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Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, April 6, 2020, at 10 a.m.

House of Representatives

FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 2020

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

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, April 3, 2020.

I hereby appoint the Honorable JOHN P. SARBANES 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:
God of mercy, thank You for giving us another day.

Bless the Members of the people's House.

Give comfort to Your people, O Lord, as the numbers of infection and, sadly, death continue to rise. Protect all our skilled and trained medical professionals from disease and all evil as they strive to extend Your healing power in the lives of so many.

Give us patience as we adjust to a new world and a new way of proceeding, and send us Your holy spirit to comfort and guide us along our way.

May everything that is done be for Your greater honor and glory.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 7(a) of House Resolution 891, 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.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 7(b) of House Resolution 891, the House stands adjourned until 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, April 7, 2020.

Thereupon (at 10 o'clock and 2 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Tuesday, April 7, 2020, at 11:30 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

4195. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Specialty Crops Program, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Tart Cherries Grown in the States of Michigan, et al.; Decreased Assessment Rate [Doc. No.: AMS-SC-19-0091; SC19-930-3 FR] received

March 17, 2020, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Agriculture.

4196. A letter from the Executive Secretary, National Labor Relations Board, transmitting the Board's Major final rule — Representation--Case Procedures: Election Bars; Proof of Majority Support in Construction-Industry Collective-Bargaining Relationships (RIN: 3142-AA16) received March 30, 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.

4197. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting notification that the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13664 of April 3, 2014, with respect to South Sudan, is to continue in effect beyond April 3, 2020, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1622(d); Public Law 94-412, Sec. 202(d); (90 Stat. 1257) (H. Doc. No. 116—114); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed.

4198. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting notification that the national emergency with respect to Somalia, originally declared on April 12, 2010, by Executive Order 13536, is to continue in effect beyond April 12, 2020, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1622(d); Public Law 94-412, Sec. 202(d); (90 Stat. 1257) (H. Doc. No. 116—115); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed.

4199. A letter from the Chairman, Office of Proceedings, Surface Transportation Board, transmitting the Board's final rule — Exclusion of Demurrage Regulation From Certain Class Exemptions [Docket No.: EP 760] received March 17, 2020, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions of the following

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titles were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. KELLER (for himself, Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. CARTWRIGHT, Mr. BOST, and Mr. BUCSHON):

H.R. 6427. A bill to preclude the transfer of Federal prisoners during the emergency period described in section 1135(g)(1)(B) of the Social Security Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. ROUDA (for himself and Mr. KATKO):

H.R. 6428. A bill to provide for the exemption of certain earnings from the retirement earnings test, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mrs. MURPHY of Florida (for herself and Mr. KATKO):

H.R. 6429. A bill to establish in the Legislative Branch a National Commission on the Coronavirus Disease 2019 Pandemic in the United States; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Financial Services, and Transportation and Infrastructure, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Ms. OMAR (for herself, Ms. HAALAND, Ms. MOORE, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mr. MCGOVERN, Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ, Mrs. HAYES, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. NADLER, Mr. VARGAS, Ms. NORTON, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Mr. LEVIN of Michigan, Mr. POCAN, Ms. TLAIB, Mr. LOWENTHAL, Mr. SOTO, Ms. LEE of California, Ms. PRESSLEY, Ms. PINGREE, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Ms. JAYAPAL, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Ms. SÁNCHEZ, Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois, and Ms. MCCOLLUM):

H.R. 6430. A bill to require that school food authorities and local educational agencies not collect unpaid meal fees during the COVID-19 pandemic, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and Labor.

By Mr. FITZPATRICK (for himself, Mr. BRINDISI, Mr. REED, Mr. GOTTHEIMER, Mr. HURD of Texas, Mr. SUOZZI, and Mr. PHILLIPS):

H.R. 6431. A bill to require the creation of a national commission to prepare for future national emergencies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, Oversight and Reform, Homeland Security, Energy and Commerce, and Armed Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. CÁRDENAS (for himself, Mr. GONZÁLEZ of Texas, Mrs. HAYES, Mr. KHANNA, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Mr. MCGOVERN, Ms. STEVENS, Ms. TLAIB, and Ms. MUCARSEL-POWELL):

