

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S4197–S4473

Measures Introduced: Eight bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1942–1949, and S. Res. 259–262.

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Measures Considered:

National Defense Authorization Act—Agreement: Senate began consideration of S. 1790, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2020 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, after agreeing to the motion to proceed, and taking action on the following amendments and motions proposed thereto:

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Pending:

McConnell (for Inhofe) Modified Amendment No. 764, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S4202–52**

A motion was entered to close further debate on McConnell (for Inhofe) Modified Amendment No. 764 (listed above), and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Wednesday, June 26, 2019. **Page S4452**

McConnell (for Romney) Amendment No. 861 (to Amendment No. 764), to provide that funds authorized by the Act are available for the defense of the Armed Forces and United States citizens against attack by foreign hostile forces. **Page S4452**

McConnell Amendment No. 862 (to Amendment No. 861), to change the enactment date. **Page S4452**

McConnell Amendment No. 863 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 764), to change the enactment date. **Page S4452**

McConnell Amendment No. 864 (to Amendment No. 863), of a perfecting nature. **Page S4452**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of McConnell (for Inhofe) Modified Amendment No. 764. **Page S4452**

McConnell motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Armed Services, with instructions, McConnell Amendment No. 865, to change the enactment date.

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McConnell Amendment No. 866 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 865), of a perfecting nature.

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McConnell Amendment No. 867 (to Amendment No. 866), of a perfecting nature. **Pages S4452–53**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 86 yeas to 6 nays (Vote No. 181), Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10 a.m., on Tuesday, June 25, 2019.

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Appointments:

Board of Visitors of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy: The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to 14 U.S.C. 194(a), as amended by Public Law 101–595, and upon the recommendation of the Democratic Leader, appointed the following Senators to the Board of Visitors of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy: Senator Cantwell, Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation; and Senator Blumenthal, At Large.

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Messages from the President: Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency that was originally declared in Executive Order 13466 of June 26, 2008, with respect to North Korea, received during adjournment of the Senate on June 21, 2019; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–21) **Page S4455**

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the issuance of an Executive Order with respect to Iran that takes additional steps with respect to the national emergency declared in Executive Order 12957 of March 15, 1995; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–22) **Page S4455**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Michael Graham, of Kansas, to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board for a term expiring December 31, 2025.

Katherine Andrea Lemos, of California, to be a Member of the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board for a term of five years.

Anthony F. Godfrey, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Serbia.

Mary Beth Leonard, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

Herro Mustafa, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Bulgaria.

Leslie Meredith Tsou, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Sultanate of Oman.

Matthew Keenan, of Kansas, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Legal Services Corporation for a term expiring July 13, 2020.

Daniel Z. Epstein, of Maryland, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims for a term of fifteen years.

John Fitzgerald Kness, of Illinois, to be a United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois.

W. Stephen Muldrow, of Puerto Rico, to be United States Attorney for the District of Puerto Rico for the term of four years.

Halil Suleyman Ozerden, of Mississippi, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit.

Eleni Maria Roumel, of Maryland, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims for a term of fifteen years.

Justin Reed Walker, of Kentucky, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Kentucky.

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Nomination Withdrawn: Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nomination:

Robert C. Tapella, of Virginia, to be Director of the Government Publishing Office, which was sent to the Senate on January 16, 2019.

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Messages from the House:

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Executive Communications:

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:

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Additional Statements:

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Amendments Submitted:

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—181)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 3 p.m. and adjourned at 7:10 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, June 25, 2019. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4469.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 26 public bills, H.R. 3429–3454; 1 private bill, H.R. 3455; and 3 resolutions, H. Res. 457–459 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

Resolution recommending that the House of Representatives find William P. Barr, Attorney General of the United States, and Wilbur L. Ross, Jr., Secretary of Commerce, in Contempt of Congress for Refusal to Comply with Subpoenas Duly Issued by the Committee on Oversight and Reform (H. Rept. 116–125); and

H. Res. 460, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2722) to protect elections for public office by providing financial support and enhanced security for the infrastructure used to carry out such elections, and for other purposes; waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules; and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3351) making appropriations for financial services and general government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 116–126).

