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Collins (GA)
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Costello (PA)
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Doyle, Michael
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Faso
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Green, Al
Green, Gene
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Maloney, Sean
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McCaul
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McGovern
McKinley
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Rodgers
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Mooney (WV)
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Pingree
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Poe (TX)
Poliquin
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Price (NC)
Quigley
Raskin
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Richmond
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Roe (TN)
Rogers (AL)
Rogers (KY)
Rokita
Rooney, Francis
Roskam
Rothfus
Rouzer
Roybal-Allard
Royce (CA)
Ruiz
Ruppersberger
Rush
Russell
Rutherford
Ryan (OH)
Sánchez
Sarbanes
Scallise
Scanlon
Schakowsky
Schiff
Schneider
Schrader
Scott (VA)
Scott, Austin
Serrano
Sessions
Sewell (AL)
Sherman
Shimkus
Simpson
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Smith (MO)
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Torres
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Upton
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Visclosky
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Hudson
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Weber (TX)

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Cárdenas
Comstock
Costa
Cramer
Delaney
Denham
Duncan (SC)
Ellison
Flores
Foster
Gabbard
Gowdy
Grijalva

Gutiérrez
Hanabusa
Issa
Jenkins (KS)
Johnson, Sam
Jones (NC)
Keating
Kennedy
Kind
King (NY)
Lipinski
Love
Lowenthal
Lujan Grisham,
M.
Marchant
McHenry
McSally
Messer
Moulton
Noem
Nolan
Nunes
Olson
Paulsen
Pocan

Polis
Ratcliffe
Rice (NY)
Rooney, Thomas
J.
Ros-Lehtinen
Rosen
Ross
Scott, David
Shea-Porter
Shuster
Sinema
Speier
Swalwell (CA)
Thompson (MS)
Thornberry
Tsongas
Vela
Walters, Mimi
Walz
Wild
Wilson (FL)
Yarmuth
Yoho

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). There are 2 minutes remaining.

□ 1957

So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the question on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal, which the Chair will put de novo.

The question is on the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

□ 2000

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BALDERSON) laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, December 19, 2018.

Hon. PAUL D. RYAN,
The Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on December 19, 2018, at 5:42 p.m.:

That the Senate passed S. 3247.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

KAREN L. HAAS.

FAREWELL TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

(Mr. CROWLEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. CROWLEY. Mr. Speaker, this evening I say goodbye to the House of Representatives after 20 years of service. Thank you to the people of Queens and the Bronx. It has been the honor of a lifetime to be the voice of many people from New York City.

Mr. Speaker, as a son and grandson of immigrants from Ireland, more specifically, as a son of a New York City cop, as a husband and a father, I can only hope I have made my family proud. My family is everything to me. They taught me to pursue fairness and justice, to use my power—and my size and my voice—for good, and to give back. I hope I have done that. I hope my colleagues will keep working together to do the same.

We all have different backgrounds, but we are all united by our shared dreams for this great land. I believe in the best of America, its people, and its public servants.

Again, thank you to my family for the love and support you have always shown to me: to my mom, who was not able to be here tonight; to my brother, Sean; my sisters, Eileen and Maura; my brother's wife, Maureen, and their boys; my sister's children and their families; my children, Cullen, Kenzie, and Liam. I won't tell you their ages, because they can't be on the floor.

And, of course, my wife, Kasey, is with us as well. Thank you, Kasey.

To my staff, the greatest staff a person could ever have, all of you have made this such a great journey. From the darkest days of my life of 9/11 to the passage of the Affordable Care Act, a very special moment for me, it has been great to be a part of this amazing ride.

I thank you all very much, and God bless you all.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to say goodbye to the House of Representatives.

To say goodbye after 20 years of service to the people of New York and to the country. To say goodbye to what's been the honor of a lifetime.

I have been grateful every day for this opportunity—to come to work in this chamber, to walk beneath the Capitol dome, to stand in the footsteps of the giants who came before us.

And I will forever be thankful for having had the chance to represent my hometown community.

All four of my grandparents, and my mother, were immigrants from Ireland.

They left behind everything they knew, in search of a better life for not just themselves, but for their future generations.

I doubt they ever pictured that someday their grandson would serve in the United States Congress, but I hope I have done them proud.

My dad was the oldest of seven, who first became a New York City cop, then went to college and law school on the GI bill.

My mom didn't go to college, but she worked as a legal secretary, raised four children, and gave us every opportunity she could.

My family instilled in me the values that I hold dear to this day—the importance of hard work, building strong communities, and ensuring opportunity for all.

They taught me to stand up for the little guy, to pursue fairness and justice, to use my power—and my size, and my voice—for good.

And I've tried to incorporate those lessons throughout my work.

My family also taught me the importance of service—of giving back. Of being part of something that's bigger than yourself.

That's what I've been thinking about as I say farewell to my time in Congress. Our time here isn't about any one of us—it's about what's best for the country.

I think sometimes we lose sight of that in the day-to-day—the legislative deadlines, the political positioning.

Our jobs here tend to be partisan—there's no escaping that.

But we can't—we shouldn't—let that blind us to what we're sent here to do.

Yes, I'll remember the day we passed the Affordable Care Act to bring health care to millions more Americans.

I'll remember marching for fair, humane immigration reform with LUIS GUTIÉRREZ. I'll remember “sitting in” for sensible gun violence prevention.

But I'll also always remember walking across the Edmund Pettus Bridge with JOHN LEWIS, and watching my 13-year-old son hug JOHN after the Chief of the Montgomery Police Department apologized for his treatment there so many years ago.

I'll remember welcoming Pope Francis, alongside NANCY PELOSI, John Boehner and the whole congressional leadership, many of whom I'm proud to call friends.

