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The House met at noon and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. PANETTA).

DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
March 9, 2020.

I hereby appoint the Honorable JIMMY PANETTA to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

MORNING-HOUR DEBATE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of January 7, 2020, the Chair will now recognize Members from lists submitted by the majority and minority leaders for morning-hour debate.

The Chair will alternate recognition between the parties, with time equally allocated between the parties and each Member other than the majority and minority leaders and the minority whip limited to 5 minutes, but in no event shall debate continue beyond 1:50 p.m.

REMEMBERING WORLD WAR II VETERAN RALPH WAITE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. GONZALEZ) for 5 minutes.

Mr. GONZALEZ of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to honor the life and legacy of World War II veteran Ralph Waite, a Medina native and northeast Ohio icon who died on February 18 at age 93.

Ralph joined the Army in June 1944, immediately after his graduation from Medina High School. He served in the U.S. Army, 924th Field Artillery Bat-

alion, in the European theater and took part in the Battle of the Bulge.

When he came home from the war in 1946, Ralph married his high school sweetheart, Helen Clark, in 1948. Together, they raised their twin sons, Harold and Darrell.

He lived a life committed to serving his community and our Nation. Ralph was Scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop 501 for 36 years and active in Buckeye Boys State for 40 years, and he led the Medina Rotary Youth Exchange Program.

Ralph's crowning honor in the community was the naming of Ralph E. Waite Elementary School in 2009.

Ralph was an icon in the Medina community, known for his outstanding service to his church, our youth, and our veterans. Ralph's life motto was: "We occupy space on this Earth, and community service is the rent that we pay for the space that we are permitted to occupy."

Ralph lived by these words throughout his life, and his legacy and example will live on in his children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and the entire community of Medina long into the future.

RECOGNIZING UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS RIO GRANDE VALLEY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Texas (Mr. VELA) for 5 minutes.

Mr. VELA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley School of Medicine on the successful establishment of a medical school, commemorated through the graduation of their inaugural class.

The class of 2020 has established a precedent of success and excellence for the UTRGV School of Medicine and for all future classes to emulate.

The establishment of the UTRGV School of Medicine followed decades-

long efforts to ensure that Rio Grande Valley residents have access to quality healthcare services, an important milestone for the region.

From 1997 to 2009, a regional academic health center was opened and efforts to build the resources and healthcare infrastructure were launched. The success of these efforts resulted in the Texas Legislature approving the creation of the medical school in 2013.

In 2015, the UTRGV School of Medicine received preliminary accreditation, which allowed the university to recruit its first medical school class. The inaugural class will receive their doctor of medicine degrees on May 9, 2020, when they will then go on to complete specialized medical training across the country, including in south Texas.

The UTRGV's School of Medicine class of 2020 is the future of healthcare not only for the Rio Grande Valley but for this country.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the UTRGV School of Medicine's first graduating class. Congratulations to the university for their success.

To these future physicians, thank you for choosing to be our Nation's healers.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until 2 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 4 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1400

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. CICILLINE) at 2 p.m.

□ This symbol represents the time of day during the House proceedings, e.g., □ 1407 is 2:07 p.m.

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PRAYER

Reverend Alisa Lasater Wailoo, Capitol Hill United Methodist Church, Washington, D.C., offered the following prayer:

All-knowing and all-loving God, before we pray for the work of the people's House, let us pray for the people within.

Thank You, God, for the gifts and graces of each person working here: Members, staffers, administrators, and more. You know the good that can be done through us.

You also know, God, that, despite someone's position or power, personal pain can seep in. Be with those among us, even in this Chamber, struggling with depression, wrestling with a broken relationship, or hiding some other hurt. Help us listen and walk with each other in a personal way.

Out of that same compassion, guide our policy work. We give thanks for the physicians, scientists, local government authorities, and public health workers—all those on the front line of the coronavirus and other devastation like in Tennessee. In our support of them, free us from political motivation. Make this a moment where we connect over the care of others, both those in our midst and all around the globe impacted by our work.

Almighty God, make it so.

Amen and amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Texas (Mr. VELA) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. VELA 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.

HONORING EMILY J. ALPERT

(Mr. VELA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. VELA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Emily J. Alpert for her 22 years of extraordinary work and dedication to the Brownsville Community Health Center Corporation as the director of operations.

Emily has been instrumental in transforming the Brownsville Community Health Center into the beacon of excellent healthcare services it is today. Her work embodies the philosophy of providing quality care that preserves the dignity of all human

beings, a philosophy engrained in the Rio Grande Valley.

For these reasons, I would like to ask my colleagues to join the Brownsville Community Health Center and me in congratulating Emily on her retirement and wishing her well in all of her future endeavors.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF
GLORIA MELNICK

(Mr. ROSE of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. ROSE of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory and the legacy of Gloria Melnick, one of Bay Ridge's most beloved and respected community leaders.

As a New York City public school teacher and president of the Bay Ridge Community Council, she worked for decades to bring positive change to her community. When Gloria took on a project, whether it was the community council's Halloween art contest, the Ragamuffin Children's Parade, or her work with the Bay Ridge Women's Club, she gave it her all, even if that meant she had to work with people she disagreed with.

Gloria's tireless and heartfelt service for her community didn't come from a place of selfishness. She didn't care if she got any credit. She didn't care who got the credit or attention. She was more than happy to keep a low profile and work behind the scenes, so long as it was making people's lives better.

At a time when productive dialogue and selfless leadership often seem to be in short supply, people like Gloria are a source of hope and inspiration for us all. We owe our teachers, our public servants, and our community leaders a huge debt of gratitude, and we all send Gloria's family and the entire Bay Ridge community our condolences for their loss.

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,
Washington, DC, March 5, 2020.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
The 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 March 5, 2020, at 2:31 p.m.:

That the Senate passed S. 893.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 6074.

With best wishes, I am,
Sincerely,

CHERYL L. JOHNSON.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER
PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 4 of rule I, the following enrolled bills were signed by the Speaker on Thursday, March 5, 2020:

H.R. 5214, to amend title 5, United States Code, to prevent fraud by representative payees;

H.R. 5671, to award a Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the United States Merchant Mariners of World War II, in recognition of their dedicated and vital service during World War II;

H.R. 6074, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020, and for other purposes.

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,
Washington, DC, March 6, 2020.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
The 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, I have the honor to transmit a sealed envelope received from the White House on March 6, 2020, at 10:58 a.m., and said to contain a message from the President in accordance with section 507 of division A of the Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2020.

With best wishes, I am,
Sincerely,

ROBERT F. REEVES,
Deputy Clerk of the House.

DESIGNATION OF FUNDING AS AN
EMERGENCY REQUIREMENT—
MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT
OF THE UNITED STATES (H. DOC.
NO. 116-106)

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following message from the President of the United States; which was read and, together with the accompanying papers, referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed:

To the Congress of the United States:

In accordance with section 507 of division A of the Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2020 (H.R. 6074; the "Act"), I hereby designate as emergency requirements all funding so designated by the Congress in the Act pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as outlined in the enclosed list of accounts.

The details of this action are set forth in the enclosed memorandum from the Acting Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

DONALD J. TRUMP.
THE WHITE HOUSE, March 6, 2020.

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,
Washington, DC, March 9, 2020.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
The 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 March 9, 2020, at 10:20 a.m.:

That the Senate passed S. 1757.

That the Senate passed S. 2321.

That the Senate passed S. 2683.

That the Senate passed S. 3414.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 4803.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

CHERYL L. JOHNSON.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until approximately 4 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 2 o'clock and 7 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1601

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. CUELLAR) at 4 o'clock and 1 minute p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER
PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or votes objected to under clause 6 of rule XX.

The House will resume proceedings on postponed questions at a later time.

ADDING IRELAND TO E-3
NONIMMIGRANT VISA PROGRAM

Ms. SCANLON. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 2877) to add Ireland to the E-3 nonimmigrant visa program.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 2877

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. E-3 VISAS FOR IRISH NATIONALS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 101(a)(15)(E)(iii) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(15)(E)(iii)) is amended by inserting “or, on a basis of reciprocity as determined by the Secretary of State, a national of Ireland,” after “Australia”.

(b) EMPLOYER REQUIREMENTS.—Section 212 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1182) is amended—

(1) by redesignating the second subsection (t) (as added by section 1(b)(2)(B) of Public Law 108-449 (118 Stat. 3470)) as subsection (u); and

(2) by adding at the end of subsection (t)(1) (as added by section 402(b)(2) of Public Law 108-77 (117 Stat. 941)) the following:

“(E) In the case of an attestation filed with respect to a national of Ireland described in section 101(a)(15)(E)(iii), the employer is, and will remain during the period of authorized employment of such Irish national, a participant in good standing in the E-Verify program described in section 403(a) of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 (8 U.S.C. 1324a note).”.

(c) APPLICATION ALLOCATION.—Paragraph (11) of section 214(g) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1184(g)(11)) is amended to read as follows:

“(11)(A) The Secretary of State may approve initial applications submitted for aliens described in section 101(a)(15)(E)(iii) only as follows:

“(i) For applicants who are nationals of the Commonwealth of Australia, not more than 10,500 for a fiscal year.

“(ii) For applicants who are nationals of Ireland, not more than a number equal to the difference between 10,500 and the number of applications approved in the prior fiscal year for aliens who are nationals of the Commonwealth of Australia.

“(B) The approval of an application described under subparagraph (A)(ii) shall be deemed for numerical control purposes to have occurred on September 30 of the prior fiscal year.

“(C) The numerical limitation under subparagraph (A) shall only apply to principal aliens and not to the spouses or children of such aliens.”.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentlewoman from Pennsylvania (Ms. SCANLON) and the gentleman from North Dakota (Mr. ARMSTRONG) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Pennsylvania.

GENERAL LEAVE

Ms. SCANLON. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the bill under consideration.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from Pennsylvania?

There was no objection.

Ms. SCANLON. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 2877, a bill to add Ireland to the E-3 nonimmigrant visa program.

In 2005, soon after the United States and Australia finalized the Australia-U.S. Free Trade Agreement, Congress created the E-3 visa program. That program provides up to 10,500 temporary visas for Australian nationals who are pre-approved by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services to work in a specialty occupation for a sponsoring United States employer.

A specialty occupation is one that requires the theoretical and practical application of a body of highly specialized knowledge in fields such as science, engineering, and research and development in emerging technologies.

Since the program's inception, Australia has only ever used a fraction of the 10,500 E-3 visas that are available each year. For example, in fiscal year 2019, only 5,800 E-3 visas were issued to Australian nationals.

H.R. 2877 does not increase the number of visas that may be issued, but instead allows Irish nationals to use any unused visas. That bill would take the number of E-3 visas that are left unused by Australia in a given fiscal year and make that same number of visas available to Irish nationals the following fiscal year.

This is a commonsense bill that recognizes the important bond we share with two of our country's closest and most steadfast allies. This bill is not controversial, and, in fact, passed the House by voice vote in 2018 when my Republican colleagues held the majority in this Chamber.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate my friend, Mr. NEAL, chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means, for continuing to champion this bill.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support H.R. 2877, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 2877, a bill to add Ireland to the E-3 nonimmigrant visa program.

As we approach St. Patrick's Day, this bill recognizes the unique friendship and working relationship between the United States and Ireland.

H.R. 2877 allows nationals of Ireland to be eligible to apply for unused E-3 nonimmigrant visas subject to Ireland providing reciprocal access to U.S. nationals. Holders of the E-3 temporary work visa must be working in a specialty occupation while in the United States.

A specialty occupation is one that is defined in the Immigration and Nationality Act as requiring:

One, “theoretical and practical application of a body of highly specialized knowledge; and

Two, “attainment of a bachelor's or higher degree in the specific specialty, or its equivalent, as a minimum for entry into the occupation in the United States.”

The E-3 applicant must have a job offer from an employer in the United States, and that employer must get a foreign labor certification from the U.S. Department of Labor prior to filing a petition with U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.

H.R. 2877 also requires that employers using Irish E-3 visa holders in their workforce are, and will remain, participants in good standing in the E-Verify program. This means that such employers must use E-Verify to ensure those that they employ are eligible to work in the United States.

E-3 nonimmigrant visas are currently only available to nationals of Australia and are capped at 10,500 per year.

Australian nationals have never used all of the 10,500 authorized visas in a given year, nor have they even come close to doing so. In fact, the highest number used was during the last fiscal year when 5,807 were issued.

H.R. 2877 provides that nationals of Ireland can utilize the visas not used by Australians in a given calendar year. For operational purposes, the visa can be issued for the following year but will be counted against the previous year's cap. So the bill does not increase the number of visas authorized and allows Australia, for whose nationals the program was originally created, to have first access to those numbers.

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 2877 is a simple bill that reflects the continued friendship between Ireland and the United States. I urge my colleagues to support the bill, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. SCANLON. Mr. Speaker, I yield 4 minutes to the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. NEAL).

Mr. NEAL. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman for yielding me the time.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 2877, to make Irish nationals eligible for temporary admission to the United States through the existing E-3 visa program.

And I thank the gentleman from North Dakota for his offering today and his support. I worked last year with Chairman SENSENBRENNER on this as well.

Mr. Speaker, this legislation has broad support, and last session it passed the Congress unanimously.

Created in 2005 as a result of the U.S.-Australian Trade Agreement—which I voted for, supported, and spoke in support of—the agreement said, essentially, that the E-3 visa program, as constructed, would make 10,500 visas annually available to skilled Australian nationals for temporary work.

This program has been a successful pathway for qualified Australian citizens to gain valuable professional experience in the United States. However, our Australian friends have only used roughly half of the available visas during the past decade.

E-3 visas are limited to professionals visiting the United States to perform services in specialty occupations in a confirmed job from a United States employer.

E-3 visa applicants also must have a university degree, or its equivalent, as a minimum for entry into the United States. The E-3 visa allows the holder to stay in America for 2 years with the option to renew.