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

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Recess: The House recessed at 12:20 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H5043**

Recess: The House recessed at 2:07 p.m. and reconvened at 3 p.m. **Page H5044**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Boosting Rates of American Veteran Employment Act: H.R. 2109, to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, in awarding a contract for the procurement of goods or services, to give a preference to offerors that employ veterans; and **Pages H5045–46**

Amending title 38, United States Code, to reduce the credit hour requirement for the Edith Nourse Rogers STEM Scholarship program of the Department of Veterans Affairs: H.R. 2196, to amend title 38, United States Code, to reduce the credit hour requirement for the Edith Nourse Rogers STEM Scholarship program of the Department of Veterans Affairs. **Pages H5046–47**

Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2020: The House considered of H.R. 3055, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020. Consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, June 25th. **Pages H5047–68, H5069–71**

Agreed to:

Price en bloc amendment No. 7 consisting of the following amendments printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–119: DeSaulnier (No. 230) that increases and decreases funding for the Research and Technology account at the Department of Transportation by \$2 million to support a study on the impacts climate change has already had and will continue to have on all modes of transportation; Norton (No. 236) that increases and decreases by \$1 the FAA Operations budget with the intent to urge the FAA to prioritize efforts to combat airplane and helicopter noise; Waters (No. 238) that transfers \$5 million from the Department of Housing and Urban Development administrative and support offices account to the Homeless Assistance Grants program for technical assistance to improve system responses to youth homelessness and improve data collection on youth homelessness; Jackson Lee (No. 242) that increases and decreases the National Infrastructure Investments account by \$10,000,000 to support urban bicycle and pedestrian safety programs; Langevin (No. 245) that provides \$800,000 for the Access Board to study in-cabin wheelchair restraint systems as described in the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018; Foster (No. 250) that adds and removes \$1 from capital investments in surface transportation infra-

structure to highlight the disparity between State apportionments; Keating (No. 252) that increases and decreases by \$5,000,000 funding to support the design of projects to replace federally owned bridge infrastructure that is designated as an evacuation route; Sewell (AL) (No. 254) that adds and removes \$1 from the Office of the Secretary of Transportation to instruct the Department to prioritize funding and resources for the modernization and expansion of non-emergency medical transportation programs; the Secretary should submit to Congress an analysis on how the Department can better address transportation barriers, which is a critical social determinant of health; Bera (No. 256) that increases funding for DoT Low or No Emission Vehicle Program by \$2 million offset by a cut to the Office of the Secretary; Adams (No. 260) that transfers \$2 million from the Department of Transportation, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Research and Technology, to the Federal Aviation Administration's Facilities and Equipment account (Terminal Programs) for the purpose increasing availability of funds for replacing Terminal Air Traffic Control Facilities; Adams (No. 261) that increases funding for senior housing by \$1 million through the Section 202 Supportive Housing for the Elderly program; Adams (No. 262) that increases funding by \$2 million for the tenant-based rental assistance program; Sean Patrick Maloney (NY) (No. 264) that decreases and then increases funding for Transportation Planning, Research, and Development by \$1 million for the purposes of encouraging the Department of Transportation to research implementing connected vehicle and autonomous vehicle technologies at Highway-Rail Grade Crossings; Plaskett (No. 266) that provides for inclusion of the insular territories of the United States within the meaning of the term “areas of persistent poverty”; Jayapal (No. 269) that removes and replaces \$2 million from the Airport and Airway Trust Fund to support the Airport Noise And Environmental Streamlining subtitle of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018; Jayapal (No. 270) that transfers \$1 million from the Office of the Secretary of Transportation to the Office of the Inspector General to support the FAA safety certification process audit; Blunt Rochester (No. 271) that increases and decreases by \$1,000,000 to the Homeless Grants Account under Housing and Urban Development title which funds HUD's continuum of care for the purpose of expressing concern over consideration of transitional family housing grants under competitive grant assessments, especially regarding populations with special needs such as survivors of violence and those with substance use disorders; HUD should

submit a study on the impact of awarding transitional family housing grants via competitive assessments and the effectiveness of these programs versus alternative programs in achieving long-term housing stability; Carbajal (No. 272) that increases and decreases the DoT office of Research and Technology account by \$500,000 for the Secretary of Transportation and the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine to conduct a study on effective ways to measure the resilience of transportation systems and services to withstand natural disasters, natural hazards, and other potential disruptions; Levin (CA) (No. 275) that increases and decreases by \$1,500,000 to support funding to study alternative methods for calculating Fair Market Rents in rental markets with rapidly rising rents; Omar (No. 276) that increases funding for the Department of Housing and Urban Development's Manufactured Housing Program by \$500,000, in order to protect the quality, safety and affordability of manufactured homes and to make homeownership more accessible; Schrier (No. 277) that increases and decreases funding to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration by \$1,000,000 to support state efforts aimed at reducing distracted driving, properly securing vehicle loads, and other highways safety programs; Escobar (No. 278) that increases and decreases funding for the Small Community Air Service Development Program by \$5 million to help small airports compete for air service; Escobar (No. 279) that increases and decreases funding for Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) planning grants by \$5 million to be allocated to low-income communities; Porter (No. 280) that increases funding within the Highway Infrastructure Program for the construction of electric vehicle charging and hydrogen fueling stations by \$10,000,000; Phillips (No. 281) that increases and decreases funding supporting capital investment grants by \$1,000,000; these funds are used to invest in critical transit projects; Malinowski (No. 283) that codifies Congress's intent that the Department of Transportation follow the law when determining a projects eligibility for Capital Investment Grants; Malinowski (No. 285) that increases and decreases funding for the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) by \$1,000,000 to enhance PHMSA's Community Liaison Services' ability to respond to pipeline-related inquiries from community members; Malinowski (No. 286) that increases funding for the Department of Transportation's Office of the Inspector General by \$1,000,000; decreases funding for the Office of the Secretary by \$1,000,000; Craig (No. 287) that strikes and restore funding to address the concerns of communities affected by aircraft noise to urge the

