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Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, September 21, 2020, at 3 p.m.

House of Representatives

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2020

The House met at noon and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. RASKIN).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
September 18, 2020.

I hereby appoint the Honorable JAMIE RASKIN to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer: Lord, merciful God, we give You thanks for giving us another day.

While the House sits silent, please inspire with Your holy spirit those who are in negotiations to find solutions to the many challenges facing our Nation. Give them wisdom and insight to engage in their deliberations.

Bless those throughout our Nation who are suffering from the pandemic, fires, hurricanes, and flooding.

You are our refuge and strength. Increase our faith that we might not fear, though the Earth should change, though the waters roar and foam, though the winds swirl and destroy all in their paths. Please accompany us through it all.

Lord, have mercy. May all that is done this day be for Your greater honor and glory.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 4(a) of House Resolution 967, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The SPEAKER pro tempore led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

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

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, September 17, 2020.

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 September 17, 2020, at 4:03 p.m.:

That the Senate passed S. 3051.

With best wishes, I am,
Sincerely,

CHERYL L. JOHNSON,
Clerk.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 2 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1700

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. KILDEE) at 5 p.m.

ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTIONS SIGNED

Cheryl L. Johnson, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled joint resolutions of the House of the following titles, which were thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.J. Res. 87. Joint resolution providing for the reappointment of Michael M. Lynton as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.

H.J. Res. 88. Joint resolution providing for the appointment of Franklin D. Raines as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.

SENATE ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The Speaker announced her signature to enrolled bills of the Senate of the following titles:

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

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S. 2193. An act to require the Administrator of General Services to issue guidance to clarify that Federal agencies may pay by charge card for the charging of Federal electric motor vehicles, and for other purposes.

S. 3105. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 456 North Meridian Street in Indianapolis, Indiana, as the "Richard G. Lugar Post Office".

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 4(b) of House Resolution 967, the House stands adjourned until noon on Monday, September 21, 2020.

Thereupon (at 5 p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Monday, September 21, 2020, at noon.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

5322. A letter from the Under Secretary, Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense, transmitting a letter on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Giovanni K. Tuck, United States Air Force, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 1370(c)(1); Public Law 96-513, Sec. 112 (as amended by Public Law 104-106, Sec. 502(b)); (110 Stat. 293); to the Committee on Armed Services.

5323. A letter from the Under Secretary, Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense, transmitting a letter on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Robert P. Ashley, Jr., United States Army, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 1370(c)(1); Public Law 96-513, Sec. 112 (as amended by Public Law 104-106, Sec. 502(b)); (110 Stat. 293); to the Committee on Armed Services.

5324. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Services, Office of Elementary and Secondary Education, Department of Education, transmitting the Department's final requirement — Statewide Family Engagement Centers Program received September 14, 2020, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Education and Labor.

5325. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule — Medical Devices; Petition for an Administrative Stay of Action: Electrical Stimulation Devices for Self-Injurious or Aggressive Behavior [Docket No.: FDA-2016-N-1111] received September 14, 2020, 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.

5326. A letter from the Acting General Counsel, Office of General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Qualifying Facility Rates and Requirements Implementation Issues Under the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 [Docket Nos.: RM19-15-000 and AD16-16-000; Order No.: 872] received September 14, 2020, 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.

5327. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting a notification

that the national emergency declared with respect to persons who commit, threaten to commit, or support terrorism, declared in Executive Order 13224 of September 23, 2001, is to continue in effect beyond September 23, 2020, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1622(d); Public Law 94-412, Sec. 202(d); (90 Stat. 1257) (H. Doc. No. 116—153); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed.

