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## Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, March 15, 2021, at 3 p.m.

## House of Representatives

FRIDAY, MARCH 12, 2021

The House met at 10:30 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. TRONE).

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,  
March 12, 2021.

I hereby appoint the Honorable DAVID J. TRONE to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,  
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

### PRAYER

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

Almighty God, humbly I beseech You to receive each and every prayer I offer as one grounded in love for You and Your truth. In submitting myself to Your will to serve in these hallowed Halls, may the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be acceptable to You.

Search my heart and forgive my hidden faults. Convict me for any malice or offense that I may inadvertently inflict on those whom You have called me to serve.

Instead, allow my prayers to reflect a deep yearning for the welfare and wisdom of all for whom I am privileged to serve alongside. Intercede in the fallibility of my speech, through the power of Your spirit that what is given in

love may be received with grace. And when my words are misconstrued, may Your spirit bring clarity. And should truth cause hurt, may Your spirit be the mediator of our reconciliation in accordance with Your will.

O Lord, our rock and our Redeemer, may this prayer reflect the desires of all those who pray with me. And we offer this prayer to You in the strength of Your name.

Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 5(a)(1)(A) of House Resolution 8, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from West Virginia (Mr. MOONEY) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. MOONEY 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 pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, March 11, 2021.

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

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on March 11, 2021, at 3:27 p.m.:

That the Senate passed S. 320.

That the Senate passed S. 415.

Appointments:

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 the Confederate States of America

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

GLORIA J. LETT,  
Deputy Clerk.

### APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO JOINT ECONOMIC COMMITTEE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces the Speaker's 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. TRONE, Maryland

Mrs. BEATTY, Ohio

Mr. POCAN, Wisconsin

Mr. PETERS, California

Ms. DAVIDS, Kansas

Mr. LAHOOD, Illinois

Ms. HERRERA BEUTLER, Washington

Mr. ESTES, Kansas

□ This symbol represents the time of day during the House proceedings, e.g., □ 1407 is 2:07 p.m.

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APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO  
PERMANENT SELECT COM-  
MITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, notwithstanding the requirement of clause 11(a)(1) of rule X, the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence shall be composed of not more than 23 Members, Delegates, or the Resident Commissioner; and the Chair announces the Speaker's appointment, pursuant to clause 11 of rule X, clause 11 of rule I, and the order of the House of January 4, 2021, and notwithstanding the requirement of clause 11(a)(4)(A) of rule X, of the following Members of the House to the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:

Mr. HIMES, Connecticut  
Mr. CARSON, Indiana  
Ms. SPEIER, California  
Mr. QUIGLEY, Illinois  
Mr. SWALWELL, California  
Mr. CASTRO, Texas  
Mr. WELCH, Vermont  
Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY, New York  
Mrs. DEMINGS, Florida  
Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY, Illinois  
Mr. COOPER, Tennessee  
Mr. CROW, Colorado  
Mr. TURNER, Ohio  
Mr. WENSTRUP, Ohio  
Mr. STEWART, Utah  
Mr. CRAWFORD, Arkansas  
Ms. STEFANIK, New York  
Mr. MULLIN, Oklahoma

Mr. KELLY, Mississippi  
Mr. LAHOOD, Illinois  
Mr. FITZPATRICK, Pennsylvania  
There was no objection.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 5(a)(1)(B) of House Resolution 8, the House stands adjourned until noon on Tuesday, March 16, 2021, for morning-hour debate and 2 p.m. for legislative business.

Thereupon (at 10 o'clock and 40 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Tuesday, March 16, 2021, at noon for morning-hour debate.

EXPENDITURE REPORTS CONCERNING OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL

Reports concerning the foreign currencies and U.S. dollars utilized for Official Foreign Travel during the fourth quarter of 2020, pursuant to Public Law 95-384, are as follows:

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND LABOR, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN OCT. 1 AND DEC. 31, 2020

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem <sup>1</sup>		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>

HOUSE COMMITTEES

Please Note: If there were no expenditures during the calendar quarter noted above, please check the box at right to so indicate and return. ☐

<sup>1</sup> Per diem constitutes lodging and meals.

<sup>2</sup> If foreign currency is used, enter U.S. dollar equivalent; if U.S. currency is used, enter amount expended.

HON. ROBERT C. "BOBBY" SCOTT, Feb. 25, 2021.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, JOINT COMMITTEE ON TAXATION, EXPENDED BETWEEN OCT. 1 AND DEC. 31, 2020

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem <sup>1</sup>		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>

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HON. RICHARD E. NEAL, Feb. 22, 2021.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS,  
ETC.