I'll remember fighting for sustainable peace in Ireland, for progress in Burma, for a stronger relationship with India all of which require cooperation on both sides of the aisle.

I'll remember returning to the Capitol after the September 11 attacks, after the worst day of my life when my cousin John was declared among the lost firefighters, and the way I was welcomed, and embraced, and loved by members of every political persuasion.

I think about those experiences when I'm wondering how we can get back to the days of working together, and seeing each other as people, not political opponents.

But I believe we can find our way again.

Because I do believe that government can do great things.

I believe that we can create good-paying jobs, and a vibrant and strong economy that works for all.

I believe that we can lead the world in innovation, and lead the world, period. But those aren't Republican or Democratic goals.

In my neighborhood, they're shared by the shopkeeper, the taxi driver, the firefighter. And here, they're shared by every one of us who walks into this chamber.

We all have our own backgrounds and our own family folklore, but we're united by our shared dreams for this country.

So I always believe in the best in this country, its people, and its public servants.

Part of what helps me to keep that optimism is the love and support I've always gotten from my family, many of whom are here today.

My mom, my brother and sisters, and their families.

My children, Cullen, Kenzie, and Liam.

And of course my wife Kasey, whose support has allowed me to participate in this great arena. It's been quite a ride.

And while I'm sad to be leaving, I follow that old Irish tradition of keeping your chin up, keep smiling.

I think you all know that I'm a little bit of a Bruce Springsteen fan. One of my favorite songs, Rosalita, has a line I can't help but think about: “Someday we'll look back on this and it will all seem funny.”

I will seem funny. But it will also seem meaningful, it will seem compelling, it will seem historic.

And it will always stand out to me as the greatest professional experience of my life.

So thank you to my constituents, my friends, my family, my staff, and all of you who made this such a great journey.

BUDGET PROCESS, FISCAL YEAR 2019

(Mr. WOMACK asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. WOMACK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to encourage all of us to stay committed to reforming the Federal budget and appropriations process.

Here we are, operating under a continuing resolution and scrambling to adopt another, our third of fiscal year 2019 alone. Despite good work being done to fund 5 of the 12 annual appropriations bills, after 2½ months and two continuing resolutions, our work remains unfinished.

Mr. Speaker, the power of the purse is the most important constitutional responsibility granted to Congress, yet we have regularly and repeatedly ceded our duty to fulfill this essential role. It is unacceptable, and it is clear that the Federal budget and appropriations process is broken. The American people deserve better.

As you know, the Joint Select Committee on Budget and Appropriations Process Reform laid the groundwork for bipartisan, bicameral reform this past year. Our proposal began taking steps in the right direction to improve the process. While our efforts were unsuccessful, where we stand today highlights just how desperately our work was needed. It, Mr. Speaker, is now more necessary than ever.

I will continue to champion budget process reform and the ideas put forth by the joint select committee next year. Today, I sent a Dear Colleague letter outlining our year of work, which I include in the RECORD.

I encourage all Members to review it and join me in this essential effort. We owe the American people this process. Let's fix this.

DEAR COLLEAGUE: In the Second Session of the 115th Congress, I was honored to Co-Chair the Joint Select Committee on Budget and Appropriations Process Reform. As members of the U.S. House of Representatives, Article I entrusts in each of us the power of the purse. This is an awesome responsibility that I, and I know each of you, take very seriously. We owe it to the American people to have a process that works, and that was the goal of the Joint Select Committee—to produce recommendations to reform the federal budget and appropriations process.

As you know, our Joint Select Committee produced a bipartisan, bicameral consensus package of reforms in advance of our statutory deadline of November 30, 2018. During our markup, amendments were subjected to a supermajority threshold to ensure those that passed reflected a true consensus of the panel. Some amendments passed unanimously. During the final debate on the bill, many members indicated that they had no objection to the package's underlying reforms. However, the bill and report developed over many months of hard work failed to secure the necessary supermajority of votes to pass under our Joint Select Committee's rules.

Despite the unfortunate outcome of the Joint Select Committee's work, there is no refuting that the federal budget process is broken. It is vital that Congress continues these efforts to reform the budget and appropriations process this year, next year, and in the years beyond. I have assembled in this Budget Committee print all the relevant materials to this year's work. I urge all Members to review this information. In this Committee print, you will find:

The report of the Joint Select Committee on Budget and Appropriations Process Reform;

The Co-chair's mark, as amended, and voted on, by the Joint Select Committee;

The votes of the Joint Select Committee;

Hearing transcripts of the Joint Select Committee's five public hearings; Congressional Budget Office briefing materials prepared for the Joint Select Committee;

Congressional Research Service briefing materials prepared for the Joint Select Committee;

H.R. 7191—a bill introduced in the House by myself and Representative Yarmuth, a Joint Select Committee Member and Ranking Member of the House Budget Committee; and

The press release to accompany the introduction of H.R. 7191.

It is my sincere hope that this important work will continue in the 116th Congress on a bipartisan and bicameral basis. I believe Members of Congress, Executive Branch officials, outside budget experts and academics, as well as engaged citizens, will find this material useful for future reform efforts.

I would like to thank the Members of the Joint Select Committee on Budget and Appropriations Process Reform, our hard-working staffs, particularly Dan Keniry, David Reich, and Mary Popadiuk, as well as the House Rules Committee staff, Bob Weinhausen and Tom Cassidy in the Office of Legislative Counsel, budget experts at the Congressional Research Service and the Congressional Budget Office—particularly Mark Hadley and Teri Gullo—and House Parliamentarian Tom Wickham and his office, for the year of dedication.

If you have any questions or would like additional information, please contact Dan Keniry, Staff Director of the House Budget