The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, March 30, 2020, at 11 a.m.

House of Representatives

THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 2020

Let us give liberally, as wise and prudent stewards, whereby the world will know we are the children of God. Let us bind the brokenhearted, lift up the fallen, and let those who fear put their trust in the Lord. I pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 7(a) of House Resolution 891, the Journal of the last day’s proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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:


Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following messages from the Secretary of the Senate on March 26, 2020, at 10:23 a.m.:

That the Senate passed S.3587.
That the Senate passed with an amendment H.R. 748.
That the Senate passed with an amendment H.R. 3504.
That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 4771.

With best wishes, I am
Sincerely,

CHERYL L. JOHNSON.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 7(b) of House Resolution 891, the House stands adjourned until 9 a.m. tomorrow.

Thereupon (at 11 o’clock and 3 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Friday, March 27, 2020, at 9 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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


4173. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting DC Act 23-263, “Office on Caribbean Affairs Establishment Act of 2020”; pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.
4174. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting DC Act 23-264, “Strengthening Reproductive Health Protections Amendment Act of 2020,” pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

4175. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting DC Act 23-264, “Collective Bargaining Fair Compare Amendment Act of 2020,” pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

4176. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting DC Act 23-264, “Part I Consumer Protection Temporary Amendment Act of 2020,” pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

4177. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting DC Act 23-264, “CleanEnergy DC Omnibus Temporary Amendment Act of 2020,” pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

4178. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting DC Act 23-264, “Warehousing and Storage Eminent Domain Authority Temporary Amendment Act of 2020,” pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

4179. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting DC Act 23-264, “Supporting Essential Workers Unemployment Insurance Amendment Act of 2020,” pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.


4182. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting DC Act 23-264, “Freedom Forum, Inc. Real Property Tax Exemption and Equitable Real Property Amendment Act of 2020,” pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

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. SMITH of Washington (for himself and Mr. THORNBERRY) (both by request):

H.R. 6395. A bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2021 for military activities of the Department of Defense, military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. BIGGS (for himself, Mr. HARRIS, Mr. PERRY, Mr. ROT, and Mr. WEHR of California) (by request):

H.R. 6396. A bill to provide tax and regulatory relief and health care flexibility to individuals and families affected by the 2020 coronavirus pandemic; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on Education and Labor, Oversight and Reform, House Administration, Energy and Commerce, Small Business, the Judiciary, Financial Services, Veterans’ Affairs, and 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. COURTNEY (for himself, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. BROWN of Maryland, Mr. CÁRDENAS, Mr. CICILLINE, Mr. CUSSEX, Mr. DEFIAS, Mr. DELAUNO, Mr. DELBENGE, Mrs. DINSIEG, Mr. MICHAEL F. DOYLE of Pennsylvania, Ms. ESCOBAR, Mr. FOSTER, Mrs. HAYES, Mr. HINES, Mr. KILMER, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Ms. LIE of California, Mr. LYNCH, Mr. MCMINNERY, Mr. NORTON, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. PEFELTOS, Mr. PETERS, Mr. PHILLIPS, Mr. RUSH, Mr. RYAN, Ms. SANCHEZ, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia, Ms. SEPWELL, Mr. SLOTKIN, Mr. SOTO, Mr. STANTON, Mr. SWALWELL of California, Mr. TAKANO, Mr. WELCH, Mr. YARMUTH, Ms. BASS, and Mr. CROW):

H.R. 6397. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to provide for the refinance of certain Federal student loans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and Labor.

By Mr. CROW (for himself, Mr. PORTER, Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York, Ms. PRESSLEY, Ms. BARRAGÁN, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Ms. FLITCHE, Mr. SUOZZI, Mr. NEGUÉ, Ms. FRANKEL, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. KHANNA, Mr. CASTRO of Texas, Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania, Mr. BASKIN, Mr. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Mr. POCA, Mr. NADLER, Mrs. HAYES, Mr. KUSTER of Indiana, Mr. MALINOWSKI, and Mr. KILMER):

H.R. 6398. A bill to provide for the expedited procurement of equipment needed to combat the coronavirus disease Pandemic Response Act of 1950; to the Committee on Financial Services, and in addition to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, 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 committees concerned.

By Mr. HILL of Arkansas:

H.R. 6399. A bill to amend the Defense Production Act of 1950 to ensure the supply of certain medical items essential to national defense, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. JEFFRIES (for himself, Ms. HABIBI, Mr. RICHMOND, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Mr. JAYAPAL, Ms. NORTON, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Mr. GARCIA of Illinois, and Ms. TAYLOR):

H.R. 6400. A bill to require the release of certain individuals in the custody of the United States Government because of the risk of exposure during a national emergency, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHI (for himself, Ms. OCAÑO-CORTÉZ, and Mr. NEGUÉ):

H.R. 6401. A bill to prohibit Members of Congress from purchasing or selling certain investments, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services, and in addition to the Committees on Agriculture, and 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.

By Mr. LEVIN of Michigan:

H.R. 6402. A bill to provide State and local governments with additional financial support to respond to the COVID-19 national emergency; to the Committee on Education and Labor.