This legislation—and I want to make sure that we emphasize this—this legislation does not change the requirements of the current E-3 visa program recipients or increase the number of visas made available. In broad strokes, my bill will simply enable qualified Irish workers to annually access unused Australian E-3 visas from the previous fiscal year. Once passed, the Irish

Government has pledged to adopt a reciprocal arrangement that would allow Americans to work in Ireland under the same guidelines.

The E-3 visas, combined with these reciprocal arrangements, would provide a welcome and long overdue movement of citizens between Ireland and the United States in both directions, which is so important to Irish America, the United States, and, indeed, Ireland.

As many of you in this Chamber already know, legal migration between the United States and Ireland has been extremely limited now for many, many years.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, I note the support that we have across the United States and unanimously in the Congress. It has the backing of both the White House and the Irish Government, whose prime minister, Leo Varadkar, the Taoiseach, will be welcomed to the Capitol on Thursday for the annual St. Patrick's Day luncheon.

In my opinion, this bill is a win-win opportunity for the United States and for Ireland, and for the citizens of both countries who will benefit from this very innovative and beneficial exchange program.

Mr. Speaker, I thank the Committee on the Judiciary chairman, JERRY NADLER, and Judiciary's Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship chairwoman, ZOE LOFGREN, for swiftly moving this legislation to the floor. And I do take special note of JIM SENSENBRENNER's contribution for helping us get to this moment.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting H.R. 2877.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time.

Mr. Speaker, the bill is pretty simple. The opening is the closing. This is one of those times where I think common sense prevails. We are not increasing visas. We are continuing a strong relationship between Ireland and the United States.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Ms. SCANLON. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time.

Mr. Speaker, once again, I would urge my colleagues to support this bill, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from Pennsylvania (Ms. SCANLON) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 2877.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

MAKING TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS TO GUAM WORLD WAR II LOYALTY RECOGNITION ACT

Mr. SAN NICOLAS. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and concur in the Senate amendment to the bill

(H.R. 1365) to make technical corrections to the Guam World War II Loyalty Recognition Act.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the Senate amendment is as follows:

Senate amendment:

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

SECTION 1. TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS TO GUAM WORLD WAR II LOYALTY RECOGNITION ACT.

Title XVII of division A of Public Law 114-328 is amended—

(1) in section 1703(e)—

(A) by striking “equal to” and inserting “not to exceed”; and

(B) by striking “covered into the Treasury as miscellaneous receipts” and inserting “used to reimburse the applicable appropriations”;

(2) in section 1704(a) by striking “, subject to the availability of appropriations,” and inserting “from the Claims Fund”; and

(3) by striking section 1707(a).

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Guam (Mr. SAN NICOLAS) and the gentleman from Utah (Mr. BISHOP) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Guam.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. SAN NICOLAS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the measure under consideration.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Guam?

There was no objection.

Mr. SAN NICOLAS. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, at the risk of sounding melodramatic, today is a very historic day, particularly in the relationship between the United States and the people of Guam; more specifically, the Chamorro people of Guam, a generation, in particular, that endured the sufferings of World War II.

Mr. Speaker, I was here about 8 months ago when I first brought H.R. 1365 to the floor of this House after securing unanimous consent in the Committee on Natural Resources. And after bringing this measure to this floor 8 months ago and also securing unanimous consent, H.R. 1365 made its way to the Senate. And in going through the Senate, it was able to also receive the necessary unanimous support and receive a very minor change that brings us to the floor today.

H.R. 1365 technically is making what would appear to be a minor change to language that was already enacted in the 2010 NDAA.

□ 1615

In my short time as a freshman Member of this House, I have learned that there is no such thing as a simple technicality. I have learned that the mere addition of a few words, or the subtraction of a few words, can make all the difference between the gravity of the

hurdles that you need to overcome in order to be able to enact legislation.

I have learned that the language contained in H.R. 1365, while technical in nature, is incredibly significant with respect to what it means for the Members of this House to consider.

In our process, Mr. Speaker, legislation that has certain language triggers certain events. H.R. 1365 is intended to allow for money that has been set aside to actually be paid out to the Chamorros, who suffered under the brutality of Imperial Japan during World War II.

This was a process that was initiated over many decades and has finally come to a place where we now just await the ability to cut the checks. But it is in the ability to cut those checks that language actually gets very, very complicated, and it causes certain things to be reconsidered.

The language in H.R. 1365 would, in effect, create what we know as a scoring here in this Congress, meaning that there may be an expenditure that the body would need to consider. The actual funding source of H.R. 1365 was a set-aside of moneys that was already due to Guam and has been set aside over the past several years, with the money accumulating and being ready to be paid out to these war survivors.

The reason why the United States is assuming this obligation, Mr. Speaker, is because, at the end of World War II, the United States absolved Japan of their obligations in order to be able to move the entire world forward after the conclusion of the war. In so doing, they also just so happened to absolve them of their obligation to make whole the war crimes that were endured by the Chamorro people who suffered because they were inhabiting the United States territory of Guam at the time. The people suffered beheadings, forced marches, rapes, and the loss of their infants in their arms.

It has taken us now going on 76 years to finally come to this point. I say that this is historic, Mr. Speaker, because it, in a large respect, represents almost an original sin, in terms of the inability for us to reconcile our territorial relationships in a manner that really makes for plain and simple justice.

I am deeply moved, Mr. Speaker, to be able to handle these proceedings today and to be able to see H.R. 1365 come before this House once more because, as we all know, in this current political environment, almost any hurdle that legislation faces is a hurdle too much.

As we have gone through this process and have gotten to this point, there were many times when I was deeply concerned about whether or not something technical was going to actually be dead on arrival. But by the grace of God, Mr. Speaker, the small territory of Guam has been able to garner the unanimous support of this House, the unanimous support of the Senate. We are here again today addressing a matter that really triggers certain con-

cerns but has gotten us to a point where we are able to see that there are some things that are bigger than the nuances of language, the semantics of procedure.

So it is with a deep sense of pride that I stand here, as a Member of this House, nonvoting Delegate that I am, because I can stand here in witness to the fact that, at some point in time, justice really does find its way in the United States of America.

I urge my colleagues to please support this measure. We are this close; we are just a hairline away. And in passing this House, this measure will then go before the President for signature, and we can finally make whole a generation that suffered because they were loyal to America.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. BISHOP of Utah. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

This is a problem that has been vexing representatives from our territory of Guam for many years now. I appreciate the gentleman from Guam, who has adequately explained what he is attempting to do and what this bill actually does. I congratulate him on this bill, which is finally going to recognize and compensate a very small group but a significant group of people who literally sacrificed for this country.

This is the right thing to do. This House has done this before. This passed out of our committee on a voice vote. It has passed on the floor on a voice vote. It then went to the Senate, where the Senate felt compelled to make changes, as is their wont to do. And in lightning speed, the Senate, in only 8 months, was able to strike the 22 lines and return this bill to us.

So, lest we vex them even further and ask them to do something else, I would urge everyone in here to give this another "yes" vote and send this on to the President's desk immediately from this floor.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. SAN NICOLAS. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Guam (Mr. SAN NICOLAS) that the House suspend the rules and concur in the Senate amendment to the bill, H.R. 1365.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the Senate amendment was concurred in.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

SUPPORTING PEOPLE OF NICARAGUA IN THEIR PEACEFUL EFFORTS TO PROMOTE DEMOCRACY AND HUMAN RIGHTS

Mr. SIRE. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 754) expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that

the United States should continue to support the people of Nicaragua in their peaceful efforts to promote democracy and human rights, and use the tools under United States law to increase political and financial pressure on the government of Daniel Ortega, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 754

Whereas the government of Daniel Ortega has concentrated power and brought about the progressive deterioration of democratic conditions in Nicaragua;

Whereas recent elections in Nicaragua, including the 2016 Presidential elections, have been marred by irregularities and characterized by significant restrictions on the participation of opposition parties and the absence of credible international and local electoral observers;

Whereas Nicaraguan security forces, parapolice, and other actors working under the direction of the Ortega regime committed gross violations of human rights and acts of repression, resulting in more than 325 deaths, over 2,000 injuries, and at least 800 arbitrary detentions during the peaceful protests that took place in 2018, according to the Organization of American States;

Whereas a report by the Interdisciplinary Group of Independent Experts, appointed by the Organization of American States Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, determined that the Ortega regime used deliberate, lethal force against protesters and committed acts of torture that meet the international legal standard of crimes against humanity;

Whereas an estimated 62,000 Nicaraguans fled the country between April 2018 and April 2019, according to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees;

Whereas the Ortega government reneged on its commitment in 2019 to release all political prisoners by releasing just 392 people, of which 286 were released to house arrest with charges still pending, while the Blue and White National Unity coalition alleges that there remain at least 56 political prisoners as of February 15, 2020;

Whereas a United States citizen and Navy veteran, 57-year-old Eddy Montes, was shot and killed while in the custody of the Nicaraguan police at La Modelo Prison on May 16, 2019;

Whereas the government of Daniel Ortega has severely restricted freedom of the press by closing five local television stations, attacking independent radio stations, arbitrarily detaining journalists, and illegally restricting print supplies from entering the country;

Whereas the Ortega regime has violated the economic and political rights protections of indigenous communities, rural campesinos, land rights defenders, and those living in the Caribbean Autonomous Regions of Nicaragua;

Whereas, on November 27, 2018, Executive Order 13851 was issued, which blocks the property of certain persons contributing to the situation in Nicaragua, and its application was expanded on September 4, 2019;

Whereas the Departments of State and the Treasury have imposed targeted sanctions on over 20 Nicaraguan individuals and entities, including First Lady and Vice President Rosario Murillo and Daniel Ortega's son, Laureano Ortega, as well as Nicaragua's Banco Corporativo (Bancorp);

Whereas the bipartisan Nicaraguan Investment Conditionality Act (NICA Act), was

signed into law on December 20, 2018, allowing the Department of the Treasury to sanction non-United States persons implicated in egregious human rights abuses and corruption in Nicaragua;

Whereas, in June 2019, Canada imposed sanctions on 12 members of the Nicaraguan Government engaged in gross and systemic human rights violations;

Whereas the Ortega government has not complied with efforts of the commission appointed by the Permanent Council of the Organization of American States seeking a peaceful resolution to the social and political crisis;

Whereas, on September 15, 2019, the Ortega government denied entry into the country to an official Organization of American States delegation mission; and

Whereas, beginning on November 14, 2019, Nicaraguan police conducted attacks on churches throughout the country, cut water to hunger strikers barricaded inside a church in Masaya, and arrested 13 people attempting to bring them water: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) calls on the Nicaraguan Government to immediately release all political prisoners without conditions and cease all acts of violence, repression, and intimidation against dissenting voices in Nicaragua;

(2) condemns the Nicaraguan Government's continued failure to comply with agreements made with the Organization of American States;

(3) urges the Ortega government to respect Nicaraguans' constitutional rights and implement electoral reforms including free, fair, multiparty elections open to international observers, in compliance with the agreement reached through negotiations with the Civic Alliance for Justice and Democracy and the Blue and White National Unity (UNAB) in March 2019;

(4) expresses full support for the people of Nicaragua, Nicaraguan independent media, and Nicaraguan civil society organizations that are working for a peaceful return to democratic order in Nicaragua;

(5) recognizes and supports efforts of the United States Government to promote democracy in Nicaragua and hold corrupt actors and human rights abusers in the Nicaraguan Government accountable for their actions;

(6) urges the United States Government to continue to apply pressure on the Ortega government and consider additional sanctions against those Nicaraguan officials who have violated the human rights of their citizens or committed acts of significant corruption; and

(7) urges the international community to hold the Ortega government accountable for human rights abuses, including attacks on religious freedom, and restrict its access to foreign financing unless or until it allows for free, fair, and prompt elections monitored by credible international and local electoral observers.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. SIRES) and the gentleman from Florida (Mr. YOH) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New Jersey.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. SIRES. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on H. Res. 754.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New Jersey?

There was no objection.

Mr. SIRES. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I want to start by thanking Chairman ENGEL and Ranking Member MCCAUL for their continued focus on the human rights situation in Nicaragua.

I would also like to thank my colleague, Ranking Member FRANCIS ROONEY from Florida, for working with me to introduce this resolution.

This resolution highlights the severe human rights abuses that have taken place in Nicaragua and conveys bipartisan support for the Nicaraguan people as they seek to reclaim their fundamental rights.

In 2018, repression by Nicaraguan security forces resulted in over 325 deaths. According to international human rights groups, Nicaraguan security forces used a deliberate strategy of shooting to kill, committing abuses that rose to the level of crimes against humanity.

While President Ortega has since released hundreds of political prisoners, seemingly in an effort to reduce international pressure, there remain at least 56 political prisoners in Nicaragua. Moreover, many of those who were released are still routinely harassed by the authorities. Political prisoners in Nicaragua are subjected to sexual abuse, suffocation with plastic bags, and electric shocks.

Over 80,000 Nicaraguans have fled the country since April 2018, many of them to escape persecution. I urge the administration not to turn its back to Nicaraguans who come to the United States fleeing violence and persecution.

This resolution makes clear that the United States Congress stands with the Nicaraguan people, who are demanding accountability in the face of such brutal repression. It calls for tangible steps from the Nicaraguan Government, including immediate release of all political prisoners and the implementation of electoral reforms that Nicaraguan civil society organizations have long called for.

I hope that my colleagues will join me in sending this strong bipartisan message in support of the Nicaraguan people.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. YOH. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

I rise today in support of H. Res. 754, expressing the support of the people of Nicaragua in their peaceful effort to promote democracy and human rights, authored by the chairman of the Western Hemisphere, Civilian Security, and Trade Subcommittee, Mr. SIRES.

Daniel Ortega and his socialist Sandinista government continue to hold onto power through corruption, intimidation, and violence against the people of Nicaragua.

Since his return to power in 2007, Ortega, an ally of Venezuelan dictator Nicolas Maduro and the Castro regime in Cuba, has dismantled Nicaragua's democratic institutions and enriched himself and his family at the expense of the people of one of the poorest countries in the Western Hemisphere.

In 2018, Nicaraguan security forces directed by Ortega violently suppressed peaceful protests that led to at least 325 deaths, 2,000 injuries, and the arbitrary detention of more than 800 Nicaraguans.

