The House met at 2 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. TRONE).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC, July 6, 2020.

I hereby appoint the Honorable David J. Trone to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

Nancy Pelosi,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

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The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer:

Merciful God, we give You thanks for giving us another day.

As Americans we come off a Fourth of July weekend unlike any other in our lifetimes. The tensions resulting from the threat of coronavirus and our collective response to its dangers were seen in high relief.

We pray for the needs of the Nation, the world, and all of creation. Bless our leaders—national, statewide, and local—with a spirit of leadership toward a shared, common future in a time when what separates us can easily be manipulated for political advantage.

May we all realize that the responsibility for the greatness of our Nation as it now is, and as it might be in the future, is dependent on our own will and desire for an ever more perfect Union.

It is an ideal our Founding Fathers could only imagine and hope for. May their courage, even as fallible men, give us hope and courage to face the challenges of our beloved country as it exists today, not in some longed-for past.

May Your blessing, O God, be with us this day and every day to come. May all we do be done for Your greater honor and glory.

Amen.

The JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 4(a) of House Resolution 967, the Journal of the last day’s proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

WASHINGTON, DC, July 6, 2020.

I hereby appoint the Honorable David J. Trone to act as Speaker pro tempore.

Nancy Pelosi,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 4 of rule I, the following enrolled bills were signed by the Speaker on Thursday, July 2, 2020:

H. R. 7440.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. 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 July 2, 2020, at 1:27 p.m.:

That the Senate passed S. 1253.

That the Senate passed S. 4148.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

Gloria J. Lett,
Deputy Clerk.

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:

WASHINGTON, DC, July 6, 2020.

I hereby appoint the Honorable David J. Trone to act as Speaker pro tempore.

Nancy Pelosi,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. 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 July 2, 2020, at 5:44 p.m.:

That the Senate passed without amendment H. R. 7440.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

Gloria J. Lett,
Deputy Clerk.

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, July 2, 2020:

H. R. 1407.
H.R. 7440, to impose sanctions with respect to foreign persons involved in the erosion of certain obligations of China with respect to Hong Kong, and for other purposes;

S. 4116, to extend the authority for commitments for the paycheck protection program and separate amounts authorized for other loans under section 7(a) of the Small Business Act, and for other purposes.

LETTER SUBMITTED PURSUANT TO SECTION 4(b) OF HOUSE RESOLUTION 965, 116TH CONGRESS

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS


Hon. Nancy Pelosi,
Speaker of the House,
Washington, DC.

DEAR SPEAKER PELOSI: Pursuant to section 4(b) of House Resolution 965, we are writing to inform you that the Committee on Appropriations has met the requirements for conducting a business meeting outlined in regulation E.1 of the remote committee proceedings regulations, inserted into the Congressional Record on May 15, 2020, and that the Committee is prepared to conduct a remote meeting and permit remote participation.

In meeting these requirements, the Committee held a non-public business meeting rehearsal on June 17, 2020; a public full Committee hearing with remote participation on June 23, 2020; and a public subcommittee hearing with remote participation on May 28, 2020.

Thank you,

DEAR SPEAKER PELOSI: Pursuant to section 4(b) of House Resolution 965, we are writing to inform you that the Committee on Ethics has met the requirements for conducting a business meeting outlined in regulation E.1 of the remote committee proceedings regulations, inserted into the Congressional Record on May 15, 2020, and that the committee is prepared to conduct a remote meeting and permit remote participation.

In meeting these requirements, the committee held a non-public business meeting rehearsal on June 17, 2020 and two full committee hearings with remote participation on June 30, 2020.

Thank you,
Theodore E. S. Deutch, Chairman.
Kenny Marchant, Ranking Member.
Grace Meng.
Member of Congress.
Susan Wild.
Member of Congress.

SUSAN WILD,
Member of Congress.


CHALLENGE TO SECTION 4(b) OF HOUSE RESOLUTION 965

COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

Washington, DC.

July 1, 2020.

Hon. Nancy Pelosi,
Speaker of the House,
Washington, DC.