FAA to respond fully and completely to the requirements in the FAA Reauthorization Act pertaining to noise reduction; and Finkenauer (No. 290) that increases funding for the National Surface Transportation and Innovative Finance Bureau (Build America Bureau) to ensure rural communities can get technical assistance when seeking federal transportation infrastructure financing opportunities;

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Price en bloc amendment No. 8 consisting of the following amendments printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–119: Meadows (No. 239) that increases and decreases funding for the Department of Transportation to study economic authority certification to facilitate the operation of U.S.-based unmanned aircraft manufacturers and operators who receive venture capital and who carry cargo within U.S. airspace; Doggett (No. 240) that increases funding for aviation safety activities at FAA by \$7.5 million in order to ensure the implementation of second-class medical certificates for commercial balloon operators; it offsets this increase by reducing finance and management activities at the FAA by \$7.5 million; Jackson Lee (No. 243) that increases and decreases by \$2,000,000 funds for the Office of Inspector General account to investigate the Department's delay in releasing over \$5 billion in Hurricane Harvey Disaster Community Block Grant funds; Graves (LA) (No. 246) that prohibits funding from being used to issue rules or guidance in contravention of Sec. 1210 of the FAA Reauthorization Act or Sec. 312 of the Stafford Act with regards to duplication of benefits; Lipinski (No. 247) that removes and adds \$1,000,000 from the Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvement (CRISI) program for the purpose of instructing the Federal Railroad Administration to include preventive maintenance as an eligible capital expense for grants awarded to projects deploying Positive Train Control (PTC); Bost (No. 249) that prohibits the use of funds in contravention of Executive Order 13858 “Strengthening Buy-American Preferences for Infrastructure Projects” issued on January 31, 2019; Burchett (No. 255) that transfers \$12,000,000 from the Department of Transportation's Office of the Secretary to the Highway Trust Fund; Spano (No. 257) that increases funding for the commercial space transportation activities account by \$8 million to the fiscal year 2019 authorized level; reduces funding by \$8 million for the finance and management activities account; Takano (No. 259) that prohibits the National Railroad Passenger Corporation from using funding under this Act in contravention of the Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification (WARN) Act; Kuster (NH) (No. 263) that increases

funding for the HUD—Veterans Affairs and Supportive Housing program, which provides rental assistance and wrap around support services to help homeless veterans transition into permanent housing, by \$2,000,000; Rice (NY) (No. 265) that increases and decreases funding to the Airport and Airway Trust Fund by \$1 million in order to support the research and development of aircraft technologies that reduce aviation noise; and García (No. 274) that increases and decreases funding for technical assistance and training for front line bus and rail transit workers by \$1 million;

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Heck amendment (No. 241 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–119) that provides additional funding for the Indian Community Development Block Grant Program;

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Bost amendment (No. 248 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–119) that seeks to ensure that United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) continue to work with the HUD Office of Inspector General (OIG) to incorporate findings and recommendations of certain OIG investigations related to the Alexander County Public Housing Authority;

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Vargas amendment (No. 258 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–119) that prohibits any funds from being used to bar or limit DACA recipients from receiving mortgage loans backed by FHA, solely on the basis of their status as DACA recipients;

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Krishnamoorthi amendment (No. 267 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–119) that forbids funds from being used in violation of section 2635.702 of title 5, Code of Federal Regulations;

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Wexton amendment (No. 273 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–119) that removes and adds \$7,000,000 for the purpose of instructing the Federal Aviation Administration to continue the Remote Tower Pilot Program;

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García amendment (No. 282 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–119) that increases the existing set aside of \$15M for planning, preparation, or design of transit, transit-oriented development, and multimodal projects funds to \$20 million;

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Malinowski amendment (No. 284 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–119) that increases funding for the Low or No Emission Grant Program by \$6 million to promote state emission responsibility; reduces funding for Buses and Bus Facilities Competitive Grants by \$6 million;