H.R. 6432. A bill to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to establish a task force to conduct a study on physician shortages, including barriers to physicians trained abroad practicing in the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. HUIZENGA:

H.R. 6433. A bill to provide an exclusion from gross income for certain qualified first responders; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. CARBAJAL:

H.R. 6434. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to allow certain urbanized areas with a population of over 200,000 to be eligi-

ble under the small transit intensive cities formula, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. CARTER of Georgia (for himself, Mr. HUDSON, Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire, and Ms. BLUNT ROCH-ESTER):

H.R. 6435. A bill to direct the Federal Trade Commission to develop and disseminate information to the public about scams related to COVID-19, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. CHABOT (for himself and Ms. KENDRA S. HORN of Oklahoma):

H.R. 6436. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the direct payment requirement on the exclusion from gross income of distributions from governmental plans for health and long-term care insurance; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Ms. JUDY CHU of California (for herself, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. CORREA, Mr. TAKANO, Mr. SERRANO, Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ, Ms. NORTON, Mr. PANETTA, Mr. CONNOLLY, Ms. GARCIA of Texas, Mr. LOWENTHAL, Ms. MOORE, Ms. HAALAND, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois, Ms. PRESSLEY, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. CROW, Ms. TLAIB, Mr. MCGOVERN, Ms. SEWELL of Alabama, Mr. SOTO, Mr. COX of California, Ms. JAYAPAL, Mrs. HAYES, Ms. WILSON of Florida, and Ms. VELÁZQUEZ):

H.R. 6437. A bill to ensure that all communities have access to urgently needed COVID-19 testing, treatment, public health information, and relief benefits regardless of immigration status or limited English proficiency, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on the Judiciary, Transportation and Infrastructure, 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. CORREA (for himself, Ms. JUDY CHU of California, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. CASTRO of Texas, Mr. CÁRDENAS, Mr. VELA, Ms. PINGREE, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois, Ms. MOORE, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mr. LOWENTHAL, Ms. TITUS, Ms. SPEIER, Ms. BARRAGÁN, Mr. CISNEROS, Mr. COX of California, Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ, Mr. DEUTCH, Ms. GARCIA of Texas, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Ms. NORTON, Ms. TLAIB, Ms. MENG, Mr. POCAN, Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts, Ms. ESCOBAR, Mr. GOMEZ, Mr. SERRANO, Ms. OMAR, Mr. PANETTA, Mr. VEASEY, Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. GALLEGGO, Ms. MUCARSEL-POWELL, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. CONNOLLY, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Mr. SIREN, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. SOTO, Mr. HASTINGS, Mr. RASKIN, Mr. DOGGETT, Ms. BROWNLEY of California, and Ms. BONAMICI):

H.R. 6438. A bill to allow 2020 recovery rebates to be made on the basis of an individual's taxpayer identification number; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. CUNNINGHAM:

H.R. 6439. A bill to amend title 37, United States Code, to extend eligibility for hazardous duty pay to members of the uniformed services exposed to the cause of a declared public health emergency; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois (for himself, Mr. TRONE, Mr. VAN DREW,

Mr. UPTON, Mr. KING of New York, Mr. FORTENBERRY, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. SIMPSON, Mr. YOUNG, Mr. LUCAS, Mr. JOYCE of Ohio, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, and Mr. MOOLENAAR):

H.R. 6440. A bill to establish the National Commission on the COVID-19 Pandemic; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois:

H.R. 6441. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide unpaid leave for certain National Guard service by Federal employees and employees of the District of Columbia, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

By Ms. DELAULO (for herself, Ms. PRESSLEY, Ms. SPEIER, Ms. HAALAND, Mr. RUSH, Ms. PINGREE, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Ms. JUDY CHU of California, Mr. LOWENTHAL, Ms. FUDGE, Ms. DELBENE, Mrs. BEATTY, Ms. KAPTUR, Ms. JAYAPAL, Mr. GREEN of Texas, Ms. GARCIA of Texas, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Mr. RYAN, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Ms. DEAN, Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Ms. NORTON, Ms. SEWELL of Alabama, Ms. OMAR, Mr. HIGGINS of New York, Mr. POCAN, Mr. KHANNA, Ms. BONAMICI, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mrs. HAYES, Mr. LANGEVIN, Mr. COURTNEY, Ms. FRANKEL, Ms. CASTOR of Florida, Mr. CARSON of Indiana, Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ, and Mr. TED LIEU of California):

