

of Agriculture or Secretary of the Interior, as appropriate, to exempt from wilderness designations under the Act any area determined by the Secretary to be at high risk of wildfire (by a recorded vote of 193 ayes to 228 noes, Roll No. 64);

**Pages H1094–95, H1107–08**

Westerman amendment (No. 7 printed in H. Rept. 116–395) that sought to strike all designations of “potential” wilderness under the bill (by a recorded vote of 188 ayes to 233 noes, Roll No. 65); and

**Pages H1095–96, H1108–09**

Tipton amendment (No. 9 printed in H. Rept. 116–395) that sought to strike wilderness additions in the 3rd Congressional District (by a recorded vote of 183 ayes to 234 noes, Roll No. 67).

**Pages H1097–H1101, H1109–10**

H. Res. 844, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2546) and the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 79) was agreed to yesterday, February 11th.

**Meeting Hour:** Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow, February 13th. **Page H1113**

**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H1058.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Two yea-and-nay votes and eight recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1105, H1105–06, H1106–07, H1107, H1107–08, H1108–09, H1109, H1109–10, H1111–12, and H1112. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

## *Committee Meetings*

### AMERICAN INDIAN AND ALASKA NATIVE PUBLIC WITNESS DAY 2

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a hearing entitled “American Indian and Alaska Native Public Witness Day 2”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### APPROPRIATIONS—FARM CREDIT ADMINISTRATION

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on the Farm Credit Administration. Testimony was heard from Jeffery Hall, Chairman, Farm Credit System Insurance Corporation; and Glen Smith, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration.

### APPROPRIATIONS—OFFICE OF CONGRESSIONAL WORKPLACE RIGHTS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held a budget hearing on the Office of Congressional Workplace Rights. Testimony was heard from Susan Tsui Grundmann, Executive Director, Office of Congressional Workplace Rights.

### APPROPRIATIONS—CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held a budget hearing on the Congressional Budget Office. Testimony was heard from Phillip Swagel, Director, Congressional Budget Office.

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### LAND BASED RANGES: BUILDING MILITARY READINESS WHILE PROTECTING NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Readiness held a hearing entitled “Land Based Ranges: Building Military Readiness While Protecting Natural and Cultural Resources”. Testimony was heard from Jordan Gillis, Principal Deputy, Assistant Secretary of the Army, Energy, Installations, and Environment; Todd C. Mellon, Principal Deputy, Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Energy, Installations, and Environment; and Jennifer L. Miller, Principle Deputy, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force, Energy Installations, and Environment.

### THE PRESIDENT’S FISCAL YEAR 2021 BUDGET

*Committee on the Budget:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The President’s Fiscal Year 2021 Budget”. Testimony was heard from Russell Vought, Acting Director, Office of Management and Budget.

### PROTECTING WOMEN’S ACCESS TO REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH CARE

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Protecting Women’s Access to Reproductive Health Care”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### SAVING ENERGY: LEGISLATION TO IMPROVE ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND STORAGE

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Energy held a hearing entitled “Saving Energy: Legislation to Improve Energy Efficiency and Storage”. Testimony was heard from Mark W. Menezes, Under Secretary of Energy, Department of Energy; and public witnesses.

### A REVIEW OF DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION AT AMERICA’S LARGE BANKS

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Diversity and Inclusion held a hearing entitled “A Review of Diversity and Inclusion at America’s Large Banks”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### EQUITABLE ALGORITHMS: EXAMINING WAYS TO REDUCE AI BIAS IN FINANCIAL SERVICES

*Committee on Financial Services:* Task Force on Artificial Intelligence held a hearing entitled “Equitable Algorithms: Examining Ways to Reduce AI Bias in Financial Services”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### THE MIDDLE EAST PEACE PROCESS: AN ANALYSIS FROM FORMER U.S. NEGOTIATORS

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on the Middle East, North Africa, and International Terrorism held a hearing entitled “The Middle East Peace Process: An Analysis from Former U.S. Negotiators”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 5736, the “Transnational White Supremacist Extremism Review Act”; H.R. 5780, the “Safe Communities Act of 2020”; H.R. 5802, the “TSA Child CARE Act”; H.R. 5804, the “DHS Blue Campaign Enhancement Act”; H.R. 5823, the “State and Local Cybersecurity Improvement Act”; H.R. 5824, the “Federal Law Enforcement Training Research and Reporting Act of 2020”; H.R. 5811, the “TSA Personnel Workplace Improvement Act of 2020”; H.R. 5828, the “DHS Illicit Cross-Border Tunnel Defense Act”; H.R. 5822, the “Homeland Security Acquisition Professional Career Program Act”; and S. 2035, the “TSA Credential and Endorsement Harmonization Act of 2019”. H.R. 5736, H.R. 5780, H.R. 5804, H.R. 5811, H.R. 5822, H.R. 5823, and H.R. 5828 were ordered reported, as amended. H.R. 5802, H.R. 5824, and S. 2035 were ordered reported, without amendment.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 2214, the “NO BAN Act”; H.R. 5581, the “Access to Counsel Act of 2020”; H.R. 5546, the “Effective Assistance of Counsel in the Digital Era Act”; H.R. 3283, to amend title 4, United States Code, to permit the flag of the United States to be flown at half-staff in the event of the death of the Mayor of the District of Columbia; and H. Res. 694, recognizing the Importance of the Civil Rights Act of 1866 and the Laws Derived Therefrom. H.R. 2214 and H.R. 5581 were ordered reported, as amended. H.R. 5546, H.R. 3283, and H. Res. 694 were ordered reported, without amendment.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 644, the “Navajo Utah Water Rights Settlement Act of 2019”; H.R. 1904, the “Indian Water Rights Settlement Extension Act”; H.R. 4444, the “Western Area Power Administration Transparency Act”; H.R. 5316, the “Move Water Now Act”; H.R. 5347, the “Disadvantaged Community Drinking Water Assistance Act”; S. 832, a bill to nullify the Supplemental Treaty Between the United States of America and the Confederated Tribes and Bands of Indians of Middle Oregon, concluded on November 15, 1865; and a Committee resolution authorizing issuance of subpoenas related to mismanagement, waste, fraud, abuse, and wrongful conduct in relation to functions within the jurisdiction of the Committee on Natural Resources. H.R. 644, H.R. 1904, and H.R. 5347 were ordered reported, as amended. H.R. 4444, H.R. 5316, and S. 832 were ordered reported, without amendment. The Committee resolution was agreed to, as amended.