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

EC-581. A letter from the OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Property Loss Reporting in the Procurement Integrated Enterprise Environment (DFARS Case 2020-D005) [Docket: DARS-2020-0026] (RIN: 0750-AK92) received February 25, 2021, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-582. A letter from the OSD FRLO, Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Administration and Support of Basic Research by the Department of Defense [Docket ID: DOD-2019-OS-0007] (RIN: 0790-AK51) received February 25, 2021, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-583. A letter from the OSD FRLO, Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's interim final

rule — TRICARE Coverage of National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Disease Coronavirus Disease 2019 Clinical Trials [Docket ID: DOD-2020-HA-0050] (RIN: 0720-AB83) received February 25, 2021, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-584. A letter from the OSD FRLO, Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — TRICARE: Referring of Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy by Doctors of Podiatric Medicine Acting Within the Scope of Their License [Docket ID: DOD-2017-HA-0058] (RIN: 0720-AB71) received February 25, 2021, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-585. A letter from the OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's interim final rule — Screening the Ready Reserve [Docket ID: DOD-2020-OS-0041] (RIN: 0790-AL00) received February 25, 2021, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-586. A letter from the Program Analyst, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmit-

ting the Commission's final rule — Amendment of the Commission's Rules Governing Standards for Hearing Aid-Compatible Handsets [WT Docket No.: 20-3] received February 26, 2021, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-587. A letter from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's final evaluation of vendor submittal — "BWR Vessel and Internals Project, Plan for Extension of the BWR Integrated Surveillance Program (ISP) Through the Second License Renewal (SLR), (BWRVIP-321)" received February 25, 2021, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-588. A letter from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's NRC staff evaluation of industry proposal — Final Safety Evaluation by the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation for the Nuclear Energy Institute Technical Report 14-05A, "Guidelines for the Use of Accreditation in Lieu of Commercial Grade Surveys for Procurement of Laboratory Calibration and Test Services", Revision 1 received March 8, 2021,

pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-589. A letter from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's final NUREG — Guidance for Evaluation of Defense in Depth and Diversity to Address Common-Cause Failure Due to Latent Design Defects in Digital Safety Systems (NUREG-0800, Chapter 7) received March 8, 2021, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-590. A letter from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Updated Aging Management Criteria for Electrical Portions of Subsequent License Renewal Interim Staff Guidance [SLR-ISC-2021-04-ELECTRICAL] received February 26, 2021, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-591. A letter from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Updated Aging Management Criteria for Mechanical Portions of Subsequent License Renewal Interim Staff Guidance [SLR-ISC-2021-02-MECHANICAL] received February 26, 2021, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-592. A letter from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's EPFAQ 2019-004 — Clarification Based on Implementation of the Impact of BWROG EPG/SAG Revision 4 on Various Emergency Action Levels received February 26, 2021, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-593. A letter from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Updated Aging Management Criteria for Structures Portions of Subsequent License Renewal Interim Staff Guidance [SLR-ISC-2021-03-STRUCTURES] received February 26, 2021, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-594. A letter from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's issuance of regulatory guide — Design Limits, Loading Combinations, Materials, Construction, and Testing of Concrete Containments, Regulatory Guide 1.136, Revision 4, received February 26, 2021, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-595. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting the Department's final rule — Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Addition of Russia (RIN: 1400-AF19) received February 26, 2021, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-596. A letter from the Director, Office of National Marine Sanctuaries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Expansion of Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary [Docket No.: 210107-0004] (RIN: 0648-BA21) received February 25, 2021, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

## 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. YARMUTH (for himself, Mr. NEAL, Mr. PALLONE, and Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia):

H.R. 1868. A bill to prevent across-the-board direct spending cuts, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Budget, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, 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. AMODEI:

H.R. 1869. A bill to amend the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 to make a technical correction to the water rights settlement for the Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of the Duck Valley Reservation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Ms. BARRAGÁN (for herself and Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi):

H.R. 1870. A bill to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to prioritize strengthening of local transportation security capabilities by assigning certain officers and intelligence analysts to State, local, and regional fusion centers in jurisdictions with a high-risk surface transportation asset and improving the timely sharing of information regarding threats of terrorism and other threats, including targeted violence, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security.

By Mr. BISHOP of North Carolina (for himself and Mr. KATKO):

H.R. 1871. A bill to improve the understanding and clarity of Transportation Security Administration policies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security.

By Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER (for herself and Ms. SCANLON):

H.R. 1872. A bill to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to provide for Federal Exchange outreach and educational activities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. BUCSHON (for himself and Mr. PETERS):

H.R. 1873. A bill to educate health care providers and the public on biosimilar biological products, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Ms. CASTOR of Florida:

H.R. 1874. A bill to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to provide for additional requirements with respect to the navigator program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Ms. CASTOR of Florida (for herself and Mr. HIGGINS of New York):

H.R. 1875. A bill to amend title XXVII of the Public Health Service Act to eliminate the short-term limited duration insurance exemption with respect to individual health insurance coverage; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. CAWTHORN:

H.R. 1876. A bill to amend the Uniform Time Act to make daylight savings time permanent; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. CLEAVER:

H.R. 1877. A bill to require the Transportation Security Administration to issue a plan to improve security screening procedures at airports during the COVID-19 national emergency, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security.