Thank you,

DEAN PHILLIPS,
Member of Congress.

ANTHONY BROWN,
Member of Congress.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Gloria J. Lett, Deputy Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled a bill of the House of the following title, which was thereupon signed by the Speaker on Thursday, July 2, 2020:

H.R. 7440. An act to impose sanctions with respect to foreign persons involved in the erosion of certain obligations of China with respect to Hong Kong, and for other purposes.

SENATE ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The Speaker, on Thursday, July 2, 2020, announced her signature to an enrolled bill of the Senate of the following title:

S. 4116. An act to extend the authority for commitments for the paycheck protection program and separate amounts authorized for other loans under section 7(a) of the Small Business Act, and for other purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 4(b) of House Resolution 967, the House stands adjourned until 2 p.m. on Thursday, July 9, 2020. Thereupon (at 2 o’clock and 4 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Thursday, July 9, 2020, at 2 p.m.

EXPENDITURE REPORTS CONCERNING OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL

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

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN JAN. 1 AND MAR. 31, 2020

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HON. COLLIN C. PETERSON, July 1, 2020.
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HON. ZOE LOFLORENCE, July 1, 2020.

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HON. NYDIA M. VELÁZQUEZ, July 1, 2020.

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## EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

- 4669. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency’s final rule — Air Plan Approval; Georgia: Definition for Permitting [EPA-R04-OAR-2007-0113; FRL-10009-10-Region 4] received May 8, 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.
- 4670. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency’s final rule — Air Plan Approval; Iowa; State Implementation Plan and Operating Permit Program [EPA-R07-OAR-2020-0056; FRL-10009-33-Region 7] received May 8, 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.

4671. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency’s final rule — Air Plan Approval; Iowa; State Implementation Plan and Operating Permit Program [EPA-R07-OAR-2020-0056; FRL-10009-33-Region 7] received May 8, 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.
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cy’s final rule — Air Plan Approval; Lou-
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2019-0036-Region 6]: Infrastructure Stab-
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mments for the 2015 Ozone Standard [EPA-
R01-OAR-2019-0065; FRL-10009-41-Region 1] re-
ceived May 8, 2020, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251 (110 Stat. 886); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.
4676. A letter from the Director, Regu-
ulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agen-
cy’s withdrawal of draft final rule — Air Plan Approval; Massachusetts; Infrastruc-
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4677. A letter from the Director, Regu-
ulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agen-
cy’s final rule — Clean Air Plans; 2008 8-Hour Ozone Nonattainment Area Requirements; Phoenix-Mesa, Arizona [EPA-R09-OAR-2019-
0541; FRL-10009-19-Region 9] received May 8, 2020, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251 (110 Stat. 886); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.
4678. A letter from the Director, Regu-
ulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agen-
cy’s director’s final rule — Louisiana: Final Approval of State Underground Storage Tank Program Revisions and Incorporation by Reference [EPA-R06-OAR-2018-0702; FRL-
10008-89-Region 6] received May 8, 2020, pur-
suant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1); Public Law 104-
121, Sec. 251 (110 Stat. 886); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.
4679. A letter from the Director, Regu-
ulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agen-
cy’s final rule — Acenocouma; Pesticide Toi-
erances [EPA-HQ-OAR-2002-0063; FRL-10008-
13-21-Region 6] received May 8, 2020, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1); Public Law 104-
121, Sec. 251 (110 Stat. 886); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.
4680. A letter from the Director, Regu-
ulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agen-
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erances [EPA-HQ-OAR-2002-0063; FRL-10008-
13-21-Region 6] received May 8, 2020, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1); Public Law 104-
121, Sec. 251 (110 Stat. 886); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.
4681. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Maritime Commission, transmitting the Commission’s Semiannual Report to Con-
gress for the period October 1, 2019, through March 1, 2020 and the Management Report on Final Actions for the Six-Month Period End-
ing March 31, 2020; to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.
4682. A letter from the Director, Federal Emergency Management, Tennessee Valley Au-
rthority, transmitting a notification of a
nomination, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 3349(a); Public Law 103-277, 1st (b); (122 Stat. 2681-614); 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 severly re-
ferred, as follows:

