, and U.S. Territories”, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs,* Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, hearing on H.R. 5052, the “WAVES Act”; legislation on the Class Evaluation Act; legislation on the Edith Norris Rogers Improvement; legislation on the For Profit Conversions; legislation on the GI Bill Comparison Tool Data MOU; legislation on the Home Loan Disaster Legislation; legislation on the Increase in Frequency of Benefits under Automobile Assistance Programs; legislation on the VET–TEC Guard/Reserve Fix; legislation on the VET–TEC Terminal Leave Fix; legislation on the Authority of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to Provide or Assist in Providing Second Vehicles Adapted for Operation by Disabled legislation on the Electronic Certificates of Eligibility; legislation on the Liability for Transferred Education Benefits; legislation on the STEM Eligibility; and legislation on the VET–TEC Improvement Act, 10 a.m., HVC–210.

*Committee on Ways and Means,* Subcommittee on Trade, hearing entitled “Trade Infrastructure for Global Competitiveness”, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.