By Ms. CRAIG (for herself and Mr. PETERS):

H.R. 1878. A bill to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to establish a health insurance affordability fund, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mrs. DINGELL:

H.R. 1879. A bill to promote American leadership in vehicle manufacturing, job creation, improved air quality, and climate protection through domestic manufacturing of low- and zero-emission vehicles and development of electric vehicle charging networks, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mrs. DINGELL:

H.R. 1880. A bill to amend the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 to make permanent the Money Follows the Person Rebalancing Demonstration; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. GARAMENDI (for himself and Mr. CALVERT):

H.R. 1881. A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act with respect to permitting terms, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. VICENTE GONZALEZ of Texas:

H.R. 1882. A bill to amend the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 to include the rural development voucher program as a covered housing program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mrs. GREENE of Georgia:

H.R. 1883. A bill to enact a moratorium on immigration, build the wall, prioritize securing the Southern border, repeal certain executive orders which endanger the security of the United States, re-assert a zero-tolerance immigration policy, ensure the safe return of unaccompanied alien children, reduce human trafficking, deport criminal aliens, and end chain migration; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on Homeland Security, Ways and Means, Intelligence (Permanent Select), Foreign Affairs, Armed Services, Energy and Commerce, House Administration, 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. GRIJALVA (for himself, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, Mr. KILMER, Mr. RUIZ, Mr. SABLAN, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Mr. MEEKS, Mr. HUFFMAN, Mr. HASTINGS, Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ, Mr. DEFAZIO, Mr. GOMEZ, Mr. CARDENAS, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Ms. NORTON, Ms. MENG, Ms. DEGETTE, and Ms. PINGREE):

H.R. 1884. A bill to repeal section 3003 of the Carl Levin and Howard P. "Buck" McKeon National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. KIND (for himself, Mr. LAHOOD, Ms. SCHRIER, Mr. GRIFFITH, Mr. COSTA, and Mrs. WALORSKI):

H.R. 1885. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to adjust certain rural health clinic payments under the Medicare program; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 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 Mr. O'HALLERAN (for himself and Mr. YOUNG):

H.R. 1886. A bill to provide temporary impact aid construction grants to eligible local educational agencies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and Labor.

By Mr. REED (for himself and Ms. SEWELL):

H.R. 1887. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to rebase the calculation of payments for sole community hospitals and Medicare-dependent hospitals, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. RUIZ:

H.R. 1888. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to require a Federal medical assistance percentage of 100 percent for Indian health care providers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. RUIZ (for himself and Mr. MCEACHIN):

H.R. 1889. A bill to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to continue to carry out certain programs relating to environmental justice, and for other purposes; 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 Ms. SCHAKOWSKY:

H.R. 1890. A bill to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to require Exchanges to establish network adequacy standards for qualified health plans and amend the Public Health Service Act to provide protections for consumers against excessive, unjustified, or unfairly discriminatory increases in premium rates; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. SCHRADER (for himself, Ms. BONAMICI, Mr. DEFAZIO, and Mr. BLUMENAUER):

H.R. 1891. A bill to amend the Grand Ronde Reservation Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Ms. STEFANIK (for herself, Mr. MCCAUL, Mr. WITTMAN, Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio, Mr. GALLAGHER, Mr. GRAVES of Louisiana, Mr. CURTIS, Mr. NEWHOUSE, Mr. SMUCKER, Mr. CARTER of Georgia, Mr. CALVERT, Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania, Mr. BURGESS, Mrs. STEEL, Mr. PENCE, Mr. MEIJER, Mr. SMITH of Nebraska, Mr. HUDSON, Mr. FORTENBERRY, Mr. WALTZ, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, Mr. LAMALFA, Mr. MEUSER, Mrs. WALORSKI, Mr. COLE, Mr. EMMER, Miss GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN, Mr. BOST, Mr. GARBARINO, Mr. JOYCE of Ohio, Mr. CHABOT, Mr. FEENSTRA, Mr. RESCHENTHALER, Mrs. RODGERS of Washington, Mrs. HINSON, Mr. BACON, Mr. HILL, Mr. WOMACK, Mr. MCHENRY, Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS, Mr. BALDERSON, Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas, Mr. C. SCOTT FRANKLIN of Florida, Mr. BARR, Mrs. FISCHBACH, Mr. VALADAO, Ms. HERRERA BEUTLER, Mr. DUNN, Mrs. WAGNER, Mr. LAHOOD, and Mr. DIAZ-BALART):

H.R. 1892. A bill to reauthorize Department of Justice programs that combat violence against women, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, Natural Resources, and Financial 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 Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN (for herself, Mr. GIMENEZ, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, and Mr. KATKO):

H.R. 1893. A bill to direct the Transportation Security Administration to develop a transportation security preparedness plan in the event of a communicable disease outbreak, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security.