H.R. 6442. A bill to provide Americans with paid sick time and paid leave so that they can address their own health needs and the health needs of their families; to the Committee on Education and Labor, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, Oversight and Reform, House Administration, and the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Miss GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN of Puerto Rico (for herself, Mr. GALLEGGO, Mr. KING of New York, Ms. SHALALA, and Mr. SOTO):

H.R. 6443. A bill to secure the national supply chain by providing tax incentives in economically distressed areas of the United States and its possessions; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. GOODEN:

H.R. 6444. A bill to amend the Foreign Sovereign Immunities Act to establish an exception to jurisdictional immunity for a foreign state that discharges a biological weapon, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. HAYES (for herself and Mr. NEGUSE):

H.R. 6445. A bill to modify nutrition programs to address the Coronavirus Disease 2019, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committees on Agriculture, Education and Labor, and the Budget, 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. HIGGINS of Louisiana:

H.R. 6446. A bill to allow the President to temporarily suspend activities relating to the 2020 decennial census of population, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

By Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire (for herself, Mr. KATKO, Ms. STEFANIK, Mr. GOLDEN, Ms. PINGREE, Mr. PAPPAS, and Mr. WELCH):

H.R. 6447. A bill to amend title 40, United States Code, is amended with respect to the

maximum contribution for certain projects or activities carried out in certain distressed counties, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on 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 Ms. MOORE (for herself and Mr. COLE):

H.R. 6448. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude from gross income payments under the Indian Health Service Loan Repayment Program and certain amounts received under the Indian Health Professions Scholarships Program; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. NEGUSE:

H.R. 6449. A bill to provide that during an emergency declared under the National Emergencies Act or the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, supplemental nutrition assistance program benefits issued under the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 may be used to purchase certain durable goods; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. NEGUSE:

H.R. 6450. A bill to prevent price gouging during emergencies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. NEGUSE:

H.R. 6451. A bill to amend the Fair Credit Reporting Act to prohibit debt from medically necessary procedures related to COVID-19 from being included on credit reports, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. PERLMUTTER (for himself, Mr. BUCK, Mr. CROW, Ms. DEGETTE, and Mr. NEGUSE):

H.R. 6452. A bill to require the Secretary of Transportation to repay the credit risk premiums paid with respect to certain railroad infrastructure loans after the obligations attached to such loans have been satisfied; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. QUIGLEY (for himself, Mr. CICILLINE, Mr. NEGUSE, Mr. BEYER, Mrs. HAYES, Ms. NORTON, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, and Mr. ENGEL):

H.R. 6453. A bill to direct the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to report the number of background checks conducted by the National Instant Criminal Background Check System during the month of March 2019 and during the COVID-19 public health emergency, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SMITH of New Jersey (for himself and Mr. VAN DREW):

H.R. 6454. A bill to forgive certain disaster loans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi (for himself, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Mr. LANGEVIN, Mr. RICHMOND, Mr. PAYNE, Miss RICE of New York, Mr. CORREA, Ms. SLOTKIN, Mr. CLEAVER, Mr. GREEN of Texas, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Ms. TITUS, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Ms. BARRAGÁN, Mrs. DEMINGS, Mr. KHANNA, Mr. CICILLINE, Mr. SHERMAN, and Mr. CLAY):

H.R. 6455. A bill to establish the National Commission Regarding the 2019 Novel Coronavirus COVID-19 Pandemic, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. CÁRDENAS (for himself, Ms. BARRAGÁN, Ms. BASS, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. BEYER, Ms. JUDY CHU of California, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mr. CORREA, Mr. COX of Cali-

fornia, Mrs. DAVIS of California, Mr. ENGEL, Ms. ESCOBAR, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Mr. FOSTER, Ms. GABBARD, Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois, Ms. GARCIA of Texas, Mr. GOMEZ, Ms. HAALAND, Mrs. HAYES, Mr. HORSFORD, Ms. JAYAPAL, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. KHANNA, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Mrs. LEE of Nevada, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. LOWENTHAL, Mr. LUJÁN, Mr. LYNCH, Mr. MCNERNEY, Ms. MOORE, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Ms. NORTON, Ms. OMAR, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. PANETTA, Mr. PETERS, Mr. QUIGLEY, Mr. RASKIN, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Mr. SABLAN, Ms. SÁNCHEZ, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Ms. SPEIER, Mr. STANTON, Ms. TITUS, Ms. TLAI, Mr. VARGAS, and Ms. VELÁZQUEZ):

