

Hill (AR)	McKinley	Smith (MO)	Brownley (CA)	Grijalva	Mitchell	Thornberry	Veasey	Welch
Holding	Meadows	Smith (NE)	Buchanan	Guest	Moolenaar	Timmons	Vela	Wenstrup
Hollingsworth	Meuser	Smith (NJ)	Buck	Guthrie	Moore	Tipton	Velazquez	Westerman
Hudson	Miller	Smucker	Bucson	Haaland	Morelle	Titus	Visclosky	Wexton
Huizinga	Mitchell	Spano	Budd	Hagedorn	Moulton	Tonko	Wagner	Williams
Hunter	Moolenaar	Stauber	Bustos	Harder (CA)	Mucarsel-Powell	Torres (CA)	Walberg	Wilson (FL)
Hurd (TX)	Mooney (WV)	Stefanik	Butterfield	Hartzler	Mullin	Torres Small (NM)	Walden	Wilson (SC)
Johnson (LA)	Mullin	Steil	Byrne	Hastings	Murphy	(NM)	Walorski	Wittman
Johnson (OH)	Newhouse	Steube	Calvert	Hayes	Nadler	Trahan	Waltz	Womack
Johnson (SD)	Norman	Stewart	Carbajal	Heck	Napolitano	Trone	Wasserman	Woodall
Jordan	Nunes	Stivers	Cárdenas	Hern, Kevin	Neguse	Turner	Schultz	Yarmuth
Joyce (OH)	Olson	Taylor	Carson (IN)	Herrera Beutler	Newhouse	Underwood	Waters	Young
Joyce (PA)	Palazzo	Thompson (PA)	Carter (TX)	Hice (GA)	Norcross	Upton	Watkins	Zeldin
Katko	Palmer	Thornberry	Cartwright	Higgins (NY)	Nunes	Van Drew	Watson Coleman	
Keller	Pence	Timmons	Case	Hill (AR)	O'Halleran	Vargas	Weber (TX)	
Kelly (MS)	Perry	Tipton	Castor (FL)	Hill (CA)	Ocasio-Cortez			
Kelly (PA)	Posey	Turner	Himes	Himes	Olson			
King (IA)	Ratcliffe	Upton	Castro (TX)	Holding	Palazzo	Abraham	Ferguson	Marchant
Kinzinger	Reed	Wagner	Chabot	Hollingsworth	Pallone	Aderholt	Fortenberry	McClintock
Kustoff (TN)	Reschenthaler	Walberg	Chu, Judy	Horn, Kendra S.	Panetta	Allen	Foxx (NC)	Meadows
LaHood	Rice (SC)	Walden	Cicilline	Horsford	Pappas	Arrington	Fudge	Mooney (WV)
LaMalfa	Riggleman	Walker	Cisneros	Houlahan	Pascall	Bergman	Gohmert	Norman
Lamborn	Roby	Walorski	Clark (MA)	Hoyer	Payne	Biggs	Gosar	Omar
Latta	Rodgers (WA)	Waltz	Clay	Huffman	Pence	Brooks (AL)	Graves (LA)	Palmer
Lesko	Roe, David P.	Watkins	Cleaver	Hurd (TX)	Perlmutter	Brown (MD)	Green (TN)	Posey
Long	Rogers (AL)	Weber (TX)	Cline	Jackson Lee	Perry	Burchett	Grothman	Richmond
Loudermilk	Rogers (KY)	Webster (FL)	Cohen	Jayapal	Peters	Burgess	Harris	Rogers (AL)
Lucas	Rooney (FL)	Wenstrup	Cole	Jeffries	Peterson	Carter (GA)	Higgins (LA)	Rooney (FL)
Luetkemeyer	Rose, John W.	Westerman	Collins (NY)	Johnson (GA)	Phillips	Cheney	Hudson	Roy
Marchant	Rouzer	Williams	Comer	Johnson (OH)	Pingree	Clarke (NY)	Huizinga	Scalise
Marshall	Roy	Connolly	Johnson (TX)	Johnson (TX)	Pocan	Cloud	Hunter	Sensenbrenner
Massie	Rutherford	Wilson (SC)	Cook	Jordan	Porter	Clyburn	Johnson (LA)	Smith (NE)
Mast	Scalise	Wittman	Cooper	Joyce (OH)	Pressley	Collins (GA)	Johnson (SD)	Steube
McAdams	Schweikert	Womack	Correa	Katko	Price (NC)	Conaway	Joyce (PA)	Tlaib
McCarthy	Scott, Austin	Woodall	Costa	Keating	Quigley	Davidson (OH)	Kaptur	Kelly (MS)
McCaul	Sensenbrenner	Wright	Courtney	Keller	Raskin	DesJarlais	Duffy	King (IA)
McClintock	Shimkus	Yoho	Cox (CA)	Kelly (IL)	Ratcliffe	Duncan	Kustoff (TN)	Webster (FL)
McHenry	Simpson	Young	Craig	Kelly (PA)	Reed	Dunn	Loudermilk	Wright