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Pressley amendment (No. 288 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–119) that provides a \$5 million increase to the Family Self Sufficiency Program and reduces funds from the Office of the Secretary at HUD;

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Pressley amendment (No. 289 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–119) that increases and decreases by \$1,000,000 funding for the National Infrastructure Investments (BUILD grants); and

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DeFazio amendment (No. 233 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–119) that prohibits authorizing the transportation of liquefied natural gas by rail tank car and prohibits the Secretary of Transportation from using funds to authorize transportation of liquefied natural gas by rail tank car by issuance of a special permit or approval (by a recorded vote of 221 ayes to 195 noes, Roll No. 399).

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Rejected:

Woodall amendment (No. 229 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–119) that sought to strike section 193;

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Duncan amendment (No. 234 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–119) that sought to strike section 236 which prohibits funds from being used to implement, administer, or enforce the HUD “Equal Access in Accordance With an Individuals Gender Identity in Community Planning and Development Programs” rule (by a recorded vote of 180 ayes to 236 noes, Roll No. 400);

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Duncan amendment (No. 235 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–119) that sought to strike section 237 which prohibits the HUD notice “Appropriate Placement for Transgender Persons in Single-Sex Emergency Shelters and Other Facilities” from having the force and effect of law (by a recorded vote of 181 ayes to 236 noes, Roll No. 401); and

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Grothman amendment (No. 244 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–119) that sought to reduce funds made available to division E by 4.6 percent (by a recorded vote of 145 ayes to 273 noes, Roll No. 402).

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Proceedings Postponed:

Banks amendment (No. 251 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–119) that seeks to reduce amounts made available in Division E, other than amounts made available to the Department of Defense, by 14 percent; and

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Jayapal amendment (No. 268 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–119) that seeks to reallocate \$1,000,000 to fund transitional housing and homelessness services.

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H. Res. 445, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3055) and relating to consideration of the bill (H.R. 2740) was agreed to Wednesday, June 19th.

Recess: The House recessed at 5:55 p.m. and reconvened at 6:32 p.m.

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Recess: The House recessed at 7:35 p.m. and reconvened at 11:51 p.m. Page H5073

Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that he had issued an Executive Order with respect to Iran that takes additional steps with respect to the national emergency declared in Executive Order 12957 of March 15, 1995—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 116–45). Page H5047

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H5045.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5069, H5069–70, H5070–71, and H5071. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12 noon and adjourned at 11:53 p.m.

Committee Meetings

FINANCIAL SERVICES AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2020; SECURING AMERICA'S FEDERAL ELECTIONS ACT; EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE AND SECURITY AT THE SOUTHERN BORDER ACT, 2019

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 3351, the “Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, 2020”; H.R. 2722, the “Securing America’s Federal Elections Act”; and H.R. 3401, the “Emergency Supplemental Appropriations for Humanitarian Assistance and Security at the Southern Border Act, 2019”. The Committee granted, by record vote of 8–4, a rule providing for consideration of H.R. 2722, the “Securing America’s Federal Elections Act”, and H.R. 3351, the “Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, 2020”. Section 1 of the rule provides for consideration of H.R. 2722, the “Securing America’s Federal Elections Act”, under a closed rule. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on House Administration. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 116–20, modified by the amendment printed in Part A of the report, shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The

rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Section 2 of the rule waives the requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII for a two-thirds vote to consider a report from the Committee on Rules on the same day it is presented to the House with respect to any resolution reported through the legislative day of June 27, 2019, relating to a measure making appropriations. Section 3 of the rule provides for consideration of H.R. 3351, the “Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, 2020”, under a structured rule. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill for failure to comply with clause 2 or clause 5(a) of rule XXI. Section 4 of the rule makes in order only those amendments printed in part B of the report, amendments en bloc described in section 5, and pro forma amendments described in section 6. Each amendment printed in the report may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, may be withdrawn by the proponent at any time before action thereon, shall not be subject to amendment except as provided by Section 6, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. All points of order against the amendments printed in Part B of the report or against amendments en bloc described in section 5 of the rule are waived. Section 5 of the rule provides that the chair of the Committee on Appropriations or her designee may offer amendments en bloc consisting of amendments printed in Part B of the report not earlier disposed of. Amendments en bloc shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for 20 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations or their designees, shall not be subject to amendment except as provided by section 6, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. Section 6 provides that during consideration of the bill for amendment, the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations or their designees each may offer up to five pro forma amendments each to the bill at any point for the purpose of debate. Section 7 of the rule provides that at the conclusion of consideration of the bill for amendment the Committee shall rise and report the bill to the House with such amendments as may have been adopted. In the case of sundry

amendments reported from the Committee, the question of their adoption shall be put to the House en gros and without division of the question. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Lowey, Chairman Lofgren, and Representatives Granger, DeLauro, Cole, Roybal-Allard, Fleischmann, Burgess, Stivers, Roy, Rodney Davis of Illinois, Quigley, Graves of Georgia, and Grothman.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, JUNE 25, 2019