H. Res. 915. A resolution honoring the accomplishments and legacy of César Estrada Chávez; to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

MEMORIALS

Under clause 3 of rule XII,

167. The SPEAKER presented a memorial of the House of Representatives of the State of Michigan, relative to House Resolution No. 151, urging the Congress of the United States to clarify its position on the legality of marijuana under the Controlled Substances Act of 1970; which was referred jointly to the Committees on Energy and Commerce and 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. KELLER:

H.R. 6427.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 18 of the U.S. Constitution in that the legislation exercises legislative powers granted to Congress by that clause "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 Office thereof

By Mr. ROUDA:

H.R. 6428.

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

Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution

By Mrs. MURPHY of Florida:

H.R. 6429.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 1, which gives Congress the power to spend for the general welfare of the United States; Article 1, Section 8, Clause 3, which gives Congress the power to regulate commerce among the several states; and Article I, Section 5, Clause 2, which gives Congress the power to determine the rules of its proceedings, a power the power to create commissions within the legislative branch.

By Ms. OMAR:

H.R. 6430.

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

Article 1 Section 1

By Mr. FITZPATRICK:

H.R. 6431.

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

Article 1 Section 8

By Mr. CÁRDENAS:

H.R. 6432.

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

Article 1, Section 1.

All legislative powers herein granted shall be vested in a Congress of the United States, which shall consist of a Senate and House of Representatives.

By Mr. HUIZENGA:

H.R. 6433.

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

Article 1 Section 8 of the Constitution

By Mr. CARBAJAL:

H.R. 6434.

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

Article 1, Section 8

By Mr. CARTER of Georgia:

H.R. 6435.

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 make rules for the government and regulation of the land and naval forces, as enumerated in Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. CHABOT:

H.R. 6436.

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

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 1 of the U.S. Constitution:

The Congress shall have Power To lay and collect Taxes, Duties, Imposts and Excises, to pay the Debts and provide for the common Defense and general Welfare of the United States.

By Ms. JUDY CHU of California:

H.R. 6437.

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

Clause 1 of Section 8 of Article I of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. CORREA:

H.R. 6438.

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

(1) The U.S. Constitution including Article 1, Section 8

By Mr. CUNNINGHAM:

H.R. 6439.

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

Article I, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution Clause 1, "The Congress shall have Power To . . . pay the Debts and provide for the common Defence and general Welfare of the United States;"

Clause 14, "To make Rules for the Government and Regulation of the land and naval Forces;"

Clause 18, "To make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers . . ."

By Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois:

H.R. 6440.

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

According to Article 1, 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 Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois:

H.R. 6441.

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

According to Article 1, 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. DELAURO:

H.R. 6442.

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

Article I, Section 8, clause 3 provides Congress with the power to "regulate commerce with foreign nations, and among the several states, and with the Indian tribes."

By Miss GONZÁLEZ COLÓN of Puerto Rico:

H.R. 6443.

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

The Congress shall have Power To lay and collect Taxes, Duties, Imposts and Excises, to pay the Debts and provide for the common Defence and general Welfare of the United States; but all Duties, Imposts and Excises shall be uniform throughout the United States; [. . .]—And

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

By Mr. GOODEN:

H.R. 6444.

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 make rules for the government and regulation of the land and naval forces, as enumerated in Article I, Section 8, Clause 14 of the United States Constitution

By Mrs. HAYES:

H.R. 6445.

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

Article 1, Section 8

By Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana:

H.R. 6446.

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

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 18 of the Constitution

By Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire:

H.R. 6447.

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

Article I, Section 8—Congress has the power to make all laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers . . .

By Ms. MOORE:

H.R. 6448.

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

Article I, section 8.

By Mr. NEGUSE:

H.R. 6449.

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

Article I, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution

By Mr. NEGUSE:

H.R. 6450.

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

Article I, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution

By Mr. NEGUSE:

H.R. 6451.

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

Article I, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution

By Mr. PERLMUTTER:

H.R. 6452.

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

Article I Section 8

By Mr. QUIGLEY:

H.R. 6453.

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

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

By Mr. SMITH of New Jersey:

H.R. 6454.

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

Article I Section 8 of the US Constitution

By Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi:

H.R. 6455.

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

Article 1, Section 8

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

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

H.R. 3219: Ms. SLOTKIN, Ms. WATERS, and Mr. CARTWRIGHT.

H.R. 4928: Mr. AGUILAR.

H.R. 5050: Ms. HAALAND.

H.R. 5605: Ms. LOFGREN and Mr. SHERMAN.

H.R. 6209: Mrs. DINGELL and Ms. BROWNLEY of California.

H.R. 6303: Mr. LAMB and Mrs. FLETCHER.

H.R. 6347: Ms. KAPTUR, Ms. JUDY CHU of California, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. CICILLINE, Ms. HAALAND, and Miss RICE of New York.

H.R. 6397: Mr. CARSON of Indiana, Mr. CASTRO of Texas, Mr. COHEN, Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois, Mr. GRIJALVA, Ms. HAALAND, Mr. HASTINGS, Ms. KAPTUR, Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire, Ms. MATSUI, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, and Ms. WILSON of Florida.

H.R. 6398: Mr. RUSH, Mrs. AXNE, Mr. TRONE, Mrs. DEMINGS, and Ms. PINGREE.

H.R. 6416: Mr. MCGOVERN and Mr. PASCRELL.

H.R. 6420: Mr. ALLRED, Ms. BROWNLEY of California, Mr. CARTWRIGHT, Mr. CASTEN of Illinois, Mr. CISNEROS, Mrs. FLETCHER, Ms. FUDGE, Ms. HAALAND, Ms. HOULAHAN, Ms. LEE of California, Mr. LEVIN of Michigan, Ms. LOFGREN, Ms. MATSUI, Ms. PRESSLEY, Mr. RASKIN, Mr. DAVID P. ROE of Tennessee, Mr. SUOZZI, Mr. VELA, Ms. WEXTON, Mr. CASE, Mr. CLEAVER, Ms. DEGETTE, Ms. DELAURO, Ms. DELBENE, Mrs. DEMINGS, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. FOSTER, Mrs. HAYES, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KIM, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Ms. OMAR, and Mr. TONKO.

H.R. 6425: Mr. LOWENTHAL and Ms. NORTON.

H. Res. 374: Miss RICE of New York, Mr. BANKS, Mr. ARRINGTON, Mr. DUNCAN, Mr. MULLIN, Mr. AGUILAR, and Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky.

H. Res. 908: Mrs. FLETCHER, Mrs. DAVIS of California, Mr. SWALWELL of California, and Ms. SCHRIER.

H. Res. 913: Mrs. FLETCHER, Ms. BARRAGÁN, Mrs. DAVIS of California, Mrs. HAYES, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Mr. SIRES, Mr. CASTRO of Texas, Mr. PHILLIPS, and Mr. CÁRDENAS.

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MIDDLE CLASS HEALTH BENEFITS TAX REPEAL ACT OF 2019

SPEECH OF

HON. JAHANA HAYES

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 27, 2020

Mrs. HAYES. Mr. Speaker, the novel coronavirus, has become a global pandemic that has brought us to the brink. Connecticut has been hit particularly hard by this virus, with more than 1,000 confirmed cases to date. Nonessential businesses in my state have been shuttered, crippling our local economy, squeezing small businesses, and causing painful layoffs. Our hospitals, frontline health workers, and first responders are overwhelmed working without enough resources, personal protective equipment, and tests to combat the rapid spread of this unrelenting disease.