NOT VOTING—1

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□ 1647

So the resolution, as amended, was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

FAIRNESS FOR HIGH-SKILLED IMMIGRANTS ACT OF 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 pass the bill (H.R. 1044) to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to eliminate the per-country numerical limitation for employment-based immigrants, to increase the per-country numerical limitation for family-sponsored immigrants, and for other purposes, as amended, 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 California (Ms. LOFGREN) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.

This is a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 365, nays 65, not voting 2, as follows:

[Roll No. 437]

YEAS—365

Adams	Balderson	Bishop (UT)	Gomez	McCollum	Stevens	CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
Aguilar	Banks	Blumenauer	Gonzalez (OH)	McEachin	Stewart	HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Allred	Barr	Blunt Rochester	Gonzalez (TX)	McGovern	Stivers	Washington, DC, July 10, 2019.
Amash	Barragán	Bonamici	Gooden	McHenry	Suozzi	Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
Amodei	Bass	Bost	Gottheimer	McKinley	Swalwell (CA)	Speaker, House of Representatives,
Armstrong	Beatty	Boyle, Brendan	Granger	McNerney	Takano	Washington, DC.
Axne	Bera	F.	Graves (GA)	Meeks	Taylor	DEAR SPEAKER PELOSI: I write to respectfully tender my resignation as a member of the Committee on Education and Labor. It has been an honor to serve in this capacity.
Babin	Beyer	Brady	Graves (MO)	Meng	Thompson (CA)	Sincerely,
Bacon	Bilirakis	Brindisi	Green, Al (TX)	Meuser	Thompson (MS)	FRANCIS ROONEY,
Baird	Bishop (GA)	Brooks (IN)	Griffith	Miller	Thompson (PA)	Member of Congress.

NAYS—65

NOT VOTING—2	Neal	Wild	□ 1656

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi changed his vote from “yea” to “nay.”

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

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 1078

Mr. BRINDISI. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to remove my name as a cosponsor of H.R. 1078.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New York?

There was no objection.

RESIGNATION AS MEMBER OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND LABOR

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following resignation as a member of the Committee on Education and Labor:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, July 10, 2019.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker, House of Representatives,

Washington, DC.

DEAR SPEAKER PELOSI: I write to respectfully tender my resignation as a member of the Committee on Education and Labor. It has been an honor to serve in this capacity.

Sincerely,

FRANCIS ROONEY,
Member of Congress.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the resignation is accepted.

There was no objection.

ELECTING MEMBERS TO CERTAIN STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Ms. CHENEY. Madam Speaker, by direction of the Republican Conference, I offer a privileged resolution and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 481

Resolved, That the following named Members be, and are hereby, elected to the following committees of the House of Representatives:

(1) COMMITTEE ON THE BUDGET.—Mr. Kevin Hern of Oklahoma, to rank immediately after Mr. Norman.

(2) COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND LABOR.—Mr. Keller.

(3) COMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT AND REFORM.—Mr. Keller.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

REQUEST TO CONSIDER H.R. 962, BORN-ALIVE ABORTION SURVIVORS PROTECTION ACT

Mr. HICE of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from further consideration of H.R. 962, the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under guidelines consistently issued by successive Speakers, as recorded in section 956 of the House Rules and Manual, the Chair is constrained not to entertain the request unless it has been cleared by the bipartisan floor and committee leaderships.

