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Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, February 24, 2020, at 3 p.m.

House of Representatives

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2020

The House met at 11 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. CLAY).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:
I hereby appoint the Honorable Wm. LACY CLAY 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:
Eternal God, we give You thanks for giving us another day.
As the House lies silent, bless all Members as they encounter constituents in their home districts.
Bless the people of this great Nation with wisdom, knowledge, and understanding that they might responsibly participate in our American democracy by making their interests known to their Representatives.
Please keep all who work for the people’s House in good health, that they might faithfully fulfill the great responsibility given them in their service to the work of the Capitol.
May all that is done be for Your greater honor and glory.
Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 4(a) of House Resolution 844, 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,
Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
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 February 20, 2020, at 1:09 p.m.:
That the Senate passed S. 3239.
That the Senate passed with an amendment H.R. 2744.

With best wishes, I am,
Sincerely,
CHERYL L. JOHNSON.

SENATE BILL REFERRED

A bill of the Senate of the following title was taken from the Speaker’s table and, under the rule, referred as follows:
S. 3239. An act to designate the headquarters building of the Department of Transportation located at 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE, in Washington, DC, as the “William T. Coleman, Jr., Federal Building”; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 4(b) of House Resolution 844, the House stands adjourned until 2 p.m. on February 25, 2020.
Thereupon (at 11 o’clock and 2 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Tuesday, February 25, 2020, at 2 p.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker’s table and referred as follows:
3849. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting the Annual Vehicle Fleet Report on Alternative Fuel Vehicles for FY 2019, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 13218(b)(1); Public Law 102-486, Sec. 310 (as amended by Public Law 109-58, Sec. 705); (119 Stat. 817); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.
3850. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting notification that the national emergency with respect to Libya, that was declared in Executive Order 13566 of February 25, 2011, is to

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continue in effect beyond February 25, 2020, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1622(d); Public Law 94–412, Sec. 202(d); (90 Stat. 1257) (H. Doc. No. 116–101); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the Senate.

3851. A letter from the Assistant Director, Executive Resources, Drug Enforcement Administration, Department of Justice, transmitting the Economic Report of the President to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

3852. A letter from the Associate Director, Office of Communications and Legislative Affairs, Office of the Comptroller General of the United States, transmitting the Office of the Comptroller General of the United States, Annual Sunshine Act Report for 2019; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

3853. A letter from the Chairman, National Credit Union Administration, transmitting the Administration’s 2020 Annual Performance Plan, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1115(b); Public Law 111–352, Sec. 3; (124 Stat. 3887); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

3854. A letter from the Chairman, Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Commission, transmitting the 2019 Annual Report of the Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Commission, pursuant to 40 U.S.C. 8903 note; Public Law 106–79, Sec. 882(k)(2); (113 Stat. 1275); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

3855. A letter from the Chief Judge, United States Court of Federal Claims, transmitting Thomas Charles Bear v. United States, Congressional Record Reference No. 13–x; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

3856. A letter from the President Of The United States, transmitting the Economic Report of the President together with the Annual Report of the Council of Economic Advisers, pursuant to 15 U.S.C. 1022(a); February 20, 1946, ch. 33, Sec. 3(a) (as amended by Public Law 106–79); (104 Stat. 1388–609) (H. Doc. No. 116–91); to the Committee on the Joint Economic Committee and ordered to be printed.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and correspondence to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi: Committee on Homeland Security. H.R. 1140. A bill to enhance the security operations of the Transportation Security Administration and stability of the transportation security workforce by applying the personnel system under title 5, United States Code, to employees of the Transportation Security Administration who provide screening of all passengers and property, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 116–401, Pt. 1). Referred to the Committee on the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Ms. WATERS: Committee on Financial Services. H.R. 3701. A bill to establish a statute of limitations for certain actions of the Securities and Exchange Commission, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 116–399). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. NEAL: Committee on Ways and Means. H.R. 3722. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to impose a tax on tobacco products; with an amendment (Rept. 116–400). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. NEAL: Committee on Ways and Means. H.R. 3737. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a safe harbor for high deductible health plans without a deductible for certain inhalers; with an amendment (Rept. 116–401). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. F. CALONE: Committee on Energy and Commerce. H.R. 2339. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to the sale and marketing of tobacco products; with an amendment (Rept. 116–402). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mrs. P. CALOYAN B. MALONEY of New York: Committee on Oversight and Reform. H.R. 745. A bill to amend the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 to provide reform in the office of the Director of Government Ethics, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 116–403, Pt. 1). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

DISCHARGE OF COMMITTEE

Pursuant to clause 2 of rule XIII, the Committee on the Judiciary discharged from further consideration. H.R. 745 referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Pursuant to clause 2 of rule XIII, the Committee on Oversight and Reform discharged from further consideration. H.R. 1140 referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

TIME LIMITATION OF REFERRED BILL

Pursuant to clause 2 of rule XII, the following action was taken by the Speaker:

(The following action occurred on February 19, 2020)

H.R. 2328. Referral to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure extended for a period ending not later than April 23, 2020.