Since then, Ortega has resisted calls by the international community to restore respect for human rights in the country and pass reforms to allow for free and fair elections.

In response, the United States imposed individual sanctions on Nicaragua's First Lady and two of Ortega's sons. The Treasury Department also sanctioned one of Nicaragua's main banks and, most recently, Nicaragua's National Police for continuing to facilitate corruption and carry out human rights violations on behalf of the Ortega regime.

This resolution condemns the actions of the Ortega regime and expresses full support for the freedom-loving people of Nicaragua in their struggle for democracy and freedom from Ortega's tyranny.

This resolution also recognizes the administration's effort to promote democracy in Nicaragua and the actions it has taken to hold corrupt officials and human rights abusers accountable.

The United States remains committed to democracy and respect for human rights in the Western Hemisphere, and this resolution urges the international community in joining us in these efforts.

I urge my colleagues to support this resolution, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. SIRES. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume for the purpose of closing.

Consideration of this resolution comes at an important moment for Nicaragua. As the 2021 elections approach, it will be key for the international community to speak with one voice in demanding that specific conditions be met in order for those elections to be deemed credible.

As a first step, President Ortega must take immediate action to allow for the creation of a newly comprised and independent electoral council, the development of a reliable voter registry, and the granting of full access to international election observers for the 2021 elections.

Absent immediate and tangible steps to implement these electoral reforms, the United States should increase its pressure on Ortega and his inner circle.

I hope our allies in Europe will also step up their efforts and work with the United States toward a coordinated sanctions strategy.

I thank my colleagues for sending this bipartisan message that we will

continue to stand with the Nicaraguan people in their efforts to restore democracy in their country.

Mr. Speaker, I hope all Members will join me in supporting the passage of this resolution, and I yield back the balance of my time.

□ 1630

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. SIREs) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 754, as amended.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the resolution, as amended, was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

ENCOURAGING REUNIONS OF DIVIDED KOREAN-AMERICAN FAMILIES

Mr. SIREs. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 410) encouraging reunions of divided Korean-American families, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 410

Whereas the Korean Peninsula, with the Republic of Korea (in this resolution referred to as "South Korea") in the South and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (in this resolution referred to as "North Korea") in the North, remains divided following the signing of the Korean War Armistice Agreement on July 27, 1953;

Whereas the division of the Korean Peninsula separated more than 10,000,000 Korean family members, including some who are now citizens of the United States;

Whereas there have been 21 rounds of family reunions between South Koreans and North Koreans along the border since 2000;

Whereas Congress signaled its support for family reunions between United States citizens and their relatives in North Korea in section 1265 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008 (Public Law 110-181), signed into law by President George W. Bush on January 28, 2008;

Whereas most of the population of divided family members in the United States, initially estimated at 100,000 in 2001, has significantly dwindled as many of the individuals have passed away;

Whereas the summit between North Korea and South Korea on April 27, 2018, has prioritized family reunions;

Whereas the United States and North Korea have engaged in talks during 2 historic summits in June 2018 in Singapore and February 2019 in Hanoi; and

Whereas many Korean Americans are waiting for a chance to meet their relatives in North Korea for the first time in more than 60 years: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) calls on the United States and North Korea to begin the process of reuniting Korean-American divided family members with their immediate relatives through ways such as—

(A) identifying divided families in the United States and North Korea who are will-

ing and able to participate in a pilot program for family reunions;

(B) finding matches for members of such families through organizations such as the Red Cross; and

(C) working with the Government of South Korea to include American citizens in inter-Korean video reunions;

(2) reconfirms the institution of family as inalienable and, accordingly, urges the restoration of contact between divided families physically, literarily, or virtually; and

(3) calls on the United States and North Korea to pursue reunions as a humanitarian priority of immediate concern.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. SIREs) and the gentleman from Florida (Mr. YOHO) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New Jersey.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. SIREs. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on H. Res. 410.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New Jersey?

There was no objection.

Mr. SIREs. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I want to thank Representative BASS for sponsoring this resolution, which draws attention to a pressing humanitarian issue affecting the Korean-American community.

This June will mark 70 years since the beginning of the Korean war, which separated 10 million Koreans from their immediate family members. Since 1985, family reunions carried out between the North and the South briefly reunited more than 20,000 family members, but there are still thousands more who have brothers, sisters, or parents who have been separated for decades.

It must be a humanitarian priority for the United States to facilitate reunions for these separated families. Considering the many years that have passed, many of these families are older, and if we don't act soon, they may never see their loved ones again.

The measure before us underscores the long history of U.S. support for family reunification between Korean Americans and their relatives still in North Korea. It outlines different ways that North Korea and the United States can respectively take action, including a pilot program for family reunions, a family registry supported by the Red Cross and other organizations, and the use of technology to allow reunions for those who might not be physically able to travel for in-person reunions.

This is a good, commonsense resolution reiterating our country's commitment to reuniting families split by the Korean war. I support it, and I urge my colleagues to do the same.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. YOHO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of Representative BASS' res-

olution, and I want to congratulate her for doing this.

This resolution reaffirms the House's commitment to support our Korean-American families seeking to reunite with relatives who are trapped in North Korea. This resolution rightly observes that family reunification is a humanitarian priority.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this measure, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. SIREs. Mr. Speaker, I yield 5 minutes to the gentlewoman from California (Ms. BASS), the author of this important resolution and the chairwoman of the Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations.

Ms. BASS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to strongly support H. Res. 410. The purpose of this resolution is to encourage reunions of divided Korean-American families.

Last year, I had the opportunity to meet Kyung Joo Lee, a 90-year-old Korean-American man from Virginia. Mr. Lee has not seen his three older brothers and sisters since he fled North Korea more than 70 years ago, but he prays for them daily. He has no idea if they are even still alive. Tears streamed down his face during that meeting as he held my hands and urged me to do what I can to help Korean families to be reunited.

This resolution originated at a town-hall meeting where a group of constituents called this issue to my attention. As I learned more about these aging Korean Americans who just want to be able to see their siblings and parents, I knew that we had to do all that we could do to raise this issue.

The division of the Korean Peninsula into South Korea and North Korea separated thousands of Koreans from family members. Many Korean Americans have not seen or communicated with family members in more than 60 years. Their children have grown up here in America without knowing what their cousins, aunts, or uncles even look like.

Over the years, South Korea and North Korea have arranged for selected groups to visit each other, but these reunions have been dependent on the political situation between the countries. Since 2000, there have been at least 20 rounds of family reunions, but none have included Korean Americans.

Meanwhile, the situation is now growing more urgent as many who have been separated are getting older. Most are in their late eighties or nineties. That is why I introduced this resolution that calls on the United States and North Korea to begin the process of reuniting Korean-American divided family members with their immediate relatives.

Today, I am proud to stand with my colleagues in getting one step closer to reunifying Mr. Lee and so many others with their families.

Mr. Speaker, I urge Members to support this resolution that calls on the

United States and North Korea to pursue reunions as a humanitarian priority of immediate concern. I also urge them to support H.R. 1771, the Divided Families Reunification Act, introduced by my colleague Representative GRACE MENG, that takes up the same issue.

Mr. YOHO. Mr. Speaker, in closing, I urge my colleagues to support Representative BASS' resolution to stand with Korean Americans seeking to reunite with family members stranded inside North Korea.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. SIRES. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume for the purpose of closing.

Mr. Speaker, most of us can't imagine the pain of going decades without knowing if your relatives are alive or dead. That is the daily struggle for thousands of families torn apart by the Korean war.

Mr. Speaker, this measure underscores our support for reuniting these families, bringing solace and closure to this deep wound left by the war. I hope my colleagues will join me in supporting this resolution, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. SIRES) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 410, as amended.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the ayes have it.

Mr. SIRES. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

EASTERN EUROPEAN SECURITY ACT

Mr. SIRES. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 2444) to authorize the Secretary of State to make direct loans under section 23 of the Arms Export Control Act, and for other purposes, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 2444

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Eastern European Security Act".

SEC. 2. SENSE OF CONGRESS.

It is the sense of Congress that it is in the national security interest of the United States to—

(1) deter aggression against North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) allies by Russia or any other adversary;

(2) assist NATO allies in acquiring and deploying modern, NATO interoperable military equipment and reducing their dependence on Russian or former Soviet-era defense articles;

(3) ensure that NATO allies meet alliance defense commitments, including through adequate investments in national defense;

(4) supplement existing grant assistance to key allies through foreign military financing loans, at rates competitive with those already available on commercial markets, to purchase NATO-interoperable military equipment; and

(5) work to maintain and strengthen the democratic institutions and practices of all NATO allies, in accordance with the goals of Article 2 of the North Atlantic Treaty.

SEC. 3. FOREIGN MILITARY LOAN AUTHORITY.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Beginning in fiscal year 2021, subject to the notification requirements under subsection (b) and to the availability of appropriations, the President, acting through the Secretary of State, is authorized—

(1) to make direct loans under section 23 of the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2763) to NATO member countries that joined the alliance after March 1, 1999, notwithstanding the minimum interest rate required by subsection (c)(1) of such section; and

(2) to charge fees for such loans under paragraph (1), which shall be collected from borrowers in accordance with section 502(7) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, and which may be used to cover the costs of such loans as defined in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974.

(b) NOTIFICATION.—A loan may not be made under the authority provided by subsection (a) unless the Secretary of State submits to the appropriate congressional committees a certification, not fewer than fifteen days before entering into an agreement to make such loan, that—

(1) the recipient country is making demonstrable progress toward meeting its defense spending commitments in accordance with the 2014 NATO Wales Summit Declaration; and

(2) the government of such recipient country is respecting that country's constitution and upholds democratic values such as freedom of religion, freedom of speech, freedom of the press, the rule of law, and the rights of religious minorities.

(c) REPAYMENT.—A loan made under the authority provided by subsection (a) shall be repaid in not more than 12 years, but may include a grace period of up to one year on the repayment of the principal.

(d) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES DEFINED.—In this Act, the term "appropriate congressional committees" means—

(1) the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives; and

(2) the Committee on Foreign Relations and the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. SIRES) and the gentleman from Florida (Mr. YOHO) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New Jersey.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. SIRES. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on H.R. 2444.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New Jersey?

There was no objection.

Mr. SIRES. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 2444, the Eastern European Security Act.

I want to thank Ranking Member McCAUL for working on this excellent measure that mirrors Chairman ELIOT ENGEL's bill, the NATO Defense Financing Act, in pursuit of a stronger transatlantic partnership.

Mr. Speaker, the United States and its European allies have, together, built the most successful alliance in the history of the world. The NATO alliance is strengthened by our shared values, mutual trust, ability to work together, and, if necessary, to fight together.

It is crucial that NATO is ready and able to defend against external threats and engage in combat. For that to happen, all of our allies must be able to work together seamlessly. But right now, some of our Eastern European allies still rely on Russian or old Soviet era equipment. Modernizing these military forces is a national security imperative.

The Eastern European Security Act puts in place direct loans to our security partners so they can update their military equipment to better address their shifting and complex security needs. As adversaries like Russia continue to test our alliance's defenses and cohesion, these loans would be a meaningful step towards ensuring that we are ready and able to face evolving threats on the horizon.

These loans will complement, not replace, our ongoing U.S. security assistance effort to Europe and will be conditioned upon our allies upholding their own constitutions and the democratic values of the alliance.

The United States must not only support the militaries of our NATO allies, but also safeguard the continued strength of the democratic values upon which the alliance is built. I hope all Members will join me in approving this measure that better supports our European allies and advances the United States' national security interests.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. YOHO. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

I rise today in support of the Eastern European Security Act, introduced by the lead Republican of the Foreign Affairs Committee, Mr. MICHAEL McCAUL. This bipartisan bill supports our NATO allies and American jobs and is the best way to secure the NATO alliance.

The NATO alliance is essential to our national security, but it is only as strong as its most vulnerable members. Some newer member countries with smaller economies want to purchase American military hardware, but such purchases are often out of reach. As a result, these partner nations are forced to purchase less expensive and, often, less reliable military equipment from other allies or even our strategic competitors, Russia and China. Such purchases threaten America's security as well as the security of the alliance.

This bill would give the executive branch the flexibility it needs to help secure the sale of American military equipment to our NATO allies, which will not only promote our national security interests but, also, promote American jobs and bring in revenue to the treasury over the life of the loan.

This legislation is long overdue, and I ask my colleagues to join me in supporting this very important bipartisan bill.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. SIREs. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume for the purpose of closing.

Mr. Speaker, I again want to thank Congressman McCAUL for his hard work on this measure. He has been a tireless advocate on behalf of this issue.

NATO security is U.S. security, and the continued protection of every American is dependent upon a strong NATO alliance. Our allies selflessly demonstrated this commitment when they came to America's aid after the terrorist attack of 9/11, and it is important that the United States remain committed to our allies and our shared democratic values as well.

This is a good measure, and I am pleased to support it. I urge all Members to do the same.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. SIREs) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 2444, as amended.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

□ 1645

DIVIDED FAMILIES REUNIFICATION ACT

Mr. SIREs. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 1771) to require consultations on reuniting Korean Americans with family members in North Korea, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 1771

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Divided Families Reunification Act".

SEC. 2. CONSULTATIONS ON REUNITING KOREAN AMERICANS WITH FAMILY MEMBERS IN NORTH KOREA.

(a) FINDINGS.—Congress makes the following findings:

(1) The division of the Korean Peninsula into South Korea and North Korea separated thousands of Koreans from family members.

(2) Since the signing of the Agreement Concerning a Military Armistice in Korea,

signed at Panmunjom July 27, 1953 (commonly referred to as the "Korean War Armistice Agreement"), there has been little to no contact between Korean Americans and family members who remain in North Korea.

(3) North Korea and South Korea first agreed to reunions of divided families in 1985 and have since held 21 face-to-face reunions and multiple video link reunions.

(4) Those reunions have subsequently given approximately 24,500 Koreans the opportunity to briefly reunite with loved ones.

(5) The most recent family reunions between North Korea and South Korea took place in August 2018 and did not include any Korean Americans.