Mr. HICE of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I urge the Speaker to immediately schedule this important bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman has not been recognized for debate.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and insert extraneous material on H.R. 2500.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Washington?

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 476 and rule XVIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the consideration of the bill, H.R. 2500.

The Chair appoints the gentleman from Texas (Mr. CUELLAR) to preside over the Committee of the Whole.

□ 1702

IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Accordingly, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the consideration of the bill (H.R. 2500) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2020 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes, with Mr. CUELLAR in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The CHAIR. Pursuant to the rule, the bill is considered read the first time.

General debate shall not exceed 1 hour equally divided and controlled by the chair and the ranking minority member of the Committee on Armed Services.

The gentleman from Washington (Mr. SMITH) and the gentleman from Texas (Mr. THORNBERRY) each will control 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Washington.

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Chair, I yield myself 5 minutes.

Mr. Chair, this, as always, is an incredibly important piece of legislation. This is a piece of legislation by which we provide for the national security of this country, and every little bit, as importantly, we provide for the men and women who put their lives on the line to provide for the national security of this country.

For 58 years, we have passed the National Defense Authorization Act. It is the one piece of legislation that has not failed to pass in that timeframe, and there is a very good reason for that: It is enormously important, and it is our opportunity to show those men and women who serve in the military that we support them, we support what they do, and we are going to make sure that they have all that they need to carry out the missions that we ask them to do.

One of the reasons that we have always been able to be successful on this is because of the very strong bipartisan tradition of our committee. We have worked with various chairmen and ranking members across the aisle for all of those years and really made sure that we worked together, regardless of who was in the majority, to produce a product that we can be proud of—and we have.

On that measure, as we have moved in the majority this year, my staff and I have worked very hard with the ranking member and with all the members of the committee and their staffs to maintain that bipartisan tradition.

When we had the bill in committee, we had a large number of proposals, which I will read to you.

There were 736 proposals from Republicans, 889 from Democrats. We put into our bill 53 percent of the Republican requests and 52 percent of the Democratic requests.

In amendments, there were more Democratic amendments in committee,

266 to 248 for the Republicans, but, still, we accepted 57 percent of the Republican amendments.

On the floor, there were a lot more amendments from Democrats, 480 to 201, but, again, we accepted 50 percent of the Republican amendments.

My staff and I and other members, personally, on a large number of issues, most notably on nuclear issues—Mr. TURNER, who is the ranking member on the Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, was concerned that we weren't working together properly on a number of nuclear issues. There were 10 or 12 or more. I reached out to him. We worked together, and we resolved half of them, because that is what we do. This is a very strong bill that everybody on this floor should feel proud to vote for.

Now, there are a couple of issues, but the biggest thing is remember what is in this bill. Once again, we give a very high pay raise to the men and women who serve, 3.1 percent pay raise.

We have also, through the amendment process, included a priority that has over 300 cosponsors in the House, and that is JOE WILSON's bill to finally eliminate the offset that cuts the amount of money that goes to widows of men and women who have passed away in the military. This is the bill to eliminate that offset. There is a lot in this bill that we can be proud of.

Now, the issues that we have had disagreement on, I understand, but we always have disagreements. It is a large bill. I don't like everything in this bill. I don't think anybody does, but we cannot forget the central mission of this bill: to support the men and women who serve the military and to make sure that we have a strong national security.

The number one issue is how much money we spend.

Let me just say—and I think there is bipartisan agreement on this—we need a budget caps deal. A continuing resolution is unacceptable.

It is unacceptable for the entire discretionary budget, and it is certainly unacceptable for the Department of Defense, which can't simply keep doing what it has been doing. There are always programs they need to get rid of and new programs they need to create. We need to get a deal on that. But the number that we marked to, \$733 billion, was the number that the Pentagon planned for for over a year.

After we got the last budget deal to get \$716 billion, the Pentagon planned on what their next year's budget would be, and the President and the Pentagon put together a \$733 billion budget for over a year. But then, at the end of last year, the President felt that number was too high.

By the way, I think I might agree with him. I think there are greater efficiencies to get out of the Pentagon.

So he said it ought to be cut by 5 percent; it ought to be \$700 billion. A number of people protested that, went to the Pentagon and said: You can't cut it to 700.