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. FOSTER (for himself, Mr. WELCH, Ms. NORTON, Ms. SCHOWKSY, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mr. DEFRAXO, Mr. CARBAJAL, Ms. MENG, Mr. MALINOWSKI, Mr. NADLER, Mr. PHILIPS, and Mr. CHOW):

H.R. 5029. A bill to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to require reporting of certain expenditures for political activities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Ms. AXNE:

H.R. 5031. A bill to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to require issuers to disclose information about human capital management in annual reports, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. CLAY (for himself and Mr. STEVENS):

H.R. 5033. A bill to require a review of the effects of FHA mortgage insurance policies, practices, and products on small-dollar mortgage lending, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. BILL of Arkansas:

H.R. 5032. A bill to ensure greater transparency about the terms and conditions of financial assistance provided by China to member States of the international financial institutions; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. extensive in length, further actions will be taken later.
enables communities to learn about historical movements in the United States in the past century through the oral histories of community members who participated in those movements and other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Ms. JACKSON LEE:
H.R. 5946. A bill to amend the Military Selective Service Act to ensure that the records of persons registered pursuant to that Act are updated to remove persons who are deceased, receiving supplemental security income benefits due to a disability, or otherwise no longer eligible for induction, and to permit the induction of persons who have been convicted of nonviolent offenses, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, 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 Ms. JACKSON LEE:
H.R. 5947. A bill to preserve knowledge and promote education about jazz in the United States and abroad; to the Committee on Education and Labor, and in addition to the Committee on Education and Labor, 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 Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire (for herself; Mr. SMUCKER, and Mr. PAUL):
H.R. 5948. A bill to amend the Railroad Revitalization and Regulatory Reform Act of 1976 to provide for the Secretary to pay certain credit risk premiums for loan or loan guarantees, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Ms. OMAR:
H.R. 5949. A bill to authorize the transfer of funds made available for overseas contingency operations to increase United States contributions to overseas civilian peacebuilding programs worldwide, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. PANETTA (for himself and Ms. TAUBIN):
H.R. 5950. A bill to permit the search and retention of alien records with respect to conducting criminal background checks, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SARLAN (for himself; Mrs. RADWAGEN, and Ms. GARIBARD):

By Ms. McCOLLUM (for herself; Mrs. EMERY of Indiana, Ms. LEE of California, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. SMITH of Washington, and Mr. YOHIO):
H. Res. 861. A resolution supporting the Global Partnership for Education and offering to the United States to assist in its mission.

By Mr. POCAN (for himself, Mr. GRAVES of Missouri, Ms. BONAMICI, Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. SCHUMER of New York, Ms. DELBENE, Ms. GARIBARD, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. CARTWRIGHT, Mr. DIAZ Fdez, Ms. FINSTER, Mr. YARMUTH, Mr. ALJADILVA, Mr. DE KEE, Mr. LOWENTHAL, Mr. NORTON, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. PANETTA, Ms. WILD, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. COLE, Mr. BRINDISI, Mr. LANGEVIN, Mr. Sires, Ms. JAYAPAL, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. NEUMIER, Mr. CRANE of Illinois, Mr. VAN DREW, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. KHANNA, Mr. LOBENSCAK, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. BLumenauer, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. BARRON, Mr. KIND, Ms. TITUS, Ms. GARCIA of Texas, Ms. HAALAND, Mr. LARSEN of Washington, Mr. BYRNE, Ms. LEE of California, Mr. HINES, Mr. PALLONE, Ms. CASTOR of Florida, Ms. BROWNLEY of California, Mr. MALINOWSKI, Mr. NADLER, Ms. MOORE, Mr. DOUGJETT, Ms. ENSHOO, Mr. DE RAUDENBERG, Ms. SLOTKIN, Mr. QUIGLEY, Mr. MULLIN, Mr. HASTINGS, Mrs. AXNE, Mr. BROWN of Maryland, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Mrs. HAYES, Ms. DAVID of Kansas, Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia, Mrs. LEE of Nevada, Mr. TOKO, Ms. DEGETTE, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Mr. LIVAN, Mr. GOTTHEIMRE, Mr. CASTEN of Illinois, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. BEYER, Mr. GOLDEN, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Ms. FINKENSAUER, Mr. CARSON of Indiana, Mr. GREGORY, Mr. KINKAID, Ms. WEXTON, Ms. STEVENS, Mr. LIPINSKI, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. MORELLE, Mr. SARLAN, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. JOYCE of Ohio, and Ms. FLORIDA):
H. Res. 862. A resolution expressing support for the designation of the week of February 24 through February 28, 2020, as "Public Schools Week"; to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

PRIVATE BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS
Under clause 3 of rule XII.

By Mr. GREEN of Texas introduced a bill (H.R. 5961) for the relief of Teresa Espero Ladrillo, which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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 the accompanying bill or joint resolution.

By Mr. FOSTER:
H.R. 5929. Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
This bill is enacted pursuant to the power granted to Congress under Article I, Section 8, Clauses 1 and 18 of the United States Constitution.

By Mrs. AXNE:
H.R. 5930. Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
This bill is enacted pursuant to the power granted to Congress under Article I, Section 8, Clauses 1 and 18 of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. CLAY:
H.R. 5931. Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
This bill is enacted pursuant to the power granted to Congress under Article I, Section 8, Clauses 1 and 18 of the United States Constitution.