By Mr. PETERSON (for himself, Mr. LUCAS, Mr. FORTENBERRY, Mr. PIN-
gree, Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, Mr. ROUZER, Mr. COSTA, Mr. ADEHLIOT, and Ms. CRAIG): H.R. 7490. A bill to amend the Agricultural Market Act of 1949; with the consent of the Agriculture Secretary of Agriculture to make grants for improve-
ments to meat and poultry facilities to allow for interstate shipment, and for other pur-
poses; to the Agriculture Committee.
By Mr. CASTEN of Illinois:
H.R. 7491. A bill to amend the American Recovery and Reinvestment Tax Act of 2009; to revive the section 1603 program allowing the Secretary of the Treasury to convert cer-
tain energy tax credits into cash grants; to end the Committee on Ways and Means, 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 prov-
sions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned;
By Miss GONZALEZ-COLON of Puerto Rico:
H.R. 7492. A bill to designate all of Puerto Rico as an opportunity zone; to the Com-
munity on Ways and Means.
By Ms. GRAHAM:
H.R. 7493. A bill to require the Adminis-
trator of the Centers for Medicare & Medi-
icaid Services to conduct a study on tempo-
rary family health care structures; to the
Committee on Energy and Commerce.
By Ms. CASTEN of Illinois:
H.R. 7494. A bill to direct the Assistant
Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information to establish a pilot program to increase access to internet-capable de-
ves through public-private partnerships, to
establish best practices for States and Indian Tribes for reducing the barriers to, and in-
creasing the adoption of, broadband internet access service, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.
By Ms. SANCHEZ (for herself, Mr. VE
lAZQUEZ, Mrs. MCBATH, Mr. KIL-
MER, Mr. BRYER, Ms. KUSTER of New Hamp-
shire, Mr. FOCAN, and Mr. SCHNEIDER):
H.R. 7495. A bill to help charitable non-
profit organizations provide services to meet the increasing demand in community needs caused by the coronavirus pandemic, pro-
ress and create jobs in the nonprofit sector, reduce unemployment, and promote econo-
ic recovery; to the Committee on Financial Services.
By Mr. SCHNEIDER (for himself, Mr. KATKO, Mrs. FLETCHER, Ms. CRAIG, Ms. SHERILL, Mr. ROSE of New York, Ms. CLANCY of Massachusetts, Mr. KIM, Mr. BRINDISI, Mr. CROW, Ms. SPANBERGER, and Ms. DAVIDS of Kan-
sass): H.R. 7496. A bill to require Federal agen-
cies to submit plans for responding to any resurgence of COVID-19, and for other pur-
purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.
By Ms. STEFANIK (for herself, Mr. HARDER of California, Mr. GUTHRIE, Mrs. BUSTOS, Ms. VELA, and Mr. LONGO) :
H.R. 7497. A bill to establish a rural post-
secondary and economic development grant program; to the Committee on Education and Labor.
By Ms. TLAIB: H.R. 7498. A bill to authorize Federal re-
serve banks to issue COVID-19 related munici-
pal issuances, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY STATEMENT

Pursuant to clause 7 of rule XII of the Rules of the House of Representa-
tives, the following statements are sub-
mitted regarding the specific powers granted to Congress in the Constitu-
tion to enact the accompanying bill or joint resolution.