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: to hold hearings to examine the state of the derivatives market and perspectives for Commodity Futures Trading Commission reauthorization, 9:45 a.m., SR-328A.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine whether Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac should be designated as systematically important financial institutions, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Communications, Technology, Innovation, and the Internet, to hold hearings to examine the use of persuasive technology on internet platforms, focusing on optimizing for engagement, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Subcommittee on Transportation and Safety, to hold hearings to examine technological innovations in transportation, 2:30 p.m., SD-562.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine the implementation of the Land and Water Conservation Fund program, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Foreign Relations: business meeting to consider S. 727, to combat international extremism by addressing global fragility and violence and stabilizing conflict-affected areas, S. 1102, to promote security and energy partnerships in the Eastern Mediterranean, S. 1309, to identify and combat corruption in countries, to establish a tiered system of countries with respect to levels of corruption by their governments and their efforts to combat such corruption, and to assess United States assistance to designated countries in order to advance anti-corruption efforts in those countries and better serve United States taxpayers, S. 1945, to amend section 36 of the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2776) to preserve congressional review and oversight of foreign arms sales, S. Res. 34, expressing the sense of the Senate that the Governments of Burma and Bangladesh ensure the safe, dignified, voluntary, and sustainable return of the Rohingya refugees who have been displaced by the campaign of ethnic cleansing conducted by the Burmese military and to immediately release unjustly imprisoned journalists, Wa Lone and Kyaw Soe Oo, S. Res. 198, con-

demning Brunei's dramatic human rights backsliding, S. Res. 206, marking the 70th anniversary of the four Geneva Conventions of 1949, expressing concern about significant violations of international humanitarian law on contemporary battlefields, and encouraging United States leadership in ensuring greater respect for international humanitarian law in current conflicts, particularly with its security partners, S. Con. Res. 10, recognizing that Chinese telecommunications companies such as Huawei and ZTE pose serious threats to the national security of the United States and its allies, the Protocol Amending the Convention between the United States of America and the Kingdom of Spain for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income and its Protocol, signed at Madrid on February 22, 1990 (Treaty Doc.113-04), protocol Amending the Convention between the United States of America and the Swiss Confederation for the Avoidance of Double Taxation with Respect to Taxes on Income, signed at Washington on October 2, 1996, signed on September 23, 2009, at Washington, as corrected by an exchange of notes effected November 16, 2010 and a related agreement effected by an exchange of notes on September 23, 2009 (Treaty Doc.112-01), the Protocol Amending the Convention between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Japan for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with respect to Taxes on Income and a related agreement entered into by an exchange of notes (together the "proposed Protocol"), both signed on January 24, 2013, at Washington, together with correcting notes exchanged March 9 and March 29, 2013 (Treaty Doc.114-01), protocol Amending the Convention between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income and Capital, signed on May 20, 2009, at Luxembourg (the "proposed Protocol") and a related agreement effected by the exchange of notes also signed on May 20, 2009 (Treaty Doc.111-08), the nomination of Eliot Pedrosa, of Florida, to be United States Executive Director of the Inter-American Development Bank, and other pending calendar business, 2:15 p.m., S-116, Capitol.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry, hearing entitled "Managing for Soil Health: Securing the Conservation and Economic Benefits of Healthy Soils", 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Education and Labor: Full Committee, hearing entitled "Do No Harm: Examining the Misapplication of the Religious Freedom Restoration Act", 10:15 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled "Reauthorizing Vital Health Programs for American Families", 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, markup on H.R. 3375, the “Stopping Bad Robocalls Act”, 2 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Diversity, hearing entitled “Diverse Asset Managers: Challenges, Solutions and Opportunities for Inclusion”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Task Force on Financial Technology, hearing entitled “Overseeing the Fintech Revolution: Domestic and International Perspectives on Fintech Regulation”, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations, hearing entitled “The U.S. Response to the Political Crisis in Sudan”, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Intelligence and Counterterrorism, hearing entitled “Artificial Intelligence and Counterterrorism: Possibilities and Limitations”, 10 a.m., 310 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection and Innovation, hearing entitled “Cybersecurity Challenges for State and Local Governments: Assessing How the Federal Government Can Help”, 2 p.m., 310 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Antitrust, Commercial, and Administrative Law, hearing entitled “Oversight of Bankruptcy Law and Legislative Proposals”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties, hearing entitled “Continuing Challenges to the Voting Rights Act Since *Shelby County v. Holder*”, 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing entitled “Uranium Mining: Contamination and Criticality”, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “Chronic Wasting Disease: The Threats to Wildlife, Public Lands, Hunting, and Health”, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Reform, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Identifying, Resolving, and Preventing Vulnerabilities in TSA’s Security Operations”, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Environment, hearing entitled “Recovery, Resiliency and Readiness—Contending with Natural Disasters in the Wake of Climate Change (Climate Change, Part III)”, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Oversight of the Department of Energy’s Research and Development Enterprise”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight; and Subcommittee on Research and Technology, joint hearing entitled “Election Security: Voting Technology Vulnerabilities”, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Subcommittee on Contracting and Infrastructure, hearing entitled “Broadband Mapping: Small Carrier Perspectives on a Path Forward”, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, hearing entitled “Protecting and Restoring America’s Iconic Waters”, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “Learning from Whistleblowers at the Department of Veterans Affairs”, 10 a.m., HVC-210.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Select Revenue Measures, hearing entitled “How Recent Limitations to the SALT Deduction Harm Communities, Schools, First Responders, and Housing Values”, 9:30 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