By Ms. JACKSON LEE:
H.R. 5932. Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
This bill is enacted pursuant to the power granted to Congress under Article I, Section 8, Clauses 1 and 18 of the United States Constitution.
H.R. 5552: Mr. Scott of Virginia and Mr. Kim.
H.R. 5554: Mr. Grijalva.
H.R. 5568: Mrs. Dingell.
H.R. 5569: Mr. Ryan.
H.R. 5587: Mrs. Axne and Mr. Riggleman.
H.R. 5602: Mr. Ted Lieu of California and Mr. Chow.
H.R. 5605: Ms. Spanberger.
H.R. 5631: Mr. Trone.
H.R. 5639: Ms. Omar.
H.R. 5721: Mr. Lowenthal, Mr. Cisneros, Ms. Bass, Mr. Cook, Mr. McCintock, Ms. Norton, Mr. Peters, Ms. Waters, Mr. Ted Lieu of California, Ms. Speier, and Mr. Garamendi.
H.R. 5733: Mr. Banks.
H.R. 5734: Mr. Takano, Mr. Blumenauer, Ms. Norton, and Mr. Panetta.
H.R. 5751: Ms. Barragán.
H.R. 5763: Mr. Cuellar.
H.R. 5775: Mr. Harder of California and Mr. Doggett.
H.R. 5786: Mr. Larson of Connecticut and Mr. Rodney Davis of Illinois.
H.R. 5787: Mr. Huffman and Mr. O’Halleran.
H.R. 5818: Mrs. Hayes.
H.R. 5831: Mr. Yoho.
H.R. 5842: Mr. Tonko.
H.R. 5845: Ms. Pressley, Ms. Schrier, Mr. Espaillat, Ms. Clarke of New York, Mr. Doggett, Mr. Thompson of California, and Ms. Bonamici.
H.R. 5874: Ms. Pressley, Mr. Khanna, and Mrs. Torres of California.
H.R. 5894: Mr. Sablan, Mr. DeFazio, and Ms. Lee of California.
H.R. 5886: Ms. DeGette and Mr. Ted Lieu of California.
H.R. 5887: Mr. Wilson of South Carolina and Mr. Cisneros.
H.R. 5897: Mr. Grijalva and Mrs. Kirkpatrick.
H.R. 5919: Ms. Jackson Lee and Mr. Hastings.
H.R. 5922: Mr. CASH.

H.J. Res. 2: Mr. Veasey.
H. Con. Res. 12: Mr. Danny K. Davis of Illinois and Mr. Horsford.
H. Con. Res. 13: Mr. Danny K. Davis of Illinois, Mr. Horsford, Mrs. Norton, and Mr. Sires.
H. Con. Res. 49: Mr. Carson of Indiana and Mr. Danny K. Davis of Illinois.

H. Res. 96: Mr. Danny K. Davis of Illinois, Mr. Horsford, Mrs. Lawrence, and Mr. Sires.
H. Res. 214: Mrs. Lucia and Ms. Sherrill.
H. Res. 579: Mr. Cash.
H. Res. 643: Ms. Norton and Mr. Bost.
H. Res. 690: Mr. Raskin.
H. Res. 745: Mr. Yarmuth.
H. Res. 815: Mr. Foster.
H. Res. 835: Ms. Norton, Mr. Suozzi, and Mr. Grijalva.
H. Res. 859: Ms. Norton and Mr. Payne.
H. Res. 860: Mr. Payne, Mr. Bishop of Georgia, Mr. Casten of Illinois, and Mr. Grijalva.
HONORING THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF BAKU POGROMS

HON. TJ COX
OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, February 21, 2020

Mr. COX of California. Madam Speaker, this year we mark the 30th anniversary of the anti-Armenian pogroms that took place in Baku, Azerbaijan. These pogroms were a continuation of a longstanding pattern of increasingly violent attacks against Armenians. During a week-long pogrom, Armenians in Baku were killed, tortured, robbed, and tens of thousands were forced to flee their homes to escape persecution, causing families to be uprooted and torn apart.

The Azerbaijani leadership has yet to be held accountable for this violence against its Armenian civilians. Instead of condemning these atrocities of decades ago, the Aliyev government continues holding a militant policy against Armenians, especially within the region of Nagorno-Karabakh.

I call upon my colleagues to join me in condemning this atrocity, strengthening our ties to the Republic of Artsakh, and holding Azerbaijan accountable for its actions. While we mourn the lives lost in this tragedy, it is imperative that we encourage Azerbaijan to acknowledge their past and that we press forward with the bipartisan Royce-Engel peace proposals.

Madam Speaker, we must follow a principled U.S. policy—condemning violence and promoting peace—both by securing foreign aid to Nagorno-Karabakh and withholding financial and military support from Azerbaijan. I look forward to working with my colleagues on the Armenian Caucus to continue pushing policies promoting peace and human rights for Armenians and for all.

RECOGNIZING STEVE COKER
HON. TRENT KELLY
OF MISSISSIPPI
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, February 21, 2020

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding Mississippian, New Albany Fire Chief Steve Coker, who is retiring after an impressive career.

Steve Coker began his lifelong career in 1991 with the East Union Volunteer Fire Department in Union County, Mississippi. His excellent service earned him the title of Fire Chief of East Union, and later, he became the Union County Fire Coordinator. Steve was also selected to serve with the Mississippi Fire Chiefs Association as Northeast District Vice President.

I thank Steve for his lifelong dedication to fire safety and for making Mississippi a better place. I wish him many years of good health and hope he enjoys his well-deserved retirement.

CHRISTINE ARBOGAST
HON. ED PERLMUTTER
OF COLORADO
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, February 21, 2020

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Christine Arbogast for receiving the 2020 Wayne N. Aspinall Water Leader of the Year award presented by the Colorado Water Congress.