By Ms. CLARKE of New York (for herself and Ms. JOHNSON of Texas):

H. Res. 230. A resolution supporting the designation of the month of March 2021 as "Eddie Bernice Johnson Black Women in Science and Technology Month"; to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

By Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ (for herself, Ms. SCANLON, Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York, Ms. SPANBERGER, Ms. UNDERWOOD, and Mrs. FLETCHER):

H. Res. 231. A resolution recognizing Girl Scouts of the United States of America on its 109th birthday and celebrating its legacy of fostering civic action and community service among girls and creating leaders in Gold Award Girl Scouts, including the 2020 National Gold Award Girl Scouts; to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

## PRIVATE BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 3 of rule XII,

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY introduced a bill (H.R. 1894) for the relief of Stela Simeonova and Simeon Simeonov; which was referred 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. YARMUTH:

H.R. 1868.  
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, clause 1 and Article I, Section 8, clause 18 of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. AMODEI:

H.R. 1869.  
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 authorize Appropriations under Article I, Section 9 of the United States Constitution.

By Ms. BARRAGÁN:

H.R. 1870.  
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8

By Mr. BISHOP of North Carolina:

H.R. 1871.  
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I; Section 8; Clause 18:

"To make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States, or in any Department or Officer thereof."

By Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER:

H.R. 1872.  
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 1 and Clause 18

By Mr. BUCSHON:

H.R. 1873.  
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 3

By Ms. CASTOR of Florida:

H.R. 1874.  
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8 of the United States Constitution

By Ms. CASTOR of Florida:

H.R. 1875.

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

Article 1, Section 8 of the United States Constitution

By Mr. CAWTHORN:

H.R. 1876.

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

Article 1, Section 8

By Mr. CLEAVER:

H.R. 1877.

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

Article I of the Constitution

By Ms. CRAIG:

H.R. 1878.

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

Article 1, Section 8 for the Commerce Clause

By Mrs. DINGELL:

H.R. 1879.

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 Mrs. DINGELL:

H.R. 1880.

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. GARAMENDI:

H.R. 1881.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 1, Clause 3, and Clause 18 of the U.S. Constitution

By Mr. VICENTE GONZALEZ of Texas:

H.R. 1882.

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

Article 1, Section 8 of the United States Constitution

By Mrs. GREENE of Georgia:

H.R. 1883.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 4, United States Constitution

By Mr. GRIJALVA:

H.R. 1884.

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

U.S. Constitution Article 1 Sections 1 and 8

By Mr. KIND:

H.R. 1885.

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

Article I, Section 8

By Mr. O'HALLERAN:

H.R. 1886.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 18

By Mr. REED:

H.R. 1887.

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

Article 1, Section 8

By Mr. RUIZ:

H.R. 1888.

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

Article I, section 8, Clauses 1 and 18 of the United States Constitution, to provide for the general welfare and make all laws necessary and proper to carry out the powers of Congress.

By Mr. RUIZ:

H.R. 1889.

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

Article I, section 8, Clauses 1 and 18 of the United States Constitution, to provide for the general welfare and make all laws necessary and proper to carry out the powers of Congress.

By Ms. SCHAKOWSKY:

H.R. 1890.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 3.

By Mr. SCHRADER:

H.R. 1891.

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

Congress has the authority to act under Article I, §8, clause 3—the Commerce Clause.

By Ms. STEFANIK:

H.R. 1892.

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

Article I, section 8 of the Constitution of the United States

By Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN:

H.R. 1893.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 18: To make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States, or in any Department or Officer thereof.

By Ms. SCHAKOWSKY:

H.R. 1894.

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

Article 1, Section 8, Clauses 3 and 18.

The Congress shall have Power . . . To regulate Commerce with foreign Nations, and among the several States, and with the Indian Tribes.

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

#### ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 7 of rule XII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions, as follows:

H.R. 6: Miss RICE of New York, Ms. WATERS, Mr. POCAN, Mr. CARTWRIGHT, Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER, Ms. BOURDEAUX, Mr. RUPERSBERGER, and Mr. MOULTON.

H.R. 55: Mr. DONALDS.

H.R. 279: Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER and Mr. LEVIN of California.

H.R. 305: Ms. DEAN, Mr. SCHRADER, and Mr. CASTEN.

H.R. 535: Mr. FOSTER.

H.R. 596: Mrs. KIM of California.

H.R. 622: Mr. HARDER of California.

H.R. 667: Mr. THOMPSON of California.

H.R. 682: Mr. C. SCOTT FRANKLIN of Florida.