5328. A letter from the Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, transmitting a report entitled Modernizing the Administrative Procedure Act; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. NADLER: Committee on the Judiciary. H.R. 5053. A bill to exempt juveniles from the requirements for suits by prisoners, and for other purposes (Rept. 116-515). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. PALLONE: Committee on Energy and Commerce. H.R. 4585. A bill to require the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to conduct a national suicide prevention media campaign, and for other purposes; with amendments (Rept. 116-516). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

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DISCHARGE OF COMMITTEE

Pursuant to clause 2 of rule XIII, the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology discharged from further consideration. H.R. 1646 referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

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 Ms. FINKENAUER:

H.R. 8314. A bill to provide with respect to recent disasters an employee retention credit for employers affected by such disasters and rules for disaster-related personal casualty losses; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Small Business, 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. HARDER of California (for himself, Mrs. MURPHY of Florida, Ms. SHERRILL, Mr. TRONE, Ms. HOULAHAN, Mr. O'HALLERAN, Mr. CARSON of Indiana, and Ms. SPANBERGER):

H.R. 8315. A bill to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to establish a program to award a financial prize to persons who successfully develop a system or device that makes enclosed sections of a building safer during the COVID-19 public health emergency, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. TAKANO:

H.R. 8316. A bill to direct the Secretary of Education to provide relief to borrowers of student loans for whom the Department of Education found misrepresentation by the institution of higher education or a State attorney general has asserted a right to borrower defense discharge; to the Committee on Education and Labor.

By Mrs. TRAHAN (for herself and Mr. MORELLE):

H.R. 8317. A bill to encourage employer participation in the national apprenticeship system; to the Committee on Education and Labor.

By Mr. WELCH:

H.R. 8318. A bill to extend the availability of amounts under the Coronavirus Relief Fund; to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

By Mr. TED LIEU of California (for himself, Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana, Ms. DEGETTE, and Mr. CURTIS):

H. Con. Res. 118. Concurrent resolution directing the Secretary of the Senate to make a correction in the enrollment of the bill S. 2330; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on House Administration, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. ENGEL (for himself, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Ms. BARRAGÁN, Mrs.

HAYES, Ms. LEE of California, Mr. PRICE of North Carolina, Ms. NORTON, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. SIREN, Mr. TRONE, Mr. COHEN, Mr. BERA, Mr. NADLER, Ms. SEWELL of Alabama, Mr. CISNEROS, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. MEEKS, Mr. SAN NICOLAS, Ms. JOHNSON of Texas, and Ms. JACKSON LEE):

H. Res. 1125. A resolution expressing support for prioritizing racial and ethnic diversity in clinical trials for therapies, diagnostics, and vaccines for COVID-19; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. FULCHER (for himself and Mr. SIMPSON):

H. Res. 1126. A resolution recognizing and supporting the goals and ideals of National Forensic Science Week; to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

By Mr. PASCRELL (for himself, Mr. BACON, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, Ms. SANCHEZ, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, and Mr. GOTTHEIMER):

H. Res. 1127. A resolution supporting the designation of September 18, 2020, as "National Concussion Awareness Day"; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

MEMORIALS

Under clause 3 of rule XII,

201. The SPEAKER presented a memorial of the General Assembly of the State of New Jersey, relative to Assembly Resolution No. 112, expressing opposition to the Department of Housing and Urban Development's proposed changes to the Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing rule; 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 Ms. FINKENAUER:

H.R. 8314.

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, Clause 18 of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. HARDER of California:

H.R. 8315.

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

Article 1, Section 8

By Mr. TAKANO:

H.R. 8316.

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

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 18 of the United States Constitution

By Mrs. TRAHAN:

H.R. 8317.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 18

By Mr. WELCH:

H.R. 8318.

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

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 18: The Congress shall have Power to . . . make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying int Execution the forgoing 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. 344: Mr. BILIRAKIS.

H.R. 692: Mr. RUTHERFORD.

H.R. 1042: Mr. O'HALLERAN and Mr. RESCHENTHALER.

H.R. 1185: Mr. RUIZ and Mr. HOYER.

H.R. 1646: Mr. FOSTER, Mr. BURGESS, and Mr. LEVIN of California.

H.R. 2271: Mr. BURGESS.

H.R. 2428: Ms. HOULAHAN and Mr. DOGGETT.

H.R. 2442: Mrs. LOWEY, Mr. PANETTA, and Ms. LEE of California.

H.R. 3114: Mr. HOYER.

H.R. 3570: Mr. RUIZ and Mr. SAN NICOLAS.

H.R. 3884: Mr. CASTRO of Texas.