This lifetime achievement award honors Coloradans who have long demonstrated courage, dedication, knowledge, and strong leadership in the development, protection, and preservation of Colorado water. As only the third woman to receive this prestigious honor, Christine exemplifies all of these qualities and is deserving of this recognition. Christine is the President of Centennial-based Kogovsek & Associates, specializing in water management, development and conservation, the use and protection of public lands, and American Indian issues. Christine has worked for decades on these issues and has made an impact on the state of Colorado. She is the current President of the National Water Resources Association and led its Federal Affairs Committee for years. Christine is also the President of the non-profit Women in Water Scholarship Fund. She previously served as a Special Projects Administrator for the Colorado Department of Agriculture.

Christine’s contribution to our state is remarkable as exemplified by the Colorado Southeastern Water Conservancy District when they stated, “She was instrumental in completing the Ute Mountain Ute Indian Rights Settlement, defeating American Water Development Inc.’s attempt to appropriate Rio Grande groundwater, and creating the Great Sand Dunes National Park and Rio Grande Natural Area.”

Christine’s dedication to the development, protection, and preservation of Colorado water is tremendous. I extend my deepest congratulations to my friend Christine Arbogast on this honor and for her contributions to our community and the entire State of Colorado.

HON. CYNTHIA AXNE
OF IOWA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, February 21, 2020

Mrs. AXNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Dr. Vergarie Sanford for her outstanding work and commitment as a faith leader in her community.

Dr. Sanford serves as a minister at Mount Zion Refuge Center Church in Council Bluffs. Here, she centers her work on creating safe, supporting communities that focuses on serving God by serving others. Dr. Sanford engages young women, providing mentorship for girls between ages 12 and 18. She has also worked in local middle schools on bullying prevention programs. Her dedication to bettering her community is shown in her multiple memberships on the boards of local Council Bluffs organizations. Dr. Sanford is a true community leader and servant.

Born and raised in Council Bluffs, Dr. Sanford is dedicated to continued learning that allows her to better serve her fellow Iowans. She graduated from Abraham Lincoln High School and attended Iowa Western; most recently, she received her Ph.D. in Educational Leadership from Oral Roberts University, and I know her community is deeply proud of this accomplishment. She said she is inspired by Matthew 9:37 which reads “the harvest is plentiful but the laborers are few” which speaks to her heart and desire to serve her community.

Dr. Sanford is on the Board of Directors of Children’s Square U.S.A., which provides behavioral health, educational services, child welfare, and emergency services to families. She is also the Vice Chair on the Board of Directors of Centro Latino. This organization created a social services office in Council Bluffs to help the growing Latino community navigate through different resources including pantry services, housing assistance, applications to Medicaid, SNAP, and unemployment. Through her work, Iowans are getting access to services they need to support their families.

It is an honor to commemorate the outstanding achievement of Dr. Sanford and celebrate the hard work that she has put in to give back to her community. I have great respect and admiration for activists like Dr. Sanford who continue to build up others and help them fulfill their needs.

HONORING THE HONORABLE SYLVIA GALE
HON. ANN M. KUSTER
OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, February 21, 2020

Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Honorable Sylvia Gale for all she does to make the Nashua region such an incredibly special place to live.

Whether it has been her important contributions to the Division for Children, Youth and Families as a former New Hampshire state employee, her leadership on the New Hampshire House Judiciary Committee, or her activism as the Vice Chair and Secretary of Nashua’s Cultural Connections Committee, her contributions to our state have been lasting and meaningful.

On behalf of my constituents across New Hampshire’s Second Congressional District, I
thank Sylvia for her many years of service and for being a part of what makes the Granite State so special.

CONGRATULATING MYST ON THEIR GRAND OPENING

HON. DANIEL MEUSER
OF PENNSYLVANIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, February 21, 2020

Mr. MEUSER. Madam Speaker, it is with great joy that I rise today to congratulate MYST Hibachi/Sushi/Gastropub in Jim Thorpe on their recent grand opening.

Small business owners and entrepreneurs, like Mike Heiser and Josh Crownover, co-owners of MYST, are the lifeblood of our communities. From its pleasant restaurants to charming stores, Jim Thorpe thrives on the innovative small businesses and those who support them. I am confident that MYST will be a fantastic addition to Wayne County’s flourishing small business community.

Jim Thorpe is a true gem in Pennsylvania’s Ninth District. This quaint town welcomes thousands of visitors each year who come to enjoy its beauty, explore unique shops and restaurants and appreciate the pristine nature that surrounds it. MYST will continue to build on the distinctive experiences Jim Thorpe offers to residents and tourists alike.

On behalf of the U.S. House of Representatives and the citizens of Pennsylvania’s Ninth Congressional District, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating MYST on their grand opening. We wish them the best of luck and success on their new business endeavor.

IN SUPPORT OF H.R. 1494—HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES (HBCUs) HOME- LAND SECURITY PARTNERSHIPS ACT

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE
OF TEXAS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, February 21, 2020

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, as a member of the bipartisan Congressional HBCU Caucus and an original co-sponsor, I rise in support of H.R. 1494, the Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) Homeland Security Partnerships Act, which strengthens partnerships between historically Black colleges and universities and minority-serving institutions, and the Department of Homeland Security.

As a strong proponent of the preservation of our nation’s HBCU’s and MSI’s, I support this bill because our students deserve to receive an outstanding education and have access to equal resources, regardless of the institution they choose to attend.