By Mr. PINGREE: H.R. 7497.
Congress has the power to enact this legisla-
tion pursuant to the following:
Article I, Section 8
By Mr. PETERSON: H.R. 7490.
Congress has the power to enact this legisla-
tion pursuant to the following:
Article I, Section 8
By Mr. GONZALEZ-COLON of Puerto Rico:
H.R. 7492.
Congress has the power to enact this legisla-
tion pursuant to the following:
Article I, Section 8, clause 1
By Ms. CASTEN of Illinois:
H.R. 7491.
Congress has the power to enact this legisla-
tion pursuant to the following:
Article I, Section 8, clause 3
By Ms. GONZA´ LEZ-COLON of Puerto Rico:
H.R. 7492.
Congress has the power to enact this legisla-
tion pursuant to the following:
Article I, Section 8, clause 18 of the U.
By Mr. O’HALLERAN: H.R. 7494.
Congress has the power to enact this legis-
tation pursuant to the following:
Article I, Section 8, clauses 1 and 18 of the U.
By Mr. CASTEN of Illinois:
H.R. 7495.
Congress has the power to enact this legis-
tation pursuant to the following:
Article I, Section 8, clause 3 of the U.
By Mr. GRIFFITH: H.R. 7493.
Congress has the power to enact this legis-
tation pursuant to the following:
Article I, Section 8
By Ms. SANCHEZ: H.R. 7495.
Congress has the power to enact this legis-
tation pursuant to the following:
Article I, Section 8
By Mr. SCHNEIDER:
H.R. 7496.
Congress has the power to enact this legisla-
tion pursuant to the following:
Article I, Section 8
By Ms. STEFANIK:
H.R. 7497.
Congress has the power to enact this legis-
tation pursuant to the following:
Article I, Section 8, clause 1
By Ms. TLAIB: H.R. 7498.
Congress has the power to enact this legis-
tation pursuant to the following:
Article I, Section 8, clause 3
By Ms. MUCARSEL-POWELL.

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 7 of rule XII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolu-
tions, as follows:
H.R. 372: Ms. MUCARSEL-POWELL.
H.R. 7496: Mr. SCHNEIDER.
H.R. 7497: Ms. STEFANIK.
H.R. 7498: Ms. TLAIB.
H.R. 372: Ms. MUCARSEL-POWELL.
H.R. 1052: Mr. Lynch.
H.R. 1329: Mr. Kilmer.
H.R. 1873: Mr. Mast.
H.R. 2571: Mr. Posey.
H.R. 2573: Ms. Frankel.
H.R. 2674: Mr. Kennedy and Mr. Carson of Indiana.
H.R. 2895: Mr. Vargas.
H.R. 3214: Mr. Larsen of Washington.
H.R. 3835: Mrs. Kirkpatrick.
H.R. 4194: Mr. Guest, Mr. Higgins of New York, and Mr. Lipinski.
H.R. 5172: Mr. Kim, Mr. Zeldin, Mrs. Luria, Ms. Shalala, and Ms. Torres Small of New Mexico.
H.R. 5297: Mr. Joyce of Ohio.
H.R. 5552: Mr. Cisneros.
H.R. 5572: Ms. Trahan and Mr. Hagedorn.
H.R. 5756: Mr. Pappas.
H.R. 6401: Mr. Serrano.
H.R. 6537: Ms. Meng.
H.R. 6556: Ms. Pressley, Mr. Evans, and Mrs. Brooks of Indiana.
H.R. 6634: Mr. Balderston.
H.R. 6707: Mr. Ted Lieu of California.
H.R. 6742: Mr. Nunes.
H.R. 6754: Miss Rice of New York.
H.R. 6783: Mr. Crawford.
H.R. 6788: Mr. Bera, Ms. McCollum, Mr. David P. Roe of Tennessee, Mrs. Beatty, and Mr. Vargas.
H.R. 6829: Mr. Payne.
H.R. 6841: Mr. Baird.
H.R. 6926: Ms. Craig and Mr. Carson of Indiana.
H.R. 6971: Mrs. Beatty.
H.R. 7024: Ms. Kaptur.
H.R. 7043: Mr. Bishop of North Carolina.
H.R. 7052: Mr. Cook.
H.R. 7072: Mrs. Demings.
H.R. 7092: Mr. Johnson of Georgia, Mr. Schiff, Ms. Blunt Rochester, Mr. Delgado, Ms. Pressley, Mr. Ted Lieu of California, Ms. Pingree, Mr. Malinowski, Mr. Brown of Pennsylvania, Mr. Kim, Mr. Hastings, and Mr. Levin of Michigan.
H.R. 7140: Mr. Nadler and Ms. Kaptur.
H.R. 7170: Mr. Taylor and Mr. Tiffany.
H.R. 7187: Mr. Tonko, Mr. Foster, Mr. Price of North Carolina, Mr. Langevin, Mr. Malinowski, Mr. Brendan F. Boyle of Pennsylvania, Mr. Kim, Mr. Hastings, and Mr. Levin of Michigan.
H.R. 7233: Mrs. Trahan.
The Senate met at 11:15 and 16 seconds a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable PATRICK TOOMEY, a Senator from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. GRASSLEY).

