

The COVID-19 pandemic is devastating our communities, especially, disproportionately, African-American, Latinx, Asian-American, and Indigenous people, who are suffering the worst of this pandemic. Eight million people have slipped into poverty since the start of this pandemic, and one in four adults are suffering from hunger during COVID-19.

I am pleased that we were able to come to this agreement.

I want to thank our Speaker, NANCY PELOSI, who has worked day and night for what some of us are calling a survival package. It is a lifeline payment until we can do something and do justice by the American people.

I also want to just thank Chairman PALLONE, Congresswoman DELAURO, Chairwoman NITA LOWEY, and all of our staffs for the amazing work that they have done to put in so many of our priorities on a wide range of issues.

This bill sets aside \$2.8 billion to ensure that minority communities hit hardest by COVID get the testing and vaccine support they need.

I look forward to working with my Tri-Caucus and Native American colleagues to see that this funding is used to engage local community organizations and trusted messengers in the community so people can get the information that they need to keep themselves and their families safe.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. JACKSON LEE) laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, December 20, 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 December 20, 2020, at 12:54 p.m.:

That the Senate agrees to the House amendment to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 52.

That the Senate agrees to the House amendments to the bill S. 2174.

That the Senate passed S. 2353.

That the Senate passed S. 2800.

That the Senate passed S. 4079.

That the Senate passed S. 4222.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 1966.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 5023.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 6237.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 8906.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

CHERYL L. JOHNSON,
Clerk.

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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 December 20, 2020, at 2:30 p.m.:

That the Senate agrees to the House amendments to the bill S. 1694.

That the Senate agrees to the House amendment to the bill S. 2683.

That the Senate agrees to the House amendment to the bill S. 3989.

That the Senate passed S. 2204.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 5459.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 7898.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

CHERYL L. JOHNSON,
Clerk.

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Washington, DC, December 20, 2020.

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The Speaker, House of Representatives,
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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 December 20, 2020, at 9:55 p.m.:

That the Senate agreed to without amendment H.J. Res. 110.

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 joint resolution was signed by the Speaker on Sunday, December 20, 2020:

H.J. Res. 110, making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2021, and for other purposes.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 9 o'clock and 35 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro

tempore (Ms. JACKSON LEE) at 4 o'clock and 4 minutes p.m.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE SERGEANT AT ARMS

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Sergeant at Arms of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE SERGEANT AT ARMS,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, December 21, 2020.

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

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: This is to notify you formally, pursuant to Rule VIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, that I, Paul D. Irving, have been served with a subpoena for testimony issued by the Queen Anne's County Circuit Court.

After consultation with the Office of General Counsel, I have determined that compliance with the subpoena is not consistent with the privileges and rights of the House.

Sincerely,

PAUL D. IRVING,
Sergeant at Arms.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF SENATE AMENDMENT TO H.R. 133, UNITED STATES-MEXICO ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP ACT; PROVIDING FOR DISPOSITION OF SENATE AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1520, PURPLE BOOK CONTINUITY ACT OF 2019; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Ms. SHALALA, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 116-679) on the resolution (H. Res. 1271) providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 133) to promote economic partnership and cooperation between the United States and Mexico; providing for disposition of the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 1520) to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the publication of a list of licensed biological products, and for other purposes; and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF SENATE AMENDMENT TO H.R. 133, UNITED STATES-MEXICO ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP ACT; PROVIDING FOR DISPOSITION OF SENATE AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1520, PURPLE BOOK CONTINUITY ACT OF 2019; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Ms. SHALALA, Madam Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 1271 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 1271

Resolved, That upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to take from the Speaker's table the bill (H.R. 133) to promote economic partnership and cooperation between the United States and Mexico, with