H.R. 4092: Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas.

H.R. 4104: Mr. BLUMENAUER and Mr. GRIF-FITH.

H.R. 4481: Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire.

H.R. 5141: Mr. THOMPSON of California, Mr. PANETTA, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Mrs. LOWEY, and Mr. MALINOWSKI.

H.R. 5227: Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi.

H.R. 5492: Ms. NORTON.

H.R. 5554: Ms. NORTON.

H.R. 5771: Mr. TURNER.

H.R. 5845: Mr. MEEKS.

H.R. 6118: Mr. LEVIN of California.

H.R. 6210: Mr. BEYER, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Mr. LAMBORN, Mr. MOULTON, Mr. SHERMAN, and Mr. COSTA.

H.R. 6495: Ms. BONAMICI.

H.R. 6902: Mr. LARSEN of Washington, Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire, and Ms. SHALALA.

H.R. 7071: Ms. NORTON, Mr. GRIFFITH, Mr. KELLER, and Mr. TIFFANY.

H.R. 7197: Mr. HARDER of California.

H.R. 7640: Mr. TED LIEU of California and Ms. DELBENE.

H.R. 7794: Mr. LEVIN of California.

H.R. 7806: Mr. NEGUSE, Mr. DELGADO, and Mr. SUOZZI.

H.R. 8050: Mr. RUSH.

H.R. 8053: Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire.

H.R. 8192: Ms. PINGREE, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Ms. BARRAGÁN, and Mr. PALLONE.

H.R. 8254: Ms. BARRAGÁN.

H.R. 8265: Mr. BALDERSON, Mr. ROUZER, Mr. SCALISE, Mr. KUSTOFF of Tennessee, Mr. DIAZ-BALART, and Ms. HERRERA BEUTLER.

H.R. 8270: Mr. CLEAVER, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Ms. SANCHEZ, Mr. COHEN, Mr. TONKO, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. VARGAS, Mr. SOTO, Mr. FLORES, Mr. STEUBE, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. RUSH, Mr. DESAULNIER, Ms. TITUS, Ms. SLOTKIN, Mr. PALLONE, Ms. HOULAHAN, Mr. CARBAJAL, Mr. YOUNG, Mr. PAPPAS, Mr. HARDER of California, Mr. COLE, and Ms. DEGETTE.

H.R. 8282: Mr. YOHO.

H.R. 8288: Mr. GOSAR, Mr. BIGGS, and Mr. CRAWFORD.

H.R. 8294: Ms. JAYAPAL, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Mr. TAKANO, Ms. KAPTUR, Ms. SEWELL of Alabama, Ms. JACKSON LEE, and Ms. NORTON.

H. Con. Res. 71: Mrs. AXNE.

H. Con. Res. 100: Mr. BERA, Ms. FRANKEL, Mr. QUIGLEY, Ms. WILD, Mr. GARAMENDI, Ms. STEVENS, and Mrs. DAVIS of California.

H. Res. 549: Mr. SAN NICOLAS.

H. Res. 714: Mr. SAN NICOLAS.

H. Res. 1024: Mr. BEYER.

H. Res. 1110: Mr. GROTHMAN, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mr. WALDEN, Mr. RIGGLEMAN, Mr. LAMBORN, Mr. LIPINSKI, Ms. SHALALA, Mr. COLLINS of Georgia, Mr. REED, Mr. MCHENRY, Mr. RUTHERFORD, Mr. MALINOWSKI, Mr. GUTHRIE, Mr. CONNOLLY, Mr. PANETTA, Mr. KINZINGER, Mr. SPANO, Mr. DEUTCH, Mr. SHERMAN, Mr. MCKINLEY, Mr. KUSTOFF of Tennessee, Mr. COLE, Mr. COOK, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. TED LIEU of California, Mrs. MILLER, Mr. SUOZZI, Mrs. LURIA, Mr. RESCHENTHALER, Mr. KIM, and Mr. TRONE.

H. Res. 1116: Mr. SCALISE, Mr. MARCHANT, Mr. KUSTOFF of Tennessee, Mr. GOODEN, Mr. ROUZER, and Mr. CARTER of Georgia.

PETITIONS, ETC.

