

of the Americans with Disabilities Act (signed into law by Republican Pres. George H.W. Bush in 1990), which prohibited employers from discriminating against people with disabilities and mandated improvements in their access to educational facilities and public transportation. In 1990 Hoyer supported the Federal Employee Pay Comparability Act (FEPCA), which granted a 5 percent pay raise to federal employees; the law was passed after several federal agencies reported that they were constantly



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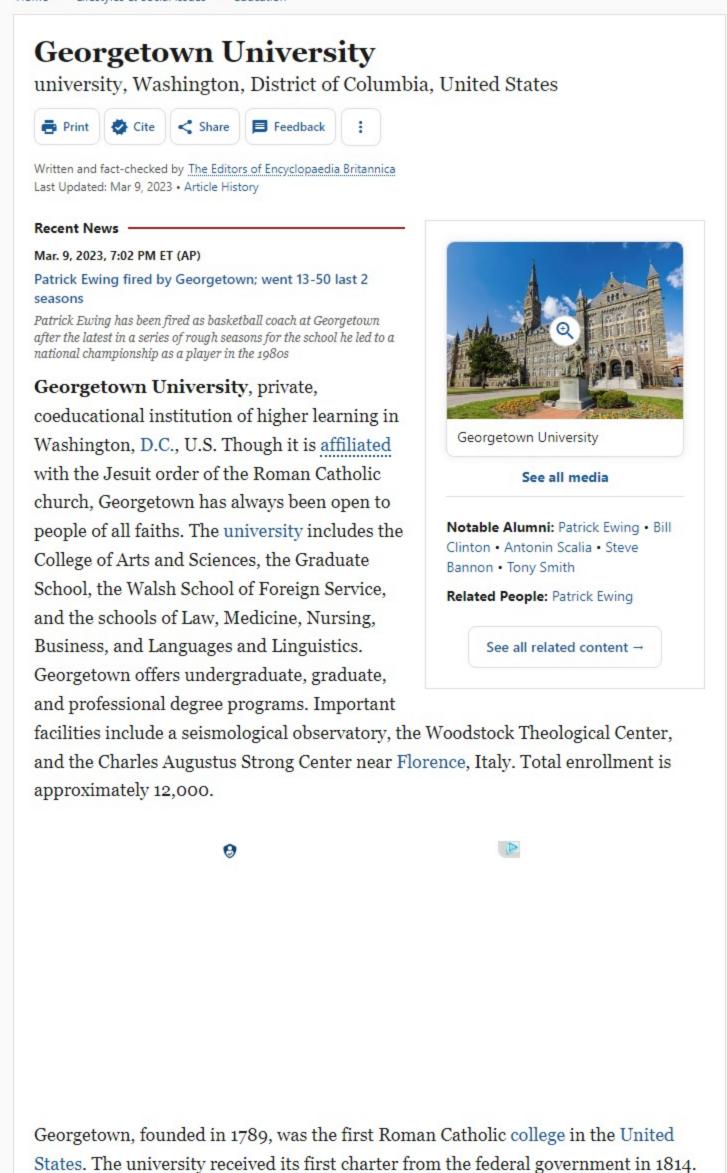
losing workers to the private sector, where pay was much higher. After the bitterly contested presidential election of 2000 and the controversial U.S. Supreme Court decision in Bush v. Gore, Hoyer supported the Help America Vote Act (2002), which sought to eliminate obstacles to voting and to guarantee that every provisional ballot (cast by a person whose eligibility to vote in a certain district is questioned) is counted.

presidency in 2009, Hoyer supported many of his policies, helping to pass the \$787 billion stimulus package (2009) and health care reform (2010). In the 2010 midterms the Democrats lost their majority in the House. Shortly thereafter Hoyer was elected minority whip. He continued in that post until Democrats regained control of the House following the 2018 midterms. In January 2019 he was reelected majority leader. After the Democrats lost their majority in the House in the 2022 midterms, Hoyer announced that he would step down from the party's leadership. In 2023 the new Congress was sworn in, and Hoyer's term as majority leader ended. Chelsey Parrott-Sheffer The Editors of Encyclopaedia Britannica

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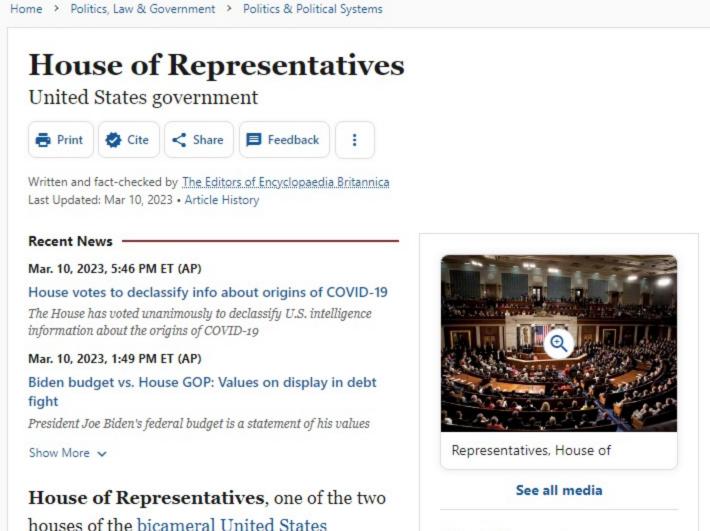
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Congress, established in 1789 by the

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