The Parliamentarian clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,

To the Senate:
Under the provisions of rule 1, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable PATRICK TOOMEY, a Senator from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, to perform the duties of the Chair.

CHUCK GRASSLEY,
President pro tempore.

Mr. TOOMEY thereupon assumed the Chair as Acting President pro tempore.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL THURSDAY, JULY 9, 2020, AT 10 A.M.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate stands adjourned until 10 a.m. on Thursday, July 9, 2020.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 11:15 and 46 seconds a.m., adjourned until Thursday, July 9, 2020, at 10 a.m.
EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING ARKANSAS STATE VETERANS HOME IN NORTH LITTLE ROCK ARKANSAS

HON. J. FRENCH HILL
OF ARKANSAS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 6, 2020

Mr. HILL of Arkansas. Madam Speaker, today, I recognize Sarah Roberson and the staff at the Arkansas State Veterans Home in North Little Rock, Arkansas. Sarah and the staff have been restoring hope and happiness to our veterans through creativity and compassion.

Sarah Roberson and the team have quickly developed new ways to bring joy to our veterans during the current public health crisis due to COVID–19 by dedicating their time to connecting veterans to their families via virtual chat, promoting outdoor activities including golf cart rides, gardening, and long walks.

Sarah has also made sure our veterans have the ability to vote by assisting veterans with registering, transferring, and applying for absentee ballots.

This initiative has shined a light on how creativity and compassion encourage positive attitudes and can unite a community even amidst a public health crisis.

I congratulate Sarah Roberson and the team at the Arkansas State Veterans Home for their efforts in lifting the spirits of our veteran community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SUSIE LEE
OF NEVADA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 6, 2020

Mrs. LEE of Nevada. Madam Speaker, while present in the House Chamber, I attempted to cast my electronic vote and vote “yea” on roll call 138. I then departed the House Chamber, though my attempted vote apparently was not recorded. I intended to vote in support of H.R. 2, the Moving Forward Act.

Had my vote been recorded without error, I would have voted “Yea” on Roll Call No. 138.

COMMEMORATING THE ACA AND PASSAGE OF THE FAIRNESS IN SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

HON. JOE NEGUSE
OF COLORADO
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 6, 2020

Mr. NEGUSE. Madam Speaker, 2020 commemorates the 10-year anniversary of the Affordable Care Act, historic legislation which has greatly expanded access to healthcare for tens of millions of Americans. For those with pre-existing conditions, and for so many hard-working middle-class families, the ACA truly is a critical law that has provided access to life-saving care.

As the President and my Republican colleagues champion the dismantling of the ACA—destruction of progress for millions of citizens with, indeed, no proposal to take its place—I am honored to instead collaborate with my Democratic colleagues to ensure we are building and improving upon the victories of the ACA.

That’s why I’m proud to champion the passage of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Enhancement Act, which included my bill the Fairness in Social Security Act—legislation to ensure Social Security recipients continue to receive the Affordable Care Act tax credits for which they are eligible. Without this legislation, countless citizens will have the same experience as a constituent of mine, who suddenly and unfairly owed 27 thousand dollars to the IRS. For people with disabilities, veterans, and countless others, this bill will mean the difference between having access to healthcare or not.

And that’s the bottom line of so many provisions within the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Enhancement Act: without them—and without the ACA as a whole—the lives of our nation’s most vulnerable citizens will be at risk.

Now, as our nation faces unprecedented health and economic crises, is the time to improve our healthcare system, not dismantle it. I look forward to working with each and every member on both sides of the aisle who share that goal.