By Mr. PHILLIPS (for himself, Mr. KHANNA, Mr. RYAN, and Ms. SEWELL of Alabama):

H.R. 6403. A bill to establish the Innovation and Startup Equity Investment Program in the Department of the Treasury, through which the Secretary of the Treasury shall allocate money to certain States to assist high-potential scalable startups access venture capital to commercialize innovations, create jobs, and accelerate economic growth, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. SMITH of New Jersey (for himself and Mr. GOTTHEIMER):

H.R. 6404. A bill to establish a deadline for States to meet the requirements of the REAL ID Act of 2005 due to COVID-19; to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

By Mr. STEUBE:

H.R. 6405. A bill to direct the President, in consultation with the Secretary of the Treasury, to develop and carry out a strategy to seek reimbursement from the Republic of China of funds made available by the United States Government to address the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

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

H.R. 6406. A bill to require personal protective equipment to be included in the strategic national stockpile, and to require the Federal Government to procure such equipment from United States sources, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Oversight and Reform, and Transportation and Infrastructure, 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. YOHO (for himself, Mr. BERA, and Mr. CHABOT):

H. Res. 910. A resolution commending the people of Taiwan on holding free and fair democratic presidential and legislative elections, and congratulating Madame Tsai Ing-wen on her re-election to the presidency of Taiwan; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY STATEMENT

Pursuant to clause 7 of rule XII of the Rules of the House of Representa-
tives, the following bills were submitted regarding the specific powers granted to Congress in the Constitution to enact the accompanying bill or joint resolution.

By Mr. SMITH of Washington:

H.R. 6388. A joint resolution providing that Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

The constitutional authority on which this bill is based is the power of Congress ‘‘to provide for the common Defence’, ‘‘to raise and support Armies’’, ‘‘to provide and maintain a
Navy” and “to make Rules for the Government and Regulation of the land and naval Forces” as enumerated in Article I, section 8 of the United States Constitution.

H. R. 6396.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution

By Mr. CROW:
H. R. 6396.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution

By Mr. COURTNEY:
H. R. 6397.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution

By Mr. BRADY, and Mrs. LAWRENCE.

By Mr. LOWENTHAL, and Ms. NORTON.
H.R. 651: Mr. LAMBORN.
H.R. 638: Mr. Cole, Ms. DeLAURO, Mr. BRADY, and Mrs. LAWRENCE.
H. R. 1601: Mr. TIMMONS.
H. R. 5890: Mr. BARNIN and Mr. RICE of Georgia.
H. R. 5895: Ms. LE of California, Mr. LOWENTHAL, and Ms. NORTON.
H. R. 6139: Mr. SUOZZI, Mr. CLEAVER, Mr. HARDER of California, Mr. SHEARAN, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Mr. LARSEN of Washington, Mr. HUFFMAN, Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania, Mr. CAVALLAI, Ms. JUDY CHU of California, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Mr. RASKIN, Mrs. DEMINGS, and Mrs. BEATTY.

H. R. 6241: Mr. EMMER.
H. R. 6275: Mr. ENGEL, Mr. HASTINGS, Mr. KILDREW, Mr. MORELLE, and Mr. CASTEN of Illinois.
H. R. 6303: Mr. MCNERNEY, Mr. CARDENAS, and Mr. LAWSON of Florida.
H. R. 6360: Mr. COOPER, Mr. CROW, and Mr. NEUZICE.

H. R. 6319: Mr. SCHNEIDER, Mr. CASE, Mr. SHEHMAN, Mrs. MURPHY of Florida, Ms. DEAN, Ms. DEGETTE, Mr. SCHRADER, Mr. COSTA, Mrs. KIRKPATRICK, Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia, Mr. BARRAGAN, Mr. SCHRECK, Mr. MURPHY of Maryland, Miss RICE of New York, Mrs. HAYES, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mrs. LEE of Nevada, and Mr. GOTTHEIMER.

H. R. 5322: Mr. KILMER, Mr. COURTNEY, Ms. CASTOR of Florida, Ms. SEWELL of Alabama, Mr. STEUBE, Ms. DEGETTE, Mr. DEFAZIO, Mr. BANKS, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KM, Ms. BARRAGAN, Mr. BECK, Mr. TRONE, Ms. UNDERWOOD, Mr. LAMB, Mrs. RADMENSKY, Mr. CASE, Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois, Ms. KENDRA S. HORN of Oklahoma, Mr. BARK, Mr. SPECTER, and Ms. LEE.

