Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Friday, February 19, 2021, at 10:15 a.m.

House of Representatives

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2021

The House met at 12:30 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker.

PRAYER

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

God, You thunder wondrously with Your voice; You do great things that we cannot comprehend.
To the snow You say, “Fall on the Earth”; and the heavy shower of rain, serves as a sign on everyone’s hand, so that all whom You have made may know it.

Almighty God, when we look at the dramatic displays of nature across our country this week, we are left with no question of Your power. In awe of Your majesty, we pray that You are sending these torrents not as a sign of Your judgment but as a clear demonstration of Your dominion over all creation. May we humble ourselves to Your authority.

Recognizing the season of repentance in the Christian calendar, it behooves all of us to return to faith especially during these times requiring great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, and calamities. We yield ourselves to Your mercy this day.

We pray in the strength of Your holy name.
Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER, pursuant to section 5(a)(1)(A) of House Resolution 8, the

PLÉDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. The Chair will lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance. The SPEAKER led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

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

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER 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 February 16, 2021, at 10:24 a.m.:

That the Senate passed S. 35.
Appointments:
Senator from Ohio (Mr. PORTMAN) to read Washington’s Farewell Address.
Commission on the Naming of Items of the Department of Defense that Commemorate the Confederate States of America or Any Person Who Served Voluntarily with Confederate States of America.

With best wishes, I am,
Sincerely,
CHERYL L. JOHNSON,
Clerk.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO JOINT ECONOMIC COMMITTEE

The SPEAKER. The Chair announces her appointment, pursuant to 15 U.S.C. 1024(a), and the order of the House of January 4, 2021, of the following Members on the part of the House to the Joint Economic Committee:
Mr. Beyer, Virginia
Mr. Schweikert, Arizona

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO CONGRESSIONAL-EXECUTIVE COMMISSION ON THE PEOPLE’S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

The SPEAKER. The Chair announces her appointment, pursuant to 22 U.S.C.

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 February 16, 2021, at 10:24 a.m.:

Judgement of the Senate in the case of Donald John Trump.

With best wishes, I am,
Sincerely,
CHERYL L. JOHNSON,
Clerk.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO CONGRESSIONAL-EXECUTIVE COMMISSION ON THE PEOPLE’S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

The SPEAKER. The Chair announces her appointment, pursuant to 22 U.S.C.
REAPPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO SERVE AS CO-CHAIR OF THE TOM LANTOS HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

The SPEAKER. The Chair announces her reappointment, pursuant to section 4(b) of House Resolution 8, 117th Congress, and the order of the House of January 4, 2021, of the following Member to serve as co-chair of the Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission:

Mr. McGovern, Massachusetts, Co-chair.

Mr. SMITH, New Jersey

PUBLICATION OF COMMITTEE RULES

RULES OF THE COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES FOR THE 117TH CONGRESS


Hon. NANCY PELOSI, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

WASHINGTON, DC, February 18, 2021.

DARRELL E. ISSA, Speaker:
Pursuant to clause 2(a)(2) of Rule X of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee retains the right to exercise oversight and legislative jurisdiction over all subjects within its purview under rule 3 of the Rules of the House of Representatives.

(2) The Committee shall be organized to consist of several subcommittees with the following jurisdiction and membership:

Rules of the Committee on Armed Services, adopted its rules for the 117th Congress on February 3, 2021, and I submit them now for publication in the Congressional Record.

Sincerely,

ADAM SMITH, Chairman.

RULE 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

(a) The Rules of the House of Representatives are the rules of the Committee on Armed Services (hereinafter referred to as the “Committee”) and its subcommittees so far as applicable.

(b) Pursuant to clause 2(a)(2) of rule X of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee’s rules shall be published in electronic form and published in the Congressional Record not later than 60 days after the chair of the committee is elected in a given calendar year.

RULE 2. FULL COMMITTEE MEETING DATE

(a) The Committee shall meet every Wednesday at 10:00 a.m., when the House of Representatives is in session, and at such other times as may be fixed by the Chair of the Committee (hereinafter referred to as the “Chair”), or by written request of members of the Committee pursuant to clause 2(c)(1) of rule X of the Rules of the House of Representatives.

(b) A Wednesday meeting of the Committee may be dispensed with by the Chair, but such action may be taken only by a written request of a majority of the members of the Committee.

RULE 3. SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING DATES

Each subcommittee is authorized to meet, hold hearings, receive evidence, and report to the Committee on all matters referred to it. Insofar as possible, meetings of the Committee and its subcommittees shall not conflict. A subcommittee Chair shall set meeting dates after consultation with the Chair, other subcommittee chairs, and the ranking minority member of the subcommittee with a view toward avoiding, whenever possible, simultaneous scheduling of Committee and subcommittee meetings or hearings.

RULE 4. JURISDICTION AND MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEE AND SUBCOMMITTEES

(a) Jurisdiction

(1) The Committee retains jurisdiction of all subjects listed in clause 1(c) and clause 3(a)(1), (2), and (4) of the Rules of the House of Representatives and retains exclusive jurisdiction for defense policy generally, ongoing military operations, the organization and reform of the Department of Defense and the Department of Energy, counter-drug programs, security cooperation and humanitarian assistance activities (except special operations forces), and alliances and coalitions policy and inter-agency reform as it pertains to the Department of Defense and the nuclear weapon programs of the Department of Energy.

(2) The Committee shall be organized to consist of several subcommittees with the following jurisdiction:

(3) A member of the Committee who is not a member of the Committee or a subcommittee may be seated and vote in subcommittee hearings or meetings.

(b) Membership of the Subcommittees

(C) The phrase “science and technology programs” means science and technology programs and accounts related to research, development, testing, and evaluation, except for defense-wide programs and accounts related to research, development, testing, and evaluation of missile defense systems.

(c) Definitions—For the purposes of subparagraph (a)(2):

(A) The phrase “programs and accounts” means acquisition and modernization programs and accounts related to military intelligence, national intelligence, countering weapons of mass destruction, advanced component development and prototypes, systems development, sustainment planning, and demonstration.

(B) The term “policy” means statutes, regulations, directives, and other institutional guidance.

(C) The phrase “science and technology” means science and technology programs and related funding lines for procurement, advanced development, advanced component development and prototypes, systems development, sustainment planning, and demonstration.
RULE 7. PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF HEARINGS AND MEETINGS

(a) Pursuant to clause 2(g)(3) of rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Chair, or the Chair of any subcommittee, panel, or task force, may make a public announcement of the date, place, and subject matter of any hearing or meeting for the transacting of business before that body at least three calendar days before the commencement of a hearing and at least three calendar days (excluding Saturdays, Sundays, or legal holidays) except when the House is in session on such a day, before the commencement of a meeting. However, if the Chair, with the concurrence of the Ranking Minority Member, or the Chair of any subcommittee, panel, or task force determines that there is good cause to begin the hearing or meeting sooner, or if the Committee, subcommittee, panel, or task force so determines by majority vote, a quorum being present for the transacting of business, such Chair shall make the announcement at the earliest possible date. Any announcement made under this rule shall be promptly published in the Daily Digest, and promptly made publicly available in electronic form.

(b) At least three business days before the commencement of a meeting for the markup of legislation, or at the time of an announcement under clause (a) made within 24 hours before the commencement of a hearing, or the Chair, or the Chair of any subcommittee, panel, or task force shall cause the text of such measure or matter to be made publicly available in electronic form as provided in clause 2(g)(4) of rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives.

RULE 8. BROADCASTING OF COMMITTEE HEARINGS AND MEETINGS

(a) Pursuant to clause 2(e)(5) of rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee, shall, to the maximum extent practicable, provide audio and video coverage of each hearing or meeting for the transacting of business in a manner that allows the public to easily listen to and view the proceedings. The Committee shall maintain audio and video coverage of each hearing in a manner that is easily accessible to the public.

(b) Clause 4 of rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives shall apply to the Committee.

RULE 9. MEETINGS AND HEARINGS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

(a) Each hearing and meeting for the transacting of business is the markup of legislation, conducted by the Committee, or any subcommittee, panel, or task force, to the extent that the respective body is authorized to conduct markups, shall be open to the public except when the Committee, subcommittee, panel, or task force in open session and with a majority being present, determines by record vote that all or part of the remainder of that hearing or meeting on that day shall be in executive session because disclosure of testimony, evidence, or any matter which would endanger the national security, would compromise sensitive law enforcement information, or would violate any law or rule of the House of Representatives, conducted by the Committee, subcommittee, panel, or task force, in open session.

(b) Whenever it is asserted by a member of the Committee, subcommittee, panel, or task force that the evidence or testimony at a hearing may tend to defame, degrade, or incriminate any person, or it is asserted by a witness that the evidence or testimony that the witness would give at a hearing may tend to defame, degrade, or incriminate the witness, notwithstanding the requirements of paragraph (a) and the provisions of clause 2(g)(3) of rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives and in accordance with the provisions of clause 2(g)(2)(B) of rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives, such evidence or testimony shall be presented in executive session, if by a majority vote of those present, there being in attendance no fewer than two members of the Committee, subcommittee, panel, or task force, the Committee, subcommittee, panel, or task force determines that such evidence may tend to defame, degrade, or incriminate any person.

RULE 10. QUORUM

(a) For purposes of taking testimony and receiving evidence, two members shall constitute a quorum.

(b) One-third of the members of the Committee or subcommittee shall constitute a quorum.
quorum for taking any action, with the following exceptions, in which case a majority of the Committee or subcommittee shall constitute a quorum:

(1) Reporting a measure or recommendation;

(2) Closing Committee or subcommittee meetings and hearings to the public;

(3) Issuance of subpoenas;

(4) Authorizing the use of executive session material; and

(5) Voting to proceed in open session after voting to close to discuss whether evidence or testimony to be received would tend to defame, degrade, or incriminate any person.

(c) A request for a subcommittee or task force hearing shall be reported to the House of Representatives unless a majority of the Committee is actually present.

RULE 11. THE FIVE-MINUTE RULE

(a) Subject to rule 15, the time any one member may address the Committee, subcommittee, panel, or task force on any measure or matter under consideration shall not exceed five minutes and then only when the member has been recognized by the Chair or subcommittee Chair, as appropriate, except that this time limit may be exceeded by unanimous agreement of any member, upon request, shall be recognized for not more than five minutes to address the Committee or subcommittee on behalf of an amendment which has been offered to the pending bill or resolution. The five-minute limitation shall not apply to the Chair and the Ranking Minority Member or the Chair and the ranking minority member of a subcommittee, panel, or task force.

(b)(1) Members who are present at a hearing of the Committee, subcommittee, panel, or task force when hearing is not to be convened shall be recognized by the Chair or subcommittee, panel, or task force Chair, as appropriate, in order of seniority. Those members who are subsequently recognized shall be recognized in order of their arrival. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Chair and the Ranking Minority Member or the Chair and the ranking minority member of a subcommittee, panel, or task force, as appropriate, will take precedence upon their arrival. In recognizing members to question witnesses, the Chair and the Ranking Minority Member or the Chair shall take into consideration the ratio of the majority to minority members present and shall not recognize members of the same party more frequently than other members of the opposite party.

(2) Pursuant to rule 4 and subject to rule 15, a member of a subcommittee who is not a member of a subcommittee, panel, or task force may be recognized by a subcommittee, panel, or task force Chair in order of their arrival and after all present subcommittee, panel, or task force members have been recognized.

(3) The Chair of the Committee or the Chair of a subcommittee, panel, or task force, with the concurrence of the respective ranking minority member, may depart with the regular order for questioning which is specified in paragraphs (a) and (b) of this rule provided that such a decision is announced prior to the hearing or prior to the opening statements of the witnesses and that any subcommittee may choose to separate the major party that is not represented equally to the majority and the minority.

(c) No person other than a Member, Delegate, or Resident Commissioner of Congress and certain others may be seated or heard beyond the dais area during Committee, subcommittee, panel, or task force hearings and meetings.

RULE 12. POWER TO SIT AND ACT; SUBPOENA POWER

(a) For the purpose of carrying out any of its functions and duties under rules X and XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee and any subcommittee is authorized (subject to subparagraph (b)(1) of this paragraph):

(1) to sit and act at such times and places within the United States, whether the House is in session, has recessed, or has adjourned, and to hold hearings, and

(2) to require by subpoena, or otherwise, the attendance and testimony of such witnesses and the production of such books, records, correspondence, memorandums, papers and documents, including, but not limited to, those in electronic form, as it considers necessary.

(b)(1) A subpoena may be authorized and issued by the Committee, or any subcommittee, with the concurrence of the Chair and after consultation with the Ranking Minority Member, under subparagraph (a)(2) of this rule, in the conduct of any investigation, or series of investigations or activities, only when authorized by a majority of the members voting, a majority of the Committee or subcommittee being present. Authorized subpoenas shall be signed only by the Chair, or by any member designated by the Committee.

(2) Pursuant to clause (d) of rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives, in order to effectuate compliance with any subpoena issued by the Committee or any subcommittee under subparagraph (a)(2) may be enforced only as authorized or directed by the House of Representatives.

RULE 13. WITNESS STATEMENTS

(a) Any prepared statement to be presented by a witness to the Committee or a subcommittee, panel, or task force shall be submitted to the Committee, subcommittee, panel, or task force at least 48 hours in advance of presentation and shall be distributed to all members of the Committee, subcommittee, panel, or task force as soon as practicable but not less than 24 hours in advance of presentation. A copy of any such prepared statement shall also be submitted to the Committee in electronic form. If a prepared statement contains national security information bearing a classification of Confidential or higher, the statement shall not be distribut ed to all members of the Committee, subcommittee, panel, or task force as soon as practicable but not less than 24 hours in advance of presentation. A copy of any such prepared statement shall also be submitted to the Committee in electronic form. If any error or corrections, other than those in transcription, shall be made publicly available not later than one day after the witness appears.

(b) The Chair of the Committee or the subcommittee, panel, or task force shall have not more than five minutes to address the Committee or any subcommittee, panel, or task force who so desire shall have not more than five minutes to question each witness or panel of witnesses, any responses of which may be included if the witnesses being included in the five-minute period, until such time as each member has had an opportunity to question each witness or panel of witnesses. In rounds for questioning witnesses by members are within the discretion of the Chair or the subcommittee, panel, or task force Chair, as appropriate, for that purpose according to rule 11 of the Committee.

(c) Questions put to witnesses before the Committee, subcommittee, panel, or task force shall be pertinent to the measure or matter that may be under consideration of the Committee, subcommittee, panel, or task force for consideration.

RULE 14. ADMINISTERING OATHS TO WITNESSES

The transcripts of committee or subcommittee hearings conducted by the Committee, subcommittee, panel, or task force will be published officially in substantially verbatim form, with any request for redactions to protect the privacy of witnesses understood to be included in the transcript. Any requests to correct any errors, other than those in transcription, will be appended to the record, and any transcript published offi cially in substantially verbatim form. Any transcript published under this rule shall include the results of record votes conducted in the session and shall also include materials that have been submitted for the record and are covered under rule 19. The handling and safekeeping of these materials shall fully satisfy the requirements of rule 20. No transcript of an executive session conducted under rule 9 shall be published under this rule.

RULE 15. QUESTIONING OF WITNESSES

(a) The Chair, or any member designated by the Chair, may administer oaths to any witness when sworn, shall subscribe to the following oath:

“Do you solemnly swear (or affirm) that the testimony you will give before this Committee (or subcommittee, panel, or task force) is the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God?”

(b) Witnesses, when sworn, shall subscribe to the following oath:

(1) to sit and act at such times and places within the United States, whether the House is in session, has recessed, or has adjourned, and to hold hearings, and

(2) to require by subpoena, or otherwise, the attendance and testimony of such witnesses and the production of such books, records, correspondence, memorandums, papers and documents, including, but not limited to, those in electronic form, as it considers necessary.

(c) Pursuant to clause (d) of rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives, in order to effectuate compliance with any subpoena issued by the Committee or any subcommittee under subparagraph (a)(2) may be enforced only as authorized or directed by the House of Representatives.

RULE 16. QUESTIONING OF WITNESSES

The transcripts of committee or subcommittee hearings conducted by the Committee, subcommittee, panel, or task force shall be published officially in substantially verbatim form, with any request for redactions to protect the privacy of witnesses understood to be included in the transcript. Any requests to correct any errors, other than those in transcription, will be appended to the record, and any transcript published officially in substantially verbatim form. Any transcript published under this rule shall include the results of record votes conducted in the session and shall also include materials that have been submitted for the record and are covered under rule 19. The handling and safekeeping of these materials shall fully satisfy the requirements of rule 20. No transcript of an executive session conducted under rule 9 shall be published under this rule.

RULE 17. VOTING AND ROLLCALLS

(a) Voting on a measure or matter may be by record vote, division vote, voice vote, or unanimous consent.

(b) A record vote shall be ordered upon the request of one-fifth of those members present.

(c) No vote by any member of the Committee or a subcommittee with respect to any such measure or matter shall be cast by proxy.

(d) In the event of a vote or votes, when a member is in attendance at any other committee, subcommittee, or conference committee meeting during that time, the necessity absence of that member shall be noted in the record vote record, upon timely notification to the Chair by that member.

(e) The Chair, with the concurrence of the Ranking Minority Member, or the Chair of a
subcommittee, as appropriate, with the concurrence of the respective ranking minority member or the most senior minority member who is present at the time, may elect to postpone requested record votes until such time or point at a markup as is mutually decided. When proceedings resume on a postponed question, notwithstanding any inter- vention, the total of previous votes cast the underlying proposition shall remain subject to further debate or amendment to the same extent as when the question was postponed.

RULE 14. COMMITTEE RECORDS

(a) If, at the request of any measure or matter by the Committee, any member of the Committee gives timely notice of intention to file supplemental, minority, addition, or committee views, all members shall be entitled to not less than two calendar days (excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays except when the House is in session on such days) in which to file such written and signed views (including in electronic form) with the Staff Director of the Committee, or the Staff Director's designee. All views so filed by the or more members of the Committee shall be included within, and shall be a part of, the report filed by the Committee with respect to that measure or matter.

(b) With respect to each record vote on a motion to report any measure or matter, and on any amendment offered to the measure or matter, all members shall be given appropriate safekeeping.

(c) Not later than 24 hours after the adoption of any amendment or 48 hours after the disposition or withdrawal of any other amendment to a measure or matter considered by the Committee, the Chair shall cause the text of each such amendment to be made publicly available in electronic form as provided in clause 2(a)(8) of rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives.

RULE 19. PUBLIC INSPECTION OF COMMITTEE ROLLCALLS

The result of each record vote in any meeting of the Committee and by any subcommittee shall be available in electronic form within 48 hours of such record vote pursuant to clause 2(e)(ii)(B)(i) of rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives. Information so available shall include a description of the amendment, motion, order, or other proposition and the name of each member voting for and against the amendment, motion, order, or other proposition and the names of those members present but not voting.

RULE 20. PROTECTION OF NATIONAL SECURITY AND OTHER INFORMATION

(a) Except as provided in clause 2(g) of rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives, all national security information bearing a Confidential or other designation which has been received by the Committee or any subcommittee shall be deemed to have been received in executive session and shall be given appropriate safekeeping.

(b) The Chair shall, with the approval of a majority of the Committee, establish such procedures as in his judgment may be necessary to ensure access to this information by any member of the Committee or any other member, Delegate, or Resident Commissioner of the House of Representatives, staff members of the Committee, or staff of any subcommittee under rule 9(c) who have the appropriate security clearances and the need to know, who has requested the opportunity to review such material.

(c) The Chair shall, in consultation with the Ranking Minority Member, establish such procedures as in his judgment may be necessary to prevent the unauthorized disclosure of any proprietary information that is received by the Committee, subcommittee, panel, or task force designated by the Chair or the chairs of the subcommittees shall be subject to the Rules of the House of Representatives.

RULE 22. COMMITTEE RECORDS

The records of the Committee at the National Archives and Records Administration shall be made available for public use in accordance with rule VII of the Rules of the House of Representatives. The Chair shall notify the Ranking Minority Member of any decision, pursuant to clause 3(b)(3) or clause 4(b) of rule VII, to withhold a record otherwise available, and the matter shall be presented to the Committee for determination on the written request of any member of the Committee.

RULE 21. HEARING PROCEDURES

Clause 2(k) of rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives shall apply to the Committee.

RULE 24. COMMITTEE ACTIVITY REPORTS

Not later than January 2nd of each odd-numbered year the Committee shall submit to the House a report on its activities, pursuant to clause 1(d) of rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives.

PUBLICATION OF COMMITTEE RULES

RULES OF THE COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY FOR THE 117TH CONGRESS


DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: Pursuant to clause 2(a) of rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives, I submit the Rules of the Committee on Homeland Security for the 117th Congress of the House of Representatives. On February 3rd, 2021, the Committee met in open session and adopted the text of each such amendment to be made publicly available in electronic form as provided in clause 2(e)(8) of rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives.

Sincerely,

BENNIE G. THOMPSON,
Chairman.

(Adopted February 3, 2021)

RULE I.—GENERAL PROVISIONS

(A) Applicability of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives.—The Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives (the ‘House’) are the rules of the Committee on Homeland Security (the ‘Committee’) and its subcommittees insofar as applicable.

(B) Applicability to Subcommittees.—Except where the terms ‘Full Committee’ and ‘subcommittee’ are specifically mentioned, the following rules shall apply to the Committee’s subcommittees and their respective Chairs and Ranking Minority Members to the same extent as to the Full Committee and its Chair and Ranking Minority Member.

(C) Appointments by the Chair.—Clause 2(d) of rule XI of the House shall govern the designation of a Vice Chair of the Full Committee.

(D) Conferences.—The Chair is authorized to offer a motion under clause 1 of Rule XXII of the Rules of the House whenever the Chair considers it appropriate.

(E) Committee Website.—The Chair shall maintain an official Committee website for the purposes of furthering the Committee’s legislative and oversight responsibilities, including communicating information about the Committee’s activities to Committee Members, other Members, and the public at large. The Ranking Minority Member may maintain a similar website for the same purposes. The official Committee website shall display a link on its home page to the website maintained by the Ranking Minority Member.

(F) Activity Report.—The Committee shall submit a report to the House on the activities of the Committee in accordance with House rule XI(d).

RULE II.—SUBCOMMITTEES

(A) Generally.—The Full Committee shall be organized into the following six standing subcommittees and each shall have specific responsibility for such measures or matters as the Chair refers to it:

(1) Subcommittee on Border Security, Facilitation, and Operations

(2) Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection, and Innovation

(3) Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Resilience

(4) Subcommittee on Intelligence and Counterterrorism

(5) Subcommittee on Oversight, Management, and Accountability

(6) Subcommittee on Transportation and Maritime Security

(B) Selection and Ratio of Subcommittee Members.—The Chair and Ranking Minority Member of the Full Committee shall select their respective Members of each subcommittee. The ratio of Majority to Minority Members for a subcommittee shall be comparable to the Full Committee, consistent with the party ratios established by the Majority party, except that each subcommittee shall have at least two more Majority Members than Minority Members.

(C) Ex Officio Members.—The Chair and Ranking Minority Member of the Full Committee shall be authorized to select subcommittee Members but are not authorized to vote on matters that arise before each subcommittee. The Chair and Ranking Minority Member of each subcommittee shall be comparable to the Full Committee.

RULE III.—SPECIAL COMMITTEE PANELS

(A) Chairperson.—The Chair of the Full Committee may designate a special panel of the Committee consisting of Members of the Committee to inquire into and take testimony, mark up legislation, and report to the Full Committee on all matters within its purview. Subcommittee Chairs shall set hearing and meeting dates only with the approval of the Chair of the Full Committee. To the greatest extent practicable, no more than one meeting and hearing should be scheduled for a given time.

(B) Party Ratios and Appointment.—The chairperson of the special panel shall be appointed by the Chair of the Full Committee. The Ranking Minority Member of the Full Committee may select a ranking minority member for a panel and may designate a maximum of three minority members, consistent with the ratio of the full committee. The Chair and Ranking
Minority Member may serve as ex officio members.

(C) Duration.—No special panel shall continue in existence for more than six months.

(D) Appointment to the panel shall have legislative jurisdiction.

RULE IV.—REGULAR MEETINGS

(A) Regular Meeting Date.—The regular meeting date and time for the transaction of business of a full committee shall be published in the Federal Register at 10:00 a.m. on the first Wednesday that the House is in session each month, unless otherwise directed by the Chair.

(B) Additional Meetings.—At the discretion of the Chair, additional meetings of the Committee may be scheduled for the consideration of any legislation or other matters pending before the Committee, or to conduct any other Committee business. The Committee shall meet for such purposes pursuant to the call of the Chair.

(C) Consideration.—Except in the case of a special meeting held under clause 2(c)(2) of House Rule XI, the determination of the business to be considered at each meeting of the Committee may be scheduled for the consideration of the public including to radio, television, and still photography coverage, except as provided by Rule XI of the Rules of the House or when the Committee, in open session and without a quorum, determines by record vote that all or part of the remainder of that hearing on that day will be open to the public including to radio, television, and still photography coverage, except because of disclosure of testimony, evidence, or other matters to be considered would endanger the national security, compromise sensitive law enforcement information, tend to defame, degrade or incriminate a witness, or violate any law or rule of the House of Representatives.

(R) The Committee or Subcommittee may meet in executive session for up to five additional consecutive days of hearings if agreed to by the same procedure.

 RULE V.—NOTICE AND PUBLICATION

(A) Notice.—

(1) Hearings.—(a) Pursuant to clause 2(g)(3) of rule V, the Chair of the House of Representatives, or the designee of the Chair, if the Chair is absent or otherwise directed by the Chair, shall make public announcement of the date, time, place, and subject matter of any hearing before the Committee or any subcommittee, which may not commence earlier than one week after such notice.

(b) However, a hearing may begin sooner than specified in (a) if the Chair of the Committee, with the concurrence of the Ranking Minority Member, determines that there is good cause to begin such hearing sooner, or if the Committee so determines by majority vote, a quorum being present for the transaction of business. If such a determination is made, the Chair shall make the announcement required under (a) at the earliest possible date. To the extent practicable, the names of all witnesses scheduled to appear at such hearing shall be provided to Members of the Committee at least 48 hours prior to the commencement of such hearing.

(2) Meetings.—

(a) The Chair shall announce the date, time, place, and subject matter of any meeting, which may not commence earlier than the third calendar day (excluding Saturdays, Sundays, or legal holidays except when the House is in session) after such a day or Monday if Members have notice thereof except in the case of a special meeting called under clause 2(c)(2) of House Rule XI. These notice requirements may be waived if the Chair with the concurrence of the Ranking Minority Member, determines that there is good cause to begin the meeting sooner or if the Committee so determines by majority vote, a quorum being present for the transaction of business;

(b) at least 48 hours prior to the commencement of a meeting for the markup of legislation, or at the time of announcement of the meeting, if less than 48 hours under Rule V,

(c) Not later than 24 hours after concluding a meeting to consider legislation, the text of such legislation as ordered forward or reported, as amended if amended and agreed to or defeated, shall be made publicly available in electronic form and posted on the official Committee website.

(D) If adjourned, the Chair shall provide notice of the date, time, place, and subject matter of a Member briefing. To the extent practicable, a Member briefing shall not commence earlier than the third day on which Members have notice thereof.

(4) Publication.—House Rule XI 2(g)(3)(C) is hereby repealed.

RULE VI.—OPEN MEETINGS AND HEARINGS

(A) Open Meetings.

(1) All meetings and hearings of the Committee shall be open to the public including to radio, television, and still photography coverage, except as provided by Rule XI of the Rules of the House or when the Committee, in open session and without a quorum, determines by record vote that all or part of the remainder of that hearing on that day will be open to the public including to radio, television, and still photography coverage, except because of disclosure of testimony, evidence, or other matters to be considered would endanger the national security, compromise sensitive law enforcement information, tend to defame, degrade or incriminate a witness, or violate any law or rule of the House of Representatives.

(R) The Committee or Subcommittee may meet in executive session for up to five additional consecutive days of hearings if agreed to by the same procedure.

 RULE VII.—PROCEDURES FOR MEETINGS AND HEARINGS

(A) Opening Statements.—At any meeting of the Committee, the Chair and Ranking Minority Member shall be entitled to present oral opening statements of five minutes each. Other Members, at the Chair’s discretion, may submit written opening statements for the record. The Chair presiding over the meeting may permit additional opening statements by other Members of the Full Committee or of that subcommittee, with the concurrence of the Ranking Minority Member.

(B) The Five-Minute Rule.—The time any Member may address the Committee on any bill, motion, or other matter under consideration by the Committee shall not exceed five minutes, and then only when the Member has been recognized by the Chair except that this time limit may be extended when permitted by unanimous consent.

(C) Postponement of Vote.—The Chair may administratively postpone any vote ordered on the record of a proposal until the next scheduled Committee meeting. The Committee, by motion, may permit Committee staff of the Majority and Minority to question a witness for a period longer than five minutes, but the time allotted must be equally apportioned to the Majority party and the Minority and may not exceed one hour in the aggregate.

(D) Election of Officers.—The Chair, in consultation with the Ranking Minority Member, may, by motion, elect the Committee staff of the Majority and Minority to question a witness for a period longer than five minutes, but the time allotted must be equally apportioned to the Majority and Minority staff and may not exceed one hour in the aggregate.

(E) Minority Witnesses.—House Rule XI 2(j)(2) is hereby incorporated by reference.

(F) Oath or Affirmation.—The Chair of the Committee or any Member designated by the Chair, may administer an oath to any witness.

(G) Statements by Witnesses.—(1) Consistent with the notice given, and to the greatest extent practicable, each witness shall submit a prepared or written statement for the record of the proceedings (including, where practicable, an electronic copy), and the Chair, after consultation with the Clerk of the Committee, may permit Committee staff of the Minority to question a witness for a period longer than five minutes, but the time allotted must be equally apportioned to the Majority party and the Minority.

(2) In the case of a witness appearing in a non-governmental capacity, a written statement of proposed testimony shall include a description of either the federal grant or contract, or contracts or payments originating with a foreign government, received during the current calendar year or either of the two preceding calendar years by the witness or by an entity represented by the witness and related to the subject matter of the hearing. Such disclosure shall include the source of each Federal grant (or subgrant thereof) or contract (or subcontracts thereof) related to the subject matter of the hearing, and the amount and contract of origin of any payment or contract related to the subject matter jurisdiction of the hearing originating
with a foreign government. Such statements, with the appropriate redactions to protect the privacy or security of the witness, shall be made publicly available in electronic form no later than one day after the witness appears.

RULE IX.—QUORUM
Quorum Requirements.—Two Members shall constitute a quorum for purposes of taking testimony, receiving evidence, and deliberating. A quorum of the Members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum for conducting business, except for (1) reporting a measure or recommendation to the House; (2) conducting scheduled meetings and hearings, to ensure that a quorum for any purpose will include at least one Minority Member of the Committee.

RULE X.—DECORUM
(A) Breaches of Decorum.—The Chair may punish breaches of decorum and disciplinary conduct by censure and exclusion from a hearing or meeting; and the Committee may cite the offender to the House for contempt.
(B) Access to the dais.—Access to the dais before, during, and after a hearing, markup, or other meeting of the Committee shall be limited to Members and staff of the Committee, or to persons whose presence on the dais will be required in the performance of their duties. If their employment is the author of a measure or amendment under consideration by the Committee, but only during the time that the measure or amendment is under consideration by the Committee, or otherwise at the discretion of the Chair, or of the Ranking Minority Member for personal staff employed by a Minority Member.
(C) Wireless Communications Use Prohibited.—During a hearing, mark-up, or other meeting of the Committee, ringing or audible sounds or conversational use of cellular telephones or other electronic devices is prohibited in the Committee room.
(D) Access to Committee Proceedings.—During any covered period pursuant to section 3(c) of H. Res. 8, each individual physically present at a Committee proceeding or in Committee space must properly wear a protective face mask in that space.

RULE XI.—REFERRALS TO SUBCOMMITTEES
Referral of Bills and Other Matters by the Chair.—Except for bills and other matters retained by the Chair for Full Committee consideration, each bill or other matter referred to the Full Committee shall be referred by the Chair to one or more subcommittees within two weeks of receipt by the Committee. In referring any measure or matter to a subcommittee, the Chair may specify a date by which the subcommittee shall report thereon. The Chair may modify or rescind a referral. Bills or other matters referred to subcommittees may be reactivated or discharged by the Chair.

RULE XII.—SPOKENA CONCEAL
(A) Authorization.—The power to authorize and issue subpoenas is delegated to the Chair of the Full Committee, as provided for under clause 2(h)(3)(A)(i) of Rule XI of the Rules of the House. The Chair shall notify the Ranking Minority Member prior to issuing any subpoena under such authority. To the extent practicable, the Chair shall notify the Ranking Minority Member at least 24 hours in advance of a subpoena being issued under such authority, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and Federal holidays. The Chair of the Full Committee shall notify Members of the Committee of the authorization and issuance of a subpoena in writing no later than one day after its issuance, but in no event later than one week after service of such subpoena.
(B) Disclosure.—Provisions may be included in a subpoena to the confidentiality of witnesses and the counsel of the Chair and the Ranking Minority Member of the Full Committee, or by the Committee, to prevent the disclosure of the Full Committee’s deliberations or information deemed necessary for the security of information or the progress of an investigation, including but not limited to prohibiting the revelation by witnesses and their counsel of Full Committee’s inquiries.
(C) Subpoena duces tecum.—A subpoena duces tecum may be issued whose return to the Committee Clerk shall occur at a time and place other than that of a regularly scheduled meeting.
(D) Maintaining witness or entity before the Committee in response to a document request, request for transcribed interview, or subpoena from the Committee is in connection with testimony before the Committee at a hearing, counsel for the witness or entity must promptly submit to the Committee a notice of appearance specifying the witness or entity’s name, firm or organization, and contact information; and (b) each client represented by the counsel in connection with the proceeding.
(E) Subpoena duces tecum—Subpoena duces tecum con- sutes acknowledgement that counsel is authorized to accept service of process by the Committee on behalf of such client(s), and that counsel agrees to comply with all applicable House and Committee rules and regulations.

RULE XIII.—COMMITTEE STAFF
(A) Generally.—Committee staff members are subject to the provisions of clause 9 of House Rule X and must be eligible to be considered for routine access to classified information.
(B) Staff Assignments.—For purposes of these rules, Committee staff means the employees of the Committee, to include: (1) Members of the Committee; (2) Members of the Committee’s Majority staff; (3) any other action for which an accept for (1) reporting a measure or rec- iew, by witnesses and their counsel of Full Committee’s inquiries.

RULE XIV.—CLASSIFIED AND CONTROLLED UNCLASSIFIED INFORMATION
(A) Security Precautions.—Committee staff offices, including Majority and Minority offices, shall operate under strict security procedures authorized by the Chair of the Committee. A security officer shall be on duty at all times during normal office hours. Classified documents and information must be handled in a manner that no event later than one week after service of such subpoena.
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but shall not be limited to, immediate dismisal from the Committee staff, criminal referral to the Justice Department, and notification of the Speaker of the House. With respect to Minority staff, the Chair shall consider such disciplinary action in consultation with the Ranking Minority Member.

**RULE XV.—COMMITTEE RECORDS**

(A) Committee Records.—House Rule XI 2(e) is hereby incorporated by reference.

(B) Legislative Calendar.—The Clerk of the Committee shall maintain a printed calendar for the Committee showing any procedural or legislative measures considered or scheduled to be considered by the Committee, and the status of such measures at other times. All measures the Committee determines shall be included. The calendar shall be revised from time to time to show pertinent changes. A copy of such revisions shall be made available to each Member of the Committee upon request.

(C) Members Right To Access.—Members of the Committee and of the House shall have access to all official Committee Records. Access to Committee files shall be limited to examination within the Committee offices at reasonable times. Access to Committee Records classified information shall be provided in a manner consistent with these rules.

(D) Removal of Committee Records.—Files and records of the Committee are not to be removed from the Committee offices. No Committee files or records that are not made publicly available shall be photographed by any Member.

(E) Executive Session Records.—Evidence or testimony received by the Committee in executive session shall not be released or made available to the public unless authorized by the Chairman, a majority being present.

Such information may be made available to appropriate government personnel for purposes of classification. Members may examine the Committee's executive session records, but may not make copies of, or take personal notes from, such records.

(F) Availability of Committee Records.—The Committee shall keep a complete record of all Committee action including recorded votes and attendance at hearings and meetings. Records that are available for public inspection shall include a description of each amendment, motion, order, or other proposition, and the name of the Member who offered the amendment, motion, order, or other proposition, and the name of each Member voting for and against the amendment, motion, order, or proposition, as well as the names of those Members present but not voting. Such record shall be made available to the public at reasonable times within the Committee offices and also made publicly available in electronic form and posted on the official Committee web site within 48 hours of such record.

(G) Separate and Distinct.—All Committee records and files must be kept separate and distinct from the office records of the Members of the Committee and of the Ranking Minority Member. Records and files of Members' personal offices shall not be considered records or files of the Committee.

(H) Committee Records.—At the conclusion of each Congress, non-current records of the Committee shall be delivered to the Archivist of the United States in accordance with Rule VII of the Rules of the House. The Chair shall notify the Ranking Minority Member of any decision, pursuant to clause 3(b)(3) or clause 4(b) of the Rule, to withhold a record otherwise available, and the matter shall be presented to the Full Committee for determination on the request of any member of the Committee. The Chair shall consult with the Ranking Minority Member on any communication from the Archivist of the United States or the Clerk of the House concerning the disposition of noncurrent records pursuant to clause 3(b) of the Rule.

**PUBLICATION OF COMMITTEE RULES**

**RULES OF THE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS’ AFFAIRS FOR THE 117TH CONGRESS**

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, Washington, DC, February 18, 2021.**

Hon. Nancy Pelosi, Speaker, House of Representatives,

Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: Pursuant to Rule XI, Clause 2(a) of the Rules of the House of Representatives, I request that you submit the Rules of the 117th Congress for the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs for publication in the Congressional Record. The Committee has adopted the Rules with the quorum being present, at our organizational meeting on Thursday, February 11, 2021.

Sincerely,

MARK TAKANO, Chairman.

**RULE 1—GENERAL PROVISIONS**

(A) Applicability of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives.—In General.—The rules of the U.S. House of Representatives (the House) are the rules of the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs (Committee) and its subcommittees so far as applicable.

(b) Rules of the Subcommittees.—Each subcommittee of the Committee is a part of the Committee and the authority and direction of the Committee and to its rules so far as applicable. Written rules of the Committee, not inconsistent with the Rules of the House, shall be binding on each subcommittee of the Committee.

(c) Incorporation of House Rule on Committee Procedure.—Clause 2 of House rule XI, which pertains entirely to committee procedure, is incorporated and made part of the rules of the Committee so far as applicable.

(d) Privilege of the Committee.—A motion to recess from day to day, a motion to recess subject to the call of the Chair (within 24 hours), and a motion to dispense with the filing of a bill or resolution if printed copies are available, shall be privileged and decided without debate.

(e) Conferences.—Clause 2(c)(3) of House rule XI, the Chair is authorized to offer a motion under clause 1 of House rule XXII whenever the Chair considers it appropriate.

(f) Vice Chair.—Pursuant to clause 2(d) of House rule XI, the Chair of the Committee shall designate the Vice Chair of the Committee.

(g) Taking of Petitions.—Pursuant to section 3(b) of House Resolution 8 of the 117th Congress, the Chair upon consultation with the Ranking Minority Member may order the taking of deposits, including pursuant to subpoena, by a member or counsel of the Committee, for the consideration of any bill or resolution pending before the Committee or for the conduct of other business. The Chair shall meet for such purpose pursuant to the call of the Chair.

**Congressional Budget Office Scoring.—**The Committee shall have the ability to include or withdraw a bill or resolution for consideration during a Committee markup which is not accompanied by
an accounting from the Congressional Budget Office of the mandatory and discretionary costs or savings associated with such bill or resolution.

The testimony from the Congressional Budget Office need not be official, but is expected to provide Committee members with an approximation of the budgetary impact of a bill or resolution. Committee members may have prior notice of their scheduled testimony to favorably forward or report such bill or resolution. The requirements of this paragraph shall be satisfied by a majority of Committee members, a quorum being present.

(h) Notice and Approval of Committee Investigative Reports or Studies.—Only those investigations or studies approved by a majority vote of the Committee at a meeting at which a quorum is present may be ordered printed, unless otherwise required by the rules of the House of Representatives.

A proposed investigative report or study shall not be considered in the Committee unless the report has been available to the members of the Committee for at least seven calendar days before consideration of such proposed report or study in the Committee.

RULE 3—HEARINGS

(a) Notice of Hearing.—The Chair, in the case of a hearing to be conducted by the Committee, shall publicly announce the date, place, and subject matter of any hearing to be conducted by the Committee, at least one week before the commencement of that hearing, unless in accordance with clause 2(g)(3)(B) of House rule XI.

(b) Determination of Majority Vote.—The concurrence of the Ranking Minority Member, determines that there is good cause to begin the hearing at an earlier date, or that the Committee determines by majority vote of the quorum required under Committee rule 4(a) that a hearing may begin earlier than one week after announcement of the hearing required under this subsection. An announcement made under this subparagraph shall be published promptly in the Daily Digest and made publicly available in electronic form.

(c) Requirements for Testimony.—(1) Pursuant to clause 2(g)(3) of House rule XI, each witness who is to appear before the Committee shall file with the clerk of the Committee, at least 48 hours (exclusive of weekends and holidays) in advance of his or her appearance before the Committee, a written statement of his or her proposed testimony. Each witness, to the greatest extent practicable, provide a copy of such written testimony in an electronic format prescribed by the Chair. Each witness shall limit initial presentations to a brief summary of the written statement.

(2)(A) In the case of a witness appearing in a non-governmental capacity, a written statement of proposed testimony shall include a curriculum vitae and a disclosure of any Federal grants or contracts, or contracts or grants originating with any Federal agency, received during the past 36 months by the witness or by an entity represented by the witness and related to the subject matter of the hearing. At a disclosure of whether the witness is a fiduciary (including, but not limited to, a director, officer, advisor, or resident agent) of any organization or entity that has an interest in the subject matter of the hearing.

(B) The disclosure required by this rule shall include the amount and source of any Federal grants or contracts or contracts or grants originating with any Federal agency, received during the past 36 months by the witness or by an entity represented by the witness and related to the subject matter of the hearing. The disclosure shall include the amount and country of origin of any payment, received during the past 36 months by the witness or by an entity represented by the witness and related to the subject matter of the hearing originating with a foreign government.

(c) Calling and Questioning Witnesses.—(1) Committee members may question witnesses only when they have been recognized by the Chair of the Committee for that purpose. Committee members may individually question witnesses in open hearings only when the question was postponed and until all members present have had an opportunity to question a witness. The questioning of witnesses in Committee hearings shall be initiated by the Ranking Minority Member and all other members alternating between the majority and minority. Except as otherwise announced by the Chair at the start of the hearing, witnesses who are present at the start of the hearing will be recognized before other members who arrive after the hearing has begun. In recognizing members in this fashion, the Chair shall take into consideration the ratio of the majority to minority members present and shall establish the order of recognition for questioning in such a manner as not to disadvantage the members of the majority.

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (1) regarding the 5-minute rule, and pursuant to clause 2(j) of House rule XI, the Chair at a hearing shall announce that a specified limit on the number of Committee members to question a witness for longer than 5 minutes. The time for extended questioning of a witness under this paragraph may be apportioned among the majority party and the minority party and may not exceed one hour in the aggregate. In no event shall the Chair allow a member to question a witness for longer than 5 minutes under this rule until all members present have had the opportunity to ask questions under the 5-minute rule. The Chair after consultation with the Ranking Minority Member may permit Committee staff for its majority and minority party members to question a witness for equal specified periods. The order of questioning of witnesses by staff shall be equal for the majority party and the minority party and may not exceed one hour in the aggregate.

(3) Pursuant to clause 2(k) of House rule XI, the Chair at a hearing shall announce in an opening statement the subject of the hearing, and a copy of the committee rules and of clause 2 of House rule XI shall be made available to each witness on request.

(A) Witnesses at hearings may be accompanied by their own counsel for the purpose of advising them concerning their constitutional rights. The Chair may punish breaches of order and decorum, and of professional ethics on the part of counsel, by censure and exclusion from the hearings; and the Committee may cite the offender to the House for contempt.

(ii) the Committee shall proceed to receive such testimony and evidence adduced at its hearing.

(F) A witness may obtain a transcript copy of the testimony of such witness given at a public hearing or, if given at an executive session, when authorized by the Committee.

(iii) Non-Committee members may be invited to sit at the dias for and participate in Committee hearings with the unanimous consent of the members present. Further, non-Committee members may be recognized for questioning of witnesses only after all Committee members have first been recognized.

(G) Pursuant to House rule XI clause 2(j)(i), when a hearing is conducted by the Committee, a majority of the minority members of the Committee shall be entitled, upon request to the Chair of a majority of those minority members before the completion of the hearing, to call witnesses selected by the minority to testify with respect to that measure or matter during at least one day of the hearing thereon.

RULE 5—SUBCOMMITTEES

(a) Establishment and Jurisdiction

(1) There shall be five subcommittees of the Committee with jurisdictions as follows:

(A) Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs, which shall have legislative, oversight, and investigative jurisdiction over compensation; general and special pensions of all the wars of the United States; life insurance issued by the Government on account of service in the Armed Forces;
cemetery of the United States in which veter-
nies of any war or conflict are or may be
jured, whether in the United States or
授, except cemeteries administered by the
Secretary, burial benefits; the Board of Veterans’ Appeals; and the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans
Claims.

(b) Subcommittee on Economic Oppor-
tunity, which shall have legislative, over-
sight, and investigative jurisdiction over
education of veterans, employment and training of veterans, vocational rehabilita-
tion, veterans’ housing programs (including homeless veterans housing), transition of
servicemembers to civilian life, veteran-owned small business concerns, and
servicemembers civil relief.

(c) Subcommittee on Health, which shall have legislative, oversight, and investiga-
tive jurisdiction over the Veterans Health Admin-
istration (VHA) including medical serv-
ces, community care, medical support and
compliance, health care facilities, medical and
prosthetic research, provision of healthcare
for homeless veterans, transition of
veterans to civilian life, veterans’ housing programs (including
education of veterans, employment and
housing), the Secretary of the Interior; burial benefits;

(b) Oversight Plan.—Not later than March 1 of
the first session of Congress, the Chair
shall prepare, in consultation with the
Rating Minority Member, an oversight plan for
that Congress; provide a copy of that plan to
each member of the Committee for at least
seven calendar days before its submission;
and submit the plan (including any supple-
mental, minor, additional, or dissenting
views submitted by a member of the Com-
mittee) to the Committee on Oversight and
Reform and the Committee on House Admin-
istration, in accordance with House rule X
clause 2(d).

(c) Oversight by Subcommittees.—The exist-
ence and activities of the Subcommittee on
Oversight and Jurisdiction shall in no way
limit the responsibility of the other sub-
committees of the Committee for carrying
out oversight.

(d) Pursuant to House rule XI clause 1(b), the
Committee may conduct at any time
such investigations and studies as it con-
cludes necessary or appropriate in the exer-
cise of its responsibilities under rule X.

RULE 7—BUDGET ACT RESPONSIBILITIES
(a) Budget Act Responsibilities.—Pursuant to
clause 4(c)(1) of Rule X of the Rules of the
House and referred to the Committee on the Budget on the Budget not later than six weeks after submission of the budget by the
President, or at such time as the Committee
shall designate.

(1) Its views and estimates with respect to
all matters to be set forth in the concurrent
resolution on the budget for the ensuing fis-
cal year that are within its jurisdiction or
functions;
and

(2) An estimate of the total amounts of new
budget authority and budget outlays result-
ing therefrom, to be provided or author-
ized in all bills and resolutions within its
jurisdiction that it intends to be effective
during that fiscal year.

(b) Trip Reports.—Members and staff shall
make a written report to the Chair within 15
working days on all travel approved under
this section. Reports shall include a de-
scription of their itinerary, expenses, and
activities, and pertinent information gained as
a result of such travel.
majority and minority. The minority may append additional remarks to the report at their discretion.

(c) Applicability of House Rules.—Members and staff of the Committee performing authorized travel on official business shall be governed by applicable laws, resolutions, and rules of the House and of the Committee on House Administration.

RULE 10—FACILITY NAMING

(a) Facility Naming.—No Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) facility or property shall be named after any individual by the Committee, unless

(1) Such individual is deceased and was—

(A) A veteran who (i) was instrumental in the development, operation, or management of VA medical care facilities in the community in which the facility is located or (ii) served in any military service of an extraordinarily distinguished character;

(B) A member of the United States House of Representatives or Senate who had a direct association with such facility;

(C) An Administrator of Veterans’ Affairs, a Secretary of Veterans Affairs, a Secretary of Defense, a member of the armed forces, or a military or other Federal civilian official of comparable or higher rank; or

(D) An individual who, as determined by the Committee, performed outstanding service for veterans.

(2) Each member of the Congressional delegation representing the State in which the construction or the operation of the facility is located may submit a request in writing such member’s support of the proposal to the Committee Chair and Ranking Member or co-chair of the Committee of Jurisdiction.

(3) If requests are made by more of the members than will be permitted by the Committee Chair for coverage of a hearing or meeting by still photography, that coverage shall be permitted on the basis of a fair and equitable allocation of coverage opportunities by the Standing Committee of Press Photographers.

(4) Personnel providing coverage by the television and radio media shall be currently accredited to the Press Photographic Pool, other media.

(5) Personnel providing coverage by still photography shall be actively classified as live coverage, that coverage shall be permitted on the basis of a fair and equitable allocation of coverage opportunities by the Standing Committee of Press Photographers.

(6) Photographers may not position themselves between the witness table and the members of the Committee at any time during the course of a hearing or meeting.

(7) Photographers may not place themselves in positions that obstruct unnecessarily the coverage of the hearing by the other media.

(8) Personnel providing coverage by the television and radio media shall be currently accredited to the Press Photographic Pool, other media.

(9) Personnel providing coverage by still photography shall be actively classified as live coverage, that coverage shall be conducted and presented without commercial sponsorship.

(10) Personnel providing coverage by the television and radio media and by still photography shall conduct themselves and their coverage activities in an orderly and unobtrusive manner.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to section 5(a)(1)(B) of House Resolution 8, the House stands adjourned until 11:30 a.m. on Monday, February 22, 2021.

Thereupon (at 12 o’clock and 34 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Monday, February 22, 2021, at 11:30 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

EC-270. A letter from the Assistant Legal Advisor, Office of Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting the report concerning international agreements other than treaties entered into by the United States to be transmitted to the Congress within the sixty-day period specified in the Case-Zablocki Act, pursuant to U.S.C. 112(a); Public Law 110-231, Sec. 1(a) (as amended by Public Law 110-458, Sec. 712(b); (118 Stat. 3807); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-271. A letter from the Assistant Legal Advisor, Office of Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting the report concerning international agreements other than treaties entered into by the United States to be transmitted to the Congress within the sixty-day period specified in the Case-Zablocki Act, pursuant to U.S.C. 112(a); Public Law 92-403, Sec. 3(c)(1); Public Law 110-51, Sec. 804(c)(11); (121 Stat. 363); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

EC-272. A letter from the Director, Office of Financial Reporting and Policy, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department’s Agency Financial Report for fiscal year 2020, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 3515(a)(1); Public Law 101-576, Sec. 303(a)(1) (as amended by Public Law 107-299, Sec. 2(a); (116 Stat. 2694); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

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Transportation, transmitting the Department’s final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Helicopters [Docket No.: FAA-2018-0994; Product Identifier 2017-SW-002-AD; Amendment 39-21216; AD 2020-17-11] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received February 2, 2021, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-289. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department’s final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Helicopters [Docket No.: FAA-2020-0723; Product Identifier 2019-SW-001-AD; Amendment 39-21035; AD 2020-17-17] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received February 2, 2021, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-288. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department’s final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Gulfstream Aerospace Corporation Airplanes [Docket No.: FAA-2020-0988; Product Identifier 2020-0994; Amendment 39-21207; AD 2020-19-01] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received February 2, 2021, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-287. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department’s final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Pilatus Aircraft Ltd. Airplanes [Docket et No.: FAA-2020-0719; Project Identifier 2019-CE-041-AD; Amendment 39-21213; AD 2020-19-17] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received February 2, 2021, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-286. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department’s final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Gulfstream Aerospace Corporation Airplanes [Docket No.: FAA-2020-0864; Product Identifier 2020-0989; Amendment 39-21204; AD 2020-09-21] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received February 2, 2021, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-285. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department’s final rule — Airworthiness Directives; the Boeing Company Airplanes [Dock et No.: FAA-2020-0995; Product Identifier 2020-0995; Amendment 39-21208; AD 2020-13-09] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received February 2, 2021, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-284. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department’s final rule — Amendment of Class D and Class E Airspace; Fallon, NV [Docket No.: FAA-2020-0979; Airspace Docket No.: 20-ANE-3; Amendment 39-21210; AD 2020-12-22] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received February 2, 2021, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.
EC-304. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department’s final rule — Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments [Docket No.: 31326; Amdt. No.: 3918] received February 2, 2021, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-305. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department’s final rule — Airworthiness Directives: The Boeing Company Airplanes [Docket No.: FAA-2020-0107; Product Identifier 2019-NM-205-AD; Amendment 39-21209; AD 2020-17-04] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received February 2, 2021, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-306. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department’s final rule — Airworthiness Directives: Piper Aircraft, Inc., Airplanes [Docket No.: FAA-2017-1059; Product Identifier 2017-CE-053-AD; Amendment 39-21335; AD 2020-24-08] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received February 2, 2021, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-307. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department’s final rule — Airworthiness Directives: GA8 Airvan (pty) Ltd Airplanes [Docket No.: FAA-2019-0615; Product Identifier 2018-CE-053-AD; Amendment 39-21214; AD 2020-17-06] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received February 2, 2021, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-308. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department’s final rule — Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments [Docket No.: 31326; Amdt. No.: 3920] received February 2, 2021, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-309. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department’s final rule — Airworthiness Directives: Robinson Helicopter Company [Docket No.: FAA-2020-0201; Product Identifier 2020-NM-009-AD; Amendment 39-21225; AD 2020-18-08] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received February 2, 2021, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-310. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department’s final rule — Airworthiness Directives: Airbus SAS Airplanes [Docket No.: FAA-2020-0106; Product Identifier 2020-NM-005-AD; Amendment 39-21184; AD 2020-15-21] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received February 2, 2021, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-311. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department’s final rule — Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes [Docket No.: FAA-2019-0107; Product Identifier 2019-NM-205-AD; Amendment 39-21209; AD 2020-17-04] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received February 2, 2021, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions of the following titles were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. CICILLINE (for himself, Mr. POCAN, Mr. SHAN PATrick MALoney of New York, Mr. TAKANO, Ms. CRAIG, Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas, Mr. PAPPAS, Mr. JONES, Ms. NADLER, Ms. PELOSI, Mr. HOYER, Mr. CLYBURN, Ms. ADAMS, Mr. AGUILAR, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. AUCHINLECK, Mr. BARRAGAN, Ms. BASS, Ms. BEATTY, Mr. BEA, Mr. BRYER, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER, Ms. BOURDHAUX, Mr. BRENDA n F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania, Mr. BROOKS, Mr. CARHER, Mr. CARSON, Mr. CARTWRIGHT, Mr. CASE, Mr. CASTEN, Mr. CASTOR of Florida, Mr. CASTRO of New York, Ms. CLARE of Massachusetts, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mr. CLIVER, Mr. COHEN, Mr. CONNOLLY, Mr. COOPER, Mr. COBRE, Mr. COSTA, Mr. COURTNEY, Mr. CRIST, Mr. CHOW, Mr. CUELLAR, Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. DEAN, Mr. DEFAZIO, Ms. DUGETTI, Mr. DUGGERT, Ms. DELBENE, Mr. DELGADO, Ms. DEMINGS, Mr. DESAULNIER, Mr. DEUTCH, Mrs. DINGELL, Mr. DODGERT, Mr. MICHAEL D. DUFFER of Pennsylvania, Ms. ESCOBAR, Ms. ESHoo, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Mr. EVANS, Ms. FLETCHER, Mr. FOSTER, Ms. LOIS FRANKEL of Florida, Mr. FOX of Ohio, Mr. GARAMENDI, Ms. GARCIA of Texas, Mr. GOLDEN, Mr. GOMEZ, Mr. GOTHMIER, Mr. GREEN of Texas, Mr. GRIJALVA, Ms. HAALAND, Mr. HARDER of California, Mr. HASTINGS, Mrs. HAYES, Mr. HIGGINS of New York, Mr. HIMES, Mr. HORSFORD, Mr. HUFFMAN, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Ms. JACOBS of California, Ms. JAYAPAL, Mr. JEFFRIES, Mr. JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. KAHELE, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. KEATING, Mrs. KELLY of Illinois, Mr. KHANNA, Mr. KILDER, Mr. KILMER, Mr. KIM of New Jersey, Mr. KIN, Mrs. KISBERTRICK, Mr. KRISHNA MOORTHY, Ms. KUSTER, Mr. LAMB, Mr. LANGEVIN, Mr. LARSEN of Washington, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Mr. LAWSON of Florida, Mr. LES onc of California, Mrs. LEE of Nevada, Ms. LEWANN, Mr. LEVIN of Michigan, Mr. LEVIN of California, Mr. LIEU, Ms. LOFgren, Mr. LOWENTHAL, Ms. LURIA, Mr. LYNCH, Mr. MALINDOWSKI, Mr. MALoney of New York, Ms. MANNING, Ms. MATsui, Ms. McBATH, Ms. McCOLLUM, Mr. McEACHIN, Mr. MCDOUGAL, Mr. MCLACHLAN, Mr. MEEKS, Ms. MENO, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, Mr. MORELLE, Mr. MOUTON, Mr. MYAN, Ms. MURPHY of Florida, Ms. NAZARIO, Mr. NEAL, Mr. NGBUZE, Ms. NEWMAN, Mr. NORCROSS, Mr. NORTON, Mr. O’HALLAeN, Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ, Ms. OMAR, Mr. PALONE, Mr. PANETTA, Mr. PASCHELL, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. PELLMMUTTER, Mr. Peters, Mr. PHILLIPS, Ms. PINOeRE, Ms. PORTER, Mr. PRESSLEY, Mr. PRICE of North Carolina, Mr. QUIGLEY, Mr. RASKIN, Miss RICE of New York, Ms. ROSS, Mr. ROY BAL ALLARD, Mr. RUIZ, Mr. RUPPERSBERGER, Mr. RUSH, Mr. RYAN, Mr. SAMPSON, Mr. SANCHEZ, Ms. SARBARES, Ms. SCANLON, Ms. SCHAKEWY, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. SCHNEIDER, Mr. SCHRAMm, Mr. SCHEUER, Mr. SCHEUER of Virginia, Mr. SCOTT of Georgia, Ms. SEWELL, Mr. SHEFFARD, Ms. SEWELL, Mr. SHERMAN, Ms.
Each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. BANKS: H.R. 1085. A bill to award three congressional gold medals to the United States Capitol Police and those who protected the U.S. Capitol on January 6, 2021, 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 Mr. AGUILAR: H.R. 1089. A bill to require software marketplaces to provide grants to eligible entities to deploy, install, and operate advanced transportation technologies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. BANKS: H.R. 1090. A bill to require software marketplaces to provide consumers a warning prior to the download of such software, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. BANKS: H.R. 1091. A bill to create a task force within the Department of Defense to address the threat of foreign government influence and threats to academic research integrity on college campuses, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and Labor, and in addition to the Committees on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Intelligence (Permanent Select), Armed Services, and Science, Space, and Technology, 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. BANKS: H.R. 1092. A bill to place temporary restrictions on acquisitions by the People’s Republic of China, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and Foreign Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. BANKS: H.R. 1093. A bill to prohibit financial investment by a United States person in foreign industrial defense corporations with substantial contracts or support from, the Chinese military and affiliated entities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, and on Foreign Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. BANKS: H.R. 1094. A bill to amend the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004 to prohibit intelligence agencies from providing clearance of sensitive compartmented information to contractors, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Reform, and in addition to the Committee on Intelligence (Permanent Select), 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. BARRAGÁN (for herself, Mr. GARAMENDI, Ms. NAPOLITANO, Mr. HUFFMAN, Mr. DESAULNIER, Mr. LEE, Mr. CARBAJAL, and Mr. CARBAJAL): H.R. 1087. A bill to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to require reporting of financial expenditures for political activities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.
H.R. 1101. A bill to amend title 39, United States Code, to establish rules and procedures for the United States Postal Service regarding the use of centralized delivery of the mail with retail postal units, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

By Mr. BURGESS:  

H.R. 1103. A bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to prohibit franchising authorities from requiring approval of the sale of cable systems for non-commercial purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. BURGESS:

H.R. 1104. A bill to prohibit the Secretary of Homeland Security from granting a work authorization to an alien found to have been unlawfully present in the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BURGESS (for himself and Mr. GORMLEY):

H.R. 1105. A bill to provide an exception to certain mandatory minimum sentence requirements for a person employed outside the United States by a Federal agency, who uses, carries, or possesses a firearm during and in relation to a crime of violence committed while on-duty with a firearm required to be carried while on-duty; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CARTWRIGHT (for himself, Mr. KALTROFF of New York, Mr. STRICKLAND, Mr. BOWMAN, Ms. MANNING, Mr. LAMAR, Mr. BACON, Mr. YOUNG, Mrs. LURIA, Ms. SLOTTKIN, Mr. STUBE, Mr. BERMAN, Mr. GOLDEN, Mr. BAIRD, Mr. PANETTA, Mr. WHAM, Mr. ZELDIN, Ms. MILLER-MEKS, Mr. WALTZ, Mr. SHEERRIL, Mr. MEJERS, Mr. GALLEGLO, Mr. MOUTON, Mr. STEVERS, Mr. KELLY of Mississippi, Mr. TAYLOR, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. CRENSHAW, Ms. NEHL, Mr. CARBAJAL, Mr. PALAZZO, Mr. PFLUGER, Mr. TONY GONZALEZ of Texas, and Mr. GARCIA of California):  

H.R. 1115. A bill to provide for increased audits, improved technology infrastructure, and increased staff for the Internal Revenue Service for the purpose of reducing the tax gap, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. DEFAZIO (for himself, Ms. SCHRACKOWSKY, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Mr. NORTON, Ms. PLAIB, Mr. BONAMICI, Ms. JAYAPAL, Mr. BRYEY, Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ, Mr. GARAMENDI, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. DOGGETT, Mrs. NAPHTALIAN, Mr. SCANLON, Mr. JONES, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. GARCIA of Illinois, Mr. CARSON, Mr. COOPER, Mr. COHEN, Mr. RASKIN, and Mr. ROY of Maryland):  

H.R. 1116. A bill to provide for increased audits, improved technology infrastructure, and increased staff for the Internal Revenue Service for the purpose of reducing the tax gap, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. DEFAULNIER:

H.R. 1117. A bill to amend the Rosie the Riveter/World War II Home Front National Historical Park Establishment Act of 2000 to provide for additional areas to be added to the park, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mrs. DINGELL (for herself, Mr. KILMER, Miss RICH of New York, Ms. SCHACKOWSKY, Mr. MCCOLLUM, Ms. KAPTUR, Ms. MATSU, Mr. DOGGET, and Mr. FITZPATRICK):

H.R. 1118. A bill to amend title XVII of the Social Security Act to authorize the exclusion of Medicare coverage for hearing aids and examinations therefor, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for
consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. DUNCAN:
H.R. 1119. A bill to codify an Executive order securing the United States bulk-power system; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce; to the Committee on Natural Resources; 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. GALLAGHER:
H.R. 1120. A bill to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to establish a Border Enforcement Security Task Force unit to investigate criminal organizations, arms smuggling across the international border between the United States and Mexico, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security.

By Mr. GALLAGHER:
H.R. 1121. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to clarify the contempt authority of immigration judges, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. GALLAGHER:
H.R. 1122. A bill to require the imposition of sanctions pursuant to the Global Magnitsky Human Rights Accountability Act to U.S. dollar transfers or title transfers of property, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, 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. GARBARINO (for himself, Mr. JOYCE of Ohio, Mr. AMODEI, Mr. KELLY, Mrs. RADEWAGEN, Mr. RUSH, and Mr. WELCH):
H.R. 1123. A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to conduct a review of the deaths of certain veterans who died by suicide, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans Affairs.

By Miss GONZÁLEZ-COLON (for herself, Mrs. RADEWAGEN, Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. GALLAGHER, Mr. RADEWAGEN of Louisiana, and Mr. Kim of New Jersey):
H.R. 1124. A bill to amend the VA Choice and Quality Employment Act to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a vacancy and recruitment database to facilitate the recruitment of certain members of the Armed Forces to satisfy the occupational needs of the Department of Veterans Affairs, to establish and implement a training and certification program for intermediate care technicians in that Department, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans Affairs.

By Miss GONZÁLEZ-COLON (for herself, Mrs. RADEWAGEN, Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. GALLAGHER, Mr. RADEWAGEN of Louisiana, and Mr. Kim of New Jersey):
H.R. 1125. A bill to extend the VA MISSION Act of 2018 to expand the veterans healing veterans medical access and scholarship program to include more students and schools; to the Committee on Veterans Affairs.

By Miss GONZÁLEZ-COLON (for herself, Mr. KELLY of Mississippi, and Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin):
H.R. 1126. A bill to provide compensation to certain residents of the island of Vieques, Puerto Rico, for the use of such island for military training exercises, for certain purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources, 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. GOSAR (for himself, Ms. ESCH, Mr. MOULTON, Mr. GOHMER, Mr. BROOKS, Mr. LAMBORN, and Mr. BACON):
H.R. 1127. A bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to prohibit the acceptance by political committees of online contributions from certain unverified sources, and for other purposes; to the Committee on House Administration.

By Mr. GREEN of Tennessee:
H.R. 1128. A bill to allow expensing of amounts paid to move business property from China to the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. GREEN of Tennessee:
H.R. 1129. A bill to require annual reporting on the availability of Federal funds to persons and entities of China and activities conducted in collaboration with China, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Budget, 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 Mr. GREGG of Tennessee:
H.R. 1130. A bill to preserve national security by providing guarantees to investors for investments in businesses at risk of predation by Chinese telecommunications Party of the People’s Republic of China, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services, and in addition to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. GRELLING of Tennessee:
H.R. 1131. A bill to control the export to the People’s Republic of China of certain technology and products by providing that property important to the national interest of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mrs. GREENE of Georgia (for herself, Mr. MASSIE, and Mr. PERRY):
H.R. 1132. A bill to amend chapter 44 of title 18, United States Code, to protect the rights of citizens under the Second Amendment to the Constitution of the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. GUSENBERG of California (for himself, Mr. OBERKLOTZE, Mr. CASTRO of Texas, and Mr. TAYLOR):
H.R. 1133. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to include certain employment as a health care practitioner as eligible for public service loan forgiveness, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and Labor.

By Mr. HASTINGS (for himself, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, Mr. COHEN, Mr. MEKKI, and Mr. RUSH):
H.R. 1134. A bill to provide for the establishment of a global affairs strategy and assistance for people of African descent, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. HASTINGS (for himself, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, Mr. COHEN, and Mr. MEKKI):
H.R. 1135. A bill to establish the Leadership Institute for Transatlantic Engagement to develop a diverse community of transatlantic policy-making institutions, processes, and values; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. HASTINGS (for himself, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, and Mr. MEKKI):
H.R. 1136. A bill to establish a Government-wide initiative to promote diversity and inclusion in the Federal workforce, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Reform; to the Committees on House Administration, 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. JACKSON (for himself, Ms. MCCLAIN-BALLARD, Mr. WALTZ, Mr. OWENS, Mr. NORMAN, Mrs. HINSON, Mr. PALAZZO, and Mr. BASH):
H.R. 1137. A bill to amend the Strom Thurmond National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1999 to require the use of certain authorities under the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. JACOBS of New York:
H.R. 1138. A bill to prohibit certain business concerns from receiving assistance from the Small Business Administration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business.

By Ms. JAYAPAL:
H.R. 1139. A bill to reimburse meals and supplements provided to individuals who have not attained the age of 25 under certain meal programs authorized under the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and Labor.

By Mr. JAMISON:
H.R. 1140. A bill to amend title 28, United States Code, to prohibit the exclusion of individuals from service on a Federal jury on account of sexual orientation or gender identity; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania:
H.R. 1141. A bill to provide that a project for the collocation of a telecommunications service facility is not subject to requirements to prepare certain environmental or historical preservation reviews; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Natural Resources, 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. KEATING (for himself and Mr. GARAMENDI):
H.R. 1142. A bill to direct the Secretary of Transportation to establish a grant program for projects to strengthen and protect vulnerable infrastructure used during mass evacuations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. KILDEE (for himself, Mr. CARSON, Mr. COHEN, Ms. GREEN, Mr. TROY, Mr. WELCH, and Mr. VARGAS):
H.R. 1143. A bill to amend the Truth in Lending Act to prohibit institutions that originate or originate and subsequently purchase, via securitization, a loan or loan portfolio, from originating or purchasing a loan secured by a residential property in the United States for a borrower who is a member of a military service, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services, and in addition to the Committees on the Judiciary, and Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. KILMER (for himself, Mr. STRICKLAND, and Mr. SMITH of Washington):
H.R. 1170. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1 League in Irvine, California, as the "Tuskegee Airman Lieutenant Colonel Robinson J. Friend Memorial Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

By Mr. PRICE of North Carolina:

H.R. 1171. A bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to require the sponsors of certain general public political advertisements to include in the advertisement information on the persons who provided the funding for such advertisements, and for other purposes; to the Committee on House Administration.

By Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD (for herself, Mr. REED, Ms. BROWNLEY, Ms. SPEIER, Ms. BARRAGÁN, Ms. VAUGHAN, Mr. PALOLO, Ms. GALEGO, Mr. GALLEGOS, Mr. CORREA, Mr. AGUILAR, Ms. ESCOBAR, Ms. GARCIA of Texas, Mr. CARDENAS, Ms. JACOB of New York, Mr. HERRELL, Mr. MALALFA, Mr. LIU, Mr. HARRISON, and Mr. OBREGÓN):

H.R. 1176. A bill to amend title XXVII of the Public Health Service Act to require group health insurance issuers offering group or individual health insurance coverage to provide coverage for prostate cancer screenings without the imposition of cost-sharing, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Ms. SÁNCHEZ (for herself, Mr. LOPEZ, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Ms. BASS, Ms. CHU, Ms. RUZ, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Mr. CABRERA, Mr. VARGAS, Mr. GOMEZ, Mr. GALLEGO, Mr. CORREA, Mr. AGUILAR, Ms. ESCOBAR, Ms. GARCIA of Texas, Mr. CARDENAS, Ms. LEWIS, Mr. PRICE of North Carolina, Mr. BARRAGÁN, Mr. VELA, Mr. SOTO, Mr. LEVIN of California, Mr. COSTA, Mr. TORRES of New York, Mr. SIERRA, Mrs. PALMEN, Mr. SAN NICOLÁS, Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts, Mr. NADLER, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULMAN, Ms. DACAO, Ms. PEDRERA COELLO, Ms. SCANLON, Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER, Ms. MANNING, Mr. HORSFORD, Mr. CONNOLLY, Ms. PERNETTA, Mr. TAKANO, Mr. DELANEY, Mr. WELCH, Mr. SCHIFF, Ms. TITUS, Mr. WILSON of Florida, Mr. McDERMITH, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. MCCULLUM, Mr. DEMINGS, Mr. GREEN of Texas, Mr. SUOZZI, Ms. NEWMAN, Mr. EVANS, Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York, Mr. MEKIS, Mr. BROWN, Mr. WILLIAMS of Georgia, Mr. NEKUSE, Mr. HEYER, Mr. SWALWELL, Mr. TRONE, Ms. LOIS FRANKEL of Florida, Mr. PALZONE, Mr. GARAMENDI, Ms. TITUS, Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois, Ms. MATSU, Mr. CICILLINE, Ms. ROSS, Mr. JONES, Mr. YEAZZI, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. JENNIFER of Georgia, and Ms. PLASKETT):

H.R. 1177. A bill to provide an earned path to citizenship for young people who have been in the United States for a long period of time and who have graduated from high school or earned a high school equivalency; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, Armed Services, Education and Labor, House Administration, Financial Services, Natural Resources, Oversight and Reform, Foreign Affairs, Homeland Security, Intelligence (Permanent Select), and Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. ROSENDALE (for himself, Mr. WESTFOLAN, Mr. SIMPSON, Mr. NWOWHUI, Mr. GOSAR, Mr. FULCHER, Mr. BIRD, Mr. MALALFA, Ms. HERRELL, and Mrs. BORRENT):

H.R. 1182. To amend the Forest and Rangeland Renewable Resources Planning Act of 1974 and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 to provide that the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior are not required to reinitiate consultation on a land management plan or use plan under certain circumstances, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. GALLEGO (for herself and Ms. MATSU):

H.R. 1175. A bill to provide for additional space and resources for the protection and preservation of national collections held by the Smithsonian Institution and the National Gallery of Art; to the Committee on House Administration, 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. RUSH (for himself and Mr. BUCHWALD):

H.R. 1176. A bill to amend title XXVII of the Public Health Service Act to require group health insurance issuers offering group or individual health insurance coverage to provide coverage for prostate cancer screenings without the imposition of cost-sharing, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Ms. SÁNCHEZ (for herself, Mr. LOPEZ, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Ms. BASS, Ms. CHU, Ms. RUZ, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Mr. CABRERA, Mr. VARGAS, Mr. GOMEZ, Mr. GALLEGO, Mr. CORREA, Mr. AGUILAR, Ms. ESCOBAR, Ms. GARCIA of Texas, Mr. CARDENAS, Ms. LEWIS, Mr. PRICE of North Carolina, Mr. BARRAGÁN, Mr. VELA, Mr. SOTO, Mr. LEVIN of California, Mr. COSTA, Mr. TORRES of New York, Mr. SIERRA, Mrs. PALMEN, Mr. SAN NICOLÁS, Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts, Mr. NADLER, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULMAN, Ms. DACAO, Ms. PEDRERA COELLO, Ms. SCANLON, Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER, Ms. MANNING, Mr. HORSFORD, Mr. CONNOLLY, Mr. PERNETTA, Mr. TAKANO, Mr. DELANEY, Mr. WELCH, Mr. SCHIFF, Ms. TITUS, Mr. WILSON of Florida, Mr. McDERMITH, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. MCCULLUM, Mr. DEMINGS, Mr. GREEN of Texas, Mr. SUOZZI, Ms. NEWMAN, Mr. EVANS, Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York, Mr. MEKIS, Mr. BROWN, Mr. WILLIAMS of Georgia, Mr. NEKUSE, Mr. HEYER, Mr. SWALWELL, Mr. TRONE, Ms. LOIS FRANKEL of Florida, Mr. PALZONE, Mr. GARAMENDI, Ms. TITUS, Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois, Ms. MATSU, Mr. CICILLINE, Ms. ROSS, Mr. JONES, Mr. YEAZZI, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. JENNIFER of Georgia, and Ms. PLASKETT):

H.R. 1177. A bill to provide an earned path to citizenship for young people who have been in the United States for a long period of time and who have graduated from high school or earned a high school equivalency; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, Armed Services, Education and Labor, House Administration, Financial Services, Natural Resources, Oversight and Reform, Foreign Affairs, Homeland Security, Intelligence (Permanent Select), and Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. TAKANO (for himself, Mr. VARGAS, Mr. GALLEGOS, Ms. TITTS, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, Mr. BARRAGÁN, Mr. FOSTER, Ms. OCASIO-CORTÉZ, Ms. GARCIA of Texas, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. NORTON, Mrs. DEMINGS, Ms. ESCOBAR, Mr. HASTINGS, Mr. LOWENTHAL, Ms. NAPOLITANO, Mr. TORRES of New York, Ms. DEGETTE of Colorado, Mr. SCHARSKOWSKY, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Mr. HORSFORD, Mr. SOTO, and Mr. BLUMENAUER):

H.R. 1182. A bill to provide benefits for noncitizen members of the Armed Forces, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, and 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. TAKANO (for himself, Mr. VARGAS, Mr. GALLEGOS, Ms. TITTS, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, Mr. BARRAGÁN, Mr. FOSTER, Ms. OCASIO-CORTÉZ, Ms. GARCIA of Texas, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. NORTON, Mrs. DEMINGS, Ms. ESCOBAR, Mr. HASTINGS, Mr. LOWENTHAL, Ms. NAPOLITANO, Mr. TORRES of New York, Ms. DEGETTE of Colorado, Mr. SCHARSKOWSKY, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Mr. HORSFORD, Mr. SOTO, and Mr. BLUMENAUER):

H.R. 1185. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize grants to certain States to inform patients about the risks of opioids and to consider and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. VAN DREW (for himself and Mr. TUCKER):

H.R. 1186. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to improve the treatment of rare diseases and conditions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.
threat of counterfeit drugs to the pharmaceutical supply chain, and to make the pharmaceutical supply chain more robust, while ensuring the authenticity, content, purity, and manufacture and batch number of drugs (including COVID-19 therapeutics and vaccines) and allowing patient verification of authenticity, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. VARGAS (for himself and Mr. GARCIA of Illinois):
H.R. 1. A bill to provide for disclosure of additional material information about public companies and establish a Sustainable Finance Advisory Committee, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Ms. VELÁZQUEZ:
H.R. 124. To amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to require issuers to disclose information on pay raises made to executives and non-executive employees, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. YOUNG:
H.R. 1189. A bill to amend the Deepwater Port Act of 1974 to permit the construction of deepwater ports in Federal water adjacent to certain coastal States that do not have an active Coastal Zone Management Program; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. LOUDERMILK (for himself, Mr. DUNCAN, Mr. DESJARLAIS, Mr. HICE of Georgia, Mr. MURPHY of Florida, Mr. STRICKLAND, Mr. GRIFFITH, and Mr. MOONEY):
H.J. Res. 26. A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States requiring that the Federal budget be balanced; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. GREEN of Tennessee:
H. Con. Res. 17. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that the President should do everything in his power to achieve resolution and the repayment of the defaulted sovereign debt of the People’s Republic of China held by 20,000 families in the United States represented by American Bondholders Foundation, LLC; to the Committee on Financial Services, and in addition to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. MEEKS (for himself, Mr. MEYER, Mr. SERRA, Mr. CHAPOT, Mr. MALINOWSKI, and Mr. KINZINGER):
H. Res. 130. A resolution condemning the continued violation of rights and freedoms of the people of Hong Kong by the People’s Republic of China and the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. CONNOLLY (for himself and Mr. FITZPATRICK):
H. Res. 131. A resolution congratulating the National Retired Federal Employees Association on the celebration of its 100th anniversary on February 19, 2021, and recognizing the vital contributions its members have made to the United States over the past 100 years; to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

By Mr. HASTINGS (for himself, Ms. JACKSON Lee, Mr. MOORE of Wisconsin, Mr. COHEN, Mr. MEEKS, and Mr. RUSH):
H. Res. 132. A resolution recognizing people of African, Asian, Latin American, and Black European descent; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. LAMBBORN (for himself, Mr. RESCHENTHALER, Mrs. BOSSERT, Mr. GARCIA of California, Mr. CICILLINE, Mr. GRIFFITH, Mr. STEUK, Mr. BISHOP of North Carolina, Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas, Mr. MCCLINTOCK, Mr. DUNCAN, Mr. RUIZ, Mr. BARR, Mrs. GREEN of Georgia, Mr. JACKSON of Michigan, Mr. BURGESS, Mr. ROSE, Mr. CARL, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. GUTTS, Mr. MOORE of Alabama, Mr. MEUSER, Mr. GOMERT, Mr. HAGBERG, Mr. CLYDE, Mr. GRIFFITH, Mr. GOSAR, Mr. NEWHOUSE, Mr. LURTREMEYER, Mr. HERRELL, Mr. BROOKS, Mr. BAIRD, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mr. CRAWFORD, Mr. CALVERT, Mr. LOUDERMILK, Mr. LONG, Mr. MEIJER, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio, Mr. EMMER, Mr. GUTHRIE, Mr. HIUZENGA, and Mr. GOODEN of Texas):
H. Res. 133. A resolution honoring the life and legacy of Rush Limbaugh and commending Rush Limbaugh for inspiring millions of radio listeners and for his devotion to our country; to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

By Mr. LEVIN of Michigan (for himself, Mr. AUCHINCLOSS, Mr. BAIRD, Mr. BERRY, Mr. BILLERAKIS, Mr. BŁUMENAUER, Mr. BURCHETT, Mr. CARSON, Mr. CASE, Mr. CHABOT, Mr. CICILLINE, Mr. COSTA, Mr. DEUTCH, Mrs. DINGELL, Ms. ESHOO, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. GALLEGO, Mr. HERN, Mr. HILL, Mrs. HINSON, Mr. JACKSON, Ms. JAKEN, Mr. CASTRO of Texas, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. KHANNA, Ms. LEK of California, Mr. MALINOWSKI, Ms. MANNING, Mr. MCCARTHY, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. MEeks, Mr. MEJER, Mr. MOORE of Utah, Mrs. MURPHY of Florida, Mr. NEWHOUSE, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. PRICE of North Carolina, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. SHEFFER, Mr. SUOZI, Ms. TENNEY, Ms. TITUS, Mrs. WAGNER, Ms. WILD, and Mr. WILSON of South Carolina):
H. Res. 134. A resolution condemning the military coup that took place on February 1, 2021, in Burma and the Burmese military detention of civilian leaders, calling for the release of all those detained and for those elected to serve in Parliament to resume their duties, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Ms. MATSU:
H. Res. 135. A resolution expressing support for the designation of May 2021 as ‘National Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month’; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

MEMORIALS

Under clause 3 of rule XII.

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

By Mr. CARRAJAL:
H.R. 1190. A bill to authorize the President to award the Medal of Honor to retired Colonel Philip J. Condon for actions which rendered him acts of valor in Laos during the Vietnam War; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Ms. VELÁZQUEZ:
H.R. 1239. A bill for the relief of Ravidath Lawrence Ragbir; 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. CICILLINE:
H.R. 5. Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article I, Section 8 of Constitution of the United States.

By Ms. PELOSI:
H.R. 1085. Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article I, Section 8
By Mr. NORMAN:
H.R. 1086. Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article 1, Section 8
By Mr. FOSTER:
H.R. 1087. Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
This bill is enacted pursuant to the power granted to Congress under Article I, Section 8, Clauses 1 and 18 of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. AGUILAR:
H.R. 1088. Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article 1, section 8, clause 18 of the United States Constitution.
By Mr. BALDERSOHN:
H.R. 1089.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article I, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution.

By Mr. BANKS:
H.R. 1090.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
The constitutional authority of Congress to enact this legislation is provided by Article I, section 8 of the United States Constitution, specifically clause 18 (relating to the power to make all laws necessary and proper for carrying out the powers vested in Congress).

By Mr. BANKS:
H.R. 1091.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
The constitutional authority of Congress to enact this legislation is provided by Article I, section 8 of the United States Constitution, specifically clause 18 (relating to the power to make all laws necessary and proper for carrying out the powers vested in Congress).

By Mr. BANKS:
H.R. 1092.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
The constitutional authority of Congress to enact this legislation is provided by Article I, section 8 of the United States Constitution, specifically clause 18 (relating to the power to make all laws necessary and proper for carrying out the powers vested in Congress).

By Mr. BANKS:
H.R. 1093.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
The constitutional authority of Congress to enact this legislation is provided by Article I, section 8 of the United States Constitution, specifically clause 18 (relating to the power to make all laws necessary and proper for carrying out the powers vested in Congress).

By Mr. BARRAGAN:
H.R. 1095.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article I Sec 8 of the United States Constitution.

By Ms. BASSET:
H.R. 1096.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article I, Section 1 of the United States Constitution, providing—"All legislative Powers herein granted shall be vested in a Congress of the United States, which shall consist of a Senate and House of Representatives.

By Mr. BISHOP of North Carolina:
H.R. 1097.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article I, Section 8, Clause 1 and Clause 18 of the Constitution.

By Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania:
H.R. 1098.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution under the General Welfare Clause.

By Mr. BROWN:
H.R. 1099.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Necessary and Proper Clause (Article I, Section 8, Clause 18).

By Mr. BUDD:
H.R. 1100.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

By Mr. BURD:
H.R. 1101.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

By Mr. BURCHETT:
H.R. 1102.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article IV, Section 3, Clause 2. The Congress shall have Power to dispose of and make all needful Rules and Regulations respecting the Territory or other Property belonging to the United States; and nothing in this Constitution shall be so construed as to Prejudice any Claims of the United States, or of any particular State.

By Mr. BURGESS:
H.R. 1103.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
The attached language falls within Congress delegated authority to legislate interstate commerce, found in Article I, Section 8, clause 3 of the U.S. Constitution.

By Mr. BURGESS:
H.R. 1104.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

By Mr. BURGESS:
H.R. 1105.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
The attached language falls within Congress delegated authority to legislate interstate commerce, found in Article I, Section 8, clause 3 of the U.S. Constitution.

By Mr. CARTWRIGHT:
H.R. 1106.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
The attached language falls within Congress' enumerated authority to provide for the common Defense and general welfare of the United States, found in Article I, Section 8, clause 1, and to make rules for the government, found in Article I, Section 8, clause 14 of the U.S. Constitution.

By Ms. CRAIG:
H.R. 1115.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

By Mr. CRIST:
H.R. 1116.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

By Ms. CROW:
H.R. 1116.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

By Mr. DEFAZIO:
H.R. 1117.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

By Mr. DESAULNIER:
H.R. 1117.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

By Ms. DINGELL:
H.R. 1118.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
The Constitutional Authority of Congress to enact this legislation is provided by Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. DUNCAN:
H.R. 1119.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

By Mr. GALLAGHER:
H.R. 1120.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

This Constitution in the government of the United States, or in any department or officer thereof.

By Mr. CASTRO of Texas:
H.R. 1121.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

By Mr. COHEN:
H.R. 1110.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

This bill is enacted pursuant to the power granted to Congress under Article I of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. COHEN:
H.R. 1111.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

This bill is enacted pursuant to the power granted to Congress under Article I of the United States Constitution and its subsequent amendments.

By Mr. CONNOLLY:
H.R. 1112.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

By Mr. DESAULNIER:
H.R. 1117.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

By Mr. DEFAZIO:
H.R. 1116.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

By Mr. CRIST:
H.R. 1116.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

By Mr. DEFAZIO:
H.R. 1116.
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By Mr. CRIST:
H.R. 1116.
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H.R. 1116.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

By Mr. CRIST:
H.R. 1116.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

By Mr. DESAULNIER:
H.R. 1117.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

By Ms. DINGELL:
H.R. 1118.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

The Constitutional Authority of Congress to enact this legislation is provided by Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. DUNCAN:
H.R. 1119.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

By Mr. GALLAGHER:
H.R. 1120.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
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By Mr. GALLAGHER:

H.R. 1121.

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

Article 1 Section 8

By Mr. GALLAGHER:

H.R. 1123.

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

Article 1 Section 8

By Mr. GARKERINO:

H.R. 1123.

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

Article 1 Section 8

By Mr. GREEN of Tennessee:

H.R. 1123.

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

Article 1 Section 8

By Mrs. GREEK of Georgia:

H.R. 1132.

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

Article 1 Section 8

By Mr. HARDER of California:

H.R. 1133.

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

Article 1 Section 8, Clause 1 & Article 1, Section 8, Clause 18 of the Constitution.

By Mr. HASTINGS:

H.R. 1134.

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

Article 1 Section 8

By Mr. HASTINGS:

H.R. 1135.

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

Article 1 Section 8

By Mr. HASTINGS:

H.R. 1136.

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

Article 1 Section 8

By Mr. JACKSON:

H.R. 1137.

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

Article 1 Section 8

By Mr. JACOBS of New York:

H.R. 1138.

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

Article 1 Section 8

By Mr. JACOBS of New York:

H.R. 1139.

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

Article 1 Section 8

By Mr. JONES:

H.R. 1140.

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

Article 1 Section 8

By Mr. KEATING:

H.R. 1142.

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

Article 1 Section 8 of the Constitution.

By Mr. KEATING:

H.R. 1142.

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

Article 1 Section 8

By Mr. KILDEE:

H.R. 1143.

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

Article 1 Section 8

By Mr. KILMER:

H.R. 1144.

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

Article 1 Section 8

By Mrs. KIM of California:

H.R. 1146.

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

Article 1 Section 8

By Mr. LAHOOD:

H.R. 1147.

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

Article 1 Section 8, Clause 1:

The Congress shall have the power . . . to pay the Debts and provide for the common Defense and general Welfare of the United States.

Article 1 Section 8, Clause 18:

The Congress shall have Power To . . . make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Executive 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. LATTAN:

H.R. 1147.

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

Article 1 Section 8

By Mr. LONG:

H.R. 1148.

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

Article 1 Section 8

By Mr. LONG:

H.R. 1149.

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

Article 1 Section 8

By Mr. LUETKEMEYER:

H.R. 1150.

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

The Constitutional authority on which this bill rests is the power of Congress to lay and collect taxes, duties, imposts, and excises to pay the debts and provide for the common Defense and general welfare of the United States; as enumerated in Article I, Section 8, Clause 1. Thus, Congress has the authority not only to increase taxes, but also, to reduce taxes to promote the general welfare of the United States of America and her citizens. Additionally, Congress has the Constitutional authority to regulate commerce among the States and with Indian Tribes, as enumerated in Article I, Section 8, Clause 3.

By Mr. LYNCH:

H.R. 1151.

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

Article 1 Section 8

By Mr. LYNCH:

H.R. 1152.

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

By Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York:
H.R. 1193.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article 1, Section 8

By Mr. McEACHIN:
H.R. 1154.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article 1, Section 8

By Mr. McGovern:
H.R. 1155.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article 1, Section 8, Clause 3 and Clause 18

By Mr. McKinley:
H.R. 1156.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article 1, Section 8—Powers of Congress.
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. Perry:
H.R. 1158.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article I, Section VIII of the United States Constitution

By Mr. Porter:
H.R. 1170.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article I, Section VIII of the United States Constitution

By Mr. Price of North Carolina:
H.R. 1172.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
The first clause of Article I, Section 8, reads, “The Congress shall have Power to lay and collect Taxes, Duties, Imposts and Excises, to pay the Debts and provide for the common Defence and general Welfare of the United States...”

By Mr. Reschenthaler:
H.R. 1173.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
The first clause of Article I, Section 8, reads, “The Congress shall have Power to lay and collect Taxes, Duties, Imposts and Excises, to pay the Debts and provide for the common Defence and general Welfare of the United States...”

By Ms. Vela’zquez:
H.R. 1175.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article I, Section Eight

By Mr. Vargas:
H.R. 1177.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article I, Section Eight, Clause 3

The Constitutional authority on which this legislation is based and the regulatory rulemaking authority under which this legislation is necessary and proper is derived from Article one, Section eight, clause three of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. Yung:
H.R. 1185.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article I, Section Eight

The Constitutional authority of Congress to enact this legislation is provided by Article I, Section Eight of the United States Constitution (clauses 3 and 18), which grants Congress the power to regulate Commerce with foreign Nations, and among the several States, and with the Indian Tribes; and to make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing powers.

By Mr. CarbaJal:
H.R. 1190.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article I, Section Eight, Clause Fourteen

By Ms. Velázquez:
H.R. 1191.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article I, Section Eight

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Article I, Section 8, Clause 1
The Congress shall have Power to...
Ms. Joyce of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, Mr. Andrew DeGraffenreidt III has indeed left an indelible mark on his loved ones, his community, and will be a role model for future generations to come. He will be dearly missed.

CELEBRATING THE ARKANSAS AGRICULTURE HALL OF FAME

HON. BRUCE WESTERMAN
OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, February 18, 2021

Mr. WESTERMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the admission of the late R.R. Reynolds of Crossett and Joe Don Greenwood of Hermitage to the Arkansas Agriculture Hall of Fame. These two Fourth District citizens are listed among those who have exemplified leadership and service to our state's agriculture industry.

As director of the Crossett Experimental Forest until 1969, the Reynolds family became one of the leading voices in modern, sustainable forest management. He maintained a commitment to proper agriculture education with membership in the Society of American Foresters, and he led the effort to create the forestry degree program at what is now University of Arkansas at Monticello.

Joe Don Greenwood, a 40-year veteran of agriculture education in Arkansas schools, led students to 41 state championships and 8 national championships in Future Farmers of America, 4-H, and Forestry. He also worked in tomato farming and served on various agricultural advisory boards, proving his commitment to agricultural excellence in all areas of life.

As an agricultural engineer and the only professional forester in Congress, I can attest to the significant investments these two men have made in Arkansas agriculture. Not only do their contributions have a positive impact upon our state's economic health, but their commitment to developing innovative agricultural practices has and will continue to have a lasting effect on our future.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF WILLIAM EARL STONE

HON. TRENT KELLY
OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, February 18, 2021

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of William Earl Stone who passed away on February 3, 2021. Earl was a fixture in his community and will be deeply missed.

Earl was born to Lea Bell Stone on March 30, 1937. He graduated from Guntown High School in 1957 where he and Elaine Cook served as Vice President and President, respectively. He worked at Toms Drugstore,
where he perfected his milkshake recipe. He began his career in road construction at Boyer, Johnson and Kimes. He eventually became a partner and then sole owner of the company. He served until his death as president and board member of the Mississippi Road Builders Association.

Earl went on to marry his class president, Eleanore. The two spent 59 years together and had three children. The family were members of Friendship Baptist Church where Earl served as Church Clerk, Assistant Moderator, choir member and served on many committees. He was committed to the revitalization of downtown Baldwin and was very connected to his family.

Earl Stone was an outstanding Mississippian and a man dedicated to his family and faith. He will be deeply missed.

INTRODUCTION OF THE EMANCIPATION STATUE REMOVAL ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON
OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, February 18, 2021

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, today, I rise to introduce the Emancipation Statue Removal Act, the first in a series of statue and memorial removal bills I will introduce during Black History Month. The bill would remove the Emancipation Statue from Lincoln Park, a federal park in the District of Columbia, and require the Secretary of the Interior to donate the statue to a museum or a similar entity.

The Emancipation Statue was dedicated on April 14, 1876, the 11th anniversary of President Abraham Lincoln’s assassination. Although formerly enslaved Americans paid for this statue, it was designed and sculpted without their input, and it shows. The paternalistic statue depicting a Black man on his knees in front of President Lincoln fails to recognize African Americans’ agency in pressing for their own emancipation.

Understandably, recently liberated African Americans during the Reconstruction era were grateful for any recognition of their freedom in a country where they still experienced virtually total exclusion from American life. However, even at the time of its unveiling, prominent Black Americans expressed their displeasure with the statue’s design, including Frederick Douglass. During his keynote address at the statue’s unveiling, Frederick Douglass pointedly did not praise the statue. Rather, in a letter to the editor of the National Republican a few days after the unveiling, Douglass expressed his dismay at the statue: “The negro here, though rising, is still on his knees and nude. What I want to see before I die is a monument representing the negro, not crouching on his knees like a four-footed animal, but erect on his feet like a man.”

At the end of last year, Boston removed its replica of the statue and plans to place it in a publicly accessible location where it can better contextualized. It is time for Congress to place the original statue in a museum, too.

I strongly urge my colleagues to support this legislation.

IN RECOGNITION OF DR. CHRISTINE OLDHAM

HON. JOHN JOYCE
OF PENNSYLVANIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, February 18, 2021

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise to congratulate Dr. Christine Oldham, Superintendent of the Ligonier Valley School District, on her retirement.

Dr. Oldham began her educational career as an elementary school teacher in 1988 in Camden, Delaware. She then served as an assistant principal at Westside Elementary School in the Greater Johnstown School District and as a principal in the Conemaugh Township School District. Before joining the Ligonier Valley School District, she served as the Superintendent of the Fremdale Area School District for five years.

At the Ligonier Valley School District, Dr. Oldham has been recognized for her leadership on key initiatives and projects. In accordance with recent educational research, she introduced a new, customized learning approach that allows students to proceed at their own pace while being supported by a teacher or learning coach. In 2008, she also oversaw the successful merger with the Laurel Valley Middle/High School.

Dr. Oldham earned a bachelor’s degree from the Indiana University of Pennsylvania, a master’s degree from Delaware State University, and a doctorate degree from Wilmington College. As she retires on June 30, 2021, Dr. Oldham will mark 15 years of service to Ligonier Valley students, teachers, staff, and families. On behalf of the 13th District of Pennsylvania, I thank Dr. Oldham for her steadfast service to our community. As Dr. Oldham embarks on the next chapter of her life, I wish her every continued happiness.

IN RECOGNITION OF JUDGE JAMES KERSTEN’S YEARS OF SERVICE TO 3RD DISTRICT COURT

HON. STEVE COHEN
OF TENNESSEE
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, February 18, 2021

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Herman and Bobbie Goldberger on their retirement. Their family-owned labor of love, The Hebrew Watchman, has been a cornerstone of the Jewish community in Memphis for 95 years. Founded in 1925 as The Memphis Watchman by Leo I. Goldberger, Herman’s father, it has chronicled Memphis Jewish life with grace and devotion for generations. I am very pleased to see that Jewish Living of the South Inc., Jewish Scene Magazine editor and publisher Susan C. Nieman, have acquired this important and beloved cultural institution and have pledged to keep it going for another 95 years. I want to thank Herman and Bobbie Goldberger for their stewardship of The Hebrew Watchman and wish them well in retirement.

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HON. DEBBIE DINGELL
OF MICHIGAN
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, February 18, 2021

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Judge James Kersten on the occasion of his retirement after serving nearly 25 years as the 33rd District Judge in Woodhaven, Michigan. His contributions to the community are worthy of commendation. Judge Kersten grew up in Trenton, graduating from Trenton High School. In 1977, Judge Kersten graduated from Michigan State University and in 1980 he earned his law degree from the Detroit College of Law. Judge Kersten started his career as an attorney in Flat Rock where he represented local families and businesses. Later, he served as a Wayne County mediator and arbitrator for 10 years and eventually, Judge Kersten was elected to serve as the 33rd District judge following in the footsteps of his father, Judge Kurt Kersten.

During his time as a Judge, he encouraged people in trouble to use that experience and make a positive change in their lives and was known for his skillful mediation of long standing civil disputes.

Beyond his work in the judiciary, he is an active member of St. Paul Lutheran Church,
the Elk Club of Flat Rock, Flat Rock Rotary, and Downriver youth sports. He has demon-
strated his commitment to the entire Michigan community, and it is my honor and privi-
lege to recognize his distinguished work today.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the Honorable James Kersten
for an exemplary career of public service. He has effectively served Woodhaven and the state of Michigan in his role as the 33rd Dis-
trict Judge through his selflessness and dedi-
cation to the community. I join with Judge James’ family, friends, and colleagues in ex-
tending my best wishes to him in retirement.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE
OF PATRICK DRAGON

HON. JOE COURTNEY
OF CONNECTICUT
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, February 18, 2021

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise
today to mourn the passing of dedicated and heroic public servant, Patrick Dragon, of
Brooklyn, Connecticut. Mr. Dragon passed, at
only age 50, on January 2, 2021, after a cou-
rageous battle with coronavirus.

A lifelong resident of Brooklyn, Connecticut, Patrick was drawn to serve his community
through public safety. Entering public service at early age, he began as an Emergency Med-
ical Technician and then joined the 107th Training Troop of the Connecticut State Po-
lice. Upon graduation in January 1998, Patrick
returned to his local community serving as a
Patrol Trooper at Troop D in nearby Daniel-
son, then as the Resident State Trooper in
Sterling, and a Major Crime Unit Detective. Al-
ways wanting to do more, he also became a
certified Fire Investigator/Fire Marshal with the
State Police’s Fire & Explosion Unit. It was
through this assignment that Patrick acted as
first responder to the Sandy Hook Elementary
School shooting in Newtown, Connecticut.

That horrific day transformed the lives of
many Americans, including Mr. Dragon’s. In
the years following the tragedy, he found heal-
ing through service to a new community—his
peers in law enforcement through the Virginia
Law Enforcement Assistance Program (VALEAP). This unique peer-led program brought
together law enforcement professionals who have experienced unbelievable traumas while on duty. Patrick sincerely com-
mitted himself to this program, serving as a
teacher and mentor, working with over 250
emotionally and physically traumatized law en-
forcement professionals from around the coun-
try. VALEAP administrators commended Mr.
Dragon for his service and have noted that his
passing will leave an “immeasurable void”
within the program.

Although he had overcome immeasurable challenges—Patrick’s motivation for service to
could never be erased. Upon retirement from the State Police in 2018
he transitioned into a new role as an emergency
dispatcher with the Foster Police Department in
the neighboring State of Rhode Island.

Amazingly, during that entire 34 years of po-
lice work he was also a dedicated member of
the East Brooklyn Fire Department, serving most recently as deputy chief.

Mr. Dragon’s loss leaves a deep void from
Eastern Connecticut all the way to Virginia
and beyond. His dedication to both local com-
munity and fellow officer has made the State of Connecticut more safe and his workforce
more whole.

Madam Speaker, knowing of Patrick Drag-
on’s selfless service and how he has re-
ponded to unimaginable tragedy, it is objec-
tive to state whose absence is the best of
law enforcement. I hope the chamber will join
me in expressing the deepest condolences on behalf of the House of Representatives to
the Dragon family—his parents Robert and Ann
Marie; older sister Michele Hearm and younger
brother Jordan. I hope this testament to
Patrick’s life serves as an acknowledgement of
the immeasurable debt of gratitude owed to
him by the American people.

HONORING THE LIFE OF FORMER
JEFFERSON COUNTY SHERIFF, “BOE” FONTAINE

HON. BRUCE WESTERMAN
OF ARKANSAS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, February 18, 2021

Mr. WESTERMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise
today to celebrate the life of Former Jefferson County Sheriff Edward Lewis “Boe” Fontaine. Sheriff Fontaine passed away on Sunday,
January 17 following a battle with COVID-19,
leaving behind a county and Fourth District
which mourns the loss of a friend, a helper,
and a true servant leader.

Beginning his law enforcement career as a
deputy sheriff assigned to the Uniformed Pa-
trol Division in 1980, he was later elected as
the 30th Jefferson County Sheriff, serving two
terms from 1999 to 2006. Appointed by then
Arkansas Governor Mike Huckabee in 2001,
Sheriff Fontaine served as a Commissioner on
the Arkansas Commission on Law Enforce-
ment Standards and Training (BEST). Prior
to his service at home, Sheriff Fontaine served
21 years in the United States Marine Corps,
retiring as a gunnery sergeant. For his her-
ioism in action, he became one of the most
decorated Arkansas service members in his-
tory. Most notable of those awards include
four Purple Hearts, the Silver Star, and the
Bronze Star with a combat “V.”

In addition to his life of leadership in the
military and in local law enforcement, Sheriff
Fontaine was known as a family man and val-
uable member of the community, along with
his wife of 60 years, Maye Winston Fontaine.
Together, they raised a daughter, Kim, and
worshipped as members of Bethany Mis-
ional Baptist Church.

I take this time today to honor the life of
service exemplified by Sheriff “Boe” Fontaine.
I thank him and his family for their dedication
to our fellow citizens and our beloved Fourth
District.

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS
OF FLORIDA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, February 18, 2021

Mr. HASTINGS. Madam Speaker, I rise
today to introduce a resolution with my col-
leagues, Representatives GREGORY MEeks,
SHEILA JACKSON LEE, GWEN MOORE, and
BOBBY RUSH to introduce the African Descent
Affairs Act. As we celebrate Black History Month and continue to highlight the Inter-
national Decade for People of African De-
scent, we have seen a sharp increase in rac-
ism, anti-Semitism, xenophobia, and other
forms of prejudice and discrimination across
the globe. Global racial justice movements in
response to the tragic death of George Floyd
have not only drawn attention to the problem,
but also to opportunities to join international
efforts to develop and implement global and
national solutions.

To aid these efforts, I have introduced the
African Descent Affairs Act to improve the sit-
uation of people of African descent around the
world by establishing, within the United States
State Department, a Global Office of African
Descent Affairs. In addition to developing glob-
al foreign policy and assistance strategies for
people of African descent, the bill would also
create a “Fund” to support anti-discrimination
and empowerment efforts by African descent
led civil society organizations; require Annual
State Department Human Rights Reports to
include a section on discrimination faced by
people of African descent; and create similar
initiatives at the United States Agency for
International Development that would work in
partnership with the State Department.

U.S. foreign policy strategies such as these
have improved the situation of vulnerable
groups internationally and would greatly assist
in responding to increasing levels of prejudice
discrimination faced by people of African
descent around the globe. The State Depart-
ment has already launched many successful

INTRODUCTION OF THE AFRICAN
DESCENT AFFAIRS ACT

HON. JOHN JOYCE
OF PENNSYLVANIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, February 18, 2021

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speak-
er, I rise to congratulate new Bedford County
Commissioner Alan Frederick.

Commissioner Frederick has been a resi-
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economic and community organizations.

Prior to his selection as Commissioner,
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he served as a board member for the Penn-
sylvania Beef Council for six years, including
one year as chairman. In recognition of this
service, he received the Bedford County Cham-
ber of Commerce’s Volunteer of the
Year Award in 2008.

As Commissioner Frederick begins his ten-
ure on the Bedford County Board of Commis-
sioners, I thank him for his willingness to
serve our region and wish him the best in this
endeavor.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE
OF PATRICK DRAGON

IN RECOGNITION OF BEDFORD
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Hoosiers are thankful for and proud of Auto- motive Colors’ contributions to northeast Indiana and the country. This record is testament to the exceptional service and quality they have provided, and will continue to provide, for generations.

IN RECOGNITION OF ANTHONY BULLET

HON. JOHN JOYCE
OF PENNSYLVANIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, February 18, 2021

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise to congratulate Anthony Bullet on his appointment to Huntington Borough’s newly-formed human relations commission.

The goal of the commission is to ensure equal access to employment, housing, and other public services to all people, regardless of race, sex, ethnicity, and other protected categories. Local governments have a responsibility to ensure the constitutional and legal rights of their citizens are observed, and I know that leaders like Mr. Bullet in Huntington take that responsibility seriously.

On behalf of Pennsylvania’s 13th Congressional District, I thank Mr. Bullet for his leadership and service to Huntington Borough and congratulate him on being appointed to this commission.

JOE “VAL” VALENTIN VIGIL

HON. ED PERLMUTTER
OF COLORADO
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, February 18, 2021

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Joe “Val” Valentín Vigil of Thornton, Colorado who passed away on February 5, 2021.

Val, as he was known, was born on July 9, 1947 in Taos, New Mexico to Manuel Vigil and Felcira Valles. He earned a bachelor’s degree in business administration and secondary education from Adams State University in 1971. Val went on to start his own financial consulting business, Vigil & Company, which he continued operating until his passing.

Val served in local and state government in Colorado for many years. I had the pleasure of working with him when he was a State Representative for House District 32 and during his tenure as a Thornton City Council member for eight years—two of which he was Mayor Pro Tem. Beginning in the 1970s, Val became active in the Democratic party for many years where he advocated for the Latino community and issues such as education. During his term in the Colorado State Legislature from 1999 to 2006, he became known for his legacy of promoting higher educational opportunities for students across Colorado. One of Val’s lasting impacts on Colorado was his work to pass the ASSET Bill (Senate Bill 13-033), which grants in-state tuition to undocumented students.

In addition to his service in state and local government, Val served on the Board of Trustees for Adams State University from 2011 through 2019. He was an active member of the Adams State Denver Alumni Chapter, and volunteered many hours at local schools as a guest speaker. He was in high demand to speak on immigration issues and was considered an expert on the topic, as he was the first legislator in Colorado to introduce the in-state tuition legislation in 2000.

Val was known and admired for his passion for community service and his dedication to expanding educational opportunities and advocating for issues important to Colorado’s Latino community. Val was a devoted husband and a loving father and grandfather. He loved camping, fishing, gardening, and spending time with his family. He will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Celina Annabelle Vigil, children Nadeine (Sammy) Cordova and Valerie Vigil, and grandchildren Brandon, Jared (Brienne), and Amanda (Jorge) and one great grandchild, Hazel. I am deeply grateful for his lifetime of service to our community.

HONORING THE LIVES OF AL AND DORA PADILLA

HON. JUDY CHU
OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, February 18, 2021

Ms. CHU. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the lives of Al Padilla, who passed away on October 4, 2020, at the age of 90, and his wife, Dora Padilla, who passed away on January 8, 2021, at the age of 86 from COVID–19. Al and Dora touched the lives of countless students in the San Gabriel Valley and were larger than life figures in their communities.

Hector Albert “Al” Padilla was born on March 22, 1930 in Tucson, Arizona, and moved to Los Angeles in 1939. Following high school, Al joined the United States Army and then enrolled in junior college. He transferred to Occidental College and was an all-conference guard on the Occidental football team. After years of playing sports at a young age, Al knew that coaching and mentoring young athletes was his calling. He was the football coach at his alma mater, Roosevelt High School, before moving to rival Garfield High School. He went on to be the head football coach at East L.A. College, where he coached the Huskies to a state title in 1974 and was voted the California “Coach of the Year.” But it wasn’t just wins and losses that made Al a legend in the East L.A. community, it was his impact on the lives of generations of players. Al demanded good grades and sportsmanship from all of his players, and taught them the importance of caring for their loved ones, teammates, and community. And long after his players would graduate, he would stay in touch with them, because he believed that his role as a mentor didn’t end when he left the football field.

Al’s wife, Dora Padilla, was born on October 4, 1934 to Mexican immigrants. Dora began her long career in education by helping in her children’s kindergarten classroom and by leading fundraisers as her children grew up in the Alhambra Unified School District. As she became more involved in school functions, she personally saw what students needed and was determined to bring change to the district level. She ran for the Alhambra Unified School District Board of Education on the slogan “Querer al niño es educarlo,” or “To love a child is to educate a child,” and won her seat...
in 1978. She became well-known as a reliable defender of arts and music programs at a time when the state cut the district’s budget, and she has been credited as the reason the school district has maintained a K–8 musical education program until today. She helped create the Alhambra Latino Association in 1995 and advocated for bilingual education, but also believed she represented all students regardless of their background. Dora was elected to five terms on the Board of Education and served for 20 years. In honor of her legacy, Alhambra High School dedicated a plaque outside of their new library in 1996, praising her “continued support and love of students seeking the American dream and equal opportunity.”

Al and Dora were married for 64 years and made a lasting impression on their community and on many constituents in my district. I was fortunate to have known Dora well and to have seen the impacts of her achievements in Alhambra, and I saw first-hand the impact that Al had on his players when we both worked at East L.A. College together. Al and Dora leave behind an enduring legacy of public service and the development of generations of children and adults. I ask my colleagues to join me in commemorating the lives of these two extraordinary individuals.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF NATHANIEL STONE

HON. TRENT KELLY
OF MISSISSIPPI
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, February 16, 2021

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker I rise today in celebration of the life of Nathaniel Stone. He was a beloved educator and community leader and he will be deeply missed by the people of North Mississippi.

Nat was born on February 17, 1930, to Cleve Hopkins and Miona Stone in Tupelo, Mississippi. He and his brother Louis stayed in the area and attended George Washington Carver School. He joined the United States Army and served in the Korean war before relocating to Tupelo. He was the principal at Green Street Elementary and later Milam Intermediate School. When the school district integrated in 1970, Mr. Stone worked as a liaison with the black community. He inspired countless students, many of whom went on to pursue careers in education.

Mr. Stone is preceded in death by his wife of 64 years, Clydee Stone, and is survived by his children: Debra, Nathaniel, and Gwen-dolyn.

Mr. Stone was a beloved member of the Tupelo community and will always be remembered as an inspiration to countless students.

CELEBRATING THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF WORLD WAR II VETERAN, MR. THERON “DOC” B. McEILROY

HON. BRUCE WESTERMAN
OF ARKANSAS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, February 18, 2021

Mr. WESTERMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 100th birthday of Charleston, Arkansas native, Mr. Theron “Doc” B. McElroy. Born on January 16, 1921, Mr. McElroy is one of seven children and one of our country’s last remaining veterans of World War II.

After joining the United States Army on December 26, 1941, he stormed Utah Beach at Normandy on D-Day, joining thousands of other brave young Americans in a testament of truest heroism. Mr. McElroy earned several medals during his time of military service, such as the Bronze Star Medal, Good Conduct Medal, American Campaign Medal, and many others. He earned an honorable discharge from the Army on December 20, 1945.

I take this time today to honor the life of service exemplified by Mr. McElroy and his family. In his 100th year, he continues to represent the very best of our nation’s greatest generation, and I thank him for his significant impact upon the advance of freedom and the American Dream.

IN RECOGNITION OF THOMAS GUISLER

HON. JOHN JOYCE
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The goal of the commission is to ensure equal access to employment, housing, and other public services to all people, regardless of race, sex, ethnicity, and other protected categories. Local governments have a responsibility to ensure the constitutional and legal rights of their citizens are observed, and I know that leaders like Mr. Guisler in Huntington take that responsibility seriously.

On behalf of Pennsylvania’s 13th Congressional District, I thank Mr. Guisler for his leadership and service to Huntington Borough and congratulate him on being appointed to this commission.

INTRODUCTION OF A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING PEOPLE OF AFRICAN DESCENT AND BLACK EUROPEANS

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS
OF FLORIDA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, February 18, 2021

Mr. HASTINGS. Madam Speaker, rise today to introduce a resolution with my colleagues, Representatives GREGORY MEeks, SHEILA JACKSON LEE, GWEN MOORE, and BOBBY RUSH. The Honorable John Lewis of Georgia was a previous cosponsor of this legislation. Even as we honor him during Black History Month, I also urge my colleagues to join us in recognizing People of African Descent and Black Europeans.

Our resolution observes the history and current situation of People of African Descent living in Europe and Black Europeans during the United Nations designated International Decade for People of African Descent. It also encourages the U.S. Secretary of State to take a number of steps to ensure their situation is improved, following recommendations from the Anti-racism and People of African Descent Weeks (PADWEEK) held with our colleagues in the European Parliament over the past few years. The bill also would authorize the Secretary of the Interior to donate the statue to a museum or a similar entity. Last Congress, the House Committee on Natural Resources passed this bill by voice vote. This is the second in a series of statue and memorial removal bills I am introducing during Black History Month.

This statue was authorized, not by the District, but by Congress in 1898, when the District had no home rule. The statue was constructed using both federal and private funds. The Freemasons, of which Pike was a member, donated the majority of the money needed to build and install the statue in 1901. I oppose destroying Confederate statues, because I believe they should be moved to more appropriate settings, like museums, to avoid erasing an important part of history from which Americans must continue to learn.

Pike, a Confederate general who served dishonorably and was forced to resign in disgrace, represents the worst of the Confederacy. Soldiers under his command were found to have mutilated the bodies of Union soldiers, and he was convicted after his fellow Confederate officers reported that he had been misappropriating funds. Adding to the dishonor of taking up arms against the United States, Pike dishonored even his Confederate military service. He certainly has absolutely no claim to be memorialized in the nation’s capital. Even those who do not want Confederate statues removed will have to justify according Pike any honor considering his dishonorable history.

After meeting with the Freemasons, I believe the best course of action is to remove the statue and find a more appropriate place for it. Given the statue’s divisive nature, the Freemasons themselves support the statue’s removal, as do the D.C. Mayor and the D.C. Council.

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years and anti-racism measures discussed at the September 2020 Joint Meeting I hosted in my capacity as Chair of the U.S. Helsinki Commission with my European colleagues “Reinforcing U.S.-EU Parliamentary Coordination to Combat Racism and Systemic Discrimination.” Recommendations from these efforts have included the implementation of EU-wide anti-racism strategies; European Black History Month and Remembrance Day for Victims of Colonialism and Enslavement; a fund for Black European led initiatives to address continuing disparities and discrimination and support for empowerment initiatives; European-wide strategies for the inclusion of People of African Descent; and support for transatlantic exchanges on common issues of racial prejudice and discrimination.

The need for recognition of Black populations in Europe became clear more than a decade ago when I chaired a U.S. Commission hearing entitled, “The State of (In)visible Black Europe: Race, Rights, and Politics”, where we learned that the situation in Europe is very similar to the one in the United States. A number of these similarities were most recently highlighted by global racial justice protests following the murder of George Floyd.

While the presence of Blacks in Europe can be traced to enslavement, colonization, military deployments, voluntary or forced migration, the movement of refugees and asylum seekers, or educational and other professional exchanges, the story of Europeans of African Descent and Black Europeans still remains largely untold—rendering many of their past and present contributions to the very fabric of Europe unseen or forgotten, which is unacceptable.

Madam Speaker, it is my hope that when we gather in the years to come to review the efforts of the United Nations designated International Decade for People of African Descent, we will not only speak of how our efforts resulted in our respective nations publicly recognizing the injustices and long-term impact of slavery and colonialism, but also of how our societies reconciled these issues in a manner that ensured equal opportunity, access, and justice for all people of African descent.

I am greatly encouraged by recent Executive Orders from President Biden focused on common issues of racial prejudice and discrimination. As we continue to celebrate Black History Month, I am proud to be able to recognize and uplift the Arizona Informant. The Arizona Informant is needed now as much, if not more, than it was fifty years ago.

REFUGEE SANITATION FACILITY SAFETY ACT OF 2021

Ms. MENG. Madam Speaker, I rise today to announce the reintroduction of the Refugee Sanitation Facility Safety Act of 2021. This bill will ensure women and girls in refugee camps are able to access bathrooms without fear of violence.

Refugees awaiting resettlement are fleeing conditions like war, violence, and persecution. While many hope to find safety in temporary refugee camps, violence and insecurity can also follow, especially for women and girls. Women are at a greater risk of experiencing sexual assault and violence if they do not have separate bathrooms. During the COVID–19 pandemic, refugees are even more vulnerable and even more in need of secure access to sanitation.

The measure would remedy this problem by ensuring recipients of U.S. aid provide safe and secure access to sanitation facilities, with a special emphasis on women and girls, and vulnerable populations.

Women and girls deserve and need sanitation facilities that are safe and free from harm. It is disheartening that today’s refugee camps create conditions that allow sexual assault and violence to occur. This is why I am leading this legislation with Congressman Zeldin to ensure women, girls, and other vulnerable populations have access to safe and secure restrooms. Last Congress, this bill unanimously passed the House of Representatives. I urge my colleagues to support this measure so that it can finally be signed into law.

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF THE ARIZONA INFORMANT

Mr. GALLEGO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the Arizona Informant, a newspaper which for the past fifty years has reported on news that directly impacts the Black community across the Phoenix Valley. The Arizona Informant now reaches 100,000 weekly readers and is the only Black owned weekly newspaper in our state.

The Arizona Informant started with an investment of just $1 in 1971 by brothers, Clovis Campbell Sr. and Charles Campbell, who noticed there was a lack of coverage on issues affecting the Black community in Arizona. Clovis, the first Black Arizona State Senator, and Charles, an educator with a doctorate in higher education administration, were pillars of the Black community in Phoenix whose impact across the Valley is still felt today.

Still family owned and operated, the Arizona Informant has stayed true to its mission of bringing to the forefront stories of accomplishment and achievement in the Black community. The protests that erupted after George Floyd last summer and the ongoing struggle for racial justice have shown that the work of the Arizona Informant is needed now as much, if not more, than it was fifty years ago.

As we continue to celebrate Black History Month, I am proud to be able to recognize and uplift the Arizona Informant. I wish to congratulate the Arizona Informant on fifty years of ‘Recording Black History Every Week’ and thank them for their continued work.
IN RECOGNITION OF HONORABLE JANE HARMAN

HON. C.A. DUTCHE RUPPERSBERGER
OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 18, 2021

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Madam Speaker, I rise before you today to recognize the Honorable Jane Hannan on the occasion of her retirement from her role as President and CEO of the Wilson Center after nearly a decade in leadership. The Wilson Center is the nation’s leading non-partisan policy forum tackling global issues through independent research and open dialogue.

As the Wilson Center’s first female Director, President and CEO, Ms. Hannan leveraged her deep connections across the political spectrum—including lawmakers, global leaders and foreign dignitaries—to ensure the Wilson Center is poised for continued success and growth. Under her leadership, the Wilson Center was named the “number one” regional studies think tank in the world.

Ms. Harman created the Global Women’s Leadership Initiative, which works to accelerate global progress towards equal participation in policy and political leadership among women. She revamped the Center and successfully oversaw the transition of the Wilson Quarterly from a print-only publication to an all-digital, award-winning interactive publication reaching thousands of listeners and viewers during the Coronavirus Pandemic.

A native of Los Angeles and a product of local public schools, Ms. Harman graduated from Smith College and began her career as a teacher. By a strong spirit and support from loved ones, Florence remained in South Carolina after the untimely passing of her husband, Florence took not only with energy and positivity, but with care and kindness. Eventually, Florence and her husband, who served in the U.S. Navy, moved to Connecticut where he was stationed at the Subase New London. After the untimely passing of her husband, Florence chose to remain in Connecticut. Shifting her career focus, Florence took a position with General Dynamics-Electric Boat—contributing to building our nation’s dominant fleet of submarines. Florence, now a true Nutmegger, stayed at Electric Boat for more than 25 years before retiring to return to her passion of teaching. She joined the East Lyme, Waterford, Montville and New London school systems as a substitute teacher and became such a renowned figure in the eastern Connecticut school system that in 2002 she was selected as the commencement speaker for Waterford High School’s graduating class.

However, Florence’s service to the community went far beyond confines of our schools. The church was another vessel for which she inspired the action of others. In 1975, guided by a deep-rooted mission to serve, Florence became an active member of Walls Temple A.M.E. Zion Church in New London. Her involvement with the church continued to grow and took a pivotal turn in 1997 when she became ordained minister of music and organized Clarke Memorial A.M.E Zion. It was during the first new congregation admitted in the annual conference in twenty years. Her journey within the ministry came full circle in 2014 when the congregations of Walls Temple and Clarke Memorial merged to become Walls Clarke Temple A.M.E. Zion. With a humble spirit, Florence celebrated 40 years of service in Christian ministry in 2015 and retired from 20 years of pastoral ministry in June 2017.

Florence is unabated in her fight against racial oppression and strives to empower those within our community. I am honored to have marched on State Street with Florence in celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr, witnessed her advocacy for children through the establishment of National Children’s Day, and stood in solidarity with her as we tried to reconcile the tragic acts of June 2015 at Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church. Florence’s legacy will forever be ingrained in the fabric of Eastern Connecticut—influencing generation after generation.

I take this time today to honor the life of this injustice all the way to a peaceful protest in front of the Emanuel AME Church in Charleston, SC on February 21, 1941. Guided by a strong spirit and support from loved ones, Florence overcame the tragic loss of her parents at a young age.

In 1992, Ms. Harman was elected to represent the constituents of California’s 36th Congressional District as a member of the U.S. House of Representatives where she became a pillar of bipartisanship and an internationally recognized authority on U.S. and global security issues. She served on all major security committees, including six years on the Armed Services Committee and eight years on both the House Intelligence Committee and the House Committee on Homeland Security. I became good friends with Ms. Harman when she was the ranking member of the Intelligence Committee and experienced first-hand her excellent leadership and mentorship as we traveled to some of the world’s most dangerous places. Representative Hannan received awards and accolades too numerous to mention in their entirety.

I am honored to call Ms. Harman a personal friend and proud of what the Wilson Center has accomplished under her leadership. On behalf of my constituents and all American citizens, I thank her for her service to our nation and I wish her the best of luck in all future endeavors.
Ms. HAALAND. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Technical Sergeant Patricia Salazar, who retired from the New Mexico Air National Guard on December 2, 2018 as a Master Sergeant after 25 years of distinguished service. Throughout her accomplished career, Technical Sergeant Salazar played many valuable roles in defense of our state and our nation. A native of Santa Fe, New Mexico, Technical Sergeant Salazar graduated from St. Michael’s High School in 1980. She received an athletic scholarship from the College of Santa Fe and graduated in 1984 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminology. She went on to receive a Master of Science degree in Criminal Justice Administration from California State University, Long Beach in 1986. After completing her graduate degree, Technical Sergeant Salazar returned to her home state and attended New Mexico State Police Training Academy. She then enlisted in the United States Air Force and completed her training in 1989.

Technical Sergeant Salazar began her tenure with the New Mexico Air National Guard’s 150th Security Forces Squadron at Kirtland Air Force Base in Albuquerque. After the tragic events of September 11, 2001, she helped develop and initiate emergency evacuation plans for senior Pentagon leadership. In 2003, she transitioned to the New Mexico Army National Guard’s 1209th Medical Detachment. From 2009 to 2011, Technical Sergeant Salazar was stationed in Kosovo and supervised a team of field medics during deployment and field operations. In 2012, she returned to Kirtland to serve with the New Mexico Air National Guard’s 150th Special Operations Wing.

My predecessor, Representative Lujan Grisham, had the pleasure of meeting Technical Sergeant Salazar in 2017 when she worked with the Air Force to ensure that her father, Staff Sergeant Joe Salazar, received the medals he earned while serving our nation in World War II. He served with the 497th Bombardment Group of the Army Air Forces from 1942 to 1945, earning several honors including a Bronze Star. Mr. Salazar was also a role model for his daughter when she enlisted and continued to support his daughter during her service overseas.

Madam Speaker, I want to salute Technical Sergeant Patricia Salazar for her 25 years of service to New Mexico and the United States. It is hard-working, service-minded individuals like her who continue to make our state and our nation so great. I wish her the best of luck.

HONORING TECHNICAL SERGEANT PATRICIA SALAZAR

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 18, 2021

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

INTRODUCTION OF THE LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE FOR TRANS- ATLANTIC ENGAGEMENT (LITE) ACT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 18, 2021

Mr. HASTINGS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Leadership Institute for Transatlantic Engagement (LITE) Act—a bill that will create an institute to assist in strengthening ties with our allies, protect democratic institutions, and support inclusive and visionary leadership on both sides of the Atlantic.

In my capacity as Chair and in the leadership of the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe, also known as the U.S. Helsinki Commission, for over a decade, I have led hearings and other initiatives on international election observation, good government, and democratic accountability. As part of our continued commitment to the underlying principles of the Helsinki Final Act adopted by the 57 North American, European, and Eurasian countries that make up the region of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), Last Congress these activities included hearing the entitled, “Human Rights at Home”, hosting young OSCE parliamentarians in the U.S. Congress to discuss how we can strengthen their political inclusion to advance peace and security efforts, and commemorating the tenth anniversary of the Transatlantic Security Conference and Transatlantic Inclusion Leaders Network that have been pivotal in strengthening inclusive and strategic international relations over the past decade.

These activities have identified numerous challenges in western leadership and countries—including my own—that are putting our democracies and the transatlantic partnership at risk. For instance, a 2020 Pew Research study found that in 11 of the 57 countries that make up the region of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), approximately half of those surveyed are dissatisfied with the way democracy in their countries is functioning with high rates of dissatisfaction in Italy, Greece, and the United States. Internal domestic challenges including economic decline, the rise of antiestablishment political parties, the weakening of the rule of law, increased migration, and heightened security concerns are only some of the sources of dissatisfaction. Continuing racial and other disparities in wealth, health, employment, education, justice, and other sectors have also led citizens and others to question whether democracy delivers.

To renew confidence in the shared values that underpin Western democracies and the transatlantic partnership, we need to bolster initiatives that restore faith in democratic institutions. This includes identifying and strengthening the roles leaders can play in ensuring laws are equitable, transparent, and enforced; elections are free and fair; and that rights and protections are equally extended to all in their constituencies. And our efforts must include those that are excluded from fully participating in our society.

As such, the LITE Act establishes an institute to assist Western countries in living up to democratic ideals and restoring faith in democracy, by equipping transatlantic policymakers with legislative, communications, conflict resolution and other leadership tools to strengthen democratic institutions in their societies and the transatlantic relationship. Given demographic change on both sides of the Atlantic, LITE will cultivate inclusive and inter-generational solutions to current challenges with the goal of empowering diverse individuals across generations with the knowledge, tools, opportunity, and access to fully participate in their democracies. In addition, LITE will support strategic initiatives to rally and assist leaders by assisting builders in building resilience against the exploitation of community grievances that can lead to dangerous divisions in our societies.

The LITE Act therefore complements and provides an essential tool for executing President Biden’s Executive Orders on racial equity and addressing discrimination and plans to re-engage with our European allies and hold a Democracy Summit.

I hope you will join me in supporting LITE to strengthen our democratic future and the transatlantic partnership.

HONORING MELANIE RHINEHART VAN TASSELL

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 18, 2021

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor my Chief of Staff, Melanie Rhinehart Van Tassell, for a decade of service to me and to the people of California’s Fifth Congressional District. Born in Santa Cruz and raised in Antioch, Melanie attended high school and college in the East Bay, graduating in 1996 with dual degrees in Political Science and Business from the University of California, Berkeley. She went to work in the litigation consulting industry until 2001, when she left to earn a Master’s in Business Administration at New York University’s Stern School of Business. Upon graduation, she moved to Washington, D.C. to use her intellect for public service.

Melanie began her career on Capitol Hill as a part-time intern in Congress before being hired as a legislative assistant to Congress- man Earl Pomeroy in March of 2004. In just three short years, she took over as his legislative director, overseeing the congressman’s policy agenda. After the 2010 midterm elections, I hired her to manage my legislative team and the strong recommendation of Congress- man Pomeroy. Within months, she was promoted to Chief of Staff, becoming possibly the kindest, most genuine person to ever serve in such a position.

In my office, Melanie has proven herself to be an effective, charismatic leader and a skilled political operative. Handling issues of the utmost importance to our district, she has taken on a portfolio that spans natural disasters to the Wine Caucus. All the while, she has used her unbelievably positive, infectious personality to make everyone she interacts with feel special.

Despite the long hours involved with leading a congressional office, Melanie carves out quality time to spend with her husband Steven
and their young son Shane, whom she has ingrained with a deep appreciation for two of her favorite things—Disney and stuffed animals. Volunteering as Silent Auction Chair for her son’s preschool in Alexandria, she showcased the same tenacity that serves her so well as Chief of Staff. Melanie raised over $20,000 for two consecutive school years, blowing out any record in the school’s history.

Madam Speaker, my staff, myself, and the people of our district are deeply grateful for Melanie Rhinehart Van Tassel’s expert guidance over these last 10 years. She personifies service, generosity, and leadership, and I am especially proud and honored to have her as my Chief of Staff.

CARL CERVENY
HON. ED PERLMUTTER
OF COLORADO
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, February 18, 2021

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Carl Cerveny of Wheat Ridge, Colorado who passed away on January 27, 2021.

Carl Albert Cerveny was born on October 11, 1929. He attended Columbine Elementary School, Smiley Middle School and graduated from East High in 1947. He then enrolled at the University of Colorado as a second-generation CU student in the business school and graduated with a degree in marketing in 1951. In 1957, Carl helped to found the Wheat Ridge Optimist Club. Being a founding member was no coincidence, with family and friends frequently describing Carl as one of the most optimistic people they knew. He ran their annual Optimist Pancake Supper for 60 years and served as president of the club twice. In 2010, the Club established the Carl Cerveny Scholarship Fund for graduates of Wheat Ridge High School.

Carl was known and admired for his passion for community service and his dedication to the Wheat Ridge community. He played an active role in enforcing the special election provision of the TABOR amendment in the city. Carl served on the board of the Westridge Sanitation District for 10 years, also serving as its president, and also served on the Planning Commission of Wheat Ridge for 10 years. In 1997, he walked the entire length of Wheat Ridge with his wife, Gretchen, when she ran and was elected the Mayor of Wheat Ridge.

Carl had a separate career running the Scotchman Restaurant in Wyoming. After the closure of the restaurant in 1977, Carl began his second career in real estate. After earning a Broker Certification from the University of Colorado and working for several agencies, Carl owned/operated Carl Cerveny Realty until he retired in 1999. Carl served on the Legislative Committee of the Colorado Association of Realtors and was honored with the Political Service Award by the Jefferson County Association of Realtors in 1991.

Carl was a devoted husband and a loving father and grandfather. He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Gretchen, along with their three children and families: daughter Mara Marks, husband Stephen and their son Colby; daughter Carla Rail, husband Anton and their son Jacob, daughter Martha, and son Nathan with his wife Emily; son Chris Cerveny, wife Lori Chandler, and their sons Chandler and Chase. I appreciate and thank him for his lifetime of service to our community.

IN RECOGNITION OF RAY GHANER
HON. JOHN JOYCE
OF PENNSYLVANIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, February 18, 2021

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise to congratulate Ray Ghener on his appointment to Huntington Borough’s newly-formed human relations commission.

The goal of the commission is to ensure equal access to employment, housing, and other public services to all people, regardless of race, sex, ethnicity, and other protected categories. Local governments have a responsibility to ensure the constitutional and legal rights of their citizens are observed, and I know that leaders like Mr. Ghener in Huntington take that responsibility seriously.

On behalf of Pennsylvania’s 13th Congressional District, I thank Mr. Ghener for his leadership and service to Huntington Borough and congratulate him on being appointed to this commission.

CELEBRATING THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF WORLD WAR II VETERAN, MR. DAVID McLINTON GREEN
HON. BRUCE WESTERMAN
OF ARKANSAS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, February 18, 2021

Mr. WESTERMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 100th birthday of Warren Arkansas native, Mr. David McLinton Green. Born on February 13, 1921, Mr. Green has lived a life of hard work, perseverance, and service to God and country.

Leaning the value of a work ethic at a young age, his first job was at the Dr. Pepper Bottling Company in Warren. After being drafted into the Army at age 22, Mr. Green served for three years alongside thousands of young men during World War II. This service continued throughout his near 40-year career at local mills and Pollatch Deli. He and his wife, Lillie Mae Feaster Green, had 7 children, and over their 66 years of marriage, they watched their family grow to include 18 grandchildren, 37 great-grandchildren, and 7 great-great grandchildren.

I take this time today to honor the life of service exemplified by Mr. Green and his family. In his 100th year, he continues to represent the very best of our nation’s greatest generation, and I thank him for his significant impact upon the advance of freedom and the American Dream.

FEBRUARY VETERAN OF THE MONTH, COL. WEYDAN FLAX, USMC (RET)
HON. KEVIN HERN
OF OKLAHOMA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, February 18, 2021

Mr. HERN. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the First District of Oklahoma’s February Veteran of the Month, Col. Weydan Flax, USMC (Ret). An artillery and communications officer in the United States Marine Corps, Col. Weydan Flax honorably served our nation for 30 years. He served in Desert Storm, Iraq and Afghanistan.

After his retirement, he has faithfully served his fellow veterans and community through his volunteer work with the VFW, and Marine Corps League. In addition to volunteering with veteran organizations, Flax is an active board member for The Center for Individuals with Physical Disabilities.

He answered the call to defend freedom across the globe and sacrificed whatever was necessary in the name of that noble cause. It is my honor to recognize Col. Flax as the First Congressional District of Oklahoma’s February Veteran of the Month.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF CATHERINE “CATHY” WAGNER OF BURLINGTON
HON. BRYAN STEIL
OF WISCONSIN
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, February 18, 2021

Mr. STEIL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and service of Catherine “Cathy” Wagner of Burlington. Cathy was born and raised in Southeast Wisconsin and dedicated her career to serving our Racine County community. Growing up on the family farm, Cathy developed strong values and a hard work ethic that would remain with her throughout her life. Cathy graduated from Burlington High School and later joined the ranks of Rochester Volunteer Fire Company and enrolled at Gateway Technical College to study firefighting and police work.

Cathy Wagner was a dedicated public servant. She served a combined 31 years for the Rochester and Burlington Town Fire Departments. She was a firefighter, an EMT, and became Assistant Chief of the Rochester Volunteer Fire Company. Cathy instilled this passion for service in her two children, who are involved in the Rochester Fire Company.

When her son was born with spina bifida, Cathy enrolled in nursing school to learn how she could better care for him and would go on to obtain a master’s degree in nursing. For years, she worked as a registered nurse in hospital rooms where she was able to follow her passion of caring for others.

Cathy passed away on February 2, 2021. She is remembered by her family, colleagues, and friends for her generosity, empathy, and service. Cathy was a valued member of our community and an inspiration to many. She is remembered by colleagues at the Rochester Fire Company or being “the heart and soul” of the department.
Racine County will be forever grateful for Cathy’s dedication to public service. Cathy’s work to make our community a better place will always be remembered. On behalf of Wisconsin’s First Congressional District, I offer my sincere condolences and prayers to Cathy’s children, family, friends, and colleagues during this difficult time. She will be missed by many, but her passion for service and positive impact on those she met will continue to inspire us all.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE TRABON GROUP

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER OF MISSOURI
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, February 18, 2021

Mr. CLEAVER. Madam Speaker, I rise today with immense pride to recognize and celebrate the Trabon Group for their contributions to the fight against the COVID–19 global pandemic. Despite the many challenges posed by this virulent virus, the Trabon Group quickly shifted its business operations to help build Personal Protective Equipment for those in Kansas City and across the United States. I am truly honored to represent the Trabon Group, and their commitment to public health is admirable and well worth reflection.

The Trabon Group is a commercial printing business and menu software supplier based in Kansas City, Missouri, that has provided services to over one thousand clients nationwide and printed more than forty-three million menus and prints. Since 1975, the Trabon Group has been providing countless businesses with high quality marketing and sales prints such as brochures and flyers, as well as menu data services that have revolutionized the restaurant industry. With forty-six years of experience, the Trabon Group has become a fixture of the Kansas City business community.

The COVID–19 pandemic has wreaked destruction on American lives and on American livelihoods. One of the first economic sectors to feel the devastating effects of the pandemic was the restaurant industry. Soon to follow was the entire ecosystem of other businesses, including the Trabon Group, who counted restaurants among their most loyal clients. At the beginning of last year, as businesses began to shut their doors, paychecks began to disappear, and cases began to rise, the Trabon Group, like so many others, faced daunting odds. However, in March of 2020, the Trabon Group crafted an innovative idea that allowed them to continue and maintain their workforce, all while serving struggling communities across the United States.

After communicating with schools, healthcare organizations, and hospitals, the Trabon Group recognized the dire need for protective equipment and began producing face shields. They then went about rethinking their printing machine capabilities and collected the supplies required to produce the shields on a large scale. Within the first few days of producing protective equipment, the Trabon Group, under the brand USA Shields LLC., produced and shipped around fifty thousand medical grade face shields. As a part of this endeavor, the Trabon Group was able to bring back seventy-two of their furloughed workers and are now supplying around eight thousand face shields a day to be shipped to hospitals, restaurants, meatpacking facilities, colleges, and high commissions throughout Missouri, Kansas, Iowa, and Texas.

The Trabon Group had previously set itself apart in the business community by creating the groundbreaking MenuNet software that has allowed restaurants to better manage their data, but this past year has truly shown their innovative nature and passion for service. As vaccines arrive in cities and towns all across the United States, and as our country begins to see the light at the end of the tunnel, businesses like the Trabon Group will continue to be paramount in defeating this destructive virus. It gives me great hope for the future to see businesses like the Trabon Group step up to serve in times of difficulty, and I am extremely thankful for their efforts to save lives and jobs alike. Throughout American history, our people have confronted many seemingly insurmountable challenges. Much like past generations who faced daunting odds, the American people are meeting these challenges with strength, determination, and deep forethought for their fellow citizens.

Today, we celebrate local businesses such as the Trabon Group, who exemplify what true representatives of servant leadership look like. Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring the outstanding work of the Trabon Group in the ongoing fight against the COVID–19 pandemic. Let us seek to emulate their example by setting our talents and resources upon the urgent work of helping those in need.

IN RECOGNITION OF TAMMY STUBER

HON. JOHN JOYCE OF PENNSYLVANIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, February 18, 2021

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise to congratulate Tammy Stuber on her appointment to Huntingdon Borough’s newly-formed human relations commission.

The goal of the commission is to ensure equal access to employment, housing, and other public services to all people, regardless of race, sex, ethnicity, and other protected categories. Local governments have a responsibility to ensure the constitutional and legal rights of their citizens are observed, and I know that leaders like Ms. Stuber in Huntingdon take that responsibility seriously.

On behalf of Pennsylvania’s 13th Congressional District, I thank Ms. Stuber for her leadership and service to Huntingdon Borough and congratulate her on being appointed to this commission.

INTRODUCTION OF THE FEDERAL POLICE CAMERA AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2021

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, February 18, 2021

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, today, I, along with Representative DONALD S. BEYER Jr., introduce the Federal Police Camera and Accountability Act of 2021. This bill would require uniformed federal law enforcement officers to wear body cameras and federal marked police vehicles to have dashboard cameras. It would also require the Government Accountability Office to conduct a study on federal police officers’ training, vehicle pursuits of force and use of force. Last Congress, we introduced a virtually identical bill, which was included in the House-passed George Floyd Justice in Policing Act of 2020.

After the January 6, 2021, attack on the U.S. Capitol, the urgency of this bill has become even more apparent. The U.S. Capitol Police tried to stop the mob attack, but without body cameras, we have been forced to rely on social media, cameras in the Capitol and public reporting to learn what happened. The events at Lafayette Square last year, where U.S. Park Police and other federal police officers forcibly removed peaceful protestors so the president could hold a photo op, is another recent example of why our bill is needed.

On November 17, 2017, Bijan Ghaisar was fatally shot in his car by uniformed U.S. Park Police officers in Fairfax County, Virginia, after a vehicle pursuit on the George Washington Memorial Parkway. Video of this shooting only became available through a camera in a Fairfax County Police Department patrol car that was providing backup. Had it not been for that footage, which was recorded and released by that local police department, the public would not have had access to the circumstances surrounding Mr. Ghaisar’s death. Moreover, the footage revealed concerns about the Park Police’s pursuit and engagement policies.

Body and dashboard cameras for federal law enforcement officers are particularly important for the officers stationed in the nation’s capital, where the Park Police and the uniformed division of the U.S. Secret Service have full local police powers. Many other federal police departments also have local police powers near their respective agency buildings in the District of Columbia. Cameras can increase transparency for individual interactions with police, strengthen public trust and even deter future criminal behavior. For example, when criminals know that they are being recorded by a dashboard camera, they may be less likely to flee the scene of a traffic accident because they realize that their license plate will be documented. Criminals may also be less likely to batter an officer because the recording may be used as evidence. On the other hand, officers will also be less likely to commit offenses for the same reason. Body and dashboard cameras can also be used to train current and future officers more effectively in best and worst practices.

An increasing number of local police departments, including the Metropolitan Police Department in the District, are using body and dashboard cameras. It is clear that both law enforcement and the public would benefit from federal police departments following suit to increase transparency and maintain public trust.

I urge my colleagues to support this legislation.
IN RECOGNITION OF THE FLORIDA A&M UNIVERSITY BRAGG MEMORIAL COVID–19 TESTING SITE

HON. AL LAWSON, JR. OF FLORIDA IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, February 18, 2021

Mr. LAWSON of Florida. Madam Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to highlight the impactful work that is being done at the Florida A&M University (FAMU) Bragg Memorial COVID–19 testing site in Tallahassee, Florida.

Since the start of the start of the worldwide COVID–19 pandemic, the FAMU testing site has been providing free testing for residents of Tallahassee/Leon County, and indeed all of North Florida and South Georgia for nearly 10 months.

The FAMU COVID–19 testing center first opened on April 25, 2020, and has administered more than 334,000 tests. I applaud FAMU for springing into action to address the needs of North Florida residents by serving as a COVID–19 testing site. I am convinced that their efforts have helped to save lives in our community.

Madam Speaker, I would especially like to thank FAMU President Larry Robinson, Tanya Tatum, FAMU Director of Student Health Services, Cynthia Harris, Ph.D., FAMU associate dean for Public Health, and all the others who saw the need and spearheaded this effort, along with the frontline heroes coordinating and administering the tests.

Their efforts are working to keep us safe and save lives. They are putting their health and safety at risk for the safety of our families and to protect our community. I understand the tremendous sacrifices they are making, and I sincerely appreciate their service.

INTRODUCTION OF A BILL TO ENSURE FAIR ACCESS AND OPPORTUNITY TO FEDERAL JOBS FOR ALL AMERICANS

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS OF FLORIDA IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, February 18, 2021

Mr. HASTINGS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce a bill to ensure fair access and opportunity to Federal jobs for all Americans. For close to two decades now, I and many of my colleagues have been fighting to increase diversity in the federal workforce. In particular, I have focused on diversity in federal agencies. Additionally, Congressionally mandated reports from the Government Accountability Office found that diversity targets set close to a decade ago were not being met at the State Department and USAID.

My colleagues and I have engaged in diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts in the Federal government not because they are nice or correct, but because they are what is in the best interest for the longevity of our nation. The U.S. workforce is becoming more racially, ethnically, and otherwise diverse, with estimates that, by 2050, over half of the workforce will be made up of Americans from diverse populations. Jobs across our government, whether they are in the military, intelligence, foreign service, health, or education sectors, will require that we not only hire, but also retain a more diverse federal workforce to sustain the needs of our country and remain a stable democracy.

To do so, we must have a plan. My bill calls for a government-wide diversity and inclusion plan that ensures that all branches of government are engaged in multi-year strategic planning that recruits, hires, promotes, retains, and supports leadership from America’s diverse talent pool in the federal workforce for the good of our country. It also calls for a review of diversity, equity, and inclusion in government contracting and grantmaking, as both are often also pathways to government employment.

My bill therefore complements and provides an essential tool for executing the recent Executive Orders on racial equity and addressing discrimination and disparities in the workplace released by President Biden over the past two weeks.

Diversity, equity, and inclusion are the underpinnings of democratic societies. It is time that we enforce democratic values by ensuring all segments of our society have equal access and opportunity to contribute to a vibrant workforce that is at the heart of our democracy for the future of our nation.

HONORING MR. SAM SPRUELL OF MOUNT HOPE, ALABAMA

HON. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT OF ALABAMA IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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Mr. ADERHOLT. Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize Mr. Sam Spruell from Mount Hope, Alabama who passed away on January 7, 2021 after a life of sixty-three years. He was an upstanding citizen of our state, a respected member of the Mount Hope community, and an outstanding businessman and farmer.

Sam Spruell was an Alabamian through and through, widely known for the kindness and friendship he displayed throughout his entire life. More importantly, Sam was a husband, father, and farmer who cared deeply about his work and the people around him. Never missing an opportunity to lend a helping hand, Sam was always available to those who needed him.

Sam was also a champion for Alabama cotton and the producers throughout the state. He served as President of the Southern Cotton Growers from 2004 through 2005, a testament to his dedication and passion to the industry. He was also a member of the South-eastern Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation, the Alabama Cotton Commission, and the National Cotton Council. There is no doubt that Sam’s countless hours of hard work in these arenas made an indelible impact for the State of Alabama and the nation—one that will continue for years to come.

Sam Spruell was a sincere and true man of God. As a leader of the Community Clothes Closet and Ministry of Hope, Sam played a key role in serving those around him. He went on to donate an entire building to The Caring Place, a charity near and dear to his heart.

Sam Spruell is now survived by his wife Lynn Spruell, and two children, Jonathan and Liz Rhodes. In addition, he is survived by his five grandchildren, Shelby, Madi, Max, Mia, and Cam.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to all of Sam’s family and friends. The Fourth District, the state of Alabama, and the nation have lost a friend and patriot. However, there is no question that his legacy and impact will live on well into the future.

HONORING THE LIFE OF FORMER PINE BLUFF MAYOR, CAROLYN ROBINSON

HON. BRUCE WESTERMAN OF ARKANSAS IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, February 18, 2021

Mr. WESTERMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of former Mayor of Pine Bluff, Carolyn Robinson. Mayor Robinson passed away on Thursday, January 14, 2021, leaving behind a legacy of service to her community.

Elected the first female city council member in 1978, Robinson became the first female Mayor of Pine Bluff, serving two terms from 1984 to 1992. She was described by her colleagues in public service as a trailblazer who broke all the barriers to best serve her city.

Born August 6, 1936, in nearby Cornerstone, Mayor Robinson graduated from Altheimer High School. In 1959, she married Fred Robinson, and together, they raised three children, Renee, Tina, and Robbie. With three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren, she was known as a committed family woman.

I take this time today to honor the life of service exemplified by Mayor Carolyn Robinson. I thank her and her family for their dedication to our fellow citizens and our beloved Fourth District.

IN RECOGNITION OF ALTONEA POLICE CHIEF JANICE FREETHING

HON. JOHN JOYCE OF PENNSYLVANIA IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, February 18, 2021

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise to congratulate Altoona Police Chief Janice Freething on her retirement.

Chief Freething has honorably served the Altoona Police Department for more than 44 years. During her career, she has held the following positions: Patrolman, Corporal, Sergeant, Lieutenant, Captain, and most recently Chief.

In 2001, she was promoted to Chief of the department and is the first woman to serve in
the position. Under her leadership, the Altoona Police Department has persevered through challenges and experienced much success. Specifically, Chief Freehling has been recognized for her excellent management of the department, as well as her work to modernize the department with 21st century tools and training. Thanks to Chief Freehling’s hard work and dedication, the City of Altoona is a safe community to live, work, and raise a family.

As Chief Freehling retires on March 1—the 20th anniversary of her promotion to Chief—our community celebrates this servant-hearted leader. On behalf of the 13th District of Pennsylvania, it is my privilege to thank Chief Freehling and honor her longstanding service to the City of Altoona. As Chief Freehling embarks on a new chapter, I congratulate her on her retirement and wish her every continued happiness.
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Chamber Action

The Senate was not in session, and stands adjourned until 10:15 a.m., on Friday, February 19, 2021.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 106 public bills, H.R. 5, 1085–1189; 2 private bills, H.R. 1190–1191; and 13 resolutions, H.J. Res. 26; H. Con. Res. 17; and H. Res. 130–140, were introduced.

Additional Cosponsors: Pages H539–40

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Joint Economic Committee—Appointment: The Speaker announced her appointment of the following Members on the part of the House to the Joint Economic Committee: Representatives Beyer and Schweikert.

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Congressional-Executive Commission on the People’s Republic of China—Appointment: The Speaker announced her appointment of the following Members on the part of the House to the Congressional-Executive Commission on the People’s Republic of China: Representative McGovern, Co-Chair; and Representative Smith (NJ).

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Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission—Reappointment: The Speaker announced her reappointment of the following Member to serve as co-chair of the Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission: Representative McGovern.

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Senate Referral: S. 35 was held at the desk.

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appear on page H517.

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 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 12:34 p.m.

Committee Meetings

HOUSE WELLNESS AND OFFICE OF EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE (OEA)

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held a hearing entitled “House Wellness and Office of Employee Assistance (OEA)”. Testimony was heard from Paul Tewksbury, Director, Office of Employee Assistance, U.S. House of Representatives; and Bryan Weiss, Manager, House Wellness Center, U.S. House of Representatives.

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UPDATE ON THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE’S EVOLVING ROLES AND MISSION IN RESPONSE TO THE COVID–19 PANDEMIC

Committee on Armed Services: On February 17, 2021, Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Update on the Department of Defense’s Evolving Roles and Mission in Response to the COVID–19 Pandemic”. Testimony was heard from Robert G. Salesses, Performing the Duties of Assistant Secretary of Defense for Homeland Defense and Global Security, Office of the Secretary of Defense, Department of Defense; Major General Jeff Taliaferro, U.S. Air Force, Vice Director for Operations, Joint Chiefs of Staff; and Major General Steven S. Nordhaus, U.S. Air Force, Director of Operations, National Guard Bureau.
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CONNECTING AMERICA: BROADBAND SOLUTIONS TO PANDEMIC PROBLEMS
Committee on Energy and Commerce: On February 17, 2021, Subcommittee on Communications and Technology held a hearing entitled “Connecting America: Broadband Solutions to Pandemic Problems”. Testimony was heard from Tiffany Anderson, Superintendent, Topeka Public Schools, Kansas; and public witnesses.

A SMARTER INVESTMENT: PATHWAYS TO A CLEAN ENERGY FUTURE
Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy held a hearing entitled “A Smarter Investment: Pathways to a Clean Energy Future”. Testimony was heard from Daniel C. Camp III, Chairman, Beaver County Commissioners, Pennsylvania; and public witnesses.

GAME STOPPED? WHO WINS AND LOSES WHEN SHORT SELLERS, SOCIAL MEDIA, AND RETAIL INVESTORS COLLIDE
Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Game Stopped? Who Wins and Loses When Short Sellers, Social Media, and Retail Investors Collide”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

H.R. 40: EXPLORING THE PATH TO REPARATIVE JUSTICE IN AMERICA
Committee on the Judiciary: On February 17, 2021, Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet held a hearing entitled “H.R. 40: Exploring the Path to Reparative Justice in America”. Testimony was heard from Shirley N. Weber, Secretary, Office of the California Secretary of State; and public witnesses.

THE SUPREME COURT’S SHADOW DOCKET
Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet held a hearing entitled “The Supreme Court’s Shadow Docket”. Testimony was heard from Loren L. AliKhan, Solicitor General, Washington, D.C.; and public witnesses.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
Committee on Natural Resources: Full Committee held an organizational meeting. The Committee adopted its rules for the 117th Congress, as amended. The Staff Resolution was agreed to.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Full Committee held an organizational meeting. The Committee adopted its rules for the 117th Congress.

FREE TAX PREPARATION SERVICES DURING THE PANDEMIC
Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing entitled “Free Tax Preparation Services During the Pandemic”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings
No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2021
(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate
No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House
Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, hearing entitled “COVID–19 and the Child Care Crisis”, 10 a.m., Webex.
Committee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, hearing entitled “Department of Veterans Affairs COVID–19 Response”, 1 p.m., Webex.
Committee on House Administration, Full Committee, business meeting on a Committee Resolution to establish procedures in contested election cases properly filed under the Federal Contested Election Act, and related matters, 2:30 p.m., Webex.
Committee on Oversight and Reform, Subcommittee on National Security, hearing entitled “A Pathway for Peace in Afghanistan: Examining the Findings and Recommendations of the Afghanistan Study Group”, 10:30 a.m., Webex.
Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The Science of COVID–19 Vaccines and Encouraging Vaccine Uptake”, 11 a.m., Webex.
Next Meeting of the SENATE
10:15 a.m., Friday, February 19

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

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
11:30 a.m., Monday, February 22

House Chamber
Program for Monday: House will meet in Pro Forma session at 11:30 a.m.

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