H.R. 1494 would improve the quality of HBCU’s and minority serving institutions by allowing the Department of Homeland Security to promote recruitment, hiring, research and acquisition opportunities.

H.R. 1494 also requires the Department of Homeland Security to send each HBCU and minority-serving institution a comprehensive list of internship, fellowship, scholarship and recruitment opportunities within the Department for students and graduates of such institutions.

In addition to the implementation of strategies to improve governmental relations with these colleges, universities and institutions, the DHS will submit reports detailing financial awards, descriptions of how the partnerships are enforced, and summaries of outreach efforts to HBCU’s and minority-serving institutions.

Madam Speaker, I am proud that one of the greatest HBCUs in the county, Texas Southern University, is located in my congressional district.

Texas Southern University has a rich history with nine academic units, 1,000 dedicated staff members, and over 9,200 esteemed students.

Like most of my HBCU Caucus colleagues, I have worked closely with my local HBCU to provide funding and resources needed to enable them to fulfill their mission of educating the next generation of social engineers and conducting research programs addressing issues of major concern to the African American community.

As Chairwoman of the Homeland Security Subcommittee on Transportation Security and Infrastructure Protection in the 111th Congress, I authored the legislation to establish a Transportation Security Center of Excellence at TSU and worked to help TSU secure $1.2 million in funding over four years from the Department of Homeland Security for this Center of Excellence.

One of my proudest accomplishments as a member of Congress is my success in working with federal officials in the Clinton Administration to settle the lawsuit against TSU that had been pending for more than 23 years.

I was proud to spearhead the initiative that brought more than $13 million in financial aid relief for the students and campus of Texas Southern University.

I also worked with TSU administrators to initiate digital archive projects to preserve the records of two of its most distinguished alumni, the legendary Barbara Jordan and Mickey Leland, both of whom preceded me as the Member of Congress for the Eighteenth Congressional District of Texas.

I was pleased to facilitate a partnership between Comcast and TSU’s School of Communication to provide scholarships and internships to TSU students and in-kind marketing services to the university.

I helped secure funding needed to establish the Center for Transportation, Training and Research in the TSU College of Science, Engineering, and Technology.

HBCU’s have played a critical role in American history. As the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. stated: “The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character—that is the goal of true education.”

HBCUs do not just educate—HBCUs have and will continue to fill an important role in education opportunity and engagement for millions of young people from diverse backgrounds.

Funds provided by the Science and Technology Directorate grants and cooperative agreements will provide enhancements in areas relating to homeland security such as cybersecurity, emergency management and counterterrorism.

As leaders of this country, the success and expansion of HBCUs and minority-serving institutions falls on our shoulders and we must act swiftly to ensure that these institutions are provided support.

In an effort to maintain the legacy and educational quality of our historically Black colleges and universities and minority-serving institutions, we must act urgently to ensure the proper relationships are established between all of these institutions and the Department of Homeland Security.

I ask all members to join me in voting for H.R. 1494, the Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) Homeland Security Partnerships Act.

HONORING A.E. HOTCHNER
HON. STEVE COHEN
OF TENNESSEE
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, February 21, 2020

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to speak in admiration of the life of A.E. Hotchner, the novelist, bon vivant, friend-of-the-famous and philanthropist who died last Saturday at the age of 102. Mr. Hotchner led a charmed life filled with movie stars, musicians, and literary lions. He was known as a loyal friend and companion, particularly to the likes of Ernest Hemingway and his Connecticut neighbor Paul Newman. With Mr. Newman, he founded Newman’s Own, a non-profit brand of salad dressings and sauces created to underwrite charitable causes that has, since 1982, delivered hundreds of millions of dollars to good causes. He and Mr. Newman also founded the Hole in the Wall Gang in 1988 for children with life-threatening illnesses, underwritten in part by a 1991 Lincoln Center benefit gala starring Julia Roberts, Meryl Streep, Philip Seymour Hoffman, Matt Damon, Joanne Woodward and her husband, Mr. Newman. It was Mr. Hotchner’s adaptation of one of Hemingway’s short stories, “The Boxer,” that introduced him to a young Paul Newman, who played the part of the boxer originally intended for James Dean after Dean was killed in a car crash in 1955. A St. Louis native and a graduate of Washington University in St. Louis and its law school, Mr. Hotchner met Hemingway in 1948 as a literary agent for Cosmopolitan magazine, where his job was to persuade famous people to write for the publication. He found Hemingway in Cuba, beginning a friendship of travel and drinking that included Spanish bullfights and hunting in Idaho and only ended with Hemingway’s suicide in 1961. The best known of his many works about celebrities was Papa Hemingway: A Personal Memoir (1966). He also published a book of their correspondence, Dear Papa, Dear Hotch (2005) and two plays about the Nobel Prize winning novelist. Mr. Hotchner also wrote about film stars Clark Gable, Marlene Dietrich, Doris Day, and Sophia Loren; about the heiress Barbara Hutton and the French fashion designer Coco Chanel; and the illustrated history Everyone Comes to Elaine’s, about the Manhattan nightspot famous for its prominent clientele. Mr. Hotchner was famous in his own right for a series of memoirs, historical novels and plays. His play
HONORING JACK BASKIN
OF CALIFORNIA
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Mr. PANETTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Jack Baskin, a prominent engineer, builder, and philanthropist on the central coast of California. Jack will be remembered as a generous and active supporter of his community.