HONORING THE LIFE OF GREGORY ALLEN THOMPSON

HON. JIM BANKS
OF INDIANA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 6, 2020

Mr. BANKS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of Mr. Gregory Allen Thompson.

Born In Ft. Benning, Georgia, Gregory was a valued father, businessman, and patriot. He graduated in 1982 from Columbus High School. Gregory received a Bachelor of Science in Communications from National Louis University. His patriotism inspired him to serve in the United States Air Force. He also worked as a Civil Service Employee. Gregory served as Chief of the United States Air Force Art Program at the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. Gregory worked in the U.S. State Department as a Security Officer for over 15 years. Gregory was the owner of Made to Measure, Custom Tailor clothing business and remained part-owner and partner with Howard Wallace. He was a dedicated member of Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Arlington.

Gregory has served our nation with distinction. This record is testament to his civic engagement, attentiveness, and hard work for which our country is forever grateful. Gregory was a valued father and friend to those who knew him.

HONORING BILL FINE

HON. JOSEPH P. KENNEDY III
OF MASSACHUSETTS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 6, 2020

Mr. KENNEDY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and celebrate the career and accomplishments of a leader in the New England media industry, Bill Fine.

For half a century, Bill lived and breathed broadcast journalism. A graduate of Boston University’s College of Communication, he began his career as a sports anchor in the 1970s. Over the ensuing years, he worked his way up the ranks of WCVB with a promotion to the helm of the station in 2005.

As president and general manager of WCVB, he steered the broadcaster towards a number of awards, including six Gabriel Awards as the “Nation’s Best Television Station” and the prestigious Service to America Award in 2014 for its contributions to the Greater Boston community following the Boston Marathon bombings.

But more than just a leader in business, Bill was a leader in his community. Not satisfied with simply informing the public through WCVB’s programming, he spent long hours advocating for the causes he held dear and supporting organizations that strengthened neighborhoods across our Commonwealth.

In the years that I’ve gotten to know Bill, he’s been a constant presence in the Boston community, willing to lend a hand whenever needed and often before being asked. While I am certainly excited for him and his next chapter, he will be missed by all of those who have worked with him through the years.

To Bill and his wife, Gail, enjoy retirement.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RANDY K. WEBER, SR.
OF TEXAS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 6, 2020

Mr. WEBER of Texas. Madam Speaker, due to COVID–19 exposure, I self-quarantined from June 29 to July 3, 2020. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 123; NAY on Roll Call No. 124; YEA on Roll Call No. 125; NAY on Roll Call No. 126; YEA on Roll Call No. 127; NAY on Roll Call No. 128; NAY on Roll Call No. 129; NAY on Roll Call No. 130; NAY on Roll Call No. 131; NAY on Roll Call No. 132; NAY on Roll Call No. 133; YEA on Roll Call No. 134; YEA on Roll Call No. 135; NAY on Roll Call No. 136; YEA on Roll Call No. 137; and NAY on Roll Call No. 138.
TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF THE LIFE OF ALLISON ENDERT

HON. ANNA G. ESCHOO
OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 6, 2020

Ms. ESHOO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the tragically shortened life of Allison Endert, who died on June 15, 2020, while taking an afternoon walk in Seabright, California.

Allison was born in Eureka, California, in 1977. She graduated from the University of California, Santa Cruz, where she developed a deep love and respect for the beautiful Santa Cruz area, its mountains, its ocean and the spirit of its people.

Allison was a true public servant. At the time of her death she was an analyst on the staff of Santa Cruz County Supervisor Ryan Coonerty. Prior to that she served as an analyst for then County Supervisor Neal Coonerty, and as Assemblyman John Laird’s District Director. She used her exceptional talents as effective vehicles to make a difference in the lives of people. She was justly proud of helping to establish the Nurse-Family Partnership, which connects first-time mothers to nurses to ease the transition to parenthood, and of being a key partner in the Twin Lakes Beach Project. She loved Hawaii, music concerts, being an ardent supporter of her daughters’ schools, and her great delight was watching them play sports.