(6) The United States and North Korea do not maintain diplomatic relations and certain limitations exist on Korean Americans participating in face-to-face reunions.

(7) According to the most recent census, more than 1,700,000 people living in the United States are of Korean descent.

(8) The number of first generation Korean and Korean American family members divided from family members in North Korea is rapidly diminishing given the advanced age of those family members. More than 3,000 elderly South Koreans die each year without having been reunited with their family members.

(9) Many Korean Americans with family members in North Korea have not seen or communicated with those family members in more than 60 years.

(10) The inclusion of Korean American families in the reunion process would constitute a positive humanitarian gesture by the Government of North Korea.

(11) Section 1265 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008 (Public Law 110-181; 122 Stat. 407) required the President to submit to Congress a report on "efforts, if any, of the United States Government to facilitate family reunions between United States citizens and their relatives in North Korea".

(12) The position of Special Envoy on North Korean Human Rights Issues has been vacant since January 2017, although the President is required to appoint a Senate-confirmed Special Envoy to fill this position in accordance with section 107 of the North Korean Human Rights Act of 2004 (22 U.S.C. 7817).

(13) In the report of the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives accompanying H.R. 3081, 111th Congress (House Report 111-187), the Committee urged "the Special Representative on North Korea Policy, as the senior official handling North Korea issues, to prioritize the issues involving Korean divided families and to, if necessary, appoint a coordinator for such families".

(b) CONSULTATIONS.—

(1) CONSULTATIONS WITH SOUTH KOREA.—The Secretary of State, or a designee of the Secretary, should consult with officials of South Korea, as appropriate, on potential opportunities to reunite Korean American families with family members in North Korea from which such Korean American families were divided after the signing of the Korean War Armistice Agreement, including potential opportunities for video reunions for Korean Americans with such family members.

(2) CONSULTATIONS WITH KOREAN AMERICANS.—The Special Envoy on North Korean Human Rights Issues of the Department of State should regularly consult with representatives of Korean Americans who have family members in North Korea with respect to efforts to reunite families divided after the signing of the Korean War Armistice Agreement, including potential opportunities for video reunions for Korean Americans with such family members.

(3) NO ADDITIONAL AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—No additional amounts are authorized to be appropriated to the Department of State to carry out consultations under this subsection.

(c) ADDITIONAL MATTER IN REPORT.—The Secretary of State, acting through the Special Envoy on North Korean Human Rights Issues, shall include in each report required under section 107(d) of the North Korean Human Rights Act of 2004 (22 U.S.C. 7817(d)), a description of the consultations described in subsection (b) conducted during the year preceding the submission of each report required under such section 107(d).

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. SIREs) and the gentleman from Florida (Mr. YOH0) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New Jersey.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. SIREs. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous materials on H.R. 1771.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New Jersey?

There was no objection.

Mr. SIREs. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I want to start by thanking Ms. MENG for sponsoring this good bill to provide much-needed relief to Korean Americans who have been separated from their family members, many of them for decades now.

The Korean war tore families apart almost 70 years ago, and it is a humanitarian tragedy that many of them have been separated ever since. It is long past time for these families to be able to reunite. People who lost their parents when they were only toddlers are now senior citizens with children and grandchildren of their own.

The Divided Families Reunification Act requires the Department of State to consult with our South Korean allies, and the Korean-American community to make more of these reunions happen as soon as possible. Anyone who has seen footage of these reunions can attest to their profound significance—they demonstrate that the bonds of family cannot be severed by wars, by decades, by distance, or by government repression.

This bill also requires the Department of State to report to Congress on opportunities to facilitate more reunions by video connection, which is especially important to allow all Korean Americans, including those who might have difficulty with traveling long distances, a real opportunity to reconnect with their family members.

An important role in executing this humanitarian policy is the Special Envoy on North Korean Human Rights issues. It is deeply concerning that the Trump administration has left this position vacant for over 2 years, since January 2017. Human rights in North Korea remains a bipartisan priority for this Congress, but if we are going to effectively advance these policies, we

need to make sure that we have the people in place to execute them.

Mr. Speaker, the Divided Families Reunification Act is an excellent, bipartisan bill to continue United States' efforts to reunite families torn apart by the Korean war. I hope all Members will join me in supporting it.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. YOHO. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the Divided Families Reunification Act introduced by Representative MENG.

The sad legacy of the Korean war is with us even today, almost 70 years after the Korean Armistice Agreement was signed. The Korean Peninsula remains divided between a nation of free people and a nation that subjects its people to tyranny.

The Kim regime continues to threaten the peace and security of the region and of the world. Families remain broken, from those still fighting to bring their loved ones' remains home, to those with family members trapped in North Korea.

Our vibrant Korean-American community feels this legacy strongly, so I commend Congresswoman MENG for her bill, which directs the State Department to consult with South Korea and Korean Americans on opportunities to reunite families separated by the DMZ.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this bill. I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. SIREs. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time for the purpose of closing.

Mr. Speaker, this is a good bill to support the thousands of Korean Americans whose families were torn apart by the Korean war.

One of the most important tasks carried out by the State Department is the reunion of Americans with their family members, and this act would focus that good work on a group of people who have waited decades for that chance.

Mr. Speaker, I strongly support the passage of this legislation, and I urge my colleagues to support the same.

I yield back the balance of my time. The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. SIREs) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 1771, as amended.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the ayes have it.

Mr. SIREs. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair

declares the House in recess until approximately 6:30 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 4 o'clock and 50 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1830

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Ms. KELLY of Illinois) at 6 o'clock and 30 minutes p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Proceedings will resume on questions previously postponed. Votes will be taken in the following order:

Motions to suspend the rules and:

Agree to H. Res. 410; and

Pass H.R. 1771.

The first electronic vote will be conducted as a 15-minute vote. Pursuant to clause 9 of rule XX, remaining electronic votes will be conducted as 5-minute votes.

ENCOURAGING REUNIONS OF DIVIDED KOREAN-AMERICAN FAMILIES

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 410) encouraging reunions of divided Korean-American families, as amended, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. SIREs) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, as amended.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 391, nays 0, not voting 38, as follows:

[Roll No. 91]

YEAS—391

Abraham	Blumenauer	Chu, Judy
Adams	Blunt Rochester	Cicilline
Aderholt	Bonamici	Cisneros
Aguilar	Bost	Clark (MA)
Allen	Brady	Clarke (NY)
Allred	Brindisi	Clay
Amash	Brooks (AL)	Cleaver
Amodei	Brown (MD)	Cline
Armstrong	Buchanan	Cloud
Arrington	Buck	Clyburn
Axne	Bucshon	Cohen
Babin	Budd	Cole
Bacon	Burchett	Comer
Baird	Burgess	Conaway
Balderson	Bustos	Connolly
Banks	Byrne	Cooper
Barr	Calvert	Correa
Barragán	Carbajal	Costa
Bass	Cardenas	Courtney
Beatty	Carson (IN)	Cox (CA)
Bera	Carter (GA)	Craig
Bergman	Carter (TX)	Crawford
Beyer	Cartwright	Crenshaw
Biggs	Case	Crow
Bilirakis	Casten (IL)	Cuellar
Bishop (GA)	Castor (FL)	Cunningham
Bishop (NC)	Castro (TX)	Curtis
Bishop (UT)	Chabot	Davids (KS)
Davidson (OH)		
Davis (CA)		
Davis, Rodney		
Dean		
DeGette		
DeLauro		
DelBene		
Delgado		
Demings		
DeSaulnier		
DesJarlais		
Deutch		
Diaz-Balart		
Dingell		
Doggett		
Doyle, Michael		
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Espallat		
Estes		
Evans		
Ferguson		
Finkenauer		
Fitzpatrick		
Fleischmann		
Fletcher		
Flores		
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Fox (NC)		
Frankel		
Fudge		
Fulcher		
Gabbard		
Gallagher		
Gallego		
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Garcia (TX)		
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Gibbs		
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Gonzalez (OH)		
Gonzalez (TX)		
Gooden		
Gotthelmer		
Granger		
Graves (LA)		
Graves (MO)		
Green (TN)		
Green, Al (TX)		
Griffith		
Grothman		
Guest		
Guthrie		
Haaland		
Hagedorn		
Harder (CA)		
Harris		
Hartzler		
Hastings		
Hayes		
Heck		
Hern, Kevin		
Herrera Beutler		
Hice (GA)		
Higgins (LA)		
Higgins (NY)		
Hill (AR)		
Himes		
Hollingsworth		
Horn, Kendra S.		
Horsford		
Houlahan		
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Huffman		
Huizenga		
Hurd (TX)		
Jayapal		
Jeffries		
Johnson (GA)		
Johnson (LA)		
Johnson (OH)		
Johnson (SD)		
Johnson (TX)		
Jordan		
Joyce (OH)		
Joyce (PA)		
Kaptur		
Katko		
Keating		
Keller		
Kelly (IL)		
Kelly (MS)		
Kelly (PA)		
Khanna		
Kildee		
Kilmer		
Kim		
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King (IA)		
King (NY)		
Kinzinger		
Kirkpatrick		
Krishnamoorthi		
Kuster (NH)		
Kustoff (TN)		
LaHood		
LaMalfa		
Lamb		
Lamborn		
Langevin		
Larsen (WA)		
Larson (CT)		
Latta		
Lawson (FL)		
Lee (CA)		
Lee (NV)		
Lesko		
Levin (CA)		
Levin (MI)		
Lipinski		
Loebach		
Lofgren		
Long		
Loudermilk		
Lowenthal		
Lowey		
Lucas		
Luetkemeyer		
Lujan		
Luria		
Lynch		
Malinowski		
Maloney		
Carolyn B.		
Maloney, Sean		
Marchant		
Marshall		
Massie		
Mast		
Matsui		
McAdams		
McBath		
McCarthy		
McCaul		
McClintock		
McCollum		
McGovern		
McHenry		
McKinley		
McNerney		
Meeks		
Meng		
Meuser		
Miller		
Mitchell		
Moolenaar		
Mooney (WV)		
Morelle		
Mucarsel-Powell		
Murphy (FL)		
Murphy (NC)		
Nadler		
Napolitano		
Neal		
Neguse		
Norcross		
Norman		
Nunes		
O'Halleran		
Ocasio-Cortez		
Olson		
Omar		
Pallone		
Palmer		
Panetta		
Pappas		
Pascarella		
Payne		
Pence		
Perlmutter		
Perry		
Peters		
Peterson		
Phillips		
Pingree		
Pocan		
Porter		
Posey		
Pressley		
Price (NC)		
Quigley		
Raskin		
Reschenthaler		
Rice (NY)		
Rice (SC)		
Richmond		
Roby		
Rodgers (WA)		
Roe, David P.		
Rogers (AL)		
Rogers (KY)		
Rose (NY)		
Rose, John W.		
Rouda		
Rouzer		
Roy		
Roybal-Allard		
Ruiz		
Ruppersberger		
Rutherford		
Ryan		
Sánchez		
Sarbanes		
Scalise		
Scanlon		
Schakowsky		
Schiff		
Schneider		
Schrader		
Schrier		
Schweikert		
Scott (VA)		
Scott, Austin		
Scott, David		
Sensenbrenner		
Serrano		
Sewell (AL)		
Shalala		
Sherman		
Sherrill		
Shimkus		
Sires		
Slotkin		
Smith (MO)		
Smith (NE)		
Smith (NJ)		
Smith (WA)		
Smucker		
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Spanberger		
Spano		
Stanton		
Staubert		
Stefanik		
Steil		
Steube		
Stevens		
Stivers		
Suozzi		
Swalwell (CA)		
Takano		
Taylor		
Thompson (CA)		
Thompson (PA)		
Thornberry		
Timmons		
Tipton		
Tlaib		
Tonko		
Torres (CA)		
Torres Small		
(NM)		
Trahan		
Trone		
Turner		
Underwood		
Upton		
Van Drew		
Vargas		
Veasey		
Vela		
Velázquez		
Vislousky		
Wagner		
Walberg		
Walden		
Walker		
Walorski		
Waltz		
Wasserman		
Schultz		
Waters		
Watkins		
Watson Coleman		
Weber (TX)		
Webster (FL)		
Welch		
Wenstrup		

Westerman	Wilson (SC)	Yarmuth
Wexton	Wittman	Yoho
Wild	Womack	Young
Williams	Woodall	Zeldin
Wilson (FL)	Wright	

NOT VOTING—38

Boyle, Brendan F.	Gosar	Mullin
Brooks (IN)	Graves (GA)	Newhouse
Brownley (CA)	Grijalva	Palazzo
Butterfield	Holding	Ratcliffe
Cheney	Jackson Lee	Reed
Collins (GA)	Kennedy	Riggleman
Cook	Lawrence	Rooney (FL)
Crist	Lewis	Rush
Davis, Danny K.	Lieu, Ted	Simpson
DeFazio	McEachin	Speier
Fortenberry	Meadows	Stewart
Gaetz	Moore	Thompson (MS)
	Moulton	Titus

□ 1858

Mrs. NAPOLITANO changed her vote from “nay” to “yea.”

So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the resolution, as amended, was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

DIVIDED FAMILIES
REUNIFICATION ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 1771) to require consultations on reuniting Korean Americans with family members in North Korea, as amended, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. SIREs) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.