H. R. 6336: Mr. MURPHY of North Carolina.
H. R. 6364: Mrs. MCBATH, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. DEUTCH, and Mr. SENSENIBRENNER.
H. J. Res. 78: Mr. GOSAR.
H. Res. 697: Mr. RASKIN.
H. Res. 906: Mr. ALLRED, Ms. AXNE, Ms. BARRAGAN, Mr. BEYER, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. BONAMICI, Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania, Mr. BRINDISI, Mrs. BUSTOS, Mr. CARSON of Indiana, Mr. CASE, Mr. CASTEN of Illinois, Ms. JUDY CHU of California, Mr. CICILLINE, Mr. CIRILLO, Mr. CIVITTA, Mr. CROW, Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. DEFAZIO, Ms. DELAURO, Mr. DELGADO, Ms. DINGELL, Mr. ENGEL, Ms. ESCOBAR, Mrs. FLETCHER, Ms. FUDGE, Mr. GALLEGO, Ms. GARCIA of Texas, Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois, Mr. GONZALEZ of Texas, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. HARTINGS, Mr. HIGGINS of New York, Mr. Himes, Ms. HOULAHAN, Ms. JAYAPAL, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KHANNA, Mr. KIM, Mr. KINZINGER, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHI, Ms. LEE of California, Mr. LEVIN of California, Mr. LLOWENTHAL, Mr. LYNCH, Mr. MALINOWSKI, Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York, Ms. MATSU, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. MOORE, Mr. MOULTON, Ms. NORTON, Mr. PANETTA, Mr. PASCRELL, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. PHILLIPS, Ms. PINGREE, Mr. POLAN, Mr. PRICE of North Carolina, Mr. QUADLE, Mr. RASKIN, Miss RICE of New York, Mr. ROUDA, Ms. SCALON, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. SCHNEIDER, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, Ms. SEWELL of Alabama, Ms. SLOTKIN, Mr. SOTO, Ms. SPICER, Ms. STEVENS, Mr. SUOZZI, Ms. TLAIR, Mr. TONKO, Mrs. TRAHAN, Mr. TRONE, Mr. VELAZQUEZ, and Ms. WESTON.

H. Res. 907: Mr. HUD of Texas, Mr. GUENT, Mr. BUCK, Mr. YOHO, Mr. GOODEN, and Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania.
HONORING CHRIS CARTER AND HIS YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE

HON. RICHARD HUDSON
OF NORTH CAROLINA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, March 26, 2020

Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and thank Chris Carter for his service to North Carolina and to this institution as my Chief of Staff and wish him well as he embarks on the next stage of his career.

Chris started as an ambitious 23-year-old who never met a stranger and who quickly impressed me with his character, hard work, optimism and his 1950's style flat top.

Over the past eight plus years, Chris has worked tirelessly by my side doing whatever it takes to meet the needs of the people of North Carolina’s Eighth District. There is no telling how many miles we have logged together over the years from Salisbury to Fayetteville and everywhere in-between. Though I’m sure Chris has a spreadsheet somewhere that could tell you down to the mile. He has been by my side since day one and has played an integral part of setting up every aspect of my organization. Through it all, Chris has demonstrated profound judgment and steady leadership.

There are few instances where I do not seek Chris’ perspective or guidance. I like to think, however, this is a mutual feeling given the role I played bringing Chris together with his lovely wife, Jessika. They met thanks to me. And through constant coaching, pep talks and plenty of grooming and fashion advice, I helped Chris become the man with whom she finally fell in love. Despite being an obnoxious Carolina basketball fan, Jessika came to see what everyone who meets Chris knows—he is a person of warmth, integrity, intelligence, charm, an above average sense of humor and incredible empathy.

My constituents have benefited from Chris’ hard work and commitment. He is the first to lend a helping hand to anyone seeking assistance and I can confidently say that because of Chris, North Carolina is a better place. I know I would not be who I am or where I am today without him.

It is with immense gratitude to Chris I stand here with the humble awareness I will never be able to truly express how much he means to me, my staff and my family. Chris, I love you like a brother and we wish you and Jess nothing but the best as you start your next great adventure together back in North Carolina.

Madam Speaker, please join me today in thanking Chris Carter for his service to this institution and to the people of North Carolina.
Senate

Chamber Action
The Senate was not in session and stands adjourned until 11 a.m., on Monday, March 30, 2020.

Committee Meetings
(Committees not listed did not meet)

defense authorization request and future years defense program
Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the posture of the Department of the Army in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2021 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Ryan D. McCarthy, Secretary of the Army, and General James C. McConville, USA, Chief of Staff of the Army, both of the Department of Defense.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action
Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 12 public bills, H.R. 6395–6406; and 1 resolution, H.Res. 910 were introduced.

Additional Cosponsors:

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

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

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Rev. Dr. Dan C. Cummins, Capitol Worship, Washington, DC.

Senate Referral: S. 3587 was held at the desk.

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appear on page H1727.

Quorum Calls—Votes: There were no Yea and Nay votes, and there were no Recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 11 a.m. and adjourned at 11:03 a.m.

Committee Meetings
No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings
No joint committee meetings were held.

Committee Meetings for Monday, March 30, 2020
(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate
No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House
No hearings are scheduled.
Next Meeting of the Senate
11 a.m., Monday, March 30

Senate Chamber
Program for Monday: Senate will meet in a pro forma session.

Next Meeting of the House of Representatives
9 a.m., Friday, March 27

House Chamber
Program for Friday: Consideration of the Senate amendment to H.R. 748—Middle Class Health Benefits Tax Repeal Act.

Extensions of Remarks, as inserted in this issue

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