H.R. 708: Mr. KHANNA and Ms. STRICKLAND.

H.R. 1035: Ms. TITUS.

H.R. 1102: Mr. STEUBE.

H.R. 1263: Mr. RUTHERFORD.

H.R. 1284: Mr. TIMMONS.

H.R. 1361: Mr. RUTHERFORD.

H.R. 1379: Ms. SCHAKOWSKY and Mr. KHANNA.

H.R. 1393: Ms. PINGREE, Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER, Mr. WELCH, Mr. POCAN, Ms. OMAR, and Mr. SIRE.

H.R. 1480: Ms. CRAIG, Mr. LAWSON of Florida, and Mr. LAMB.

H.R. 1527: Mr. C. SCOTT FRANKLIN of Florida.

H.R. 1611: Mr. GALLEGO.

H.R. 1631: Mr. THOMPSON of California and Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia.

H.R. 1670: Mr. EVANS, Mr. JEFFRIES, and Ms. WATERS.

H.R. 1680: Mrs. LESKO.

H.R. 1693: Ms. MACE.

H.R. 1698: Mr. PENCE and Mr. BURGESS.

H.R. 1729: Mr. MCKINLEY.

H.R. 1735: Ms. JAYAPAL and Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia.

H.R. 1769: Mr. SUOZZI, Mr. GARBARINO, and Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York.

H.R. 1792: Mr. CARBAJAL.

H.R. 1799: Mr. PHILLIPS, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Ms. NEWMAN, Ms. TENNEY, Ms. CRAIG, Mr. MCKINLEY, Mr. CHABOT, Mr. WALBERG, Mr. BUDD, Mr. MEUSER, Mr. MURPHY of North Carolina, Mr. WALTZ, and Mr. EVANS.

H.R. 1814: Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Mrs. AXNE, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, Ms. SCANLON, Mr. RASKIN, and Mr. CARSON.

H.R. 1815: Mr. COHEN, Mr. RYAN, Mr. POCAN, and Mr. BISHOP of Georgia.

H.R. 1827: Mr. C. SCOTT FRANKLIN of Florida.

H.J. Res. 3: Mr. TURNER.

H.J. Res. 29: Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Mr. WELCH, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Ms. NORTON, and Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois.

H. Res. 104: Mr. LEVIN of Michigan.

#### CONGRESSIONAL EARMARKS, LIMITED TAX BENEFITS, OR LIMITED TARIFF BENEFITS

Under clause 9 of rule XXI, lists or statements on congressional earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits were submitted as follows:

OFFERED BY MR. NADLER

The provisions that warranted a referral to the Committee on the Judiciary in H.R. 6 do not contain any congressional earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits as defined in clause 9 of rule XXI.

OFFERED BY MR. NADLER

The provisions that warranted a referral to the Committee on the Judiciary in H.R. 1603 do not contain any congressional earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits as defined in clause 9 of rule XXI.

OFFERED BY MR. NADLER

The provisions that warranted a referral to the Committee on the Judiciary in H.R. 1620 do not contain any congressional earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits as defined in clause 9 of rule XXI.

OFFERED BY MR. NADLER

The provisions that warranted a referral to the Committee on the Judiciary in H.J. Res. 17 do not contain any congressional earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits as defined in clause 9 of rule XXI.

# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

## AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT

SPEECH OF

**HON. JOHN GARAMENDI**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 10, 2021*

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I am very pleased that the Senate has passed and the House is now expected to re-pass the "American Rescue Plan Act of 2021" (H.R. 1319), for President Biden to sign into law.

This critical legislation provides federal relief totaling more than \$218 billion to state governments and more than \$140 billion to county and municipal governments. State and local governments will use this federal relief to continue providing essential services to the American public. With this soon-to-be law, Congress has answered President Biden's call to defeat the COVID-19 pandemic, rebuild our economy, and help Americans return to normal life once we have widespread vaccination.

While this soon-to-be law does not include my "Special Districts Provide Essential Services Act" (H.R. 535), I hope that states will use the flexibility provided under the "American Rescue Plan Act" to pass though some federal relief to the 2,700 special districts in California and 30,000 special districts nationwide providing essential public services cities and counties do not provide to residents. Those services include first responders, policing, firefighting, public health, and more, making special districts indeed critical to the communities they serve. Special districts must now make their case directly to each state's Governor.

I want to thank my colleagues who cosponsored H.R. 535 and U.S. Senator KYRSTEN SINEMA (D-AZ) for sponsoring the companion legislation.

I plan to continue working to ensure that special districts can access the Federal Reserve's Municipal Liquidity Facility in the future, as called for in my "Special Districts Provide Essential Services Act." Like states, counties, and cities, many special districts serve large populations and have the legal authority to issue short-term tax and revenue anticipation notes. However, special districts are not currently guaranteed access to the Municipal Liquidity Facility, even to offset revenue shortfalls caused by this ongoing pandemic or similar emergencies.