There is no more time to waste. Congress must act now to combat this virus and get the states and the American people the support and resources they need. I applaud House leadership for their hard work on this bill and for getting a deal for the American people. I was indeed frustrated that big business seemingly stepped to the front of the line in earlier proposals, but I commend my colleagues for pushing back against toxic provisions that would bail out those corporations, no strings attached, without providing the requisite support to hospitals and everyday Americans.

This bill is not perfect, and does not include everything I advocated for, but it does include critical funding that will save lives and help my constituents in Connecticut's 5th District recover from the economic fallout of this public health crisis. It includes \$150 billion for our health care system, nearly \$16 billion for veteran health care, over \$20 billion for SNAP, WIC, and other nutrition programs, direct payments to Americans to help with the financial burden this virus has caused, over \$350 billion in funding for small businesses and nonprofits, \$150 billion in grants for states and local municipalities, the expansion of unemployment benefits to make sure workers everywhere can land on their feet after losing their job. Finally, it provides over \$35 billion for early childhood education programs, K through 12 schools, and higher education institutions in response to the severe disruptions caused by the pandemic—including funds that will help students and teachers with distance learning.

This third relief package is a monumental step forward, but more work needs to be done to respond to this public health and economic emergency. When future legislation is being discussed, I hope to include more relief for volunteer firefighters and EMS personnel, who are the first responders in many of the communities in my district. Their work is so vitally important, now more than ever, and we must ensure they have the proper equipment and protections in place to do their jobs. I hope more funding will be made available for rural

health providers in the Northwestern Corner of Connecticut. We must help the Postal Service and its employees, which have been hit hard by the effects of the virus. I want to see more support for teachers as they adapt to a new reality of distance learning, and more relief for student loan borrowers. I hope that we will see an expansion in funding for the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. This is particularly important as we look to combat the alarmingly high rates of infection in nursing homes.

The impact that this virus is having on my district, Connecticut, and our nation, cannot be understated, and we must do everything to help Americans overcome the challenges we are facing. Now is the time for unity, cooperation and immediate action. For these reasons I support this bill and look forward to it being signed into law.

MIDDLE CLASS HEALTH BENEFITS TAX REPEAL ACT OF 2019

SPEECH OF

HON. DAVID B. MCKINLEY

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 27, 2020

Mr. MCKINLEY. Mr. Speaker, in times of crisis the American people look to their elected officials to step up and work together to do what is best for the country. The CARES Act is an unprecedented response to a public health and economic emergency unlike any we've seen before.

Americans are facing something many of them have never encountered before. The coronavirus is threatening the health of their loved ones as well as their financial livelihoods. Leaving them feeling worried and scared. This bill will give the health care professionals and researchers on the front lines the resources they need to fight the virus and ultimately develop a vaccine and cure. It will help individuals feeling financial hardship by providing economic assistance and expanding unemployment benefits for those who have lost their jobs. It will help small businesses stay alive and maintain payroll during this period of distress. It will ensure children receive the nutrition they need while schools are closed.

Now is a time for all Americans to pull together to help fight this invisible enemy. This is the third time Congress has acted in response to this crisis. More action will likely be needed, but this legislation represents an important step to give Americans confidence that the government can meet this public health and economic challenge.

MIDDLE CLASS HEALTH BENEFITS TAX REPEAL ACT OF 2019

SPEECH OF

HON. JEFF FORTENBERRY

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 27, 2020

Mr. FORTENBERRY. Mr. Speaker, this is an unprecedented crisis, requiring an unprecedented response. People are suffering, and America is uncertain. This legislation acts to protect America's health care system, protect individuals and families, and protect small business.

With this battle plan from our government—and the sacrifice and courage of the American people—we will fight back, we will help our sick, and we will restore our great nation. I support the bill.

MIDDLE CLASS HEALTH BENEFITS TAX REPEAL ACT OF 2019

SPEECH OF

HON. PATRICK T. McHENRY

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 27, 2020

Mr. McHENRY. Mr. Speaker, this unprecedented time in our nation's history calls for an unprecedented response. This is not like any economic or health issue we've faced. This is a voluntary shut down of vast parts of the economy in an effort to save American lives, and, as a result, we need the CARES Act.