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Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the 100th Anniversary of the League of Women Voters, an organization that was founded to prepare the implementation of the 19th Amendment of the United States Constitution giving women the right to vote. The League of Women Voters of North and Central San Mateo County join more than 700 local and state chapters to celebrate the historic centennial of the 19th Amendment.

When LWV was founded on February 14, 1920, six months before the 19th Amendment was ratified, founder Carrie Chapman Catt believed the organization could give millions of women voters a crash course in civic engagement and the American political system. Formed by the suffragists of the National American Women Suffrage Association, the league started out as a political experiment designed to help 20 million women carry out their newly won right to vote.

The right to vote is at the very core of our Republic. Our Founding Fathers wisely enshrined that right of every citizen to make changes in our political system in the first three words of our Constitution: “We The People.” Sadly, our Founding Fathers did not include women, and it took another 131 years to get the 19th Amendment ratified.

It was an ugly battle. After it passed the House and Senate, anti-suffrage groups mobilized to continue their pressure campaign in the states. I have two framed documents in my Washington, D.C., office that I like to show visitors to illustrate that tension. One is an original copy of the 1871 petition from suffragist Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton urging Congress to give women the right to vote. The other is a 1917 letter from the National American Woman Suffrage arguing that the 19th Amendment would be an “official endorsement of nagging as a national policy;” that it would “give every radical woman the right to believe that she could get any law she wanted by ‘pestering.’”

The same year, 1917, the National Women’s Party picketed the White House to pressure President Woodrow Wilson. No one had ever picketed the White House before and the women were met with hostility from angry mobs. They were yelled at, spat on, peppered with rotten eggs and even beaten and sexually assaulted. On November 14, 1917, after being arrested, a group of women were met at the prison by guards with clubs, and 33 women were choked, kicked, and one was stabbed between the eyes. They were fed rotten food and denied medical treatment. When some women went on a hunger strike, they were force fed with tubes through their noses. This “Night of Terror” has been forgotten by most Americans today, but it illustrates the hard-fought battles for women to finally gain the right to vote on August 26, Women’s Equality Day.

To this day the League of Women Voters, of which I am a proud member, continues to register, educate, and mobilize voters reaffirming its commitment to “Making Democracy Work.” While its mission hasn’t changed, the league has leveraged its advantage on one of the nation’s largest websites, such as VOTE411.org, a cutting-edge website utilized by millions of voters, to make it even more effective.

Madam Speaker, for a century, the League of Women Voters has empowered voters and defended democracy. It has evolved from a political experiment designed to help 20 million newly-enfranchised women to vote in 1920 to a nonpartisan organization shaping public policy, molding political leaders, and promoting citizen engagement. May it not take another 100 years until every citizen eligible to vote will cast her or his ballot to protect and be part of our democracy.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF OAKWOOD CITY MANAGER STAN BROWN
OF GEORGIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, February 21, 2020

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Oakwood City Manager Stan Brown for his service to the people of northeast Georgia. Mr. Brown is retiring on February 28, 2020 after serving the city of Oakwood for 16 years.

Mr. Brown has worked in local government for over 25 years, holding various positions across northeast Georgia, including in the city of Carrollton, Athens-Clarke County, and Jackson County. In 2004, Mr. Brown was appointed as Oakwood City Manager, where he was tasked with maintaining economic development and promoting the interests of the local community. Throughout his tenure, he worked closely with the Greater Hall Chamber of Commerce, the Economic Development Council, the Lake Lanier Convention and Visitors Bureau, and the Hall County Green Alliance to meet the challenges and opportunities of growth while also guaranteeing the best quality of life for its residents.

While Mr. Brown’s time spent serving in local government spans over two decades, his commitment to service began long before his tenure as Oakwood City Manager. Mr. Brown attended and graduated from the United States Air Force Academy and served his nation for many years, including overseas in Iraq, Kuwait, and Kyrgyzstan, retiring as a Lieutenant Colonel. Mr. Brown continued his service as a member of my military academy nomination board, where he played an instrumental role in selecting future leaders in the U.S. military.

From his military service to his work in local government, Stan Brown has dedicated his life to serving his fellow citizens, putting his heart and soul into serving our country and our community. I join the people of northeast Georgia in thanking him for his years of commitment to the city of Oakwood, and I wish him all the best in his next chapter of life.
Mr. BALDERSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to extend my congratulations to Ed Morrison, and the entire Shelly & Sands Inc. team of my hometown, Zanesville, Ohio, on winning the National Asphalt Pavement Association’s Sheldon G. Haynes Award.

To be eligible for the Sheldon G. Haynes award, a paving company must first win the Pavement Associations Quality in Construction award for a project using more than 50,000 tons of asphalt. Paving companies must submit projects from across the United States to be judged by an independent pavement consultant. The projects are then judged on pavement smoothness, safety, and durability, and innovative techniques used during the projects. Of the thousands of largescale paving projects submitted every year, four companies are considered finalists and only one company wins.

The I-77 roadway in Guernsey County, Ohio presented a unique paving challenge for Quality Control Director Ed Morrison and the Shelly & Sands team. Shelly & Sands began paving in the middle of a bridge construction project. The team used innovative thermal cameras to ensure even asphalt cooling for surface smoothness and durability. This was just one of many masterful techniques used by the Shelly & Sands team to achieve success in this project.

I again extend my warmest congratulations to Ed and his team on this prestigious award.