This is a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 391, nays 0, not voting 38, as follows:

[Roll No. 92]

YEAS—391

Abraham	Brady	Cloud
Adams	Brindisi	Clyburn
Aderholt	Brooks (AL)	Cohen
Aguilar	Brown (MD)	Cole
Allen	Buchanan	Comer
Allred	Buck	Conaway
Amash	Bucshon	Connolly
Amodei	Budd	Cooper
Armstrong	Burchett	Correa
Arrington	Burgess	Costa
Axne	Bustos	Courtney
Babin	Byrne	Cox (CA)
Bacon	Calvert	Craig
Baird	Carbajal	Crawford
Balderson	Cárdenas	Crenshaw
Banks	Carson (IN)	Crow
Barr	Carter (GA)	Cuellar
Barragán	Carter (TX)	Cunningham
Bass	Cartwright	Curtis
Beatty	Case	Davids (KS)
Bera	Casten (IL)	Davidson (OH)
Bergman	Castor (FL)	Davis (CA)
Beyer	Castro (TX)	Davis, Rodney
Biggs	Chabot	Dean
Bilirakis	Chu, Judy	DeGette
Bishop (GA)	Cicilline	DeLauro
Bishop (NC)	Cisneros	DeBene
Bishop (UT)	Clark (MA)	Delgado
Blumenauer	Clarke (NY)	Demings
Blunt Rochester	Clay	DeSaulnier
Bonamici	Cleaver	DesJarlais
Boat	Cline	Deutch

Diaz-Balart	Kirkpatrick	Roe, David P.
Dingell	Krishnamoorthi	Rogers (AL)
Doggett	Kuster (NH)	Rogers (KY)
Doyle, Michael F.	Kustoff (TN)	Rose (NY)
Duncan	LaHood	Rose, John W.
Dunn	LaMalfa	Rouda
Emmer	Lamb	Rouzer
Engel	Lamborn	Roy
Escobar	Langevin	Roybal-Allard
Eshoo	Larsen (WA)	Ruiz
Espallat	Larson (CT)	Ruppersberger
Estes	Latta	Rutherford
Evans	Lawson (FL)	Ryan
Ferguson	Lee (CA)	Sánchez
Finkenauer	Lee (NV)	Sarbanes
Fitzpatrick	Lesko	Scalise
Fleischmann	Levin (CA)	Scanlon
Fletcher	Levin (MI)	Schakowsky
Flores	Lipinski	Schiff
Foster	Loebback	Schneider
Fox (NC)	Lofgren	Schrader
Frankel	Long	Schrier
Fudge	Loudermilk	Schweikert
Fulcher	Lowenthal	Scott (VA)
Gabbard	Lowe	Scott, Austin
Gallagher	Lucas	Scott, David
Gallgo	Luetkemeyer	Sensenbrenner
Garamendi	Luján	Serrano
García (IL)	Luria	Sewell (AL)
García (TX)	Lynch	Shalala
Gianforte	Malinowski	Sherman
Gibbs	Maloney,	Sherrill
Gohmert	Carolyn B.	Shimkus
Golden	Maloney, Sean	Sires
Gomez	Marchant	Slotkin
Gonzalez (OH)	Marshall	Smith (MO)
Gonzalez (TX)	Massie	Smith (NE)
Gooden	Mast	Smith (NJ)
Gottheimer	Matsui	Smith (WA)
Granger	McAdams	Smucker
Graves (LA)	McBath	Soto
Graves (MO)	McCarthy	Spanberger
Green (TN)	McCaul	Spano
Green, Al (TX)	McClintock	Stanton
Griffith	McCollum	Staubert
Grothman	McGovern	Stefanik
Guest	McHenry	Steil
Guthrie	McKinley	Steube
Haaland	McNerney	Stevens
Hagedorn	Meeks	Stivers
Harder (CA)	Meng	Suozzi
Harris	Meuser	Swalwell (CA)
Hartzer	Miller	Takano
Hastings	Mitchell	Taylor
Hayes	Moolenaar	Thompson (CA)
Heck	Mooney (WV)	Thompson (PA)
Hern, Kevin	Morelle	Thornberry
Herrera Beutler	Mucarsel-Powell	Timmons
Hice (GA)	Murphy (FL)	Tipton
Higgins (LA)	Murphy (NC)	Tlaib
Higgins (NY)	Nadler	Tonko
Hill (AR)	Napolitano	Torres (CA)
Himes	Neal	Torres Small
Hollingsworth	Neguse	(NM)
Horn, Kendra S.	Newhouse	Trahan
Horsford	Norcross	Trone
Houlahan	Norman	Turner
Hoyer	Nunes	Underwood
Hudson	O'Halleran	Upton
Huffman	Ocasio-Cortez	Van Drew
Huizenga	Olson	Vargas
Hurd (TX)	Omar	Veasey
Jayapal	Pallone	Vela
Jeffries	Palmer	Velázquez
Johnson (GA)	Panetta	Visclosky
Johnson (LA)	Pappas	Wagner
Johnson (OH)	Pascarell	Walberg
Johnson (SD)	Payne	Walden
Johnson (TX)	Pence	Walorski
Jordan	Perlmutter	Waltz
Joyce (OH)	Perry	Wasserman
Joyce (PA)	Peters	Schultz
Kaptur	Peterson	Waters
Katko	Phillips	Watkins
Keating	Pingree	Watson Coleman
Keller	Pocan	Weber (TX)
Kelly (IL)	Porter	Webster (FL)
Kelly (MS)	Posey	Welch
Kelly (PA)	Pressley	Wenstrup
Khan	Price (NC)	Westerman
Kildee	Quigley	Wexton
Kilmer	Raskin	Wild
Kim	Reschenthaler	Williams
Kind	Rice (NY)	Wilson (FL)
King (IA)	Rice (SC)	Wilson (SC)
King (NY)	Richmond	Wittman
Kinzinger	Roby	Womack
	Rodgers (WA)	

NOT VOTING—38

Boyle, Brendan F.	Gosar	Mullin
Brooks (IN)	Graves (GA)	Palazzo
Brownley (CA)	Grijalva	Ratcliffe
Butterfield	Holding	Reed
Cheney	Jackson Lee	Riggleman
Collins (GA)	Kennedy	Rooney (FL)
Cook	Lawrence	Rush
Crist	Lewis	Simpson
Davis, Danny K.	Lieu, Ted	Speier
DeFazio	McEachin	Stewart
Fortenberry	Meadows	Thompson (MS)
Gaetz	Moore	Titus
	Moulton	Walker

□ 1906

So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted “yea” on rollcall No. 91 and “yea” on rollcall No. 92.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER
AS COSPONSOR OF H. RES. 745

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to be removed as a cosponsor of H. Res. 745.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New Jersey?

There was no objection.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER
AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 2975

Mr. VAN DREW. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to be removed as a cosponsor of H.R. 2975.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. ROUDA). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New Jersey?

There was no objection.

HONORING PATRICK HIDALGO

(Ms. MUCARSEL-POWELL asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. MUCARSEL-POWELL. Mr. Speaker, today, I would like to take a moment to honor a good friend, an incredible young man, one of Miami's best, Patrick Hidalgo, who passed away last week.

Words cannot begin to describe the brightness that Patrick reflected on the world. His smile was infectious; his passion for life was palpable; and his empathy made everyone feel seen, feel heard, and feel valued.

Patrick accomplished more in his lifetime on Earth than many will in their entire lives. He was a Belen High School grad. He graduated from Georgetown, Harvard, and MIT. He was appointed by the Obama administration to work in the White House, and he was a huge driving force in helping normalize relations with Cuba.

While Patrick could have done anything with his life, he decided to move back home to Miami and work to ensure that our city became the best version of itself, a more equitable, more just, more accessible place for all Floridians. He recently cofounded the Miami Freedom Project to achieve just that.

I know that Patrick has found his freedom and his peace. We will honor his legacy by working to ensure that our city is a more just and freer place.

Patrick, you touched the lives of so many people from so many walks of life. You made us better. You challenged us. You believed in us. We promise to honor your legacy.

May you rest in peace, Patrick.

REMEMBERING CINDY WADE TANNER

(Mr. CARTER of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember and honor the life of Mrs. Cindy Wade Tanner.

From Waycross in Georgia's First Congressional District, she was loved and cherished by many.

Mrs. Tanner was a gifted teacher and a pillar in her community. She taught at Bacon County High School and later moved to Ware County High School.

After teaching high school students, Mrs. Tanner worked at Waycross-Ware Technical School and retired in 2017 as vice president for institutional advancement. While there, she planned and coordinated the first community-wide social fundraiser, the Gala.

In 1998, Mrs. Tanner was awarded the Rick Perkins Award of Excellence, which is to honor technical college instructors who make significant contributions to technical education through innovation and leadership in their fields.

She dedicated most of her time to teach and lead others, as she was also a beloved Sunday school teacher at her church.

Mrs. Tanner's selfless legacy will always be remembered.

Her family and friends will be in my thoughts and prayers during this most difficult time.

□ 1915

CONGRATULATING THE ROSELLE PARK PANTHERS YOUTH CHEER- LEADERS

(Mr. PAYNE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Roselle Park Panthers youth cheerleaders. They earned a national championship and a bronze medal at the 2019 American Youth Cheer, AYC, national championships.

The AYC championships are divided into more than 20 divisions, from small to elite teams. The Roselle Park Panthers won awards in two different divisions. First, a squad of cheerleaders aged 10 to 15 years old won the division 14 small level 3 national championship. Then a team of 7- to 10-year-olds earned a bronze medal for a third-place finish in the division 10 small level 2 competition.

This is the second time in 3 years that Roselle Park has won a cheerleading national championship and the third time in the squad's history.

Along the way, the Panthers were crowned Jersey Shore Champions, Regional Champions, and Regional Grand Champions. I am extremely proud of these young people and their accomplishments, and I look forward to hearing what they will do next.

They are truly winners, and I am proud of Roselle Park, a great part of my district.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR MUSIC EDUCATION

(Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Scott Sheehan, a music teacher in Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania. Scott was recently elected to serve as president of the National Association for Music Education, or NAFME.

NAFME is a membership organization of more than 60,000 individuals who advocate for music education at the local, State, and national levels. They provide resources for teachers, parents, and administration who also champion music education.

Scott understands the value music adds to a child's education and a child's life. He said: "I foresee a future where every child can achieve their creative musical potential and share their voice and place in society through their artistic contributions."

Scott taught all three of my sons music, and I know he will do a great job in his new role at NAFME. The timing of this announcement is particularly appropriate as March is National Music in Our Schools Month.

I would like to thank Scott for his commitment to music education over the years in teaching and wish him all the best of luck.

CORONAVIRUS RELIEF

(Mrs. TORRES of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. TORRES of California. Mr. Speaker, I am glad that President Trump is meeting with his team to figure out how to save corporate America from the economic fallout of the

coronavirus outbreak. After the worst economic collapse in over a decade, I would expect nothing less. But a corporate bailout doesn't help the everyday workers I represent.

What about the independent contractors working two or three jobs just to get by? Or the warehouse workers who are laid off because China is exporting fewer goods to the Port of LA or Long Beach? Or the Uber drivers who lose business when a convention is canceled or are forced to self-quarantine?

These workers don't have workplace benefits such as paid sick leave. The option to self-quarantine isn't an option at all when you have to work and live every day paycheck to paycheck.

Mr. President, these are the stories of real Americans who are bearing the brunt of this crisis, and they deserve relief, too. They deserve your attention, too. I urge you to work with Democrats in the House to pass a real plan to help all Americans.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to address their remarks to the Chair.

GREAT FEBRUARY JOBS REPORT

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, in the February jobs report, job numbers remain strong. Jeff Cox with CNBC wrote an article titled: "Job Growth Smashes Expectations for February As Unemployment Falls Back to 3.5 Percent." This title reflects the 273,000 jobs created in February, smashing the expectation of 175,000 additions.

The article also said: "The Labor Department reported . . . that the U.S. economy added 273,000 new jobs during the month, while the unemployment rate was 3.5 percent, matching its lowest level in more than 50 years."

I am grateful that for African Americans, Hispanics, and Asian Americans there is record low unemployment with record opportunities to achieve jobs. President Trump is continuing his record of promises made, promises kept. This is clear with the release of the February report of 273,000 more jobs.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September the 11th in the global war on terrorism.

PAID SICK LEAVE

(Mr. LEVIN of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LEVIN of California. Mr. Speaker, as we confront the coronavirus epidemic, one thing is clear: Everyone should follow the CDC's recommendations to stay healthy and safe. That means staying home if you are feeling sick.

If we want people to follow that important guidance, though, we must

make it economically viable to do so. That is why I rise today in support of critical legislation introduced by Congresswoman DELAURO to ensure that working families receive paid sick leave in the event of a public health emergency like the coronavirus epidemic.

The concept is simple: We want people to stay home if they are feeling sick so they don't spread the coronavirus or other illnesses to others. But not everyone can afford to do that. Many families live paycheck to paycheck, struggling to pay their bills each month. Taking unpaid sick leave simply isn't an option for them.

With the severity of the crisis we are facing, we cannot force working people to choose between going to work and spreading their illness to others or staying home and getting behind on their bills.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support Congresswoman DELAURO's bill.

RECOGNIZING JIM PAIVA, AGRIBUSINESS OWNER

(Mr. LAMALFA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, I rise tonight to recognize a local farmer and agribusiness owner, Jim Paiva from west Chico.

A true Butte County native born in Chico, California, Jim grew up on his father's dairy farm and eventually pursued a career in construction for a time. However, he eventually left the industry and went back to the farm. He began planting orchards in the Chico area, eventually planting thousands of acres of trees.

He soon saved up enough money to buy a piece of land next door to his family's old dairy farm, where he purchased an almond huller. He has since diversified into walnuts, prunes, and even farm equipment sales.

Jim is proof of how hard work can lead to good outcomes, and his forward thinking for that 7-days-a-week work has really led to his recent recognition as a leader in his field.

The "Cec" Nielsen award he was just awarded this last weekend shows the forward thinking he has for sustainability, for having his farm and the people at his farm thinking about how to do things long term. His commitment to local agriculture is unmatched. He serves as a great example of entrepreneurial success in Butte County.

Congratulations, Jim Paiva.

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF LARRY DURRENCE

(Mr. SPANO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SPANO. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to celebrate the life of a distinguished Lakeland, Florida, resident and former mayor, the Honorable Larry Durrenre. Sadly, Mayor Durrenre passed away on February 20.

Mayor Durrenre, or Larry, as he was known to many, lived a life dedicated to serving others and the community that he called home.

Beyond his two terms in the Lakeland City Hall, he also served as the third president of Polk Community College, which is now Polk State College. During his tenure, he prioritized workforce training and accelerated education programs. He was committed to equity and diversity, including growing minority and female representation in leadership positions.