It's important to remember, this is not a stimulus package, this is emergency relief. And this is not a bailout for bad business decisions or one specific industry. The CARES Act, while not perfect, is the appropriate action to provide necessary resources to get Americans and our economy through this national emergency.

My ultimate goal for this legislation is to keep Americans employed. Specifically, this bill will provide relief to our small businesses to help them keep employees on payroll and prepare those businesses to be up and running as soon as America is open for business again.

The CARES Act provides \$377 billion in small business loans. This will allow a small business to go to any federally insured financial institution to access those loans—many of which will be forgiven if used to support keeping employees on payroll, another important provision to help keep folks employed.

This bill also provides Treasury Secretary Mnuchin and Fed Chairman Powell with the resources they need to address the liquidity crisis facing the main street businesses that employ millions of Americans. The CARES Act allows them the flexibility to meet the needs of American businesses in the coming weeks and months by allocating \$500 billion to an Exchange Stabilization Fund, or ESF. This

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critical funding will allow the Treasury Secretary to provide loans and loan guarantees to businesses of all sizes.

Of that \$500 billion, \$454 billion assists the Treasury Department and Federal Reserve in loan facilities and programs to help distressed businesses. This funding has the potential to unleash more than \$4 trillion in lending to businesses of all sizes, consumers, local governments, and money market funds.

We know Americans can't wait for this relief. I'm glad the CARES Act is soon headed to the President's desk for his signature and to the aid of families across our country.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF EMILY
HARRIS-ESCAMILLA

HON. DAN NEWHOUSE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 3, 2020

Mr. NEWHOUSE. Madam Speaker, Emily Harris-Escamilla was a shining light throughout her community of Selah, Washington. Her smile would illuminate rooms, and she was a bright and graceful soul who nobody could forget.

To the people of Selah, Emily was a loving mother, daughter, friend, and coach. Tragically, she was taken from her family and loved ones as a victim of domestic violence.

However, her community has chosen not to let this tragedy overshadow and darken their

memories of Emily. Shortly following the news of her death, over 100 members of the community gathered at a local park to hold a candle light vigil to honor her and provide comfort and support to those affected by her death.

Perry Technical Institute, a local college, established a scholarship in her name, which will continue Emily's legacy and passion for helping others.

In lieu of flowers, her family requested that donations be made to the YWCA to assist those fleeing domestic violence. Emily's love and appreciation for her friends and family and her desire to help others continues to live on, with people urging each other to "live like Emily".

I urge my colleagues to send their prayers to the Harris family and may we all seek to "live like Emily".

HONORING THE HEROIC LIFE OF
GENERAL LE MINH DAO

HON. HARLEY ROUDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 3, 2020

Mr. ROUDA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the heroic life of General Le Minh Dao, who passed away on March 19, 2020. General Dao spent his 87 years of life fighting for freedom and serving his community.

Born in 1933 in Sai Gon, Vietnam, Le Minh Dao would go on to serve in the Army of the

Republic of Vietnam during the Vietnam War. Outnumbered and fighting against the odds, General Dao made a heroic stand in what is now known as the Battle of Xuan Loc, the last major struggle before Saigon's fall on April 30, 1975. For 13 days, the General and his men of the 18th division of the ARVN withstood an unrelenting barrage from Communist forces. The battle would be a showcase of General Dao's military brilliance and a testament to his unimpeachable courage.

Due to his passionate and inspirational leadership, General Dao will forever be recognized as a hero, both within the Vietnamese community and to all of us who hold the ideals of freedom and democracy above all else.

I ask that all Members join me in honoring the extraordinary life of General Le Minh Dao.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JEFF FORTENBERRY

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 3, 2020

Mr. FORTENBERRY. Madam Speaker, had there been a recorded vote, I would have voted yea on H.R. 748, Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, as amended.

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Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate was not in session and stands adjourned until 10 a.m., on Monday, April 6, 2020.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 29 public bills, H.R. 6427–6455; and 1 resolution, H. Res. 915, were introduced. **Pages H1873–75**

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Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Sarbanes to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H1873**

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 a.m. and adjourned at 10:02 a.m.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR MONDAY, APRIL 6, 2020

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Monday, April 6

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

11:30 a.m., Tuesday, April 7

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: Senate will meet in a pro forma session.

House Chamber

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

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