Congress must ensure that local governments including special districts have the federal support needed to deliver crucial quality-of-life services to communities during this global pandemic and future national emergencies.

## COMMEMORATING 56TH ANNIVERSARY OF BLOODY SUNDAY

SPEECH OF

**HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 8, 2021*

Mr. HASTINGS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay honor to the legacy of our late colleague, and my dear friend, Congressman John Lewis. This year marks the 56th Anniversary of the Bloody Sunday March in Selma, Alabama, over the Edmund Pettus Bridge. It is vital that we pay homage to Congressman Lewis and to the hundreds of individuals who marched beside him to protect the voices of the many, as well as to remember the history, legacy, and increasing importance of the infamous Bloody Sunday March.

On March 7, 1965, about six-hundred peaceful protesters, including a 25-year-old John Lewis, were violently attacked by Alabama State troopers while attempting to cross the Edmund Pettus Bridge to begin the peaceful march from Selma to Montgomery. The ongoing Civil Rights Movement led nonviolent demonstrators to the bridge that Sunday with the risk of being met with opposition from law enforcement—but the outcome was much worse. Protesters were tear-gassed, clubbed, spat on, whipped, trampled by horses, and ultimately degraded by the police. The abhorrent attacks, which were seen on television and in newspapers, shocked the nation.

The events of that day mobilized Congress to pass the bipartisan Voting Rights Act of 1965—outlawing discriminatory voting laws which silenced the voices of Black Americans. Fifty-six years later, we celebrate the "good trouble" Congressman Lewis created that Sunday, and the decades to follow, embarking our nation down a path toward a more perfect union. Bloody Sunday is a dark moment in our country's history, but it should not be left in the past. The increasing importance of memorializing that day draws on the impact it made on our citizens as well as our legislative body. This Congress should continue to implement the principles of our late colleague and uphold his legacy.

Mr. Speaker, I am so privileged to join the Congressional Black Caucus in its First Annual John Lewis Special Order Hour. Please join me in commemorating his leadership and bravery on the Edmund Pettus Bridge fifty-six years ago. May he Rest in Power, a well-earned peace, and may his memory be a blessing to all of us who loved him.

## IN RECOGNITION OF JOHN WILLIAMS' 100TH BIRTHDAY

**HON. DEBBIE DINGELL**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 12, 2021*

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize John Williams of Allen Park

on the occasion of his 100th Birthday. His contributions to our community and to our nation are worthy of commendation.

Mr. Williams was born in Emporia, Kansas and moved to Detroit, Michigan as the eldest of nine children when he was only three years old. Growing up in Detroit he was an active athlete, playing both baseball and football. He proudly cast his very first vote on election day for President Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

As a young man, he volunteered to serve his country in the United States Navy. Stationed in the Pacific, he survived the attacks on Pearl Harbor on that infamous day, December 7, 1941. After the death of his first wife while she was pregnant with their third child in California, Mr. Williams returned to Detroit with his two children. It was here where he later met his late wife Oila. Mr. Williams worked for Great Lakes Steel in Ecorse, Michigan for nearly 35 years.

A man of faith, Mr. Williams has served as a deacon at Whitlock Memorial Church of God in Christ in Detroit for over 63 years. These days, he continues to attend bible study and still makes time to attend church services. Friends and family know him as someone with a big smile, a love of people, and most importantly, someone who always has time to impart his wisdom or share a joke.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring John Williams on his 100th Birthday. He has honorably served this country through his service in the United States Navy during World War II. I join with Mr. Williams' family, including his two granddaughters, four great grandchildren, many nieces and nephews, and friends in extending my best wishes to him on his birthday, in celebration of another exemplary year of life.

## COMMITTEE ON ETHICS SPECIAL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES RELATING TO FINE NOTIFICATIONS AND APPEALS

**HON. THEODORE E. DEUTCH**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 12, 2021*

Mr. DEUTCH. Madam Speaker, pursuant to section 1(e) of House Resolution 73, 117th Congress, and clause 3(g)(4) of House Rule II, I hereby submit the following special policies and procedures adopted by the Committee on Ethics on March 9, 2021, for printing in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

Special Policies and Procedures Relating to Fine Notifications and Appeals

(Adopted by the Committee on Ethics—  
March 9, 2021)

1. Upon receipt of a fine notification under House Rule II or H. Res. 73, the Committee will send a letter to the Sergeant at Arms, U.S. Capitol Police, and/or Chief Administrative Officer requesting that they preserve all records of any reviews, determinations, or decisions regarding the alleged violation(s) and any additional information, including

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video recordings of the alleged violation(s). Also, the Committee will send a letter to the Member notifying them of their right to appeal, the deadline by which to file an appeal, the Committee's special policies and procedures, and noting that an appeal to the Committee shall include a response to the findings issued by the Sergeant at Arms, and may include the basis for the appeal, a description of the occurrence precipitating the fine, any exculpatory information, any request to appear before the Committee, and any additional information that the appellant believes will assist the Committee in considering the appeal. In addition, for receipt of any fine notification under H. Res. 73, the Committee shall notify the Member of the Committee's obligation to publish the fine notification.

