

people permanent status in the Marianas, and just in the Marianas, so they could continue to live and work as they have for years as part of our community.

I introduced that legislation, H.R. 559, and the administration submitted a statement for the hearing record to the Natural Resources Committee supporting passage, which I include in the RECORD.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF  
HOMELAND SECURITY,  
Washington, DC, February 21, 2019.

Hon. RAÚL M. GRIJALVA,  
Chairman, Committee on Natural Resources,  
House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR REPRESENTATIVE GRIJALVA: This letter sets forth Department of Homeland Security (DHS) views with regard to H.R. 559, the "Northern Mariana Islands Long-Term Legal Residents Relief Act."

Thank you for seeking the Department's input on this new legislation. We appreciate the opportunity to review H.R. 559 as the Committee begins the legislative process in the 1st session of the 116th Congress.

As you are aware, H.R. 559 would provide for the admission of certain aliens who are currently present in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) and who had been parolees as CNMI residents. In doing so, the bill would establish an alternative regime to the now-terminated categorical parole program for the CNMI. DHS believes that the bill would address the discrete needs of this alien group in an equitable and lawful manner—more so than any other bill that is now pending Congressional consideration.

In light of the aforementioned, DHS supports H.R. 559. DHS would respectfully urge the Committee to consider the bill favorably. Further, it is the Department's hope that the full House of Representatives will take up and pass the measure expeditiously.

The Department is pleased to inform you that the Office of Management and Budget has no objection to the presentation of this letter to Congress. Nonetheless, I appreciate your interest in the Administration's concerns on this matter. Fortunately, there are none.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to review and share the Department's position on H.R. 559. An identical letter has been sent to Representatives Sablan and Bishop.

Respectfully,

CHRISTINE M. CICCONE,  
Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs.

Mr. SABLAN. Mr. Speaker, let me read from the administration's letter. "H.R. 559 would provide for the admission of certain aliens who are currently present in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, CNMI, and who had been parolees. . . . In doing so, the bill would establish an alternative regime to the now-terminated categorical parole program for the CNMI. DHS believes that the bill would address the discrete needs of this alien group in an equitable and lawful manner. . . . It is the Department's hope that the full House of Representatives will take up and pass the measure expeditiously." Signed: Christine M. Ciccone, Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of Homeland Security.

To be completely transparent, the bill before us has been altered slightly from the original. The bill now includes an administrative appeal procedure

if an applicant believes an error was made in processing their petition for permanent status. But that new language was also drafted, at my request, by the administration. So the bill remains 100 percent as drafted by the administration.

Again, the bill provides permanent status in the Marianas only, with no right of entry to any other part of the United States and no right to any public assistance, to a small group of people who have lived and worked in the Marianas, always lawfully present, since before U.S. immigration law was ever extended to our islands.

The Trump administration agrees. These individuals should be allowed to stay, but not by administrative fiat. They should be allowed to stay under the rule of law.

Today, I ask my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to pass that law. Do as the administration advises. Vote "yes" on H.R. 559.

Mr. KEVIN HERN of Oklahoma. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, as has been documented, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands' workforce has historically been comprised of U.S. citizens as well as a nonimmigrant, temporary foreign population.

Until 2009, the CNMI controlled its own immigration policy for the foreign workforce. Today, the Department of Homeland Security manages the applications and eventual permits for any foreign people entering the Commonwealth for work. Since 2009, the transitional worker program was forward-looking, which left a certain portion of the existing foreign workforce that has resided and worked in the Commonwealth for many years in a gray area.

H.R. 559 is an approach to resolve any uncertainty for these long-term foreign workers. I thank the Governor of the Commonwealth, Ralph Torres, for his help and Mr. SABLAN.

While the policy contained in this measure is fair for long-term foreign workers in the Mariana Islands, I am deeply disappointed that the majority did not consider this bill through regular order. Neither the Natural Resources Committee nor the Judiciary Committee, which received an additional referral of this bill, have acted on this measure—no hearings, no markups. It is my hope that the majority truly believes in following their rules that are supposed to provide for an open and transparent process because this bill did not meet that test.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. CASE. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time.

I commend my colleague from the Northern Mariana Islands for so ably representing his people. As the Representative proudly representing Hawaii, I recognize him and his constituents as members of our Pacific Islands ohana, and I commend him also for working very closely with the adminis-

tration to get this bill right from both sides' perspectives. It is a truly bipartisan bill.

It is a necessary bill, and I urge my colleagues to support the legislation.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Hawaii (Mr. CASE) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 559, as amended.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until approximately 6:30 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 4 o'clock and 6 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

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#### AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Ms. TITUS) at 6 o'clock and 30 minutes p.m.

#### REPORT ON H.R. 3055, COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS BILL, 2020

Mr. SERRANO, from the Committee on Appropriations, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 116-101) on the bill (H.R. 3055) making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020, and for other purposes, which was referred to the Union Calendar and ordered to be printed.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 1, rule XXI, all points of order are reserved on the bill.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Proceedings will resume on questions previously postponed.