Under clause 3 of rule XII, petitions and papers were laid on the clerk's desk and referred as follows:

135. The SPEAKER presented a petition of Tompkins County Legislature, New York, relative to Resolution No. 2020-139, encouraging the Federal Government to Support the United States Postal Service; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

136. Also, a petition of the City and County of San Francisco, California, relative to Resolution No. 361-20, urging the United States Congress to pass the Real Economic Support that Acknowledges Unique Restaurant Assistant Needed to Survive Act, or Restaurants Act, establishing the \$120B Independent Restaurant Revitalization Fund to support the struggling restaurant industry; which was referred jointly to the Committees on Ways and Means and Financial Services.

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF TONY CORBO

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 18, 2020

Ms. DELAURO. Madam Speaker, it is with the heaviest of hearts that I rise today to pay tribute to Tony Corbo, one of the original founders of Food and Water Watch. Tony was one of the fiercest consumer advocates I have ever had the good fortune to have known and his loss will be deeply felt by all of those who had the opportunity to know and work with him.

"Fight Like You Live Here" was a motto that drove Tony's passionate advocacy in food safety. He described himself as a "watchdog of big Ag" and it was profession to which he dedicated himself for more than twenty years. He held a particular focus on food safety, consumer safety, and worker health which led to his ardent efforts to both better protect our food supply as well as food processing workers. During my tenure in Congress, I worked closely with Tony on critical issues—from Chinese chicken and linespeeds in slaughterhouses to worker safety issues and advancing trade policies that protect consumers. His passion led to an expertise and keen understanding of food safety and consumer issues that was second to none.

Outside of his professional contributions, Tony was also a dedicated member of the Washington, D.C. community. An avid Nationals fan and season ticket holder, he enjoyed attending the games and rooting for his team. He was also an enthusiastic gardener and bee keeper and in what free time he had, Tony could also be found volunteering at the local garden shop. He had an engaging personality with a contagious laugh, the combination of which could draw anyone in. Tony was a special soul and that larger than life spirit will be missed by many.

Tony was a fervent ally who provided myself and my staff with invaluable counsel over the years. He was not one to take no for an answer or shy away from a fight which is why we worked so well together. Over the years, Tony and I developed a friendship for which I will always be grateful.

Though taken from us much too soon, I am honored to have this opportunity to stand and recognize Tony Corbo for the indelible mark that he left on all those who knew him. I extend my deepest sympathies to his wife, Elizabeth, as well as his brother, Joe, and sister, Cathy. His is a legacy that will continue to inspire those who knew him.

CONSTITUTION DAY AND THE PRESIDENT'S ASSAULT ON THE CONSTITUTION

HON. MAXINE WATERS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 18, 2020

Ms. WATERS. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Constitution Day. Every year, on September 17, Constitution Day reminds us that while we are a nation of diverse races, ethnicities, religions, backgrounds, and stories, we share at least one commonality: a collective belief in the amended document that founded our nation.

The Constitution represents what our nation strives to be: a country of laws, fairness, and justice. A nation that strives to protect the rights of each of its citizens and inhabitants and embolden, not subvert, the pursuit of life, liberty, and happiness.

The Founding Fathers always realized that the Constitution is an imperfect document, and that is why they allowed it to be amended. It has been amended twenty-seven times since its original ratification, and there are still people who are proposing additional amendments. The Thirteenth Amendment abolished slavery, and the Fourteenth Amendment abolished the provision that counted African American slaves as three-fifths of a human being. The Nineteenth Amendment gave most, but not all, women the right to vote. Some provisions of our Constitution are still being debated by the American people, such as the Second Amendment.

The Founding Fathers allowed for these amendments because they understood that the Constitution would always represent a vision of a more perfect nation, and that vision must necessarily change and evolve over time. The Founding Fathers risked their lives to rebel against tyranny, and their struggle to win the freedom to write the Constitution must serve as a reminder to us that we too, if need be, must struggle to defend it.

We must honor Constitution Day not only by celebrating the document, but by pledging to protect it. Because this year, the Constitution is in need of our protection.