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate U.S. District Judge Jack B. Weinstein of Brooklyn on his retirement after 53 years on the bench. Judge Weinstein is well known for his liberal sensibilities, especially for his suggested reforms of sentencing guidelines to reduce the length of time most offenders spend behind bars. I related to him as a champion of women’s rights, criminal justice reform and the lack of sentencing alternatives for young offenders. A submarine officer in the Pacific Theatre in World War II, he returned home and was a 1948 graduate of Columbia University Law School. As a young lawyer, he worked on briefs in the landmark Brown v. Board of Education desegregation case and recently lamented that, in New York as in so many other places, re-segregation of public schools is the reality. In a long and colorful career on the bench after being nominated to the district court by President Lyndon Johnson in 1967, Judge Weinstein presided at the trial of Vincent “The Chin” Gigante, the head of the Genovese crime family, and massive tort cases involving asbestos and Agent Orange. In a recent interview with The New York Times, he said that, although the country is “going downhill” with a “very conservative” Supreme Court at the moment, he was optimistic for the future because it is “essentially a good country made up of people who will fight for what’s right.” It’s nice to know that Judge Weinstein, in retirement with his newly retired physician son, will be studying how post-Civil War Reconstruction devolved into Jim Crowism as they both pursue master’s degrees in history. I wish Judge Weinstein, a productive and fulfilling retirement and thank him for his long service to our country.
American Campaign Medal, The Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal, the Honorable Service Lapel Button and the Honorable Discharge Lapel Pin. Eventually, his journey led him back to San Antonio where he worked in civil service for 25 years at Kelly Air Force Base.

Madam Speaker, I am thankful to have known such a remarkable person who dedicated himself to service and family. Although I am deeply saddened by his loss, I am comforted by knowing that his memory will live on through his many loved ones.

HONORING THE LEGACY OF THE TABERNACLE BAPTIST CHURCH IN WEST PALM BEACH

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS
OF FLORIDA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, February 21, 2020

Mr. HASTINGS. Madam Speaker, it is my distinct honor to recognize the legacy of the Tabernacle Baptist Church, a historically black church located in West Palm Beach, Florida. The Tabernacle Baptist Church was established in 1893, before the creation of the town of West Palm Beach in 1894. The Church has proven to be a pillar and haven in the community throughout its 127-year history and continues to maintain its strong presence today.

The Church's leadership through various projects, such as the establishment of the U.B. Kinsey Educational and Community Center, and the Rosemary Village Construction Project, illustrates a dedication to a holistic, community-driven mission. The Church has also created the first school for African American children in Palm Beach County and continues to champion education through programs such as their scholarship committee.

Throughout the years, the Church has maintained a steadfast spiritual guide and support and strives to strengthen its presence in order to better serve Palm Beach County.

Under the leadership of Rev. Gerald D. Kisner, Pastor of Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church for the past 23 years; Reverend Kevin L. Jones, Assistant Pastor of Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church and the Church's Minister for Youth and Young Adults; and Ms. Gwendolyn Ferguson, Executive Assistant of the Church, they have carried the mission of the Church to serve as God's witnesses or ambassadors to people who are in need, through discipleship, outreach, teaching, preaching, community development, praise and worship.

Madam Speaker, the Tabernacle Baptist Church is indeed an exemplary part of our community. I extend my warmest congratulations to the Church for its contributions over these 127 years and wish them many more years of continued success.

CONGRATULATING STAFF SERGEANT DANIEL ACOSTA ON BEING NAMED THE HOMES FOR HEROES—HERO OF THE MONTH

HON. BILL FOSTER
OF ILLINOIS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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Mr. FOSTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Staff Sergeant Daniel Acosta on being named the Homes for Heroes—Hero of the Month.

A citizen of Joliet, Staff Sergeant Acosta served as an explosive ordnance disposal technician in the United States Air Force from 2002 to 2009. While serving in Iraq in 2006, he sustained an injury from an improvised explosive device. He was later awarded the Purple Heart by Brigadier General Frank Gorenc.

Today, Staff Sergeant Acosta is a veteran service officer working as a senior caseworker with the Will County Veterans Assistance Program and is on advisory boards of other non-profit organizations such as the Coalition to Salute America’s Heroes and Tee It Up for the Troops. He is also a board member for Adaptive Adventures, an organization dedicated to providing outdoor sports opportunities to people with physical disabilities and their families. I commend him for his service to our great nation.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in recognizing the service and sacrifice of Staff Sergeant Daniel Acosta. His service and sacrifice for this country are truly honorable.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PETER WELCH
OF VERMONT
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, February 21, 2020

Mr. WELCH. Madam Speaker, because of my attendance at a Vermont memorial service to give the eulogy for a friend and prominent Vermonter, I was unable to vote on Roll Call 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, and 70. Had I been present, I would have voted: Roll Call 60: “Aye”; Roll Call 61: “Nay”; Roll Call 62: “Nay”; Roll Call 63: “Aye”; Roll Call 64: “Nay”; Roll Call 65: “Nay”; Roll Call 66: “Aye”; Roll Call 67: “Nay”; Roll Call 68: “Nay”; Roll Call 69: “Aye”; and Roll Call 70: “Aye”.