Larry was widely known by his friends and those who worked alongside him as a dedicated and humble public servant who loved interacting with and serving people.

Larry Durrenre was a great leader and a great friend to our community, and his legacy will be felt for years to come.

Thank you, Larry, for your many contributions. It is because of men and women like you that I remain proud to represent and serve Florida's 15th Congressional District.

JOSEPH SOMMA'S 100TH BIRTHDAY

(Mr. VAN DREW asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. VAN DREW. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the 100th birthday of Joseph Somma from North Cape May, south Jersey, on March 9.

Joseph is a World War II combat veteran who served in the Coast Guard from 1942 to 1945. He was on the USS *Charlottesville* PF-25 in the Pacific theater. He was awarded numerous and prestigious service medals during his service.

Joseph has stayed politically active his entire life and has voted in the last 18 Presidential elections. Every single day, Joseph proudly flies his American flag off of his deck.

Joseph, you put the great in the Greatest Generation. You have lived a life of honor and distinction, and you and your family should be proud of all of the accomplishments in your amazing life.

Some people look to actors, sports stars or—heaven forbid—politicians as heroes. I look to folks like Joseph for inspiration as a true American hero.

Thank you, and I hope your celebration with your family and friends brings you a tremendous amount of joy.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois (at the request of Mr. HOYER) for today.

Ms. JACKSON LEE (at the request of Mr. HOYER) for today on account of official work in district.

Mr. MULLIN (at the request of Mr. MCCARTHY) for today and the balance of the week on account of supporting his son's continued recovery.

SENATE BILLS REFERRED

Bills of the Senate of the following titles were taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. 1757. An act to award a Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the United States Army Rangers Veterans of World War II in recognition of their extraordinary service during World War II; to the Committee on Financial Services; in addition, to the Committee on House Administration 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.

S. 2683. An act to establish a task force to assist States in implementing hiring requirements for child care staff members to improve child safety; to the Committee on Education and Labor.

S. 3414. An act to authorize major medical facility projects for the Department of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 2020, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Cheryl L. Johnson, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled bills of the House of the following titles, which were thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 5214. An act to amend title 5, United States Code, to prevent fraud by representative payees.

H.R. 5671. An act to award a Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the United States Merchant Mariners of World War II, in recognition of their dedicated and vital service during World War II.

H.R. 6074. An act making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020, and for other purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. VAN DREW. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 7 o'clock and 26 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, March 10, 2020, at 10 a.m. for morning-hour debate.

EXPENDITURE REPORTS CONCERNING OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL

Reports concerning the foreign currencies and U.S. dollars utilized for Official Foreign Travel during the fourth quarter of 2019 and the first quarter of 2020, pursuant to Public Law 95-384, are as follows:

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, DELEGATION TO POLAND AND ISRAEL, EXPENDED BETWEEN JAN. 20 AND JAN. 24, 2020

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem ¹		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²
Hon. Nancy Pelosi	1/20	1/21	Poland		314.03		(³)				314.03
Hon. Nita Lowey	1/20	1/21	Poland		314.03		(³)				314.03
Hon. Ted Deutch	1/20	1/21	Poland		314.03		(³)				314.03
Hon. Joe Wilson	1/20	1/21	Poland		314.03		(³)				314.03
Hon. Debbie Wasserman Schultz	1/20	1/21	Poland		314.03		(³)				314.03
Hon. Brad Schneider	1/20	1/21	Poland		314.03		(³)				314.03
RADM Dr. Brian Monahan	1/20	1/21	Poland		314.03		(³)				314.03
Wyndee Parker	1/20	1/21	Poland		314.03		(³)				314.03
Terri McCullough	1/20	1/21	Poland		314.03		(³)				314.03
Drew Hammill	1/20	1/21	Poland		314.03		(³)				314.03
Kate Knudson Wolters	1/20	1/21	Poland		314.03		(³)				314.03
Reva Price	1/20	1/21	Poland		314.03		(³)				314.03
Julio Obscura	1/20	1/21	Poland		314.03		(³)				314.03
Kim Campbell	1/20	1/21	Poland		314.03		(³)				314.03
Hon. Nancy Pelosi	1/21	1/24	Israel		980.00		(³)				980.00
Hon. Nita Lowey	1/21	1/24	Israel		980.00		(³)				980.00
Hon. Ted Deutch	1/21	1/24	Israel		980.00		(³)				980.00
Hon. Joe Wilson	1/21	1/24	Israel		980.00		(³)				980.00
Hon. Debbie Wasserman Schultz	1/21	1/24	Israel		980.00		(³)				980.00
Hon. Brad Schneider	1/21	1/24	Israel		980.00		(³)				980.00
RADM Dr. Brian Monahan	1/21	1/24	Israel		980.00		(³)				980.00
Wyndee Parker	1/21	1/24	Israel		980.00		(³)				980.00
Terri McCullough	1/21	1/24	Israel		980.00		(³)				980.00
Drew Hammill	1/21	1/24	Israel		980.00		(³)				980.00
Kate Knudson Wolters	1/21	1/24	Israel		980.00		(³)				980.00
Reva Price	1/21	1/24	Israel		980.00		(³)				980.00
Julio Obscura	1/21	1/24	Israel		980.00		(³)				980.00
Kim Campbell	1/21	1/24	Israel		980.00		(³)				980.00
Committee total					18,116.42						18,116.42

¹ Per diem constitutes lodging and meals.

² If foreign currency is used, enter U.S. dollar equivalent; if U.S. currency is used, enter amount expended.

³ Military air transportation.

HON. NANCY PELOSI, Feb. 24, 2020.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, DELEGATION TO ARGENTINA AND COLOMBIA, EXPENDED BETWEEN JAN. 20 AND JAN. 24, 2020

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem ¹		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²
Jaime E. Lizárraga	1/20	1/22	Argentina		927.60		2,022.35				2,949.95
Daniel Silverberg	1/20	1/22	Argentina		927.60		3,142.05				4,069.65
Jaime E. Lizárraga	1/22	1/24	Colombia		455.00						455.00
Daniel Silverberg	1/22	1/24	Colombia		455.00						455.00
Committee total					2,765.20		5,164.40				7,929.60

¹ Per diem constitutes lodging and meals.

² If foreign currency is used, enter U.S. dollar equivalent; if U.S. currency is used, enter amount expended.

HON. NANCY PELOSI, Feb. 24, 2020.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE, SPACE, AND TECHNOLOGY, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN OCT. 1 AND DEC. 31, 2019

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem ¹		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²
Haley Stevens	11/26	11/27	Germany		509.00						509.00
	11/27	11/29	Kuwait		802.00						802.00
	11/29	11/30	Afghanistan		78.00						78.00
	11/30	12/1	Ireland		282.20						282.20
Committee total					1,671.20						1,671.20

¹ Per diem constitutes lodging and meals.

² If foreign currency is used, enter U.S. dollar equivalent; if U.S. currency is used, enter amount expended.

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON, Feb. 21, 2020.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS,
ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

4066. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Establishment of Regulations for the Evaluation and Recognition of the Animal Health Status of Compartments [Docket No.: APHIS-2017-0105] (RIN: 0579-AE43) received March 5, 2020, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Agriculture.

4067. A letter from the Alternate OSD FRLO, Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's interpretive rule — Military Lending Act Limitations on Terms of Consumer Credit Extended to Service Members and Dependents [Docket ID: DOD-2013-OS-0133] (RIN: 0790-ZA14) received March 5, 2020, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Armed Services.

4068. A letter from the Secretary, Division of Corporation Finance, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting the Commission's Major final rule — Financial Disclosures about Guarantors and Issuers of Guaranteed Securities and Affiliates Whose Securities Collateralize a Registrant's Securities, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Financial Services.

4069. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule — Food Additive Regulations; Synthetic Flavoring Agents and Adjuvants; Confirmation of Effective Date [Docket No.: FDA-2015-F-4317] received March 5, 2020, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

4070. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule — Definition of the Term "Biological Product" [Docket No.: FDA-2018-N-2732] (RIN: 0910-AH57) received March 5, 2020, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

4071. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting a determination pursuant to Sec. 564 of the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act, that has a significant potential to affect national security or the health and security of United States citizens living abroad and that involves a novel (new) coronavirus (nCoV) first detected in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China in 2019; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

4072. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the FY 2019 Medical Device User Fee Amendments Financial Report; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

4073. A letter from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Electronic Delivery of Notices to Broadcast Television Stations [MB Docket No.: 19-165]; Modernization of Media Regulation Initiative [MB Docket No.: 17-105] received March 5, 2020, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

4074. A letter from the Deputy Bureau Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Uniendo a Puerto Rico Fund and Connect USVI Fund, Notice and Filing Requirements and Other Procedures for Stage 2 Fixed Competitive Proposal Process [WC Docket Nos.: 18-143, 10-90, 14-58] received March 5, 2020, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

4075. A letter from the Chief, Policy and Rules Division, Office of Engineering and Technology, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Amendment of the Commission's Rules to Make Non-Substantive Editorial Revisions to the Table of Frequency Allocations and to Various Other Rules [ET Docket No.: 19-289] received March 5, 2020, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

4076. A letter from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's enforcement guidance memorandum — Enforcement discretion not to cite certain vio-

lations of 10 CFR 73.56 requirements [2020-01] (RIN:3150-A112) received March 5, 2020, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

4077. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a report covering the period from November 10, 2019, to January 8, 2020 on the Authorization for Use of Military Force Against Iraq Resolution, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1541 note; Public Law 107-243, Sec. 4(a); (116 Stat. 1501) and 50 U.S.C. 1541 note; Public Law 102-1, Sec. 3 (as amended by Public Law 106-113, Sec. 1000(a)(7)); (113 Stat. 1501A-422); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

4078. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, Department of Defense, transmitting Transmittal No. 20-12, pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

4079. A letter from the Alternate OSD FRLO, Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's interim final rule — Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) [Docket ID: DOD-2019-OS-0103] (RIN: 0790-AK90) received March 5, 2020, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on House Administration.

4080. A letter from the Inspector General, Office of Inspector General, U.S. House of Representatives, transmitting the final report on the Data Diode Implementation and Testing project; to the Committee on House Administration.

4081. A letter from the Alternate OSD FRLO, Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Civil Monetary Penalty Inflation Adjustment [Docket ID: DOD-2016-OS-0045] (RIN: 0790-AK88) received March 5, 2020, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

4082. A letter from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting proposed legislation that would strengthen the government's ability to prosecute those who commit elder fraud against our nation's seniors; jointly to the Committees on Financial Services and the Judiciary.

4083. A letter from the Inspector General, United States Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting the Fiscal Year 2021 Budget Justification for the Office of Inspector General, pursuant to 45 U.S.C. 231f(f); Aug. 29, 1935, ch. 812, Sec. 7(f) (as amended by Public Law 93-445, Sec. 416); (97 Stat. 436); jointly to the Committees on Appropriations, Transportation and Infrastructure, and Ways and Means.

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 reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. PALLONE: Committee on Energy and Commerce. H.R. 1425. A bill to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to provide for a Improve Health Insurance Affordability Fund to provide for certain reinsurance payments to lower premiums in the individual health insurance market; with an amendment (Rept. 116-414). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

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. MURPHY of North Carolina (for himself, Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana, Mr. BANKS, Mr. BISHOP of North Carolina, Mr. BUDD, Mr. GAETZ, Mr. GIANFORTE, Mr. GOSAR, Mr. GROTHMAN, Mr. KEVIN HERN of Oklahoma, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. KELLER, Mr. MOONEY of West Virginia, Mr. RIGGLEMAN, Mr. DAVID P. ROE of Tennessee, Mr. ROY, Mr. STEUBE, Mr. TIMMONS, Mr. TIPTON, Mr. WALKER, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, and Mr. WRIGHT):

H.R. 6128. A bill to amend title 40, United States Code, to modify certain requirements for Federal agencies in the disposition of surplus real property, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

By Ms. PRESSLEY (for herself, Ms. UNDERWOOD, Ms. ADAMS, Ms. SEWELL of Alabama, Ms. NORTON, Ms. SCANLON, Ms. MOORE, Mr. CLAY, Mr. KHANNA, and Mr. LAWSON of Florida):

H.R. 6129. A bill to provide improved care and protection to incarcerated mothers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 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 Mr. HARDER of California (for himself and Mr. SCHRADER):

H.R. 6130. A bill to require the Secretary of Labor to update the model COBRA continuation coverage general notice and the model COBRA continuation coverage election notice, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and Labor.

By Mr. HOYER (for himself, Mr. BROWN of Maryland, Mr. TRONE, Mr. RASKIN, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. RUPPERSBERGER, Mr. MCGOVERN, Ms. BASS, and Ms. NORTON):

H.R. 6131. A bill to direct the Architect of the Capitol to replace the bust of Roger Brooke Taney in the Old Supreme Court Chamber of the United States Capitol with a bust of Thurgood Marshall to be obtained by the Joint Committee on the Library, and for other purposes; to the Committee on House Administration.

By Mrs. MCBATH (for herself, Ms. UNDERWOOD, Ms. ADAMS, Mr. LEWIS, Ms. SEWELL of Alabama, Ms. NORTON, Ms. SCANLON, Ms. MOORE, Mr. CLAY, Mr. KHANNA, Ms. PRESSLEY, and Mr. LAWSON of Florida):

H.R. 6132. A bill to address social determinants of health for women in the prenatal and postpartum periods, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Financial Services, Agriculture, Transportation and Infrastructure, and 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 Mr. FINKENAUER (for herself and Mr. SPANO):

H.R. 6133. A bill to reauthorize the State Trade Expansion Program of the Small Business Administration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business.

By Mr. SCHRADER (for himself and Mr. YOHO):

H.R. 6134. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to provide for interest-free deferment on student loans for borrowers

serving in a veterinary internship or residency program; to the Committee on Education and Labor.