The President of the United States took an oath to "preserve, protect and defend the Constitution". It is an oath required by Article Two, Section One of the Constitution. Yet it is an oath that has not been taken seriously or upheld for four years now.

The First Amendment protects our freedom to peacefully assemble. Yet this President has deployed unmarked, unidentified federal agents to localities to tear gas and attack Americans who are peacefully assembling.

The First Amendment protects freedom of speech, yet an executive order was signed this year directing the federal government to

reconsider the laws governing online speech after the President's online posts were marked as false and misleading. The executive order was an attempt to silence this President's critics, in clear violation of the First Amendment. If a person's right to free speech depends on a ruler approving what is said, then free speech does not exist at all.

The First Amendment protects the freedom of the press. In violation of this amendment, the President has called the press the "enemy of the people".

Article One of the Constitution contains the Foreign Emoluments Clause, which prohibits the President from receiving any gift of value without the consent of Congress. This President has never divested from any of his holdings and refused to place his assets in a blind trust. Funds from foreign governments continue to flow into this President's personal accounts, in blatant violation of Article One.

Article Two, Section Three of the Constitution obligates the President to "take care that the laws be faithfully executed", yet this is a President who, on at least ten separate occasions, deliberately attempted to interfere with Special Counsel Robert Mueller's investigation into collaboration between Russia and the President's campaign.

The Fifth Amendment states that all persons, citizen or otherwise, shall be afforded due process of law. This President created a family separation policy that tore children from their families and indefinitely imprisoned them in cages, in flagrant violation of their Fifth Amendment rights.

The Constitution protects freedom of religion and guarantees all people equal protection under the law. In direct violation of these freedoms, this President banned people from entering the United States based on nothing more than the religion they practice. He even called it a "Muslim Ban".

The Constitution states that Congress has the power to establish post offices, and this President took an oath to defend this provision of the Constitution. In violation of his oath and this constitutional provision, this President is making every effort to dismantle the agency that, today, is an inseparable part of our shared American identity.

The "right to vote" is mentioned five times in the Constitution. Yet this President admitted to voter suppression when he stated that he did not want to fund the U.S. Postal Service because doing so would help Americans vote by mail.

Upon exiting the Constitutional Convention in 1787, Benjamin Franklin was approached by a group of people asking what sort of government the delegates had created. His answer was: "A republic, if you can keep it". On this Constitution Day, let us remember our responsibility to defend the Constitution, so that we may "keep it".

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Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate was not in session and stands adjourned until 3 p.m., on Monday, September 21, 2020.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 5 public bills, H.R. 8314–8318; and 4 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 118; and H. Res. 1125–1127, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 5053, to exempt juveniles from the requirements for suits by prisoners, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 116–515);

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

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Recess: The House recessed at 12:02 p.m. and reconvened at 5 p.m.

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Senate Referral: S. 3051 was held at the desk.

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H4545.

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 noon and adjourned at 5 p.m.

Committee Meetings

CYBERSECURITY AT NASA: ONGOING CHALLENGES AND EMERGING ISSUES FOR INCREASED TELEWORK DURING COVID-19

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics held a hearing entitled “Cybersecurity at NASA: Ongoing Challenges and Emerging Issues for Increased Telework During COVID-19”. Testimony was heard from Jeff Seaton, Chief Information Officer (Acting), National Aeronautics and Space Administration; Paul K. Martin, Inspector General, National Aeronautics and Space Administration; and a public witness.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2020

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Rules, Full Committee, hearing on legislation on Continuing Appropriations Act, 2021 and Other Extensions Act; H.R. 4447, the “Expanding Access to Sustainable Energy Act of 2019”[Clean Economy Jobs and Innovation Act]; H.R. 6210, the “Uyghur Forced Labor Prevention Act”; and H.R. 6270, the “Uyghur Forced Labor Disclosure Act of 2020”, 1 p.m., Webex.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

3 p.m., Monday, September 21

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12 noon, Monday, September 21

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Edward Hulvey Meyers, of Maryland, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture thereon at 5:30 p.m.

House Chamber

Program for Monday: To be announced.

Extensions of Remarks, as inserted in this issue

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