Votes will be taken in the following order:

Motion to suspend the rules and concur in the Senate amendment to H.R. 2157;

Motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 2940; and

Agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The first electronic vote will be conducted as a 15-minute vote. Pursuant to clause 9 of rule XX, remaining electronic votes will be conducted as 5-minute votes.

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS  
ACT, 2019

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and concur in the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 2157) making supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, and for other purposes, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from New York (Mrs. LOWEY) that the House suspend the rules and concur in the Senate amendment.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 354, nays 58, not voting 19, as follows:

[Roll No. 232]

YEAS—354

Adams	Craig	Hartzler
Aderholt	Crawford	Hayes
Aguilar	Crenshaw	Heck
Allen	Crist	Hern, Kevin
Allred	Crow	Hice (GA)
Amodei	Cuellar	Higgins (NY)
Armstrong	Cummings	Hill (AR)
Arrington	Cunningham	Hill (CA)
Axne	Dauids (KS)	Himes
Babin	Davis (CA)	Holding
Bacon	Davis, Danny K.	Horn, Kendra S.
Baird	Davis, Rodney	Horsford
Balderson	Dean	Houlahan
Barragan	DeFazio	Hoyer
Bass	DeGette	Hudson
Bera	DeLauro	Huffman
Bilirakis	DelBene	Hurd (TX)
Bishop (GA)	Delgado	Jackson Lee
Bishop (UT)	Demings	Jayapal
Blumenauer	DeSaulnier	Jeffries
Blunt Rochester	Deutch	Johnson (GA)
Bonamici	Diaz-Balart	Johnson (SD)
Bost	Dingell	Johnson (TX)
Boyle, Brendan F.	Doggett	Joyce (OH)
Brady	Doyle, Michael F.	Kaptur
Brindisi	Duffy	Katko
Brooks (IN)	Dunn	Keating
Brown (MD)	Engel	Kelly (IL)
Brownley (CA)	Escobar	Kelly (MS)
Buchanan	Eshoo	Kelly (PA)
Bucshon	Espallat	Kennedy
Burgess	Evans	Khanna
Bustos	Ferguson	Kildee
Butterfield	Finkenauer	Kilmer
Byrne	Fitzpatrick	Kim
Calvert	Fleischmann	Kind
Carbajal	Fletcher	King (IA)
Carson (IN)	Flores	King (NY)
Carter (GA)	Fortenberry	Kininger
Carter (TX)	Foster	Kirkpatrick
Cartwright	Frankel	Krishnamoorthi
Case	Fudge	Kuster (NH)
Casten (IL)	Gabbard	Kustoff (TN)
Castor (FL)	Gaetz	LaMalfa
Castro (TX)	Gallego	Lamb
Cheney	Garamendi	Langevin
Chu, Judy	Garcia (IL)	Larsen (WA)
Cicilline	Garcia (TX)	Larson (CT)
Cisneros	Gibbs	Latta
Clark (MA)	Gohmert	Lawrence
Clarke (NY)	Golden	Lawson (FL)
Clay	Gomez	Lee (CA)
Cleaver	Gonzalez (OH)	Lee (NV)
Clyburn	Gonzalez (TX)	Levin (CA)
Cohen	Gottheimer	Levin (MI)
Cole	Granger	Lewis
Collins (GA)	Graves (GA)	Lieu, Ted
Collins (NY)	Graves (LA)	Lipinski
Conaway	Graves (MO)	Loebsack
Connolly	Green (TX)	Lofgren
Cook	Griffith	Long
Cooper	Grijalva	Loudermilk
Correa	Guthrie	Lowenthal
Costa	Haaland	Lowe
Courtney	Hagedorn	Lucas
Cox (CA)	Harder (CA)	Luetkemeyer
		Lujan

Luria	Posey
Lynch	Pressley
Malinowski	Price (NC)
Maloney,	Quigley
Carolyn B.	Raskin
Maloney, Sean	Reed
Marshall	Reschenthaler
Mast	Rice (AL)
McAdams	Rice (NY)
McBath	Rice (SC)
McCarthy	Richmond
McCaul	Riggleman
McCollum	Roby
McEachin	Rodgers (WA)
McGovern	Roe, David P.
McHenry	Rogers (AL)
McKinley	Rogers (KY)
McNerney	Rose (NY)
Meeks	Rose, John W.
Meng	Rouda
Meuser	Rouzer
Miller	Roybal-Allard
Mitchell	Ruiz
Moolenaar	Ruppersberger
Moore	Rush
Morelle	Rutherford
Moulton	Ryan
Mucarsel-Powell	Sánchez
Mullin	Sarbanes
Murphy	Scalise
Nadler	Scanlon
Napolitano	Schakowsky
Neal	Schiff
Neguse	Schrader
Newhouse	Schrier
Norcross	Scott (VA)
Nunes	Scott, Austin
O'Halleran	Scott, David
Ocasio-Cortez	Serrano
Olson	Sewell (AL)
Palazzo	Shalala
Pallone	Sherrill
Panetta	Shimkus
Pappas	Simpson
Pascrell	Sires
Payne	Slotkin
Pence	Smith (MO)
Perlmutter	Smith (NE)
Peters	Smith (NJ)
Peterson	Smith (WA)
Phillips	Smucker
Pingree	Soto
Porter	Spanberger
	Spano