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Week of June 25 through June 28, 2019

Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, Senate will continue consideration of S. 1790, National Defense Authorization Act.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: June 25, to hold hearings to examine the state of the derivatives market and perspectives for Commodity Futures Trading Commission reauthorization, 9:45 a.m., SR-328A.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: June 25, to hold hearings to examine whether Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac should be designated as systematically important financial institutions, 10 a.m., SD-538.

June 27, Full Committee, to hold an oversight hearing to examine reauthorization of the Export-Import Bank of the United States, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on the Budget: June 26, to hold hearings to examine fixing a broken budget and spending process, focusing on securing the nation’s fiscal future, 2:30 p.m., SD-608.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: June 25, Subcommittee on Communications, Technology, Innovation, and the Internet, to hold hearings to examine the use of persuasive technology on internet platforms, focusing on optimizing for engagement, 10 a.m., SH-216.

June 25, Subcommittee on Transportation and Safety, to hold hearings to examine technological innovations in transportation, 2:30 p.m., SD-562.

June 26, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine Amtrak, focusing on next steps for passenger rail, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: June 25, to hold hearings to examine the implementation of the Land and Water Conservation Fund program, 10 a.m., SD-366.

June 26, Full Committee, business meeting to consider the nominations of Daniel Habib Jorjani, of Kentucky, to be Solicitor, and Mark Lee Greenblatt, of Maryland, to be Inspector General, both of the Department of the Interior, Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

June 26, Subcommittee on Water and Power, to hold hearings to examine S. 325, to require the Secretary of the Interior to convey the Garrison Diversion Unit Project Oakes Test Area in Dickey County, North Dakota, to the Dickey-Sargent Irrigation District, S. 860, to amend the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 to modify the terms of the Jackson Gulch rehabilitation project in Colorado, S. 990, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the implementation of the Platte River Recovery Implementation Program First Increment Extension for threatened and endangered species in the Central and Lower Platte River Basin, S. 1305, to establish a Federal cost share percentage for the Milk River Project in the State of Montana, S. 1758, to extend a repayment contract relating to the Purgatoire River Water Conservancy District and to authorize the District to develop an excess capacity contract to offset repayment costs, and S. 1882, to make available the continued use of Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program project use power by the Kinsey Irrigation Company and the Sidney Water Users Irrigation District, 10 a.m., SD-366.

June 27, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine options for the interim and long-term storage of nuclear waste, including S. 1234, to establish a new organization to manage nuclear waste, provide a consensual process for siting nuclear waste facilities, ensure adequate funding for managing nuclear waste, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Foreign Relations: June 25, business meeting to consider S. 727, to combat international extremism by addressing global fragility and violence and stabilizing conflict-affected areas, S. 1102, to promote security and energy partnerships in the Eastern Mediterranean, S. 1309, to identify and combat corruption in countries, to establish a tiered system of countries with respect to levels of corruption by their governments and their efforts to combat such corruption, and to assess United States assistance to designated countries in order to advance anti-corruption efforts in those countries and better serve United States taxpayers, S. 1945, to amend section 36 of the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2776) to preserve congressional review and oversight of foreign arms sales, S. Res. 34, expressing the sense of the Senate that the Governments of Burma and Bangladesh ensure the safe, dignified, voluntary, and sustainable return of the Rohingya refugees who have been displaced by the campaign of ethnic cleansing conducted by the Burmese military and to immediately release unjustly imprisoned journalists, Wa Lone and Kyaw Soe Oo, S. Res. 198, condemning Brunei's dramatic human rights backsliding, S. Res. 206, marking the 70th anniversary of the four Geneva Conventions of 1949, expressing concern about significant violations of international humanitarian law on con-