2. For a fine notification received under H. Res. 73, the Chair and Ranking Member will make the notification public within two business days of receipt. The Committee will provide the subject of the fine with notice of publication one business day prior to release.

3. The Chair and Ranking Member may make redactions to the public fine notification received under H. Res. 73 as they deem necessary to protect certain personally identifiable information or other sensitive details.

4. In appealing a fine to the Committee, the appellant may be represented by counsel at their own expense.

5. Upon receipt of an appeal of a fine, the Committee will send a letter confirming its receipt of the appeal and notifying the appellant that it will consider the appeal within 30 calendar days. Also, upon receipt of an appeal, the Committee will send a letter to the Sergeant at Arms, U.S. Capitol Police, and/or Chief Administrative Officer requesting that they provide the Committee with a copy of all records of any reviews, determinations, or decisions regarding the alleged violation(s) and any additional information, including video recordings of the alleged violation(s).

6. If the written appeal does not provide sufficient information to fully assess an appeal, the Chair and Ranking Member may jointly authorize staff to request additional information from the appellant.

7. If an appellant asserts there are factual errors with the findings and any supporting documentation, the Chair and Ranking Member will request a response from the Sergeant at Arms and the U.S. Capitol Police. The Chair and Ranking Member may also jointly seek additional information from other sources.

8. The Chair or Ranking Member, consistent with Committee Rule 5(b), may place consideration of an appeal on the agenda at any time. If no meeting of the Committee is scheduled to occur within 30 days of receipt of an appeal, the Chair will make reasonable efforts to convene a meeting during that time period.

9. Members of the Committee will be provided any information needed for consideration of the appeal not later than three days prior to any meeting in which the appeal will be considered, whenever possible.

10. The Committee may agree to an appeal if it determines the fine is (a) arbitrary and capricious, an abuse of discretion, or otherwise not consistent with law or with principles of fairness; (b) not made consistent with required procedures; or (c) unsupported by substantial evidence.

11. The Chair and Ranking Member will notify the Speaker, the Sergeant at Arms, Chief Administrative Officer, and the public of the determination regarding a fine appeal (or that no appeal has been filed) two business days after such determination (or the expiration of the appeal period), and will also publish the written appeal if the appellant so chooses. The Committee will provide the subject of the fine with notice of publication one business day prior to release.

# NATIONAL POLLUTANT DIS- CHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES)

## HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 12, 2021

Mr. GARAMENDI. Madam Speaker, today I reintroduce a noncontroversial amendment to the Clean Water Act, extending permit terms for publicly owned water infrastructure projects under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES). I thank my colleague Congressman KEN CALVERT (R-CA) for his support as the original cosponsor.

This bipartisan bill would simply extend the NPDES permit term for projects owned by local public agencies and water districts from the current 5 up to 10 years. This would encourage investment in modern wastewater treatment facilities by relieving unnecessary, bureaucratic paperwork and allow regulators to focus on watershed-scale planning and water quality standards. This bill is supported by the National Association of Clean Water Agencies, National Association of Counties, United States Conference of Mayors, National Association of Counties, National League of Cities, National Water Resources Association, Association of California Water Agencies, California Association of Sanitation Agencies, WaterReuse Association, and Water Environment Federation.

The United States has fallen behind many other developed nations in wastewater infrastructure, receiving a D+ grade in the Amer-

ican Society of Civil Engineers' most recent report card. One reason for this lapse in infrastructure improvements is arbitrary permitting timetables imposed by the federal government. Permit terms should match the construction timelines and on-the-ground reality for the projects to which they apply. This is currently not the case. With over 95 percent of wastewater infrastructure spending at the local level, according to the U.S. Conference of Mayors, lengthening permit terms for local governments would be one of the most expeditious ways to encouraging further investment in 21st-century wastewater treatment facilities.

Current NPDES permitting under the Clean Water Act has a maximum term of 5 years, an aggressive timeline that is impracticable given construction schedules of local public agencies. As a result, California's State Water Resources Control Board and Clean Water Act regulators in other states are overwhelmed with a backlog of NPDES permitting requests for existing projects. New public projects are, likewise, significantly delayed by this unnecessary bureaucracy.