### HEARING WITH CENSUS BUREAU DIRECTOR

*Committee on Oversight and Reform:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Hearing with Census Bureau Director”. Testimony was heard from Steven Dillingham, Director, U.S. Census Bureau; Nick Marinos, Director, Information Technology and Cybersecurity, Government Accountability Office; J. Christopher Mihm, Managing Director, Strategic Issues, Government Accountability Office; and Albert E. Fontenot, Jr., Associate Director for Decennial Census Programs, U.S. Census Bureau.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:* Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 2986, the “BEST Act”; H.R. 4230, the “Clean Industrial Technology

Act of 2019”; H.R. 5374, the “Advanced Geothermal Research and Development Act of 2019”; H.R. 5428, the “Grid Modernization Research and Development Act of 2019”; and H.R. 5760, the “Grid Security Research and Development Act”. H.R. 2986, H.R. 4230, H.R. 5374, H.R. 5428, and H.R. 5760 were ordered reported, as amended.

#### CHALLENGES AND BENEFITS OF EMPLOYEE-OWNED SMALL BUSINESSES

*Committee on Small Business:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Challenges and Benefits of Employee-owned Small Businesses”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### ANIMALS IN DISASTERS

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management held a hearing entitled “Animals in Disasters”. Testimony was heard from R. Douglas Meckes, State Veterinarian, North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; Teresa MacPherson, Canine Search Specialist, Fire and Rescue Department/Virginia Task Force 1, Fairfax County, Virginia; and public witnesses.

#### DATA PRIVACY AND PORTABILITY AT VA: PROTECTING VETERANS’ PERSONAL DATA

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs:* Subcommittee on Technology Modernization held a hearing entitled “Data Privacy and Portability at VA: Protecting Veterans’ Personal Data”. Testimony was heard from Paul Cunningham, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Information Security, Chief Information Security Officer, and Chief Privacy Officer, Office of Information and Technology, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

#### MISSION CRITICAL: EXAMINING PROVIDER RELATIONS DURING THE TRANSITION TO VA’S NEW COMMUNITY CARE PROGRAM

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs:* Subcommittee on Health; and Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a joint hearing entitled “Mission Critical: Examining Provider Relations During the Transition to VA’s New Community Care Program”. Testimony was heard from Kameron Matthews, Deputy Under Secretary for Health for Community Care, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

#### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 5821, the “HOSPICE Act”; H.R.

5825, the “Transparency in Health Care Investments Act of 2020”; and H.R. 5826, the “Consumer Protections Against Surprise Medical Bills Act”. H.R. 5821, H.R. 5825, and H.R. 5826 were ordered reported, as amended.

#### EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES AND NATIONAL SECURITY: POSTURING THE U.S. INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY FOR SUCCESS

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Subcommittee on Strategic Technologies and Advanced Research held a hearing entitled “Emerging Technologies and National Security: Posturing the U.S. Intelligence Community for Success”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

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#### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2020

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

##### Senate

*Committee on Armed Services:* to hold hearings to examine United States Northern Command and United States Strategic Command in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2021 and the Future Years Defense Program, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Judy Shelton, of California, and Christopher Waller, of Minnesota, both to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, 9 a.m., SD-538.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the Semi-annual Monetary Policy Report to the Congress, 9:30 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Finance:* to hold hearings to examine the President’s proposed budget request for fiscal year 2021 for the Department of Health and Human Services, 9:30 a.m., SD-215.

##### House

*Committee on Foreign Affairs,* Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, Civilian Security, and Trade, hearing entitled “Assessing U.S. Security Assistance to Mexico”, 9 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations, hearing entitled “The Youth Bulge in Africa: Considerations for US Policy”, 10 a.m., 2200 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary,* Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet, hearing entitled “Protecting Federal Judiciary Employees from Sexual Harassment, Discrimination, and Other Workplace Misconduct”, 8:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.