temporary battlefields, and encouraging United States leadership in ensuring greater respect for international humanitarian law in current conflicts, particularly with its security partners, S. Con. Res. 10, recognizing that Chinese telecommunications companies such as Huawei and ZTE pose serious threats to the national security of the United States and its allies, the Protocol Amending the Convention between the United States of America and the Kingdom of Spain for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income and its Protocol, signed at Madrid on February 22, 1990 (Treaty Doc. 113-04), protocol Amending the Convention between the United States of America and the Swiss Confederation for the Avoidance of Double Taxation with Respect to Taxes on Income, signed at Washington on October 2, 1996, signed on September 23, 2009, at Washington, as corrected by an exchange of notes effected November 16, 2010 and a related agreement effected by an exchange of notes on September 23, 2009 (Treaty Doc. 112-01), the Protocol Amending the Convention between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Japan for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income and a related agreement entered into by an exchange of notes (together the "proposed Protocol"), both signed on January 24, 2013, at Washington, together with correcting notes exchanged March 9 and March 29, 2013 (Treaty Doc. 114-01), protocol Amending the Convention between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income and Capital, signed on May 20, 2009, at Luxembourg (the "proposed Protocol") and a related agreement effected by the exchange of notes also signed on May 20, 2009 (Treaty Doc. 111-08), the nomination of Eliot Pedrosa, of Florida, to be United States Executive Director of the Inter-American Development Bank, and other pending calendar business, 2:15 p.m., S-116, Capitol.

June 26, Full Committee, business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 10:15 a.m., S-116, Capitol.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: June 26, business meeting to consider S. 1199, to amend the Public Health Service Act to revise and extend the poison center network program, S. 1173, to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the Emergency Medical Services for Children program, S. 1895, to lower health care costs, and pending nominations, 10:30 a.m., SD-124.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: June 26, to hold hearings to examine unprecedented migration at the United States southern border, focusing on the exploitation of migrants through smuggling, trafficking, and involuntary servitude, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: June 26, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Douglas Russell Cole, and Matthew Walden McFarland, both to be a United States District Judge for the Southern District of Ohio, Robert Anthony Molloy, to be Judge for the District Court of the Virgin Islands, and Kea Whetzel Riggs, to be United

States District Judge for the District of New Mexico, 10 a.m., SD-226.

June 27, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 1227, to require the Federal Trade Commission to study the role of intermediaries in the pharmaceutical supply chain and provide Congress with appropriate policy recommendations, S. 440, to amend title 35, United States Code, to provide that a patent owner may not assert sovereign immunity as a defense in certain actions before the United States Patent and Trademark Office, S. 1224, to enable the Federal Trade Commission to deter filing of sham citizen petitions to cover an attempt to interfere with approval of a competing generic drug or biosimilar, to foster competition, and facilitate the efficient review of petitions filed in good faith to raise legitimate public health concerns, S. 1416, to amend the Federal Trade Commission Act to prohibit anticompetitive behaviors by drug product manufacturers, and the nominations of Peter Joseph Phipps, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit, Charles R. Eskridge III, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas, William Shaw Stickman IV, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania, Jennifer Philpott Wilson, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Pennsylvania, and Wilmer Ocasio, to be United States Marshal for the District of Puerto Rico, Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: June 26, to hold hearings to examine reauthorization of the Small Business Administration's Small Business Investment Company program, 2:30 p.m., SR-428A.

Select Committee on Intelligence: June 25, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

June 27, Full Committee, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2 p.m., SH-219.

House Committees

Committee on Agriculture, June 26, Subcommittee on Commodity Exchanges, Energy, and Credit, hearing entitled "Brexit and Other International Developments Affecting U.S. Derivatives Markets", 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on the Budget, June 26, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Building A More Dynamic Economy: The Benefits of Immigration", 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Education and Labor, June 26, Subcommittee on Energy, markup on H.R. 3432, the "Safer Pipelines Act of 2019", 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

June 26, Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions, hearing entitled "Standing with Public Servants: Protecting the Right to Organize", 10:15 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

June 26, Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Investment, hearing entitled "Examining the Consequences of the Trump Administration's Attacks on the Job Corps Program", 2 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, June 26, Task Force on Artificial Intelligence, hearing entitled "Perspectives on

