

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Gomez to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H1173**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, Chaplain, United States Senate, Washington, DC. **Page H1173**

Recess: The House recessed at 2:08 p.m. and reconvened at 4:15 p.m. **Page H1174**

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

Gold Star Spouses and Spouses of Injured Servicemembers Leasing Relief Expansion Act: H.R. 2227, amended, to amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to authorize spouses of servicemembers who incur a catastrophic injury or illness or die while in military service to terminate leases of premises and motor vehicles; **Pages H1174–75**
Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to clarify the authority of servicemembers who incur a catastrophic injury or illness while in military service to terminate leases of premises and motor vehicles, and for other purposes.”; **Page H1175**

Legal Services for Homeless Veterans Act: H.R. 3749, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to make grants to entities that provide legal services for homeless veterans and veterans at risk for homelessness; **Pages H1176–79**

VA Reporting Transparency Act: H.R. 4613, amended, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish and maintain a website of the Department that allows the public to obtain electronic copies of certain legislatively requested reports of the Department of Veterans Affairs; and **Pages H1179–80**

Protecting Business Opportunities for Veterans Act: H.R. 561, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the oversight of contracts awarded by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to small business concerns owned and controlled by veterans. **Pages H1180–82**

Suspension—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measure under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed.

G.I. and Veterans Education Empowerment Act: H.R. 4852, to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to make available to veterans certain additional information about postsecondary educational institutions. **Pages H1175–76**

Presidential Messages: Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the national emergency with respect to Ukraine that was

declared in Executive Order 13660 of March 6, 2014 is to continue in effect beyond March 6, 2020—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 116–102). **Page H1182**

Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the national emergency with respect to Cuba that was declared on March 1, 1996, in Proclamation 6867, as amended by Proclamation 7757 on February 26, 2004, Proclamation 9398 on February 24, 2016, and Proclamation 9699 on February 22, 2018, is to continue in effect beyond March 1, 2020—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 116–103). **Page H1182**

Senate Referral: S. 995 was held at the desk.

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on pages H1173–74.

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 2 p.m. and adjourned at 5:49 p.m.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

IMPROVING FAMILY STABILITY

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded a hearing to examine improving family stability for the wellbeing of American children, after receiving testimony from Kay Hymowitz, Manhattan Institute, New York, New York; W. Bradford Wilcox, University of Virginia, Charlottesville; Betsey Stevenson, University of Michigan Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy, Ann Arbor; and Rashawn Ray, The Brookings Institution, Washington, D.C.

DAV LEGISLATIVE PRESENTATION

Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a joint hearing with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of the Disabled American Veterans, after receiving testimony from Stephen Whitehead, Jim Marszalek, Joy J. Ilem, Randy Reese, J. Marc Burgess, Barry A. Jesinoski, Dan Clare, and Diane J. Franz, all of Disabled American Veterans, Washington, D.C.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2020

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: to hold a joint hearing with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of multiple veterans service organizations, 2 p.m., SD-G50.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry, hearing entitled "Innovative Wood Products: Promoting Rural Economies and Healthy Forests", 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, budget hearing on the Department of Health and Human Services, 9:30 a.m., 2358-C Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Department of Homeland Security, budget hearing on the Department of Homeland Security, 10:30 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, budget hearing on the Judiciary Department, 2 p.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Department of Homeland Security, hearing entitled "Member Day", 2:30 p.m., 2008 Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, Full Committee, hearing entitled "The Fiscal Year 2021 National Defense Authorization Budget Request from the Department of Defense", 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and Labor, Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, hearing entitled "Asleep at the Switch: How the Department of Labor Failed to Oversee the Black Lung Disability Trust Fund", 2 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "In the Dark: Lack of Transparency in the Live Event Ticketing Industry", 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled "The Fiscal Year 2021 HHS Budget and Oversight of the Coronavirus Outbreak", 1 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Intelligence and Counterterrorism, hearing entitled "Confronting the Rise in Anti-Semitic Domestic Terrorism, Part II", 2 p.m., 310 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, Full Committee, markup on legislation on the USA FREEDOM Reauthorization Act of 2020; H.R. 2733, the "Savanna's Act"; H.R. 2438, the

"Not Invisible Act of 2019"; and legislation on the Strengthening the Opposition to Female Genital Mutilation Act, 2:30 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 5435, the "American Public Lands and Waters Climate Solution Act of 2019"; and H.R. 5859, the "Trillion Trees Act", 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee for Indigenous Peoples of the United States, hearing entitled "Destroying Sacred Sites and Erasing Tribal Culture: The Trump Administration's Construction of the Border Wall", 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Reform, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Voter Suppression in Minority Communities: Learning from the Past to Protect Our Future", 11 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 2339, the "Reversing the Youth Tobacco Epidemic Act of 2019" [Protecting American Lungs and Reversing the Youth Tobacco Epidemic Act of 2020], 4 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Small Business, Full Committee, hearing entitled "A Discussion with SBA Administrator Jovita Carranza: Current Issues and the FY2021 Budget", 11:30 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Full Committee, markup on amending Committee rules; approving revised membership and leadership of the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management; Fiscal Year 2021 Budget Views and Estimates of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure; H. Con. Res. 90, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the National Peace Officers Memorial Service and the National Honor Guard and Pipe Band Exhibition; H.R. 4470, to rename the Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation the Great Lakes St. Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation; H.R. 5756, the "Resiliency Enhancement Act of 2020"; H.R. 2914, the "Housing Survivors of Major Disasters Act of 2019"; H.R. 5912, the "Expedited Delivery of Airport Infrastructure Act of 2020"; legislation on the Preventing Disaster Revictimization Act; and General Service Administration's Capital Investment and Leasing Program Resolutions, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, Full Committee, hearing entitled "U.S.-China Trade and Competition", 10:30 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Joint Meetings

Joint Hearing: Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs, to hold a joint hearing with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of multiple veterans service organizations, 2 p.m., SD-G50.