CELEBRATING ESMERALDA LONGORIA GARCIA

HON. SYLVIA R. GARCIA
OF TEXAS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, February 21, 2020

Ms. GARCIA of Texas. Madam Speaker, Esmeralda Longoria Garcia will be a centenarian on February 22, 2020 at her home. She was born on February 24, 1920 in Alice, Texas to her parents Leonard Longoria and Luisa Lopez Longoria and raised in San Antonio, Texas. She attended first grade in San Antonio, and her father took her to school on horseback. From second to twelfth grade she went to school in the Alice Independent School District. She spent 9 months with her uncle Julian Gomez to attend school and spent her summers with her parents in Sarita. She attended Texas College of Arts and Industries in Kingsville, now known as Texas A&M University Kingsville.

She taught secondary school at Kingsville ISD her first year from 1946 to 1947. She taught in three different elementary grades in three different schools—Nayer, Saenz, and Mary R. Garcia—in the Alice Independent School District from 1947 to 1981.

She retired with 35 years of dedicated service as a teacher.

She married Alberto Arambula Garcia from Palito Blanco, and they lived in Alice, Texas. They had one son, Alberto Garcia Jr., two grandchildren, Victoria and Bryan Garcia, and two great grandchildren, Mila Jo and Rowen.

She has been a member of the Beta Pi Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma for 57 years and a member of Tri-County Retired Teachers Association since 1981.

Congresswoman SYLVIA R. GARCIA proclaims, “Tia Mere, you have a heart of gold, a century of experiences and wisdom, and you are by far the most extraordinary person I have ever known.”

IN SUPPORT OF H.R. 5273 SECURING AMERICA’S PORTS ACT

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE
OF TEXAS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, February 21, 2020

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, as a senior member of the Committee on Homeland Security, I rise in strong support of H.R. 5273, the “Securing America’s Ports Act.” I voted for H.R. 5273 because it secures America’s land ports of entry along the border by increasing the rate of expeditious scanning of commercial and passenger vehicles entering the United States.

But Madam Speaker, this bill does more than just secure the border.

H.R. 5273 also encourages the continuation of cross-cultural interactions through tourism and trade across an increasingly secure border and encourages the rich diversity of interactions and cooperation between the United States and Mexico as well as ensures mutual economic success.

As many of you know, Texas shares the longest border with Mexico of any states in the Union at 1,254 miles.

Over time, the southwest region of the country has become the largest manufacturing corridor in the world.

In 2019, it was estimated that two-way trade between the United States and Mexico surpassed $600 billion.

Trade between Texas and Mexico alone was approximately $200 billion each year.

In fact, in a single day, more than one million people come and go across the border, along with 300,000 vehicles and over 75,000 trucks.

This magnitude of crossings at the border demands our attention.

Customs and Border Protection (CBP) uses these systems to inspect contents of commercial and passenger vehicles for potential contraband, such as drugs, without physically opening or unloading the vehicles.

My congressional district is home to one of the most racially and culturally diverse communities in the United States.

In the 18th Congressional District of Texas, 39.1 percent of people identify as Hispanic or Latino, 39.9 percent identify as Black or African American, and 45.4 percent identify as White.
Throughout my time in Congress, I have sought to propose and support legislation that increases the efficiency of operations at the border in addition to encouraging trade for the economic betterment of Texans.

For example, I supported H.R. 4940, the Border and Port Security Act, which prioritized improving the level of efficiency at the border by requiring the U.S. Customs and Border Protection to hire, train, and assign at least 500 new officers.

By adding qualified CBP agents, H.R. 4940 would help resolve CBP’s understaffing crisis and efficiently address not only the high volumes of commercial and passenger vehicles that cross the border every day but also the seasonal surges that leave our CBP officers overwhelmed.

Today, the Securing America’s Ports Act is building on previous initiatives like H.R. 4940 and improving the processes at our border.

Madam Speaker, H.R. 5273 understands and acts upon the nuances between the need to secure the border and achieve safety and security while also promote the robust exchange of goods, services, people, and ideas that we have enjoyed and profited from for years.

I ask all members to join me in voting for H.R. 5273, the Securing America’s Ports Act.
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Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate was not in session and stands adjourned until 3 p.m., on Monday, February 24, 2020.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 22 public bills, H.R. 5929–5950; 1 private bills, H.R. 5951; and 2 resolutions, H. Res. 861–862 were introduced.

Additional Cosponsors:

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

- H.R. 1140, to enhance the security operations of the Transportation Security Administration and stability of the transportation security workforce by applying the personnel system under title 5, United States Code, to employees of the Transportation Security Administration who provide screening of all passengers and property, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 116–398, Part 1);
- H.R. 3701, to establish a statute of limitations for certain actions of the Securities and Exchange Commission, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 116–398, Part 1);
- H.R. 4742, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to impose a tax on nicotine used in vaping, etc., with an amendment (H. Rept. 116–400);
- H.R. 4716, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a safe harbor for high deductible health plans without a deductible for certain inhalers, with an amendment (H. Rept. 116–401);
- H.R. 2339, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to the sale and marketing of tobacco products, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 116–402); and
- H.R. 745, to amend the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 to provide for reform in the operations of the Office of Government Ethics, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 116–403, Part 1).

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Clay to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

Senate Referral:

S. 3239 was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

Senate Message:

Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H1167.

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 11 a.m. and adjourned at 11:02 a.m.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2020

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.
Next Meeting of the SENATE
3 p.m., Monday, February 24

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: Following the prayer and pledge, Senator Baldwin will be recognized to deliver Washington’s Farewell Address.

Following the Address, Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Robert Anthony Molloy, to be Judge for the District Court of the Virgin Islands, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture thereon at 5:30 p.m.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
2 p.m., Tuesday, February 25

House Chamber

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