NAYS—58

Amash	Fulcher
Banks	Gallagher
Barr	Gianforte
Bergman	Gooden
Biggs	Gosar
Brooks (AL)	Grothman
Buck	Harris
Budd	Higgins (LA)
Burchett	Hollingsworth
Chabot	Huizenga
Cline	Hunter
Cloud	Johnson (LA)
Comer	Jordan
Curtis	Joyce (PA)
Davidson (OH)	LaHood
DesJarlais	Lamborn
Duncan	Lesko
Emmer	Massie
Estes	McClintock
Foxx (NC)	Meadows

NOT VOTING—19

Abraham	Herrera Beutler	Sherman
Beatty	Johnson (OH)	Speier
Beyer	Marchant	Stivers
Cárdenas	Matsui	Swalwell (CA)
Green (TN)	Omar	Wilson (FL)
Guest	Pocan	
Hastings	Schneider	

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Messrs. EMMER and MEADOWS changed their vote from “yea” to “nay.”

Mrs. BUSTOS changed her vote from “nay” to “yea.”

So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the Senate amendment was concurred in.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

## EXTENDING TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES PROGRAM AND RELATED PROGRAMS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 2940) to extend the program of block grants to States for temporary assistance for needy families and related programs through September 30, 2019, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill.

This is a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 357, nays 55, not voting 19, as follows:

[Roll No. 233]

YEAS—357

Adams	Correa	Gomez
Aderholt	Costa	Gonzalez (OH)
Aguilar	Courtney	Gonzalez (TX)
Allred	Cox (CA)	Gottheimer
Amodei	Craig	Granger
Armstrong	Crawford	Graves (GA)
Arrington	Crenshaw	Graves (LA)
Axne	Crist	Graves (MO)
Bacon	Crow	Green (TX)
Baird	Cuellar	Griffith
Balderson	Cummings	Grijalva
Barragan	Cunningham	Guthrie
Bass	Curtis	Haaland
Beatty	Dauids (KS)	Hagedorn
Bera	Davis (CA)	Harder (CA)
Bergman	Davis, Danny K.	Hayes
Bilirakis	Davis, Rodney	Heck
Bishop (GA)	Dean	Higgins (LA)
Bishop (UT)	DeFazio	Higgins (NY)
Blumenauer	DeGette	Hill (AR)
Blunt Rochester	DeLauro	Hill (CA)
Bonamici	DelBene	Himes
Bost	Delgado	Holding
Boyle, Brendan F.	Demings	Hollingsworth
Brady	DeSaulnier	Horn, Kendra S.
Brindisi	Deutch	Horsford
Brooks (IN)	Diaz-Balart	Houlahan
Brown (MD)	Dingell	Hoyer
Brownley (CA)	Doggett	Hudson
Brownley (CA)	Doyle, Michael F.	Huffman
Buchanan	F.	Huizenga
Bucshon	Dunn	Hurd (TX)
Bustos	Emmer	Jackson Lee
Butterfield	Engel	Jayapal
Calvert	Escobar	Jeffries
Carbajal	Eshoo	Johnson (GA)
Carson (IN)	Espallat	Johnson (SD)
Carter (GA)	Estes	Johnson (TX)
Carter (TX)	Evans	Joyce (OH)
Cartwright	Ferguson	Kaptur
Case	Finkenauer	Katko
Casten (IL)	Fitzpatrick	Keating
Castor (FL)	Fleischmann	Kelly (IL)
Castro (TX)	Fletcher	Kelly (MS)
Cheney	Flores	Kelly (PA)
Chu, Judy	Fortenberry	Kennedy
Cicilline	Foster	Khanna
Cisneros	Foxx (NC)	Kildee
Clark (MA)	Frankel	Kilmer
Clarke (NY)	Fudge	Kim
Clay	Fulcher	Kind
Cleaver	Gabbard	King (IA)
Clyburn	Gallagher	King (NY)
Cohen	Gallego	Kininger
Cole	Garamendi	Kirkpatrick
Collins (GA)	Garcia (IL)	Krishnamoorthi
Collins (NY)	Garcia (TX)	Kuster (NH)
Conaway	Gianforte	Kustoff (TN)
Connolly	Gibbs	LaHood
Cook	Golden	LaMalfa
Cooper		