By Ms. SCHAKOWSKY:

H.R. 6135. A bill to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to require Exchanges to establish network adequacy standards for qualified health plans; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Ms. SCHAKOWSKY:

H.R. 6136. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide protections for consumers against excessive, unjustified, or unfairly discriminatory increases in premium rates; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Ms. SCHAKOWSKY (for herself, Ms. UNDERWOOD, Ms. ADAMS, Ms. SCANLON, Ms. NORTON, Ms. SEWELL of Alabama, Mr. KHANNA, Ms. BASS, Ms. MOORE, Mr. CLAY, Mr. LAWSON of Florida, and Ms. PRESSLEY):

H.R. 6137. A bill to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to establish and implement a Perinatal Care Alternative Payment Model Demonstration Project, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Ms. JOHNSON of Texas (for herself, Ms. UNDERWOOD, Ms. ADAMS, Ms. SEWELL of Alabama, Ms. NORTON, Ms. SCANLON, Ms. MOORE, Mr. CLAY, Mr. KHANNA, Ms. PRESSLEY, and Mr. LAWSON of Florida):

H.R. 6138. A bill to improve maternal health outcomes, especially for underserved populations, through investments in technology, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. SCOTT of Virginia (for himself, Ms. SHALALA, Ms. ADAMS, Mr. ROSE of New York, Mr. COURTNEY, Mrs. TRAHAN, Ms. BONAMICI, Ms. WILD, Mr. LEVIN of Michigan, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mrs. DAVIS of California, Mr. MORELLE, Ms. JAYAPAL, Mr. TRONE, Mr. TAKANO, Ms. FUDGE, Mr. DESAULNIER, Mr. SABLAN, Mrs. HAYES, Mr. NORCROSS, and Mrs. LEE of Nevada):

H.R. 6139. A bill to direct the Secretary of Labor to issue an emergency temporary standard that requires certain employers to develop and implement a comprehensive infectious disease exposure control plan to protect employees in the health care sectors and other employees at elevated risk from exposure to SARS-CoV-2, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and Labor, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, and Ways and Means, 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. UNDERWOOD (for herself and Mr. BARR):

H.R. 6140. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the Edith Nourse Rogers STEM Scholarship program; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Ms. UNDERWOOD (for herself, Mr. BILIRAKIS, and Ms. ADAMS):

H.R. 6141. A bill to improve maternity care coordination provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Ms. UNDERWOOD (for herself, Ms. ADAMS, Ms. SEWELL of Alabama, Ms. NORTON, Ms. SCANLON, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Ms. BARRAGÁN, Ms. OMAR, Mr. RYAN, Ms. MOORE, Mr. CLAY, Mr. KHANNA, Ms. BASS, Ms. BLUNT ROCH-ESTER, Mr. KENNEDY, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mrs. LURIA, Ms. HAALAND, Ms. PRESSLEY, Mr. LAWSON of Florida, Ms. SHALALA, Ms. SPANBERGER, Ms. SCHRIER, and Mr. MOULTON):

H.R. 6142. A bill to end preventable maternal mortality and severe maternal morbidity in the United States and close disparities in maternal health outcomes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Financial Services, Transportation and Infrastructure, Education and Labor, the Judiciary, Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Veterans' Affairs, 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 Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Ms. UNDERWOOD, Mr. KATKO, Ms. ADAMS, Ms. SCANLON, Mr. LONG, and Mr. MOULTON):

H.R. 6143. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve maternal mental and behavioral health outcomes with a particular focus on outcomes for minority women, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Ms. ADAMS (for herself, Ms. UNDERWOOD, Ms. SEWELL of Alabama, Ms. NORTON, Ms. SCANLON, Ms. MOORE, Mr. CLAY, Mr. KHANNA, Ms. PRESSLEY, and Mr. LAWSON of Florida):

H.R. 6144. A bill to make investments in community-based organizations and other initiatives to prevent maternal mortality and severe maternal morbidity, especially for Black women, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. BAIRD (for himself, Mr. FOSTER, Mr. LUCAS, and Ms. STEVENS):

H.R. 6145. A bill to increase the capacity of research and development programs of the Federal Government that focus on industries of the future, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

By Mr. BROWN of Maryland:

H.R. 6146. A bill to direct the Comptroller General of the United States to report on Coast Guard defense readiness resource allocation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, 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 Mr. CARTWRIGHT (for himself, Mr. KATKO, and Mr. CICILLINE):

H.R. 6147. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage under the Medicare program of hearing aids and related hearing services; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, 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 Mr. COLE (for himself and Mrs. LURIA):

H.R. 6148. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to expand benefits available under the TRICARE Extended Health Care Option program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. CUNNINGHAM:

H.R. 6149. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to enhance reporting requirements for nonexpansion States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Ms. DELAURO (for herself, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. RYAN, Mr. NADLER, Ms. NORTON, Mrs. LOWEY, Mr. TAKANO, Ms. PRESSLEY, Ms. LEE of California, Ms. SPEIER, Ms. KAPTUR, Mrs. MCBATH, Mrs. HAYES, Mr. HASTINGS, Mr. FOSTER, Ms. WASSERMAN

SCHULTZ, Ms. PINGREE, Ms. FRANKEL, Mrs. LAWRENCE, Mr. KHANNA, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Ms. BROWNLEY of California, Mr. SOTO, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Mr. SUOZZI, Mr. BEYER, Mr. CLEAVER, Mr. RUSH, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. GOMEZ, Mr. PASCRELL, Ms. BONAMICI, Mr. PANNETTA, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Ms. SÁNCHEZ, Mr. LEVIN of Michigan, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. KILMER, Mr. LOWENTHAL, Ms. JUDY CHU of California, Mr. RASKIN, Mr. BERA, Ms. WEXTON, Ms. OMAR, Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York, Mr. DESAULNIER, Mrs. DINGELL, Ms. FUDGE, Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York, Mr. LANGEVIN, and Ms. MUCARSEL-POWELL):

H.R. 6150. A bill to allow Americans to earn paid sick time so that they can address their own health needs and the health needs of their families; to the Committee on Education and Labor, and in addition to the Committees on House Administration, Oversight and Reform, and 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. FINKENAUER (for herself and Mr. BUCHANAN):

H.R. 6151. A bill to amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to permanently extend the Children's Health Insurance Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. GALLAGHER (for himself, Mr. TURNER, Ms. CHENEY, Mr. MCCAUL, Mr. BANKS, Mr. PERRY, and Mr. TIMMONS):

H.R. 6152. A bill to require the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States to consider whether a foreign person that is a party to a transaction undergoing review by the Committee is connected to a foreign country that has installed information and communications technology designed, developed, manufactured, or supplied by persons owned or controlled by, or subject to the jurisdiction or direction of, a foreign adversary, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services, and in addition to the Committees on Foreign Affairs, and Energy and Commerce, 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 Mr. GALLAGHER:

H.R. 6153. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 410 Franklin Street in Appleton, Wisconsin, as the "Mitchell F. Lundgaard Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

By Mr. GOSAR:

H.R. 6154. A bill to clarify which Federal agencies regulate digital assets, to require those agencies to notify the public of any Federal licences, certifications, or registrations required to create or trade in such assets, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, 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 Mr. GROTHMAN:

H.R. 6155. A bill to amend the Biologics Price Competition and Innovation Act of 2009 to make improvements with respect to the transition of biological products, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. LANDEVIN (for himself, Mr. BALDERSON, Ms. CRAIG, and Mr. MCKINLEY):

H.R. 6156. A bill to develop and improve the transportation workforce, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mrs. LURIA (for herself and Mr. BILIRAKIS):

H.R. 6157. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to collect and include certain student outcome information in the GI Bill comparison tool of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Ms. NORTON:

H.R. 6158. A bill to amend the District of Columbia Home Rule Act to permit the District of Columbia to establish the rate of pay of the Chief Financial Officer of the District of Columbia; to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

By Ms. SCHRIER (for herself, Ms. CASSIDY of Florida, and Mr. FITZPATRICK):

H.R. 6159. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to renew the application of the Medicare payment rate floor to primary care services furnished under the Medicaid program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi (for himself, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. RICHMOND, and Mr. TONKO):

H.R. 6160. A bill to extend the chemical facility anti-terrorism standards program of the Department of Homeland Security; to the Committee on Homeland Security, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 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 Mr. WALKER (for himself, Ms. FOXX of North Carolina, Mr. BUDD, Mr. MEADOWS, Mr. MCHENRY, Mr. HOLDING, Mr. MURPHY of North Carolina, Mr. BUTTERFIELD, Mr. PRICE of North Carolina, Ms. ADAMS, Mr. BISHOP of North Carolina, and Mr. ROUZER):

H.R. 6161. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1585 Yanceyville Street, Greensboro, North Carolina, as the "J. Howard Coble Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

By Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia (for himself, Ms. FINKENAUER, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Ms. FUDGE, Ms. JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. BROWN of Maryland, Mrs. DEMINGS, Mrs. HAYES, Mr. CLAY, Mr. GREEN of Texas, Mr. LAWSON of Florida, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, Mr. CLEAVER, Mr. CLYBURN, Mr. BUTTERFIELD, Mr. HASTINGS, Mr. MEEKS, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mrs. LAWRENCE, Ms. BASS, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Ms. JAYAPAL, and Ms. CLARKE of New York):

H. Res. 888. A resolution supporting the designation of March 2020 as Endometriosis Awareness Month; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. SHIMKUS (for himself, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. BACON, Mr. CHABOT, Mr. COHEN, Mr. CONNOLLY, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. GARAMENDI, Mr. HECK, Mr. HIMES, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. KINZINGER, Mr. LAMBOURN, Mr. CONAWAY, Mr. LANGEVIN, Mr. COOK, Mr. DIAZ-BALART, Mr. GALLEGO, Miss GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN of Puerto Rico, Mr. KEATING, Mr. LOWENTHAL, Mr. PANNETTA, Mr. TRONE, Mr. TURNER, Mr. VELA, Mr. WALBERG, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mrs. DAVIS of California, and Ms. SLOTKIN):

H. Res. 889. A resolution recognizing the Baltic States of Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania on the 30th anniversary of the restoration of their independence; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. SWALWELL of California (for himself and Mr. CRAWFORD):

H. Res. 890. A resolution amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to permit absent Members to participate in committee hearings using video conferencing and related technologies and to establish a remote voting system under which absent Members may cast votes in the House on motions to suspend the rules; to the Committee on Rules.

PRIVATE BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 3 of rule XII, private bills and resolutions of the following titles were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Ms. GABBARD:

H.R. 6162. A bill for the relief of Manuel de Jesus Pacheco Reyes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. SCHAKOWSKY:

H.R. 6163. A bill for the relief of Stela Simeonova and Simeon Simeonov; 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 enact the accompanying bill or joint resolution.

By Mr. MURPHY of North Carolina:

H.R. 6128. Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8 (Clause 1, Clause 17, and Clause 18) of the U.S. Constitution and Article 4, Section 3 (Clause 2) of the U.S. Constitution.

By Ms. PRESSLEY:

H.R. 6129. Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution

By Mr. HARDER of California:

H.R. 6130. Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

U.S. Const. art. I, sec. 8

By Mr. HOYER:

H.R. 6131. Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

U.S. Constitution, Article I

By Mrs. MCBATH:

H.R. 6132. Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

The Congress shall have Power To lay and collect Taxes, Duties, Imposts and Excises, to pay the Debts and provide for the common Defence and general Welfare of the United States; but all Duties, Imposts and Excises shall be uniform throughout the United States

By Ms. FINKENAUER:

H.R. 6133. Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 1

"The Congress shall have Power to . . . provide for the . . . general Welfare of the United States; . . ."

By Mr. SCHRADER:

H.R. 6134.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Congress has the authority to act under Article I, §8, clause 1.

By Ms. SCHAKOWSKY:

H.R. 6135.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 3

The Congress shall have Power . . . To regulate Commerce with foreign Nations, and among the several States, and with the Indian Tribes.

By Ms. SCHAKOWSKY:

H.R. 6136.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 3

The Congress shall have Power . . . To regulate Commerce with foreign Nations, and among the several States, and with the Indian Tribes.

By Ms. SCHAKOWSKY:

H.R. 6137.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 3

The Congress shall have Power . . . To regulate Commerce with foreign Nations, and among the several States, and with the Indian Tribes.

By Ms. JOHNSON of Texas:

H.R. 6138.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution

By Mr. SCOTT of Virginia:

H.R. 6139.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution of the United States.

By Ms. UNDERWOOD:

H.R. 6140.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution.

By Ms. UNDERWOOD:

H.R. 6141.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution

By Ms. UNDERWOOD:

H.R. 6142.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution

By Mr. KENNEDY:

H.R. 6143.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution

By Ms. ADAMS:

H.R. 6144.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution

By Mr. BAIRD:

H.R. 6145.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

U.S. Constitution, Article I, Section 8, Clause 18:

"The Congress shall have Power . . . To make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States, or in any Department or Officer thereof."

By Mr. BROWN of Maryland:
H.R. 6146.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Art. 1, Sec. 8, Cl. 14

By Mr. CARTWRIGHT:
H.R. 6147.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article I, Section 8, Clause 1 (relating to the power of Congress to lay and collect Taxes, Duties, Imposts and Excises, to pay the Debts and provide for the common Defense and general Welfare of the United States).

By Mr. COLE:
H.R. 6148.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 9, Clauses 12 and 13, which grant Congress the power to establish a military, and Clause 18, which grants Congress the necessary and proper powers to carry out its other enumerated powers

By Mr. CUNNINGHAM:
H.R. 6149.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

“The Congress shall have Power To lay and collect Taxes, Duties, Imposts, and Excises, to pay the Debts of provide for the common Defence and general Welfare of the United States . . .” (Article I, Section 8, Clause 1)

“To make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States or in any Department or Officer thereof.” (Article I, Section 8, Clause 18)

By Ms. DELAURO:
H.R. 6150.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 3 of the United States Constitution and Article I, Section 8, Clause 1 of the United States Constitution.

By Ms. FINKENAUER:
H.R. 6151.
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, Clause 18 of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. GALLAGHER:
H.R. 6152.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 3
By Mr. GALLAGHER:
H.R. 6153.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article 1, Section 8 of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. GOSAR:
H.R. 6154.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, clause 18 (the Necessary and Proper Clause) which gives Congress the power make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States, or in any Department or Officer thereof.