Artificial Intelligence: Where We Are and the Next Frontier in Financial Services", 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

June 26, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 3407, the "United States Export Finance Agency Act of 2019"; and H.R. 1690, the "Safe Housing for Families Act of 2019", 12:30 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, June 26, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 3352, the "Department of State Authorization Act of 2019"; H. Res. 220, recognizing the interdependence of diplomacy, development, and defense as critical to effective national security; H. Res. 221, reaffirming the importance of upholding democracy, human rights, and the rule of law in United States foreign policy; H. Res. 222, emphasizing the importance of alliances and partnerships; H. Res. 358, calling on the Government of Cameroon and armed groups to respect the human rights of all Cameroonian citizens, to end all violence, and to pursue a broad-based dialogue without preconditions to resolve the conflict in the Northwest and Southwest regions; H.R. 2037, the "Saudi Arabia Human Rights and Accountability Act of 2019"; H.R. 3206, to impose sanctions with respect to the provision of certain vessels for the construction of Russian energy export pipelines; and legislation on the End Neglected Tropical Diseases Act, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

June 26, Subcommittee on Europe, Eurasia, Energy, and the Environment, hearing entitled "Transatlantic Policy Impacts of the U.S.—EU Trade Conflict", 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, June 26, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Examining Social Media Companies' Efforts to Counter Online Terror Content and Misinformation", 10 a.m., 310 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, June 26, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Oversight of the U.S. Copyright Office", 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

June 26, Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship, markup on Request for a Department of Homeland Security Departmental Report on the Beneficiary of H.R. 2737, 3 p.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, June 26, Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife, hearing on H.R. 644, the "Navajo Utah Water Rights Settlement Act"; H.R. 2459, the "Hualapai Tribe Water Rights Settlement Act"; and H.R. 3292, the "Aamodt Litigation Settlement Completion Act of 2019", 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

June 26, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 823, the "Colorado Outdoor Recreation and Economy Act"; and H.R. 1225, the "Restore Our Parks and Public Lands Act", 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Reform, June 26, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Violations of the Hatch Act Under the Trump Administration", 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

June 26, Full Committee, business meeting on "A Resolution offered by Chairman Elijah E. Cummings authorizing the Chairman to issue a subpoena to Ms. Kellyanne Conway, Counselor to the President, for testimony in connection with her failure to comply with the Hatch Act and ethics laws", 10:20 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

June 26, Subcommittee on Government Operations, hearing entitled “FITARA 8.0”, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

June 26, Subcommittee on National Security, hearing entitled “U.S. Biodefense, Preparedness, and Implications of Antimicrobial Resistance for National Security”, 2 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

June 27, Subcommittee on Government Operations, hearing entitled “Document Production Status Update: OPM, FBI, and GSA”, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, June 26, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Artificial Intelligence: Societal and Ethical Implications”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

June 26, Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics, hearing entitled “NASA’s Aeronautics Mission: Enabling the Transformation of Aviation”, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, June 26, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Crushed by Confessions of Judgement: The Small Business Story”, 11:30 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, June 26, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 2548, the “Hazard Eligibility and Local Projects Act”; H.R. 2726, the “Banning Smoking on Amtrak Act of 2019”; H.R. 3362, the “Small Airport Mothers’ Rooms Act of 2019”; H.R. 3409, the “Coast Guard Authorization of 2019”, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, June 26, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “Beyond the Million Veterans

Program: Barriers to Precision Medicine”, 2 p.m., HVC-210.

Committee on Ways and Means, June 26, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 3417, the “The Beneficiary Education Tools, Telehealth, and Extenders Reauthorization Act of 2019”; legislation on the HEARTS and Rural Relief Act; legislation amending title XVIII of the Social Security Act to remove cost-sharing responsibilities for chronic care management services under the Medicare program; H.R. 3414, “The Opioid Workforce Act of 2019”; legislation on amending the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and title XI of the Social Security Act to extend appropriations and transfers to the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Trust Fund and to extend certain health insurance fees for such transfers, and for other purposes, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, June 27, Full Committee, markup on legislation on The Damon Paul Nelson and Matthew Young Pollard Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Years 2018, 2019, and 2020; and to authorize all Members of the House of Representatives to review, at a time to be determined by the Committee, the Classified Annex The Damon Paul Nelson and Matthew Young Pollard Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Years 2018, 2019, and 2020, 9 a.m., HVC-304. This meeting is closed.

Next Meeting of the SENATE
10 a.m., Tuesday, June 25

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
10 a.m., Tuesday, June 25

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Senate will continue consideration of S. 1790, National Defense Authorization Act.
(Senate will recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. for their respective party conferences.)

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Continue consideration of H.R. 3055—Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2020.

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