The people who knew and loved Allison have expressed their feelings about her in many loving words. They say that she had moral clarity and was incredibly talented. She had a passion for public service and always tried to find ways to make lives better. She was a bright light who was always committed, friendly, caring, and loyal, and radiated compassion. She held herself and others to very high standards, she did what she said she would do, and always did it well. She adored her family and they came first in her life.

Allison’s dear friend and mine, Les Gardner, said of Allison, “She was pure of heart. The most incredibly kind and principled young woman I have ever met. Life did not change her. When she died she was the same kind, young principled girl I knew so many years ago. A testament to her life is how many people she touched and are now mourning her loss.”

Madam Speaker, I ask the entire House of Representatives to join me in expressing our deepest condolences to Allison Endert’s partner, Andy Tatum, and her two daughters, Molly Endert-Tatum and Lucy Endert-Tatum. She also leaves her mother, Kathy Huntley, two stepfathers, two brothers and a sister. Our community and our country have lost a shining star, one who contributed greatly and would have done even more, had she been given the time.
Monday, July 6, 2020

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate met at 11:15:16 a.m. in pro forma session, and adjourned at 11:15:46 a.m. until 10 a.m., on Thursday, July 9, 2020.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 10 public bills, H.R. 7487, 7490–7498, were introduced.

Additional Cosponsors: Pages H3068-69

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

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

Senate Referrals: S. 1253 was held at the desk. S. 4148 was held at the desk. S. 4209 was held at the desk.

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appear on page H3065.

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

Adjournment: The House met at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 2:04 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a markup on FY 2021 Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill. FY 2021 Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill was forwarded to the full Committee, without amendment.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies held a markup on FY 2021 Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill. FY 2021 Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill was forwarded to the full Committee, without amendment.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JULY 9, 2020

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.
House


July 7, Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, markup on FY 2021 Legislative Branch Appropriations Bill, 1 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.


July 7, Subcommittee on the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, markup on FY 2021 Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, 5 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.


July 8, Subcommittee on the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, markup on FY 2021 Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, 11 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

July 8, Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, markup on FY 2021 Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Bill, 1 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

July 8, Subcommittee on Defense, markup on FY 2021 Defense Appropriations Bill, 3 p.m., CVC–200. This markup is closed.

July 9, Full Committee, business meeting on the Report on the Suballocation of Budget Allocations for FY 2021; and markup on FY 2021 State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Bill; FY 2021 Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill; and FY 2021 Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Committee on Armed Services, July 9, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Department of Defense Authorities and Roles Related to Civilian Law Enforcement”, 1 p.m., CVC–200 and Webex.

Committee on the Budget, July 8, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Fueling American Innovation and Recovery: The Federal Role in Research and Development”, 1 p.m., Webex.


Committee on Energy and Commerce, July 8, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Addressing the Urgent Needs of Our Tribal Communities”, 11 a.m., Webex.


July 8, Task Force on Artificial Intelligence, hearing entitled “Exposure Notification and Contact Tracing: How AI Helps Localities Reopen Safely and Researchers Find a Cure”, 12 p.m., Webex.

July 9, Subcommittee on Diversity and Inclusion, hearing entitled “Access Denied: Challenges for Women and Minority-Owned Businesses Accessing Capital and Financial Services During the Pandemic”, 12 p.m., Webex.


July 9, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Russian Bounties on U.S. Troops: Why Hasn’t the Administration Responded?”, 1 p.m., Webex.

Committee on Homeland Security, July 8, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Examining the National Response to the Worsening Coronavirus Pandemic”, 12 p.m., Webex.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, July 8, Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs, hearing entitled “Stuck in Red Tape: How VA’s Regulatory Policies Prevent Bad Paper Veterans From Accessing Critical Benefits”, 2 p.m., Webex.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of July 7 through July 10, 2020

Senate Chamber

Senate will meet in pro forma session at 10 a.m. on Thursday, July 9, 2020.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)
No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House Committees


Next Meeting of the SENATE
10 a.m., Thursday, July 9

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

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
2 p.m., Thursday, July 9

House Chamber
Program for Thursday: House will meet in Pro Forma session at 2 p.m.

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