By Mr. GROTHMAN:
H.R. 6155.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article I, Section 8

By Mr. LANGEVIN:
H.R. 6156.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article I, Section 8

By Mrs. LURIA:
H.R. 6157.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
United States Constitution, Article I, Section 8.

By Ms. NORTON:
H.R. 6158.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
clause 17 of section 8 of article I of the Constitution.

By Ms. SCHRIER:
H.R. 6159.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article I

By Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi:
H.R. 6160.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article I, Section 8

By Mr. WALKER:
H.R. 6161.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article I, Section 8, Clause 7

By Ms. GABBARD:
H.R. 6162.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 4 (Naturalization)

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 3 (Foreign Commerce)

Article 1, Section 8, Clauses 11–16 (Foreign Affairs)

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 18 (Necessary and Proper Clause)

By Ms. SCHAKOWSKY:
H.R. 6163.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8
The Congress shall have the Power . . .
To establish a uniform rule of naturalization

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 7 of rule XII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions, as follows:

H.R. 208: Mr. GALLEGRO and Ms. LEE of California.

H.R. 444: Mr. MCGOVERN and Mr. BEYER.

H.R. 510: Mr. KELLER.

H.R. 532: Mrs. HAYES.

H.R. 587: Mr. LANGEVIN and Mr. FLORES.

H.R. 651: Ms. SEWELL of Alabama and Mr. HIMES.

H.R. 801: Mr. UPTON.

H.R. 906: Mr. MCCLINTOCK, Mr. FLORES, Mr. DUNN, Mr. UPTON, Mr. GALLAGHER, Mr. DUNCAN, and Mr. SIMPSON.

H.R. 921: Mr. LOWENTHAL and Mr. PALLONE.

H.R. 996: Ms. GABBARD.

H.R. 1043: Mr. MCADAMS, Mr. NADLER, Mr. GALLAGHER, and Mr. GRAVES of Louisiana.

H.R. 1062: Mr. PHILLIPS.

H.R. 1108: Mr. MITCHELL, Mr. MARCHANT, and Ms. CLARKE of New York.

H.R. 1126: Mr. HAGEDORN.

H.R. 1131: Mr. SUOZZI.

H.R. 1182: Mr. THOMPSON of California.

H.R. 1191: Ms. WILD and Mrs. AXNE.

H.R. 1375: Mr. HOLDING and Mr. STEIL.

H.R. 1383: Mr. ALLRED.

H.R. 1407: Mr. CORREA.

H.R. 1411: Mr. HECK.

H.R. 1417: Mr. LAWSON of Florida.

H.R. 1486: Mr. RASKIN.

H.R. 1530: Ms. DELAURO and Mr. GRAVES of Missouri.

H.R. 1554: Mr. SIMPSON.

H.R. 1733: Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana.

H.R. 1754: Mr. MCHENRY.

H.R. 1766: Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana, Mr. WALKER, Mr. HICE of Georgia, Mr. MCCAUL, Mr. HUFFMAN, Mr. CORREA, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Ms. CASTOR of Florida, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. SAN NICOLAS, Mr. CICILLINE, Mr. TED LIEU of California, Mr. BLUMENAUER, and Mr. HORSFORD.

H.R. 1771: Mr. TAYLOR.

H.R. 1784: Mrs. MCBATH and Ms. STEVENS.

H.R. 1794: Mrs. AXNE.

H.R. 1814: Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER.

H.R. 1824: Ms. TORRES SMALL of New Mexico and Mr. VAN DREW.

H.R. 1858: Mr. SMITH of Missouri.

H.R. 1872: Mr. ARMSTRONG.

H.R. 1873: Mr. POCAN.

H.R. 1886: Ms. JACKSON LEE.

H.R. 1948: Mr. MURPHY of North Carolina.

H.R. 2086: Mr. SCHWEIKERT, Mr. RUTHERFORD, Mr. GOODEN, and Mr. EVANS.

H.R. 2150: Mr. CASTRO of Texas.

H.R. 2213: Mr. HORSFORD.

H.R. 2219: Mr. BAIRD and Mr. WILSON of South Carolina.

H.R. 2225: Mr. BEYER.

H.R. 2314: Mr. LONG, Mr. CARTER of Texas, and Mr. GUEST.

H.R. 2348: Ms. JAYAPAL.

H.R. 2350: Mr. BAIRD.

H.R. 2435: Mr. LOWENTHAL.

H.R. 2444: Mr. TAYLOR.

H.R. 2449: Mrs. NAPOLITANO.

H.R. 2457: Mr. EVANS.

H.R. 2468: Mr. SUOZZI and Mr. KEATING.

H.R. 2484: Mr. SUOZZI, Mr. BEYER, Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois, and Mr. HORSFORD.

H.R. 2498: Mr. TRONE.

H.R. 2529: Mrs. NAPOLITANO and Mr. KENNEDY.

H.R. 2564: Mr. BALDERSON.

H.R. 2571: Mr. WALTZ.

H.R. 2603: Ms. HOULAHAN.

H.R. 2610: Mrs. AXNE, Ms. NORTON, Mr. DEFazio, Mr. FORTENBERRY, Mrs. DAVIS of California, Mr. BRINDISI, Mr. CASE, Ms. MENG, Mr. GRIJALVA, and Ms. CRAIG.

H.R. 2693: Mr. CÁRDENAS.

H.R. 2708: Mr. CASTRO of Texas and Ms. PORTER.

H.R. 2771: Mr. WELCH.

H.R. 2772: Mr. UPTON.

H.R. 2796: Mr. VISCLOSKY.

H.R. 2895: Mr. GOMEZ and Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana.

H.R. 2901: Mr. EVANS.

H.R. 2953: Ms. CRAIG, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. WALBERG, and Mr. ARMSTRONG.

H.R. 2999: Ms. JAYAPAL.

H.R. 3062: Mr. KEVIN HERN of Oklahoma.

H.R. 3077: Mr. CLEAVER.

H.R. 3114: Mr. CASTRO of Texas and Mr. LYNCH.

H.R. 3131: Mr. SERRANO.

H.R. 3138: Mrs. BUSTOS and Mrs. LESKO.

H.R. 3208: Mrs. NAPOLITANO.

H.R. 3219: Ms. TLAIB and Mrs. LEE of Nevada.

H.R. 3396: Ms. BROWNLEY of California, Mr. SUOZZI, and Ms. NORTON.

H.R. 3463: Mr. BACON.

H.R. 3559: Mr. GROTHMAN.

H.R. 3570: Ms. MATSUI and Mr. LEVIN of California.

H.R. 3598: Mr. TED LIEU of California and Mr. KINZINGER.

H.R. 3632: Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania, Mr. CHABOT, Mr. STAUBER, Mr. BERA, Mr. GOSAR, Mr. LEVIN of Michigan, Mr. WATKINS, Mr. TED LIEU of California, Ms. OMAR, Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER, Ms. SCHRIER, Mr. GIBBS, and Mr. JEFFRIES.

H.R. 3654: Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania and Mr. LOEBACK.

H.R. 3760: Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ and Mr. SWALWELL of California.

H.R. 3771: Mr. FLORES and Mr. BUTTERFIELD.

H.R. 3797: Mr. STEIL.
H.R. 3799: Ms. PRESSLEY.
H.R. 3961: Mr. STEUBE.
H.R. 3969: Mr. HIMES.
H.R. 3975: Mr. WESTERMAN.
H.R. 4032: Mr. WALBERG.
H.R. 4140: Mr. DOGGETT.
H.R. 4189: Mr. DESJARLAIS.
H.R. 4208: Mr. BAIRD.
H.R. 4220: Mr. HIMES.
H.R. 4236: Mr. HUFFMAN.
H.R. 4348: Mrs. LAWRENCE.
H.R. 4374: Mr. HARDER of California.
H.R. 4549: Mr. REED and Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois.
H.R. 4674: Mr. McEACHIN.
H.R. 4681: Mr. GIBBS.
H.R. 4708: Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. EVANS, and Ms. WILD.
H.R. 4709: Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. EVANS, and Ms. WILD.
H.R. 4714: Mr. FLORES.
H.R. 4780: Mr. ESPALLAT.
H.R. 4800: Mr. FLEISCHMANN.
H.R. 4801: Ms. GABBARD.
H.R. 4820: Ms. STEVENS.
H.R. 4864: Mr. PAPPAS.
H.R. 4898: Mr. BURCHETT.
H.R. 4899: Mr. BURCHETT.
H.R. 4945: Mr. RASKIN.
H.R. 5004: Mr. ENGEL.
H.R. 5041: Mrs. NAPOLITANO.
H.R. 5076: Mrs. AXNE.
H.R. 5119: Mr. LYNCH and Mr. HORSFORD.
H.R. 5138: Ms. DELAURO.
H.R. 5169: Mr. WRIGHT.
H.R. 5200: Mr. POCAN.
H.R. 5230: Mr. RASKIN.
H.R. 5234: Mr. POCAN.
H.R. 5259: Mr. TIPTON.
H.R. 5306: Mr. WESTERMAN.
H.R. 5308: Mr. LEVIN of California.
H.R. 5312: Mr. RUTHERFORD, Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER, and Mr. POCAN.
H.R. 5327: Mr. RUSH.
H.R. 5376: Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana.
H.R. 5408: Ms. SPANBERGER.
H.R. 5412: Mr. MCGOVERN.
H.R. 5443: Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER and Mr. HAGEDORN.
H.R. 5453: Mr. VAN DREW.
H.R. 5481: Mr. BERGMAN and Ms. CRAIG.
H.R. 5485: Mr. GRIJALVA.

H.R. 5493: Mr. BABIN.
H.R. 5534: Mr. ALLRED.
H.R. 5549: Mr. BEYER, Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia, and Ms. CLARKE of New York.
H.R. 5552: Mr. SCHNEIDER.
H.R. 5564: Mr. BUTTERFIELD and Ms. ESHOO.
H.R. 5595: Mr. FITZPATRICK.
H.R. 5599: Mr. SCHIFF.
H.R. 5602: Mr. GALLEG0, Mr. VELA, Mr. O'HALLERAN, Mrs. DAVIS of California, Mr. CASTRO of Texas, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mr. KHANNA, Mr. SUOZZI, and Ms. HAALAND.
H.R. 5605: Mr. KENNEDY.
H.R. 5637: Mr. TIPTON, Mr. TRONE, Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire, Mr. BRINDISI, Ms. DEAN, Mr. STEUBE, and Mr. SUOZZI.
H.R. 5661: Mr. BAIRD.
H.R. 5684: Ms. NORTON.
H.R. 5698: Mr. STEIL.
H.R. 5719: Mr. NORMAN.
H.R. 5734: Ms. JAYAPAL.
H.R. 5739: Mr. MCGOVERN.
H.R. 5775: Ms. PORTER, Ms. CLARKE of New York, and Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York.
H.R. 5808: Mr. CONAWAY and Mr. GOODEN.
H.R. 5829: Mr. MOULTON.
H.R. 5832: Mr. HUIZENGA.
H.R. 5843: Mr. PAPPAS.
H.R. 5859: Mr. KELLY of Mississippi and Mr. MURPHY of North Carolina.
H.R. 5862: Mr. BURGESS and Mr. BABIN.
H.R. 5872: Mr. KIND.
H.R. 5873: Mr. GALLEG0, Mr. COOPER, Mr. BROWN of Maryland, Ms. TITUS, Mr. LAWSON of Florida, and Mr. KILDEE.
H.R. 5887: Mrs. AXNE, Mr. COOK, Mr. PAPPAS, and Mr. BRINDISI.
H.R. 5935: Mr. CRENSHAW.
H.R. 5952: Mr. CLAY.
H.R. 5966: Mr. RUSH.
H.R. 5969: Mr. HARDER of California.
H.R. 5973: Mr. WALTZ.
H.R. 5983: Ms. JUDY CHU of California.
H.R. 6020: Mr. FITZPATRICK.
H.R. 6034: Ms. LEE of California and Ms. SCHAKOWSKY.
H.R. 6038: Ms. BROWNLEY of California.
H.R. 6047: Mr. NADLER.
H.R. 6069: Ms. SCANLON.
H.R. 6071: Ms. BROWNLEY of California and Mrs. NAPOLITANO.

H.R. 6080: Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania.
H.R. 6106: Ms. MENG.
H.R. 6118: Mr. GARAMENDI.
H.R. 6120: Ms. PRESSLEY.
H. Con. Res. 36: Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts.
H. Res. 224: Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ.
H. Res. 374: Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. RUTHERFORD, Mr. NEWHOUSE, Mr. ROSE of New York, Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania, Mr. EMMER, Mr. KUSTOFF of Tennessee, and Miss GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN of Puerto Rico.
H. Res. 410: Mr. TAYLOR.
H. Res. 439: Mr. COX of California.
H. Res. 643: Ms. DELAURO.
H. Res. 687: Mr. BURCHETT.
H. Res. 754: Mr. TAYLOR.
H. Res. 759: Mr. SUOZZI, Mr. COHEN, Mr. CONNOLLY, Mr. LEVIN of Michigan, Mr. DESAULNIER, Mr. CORREA, and Mr. KENNEDY.
H. Res. 803: Mrs. AXNE.
H. Res. 827: Mr. GOSAR.
H. Res. 862: Ms. PLASKETT and Mr. KILMER.
H. Res. 872: Mr. O'HALLERAN.
H. Res. 884: Mr. SUOZZI, Ms. KAPTUR, and Mr. REED.

DELETIONS OF SPONSORS FROM PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 7 of rule XII, sponsors were deleted from public bills and resolutions, as follows:

H.R. 2975: Mr. VAN DREW.
H. Res. 745: Mr. VAN DREW.

PETITIONS, ETC.

Under clause 3 of rule XII,

87. The SPEAKER presented a petition of The Honorable Larry Hogan, the Governor of Maryland, relative to urging Congressional leaders to oppose detrimental cuts to the Chesapeake Bay Program proposed in the resident's FY21 budget and boost federal funding for this vital restoration effort to \$90.5 million; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources.