The House met at 3 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mrs. Dingell).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE
The Speaker pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC, February 1, 2021.

I hereby appoint the Honorable Debbie Dingell to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

Nancy Pelosi,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER
The Chaplain, Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

God of the ages, on this day we come before You, celebrating this month the history of our Black American ancestors, who have lived lives of faith, and on whose backs were built the foundations of this country, and who labor still for justice. Before Your throne we lift up for Your blessing countless unsung heroes who in faith gave You their own offerings of life and love, whose unwavering faith and fortitude have pleased You. And who, when called, even through unimaginable adversity, continued to journey in faith, certain of their inheritance of Your promise.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, may our lives be shaped by their testimony.

Let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles that we would not allow anything to deter us from serving You in faith.

And may we run with perseverance the race marked out for us, together, toward the goal that You have ordained, that as one people we would serve both this Nation and Your purpose.

In our diversity, in our unity, we offer ourselves to You as we pray in the strength of Your holy name.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL
The Speaker pro tempore. Pursuant to section 5(a)(1)(A) of House Resolution 8, 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.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION
The Speaker pro tempore. The Chair announces the Speaker’s appointments, pursuant to sections 5580 and 5581 of the revised statutes (20 U.S.C. 42–43), and the order of the House of January 4, 2021, of the following Members on the part of the House to the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution:

Ms. Matsui, California
Ms. Roybal-Allard, California

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,

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 message from the Secretary of the Senate on January 27, 2021, at 10:36 a.m.:

That the Senate agreed to S. Res. 16.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

Cheryl L. Johnson,
Clerk.

PERMITTING THE REMAINS OF THE LATE UNITED STATES CAPITOL POLICE OFFICER BRIAN D. SICKNICK TO LIE IN HONOR IN THE ROTUNDA OF THE CAPITOL
The Speaker pro tempore. Without objection, the Chair lays before the House the following concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 10) permitting the remains of the late United States Capitol Police Officer Brian D. Sicknick to lie in honor in the rotunda of the Capitol.

The Clerk read the title of concurrent resolution.

There was no objection.

The text of the concurrent resolution is as follows:

H. CON. RES. 10
Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That the remains of the late United States Capitol Police Officer Brian D. Sicknick shall be permitted to lie in honor in the rotunda of the Capitol from February 2, 2021, through February 3, 2021, and the Architect of the Capitol, under the direction of the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President pro tempore of the Senate, shall take all necessary steps for the accomplishment of that purpose.

The concurrent resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

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

Matter set in this typeface indicates words inserted or appended, rather than spoken, by a Member of the House on the floor.
HOUSE COMMITTEES

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EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

EC-10. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting the withdrawal of 76 previously proposed resolutions previously transmitted to Congress, pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 688(c); Public Law 93-344, Sec. 1014(c); (88 Stat. 335) (H. Doc. No. 117—12); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

EC-11. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting DC Act 23-525, "Dementia Training for Direct Care Workers Support Amendment Act of 2020", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

EC-12. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting DC Act 23-526, "Closing a portion of Chesapeake Street, S.W., Magazine Road, S.W., and Keel Avenue, S.W., and the transfer of jurisdiction back to the Secretary of the Navy, S.O. 14-21786, Act of 2020", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

EC-13. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting DC Act 23-526, "Students’ Right to Home or Hospital Instruction Act of 2020", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

EC-14. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting DC Act 23-528, "Closing a portion of Chesapeake Street, S.W., Magazine Road, S.W., and Keel Avenue, S.W., and the transfer of jurisdiction back to the Secretary of the Navy, S.O. 14-21786, Act of 2020", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

EC-15. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting DC Act 23-513, "Earl Wright, Jr. Way Designation Act of 2020", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

EC-16. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting DC Act 23-512, "Nurse Staffing Agency Amendment Act of 2020", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

EC-17. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting DC Act 23-510, "District of Champions Extension of Hours Amendment Act of 2020", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

EC-18. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting DC Act 23-508, "Gall Cobb Way Designation Act of 2020", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

EC-19. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting DC Act 23-506, "Opioid Labeling Amendment Act of 2020", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

EC-20. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting DC Act 23-505, "Closing a portion of Chesapeake Street in Square 2982, S.O. 19-47478, Act of 2020", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

EC-21. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting DC Act 23-506, "Certificate of Stillbirth Amendment Act of 2020", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

EC-22. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting DC Act 23-503, "’Race to Zero’ Achieves Results (REACH) Amendment Act of 2020", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.
Act 23-606, “Commission on Poverty Estab-
lishment Amendment Act of 2020”, pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Re-
form.
EC-64. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting DC Act 23-586, “Insulin and Diabetes Device Af-
fordability Act of 2020”, pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Re-
form.
EC-66. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting DC Act 23-586, “Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Police Accountability Amendment Act of 2020”, pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.
at Antidiscrimination Amendment Act of 2020”, pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.
EC-68. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting DC Act 23-584, “Omnibus Kenilworth Courts Re-
development Act of 2020”, pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.
EC-69. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting DC Act 23-583, “Closing of a Portion of Potomac Avenue, S.E., adjacent to Reservation 248 and Square D-22, Act 23-596”, pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.
EC-70. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting DC Act 23-582, “Dedication of Lot 252 in Square 620 for the First Street, N.W., Right-of-Way, Memorial Way Designation Act of 2020”, pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.
EC-71. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting DC Act 23-580, “Public Facilities Environmental Safety Amendment Act of 2020”, pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.
EC-72. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting DC Act 23-581, “Specialty License Plate Amendment Act of 2020”, pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.
EC-73. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting DC Act 23-579, “Surplus Green Space Retention Amendment Act of 2020”, pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.
EC-74. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting DC Act 23-578, “Intrafamily Offenses and Anti-
Stalking Orders Amendment Act of 2020”, pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.
EC-75. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting DC Act 23-577, “District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority Omnibus Amendment Act of 2020”, pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.
thority Insurance Premiums Assessment Act of 2020”, pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.
EC-77. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting DC Act 23-575, “Lafayette-Pointer Recreation Com-
mission Amendment Act of 2020”, pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.
EC-78. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting DC Act 23-572, “Electric Vehicle Readiness Amendment Act of 2020”, pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.
EC-79. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting DC Act 23-571, “Sanctuary Values Amendment Act of 2020”, pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.
EC-80. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting DC Act 23-570, “Initiative and Referendum Proc-
cess Improvement Amendment Act of 2020”, pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.
definitions Act of 2020”, pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.
EC-82. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting DC Act 23-568, “Omnibus Public Safety and Jus-
tice Amendments Act of 2020”, pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.
EC-83. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting DC Act 23-567, “Cashless Retailers Prohibition Amendment Act of 2020”, pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.
EC-84. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting DC Act 23-566, “Underground Facilities Protect-
ation Act of 2020”, pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.
EC-85. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting DC Act 23-565, “Nonprofit Fair Compensation Act of 2020”, pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.
EC-86. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting DC Act 23-564, “District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority Omnibus Amendment Act of 2020”, pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.
EC-87. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting DC Act 23-563, “Ban on Non-Compete Agree-
ments Amendments Act of 2020”, pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.
EC-88. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting DC Act 23-562, “Removing Barriers to Occupa-
tional Licensing for Returning Citizens Act of 2020”, pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.
EC-89. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting DC Act 23-559, “Antitrust Remedies Amendment Act of 2020”, pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.
mittee on Oversight and Reform.
H.R. 634. A bill to require States to maintain annual reports on voter registration to the Election Assistance Commission; to the Committee on House Administration.

By Mr. BROWN: H.R. 640. A bill to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to allow individuals to vote in the election day office during an early voting period which occurs prior to the date of the election, and for other purposes; to the Committee on House Administration.

By Mr. BROWN: H.R. 641. A bill to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to require States to meet notification requirements for voters affected by polling place changes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on House Administration.

By Mr. BROWN: H.R. 642. A bill to direct the Attorney General to establish a voter information response system and hotline to respond to the concerns and complaints of voters in elections for Federal office, and for other purposes; to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committee on 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 Mr. BUCK (for himself, Mr. Lamar, Mr. Babin, Mr. Blackburn of North Carolina, Mr. Goehmert, Mr. Brrdd, Mr. DesJarlais, Mr. Burgess, Mr. Stueb, Mr. Gertz, Mr. Weaver of Texas, Mr. Smith of Missouri, Mr. Bost, and Mr. Hern): H.R. 643. A bill to restrict certain Federal grants for States that grant driver licenses to illegal immigrants and fail to share information about criminal aliens with the Federal Government; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Mr. CALVERT: H.R. 644. A bill to amend and the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 to authorize assignment to States of Federal agency environmental review responsibilities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. CARTER of Texas: H.R. 645. A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to strengthen school security; to the Committee on Education and Labor.

By Mr. CROW (for himself, Mr. Raskin, Ms. Hasting, Ms. Norton, Mr. McNerney, Mr. Perlmutter, Mr. Nues, Mr. DiZotte, Ms. Napolitano, and Mr. Span): H.R. 647. A bill to prohibit a Federal firearms licensee from transferring a long gun to a person who the licensee knows or has reasonable cause to believe does not reside in (or if the person is a corporation or other business entity, does not maintain a place of business in) the State in which the licensee’s place of business is located; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. DUNCAN (for himself, Mr. Nor- man, Mr. Broll, Mr. Joyce of Pennsylvania, Mr. Weber of Texas, Mr. Biggs, Mr. Kustoff, Mr. Grotman, Mr. Moore, Mr. Kelly of Pennsylvania, Mr. Gotman, Mr. Hick of Georgia, Mr. Barin, Mr. Steube, Mr. Jordan, Mr. Jackson, Ms. Herrell, Mr. Banks, Mr. Allen, Mr. Johnson of Minnesota, Mr. Gholins of Louisiana, Mr. Baird, Mr. Cars of Georgia, Mr. Rose, Mr. Williams of Texas, Mr. Sessions, Mr. Kellie, and Mrs. Miller of Illinois): H.R. 648. A bill to ensure that women seeking an abortion receive an ultrasound and the opportunity to review the ultrasound before giving informed consent to receive an abortion; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. EMMER (for himself, Mr. Kuster, Mr. Jayapal, Mr. Hagedorn, Mrs. Fischbach, Ms. Omar, Mr. McCollum, Mr. Phillips, Ms. Craig, Mr. Rodney Davis of Illinois, Ms. Wasserman-Schultz, Mr. Besse, Mr. Stanton, Mr. Van Dre, Mr. Ryan, and Mr. Stauber): H.R. 649. A bill to authorize the Office on Violence Against Women to improve the handling of crimes of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking by incorporating a trauma-informed approach into the initial response to and investigation of such crimes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. EMMER: H.R. 650. A bill to direct the Attorney General to award grants to eligible entities for...
first responders who handle elder justice-related matters, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. ESHOO (for herself, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. DR ESMOND, Mr. DELBENE, Mr. M NCHNEY, Ms. BARRAGÁN, Mr. POCAN, Mr. R YC, Mr. W ELCH, Ms. SCANLON, Ms. MATSU, Mr. LEE, Mr. D ANIELS, Mrs. HAYES, Mr. K HANNA, Mr. G CRCÍA DE ILINOIS, Mr. L YNCH, Mr. G RIALVA, Ms. L EE of California, Mrs. D INGE, Mr. D FAZIO, Mr. D JOHNSON of Georgia, and Ms. P ORTEY):

H.R. 651. A bill to protect the privacy of health information during a national health emergency; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Ms. H OULAHAN (for herself and Mr. B ALDERSON):

H.R. 652. A bill to improve commercialization activities in the SBIR and STTR programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business, and in addition to the Committees on Science, Space, and Technology, 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 Mr. HUFFMAN (for himself, Ms. B OUCH, Mr. B LUMENAUER, Ms. B ONAMICI, Ms. B ROWNLEY, Mr. C HAIJAL, Mr. G RADENAS, Mr. D FAZIO, Ms. D ELBENE, Mr. D SAULNIER, Ms. G ARABEYNE, Mr. G RIALVA, Ms. J AYAPAL, Mr. K HANNA, Mr. K ILMER, Mr. L ARSEN OF WASHINGTON, Mr. L EVIN of California, Mr. L OWTHELL, Ms. M ATSUI, Mr. M NCHNEY, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Ms. N ORTON, Mr. P ANETTA, Ms. ROVYAL-ALLARD, Mr. S CHIFF, Mr. SCHRADER, Mr. S HERM of Pennsylvania, Mr. S PEER, and Mr. T AKANO):

H.R. 653. A bill to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to permanently prohibit the conduct of offshore drilling on the outer Continental Shelf off the coast of California, Oregon, and Washington; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. J OYCE of Ohio (for himself and Mr. K LIMKE):

H.R. 654. A bill to provide the Administrators of the Drug-Free Communities Support Program the authority to waive the Federal fund limitation for the Drug-Free Communities Support Program; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. N EGUSE:

H.R. 655. A bill to amend the Helium Act to ensure continued access to helium for holders of Federal research grants, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Ms. N ORTON (for herself and Mrs. C AROLYN B. M ALONEY of New York):

H.R. 656. A bill to amend the District of Columbia Home Rule Act to repeal the authority of the President to assume emergency authority over the National Guard of the District of Columbia as the Governors of the several States exercise over the National Guard of those States to the extent of administration of the National Guard; to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

By Ms. N ORTON (for herself, Mrs. C AROLYN B. M ALONEY of New York, and Mr. B ROWN):

H.R. 657. A bill to extend to the Mayor of the District of Columbia the authority to grant, deny, and revoke parole and impose conditions on an order of parole, and the authority to modify, revoke, and terminate a term of supervised release and impose conditions on an order of supervised release on individuals who are imprisoned felons eligible for parole, re parole, or supervised release under the laws of the District of Columbia, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

By Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ:

H.R. 659. A bill to repeal the limitation on the construction of public housing, known as the Faircloth Amendment, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Ms. P LASKETT (for herself and Mr. YOUNG):

H.R. 660. A bill to require the Secretary of Commerce to establish a grant program to benefit coastal habitats, resiliency, and the economy, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources, 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 committee concerned.

By Mr. POSEY:

H.R. 661. A bill to amend the Ethics in Government Act to require Members of Congress to disclose business ties with foreign entities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on House Administration.

By Mr. B EYER:

H.R. 662. A bill to require that in a notice of proposed rulemaking for a new rule, the notice shall identify three rules which the agency intends to repeal; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. POSEY:

H.R. 663. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require inclusion of the taxpayer's social security number to claim the refundable portion of the child tax credit; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. POSEY:

H.R. 664. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require public disclosure of individual tax returns of the President, the Vice President, and Members of Congress, and candidates for such offices; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. P OSEY:

H.R. 665. A bill to require that a former Member of Congress or former senior Congressional employee compensation as a lobbyist representing a foreign principal shall not be eligible for retirement benefits or certain other Federal benefits; to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committee on Oversight and Reform, 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. P RESSLEY (for herself, Ms. L EAR of Florida, Mr. N DLER, Mrs. W ATSON COLEMAN, Mr. T AKANO, Mr. D ANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois, Ms. J ACKSON LEE, Mr. H OGGINS OF NEW YORK, Mr. C OOPER, Ms. T LAIB, Ms. O CASIO-CORTÉZ, Mr. S IHES, Mr. V RAGAS, Ms. R OVYAL-ALLARD, Mr. R YCH, Mr. H ASTINGS, Ms. N ORTON, Ms. W ILLIAMS OF GEORGIA, Mr. B OWMAN, Ms. J AYAPAL, Mr. V ELÁZQUEZ, Ms. B RATTY, Ms. R YCH, Ms. M ENG, Mr. B LUMENAUER, Mr. D ERSENBY, Mr. E SPAILLAT, Mr. S PEEL, Mr. P RAYNE, Ms. O MAR, Mr. S RABANES, Ms. M ATSUI, Mr. S MITH OF WASHINGTON, Mr. C ARSON OF CONNECTICUT, Mr. M ATSON OF Massachusetts, Mr. C OHEN, Mr. C HEN, and Mr. T ORRES OF NEW YORK):

H.R. 666. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for public health research and investment into understanding and eliminating structural racism and police violence; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. R UIZ (for himself, Ms. B ARRAGÁN, Mr. G RADENAS, Mr. C MONIGLIO, and Mr. C ALVERGÓN):

H.R. 667. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting through the Director of the Indian Health Service, to acquire private land to facilitate access to the Desert Sage Youth Wellness Center in Hemet, California, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources, 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. R USH:

H.R. 668. A bill to direct the Secretary of Labor to fund youth workforce investment activities for certain local areas, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and Labor.

By Mr. L IEU (for himself, Mr. M CCOY, Ms. C LARK OF NEW YORK, Mr. S ERMAN, Ms. G ARASSO, Mr. T AKANO, S MITH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Ms. P ORTEY, Mr. G RIALVA, Mr. L ARSON OF CONNECTICUT, Mr. F AYNE, Mr. B LUMENAUER, Mr. C OHEN, Mr. N EUGE, Mr. W ELCH, and Mrs. N APOLITANO):

H.R. 669. A bill to restrict the first-use strike of nuclear weapons; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, 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. R USH:

H.R. 670. A bill to establish the Bronzeville-Black Metropolis National Heritage Area in the State of Illinois, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. R USH:

H.R. 671. A bill to conduct a special resource study of Fort Pillow Historic State Park in Henning, Tennessee, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. R USH:

H.R. 672. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish a grant program to provide funds for the removal of Confederate symbols, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. R USH:

H.R. 673. A bill to provide for the issuance of a commemorative postage stamp in honor of Hazel M. Johnson, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

By Mr. R USH:

H.R. 674. A bill to award posthumously a Congressional Gold Medal to Hazel M. Johnson, in recognition of her achievements and contributions to the environmental justice movement; to the Committee on Financial Services, and 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.

By Ms. S CHAKOWSKY (for herself, Mr. P OLLONE, Mr. N DLER, and Mr. C IRCLOINE):

H.R. 675. A bill to prohibit price gouging in connection with the public health emergency

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resulting from COVID-19, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. SCOTT of Virginia (for himself, Mr. LEWIS, Mr. BROWN, Mr. RAHALL, Mr. POCAH, Ms. WILD, Mrs. HAYES, Mr. JONES, Mr. LEVIN of Michigan, Ms. BONAMICI, and Mr. DESJARDINS):

H.R. 677. A bill to amend the Carl D. Perkins Career Technical Education Act of 1998 to increase the authorized amount of the Perkins Loan Program Fund, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and Labor, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. STUBER (for himself, Mrs. HINSON, Mr. MULLIN, Mr. HUDSON, Mr. WALKER, Mr. STIVER, Mrs. MILLER of West Virginia, Mr. UMBERGER, Mr. BURTON, Mr. GALLAGHER, Mr. RICE of South Carolina, Mr. RESCHENTHALER, Mr. BOLDERSHAW, Mr. DIAZ-BALART, Mr. LEFLEUR, Mr. FLIESMANN, Mr. ADEKJUHOLT, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. GONZALZ of Ohio, Mr. JOYCE of Ohio, Mr. KATKO, Mrs. WAGNER, Mr. SCALISE, Mr. HILL, Mr. BACON, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mr. CALVERT, Mr. CHABOT, Mr. WRIGHT, Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia, Mr. WESTFURTH, Mr. BEROMAN, Mr. ARDUE, Mr. CRANDON, Mrs. BURGESS of Washington, Mr. VAN DREW, Mr. BUCHSCHN, Mr. BURCHETT, Mr. STEWART, Ms. STEFANIK, Ms. FOX, Mr. HAMILTON of Ohio, Mr. BURGESS, Mr. McCaul, Mr. BARD, Mr. SCHWIEKERT, Mr. CURTIS, Mr. WOACK, Mr. GUST, Mr. BURGESS, Mr. ESTER, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. HEIN, Mr. KINZINGER, Mr. EMMER, Miss GONZALEZ-COLON, Mr. UPTON, Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio, Mr. YOUNG, Mr. REED, Mr. CARTER of Texas, and Mr. CRENSHAW):

H.R. 677. A bill to improve and reform policing to enhance accountability and transparency; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on House Administration, and the Budget, 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. THOMPSON of California (for himself, Mr. NEWHOUSE, Ms. BROWNLEY, Ms. ESCH, Mr. GARAMENDI, Ms. GARCIA of Texas, Mr. MILLER of Ohio, Mr. JACKSON LEE, Ms. KUSTER, Mrs. LURIA, Ms. MATSU, Mr. MCKEEN, Mr. NORTON, Mr. RUTHERFORD, Mr. TITUS, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mr. CASTRO of Texas, and Mr. CASAS):

H.R. 678. A bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to provide for a moratorium on number reassignment after a disaster declaration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. TRONE (for himself and Mr. BURCHETT):

H.R. 679. A bill to amend the Office of National Drug Control Policy Reauthorization Act of 1998 to direct the Office of National Drug Control Policy to publish a list of drug control grant programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Reform, 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. VARGAS:

H. Con. Res. 10. Concurrent resolution permitting the remains of the late United States Capitol Police Officer Brian D. Sicknick to be interred at the United States Capitol; to the Committee on House Administration; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. YARMUTH:

H. Con. Res. 11. Concurrent resolution establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2021 and setting forth the budgetary levels for fiscal years 2022 through 2030; to the Committee on the Budget.

By Mrs. COHEN (for herself, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, Mr. MEZER, Ms. LEE of California, Mr. CASTOR of Florida, Mr. JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. JONES, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Mr. HIGGINS of New York, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Mr. ADAMS, Mr. CARSON, Mr. BROWN, Ms. PRESSLEY, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SOTO, Mr. SCOTT of Georgia, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULZ, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. EVANS, Mr. CLAY, Mr. VEGA, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. COOPER, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Ms. BLUNT ROCKSTEINER, Ms. ROYAL-ALLARD, Mr. STRICKLAND, Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia, Mr. LYNCH, Mr. TORRES OF NEW YORK, Mr. BISHOP OF GEORGIA, MS. JACKSON LEE, Mr. SEWELL, Mr. CLARKE OF NEW YORK, Mr. JOHNSON OF GEORGIA, Mr. LAWSON OF FLORIDA, Mrs. LURIA, Mr. LOWENTHAL, Mr. RUSH, and Mr. MCGOVERN):

H. Con. Res. 12. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the House that Black and commemorative postage stamp should be issued in honor of the Buffalo Soldiers; to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

By Mrs. COHEN (for herself, Mr. MEZER, Ms. LEE OF CALIFORNIA, Mr. CASTOR OF FLORIDA, Mr. JOHNSON OF TEXAS, Mr. JONES, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Mr. HIGGINS OF NEW YORK, Ms. WILSON OF FLORIDA, Mr. ADAMS, Mr. CARSON, Mr. BROWN, Ms. PRESSLEY, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SOTO, Mr. SCOTT OF GEORGIA, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULZ, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. EVANS, Mr. CLAY, Mr. VEGA, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. WASSERMAN SCHULZ, Mr. HIGGINS OF NEW YORK, Ms. WILSON OF FLORIDA, Mr. ADAMS, Mr. CARSON, Mr. BROWN, Ms. PRESSLEY, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SOTO, Mr. SCOTT OF GEORGIA, Mr. WASSERMAN SCHULZ, Mr. HIGGINS OF NEW YORK, Ms. WILSON OF FLORIDA, Mr. ADAMS, Mr. CARSON, Mr. BROWN, Ms. PRESSLEY, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SOTO, Mr. SCOTT OF GEORGIA, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULZ, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. EVANS, Mr. CLAY, Mr. VEGA, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. COOPER, Mr. LARSON OF CONNECTICUT, MS. BLUNT ROCKSTEINER, MS. ROYAL-ALLARD, MR. STRICKLAND, MS. WILLIAMS OF GEORGIA, MR. LYNCH, MR. TORRES OF NEW YORK, MR. BISHOP OF GEORGIA, MS. JACKSON LEE, MR. SEWELL, MR. CLARKE OF NEW YORK, MR. JOHNSON OF GEORGIA, MR. LAWSON OF FLORIDA, MRS. LURIA, MR. LOWENTHAL, MR. RUSH, AND MR. MCGOVERN):

H. Res. 74. A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of Black History Month; to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

By Mr. ESPAILLAT (for himself, Mr. CASTRO OF TEXAS, AND MR. VICTENCE GONZALEZ OF TEXAS):

H. Res. 75. A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of Hispanic Heritage Month; to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

By Mr. ESPAILLAT (for himself, Mr. CASTRO OF TEXAS, AND MR. VICTENCE GONZALEZ OF TEXAS):

H. Res. 76. A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of Dominican Heritage Month; to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

By Mr. ESPAILLAT (for himself, Mr. CASTRO OF TEXAS, AND MR. VICTENCE GONZALEZ OF TEXAS):

H. Res. 77. A resolution recognizing the Dominican community’s presence and contributions to Hamilton Heights, Inwood; to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

By Mr. GREEN of Tennessee:

H. Res. 78. A resolution expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that Congress approves of government officials who violate the public health restrictions they impose on others; to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

By Mr. RUSH:

H. Res. 79. A resolution urging the people of the United States to observe the month of April of each year as Hazel M. Johnson Environmental Justice Month; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. GREEN of Tennessee:

H. Con. Res. 14. Concurrent resolution establishing the Commission on Addressing Racism and Ensuring Diversity in the United States Government and makes recommendations on the elimination of systemic racism and the promotion of diversity in the Federal Government, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

By Mrs. SCHAKOWSKY:

H. Res. 80. A resolution recognizing the roles and the contributions of America’s certified registered nurse anesthetists (CRNAs) and their role in providing quality health care for the public; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mrs. STEFANIK (for herself, Mrs. HINSON, Mr. BABIN, Mr. DSRJALAL, Mr. McCaul, Mr. COMER, Mr. BURCHETT, Mr. BURCHETT of Alabama, Mr. BACON, Mr. PFLEGER, Mr. ROY, Mr. KELLY of Mississippi,
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 Mr. KUSTER:
H.R. 680. A bill for the relief of Arpita Kurdekar, Girish Kurdekar, and Vandana Kurdekar; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. YOUNG:
H.R. 681. A bill for the relief of Rebecca Trimble; 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. BERGMAN
H.R. 634
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article I, Section 8
Congress shall have the 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. BEYER
H.R. 635
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article I, Section 8
Congress shall have the 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 Ms. BONAMICI
H.R. 636
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article I, Section 8
By Mr. BOST
H.R. 637
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution

By Mr. CLOUD
H.R. 638
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution, among other powers, gives Congress the authority to spend, borrow, and raise revenue. Therefore, the cost estimating agencies should provide Congress with the cost of servicing our debt and a list of activities currently performed by federal agencies that should be duplicated by a piece of legislation under consideration.

By Mr. BROWN
H.R. 639
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution, among other powers, gives Congress the authority to spend, borrow, and raise revenue. Therefore, the cost estimating agencies should provide Congress with the cost of servicing our debt and a list of activities currently performed by federal agencies that would be duplicated by a piece of legislation under consideration.

By Mr. BROWN
H.R. 640
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Necessary and Proper Clause (Art. 1, Sec. 8, Cl. 18)

By Mr. BROWN
H.R. 641
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Necessary and Proper Clause (Art. 1, Sec. 8, Cl. 18)

By Mr. BROWN
H.R. 642
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Necessary and Proper Clause (Art. 1, Sec. 8, Cl. 18)

By Mr. BUCK
H.R. 643
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution

By Mr. CALVERT
H.R. 644
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution, specifically clause 18 (relating to power to make all laws necessary and proper for carrying out the powers vested in Congress).

By Mr. CARTER of Texas
H.R. 645
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article I, Section 8, Clause 1 of the Constitution

By Mr. CARTWRIGHT
H.R. 646
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article I, Section 8, Clause 1 of the Constitution

By Mr. CROW
H.R. 647
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article I, Section 8, Clause 3, authorizing Congress "to regulate Commerce with foreign Nations, and among the several States, and with Indian Tribes."

By Mr. DUNCAN
H.R. 648
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Amendment V, Section 1—the "Due Process" clause protects any life from being taken without due process of law; this legislation provides unborn citizens a modicum of due process.

By Mr. EMMER
H.R. 649
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution

By Mr. EMMER
H.R. 650
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article I, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution

By Ms. ESHOO
H.R. 651
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article I, Section 8, clauses 1, 3, and 18

By Ms. HOULAHAN
H.R. 652
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article I, Section 8, of the U.S. Constitution

By Mr. HUFFMAN
H.R. 653
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article I, Section 8, Clause 1 of the Constitution

By Mr. HUFFMAN
H.R. 654
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article I, Section 8, Clause 2 of the Constitution

By Mr. HUFFMAN
H.R. 655
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article I, Section 8, Clause 3 of the Constitution

By Mr. JONES
H.R. 656
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article I, Section 8, clause 1

By Mr. JONES
H.R. 657
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article I, Section 8, clause 2

By Mr. JONES
H.R. 658
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
clause 17 of section 8 of article I of the Constitution.
By OCASIO-CORTEZ
H.R. 659
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article I, Section 8
By Ms. PLASKETT
H.R. 660
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution.
By Mr. POSEY
H.R. 661
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article I, Section 5, Clause 1 of the United States Constitution, which grants Congress the authority “To lay and collect Taxes, Duties, Imposts and Excises.” Authority to enact this legislation is also granted by Article I, Section 8, Clause 18, which grants Congress the authority “to make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers.”
By Mr. POSEY
H.R. 663
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article I, Section 8, Clause 18 of the United States Constitution, which grants Congress the authority “To lay and collect Taxes, Duties, Imposts and Excises.” Authority to enact this legislation is also granted by Article I, Section 8, Clause 18, which grants Congress the authority “to make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers.”
By Mr. POSEY
H.R. 664
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article I, Section 4 of the Constitution which states that “Congress may at any time by Law make or alter such Regulations” regarding the manner of holding elections for Senators and Representatives. Article I, Section 5, Paragraph 2 also enumerates the right of each House to determine “the Rules of its Proceedings”.
By Mr. POSEY
H.R. 665
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article I, Section 4 of the Constitution which states that “Congress may at any time by Law make or alter such Regulations” regarding the manner of holding elections for Senators and Representatives. Article I, Section 5, Paragraph 2 also enumerates the right of each House to determine “the Rules of its Proceedings”.
By Mr. POSEY
H.R. 666
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article I, Section 4, Clause 18 of the United States Constitution, which grants Congress the authority “To make all Laws, and all other Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States, or in any Department or Officer thereof”
By Ms. PRESSLEY
H.R. 667
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article I, Section 8, Clause 18
By Mr. RUIZ
H.R. 667 Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article I, Section 8, Clauses 1 and 18 of the United States Constitution, to provide for the general welfare and make all laws necessary and proper to carry out the powers of Congress.
By Mr. RUSH
H.R. 668 Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article I, Section 8
By Mr. LIEU
H.R. 669 Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article I, Section 8
By Mr. RUSH
H.R. 670 Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article I, Section 8
By Mr. RUSH
H.R. 671 Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article I, Section 8
By Mr. RUSH
H.R. 672 Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article I, Section 8
By Ms. SCHAKOWSKY
H.R. 673 Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article I, Section 8
By Mr. RUSH
H.R. 674 Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article I, Section 8
By Ms. SCHAKOWSKY
H.R. 675 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 Mr. SCOTT of Virginia:
H.R. 676 Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution of the United States.
By Mr. STAUBER:
H.R. 677 Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article I, Section 8, clause 1; and Article I, section 8, clause 18 of the Constitution of the United States.
By Mr. THOMPSON of California:
H.R. 678 Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article I, Section 8, Clause 3
By Mr. TRONE:
H.R. 679 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. KUSTER:
H.R. 680 Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article I, Section 8, Clause 18
By Mr. RUIZ
H.R. 680 Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article I, Section 8, Clause 18 of the United States Constitution, the Taxing and Spending Clause: “The Congress shall have Power 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. YOUNG:
H.R. 681 Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article I, Section 8, Clause 1 of the Constitution provides that Congress shall have power to “establish an uniform Rule of Naturalization”.
ADDITIONAL SPONSORS
Under clause 7 of rule XII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions, as follows:
H.R. 38: Mr. LUCAS and Mr. ISSA.
H.R. 40: Mr. MICHAEL F. DOYLE of Pennsylvania.
H.R. 55: Mr. AGUILAR, Mr. MECKS, Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania, Mr. MOULTON, Ms. UNDERWOOD, and Mr. CARRAJAL.
H.R. 62: Mr. TAYLOR, Mr. YARMUTH, Mr. GIBBS, Mr. YOUNG, Mr. FEENSTRA, Mr. LOWENTHAL, Mr. GHAJALVA, Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana, Ms. PINGREE, and Mr. AUISLAR.
H.R. 65: Mrs. GREENE of Georgia and Mr. JACKSON.
H.R. 97: Ms. JONES, Mr. NEWMAN, Mr. MALONEY, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, and Ms. SHEARES.
H.R. 148: Mr. PHILLIPS.
H.R. 151: Mr. DESAULNIER, Miss RICE of New York, Mr. KATKO, Ms. ROSS, Mr. BRENDAH BOYLE of Pennsylvania, Mr. CARRAJAL, Ms. SEWELL, Ms. BASS, Mr. GOTTHEIMER, Ms. JAYAPAL, Mr. LAWRENCE, Mr. LOUIS FRANKEL of Florida, and Mr. JONES.
H.R. 222: Mr. RUPpersberger and Mr. CARSON.
H.R. 246: Mr. MCKINLEY and Mr. WITTMYAN.
H.R. 252: Mr. EVANS.
H.R. 259: Miss RICE of New York, Ms. SPANBERGER, Mr. LOWENTHAL, Mr. CARSON, Mr. HASTINGS, Mr. DESAULNIER, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, and Ms. OMAR.
H.R. 260: Mr. LARSEN of Washington, Mrs. HAYES, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. TAKANO, Ms. ESHOO, and Mr. SAN NICOLAS.
H.R. 263: Mr. KIM of New Jersey, Mr. TONKO, Mr. KRISHNA MOUTH, Miss RICE of New York, Mr. PAPPAS, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. KINOWATI, Mr. SAYLAN, Mrs. BRATTY, Mr. CICILLINE, Mr. STANTON, Mr. MECKS, Mrs. TORRES OF CALIFORNIA, Mr. NGUUSE, Mr. LEVIN of California, Mrs. KIRKPATRICK, Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York, Ms. LOUIS FRANKEL of Florida, Ms. ADAMS, Mr. DELGADO, Mr. DeFazio, Mr. HDMI, Mr. AGUILAR, Mr. LIEU, Ms. JAYAPAL, Mrs. FLETCHER, Ms. PRESSLEY, Mr. ZELDIN, and Mr. MICHAEL F. DOYLE of Pennsylvania.
H.R. 265: Ms. OMAR, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Ms. TLAIB, Mr. TAKANO, and Mrs. DEMINGS.
H.R. 273: Mr. LUTCHER and Mr. NORMAN.
H.R. 301: Mr. SAN NICOLAS.
H.R. 365: Mr. GHJALVA, Mr. DEFAZIO, Mr. VARGAS, Mr. HUFFMAN, Mr. TAKANO, Mr. SARBANES, Ms. BROWNLY, Mr. STANTON, Ms. DELBENE, Mr. AGUILAR, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Ms. HOULAHAN, Ms. VELAZQUEZ, and Ms. BLUNT ROSTCHER.
H.R. 380: Mr. FOSTER, Mr. LANGHV, Mr. CARRAJAL, Mr. RUPpersberger, Mr. Rutherford, Mr. BURGESS, Ms. BONAMICI, Mr. GONZALEZ of Ohio, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Mr. CARBAJAL, Mr. MOULTON, Mrs. CALLEI, Ms. LOUIS FRANKEL of Florida, Mr. STAUBER, Mrs. RODGERS of Washington, Ms. KUSTER, Ms. SPANBERGER, Mr. MILL, Mr. NUNES, and Mr. Barton.
H.R. 386: Mr. PHILLIPS, Mrs. DEMINGS, and Ms. LEE of California.
H.R. 347: Mr. LOWENTHAL, Mr. QUIDLEY, Mr. COOPER, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Mr. KAHELE, Mr. PANETTA, Ms. LEE of California, Ms. SCHA KOWSKY, Mr. KHANNA, Mr. EVANS, Mr. WELCH, Mr. GARAMENDI, Mr. MOULTON, Mr. COSTA, Ms. MATSUMI, Miss RICE of New York, Mr. FOSTER, Mr. SCHRADE, Mr. GRIJALVA, and Mr. KILMIR.

H.R. 353: Mr. PHILLIPS.

H.R. 356: Mr. MOULTON.

H.R. 369: Mr. COHEN.

H.R. 389: Mr. SAN NICOLAS and Ms. VELAZQUEZ.

H.R. 393: Ms. JACKSON LEE.

H.R. 394: Mr. SMITH of Washington, Mr. PETERS, Ms. SCANLON, Mr. KILDEE, and Ms. STRICKLAND.

H.R. 395: Mr. CHABOT, Mr. ROGERS of Alabama, Mr. MCKINLEY, Mr. KELLER, and Mrs. HINSON.

H.R. 410: Mr. THOMPSON of California, Mr. MOULTON, Mr. GARAMENDI, Ms. JACKSON LEE, and Mr. SAN NICOLAS.

H.R. 421: Mrs. BUSTOS and Mr. KHANNA.

H.R. 423: Mr. JONES, Mr. LEVIN of Michigan, Mr. EVANS, Mr. MOORE of Alabama, Mr. KIM of California, Mr. BANZI, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, and Mr. DESAULNIER.

H.R. 426: Mr. ADERHOLT, Mr. MULLIN, Mr. GOSAR, and Mr. CLYDE.

H.R. 433: Mr. AMODEI and Mr. HARRER of California.

H.R. 447: Ms. PORTER, Ms. PELOSI, Mr. EVANS, Mr. SOTO, Mr. JONES, Mr. MICHAEL F. DOYLE of Pennsylvania, Ms. BROWNLEY, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Ms. Jacobs of California, Ms. CASTOR of Florida, Ms. MANNING, Mr. KIND, Mrs. KIRKPATRICK, Mr. HASTINGS, Mr. KEATING, Ms. SHERRILL, Ms. O'ROURKE, Mr. BOWMAN, Mr. CICILLINE, and Ms. SPANBERGER.

H.R. 450: Mr. SOUZEL.

H.R. 472: Mr. CRAWFORD and Mr. KELLER.

H.R. 483: Mr. PAPPAS.

H.R. 486: Mr. McKINLEY, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. GOSAR, Mr. CRAWFORD, Mr. BARD, and Mr. BOST.

H.R. 497: Mr. LAMALFA and Mr. BABIN.

H.R. 499: Mr. SMITH of Missouri and Mr. JORDAN.

H.R. 502: Ms. NORTON.

H.R. 508: Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin.

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H.R. 512: Mr. SIEBS and Mr. WELCH.

H.R. 514: Ms. HERRELL and Mr. BARIN.

H.R. 521: Ms. WEXTON.

H.R. 522: Mr. ROSENDALE and Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana.

H.R. 546: Ms. JACKSON LEE.

H.R. 549: Miss GONZALEZ-COLON, Mr. SOTO, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Mrs. KIRKPATRICK, and Mr. SIEBS.

H.R. 556: Ms. PORTER, Mr. SCHRADE, Mr. CRIST, and Mr. PHILLIPS.

H.R. 572: Ms. STRICKLAND, Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia, Mr. RASKIN, Mr. LOWENTHAL, Mr. PANETTA, Mrs. LAWRENCE, Mr. POCAN, Ms. SPANBERGER, and Mr. SHERMAN.

H.R. 574: Mrs. MURPHY of Florida, Mr. DOGGET, Mr. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Mr. LEVIN of Michigan, Mr. EVANS, Mr. MOORE of Alabama, Mr. KIM of California, Mr. BANZI, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, and Mr. DESAULNIER.

H.R. 575: Mr. LUCAS, Mr. EMER, and Mrs. LESKO.

H.R. 576: Mr. CARSON, Mr. POCAN, and Ms. JACKSON LEE.

H.R. 583: Mr. BLUNT, Mr. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Mr. BROWNLEY, Mr. HASTINGS, Mr. DAVIS of Kentucky, Mr. COOPER, Mr. PARKER, Mr. ROGERS, Mr. KELLER, Mr. COURTNEY, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Mrs. LURIA, Mr. HINES, Mr. MORELLE, Ms. DELAURO, Mr. ESTES, Mr. KEATING, Mr. COOPER, Mr. FLEISCHMANN, Mr. GALLAGHER, Mrs. HAYES, and Mr. CLYDE.

H.R. 593: Mr. WELCH.

H.R. 594: Mr. BAXTER, Mr. CICILLINE, and Ms. SPANBERGER.

H.R. 595: Ms. BARNETT.

H.R. 596: Mr. WILSON, Mr. PRICE, Mr. EVANS, Mr. MOORE of Alabama, Mr. KIM of California, Mr. BANZI, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, and Mr. KILMIR.

H.R. 597: Mr. DOUGHERTY and Mr. NICHOLS.

H.R. 598: Mr. COOPER, Mr. SCHRADE, Mr. CRIST, and Mr. PHILLIPS.

H.R. 602: Mr. SIEBS and Mr. WELCH.

H.R. 603: Mr. PORTER.

H.R. 614: Mr. LOWENTHAL.

H.R. 619: Mr. LOUDERMILK.

H.R. 620: Mrs. SPARAZZI, Mr. KELLER, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, and Mr. HASTINGS.

H.R. 621: Mr. SOTO and Mrs. DEMINGS.

H.R. 625: Ms. MACK, Mr. MAST, and Mr. JORDAN.

H.J. Res. 11: Mr. HUDSON, Mr. GARBARINO, Mr. ADERHOLT, Mr. LAMALFA, Mrs. KIM of California, Mr. BANKS, Mr. MOORE of Alabama, and Mr. GOODEN of Texas.

H.J. Res. 12: Mr. HOLLINGSWORTH, Mr. JACOBS of New York, Mr. COMYER, and Mr. LEE.

H.J. Res. 15: Mr. ALLRED, Mr. COHEN, Mr. MOULTON, Mr. PORTER, Mr. OMR, and Mr. CARRAHAL.

H.J. Res. 16: Mr. ALLRED, Mr. COHEN, Mr. MOULTON, Mr. PORTER, Mr. OMR, and Mr. CARRAHAL.

H.J. Res. 19: Mr. CRAWFORD and Mr. KELLER.

H.J. Res. 22: Mr. DESAULNIER and Ms. JACKSON LEE.

H. Con. Res. 4: Ms. DEAN.

H. Res. 31: Miss RICE of New York and Mr. COSTA.

H. Res. 33: Ms. JACKSON LEE, Mr. PAYNE, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, Ms. LOIS FRANKEL of Florida, and Mr. MCEACHIN.

H. Res. 42: Ms. MANNING.

H. Res. 47: Ms. LEE of California, Mr. CROW, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Mr. COOPER, Mr. SCHRADE, Mr. CRIST, and Mr. PHILLIPS.

H. Res. 54: Ms. WILD, Mr. MOULTON, Mr. KHANNA, Mr. LARSEN of Washington, Ms. WEXTON, Mr. CONNOLLY, Ms. BROWNLEY, and Ms. CHU.

H. Res. 59: Mr. ARMSTRONG.

H. Res. 67: Mr. JONES, Ms. MENG, and Mr. DESAULNIER.

H. Res. 71: Mr. TONY GONZALEZ of Texas, Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. EMER, Mr. CALVERT, Mr. ROGERS of Alabama, Mr. KELLER, Mr. COURTNEY, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Mrs. LURIA, Mr. HINES, Mr. MORELLE, Ms. DELAURO, Mr. ESTES, Mr. KEATING, Mr. COOPER, Mr. FLEISCHMANN, Mr. GALLAGHER, Mrs. HAYES, and Mr. CLYDE.
The Senate met at 3 p.m. and was called to order by the President pro tempore (Mr. LEAHY).

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Eternal God, You are the light that keeps us safe. Your protections soothe doubts and calm fears. You hear our prayers, and Your answers are swift.

Lord, teach our lawmakers to follow Your guidance. Place their feet on the right paths. Guide them with Your precepts and encourage them with Your promises. May their faith in You keep them courageous and true.

Lord, we praise You for You are the rock of our salvation.

Pledge of Allegiance

The President 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.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. HIRONO). The Senator from Vermont.

Mr. LEAHY. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent to speak in morning business.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

RECOGNIZING THE NATIONAL GUARD

Mr. LEAHY. Madam President, as you know, as you walk around the Capitol these last couple of weeks, you have to notice the changes. Quiet views of the Capitol, the seat of our government, are obstructed by fences topped with barbed wire and servicemembers on patrol at every corner, every entrance, and every gateway. These servicemembers, men and women of our National Guard, are our neighbors. They are our coworkers. They are members of our family. They are called away from home, many of which volunteered to come here to the Nation’s Capitol to care for the very heart of democracy. They deserve our thanks. They deserve our gratitude. They deserve our unwavering support.

With over 25,000 members of the Guard from every State, territory, and District of Columbia present in Washington to protect our time-honored traditions, there is no greater representation of the best of America here as we carry out the people’s business. I am grateful to them for their service.

Now, 2 weeks ago, I had the pleasure of visiting and thanking some members of Vermont’s own National Guard—Lieutenant Colonel Day, along with Captain Lahr, and First Sergeant Stewart from Bravo Troop of Vermont’s renowned Mountain Calvary Battalion. They welcomed me and introduced me to a contingent of the Vermonters present.

Now, through their deployment, they are asked to face challenges at a moment’s notice. They use the training and the teamwork that has always helped them succeed in Vermont and overseas. They met those challenges, and they exceeded those challenges. Like all National Guard units when they deploy, these Vermonters came to the District with deep ties back to our communities and the families and employers that make their service possible.

I am privileged to be the cochair of the Senate National Guard Caucus. I have heard, time and again, firsthand testimony from members of the Guard that that hometown connection is the glue that makes what they do possible. We are grateful to their families, their communities, and their employers too. But that can be said about every Senator here, including our distinguished Presiding Officer.

The Vermont Guard members I talked to carried with them the support of Vermont communities, especially from Southern Vermont, where Bravo Troop’s armory is located. To give you an idea of how they are part of the community, the deployment was led by the vice principal of Brattleboro Union High School. It included the cousin of one of my staffers. It was filled with soldiers with connections and stories that make up the culture and community I proudly call home—Vermont. A similar story could be told about the communities represented in the units from every State and territory. I am especially grateful because most of the soldiers from Vermont are going to deploy overseas later this year. Everyone that came down this January volunteered to be here.

So much has been asked of the National Guard these last 3 months, from the COVID–19 response to several disturbances this summer, to safeguarding the Nation’s Capitol—all of it on top of regular training and deployment schedules.

To the men and women of the National Guard from every State and territory and the District of Columbia, we appreciate the immense contributions you have made to our country today and every day. You are real patriots. You are real heroes, and democracy thanks you.

PROTESTS

Mr. LEAHY. Madam President, on another matter to bring to our leaders, you know, I first came to this Capitol when I was a teenager with my parents. We came down from Vermont. I remember looking around and walking through it, thinking what a privilege it was just to walk here. And then, during my years at Georgetown Law School, I would come here often just to see it, just to watch it, and to walk up the Mall and look at the Capitol and say: That is democracy. I never thought I would work here, but I have now for a number of years.
I found the assault on and the defilement of the U.S. Capitol mere weeks ago was an attack on the bedrock of our democratic institutions right here in the citadel of our democracy.

The toll that this insurrection has taken and will take on our great Nation will be felt for so long. In addition to the physical damage done, there is a human toll that this attack has taken on the lives lost and the injuries suffered by so many brave officers of the Capitol Police.

I was both in this Chamber and in the House Chamber during the time this attack unfolded. The next morning, I recorded some of the lingering physical damage to this building in several photographs that I made.

But the attack also is about things you can’t photograph, the unseen scars in the Capitol community—the staff members and the Capitol employees who work every day to help make our Capitol Building function as it needs to function. Members of Congress were also rolled by this attack. It has shaken all of us.

Chad Pergram of FOX News has written an essay that captures this heavy toll on the people who work in the Capitol. I was so moved when I read his essay.

But they are scars.

These are the scars which will take time to heal. But there’s another important line from Pittman. She uses the phrase “open campus.”

That silence is incongruous with the quotidian scramble of Capitol Hill. The Capitol and its environs are a shell of what they were.

That silence is haunting. The silence is a signal. It tells you something bad happened here.

And then there was the silence. Just the rustle of shriveled leaves, clinging to the trees, bombed by tiny ice pellets from the sky.

No horns. No cars. No people.

The silence is one of those scars. The Capitol won’t be the same.

That’s a scar, too.

No one on the grounds—appointments? No one on the grounds around the House and Senate office buildings?

No openness made the Capitol unique. It also allowed for an open campus in which lawful protest is protected. But the attack shows that such an open campus is better left to history.

That’s a scar, too.

Yes. There will be discussions about personnel, better communications and barricades. Many reporters picked up on what Pittman said about no “preparations” failing to avert “the attack.”

But there’s another important line from Pittman. She uses the phrase “open campus.”

That is what the U.S. Capitol complex generally was. An open campus. And, it remains to be seen if it ever will be again.

Prior to 1/6, people could traipse about the campuses at their leisure. Walk across the Capitol plaza. Pre-pandemic, people could clear security and spend all day wandering around the House and Senate office buildings, if they so chose. It didn’t matter if they had an appointment to see someone or not.

The Capitol itself was closed unless you were there on official business. You could also come to the Capitol to watch the House and Senate in action from the galleries.

The difference between the Capitol, and say, the State Department, is that the public depends on the Capitol Hill. The people demand to interact with the people who represent them in Washington. And, lawmakers insist that their constituents have access to them.

That’s another scar, and it’s a scar that will take time to heal.

In my experience, I do not believe there were any preparations that would have allowed for an open campus in which lawful protesters could exercise their First Amendment right to free speech, and, at the same time, prevent the attack on the (Capitol) grounds that day. "said that day.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

May I have the yeas and nays?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, the leadership time is reserved.
CONCLUSION OF MORNING BUSINESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Morning business is closed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will proceed to executive session to resume consideration of the following nomination, which the clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read the nomination of Alejandro Nicholas Mayorkas, of the District of Columbia, to be Secretary of Homeland Security.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Texas.

Mr. CORNYN. Madam President, President Biden built his campaign for the Presidency around a theme of unity, the promise that he would work to heal the deep divisions that exist in our country and restore respect and bipartisan communication. He has consistently pointed to his decades in the U.S. Senate as proof of his understanding and his ability to achieve results—and for good reason. Senator Biden had a record of working across the aisle and brokering bipartisan deals, but so far, at least, the actions of President Biden have run counter to his image as a pragmatic dealmaker.

Let’s look at the first big test, which is coronavirus relief. This, of course, has been the main focus of the Senate for nearly a year now. We passed several bipartisan bills, ranging from far-reaching, multitrillion-dollar packages to smaller, more targeted bills, and every single one received overwhelming bipartisan support. Make no mistake, Republicans were frustrated. It is frustrating to have the majority and not be able to get what you want. But the integrity of the filibuster and its ultimate purpose was never called into question, even though Leader McConnell faced calls from many—including President Trump—to toss it out the window.

But in this new reality of a 50-50 Senate, the Democratic leader has so far not been interested in playing by the existing rules. He wants an easy, compromise-free path for the Democratic radical agenda, and he is prepared to go full-scorched earth to make it happen. Senator SCHUMER has threatened to eliminate the legislative filibuster and to subject the country to the chaos that a majority-rulled Senate would create.

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While the majority party technically has the power to determine whether or not to accept the Parliamentarian’s advice, there has never been a question about whether to do so or not.

Think about this. It would be like allowing a batter in the World Series to ignore the umpire’s balls-and-strikes call and treat every pitch as if it were a ball. I am sure it is no surprise, then, that the last time the full chamber was called on to invoke the Byrd rule, the Parliamentarian’s ruling was 1975—nearly 50 years ago. Since then, both Republicans and Democrats have understood the dangers of such reckless action and have respected the advice of the Parliamentarian, even when it put a hole in the budget reconciliation process.

But if reports are to be believed, it looks like our Democratic colleagues may be preparing to break precedent once again. With the filibuster—legislative filibuster—still intact, our Democratic colleagues are no doubt considering the President’s budget reconciliation process to ram President Biden’s massive coronavirus relief bill through the Senate using reconciliation, and that plan involves ignoring process designed as a way to enact certain fiscal policies in a budget resolution—things like spending reductions, tax relief, or tax increases.

Unlike the traditional legislative process, which is used for the majority of the bills that move through the Senate, there is no 60-vote threshold when you use budget reconciliation. But that doesn’t mean you can or you should fast-track legislation. In fact, our predecessors have warned us against that.

One of the most influential Senators in protecting this budget reconciliation process was Robert C. Byrd, the longtime Senator from West Virginia. He was the architect of the now so-called Byrd rule, which is used to keep the reconciliation process from being used to circumvent the normal legislative process. In short, he wanted to prevent the process from being abused in the way Democrats appear to be preparing for now.

The referee in all of this is the Senate Parliamentarian, a nonpartisan expert adviser on Senate rules and procedure. Folks on both sides know and respect our Parliamentarian and the people who work with her. We respect their guidance to understand the rules of the Senate and ensure that both sides are treated fairly.

The most senior Member of this Chamber, the President pro tempore, Our side...
any adverse rulings from the Parliamentarian. Over the last several decades, Senators on both sides have refrained from such a dangerous move because of the precedent it would set.

Here is another instance where, despite my absence from some in my party, Leader McConnell refrained from eliminating the legislative filibuster. He knew how detrimental it would be to the U.S. Senate as an institution.

Basically, what we are hearing now about the situation and considering eliminating the Byrd rule is essentially a backdoor method to eliminate the filibuster and push the most partisan, controversial measures through with only a simple majority.

In 2001, Senator Byrd said: “Recollection was never, never, never intended to be used as a shield for controversial legislation by depriving Senators of their rights and duty to debate and amend.” But that is precisely what our Democratic colleagues are now considering. By eliminating the Byrd rule, we are overruling the advice of a nonpartisan adviser to the Senate so they can deprive Senators of their duty and ability to debate and amend legislation.

I urge our colleagues not to go down this road. After all, you would have thought they learned a lesson now that the shoe is on the other foot when it comes to nominations and the filibuster.

In 2003, then-Majority Leader Harry Reid went nuclear and eliminated the 60-vote cloture requirement on judicial nominees—something distinct and different from a legislative filibuster but applied to nominees. Leader McConnell told our colleagues from Nevada at the time: “You’ll regret this, and you may regret this a lot sooner than you think.” And as it turned out, he was right.

As our colleagues now know very well, the Republican-led Senate confirmed more than 2,200 judges who were nominated by President Trump, all thanks to Harry Reid’s rule change. This action cleared the way to eliminate the 60-vote cloture threshold on Supreme Court nominees, which lead to the confirmation of three Supreme Court Justices during the Trump Presidency.

There are inherent and perhaps unintended consequences of changing the rules in a place where your power is never permanently guaranteed. Chipping away at the rights of the minority may help you now, but you are sure to regret that someday, just as Democrats now regret the day Harry Reid cleared an easy path for hundreds of conservative Federal judges.

There are few ways to stop this madness before Democrats head down this dangerous path. The first is for President Biden to intervene and warn Senate Democrats not to break the rules by ignoring decades of precedent.

We are less than 2 weeks in a Biden Presidency, and the vote was won on the promise of working together. President Biden consistently pointed to his experience as a U.S. Senator as evidence of his ability to reach across the aisle to get things done. This will be his first test. Will he urge Senate Democrats to pursue a bipartisan approach to legislating, or will he give up on his single largest campaign promise less than 2 weeks into his administration?

The second is for our Democratic colleagues to speak up. Senators manchin and Sinema stood up to the Democratic leader when he threatened to eliminate the filibuster. As I see it, this is no less dangerous.

Whatever you set or break when you are on one side will affect you when you are on the other side, which you, inevitably, will ultimately be.

If Democrats destroy the budget reconciliation process once and for all, they will clear the way for them to pass a progressive agenda with absolutely zero need for Republican votes. That could include everything from Federal funding for abortions to heavy-handed climate policies. When Republicans ultimately find themselves in the majority, all of these policies could be eliminated with a party-line vote and replaced with new laws.

This is a dangerous and unnecessary road to go down, and our Democratic colleagues have a duty, I believe, as Members of this body, to respect its rules and respect the Senate as an institution. The Senate should not replace the Byrd rule with Harry’s rule. It wouldehicle once again share some wise words from our late colleague Senator Byrd, who was known as a master of the Senate rules and process and procedure. Not long before his death, he spoke in a Senate Rules Committee hearing about the importance of protecting minority rights—something the Senate has been known for. Oddly enough, the current Democratic leader was presiding at the time. Senator Byrd said:

“As I have said before, the Senate has been the last stronghold of minority rights and freedom of speech in this Republic for more than two centuries. I pray that Senators will pause and reflect before ignoring that history and tradition in favor of the political priority of the moment.”

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader is recognized.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGREEMENT—EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, first, I ask unanimous consent that the 5:30 p.m. provisions of the nomination of Alejandro Mayorkas to be Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security occur on Tuesday, February 2, at 2:30, with all other provisions of the agreement remaining in effect.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

MYANMAR

Madam President, at the beginning here, I want to briefly address the deeply disturbing reports of a coup in Myanmar. We are monitoring the situation with great concern, and the Biden administration is already preparing to send things to the Hill on the state of affairs. Congress stands ready to work collaboratively with the new administration to resolve the situation.

I know this is a region of long-standing concern and interest to the Republican leader, so I hope that we can productively work together in a bipartisan fashion to determine the best course of action for America’s interest and for the people of Myanmar.

NOMINATIONS

Madam President, next, this week the Senate will vote to confirm President Biden’s outstanding Cabinet nominees. We had intended to finish the confirmation of Alejandro Mayorkas to serve as Secretary of Homeland Security today, but unfortunately, with winter storms hitting much of the east coast, Mr. Mayorkas’s confirmation will be delayed until tomorrow to accommodate Members who are having difficulty getting here.

We will also vote tomorrow on the confirmation of Pete Buttigieg to serve our Nation’s next Secretary of Transportation. Mr. Buttigieg is an impressive public servant who has already earned the respect and confidence of both sides. He was reported out of the committee last week on an overwhelming bipartisan vote, and I look forward to confirming his nomination tomorrow.

Now, as we process these nominations on the floor, our Senate committees are hard at work preparing the next slate of nominees, including Secretaries of Agriculture, Energy, Veterans Affairs, Commerce, Education, Labor, EPA, and more. We have a lot of work to do here, but the Senate is going to press forward on these nominations as quickly as possible.

CORONAVIRUS

Madam President, at the same time, the Senate this week will begin the important work of crafting legislation to rescue the American people and the American economy from the continued effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

We continue to face a crisis unlike any other in our lifetimes. Over the course of a year, more than 26 million Americans contracted the virus and nearly 400,000 Americans have lost their jobs, thousands of businesses closed their doors for good, and the economy has suffered the worst year of growth, again, since World War II.

Our efforts here in Congress over the past year have saved scores of small
businesses and kept millions of Americans in their home and out of poverty, but our work is far from completed.

As we speak, nearly a million Americans are filing for unemployment per week. More than 16 million Americans have been struggling thousands of dollars behind on the rent, on mortgage, on utilities. Elderly Americans are having their heat shut off in the depths of winter. Families are having the power and internet shut off during their children’s first year of virtual kinder and all businesses that have done so much to help through the PPP and other bipartisanship programs will struggle until we can vaccinate enough Americans to get the country back to normal.

Facing these multifaceted challenges of a scale and scope larger than any event in the past hundred years, Congress must pursue a bold and robust course of action. It makes no sense to pinch pennies when so many Americans are at risk of dying, too little is far greater than the risk of doing too much.

Our history is full of warnings about the costs of small thinking during times of great challenge. President Hoover act quickly enough to forestall a Great Depression. In the wake of our most recent financial crisis in 2009, Congress was too timid and constrained, and the ensuing recovery was long, slow, and painful.

Treasury Secretary Yellen, who watched the most recent recovery up close, just told us that “the smartest thing we can do is act big.” Let me repeat that. “The smartest thing we can do is act big.” according to Treasury Secretary Yellen. So that is what the Senate is going to do—act big.

Today, Speaker Pelosi and I will file a joint budget resolution for fiscal year 2021 totaling $1.9 trillion, which is the first step in giving Congress an additional legislative tool to quickly pass the COVID relief legislation. The resolution, if passed by both Chambers of Congress, will provide instructions for the House and Senate committees to begin work on a potential budget reconciliation bill, which will be the vehicle for urgent and necessary COVID relief.

Now, I want to be very clear. There is nothing in this process that will preclude it from being bipartisan, we welcome Republican input on this process. Let me say that again. There is nothing in this process—the budget resolution or reconciliation—that precludes our work from being bipartisan. In fact, the Senate has used this process no fewer than 17 times to pass bipartisan legislation since 1980, including to create or expand landmark programs like children’s health insurance, the child tax credit, and the earned income tax credit, which together have lifted millions of Americans out of poverty.

COVID relief should be the work of both Democrats and Republicans. Teachers and firefighters are being laid off in red States and blue States. American families are struggling with the rent and utilities in Kentucky as well as in New York.

We should all be eager to provide our country the resources it needs to finally beat this disease and return our country to normal. To that end, Democrats welcome the ideas and input of our Senate Republican colleagues. The only thing we cannot accept is a package that is too small or too narrow to pull our country out of this emergency. We cannot repeat the mistake of 2009, and we must use this moment to get the right assistance to those so desperately in need.

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mrs. TESTER. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. Duckworth). Without objection, it is so ordered.

NOMINATION OF ALEJANDRO NICHOLAS MAYORKAS

Mr. TESTER. Madam President, I rise to speak about a friend of mine, Ali Mayorkas. He is President Biden’s choice to head up the Department of Homeland Security. Now, I don’t need to tell the folks in this Chamber how big of a job this is, but let me be clear: this is to put somebody in this role who is up to the task of getting things done, and I am here to assure you that Ali Mayorkas is that man.

I worked closely with Ali when he was Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security in the Obama administration. It is obvious that he has the understanding of the challenges that this country is facing—from the coronavirus pandemic to immigration, to cybersecurity, to threats from our foreign adversaries and now, more than ever, from our domestic ones. Perhaps, most importantly, he has demonstrated that he is going to listen and learn about the unique problems facing each State in this Union. He proved that to me when I brought him to Montana back in 2015. We flew along the Montana-Canada border and visited the Ports of Piegan and Sweetgrass before hosting a roundtable where I live. We also held listening sessions on law enforcement and first responders in Helena. We met with local businesses to discuss cross-border trade and even met with union representatives from Customs and Border Protection. He traveled thousands of miles to hear firsthand what Montanans had to say, and because of it, he understood what our State needed from him in order to be successful with our homeland security. That, folks, is what leadership looks like.

Over the past 4 years, we have seen the Department of Homeland Security in turmoil with six different Secretaries. We need a steady hand, a steady hand like Ali Mayorkas’s, to get us back on track. After all, he spent 7 years in leadership roles in the Department of Homeland Security. He understands the challenges. He understands it is going to take a lot of work. He understands that we are going to have to bring people together, and he understands that this job is a 24/7 job. He understands because he has lived it. He has the knowledge and the experience to lead our Nation’s Homeland Security today and prepare for the challenges of tomorrow.

Now, it is my understanding that tomorrow, at 2:30, we will vote on Ali Mayorkas as Secretary of Homeland Security. I would hope that we would get a strong vote for him out of this body because, quite frankly, after the events of January 6, we have no time to waste.

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. HEINRICH. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quick call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. HEINRICH. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to legislative session and be in a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

RECOGNIZING THE UTAH NATIONAL GUARD

Mr. LEE. Madam President, I rise today to honor and thank the men and women of the Utah National Guard for their dedication and selfless service in protecting the U.S. Capitol. Each and every one of these guardsmen played an important role in our Nation’s Capital these last weeks. I truly respect and admire their commitment to serve not just the people of Utah but wherever they are stationed.

2LT Hyrum Ahlman, CPL Halley Anderson, CPL Joseph Arvig, SGT Ismael Baires, SPC Andrew Bass, PFC Marc Brandt, SSG Trevor Brasfield, SFC Joshua Brewer, SSG David Brizzi, SPC Michael Broadhead, SGT Jose Cabero, SPC Cole Carpenter, SGT Sebastian Castillo, SPC Gregory Caton, MSG Steven Cave, SPC Anthony Cox, SPC Casey Cox, SGT Milo Cox, SPC Joshua Curtis, SGT Douglas Davis, SFC Palesala Faileau, SGT Marc Flores, SFC Nathaniel Forbush, SGT Jose Garita, SSG Jason Gerfen, SGT Austin Hafen, SGT Jesse Hall, 1LT Jordan Hatch, CPL Jon Hess, SSG Kevin Hopenhay, SGT James Huntaman, SPC Lance Irons, SGT Matthew Jackson, SSG Jose Jimenez, SGT...
MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 3:32 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 10. Concurrent resolution permitting the remains of the late United States Capitol Police Officer Brian D. Sicknick to lie in honor in the rotunda of the Capitol.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communication was laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and was referred as indicated:

EC–159. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the withdrawals of 73 proposed rescissions of budget authority previously transmitted to Congress; referred jointly, pursuant to the order of January 30, 1975, as modified by the order of April 11, 1978, to the Committees on Appropriations: Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry; Foreign Relations: Commerce, Science, and Transportation; Health, Education, Labor, and Social Security; Energy and Natural Resources; Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs; the Judiciary; Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs; Environment and Public Works; and Rules and Administration.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced during the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mr. PADILLA):
S. 144. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting through the Director of the Indian Health Service, to acquire private land to facilitate access to the Betty Ford Yosemite Wellness Center in Hemet, California, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. DAINES (for himself and Mr. SCHUETZLE):
S. 145. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to require the United States Postal Service prepay future retiree benefits, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the names of the Senator from Nevada (Ms. CORTEZ MASTO), the Senator from Nevada (Ms. ROSEN) and the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. SMITH) were added to
as cosponsors of S. 32, a bill to provide for the establishment of a standing Health Force and a Resilience Force to respond to public health emergencies and meet public health needs.

S. 34

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the names of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. OSOFF), the Senator from Georgia (Mr. WARNOCK) and the Senator from Maryland (Mr. VAN HOLLEN) were added as cosponsors of S. 34, a bill to provide funding for cities, counties, and other units of general local government to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus.

S. 49

At the request of Mr. LEE, the name of the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. PAUL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 49, a bill to prohibit the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection from overseeing lending institutions participation in the Paycheck Protection Program.

S. 117

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 117, a bill to establish an Intercountry Adoption Advisory Committee, and for other purposes.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mr. PADILLA):

S. 144. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting through the Director of the Indian Health Service, to acquire private land to facilitate access to the Desert Sage Youth Wellness Center in Hemet, California, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mrs. FEINSTEIN. Mr. President, I rise today to reintroduce a bill to facilitate improved access to the Indian Health Service’s Desert Sage Youth Wellness Center in Hemet, California. My colleague Senator ALEX PADILLA (D-CA) is joining me as an original cosponsor of the bill.

The Desert Sage Youth Wellness Center is the only currently operating center in the State of California that provides culturally-sensitive substance use disorder treatment to indigenous youth.

The Desert Sage Youth Wellness Center, located in Hemet, is run by the Indian Health Service. The facility not only provides healthcare, but also academic support, family therapy, and treatment plans to support the healing and long-term recovery of youth enrolled at the Center.

Currently, the Desert Sage Youth Wellness Center is only accessible by a dirt road. This limits access to the Center during California’s extreme wet and dry seasons. The dirt road frequently cracks or floods during these times and creates significant challenges to those depending on the Center’s important work.

The Indian Health Service does not currently have the authority to buy land from willing private landowners who are supportive of selling their land to provide for a paved access road. It is necessary that we provide for safe and dignified access to the center, and I am pleased to reintroduce this legislation to do so.

This commonsense bill would authorize the Director of the Indian Health Service to purchase land from willing sellers and construct a paved road to improve access to the Desert Sage Youth Wellness Center. After the road’s construction, Riverside County would maintain it.

This bill has the support of local stakeholders, including Riverside County. An identical, bipartisan bill is being introduced by Representatives RAUL RUIZ (D-CA), KEN CALVERT (R-CA), NANNETTE BARRAGAN (D-CA), TONY CARDENAS (D-CA), and PETE AGUILAR (D-CA) in the House of Representatives.

This bill passed the Senate unanimously last year, and I look forward to working with my colleagues this Congress to enact this bill into law.

Thank you, Mr. President. I yield the floor.

PERMITTING THE REMAINS OF THE LATE UNITED STATES CAPITOL POLICE OFFICER BRIAN D. SICKNICK TO LIE IN HONOR IN THE ROTUNDA OF THE CAPITOL

Mr. HEINRICH. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the concurrent resolution be agreed to and the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 10) was agreed to.

ORDERS FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2021

Mr. HEINRICH. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn at 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, February 2; further, that the prayer and pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and morning business be closed; that upon the conclusion of morning business, the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the Buttigieg nomination, as provided under the previous order; further, that upon disposition of the Buttigieg nomination, the Senate resume consideration of the Mayorkas nomination, as provided under the previous order, and then recess until 2:15 p.m. to allow for the weekly caucus meetings.

Mr. HEINRICH. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. HEINRICH. For the information of all the Senators, the Senate will vote on the confirmation of the Buttigieg nomination at 12 noon tomorrow and on confirmation of the Mayorkas nomination at 2:30 p.m. tomorrow.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10:30 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. HEINRICH. Madam President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that it stand adjourned under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 5:20 p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, February 2, 2021, at 10:30 a.m.
HONORING COACH SEAN DESAI
OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, February 1, 2021

Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHI. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor Coach Sean Desai, the first person of South Asian and Indian heritage to attain the elite position of Defensive Coordinator in the National Football League (NFL). Sean’s trailblazing ascent with the Chicago Bears football team serves as a shining example of what South Asian and Indian-Americans can achieve in our nation and in professional sports.

Coach Desai was born in Shelton, Connecticut and attended Boston University, where he majored in Philosophy and Political Science and graduated Cum Laude in 2004. He then earned a master’s degree in higher and postsecondary education from Columbia University, and a doctorate in educational administration from Temple University. Postdoctorate, Coach Desai served as an adjunct professor at Temple and Defensive and Special Teams’ Coordinator for the Temple Owls football team. He joined the University of Miami as Assistant Director of Football Operations in 2011 and spent the 2012 season as the Running Backs’ Coach and Special Teams’ Coordinator for the Temple Owls football team. He then earned a master’s degree in higher education with a minor in Sports Administration from Columbia University and attended Boston University, where he majored in Philosophy and Political Science and graduated Cum Laude in 2004.

In 2013, Coach Desai was hired by the Chicago Bears as a Quality Control Assistant, working with defensive backs and line backers while assisting the special teams’ coaches. Coach Desai held this position until 2018, when he was promoted to Safeties Coach. His colleagues attribute Coach Desai’s meteoric rise to his experience as an educator and his ability to connect with his players. In his own words:

The ability to develop and have a chance to lead young men and bring them past what they thought their eyes could see, to a whole new world of education. To me, that’s what an educator has to do—whatever you are teaching...I mean, if you’re not out there to develop and help bring kids to a place that they can’t be on their own, then I don’t know what the purpose of education is.

Racial biases have thwarted upward mobility for men and women of color since the NFL’s inception in 1920. As the first South-Asian and Indian-American Defensive Coordinator in the NFL, Coach Desai will inspire young men and women of all ethnicities and races to believe that they can and should aspire to positions of leadership in professional sports.

As a die-hard Chicago Bears fan, I am thrilled to congratulate Coach Sean Desai on his remarkable achievement with the Bears and the trail he is blazing for future generations. I wish him great success in his new role and in all his future endeavors. Let’s Go Bears!

CONGRATULATING DEREK BERGSTEN OF ROCKFORD FOR RECEIVING THE "FIRE CHIEF OF THE YEAR" AWARD FROM THE ILLINOIS FIRE CHIEFS’ ASSOCIATION

HON. CHERI BUSTOS
OF ILLINOIS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, February 1, 2021

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Derek Bergsten for winning the Fire Chief of the Year Award from the Illinois Fire Chiefs Association. This honor recognizes an exemplary fire chief who makes “significant ongoing contributions” to the profession and who was a full-time chief serving a city of more than 25,000 people.

After joining the Rockford Fire Department in 1994, Derek worked his way through the ranks to become chief in 2019. In 2007, he was named chief, becoming just the 10th chief in department history since 1880. During his time he created a mobile integrated health program that has worked to reduce visits to area emergency rooms, hospital admissions, and ambulance calls. Derek is responsible for the success of departmental accreditation through the Center for Public Safety Excellence, Commission on Accreditation of Ambulance Services, and Accreditation for Government Fleet Management Services. He expanded the certified fire vehicle repair shop operated by the department history since 1880, during his time in office the department has completed the largest hospital expansion in South Carolina history when it opened its new patient care tower.

Today, Lexington Medical Center has 557 beds, four community medical centers, 70 physician practices and more than 7,000 employees. The network also has an occupational health center and the largest skilled nursing facility in the Carolinas. Lexington Medical Center operates one of the busiest Emergency departments in South Carolina, treating nearly 90,000 patients each year. The hospital delivers approximately 4,000 babies each year, performs more than 27,000 surgeries and has more than 1,000,000 physician office visits.

Lexington Medical Center has received local and national awards for its outstanding patient care.

As the only locally owned, independent hospital in the Midlands, Lexington Medical Center strives to offer the most outstanding care to our families, friends and neighbors now and in the future.
HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF DR. CHARLES EUGENE
COWLES, JR.

HON. BRIAN BABIN
OF TEXAS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, February 1, 2021

Mr. BABIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of my dear friend Dr. Charles Eugene Cowles, Jr. of Houston, Texas. Dr. Cowles went to be with the Lord on December 26, 2020 following a motor vehicle accident.

Charles was born on April 19, 1968, to Charles Eugene Cowles, Sr. and Carol Janice Wood Cowles in Houston, Texas, at Hermann Hospital. He grew up in the Houston area with varied interests and developed lifelong friendships in the process. Charles suffered a personal tragedy as a young adult when his father died unexpectedly.

In 1986, Charles completed an associate’s degree and became a paramedic and firefighter with the Beaumont Fire Department. He pursued degrees in sports medicine and nursing and completed studies to become a registered nurse (RN) in 1998 and also worked in trauma centers in the ER as a nurse. He continued his education as a paramedic supervisor until 1995, when he began teaching EMS courses at San Jacinto College. Charles also had the opportunity to assist in the creation of curricula for medical training of NASA astronauts serving aboard the International Space Station and personally instructed several classes of Astronauts and physicians in emergency medical response at the Johnson Space Center in Houston from 1995 to 2006. Charles obtained his bachelor’s degree in Sports Medicine from the University of Houston in 1998. He later earned a master’s degree in business administration from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville in 2013.

Charles took the next step in his professional career when he began medical school at the University of Texas Health Sciences Center—Houston. He graduated in 2004 and accepted an anesthesiology residency at UT Houston, training in the same hospital where he was born. Upon completing his residency, he joined the faculty in the Anesthesia division at the world-renowned MD Anderson Cancer Center, working as a neuro-anesthesiologist, and rose to the rank of Professor before his untimely death.

Dr. Cowles used the knowledge and wisdom he gained as a first responder throughout his medical and professional career. He served on multiple institutional safety committees and was ultimately named the chief safety officer for the Anesthesiology Division in 2016. Charles was an international expert in operating room fire safety and traveled worldwide teaching from his unique experience as both a firefighter and anesthesiologist. He served on multiple committees for local, state, and national medical societies. Not wanting to limit his contributions solely to anesthesia, Dr. Cowles also served as the Tactical Medical Director of the Pasadena Police Department and as the Local Health Authority for the City of Pasadena, Texas. Additionally, Dr. Cowles advised my staff, and I, on health care policy matters.

Inside and outside of work, his family, and faith were essential to Charles. Dr. Cowles was highly involved at First Baptist Church of Pasadena, where he served as a deacon and director of the church’s medical committee. Charles was also a Board Member of First Baptist Christian Academy where his three sons attended elementary and middle school. He also served on the board of Youth Reach Houston, a home for troubled boys.

Dr. Cowles was a man of many personal and professional achievements, but more than all he was a family man. He and his loving wife Jennifer Kendrick Cowles met when she attended one of Charles’ paramedic courses in 1995. Charles and Jennifer married on May 19, 2000 and celebrated twenty years of marriage earlier in 2020. Together they have three sons, Christopher, Caleb, and Jacob.

Dr. Charles Eugene Cowles, Jr. lived a full life focused on being a husband, father, man of faith, physician, first responder, teacher, medical leader, a connoisseur of barbeque, and grand storyteller. For all these things, he will be missed by many—myself included. I will continue to keep his family, medical family, and his friends in my prayers.

DISTRIBUTION OF COLUMBIA NATIONAL GUARD HOME RULE ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON
OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, February 1, 2021

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, today, I introduce the District of Columbia National Guard Home Rule Act, which would give the mayor of the District of Columbia control over the D.C. National Guard. I am very pleased that Congresswoman CAROLYN MALONEY, Chair of the Committee on Oversight and Reform, which has primary jurisdiction over this bill, is an original cosponsor, as is Congressman ANTHONY BROWN, a member of the Committee on Armed Services, which also has jurisdiction over this bill. The mayor of the District should have the same authority over the D.C. National Guard that governors of the states and territories have over their National Guards. Each governor—including the governors of the three U.S. territories with National Guards—has the authority to deploy their National Guard to protect his or her state or territory, just as local militia did historically. The events at the U.S. Capitol on January 6, 2021, and the events at Lafayette Square on June 1, 2020, are prime examples of why this bill is so important.

The National Guards in the states and territories operate under dual federal and local jurisdiction. Yet the D.C. National Guard operates under the control of the president. Today, by far the most likely need for the D.C. National Guard here would be for natural disasters, such as hurricanes and floods, and to restore order in the wake of civil disturbances. The mayor, who knows the city better than any federal official and who works closely with federal security officials, should be able to call out the D.C. National Guard for local natural disasters and civil disturbances.

The president should be focused on national matters, including homeland security, not local D.C. matters. It makes sense that governors of the states have authority over their National Guards, it makes equal sense for the mayor of the District, with a population the size of a small state, to have the same authority.

My bill is another important step toward completing the transfer of full self-government powers to the District that Congress began with the passage of the Home Rule Act of 1973, when it delegated most of its authority over District matters to an elected mayor and Council. The bill follows that model. I urge my colleagues to support the bill.

HONORING THE MOLINE PUBLIC LIBRARY FOR ITS WORK WITH PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

HON. CHERI BUSTOS
OF ILLINOIS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, February 1, 2021

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Moline Public Library for its work with people with disabilities. The library received an award from the American Library Association for their efforts—becoming the only library in North America to win in this category.

The Moline Public Library has made a special effort in recent years to make their library more accessible for everyone in their community—beginning with a reading and education book club for people with disabilities. Additionally, the Moline Public Library works with ARC of the Quad Cities and Quad City Arts to provide programming and activities for engagement. I commend the Moline Public Library for its work with people with disabilities, and I thank them for their continued service to the Moline community.

It is because of community leaders such as the Moline Public Library that I am especially proud to serve Illinois’ 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to again formally honor the Moline Public Library for winning an award from the American Library Association for its work with people with disabilities.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL SCHOOL COUNSELING WEEK

HON. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ
OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, February 1, 2021

Ms. SÁNCHEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the tireless work of school counselors across the country and in the 38th district of California that I am honored to represent. These public servants help develop well-rounded students by guiding them through their academic, social-emotional, and career development.

María Díaz, a counselor at El Rancho High School in Pico Rivera, California, is exactly the type of champion students need. María has been a counselor since 2001 and has been instrumental in the lives of the students she works with in the school.

Not only does María know all the students in her caseload of 400 but she also has created workshops and presentations for students and parents on the programs available at the school. Her leadership of the Project Lead the Way Biomedical Sciences and Engineering programs has helped students learn and apply a hands-on approach to solving and designing
solutions to health and engineering challenges, respectively. With her support, she has helped many students learn and find opportunities after high school. Her office is not only filled with her warmth but with pictures of former students, each one a life she has impacted and inspired. She is even known to have former students and families reach out for her guidance.

Counselors like Marla, provide so much for our students. Not only do they help with career and college choices, but they are often the ones who help students cope with serious and common challenges of growing up, including peer pressure, bullying, mental health issues, trauma, disciplinary problems, and more. Unfortunately, the average student-counselor-ratio is 430-to-1 nationally which is almost double the American School Counselor Association recommended ratio of 250-to-1. Our students deserve to have the support of school counselors, and school counselors deserve our support.

That is why I am proud to introduce a resolution to designate the week of February 1, 2021, through February 5, 2021, as National School Counseling Week. I ask that all Members join me in recognizing the extraordinary work and dedication our school counselors have done to better the lives of young students.

TRIBUTE TO THE LIFE OF JOHN E. MOORE, SR.

HON. MICHAEL R. TURNER
OF OHIO
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. TURNER. Madam Speaker, I would like to pay tribute to the life and memory of John E. Moore, Sr., a distinguished community leader from my hometown of Dayton, Ohio, who passed away on January 7, 2021, four days before his 98th birthday.

John E. Moore, Sr., was a native of Birmingham, Alabama, whose family moved to Dayton, Ohio shortly after he was born. He graduated from Wright High School in 1941. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army and served in the 2261st Quartermaster Trucking Company in Bangladesh, during World War II. After the war, John earned a degree in business administration from the University of Dayton and went on to pursue graduate studies at Ohio State University.

He served for 35 years as a civilian employee at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. He was the first Equal Employment Opportunity officer at Wright-Patterson in 1960, and became the first African-American chief of civilian personnel in 1972.

In addition to serving our nation, John was involved with his church and his community his entire life. He gained a reputation as someone to go to when you needed something done. He had an active role in numerous civic organizations, including the Dayton Foundation, the Out-of-School Youth Task Force, Sinclair Community College’s board of trustees, the Montgomery County Job Center, and was co-founder of Parity, Inc., which provides a mentoring program for urban middle school students that has helped many underserved young people gain the skills and self-confidence to become successful, productive adults.

John E. Moore’s name can be found etched along the sidewalks on the Dayton Walk of Fame, among a small circle of distinguished citizens who have impacted our city for the better. In 2014, the Dayton International Peace Museum named John a Peace Hero, in recognition of his leadership in youth, education, health, and civil rights. His lifetime of public service set an example for all of us who work to serve our communities and our nation. I am honored to have known him as a friend.

On behalf of all those whose lives were touched by John’s friendship and community service, I offer his family my heartfelt condolences.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOE WILSON
OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, I missed votes due to having been diagnosed with COVID-19. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 245; YEA on Roll Call No. 246; NAY on Roll Call No. 247; NAY on Roll Call No. 248; NAY on Roll Call No. 249; NAY on Roll Call No. 250; and NAY on Roll Call No. 251.

CONGRATULATING KAI SWANSON FOR WINNING THE “I HAVE A DREAM” AWARD FROM THE ROCK ISLAND MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. COMMUNITY CENTER

HON. CHERI BUSTOS
OF ILLINOIS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Kai Swanson for winning the “I Have a Dream” Award from the Rock Island Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center.

Kai is a Rock Island native who works as the Special Assistant to Augustana College’s President. Kai gives so much of himself to help others, and it is truly inspiring. He has also received several awards for his service to the Rock Island community, such as a Rock Island Rotary community service award, the Habitat Hero award from Quad Cities Habitat for Humanity, the Professional Citizen of the Year (1998) from the City of Rock Island, and the Outstanding Community Service Award from the Metropolitan Community Church. Kai is currently serving on the Quad Cities Holocaust Remembrance Committee, is a member of the Rock Island NAACP and is a board member for the Doris and Victor Day Foundation. Apart from his duties on those boards, he is also a Visit Quad Cities board member and a Rock Island County board member. Additionally, Kai is president of the county Forest Preserve Commission. His commitment to his community is palpable and I commend him on his work to better the Rock Island community through lifting others and addressing problems head-on to affect change.

It is because of leaders such as Kai Swan-son that I am especially proud to serve Illinois’ 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to again formally recognize Kai Swanson for receiving the “I Have a Dream” Award from the Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center in Rock Island, Illinois.

CELEBRATING THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF JOHN T. “MIKE” WOLF

HON. DEREK KILMER
OF WASHINGTON
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. KILMER. Madam Speaker, I would like to take a moment to commemorate the 100th birthday of one of my constituents, John T. “Mike” Wolf. In 2015, Mr. Wolf was awarded Congress’ highest civilian award, the Congressional Gold Medal. He and three dozen American Fighter Aces were honored for their war contributions in World War II and subsequent wars.

The ceremony that took place in May 2015 was convened by Seattle’s Museum of Flight and recognized the accomplishments of the 1,447 American Aces who achieved the elite designation. Six years ago, only 77 Aces were alive, and approximately 36 of them gathered in Washington, D.C. to receive the recognition in person.

As Mr. Wolf celebrates his 100th birthday on February 4th, I wanted to take a moment to bring distinction once again to his service and dedication to our country. The stories of the Fighter Aces cover some of the most formative periods in aviation history. Some gained their victories in open-cockpit biplanes, others in the powerful propeller-driven fighters of World War II, and still others in the jets that fought over Korea and Southeast Asia. Aces come from each major combat branch of the U.S. military and nearly every state in the union.


Recounting his experience Mr. Wolf recalled, “I was more scared of not being able to do the right thing. We had received six months of training. My fear was, can I analyze [the situation] and do the right thing?” He didn’t get a lot of time to analyze the situation. An engagement might last the few seconds it took to get some shots off, or it could be longer. All told, Wolf downed seven Japanese fighter planes—three in one day, and five between June 11 and 19, 1944. He received the Distinguished Flying Cross and four Air Medals.

After the war, Wolf embarked on a career in life insurance to support his young family. The discipline of a Navy pilot came in handy because he didn’t exactly enjoy selling life insurance to support his young family. The discipline of a Navy pilot came in handy because he didn’t exactly enjoy selling life insurance to support his young family. The discipline of a Navy pilot came in handy because he didn’t exactly enjoy selling life insurance to support his young family. The discipline of a Navy pilot came in handy because he didn’t exactly enjoy selling life insurance to support his young family. The discipline of a Navy pilot came in handy because he didn’t exactly enjoy selling life insurance to support his young family. The discipline of a Navy pilot came in handy because he didn’t exactly enjoy selling life insurance to support his young family. The discipline of a Navy pilot came in handy because he didn’t exactly enjoy selling life insurance to support his young family. The discipline of a Navy pilot came in handy because he didn’t exactly enjoy selling life insurance to support his young family. The discipline of a Navy pilot came in handy because he didn’t exactly enjoy selling life insurance to support his young family.
IN RECOGNITION OF GABRIELLA MAYREND FOR ACHIEVING THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL
OF MICHIGAN
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, February 1, 2021

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Gabriella Mayrend of Ypsilanti for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout. A freshman at Huron High School in Ann Arbor, Miss Mayrend of Troop 438G, is the first female Eagle Scout from the Huron Trails District based in Washtenaw County and is a member of the inaugural female Eagle Scout class.

Miss Mayrend was inspired to join Scouts BSA because of her love of adventure and the outdoors. Since then she has earned an impressive forty-one merit badges while serving as a leader in her all-female troop. Since 1910, Scouts BSA has taught members the fundamentals of becoming a responsible citizen who makes moral and ethical choices in their lives. Eagle Scouts are leaders in every sense of the word, and Gabriella is no different. Miss Mayrend is the newest Eagle Scout in her family and is upholding the legacy that began with her great-grandfather.

Her project, entitled Faho Fire was completed at Camp Faho in Grass Lake, a local camp that requested her assistance in rebuilding their four firepits. She repaired the decayed firepits and constructed twenty new benches and handcrafted four new firewood storage boxes. Additionally, she cleaned and repainted the camp’s existing benches and upgraded them to a new set of swinging benches.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in congratulating Gabriella Mayrend for becoming the first female in the Huron Trails District to achieve the rank of Eagle Scout. We are grateful for her service and dedication to the Washtenaw County community.

THANKING THE SHERRARD HIGH SCHOOL FFA FOR DONATING PRODUCE TO LOCAL FOOD PANTRIES

HON. CHERI BUSTOS
OF ILLINOIS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, February 1, 2021

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to thank the Sherrard High School FFA for donating freshly grown produce to local food pantries in Sherrard and Milan, Illinois.

The Sherrard FFA manages a garden used to grow produce for local food pantries to help those with food insecurity. Students drive the produce from the gardens to local food banks to donate to those in need. The COVID-19 pandemic has created heightened food insecurity in our communities and around the country. The Sherrard FFA provides a much-needed service to the local community. I commend the efforts of the Sherrard FFA, and I am proud of the selfless work they are doing to feed the hungry.

It is because of community leaders such as the Sherrard FFA that I am especially proud to serve Illinois’ 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to again formally thank the Sherrard FFA for donating freshly grown produce to local food pantries, helping to alleviate the insecurities families in our district face today.

RECOGNIZING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST. JAMES WINERY

HON. JASON SMITH
OF MISSOURI
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, February 1, 2021

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Hofherr family on the 50th anniversary of St. James Winery. Since James and Patricia Hofherr first opened their business in 1970, St. James Winery has rejuvenated the local Italian wine culture in the St. James area. The Hofherr’s chose this area because of its deep heritage of grape growing and winemaking. This tradition dates to 1898 when local Italian immigrants established the first vineyards in the region. With such productive Missouri soil and favorable weather patterns for grape growing, this Missouri location was nothing shy of an excellent choice to begin St. James Winery.

In the first year, the winery produced 3,000 cases of wine, and 50 years later, it produces nearly 250,000 cases each year. St. James Winery now has five vineyards, totaling 185 acres, and the winery sees almost 125,000 visitors annually. Located along Old Route 66, St. James Winery brings tourists from all over the world to Mid-Missouri. The winery is also one of the most awarded wineries in the entire United States.

Today, St. James Winery is being operated by the second generation of the Hofherr family and will see the third generation joining in the summer of 2021. For 50 years of excellent service to people across this nation, as well as across the world, it is my honor to congratulate St. James Winery.

INTRODUCTION OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA PAROLE AND SUPERVISED RELEASE ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON
OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, February 1, 2021

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce the District of Columbia Parole and Supervised Release Act. This bill would give the District of Columbia the authority to make parole and supervised release determinations for D.C. Code offenders beginning on November 1, 2022.

Currently, the U.S. Parole Commission (Government) makes determinations for D.C. Code offenders. This bill would give D.C. the same authority over parole and supervised release determinations for D.C. Code offenders that the Commission has today. The District has asked to have this authority for its own local offenders. D.C. would have the same authority the states possess over their own local offenders on these matters, including the authority to devise an adjudication system as it sees fit.

Mr. McEACHIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and thank the brave members of the Virginia National Guard who answered the call to service in defense of our nation’s capital to ensure the preservation of our cherished democracy.
Congressman Floyd Spence and was crucial of Joyce C. Hearn who was devoted to the Speaker, South Carolina cherishes the service and long-time Silvis City Council Member.

Joe was born February 15, 1929 in a boxcar in the Silvis yards, the son of Benito and Felsa Anguiano Terronez. He married Rebeca Herrera on November 6, 1948, and together they had 8 children. As a devout Catholic and lifelong member of Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, Joe was always a strong member of the community. Joe attended Silvis public schools and proudly graduated from United Township High School in 1947. He was employed by International Harvester Company until his retirement in 2014.

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COMMENDING AND THANKING THE VIRGINIA NATIONAL GUARD FOR THEIR SERVICE

HON. ABIGAIL DAVIS SPANBERGER
OF VIRGINIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, February 1, 2021

Ms. SPANBERGER. Madam Speaker, I would like to express my sincere appreciation for the Virginia National Guard—especially those from Virginia’s Seventh Congressional District. Members of the Virginia National Guard serve their country and their communities on a daily basis. Over the past months, the Virginia National Guard has deployed with little notice and often for longer than originally expected. I want to thank and honor the Virginia National Guard for its expedient deployment after the violent, deadly attack on the United States Capitol and assault on American democracy on January 6, 2021 and for their service since then to maintain security. Members of the Virginia National Guard also played a key role in protecting an essential American tradition—the peaceful transfer of power. I truly appreciate the members of the Virginia National Guard for their service before, during, and after the Inauguration of Joseph R. Biden, Jr. as the 46th President of the United States and KAMALA D. HARRIS as Vice President of the United States. The Virginia National Guard’s willingness and readiness to serve is particularly appreciated given the existing, significant strains on the Guard and on all Virginians. In addition to their service in Washington, D.C., I would like to recognize and honor the Virginia National Guard’s instrumental role in assisting with the COVID–19 response in the Commonwealth as well as its continuing training and deployment schedules. We must all recognize that the Virginia National Guard has continued to serve the United States overseas, and continued to prepare for forthcoming needs, while also deploying to serve American communities during a global pandemic and serve our nation in the face of threats at home. Additionally, we cannot overlook the commitment and contributions not only of the members of the Guard themselves, but also of their families, employers, and communities who make their service possible.

CONGRATULATING WHBF–TV FOR BEING NAMED 2020 MEDIUM MARKET TV STATION OF THE YEAR BY THE ILLINOIS BROADCASTERS ASSOCIATION

HON. CHERI BUSTOS
OF ILLINOIS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, February 1, 2021

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize WHBF–TV for being named 2020 Medium Market TV Station of the Year by the Illinois Broadcasters Association.

The Illinois Broadcasters Association is the leading advocate for the broadcast industry in Illinois and is engaged in shaping public policy to create a positive legislative and regulatory environment for its members. They award TV stations who are the best at what they do, and they have named WHBF–TV the best of the medium market TV stations in Illinois. As a former journalist, I understand the importance of local media and the prestige carried by this award. I commend WHBF–TV for the work that they do to inform the public and create a positive work environment.

It is because of community leaders such as WHBF–TV that I am especially proud to serve Illinois’ 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to again formally congratulate WHBF–TV for receiving the 2020 Medium Market TV Station of the Year Award.

RECOGNIZING MS. BRIANA MCCREARY AS THE ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA TEACHER OF THE YEAR

HON. MATT GAETZ
OF FLORIDA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, February 1, 2021

Mr. GAETZ. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Ms. Briana McCreary as the Escambia County Teacher of the Year. For eight years, Ms. McCreary has served Montclair Elementary School with talent, passion, and an unwavering commitment to serving her students.

In Northwest Florida, we are fortunate to have some of the best teachers in the Nation. It is recognized that the teaching profession is one of the most difficult yet rewarding professions in existence. Ms. McCreary has performed her teaching duties exceptionally, while also being an active and supportive member of her community.

Ms. McCreary attended Florida A&M University, where she earned a Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education. She later attended the University of West Florida and earned a Master of Arts in Educational Leadership.

Her support and outreach extend far beyond the walls of her classroom through her involvement in outreach programs, such as SheCounts. Ms. McCreary has served as the Director of this after-school program since August of 2019. The program is for female students in grades three through five and focuses on improving their confidence and skills in mathematics and STEM courses. I commend her for her steadfast willingness to serve those that matter most—the students and youth of our Nation.

For all of her admirable contributions to our community, I am truly proud to have Ms. McCreary as a constituent in Florida’s First Congressional District.

In recognition of the 99th Birthday of Ethel Klepien Ciszewicz

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL
OF MICHIGAN
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, February 1, 2021

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ethel Klepien Ciszewicz on the occasion of her 99th birthday.

Mrs. Ciszewicz was born on January 27, 1922. She was raised in Detroit, Michigan by her mother who worked to provide for Ethel and her three siblings after her father passed away when she was four years old. As a young woman, she loved to dance and would take the streetcar two to three times per week to take part in dances at Detroit’s famous dance halls.

During World War II Ethel worked at Woodall Industries as a bucker in the welding process for airplane cowlings. As a Rosie the Riveter, Ethel’s hard work, grit, and patriotism not only sustained the American war effort, but paved a path for the next generation of working women. Ethel’s service in the country did not stop once she left the factory. At the end of the war as soldiers were returning home to their jobs, she joined the US Army Women’s Army Corps where she rose to the rank of Sergeant.

After the war ended, she married John who served in the Navy and together they had three children. After employment at various factories, the joy she found in cleaning led her to become a housekeeper at the Georgian Inn in Roseville, where she worked for a decade. At the age of 43, her outstanding work ethic made her highly requested among guests. A proud Rosie, even now she has remained an active member of our community. Ethel’s lifelong commitment to service reminds us all of the impact that the Rosies have had on our state and nation.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in celebrating Ethel Klepien Ciszewicz on her 99th birthday. I join with Ethel’s family and friends in extending my best wishes and support to her on this special day. I am proud to honor her life, her accomplishments, and her invaluable contributions to our nation.

HONORING AND RECOGNIZING LARRY SPENCE

HON. FILEMON VELA
OF TEXAS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, February 1, 2021

Mr. VELA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize Larry Spence as he retires as sheriff of Willacy County. Sheriff Spence’s interest in law enforcement began at an early age in his hometown of Clinton, Indiana where he was a patrol boy, and culminated in his service to the safety and security of over 20,000 fellow Texans.

In 1966 he joined the Air Force and served on its police force in California, Illinois and South Vietnam, where he helped secure his base during the Tet Offensive. After he returned home in 1968, he took a job as a patrolman in his hometown of Clinton and married Maria Reyes, a Raymondville Texas native with whom he had a son, Gary. After six
INTRODUCTION OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA POLICE HOME RULE ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON
OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 1, 2021

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, today, I introduce the District of Columbia Police Home Rule Act, which would repeal the President's authority to federalize the local District of Columbia police department, the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD). I am very pleased that Congresswoman CAROLYN MALONEY, Chair of the Committee on Oversight and Reform, which has jurisdiction over this bill, is an original cosponsor. The President has no authority to federalize any other local or state police department. Under the Home Rule Act, "whenever the President . . . determines that special conditions of an emergency nature exist which require the use of the [MPD] for Federal purposes, he may direct the Mayor to provide him, and the Mayor shall provide, such services of the [MPD] as the President may deem necessary and appropriate."

Under the section of the Home Rule Act that would be repealed by this bill, the President may federalize MPD for a period of not more than 30 days, unless a resolution passed by Congress extending such federalization is enacted into law. Congress may also terminate the federalization at any time by enacting a resolution into law. This bill is necessary, even with these protections, because, under the principle of self-government, the President should not have control over the District's local police department.

While it does not appear that a President has exercised this authority over MPD, this latent power is trivially unnecessary, should not exist and is an affront to MPD, which has always voluntarily assisted federal authorities. Given the events at Lafayette Square this summer, it is imperative that no President be allowed to federalize MPD. Although President Trump did not federalize MPD this summer, we understand the administration looked into the possibility. MPD's first responsibility is to protect District residents and visitors, and it must always remain under the authority of the D.C. mayor to accomplish its mission. Moreover, federalization is outdated in light of current practice. MPD regularly assists the federal government as a matter of comity and to protect the District, not as an arm of the federal government, just as I am sure other local police departments do in the region. There are approximately 30 federal police departments under the President's control in the District. In the case of a federal emergency, the President can unilaterally deploy these federal officers, as well as the D.C. National Guard, and can also request the support of MPD, as the President would do in any other jurisdiction, and as the Capitol Police did during the attack on the U.S. Capitol on January 6, 2021.

This is an important step to increase home rule for the District, and I urge my colleagues to support this bill.
As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, February 2, 2021 may be found in the Daily Digest of today’s RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

FEBRUARY 3
9:30 a.m. Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Business meeting to consider the nomination of Gina Marie Raimondo, of Rhode Island, to be Secretary of Commerce.
SR–325

10 a.m. Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
Business meeting to consider the nomination of Jennifer Muiern Granholm, of Michigan, to be Secretary of Energy; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine data and analysis by the United States’ and world’s leading authorities on global climate trends from energy related sectors, focusing on where and how progress has been made in addressing climate change.
SD–450

FEBRUARY 4
9:30 a.m. Committee on Armed Services
To receive a closed briefing on the Army response to the findings and recommendations of the Fort Hood Independent Review Committee’s assessment of the Fort Hood command climate and culture.
SD–450

10 a.m. Committee on Foreign Relations
Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.
SR–325

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Miguel A. Cardona, of Connecticut, to be Secretary of Education.
SD–430

2 p.m. Committee on Environment and Public Works
To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Michael Stanley Regan, of North Carolina, to be Administrator of the Small Business Administration.
SR–301

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee at the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

HON. CHERI BUSTOS
OF ILLINOIS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, February 1, 2021

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the acquisition of the Carroll County Mirror-Democrat by Bob Watson on November 19, 1980. Bob’s lifelong goal was to acquire and operate the Carroll County Mirror-Democrat because his father, Thomas A. Watson, and his mother, Grace, purchased the Mirror-Democrat in 1950 and ran it until 1962. The Watson family has been personally connected to the Carroll County Mirror-Democrat for 70 years.

Bob was raised in Mount Carroll, Illinois, and graduated from Mount Carroll High School in 1958. After earning a degree in journalism from Northern Illinois University in 1972, he spent eight years working for weekly and daily newspapers in Northwestern Illinois. Thomas Sr. and Grace Watson ran the Mirror-Democrat from 1950 until Thomas Sr. passed away in 1963, and did not become available for purchase again until autumn of 1980, when Bob was able to acquire it. On April 1, 1990, he also purchased the Savanna Times-Journal. His wife, Paula, who is a retired grade-school teacher, and Bob are the co-publishers of the Mirror-Democrat. They are very proud of their son, Thomas R., who is a graduate of the College of Business at the University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana and is employed by a large marketing and advertising company in Chicago. They maintain offices in downtown Mount Carroll and Savanna, publishing both weekly newspapers with a talented, veteran staff of four employees. As a former journalist, I admire their dedication to journalism and the determination they demonstrate across generations.

It is because of leaders such as Bob Watson that I am especially proud to serve Illinois’ 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to again formally congratulate Bob Watson for 40 years of owning the Mirror-Democrat.

HON. JASON SMITH
OF MISSOURI
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, February 1, 2021

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate my dear friend, Blake Hurst, on his recent retirement as president of the Missouri Farm Bureau.

Blake was first elected as the 14th president of Missouri Farm Bureau on December 7, 2010. His prior service with the organization included being a district board member on the Missouri state board for eight years and serving seven years as Missouri Farm Bureau vice president.

Blake, and his wife Julie, raise corn and soybeans in Northwest Missouri and they also operate a wholesale greenhouse business. They are blessed with 3 children and 6 grandchildren.

Looking back on Blake’s years of service, what particularly stands out is his resolve in leading the entire Missouri Farm Bureau organization in responding to and working through claims from the catastrophic tornado that struck Joplin, Missouri, on the evening of Sunday, May 22, 2011. Blake and the whole Missouri Farm Bureau organization showed great courage during that difficult time.

Founded in 1915, Missouri was the first state Farm Bureau in America, and during Blake’s tenure Missouri Farm Bureau celebrated 100 years as an organization. Other accomplishments that Blake can be proud of include helping with the passage of Missouri’s Freedom to Farm, the final rule defining Waters of the United States, and the passage of the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement. Blake even showcased his skilled dancing by appearing on a video supporting the USMCA.

Blake is well-respected by rural communities and agricultural leaders in the state of Missouri. Blake is also a freelance writer. His work has appeared in the Wall Street Journal, The Army Weekly Standard, Wilson’s Quarterly, Reader’s Digest, Today’s Farmer and the Show Me magazine of Missouri Farm Bureau.

Mr. Hurst has excelled at telling the story of agriculture in America, and he has excelled in fighting to conserve the rural way of life. I am proud to call Blake my friend and I think it’s safe to say his time at Missouri Farm Bureau will serve as a legacy for generations to come.

RECOGNIZING BOB WATSON ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF HIM ACQUIRING THE CARROLL COUNTY MIRROR–DEMOCRAT

HON. CHRISSY HURST
OF MISSOURI
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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Mrs. HURST. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the acquisition of the Carroll County Mirror-Democrat by Bob Watson on November 19, 1980. Bob’s lifelong goal was to acquire and operate the Carroll County Mirror-Democrat because his father, Thomas A. Watson, and his mother, Grace, purchased the Mirror-Democrat in 1950 and ran it until 1962. The Watson family has been personally connected to the Carroll County Mirror-Democrat for 70 years.

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HIGHLIGHTS

See Résumé of Congressional Activity.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S207–S213

Measures Introduced: Two bills were introduced, as follows: S. 144–145.

Measures Passed:

United States Capitol Police Officer Brian D. Sicknick to Lie in Honor: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 10, permitting the remains of the late United States Capitol Police Officer Brian D. Sicknick to lie in honor in the rotunda of the Capitol.

Mayorkas Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the vote on confirmation of the nomination of Alejandro Nicholas Mayorkas, of the District of Columbia, to be Secretary of Homeland Security, occur at 2:30 p.m., on Tuesday, February 2, 2021, with all other provisions of the unanimous-consent agreement of Wednesday, January 27, 2021 remaining in effect.

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 10:30 a.m., on Tuesday, February 2, 2021, Senate resume consideration of the nomination of Peter Paul Montgomery Buttigieg, of Indiana, to be Secretary of Transportation, as provided under the previous order of Thursday, January 28, 2021; and that upon disposition of the Buttigieg nomination, Senate continue consideration of the Mayorkas nomination.

Messages from the House:

Executive Communications:

Additional Cosponsors:

Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:

Additional Statements:

Adjournment: Senate convened at 3 p.m. and adjourned at 5:20 p.m., until 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, February 2, 2021. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S213.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 46 public bills, H.R. 634–679; 2 private bills, H.R. 680–681; and 17 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 10–14; and H. Res. 72–83, were introduced.

Additional Cosponsors:

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

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

Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker’s appointment of the following Members on the part of the House to the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution: Representatives Matsui and Roybal-Allard.
Permitting the remains of the late United States Capitol Police Officer Brian D. Sicknick to lie in honor in the rotunda of the Capitol: The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 10, permitting the remains of the late United States Capitol Police Officer Brian D. Sicknick to lie in honor in the rotunda of the Capitol.

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H255.

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 3 p.m. and adjourned at 3:04 p.m.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2021

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Thomas J. Vilsack, of Iowa, to be Secretary of Agriculture, 10:30 a.m., SR–301.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Kathleen Holland Hicks, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Defense, 9:30 a.m., SD–G50.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: business meeting to consider the nomination of Denis Richard McDonough, of Maryland, to be Secretary of Veterans Affairs, 12 noon, S–211, Capitol.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SVC–217.

House

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “No Time to Lose: Solutions to Increase COVID–19 Vaccinations in the States”, 11 a.m., Webex.

Committee on Rules, Full Committee, business meeting and hearing on H.R. 447, the “National Apprenticeship Act of 2021”; and H. Con. Res. 11, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2021 and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2022 through 2030, 1:30 p.m., Webex.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of February 2 through February 5, 2021

Senate Chamber

On Tuesday, Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Peter Paul Montgomery Buttigieg, of Indiana, to be Secretary of Transportation, and vote on confirmation thereon at 12 noon.

Following disposition of the Buttigieg nomination, Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of Alejandro Nicholas Mayorkas, of the District of Columbia, to be Secretary of Homeland Security, post-cloture, and vote on confirmation thereon at 2:30 p.m.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

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Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: February 3, business meeting to consider the nomination of Gina Marie Raimondo, of Rhode Island, to be Secretary of Commerce, 9:30 a.m., SR–325.

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Committee on Environment and Public Works: February 3, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Michael Stanley Regan, of North Carolina, to be Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, 2 p.m., SD–106.

Committee on Foreign Relations: February 3, business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SD–106.

February 4, Full Committee, business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SR–325.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: February 3, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Miguel A. Cardona, of Connecticut, to be Secretary of Education, 10 a.m., SD–430.
February 4, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Martin Joseph Walsh, of Massachusetts, to be Secretary of Labor, 10 a.m., SD–430.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: February 3, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Isabella Casillas Guzman, of California, to be Administrator of the Small Business Administration, 10:30 a.m., SR–301.

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House Committees

Committee on Appropriations, February 4, Full Committee, organizational meeting, 1 p.m., Webex.

Committee on Armed Services, February 3, Full Committee, organizational meeting, 11 a.m., 2118 Rayburn and Webex.


February 4, Subcommittee on Consumer Protection and Commerce, hearing entitled “Safeguarding American Consumers: Fighting Fraud and Scams During the Pandemic”, 12 p.m., Webex.

Committee on Financial Services, February 3, Full Committee, organizational meeting, 11 a.m., 2128 Rayburn and Webex.


Committee on Foreign Affairs, February 3, Full Committee, organizational meeting, 2 p.m., Webex.

Committee on Homeland Security, February 3, Full Committee, organizational meeting, 10 a.m., Webex.

February 4, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Examining the Domestic Terrorism Threat in the Wake of the Attack on the U.S. Capitol”, 10 a.m., Webex.

Committee on Oversight and Reform, February 4, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Accountability and Lessons Learned from the Trump Administration’s Child Separation Policy”, 10 a.m., Webex.

Committee on Rules, February 3, Full Committee, hearing on H. Res. 72, removing a certain Member from certain standing committees of the House of Representatives, 3 p.m., Webex.

Committee on Small Business, February 4, Full Committee, organizational meeting, 9:30 a.m., 2360 Rayburn and Webex.


Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, February 4, Full Committee, organizational meeting and hearing entitled “Protecting Transportation Workers and Passengers from COVID: Gaps in Safety, Lessons Learned, and Next Steps”, 11 a.m., 2167 Rayburn and Webex.

Committee on Ways and Means, February 4, Full Committee, organizational meeting, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth and Webex.
Résumé of Congressional Activity

FIRST SESSION OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTEENTH CONGRESS

The first table gives a comprehensive résumé of all legislative business transacted by the Senate and House. The second table accounts for all nominations submitted to the Senate by the President for Senate confirmation.

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Summary

- Total nominees carried over from the First Session | 0
- Total nominees received this Session | 357
- Total confirmed | 4
- Total unconfirmed | 352
- Total withdrawn | 1
- Total returned to the White House | 0
Next Meeting of the SENATE
10:30 a.m., Tuesday, February 2

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Peter Paul Montgomery Buttigieg, of Indiana, to be Secretary of Transportation, and vote on confirmation thereon at 12 noon.

Following disposition of the Buttigieg nomination, Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of Alejandro Nicholas Mayorkas, of the District of Columbia, to be Secretary of Homeland Security, post-cloture, and vote on confirmation thereon at 2:30 p.m.

(Senate will recess following disposition of the Buttigieg nomination until 2:15 p.m. for their respective party conferences.)

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
2 p.m., Tuesday, February 2

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: To be announced.

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