

BUSINESS MEETING

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of William Joseph Burns, of Maryland, to be Director of the Central Intelligence Agency.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 55 public bills, H.R. 1477–1531; and 3 resolutions, H. Res. 182–184, were introduced. **Pages H1012–14**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H1016–17**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Crow to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H885**

Recess: The House recessed at 2:10 p.m. and reconvened at 5:59 p.m. **Page H1009**

For the People Act of 2021: The House considered H.R. 1, to expand Americans' access to the ballot box, reduce the influence of big money in politics, strengthen ethics rules for public servants, and implement other anti-corruption measures for the purpose of fortifying our democracy. Consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, March 3rd. **Page H886**

Pursuant to the Rule, the amendment printed in part A of H. Rept. 117–9 shall be considered as adopted. **Page H886**

Agreed to:

Lofgren en bloc amendment No. 2 consisting of the following amendments printed in part B of H. Rept. 117–9: Armstrong (No. 6) that exempts any state that does not utilize voter registration on enactment date of this Act and continuously thereafter from complying with voter registration requirements in the Act; Burgess (No. 12) that requires a report to Congress on the impact of wide-spread mail-in voting on the suffrage of active duty military servicemembers, how quickly their votes are counted, and whether high volumes of mail-in votes makes it harder for those individuals to vote; Burgess (No. 13) that requires a report to Congress on the data collection practices, the required necessary security resources, and the impact of a potential data breach of local, state, or federal online voter registration systems; Comer (No. 18) that adds provisions requiring the disclosure to Congress of ethics waivers granted to executive branch officials; requiring presidential

transition team members to disclose positions they held outside the federal government for the previous year, including paid and unpaid positions; and a provision barring presidential transition team members from working on transition activities who do not disclose information required in the transition “ethics plan”, all of which were included in H.R. 1 as introduced in the 116th Congress; and Schweikert (No. 39) that directs the Election Assistance Commission to conduct a study regarding the use of blockchain technology to enhance voter security in Federal elections; **Pages H997–99**

Lofgren en bloc amendment No. 1 consisting of the following amendments printed in part B of H. Rept. 117–9: Scanlon (No. 1) that expands state requirements for early voting locations to include college campuses; Adams (No. 2) that requires that, in order to be eligible for funds under the program for institutions of higher education demonstrating excellence in voter registration, institutions must have engaged in initiatives to facilitate the enfranchisement of groups of individuals that have historically faced barriers to voting; Adams (No. 3) that requires school districts to describe how they will prioritize access to initiatives for schools serving their most vulnerable students when applying for funds under the “Pilot Program for Providing Voter Registration Information to Secondary School Students”; Adams (No. 4) that requires an appropriations set-aside for minority-serving institutions (MSIs) under the grant program for institutions of higher education demonstrating excellence in voter registration; Adams (No. 5) that inserts a provision requiring the US Postal Service to sweep its facilities and post offices daily to ensure that ballots are expeditiously transmitted to local election officials; Auchincloss (No. 7) that expands the requirements for states to receive grants for poll worker recruitment and training to ensure the state includes dedicated poll worker recruitment for youth and minors, including by recruiting at institutions of higher education and secondary education; Auchincloss (No. 8) that adds “age” to the list of bases upon which voter challenges by persons other than election officials will be

presumed as lacking a good faith factual basis; Bourdeaux (No. 9) that protects the ability of third parties to provide an application for an absentee ballot; ensures that election officials can send voter registration applications unsolicited; ensures that the number of drop boxes and geographical distribution of drop boxes provide a reasonable opportunity for voters to submit their ballot; permits for the security of drop boxes through remote or electronic surveillance; Boyle (PA) (No. 10) that allows for voter education information at naturalization ceremonies for newly sworn in citizens; Brown (No. 11) that requires states to include an option for an absentee ballot in the next and subsequent federal elections on a voter registration application form as part of registering for a State motor vehicle driver's license; Bush (No. 15) that expands accessibility requirements for ballot drop box locations to ensure unhoused communities can participate in federal elections; Case (No. 16) that directs the Election Assistance Commission to conduct a study on the 2020 elections and compile a list of recommendations to help states administer vote-by-mail elections; Castor (FL) (No. 17) that adds campaign fund disbursement requirements for former candidates registering as an agent under the Foreign Agents Registration Act; DeSaulnier (No. 20) that adds the Bots Research Act to the bill, which requires the EAC to establish a task force to study and report on the impact of automated accounts, known as "bots," on social media, public discourse, and elections; and Escobar (No. 21) that exempts cybersecurity assistance, including assistance in responding to threats or harassment online, from limits on coordinated political party expenditures (by a yea-and-nay vote of 218 yeas to 210 nays, Roll No. 52); and **Pages H993–97, H1001–02**

Lofgren en bloc amendment No. 3 consisting of the following amendments printed in part B of H. Rept. 117–9: Gallego (No. 22) that improves voting access for individuals with disabilities in the four corners region of AZ, NM, CO, and UT by making a technical fix to the Protection and Advocacy for Voting Access (PAVA) program to include all 57 Protection and Advocacy Systems as eligible funding recipients; Grijalva (No. 23) that requires each State to submit to the Election Assistance Commission and Congress a report that includes the number of individuals who were purged from the official voter registration list or moved to inactive status, broken down by the reason for those actions, including the method used for identifying those voters; Grijalva (No. 24) that ensures that posting of notices at polling locations take into consideration factors including the linguistic preferences of voters in the jurisdiction; Langevin (No. 25) that implements a recommendation of the Cyberspace Solarium Commis-

sion to ensure the security of our elections and resilience of our democracy by creating the position of Senior Cyber Policy Advisor at the Election Assistance Commission (EAC) and specifying that the duties of the EAC include the development, maintenance and dissemination of cybersecurity guidelines; Lawrence (No. 26) that prevents the United States Postal Service from enacting any new operational change that slows the delivery of voting materials in the 120-day period before an election; Lawrence (No. 27) that requires the United States Postal Service to appoint Election Mail Coordinators to assist election officials with any voting material questions; Levin (MI) (No. 29) that amends Sec. 8042 (requiring disclosures of political donations and fundraising by certain Senate-confirmed nominees and other senior appointees) to add "chiefs of mission," as defined by the Foreign Service Act of 1980, to the list of covered individuals; Luria (No. 30) that prohibits taxpayer funds from being added into Freedom From Influence fund; Manning (No. 31) that directs the Election Assistance Commission (EAC) and the Government Accountability Office (GAO) to submit a joint study to Congress of how to best enforce the fair and equitable waiting times standards set forth in Sec. 1906 of H.R. 1; requires that no individual waits longer than 30 minutes to cast a ballot at a polling place; Phillips (No. 32) that requires state election officials to undertake accessible public education campaigns to inform voters of any changes to election processes made in response to public emergencies; Plaskett (No. 33) that amends the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 to equitably include territories of the United States; Plaskett (No. 34) that applies federal voter protection laws to territories of the United States; Plaskett (No. 35) that permits each of the territories of the United States to provide and furnish statues honoring their United States citizen residents for placement in Statuary Hall in the same manner as statues honoring United States citizen residents of the several States are provided for placement in Statuary Hall; Plaskett (No. 36) that includes territories of the United States in the Automatic Voter Registration Act of 2021 in the same manner as the 50 States and the District of Columbia; and Schneider (No. 38) that requires disclosure of donations of \$5,000 or more to political committees, including super PACs, made 20 days or less before an election in order to ensure transparency of contributions not likely to be disclosed through regular reporting requirements before an election (by a yea-and-nay vote of 221 yeas to 207 nays, Roll No. 55).

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Rejected:

Bush amendment (No. 14 printed in part B of H. Rept. 117–9) that sought to clarify that felony convictions do not bar any eligible individual from voting in federal elections, including individuals who are currently incarcerated (by a yea-and-nay vote of 97 yeas to 328 nays, Roll No. 53); and

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Rodney Davis (IL) amendment (No. 19 printed in part B of H. Rept. 117–9) that sought to strike Subtitle C of Title III “Enhancing Protections for United States Democratic Institutions” creating a ‘national strategy’ to protect US democratic institutions by establishing a national commission (by a yea-and-nay vote of 207 yeas to 218 nays, Roll No. 54).

Pages H1003–04, H1009–10

H. Res. 179, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 1) and (H.R. 1280) was agreed to yesterday, March 1st.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1001–02, H1002, H1009–10, and H1010.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Committee Meetings

HEALTH AND SAFETY PROTECTIONS FOR MEATPACKING, POULTRY, AND AGRICULTURAL WORKERS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies held a hearing entitled “Health and Safety Protections for Meatpacking, Poultry, and Agricultural Workers”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

APPROPRIATIONS—OPEN WORLD

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held a budget hearing on Open World. Testimony was heard from Jane Sargus, Executive Director, Open World Leadership Center.

U.S. MILITARY SERVICE ACADEMIES OVERVIEW

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing entitled “U.S. Military Service Academies Overview”. Testimony was heard from Vice Admiral Sean Buck, Superintendent, U.S. Naval Academy; Lieutenant General Richard M. Clark, Superintendent, U.S. Air Force Academy; and Lieutenant General Darryl A. Williams, Superintendent, U.S. Military Academy West Point.

APPROPRIATIONS—CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held a budget hearing on the Congressional Budget Office. Testimony was heard from Philip Swagel, Director, Congressional Budget Office.

THE FUTURE OF TELEHEALTH: HOW COVID–19 IS CHANGING THE DELIVERY OF VIRTUAL CARE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “The Future of Telehealth: How COVID–19 is Changing the Delivery of Virtual Care”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

ELECTIONS IN AFRICA

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, and Global Human Rights held a hearing entitled “Elections in Africa”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

THE 2021 GAO HIGH-RISK LIST: BLUEPRINT FOR A SAFER, STRONGER, MORE EFFECTIVE AMERICA

Committee on Oversight and Reform: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The 2021 GAO High-Risk List: Blueprint for a Safer, Stronger, More Effective America”. Testimony was heard from Gene L. Dodaro, Comptroller General of the United States, Government Accountability Office.

COVID–19’S EFFECTS ON U.S. AVIATION AND THE FLIGHT PATH TO RECOVERY

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation held a hearing entitled “COVID–19’s Effects on U.S. Aviation and the Flight Path to Recovery”. Testimony was heard from Heather Krause, Director, Physical Infrastructure, Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3, 2021

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Polly Ellen Trottenberg, of New York, to be Deputy Secretary of Transportation, 10 a.m., SR–253.