My office has identified nearly a dozen major public projects to modernize wastewater treatment plants or build water recycling facilities in California delayed by the current 5-year NPDES term. One such public water recycling project in a drought-stricken region of southern California is well into its third NPDES permit term before even breaking ground on the underlying project. This is just one example where the arbitrary 5-year permit term impedes public water infrastructure projects that would advance the stated goals of the Clean Water Act.

My bill would alleviate this burden by extending the maximum permit to 10 years, helping local water agencies nationwide better implement the Clean Water Act and literally cutting the permitting backlog in half. Extending the NPDES permitting term is a practical solution that allows local agencies to meet the existing regulatory standards while building public water projects that measurably improve water quality, which after all is the purpose of the Clean Water Act. NPDES permit terms for private projects or industrial discharges would remain at the current 5-year term.

Madam Speaker, I encourage all Members to cosponsor this bipartisan bill to extend the maximum NPDES permit term for public water projects under the Clean Water Act. I plan to make this commonsense legislation a top priority in my work on the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

The Senate was not in session and stands adjourned until 3 p.m., on Monday, March 15, 2021.

### Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

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## House of Representatives

### Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 26 public bills, H.R. 1868–1893; 1 private bill, H.R. 1894; and 2 resolutions, H. Res. 230–231, were introduced. **Pages H1363–64**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Page H1365**

**Reports Filed:** There were no reports filed today.

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Trone to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H1361**

**Joint Economic Committee—Appointment:** The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members on the part of the House to the Joint Economic Committee: Representatives Trone, Beatty, Paeon, Peters, Davids (KS), LaHood, Herrera Beutler, and Estes. **Page H1361**

**Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence—Appointment:** The Chair announced, notwithstanding the requirement of clause 11 (a)(1) of rule 10, the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence shall be composed of not more than 23 Members, Delegates, or the Resident Commissioner, the Speaker's appointment of the following Members of the House to the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Representatives Himes, Carson, Speier, Quigley, Swalwell, Castro (TX), Welch, Sean Patrick Maloney (NY), Demings, Krishnamoorthi, Cooper, Crow, Turner, Wenstrup, Stewart, Crawford, Stefanik, Mullin, Kelly (MS), LaHood, and Fitzpatrick. **Page H1362**

**Senate Referrals:** S. 320 was held at the desk. S. 415 was held at the desk. **Page H1361**

**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H1361.

**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 10:30 a.m. and adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

### Committee Meetings

#### VA SPECIALTY HEALTHCARE: OVERSIGHT OF WOMEN'S HEALTH, MENTAL HEALTH AND SUICIDE PREVENTION, WHOLE HEALTH, AND HOMELESSNESS

**Committee on Appropriations:** Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies held a hearing entitled "VA Specialty Healthcare: Oversight of Women's Health, Mental Health and Suicide Prevention, Whole Health, and Homelessness". Testimony was heard from the following Department of Veterans Affairs officials: David Carroll, Executive Director, Mental Health Operations, Veterans Health Administration; Laura Duke, Chief Financial Officer, Veterans Health Administration; Patricia M Hayes, Chief Consultant, Women's Health Services, Veterans Health Administration; and Kameron Matthews, Assistant Under Secretary for Health for Clinical Services, Veterans Health Administration.



## FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE NATIONAL SECURITY COMMISSION ON ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Cyber, Innovative Technologies, and Information Systems; and Subcommittee on National Security of the House Committee on Oversight and Reform held a joint hearing entitled “Final Recommendations of the National Security Commission on Artificial Intelligence”. Testimony was heard from the following National Security Commission on Artificial Intelligence officials: Eric Schmidt, Chairman; Robert Work, Vice Chairman; Mignon Clyburn, Commissioner; and Gilman Louie, Commissioner.

## POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS ON HAITI FOR THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Policy Recommendations on Haiti for the Biden Administration”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## COMMITTEE FUNDING FOR THE 117TH CONGRESS

*Committee on House Administration:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Committee Funding for the 117th Congress”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Dean and Jordan.

## REVIVING COMPETITION, PART 2: SAVING THE FREE AND DIVERSE PRESS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Antitrust, Commercial, and Administrative Law held a hearing entitled “Reviving Competition, Part 2: Saving the Free and Diverse Press”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## THE SCIENCE BEHIND IMPACTS OF THE CLIMATE CRISIS

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Science Behind Impacts of the Climate Crisis”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## *Joint Meetings*

No joint committee meetings were held.

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR MONDAY, MARCH 15, 2021

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* to receive a closed briefing on the policy and legal rationale of U.S. airstrikes in Syria, 6 p.m., SVC-217.

### House

No hearings are scheduled.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

3 p.m., Monday, March 15

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

12 noon, Tuesday, March 16

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Monday:** Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Debra Anne Haaland, of New Mexico, to be Secretary of the Interior, post-cloture, and vote on confirmation thereon on at 5:30 p.m.

## House Chamber

**Program for Tuesday:** To be announced.

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