

House of Representatives alone the authority to establish its rules governing the procedures and methods for the conduct of oversight and investigations, as well as to determine the powers that it delegates to its various committees;

Whereas those powers delegated to the committees include the power to conduct oversight into and to investigate, pursuant to the legitimate legislative purposes of the respective committees, matters involving, referring, or related, directly or indirectly, to the persons, entities, and organizations specified in this resolution;

Whereas committees of the House, pursuant to the authority delegated by clause 2(m) of rule XI and clause 11(d) of rule X of the Rules of the House of Representatives, have undertaken investigations and issued related subpoenas seeking personal, financial, banking, and tax information related to the President, his immediate family, and his business entities and organizations, among others;

Whereas the validity of some of these investigations and subpoenas has been incorrectly challenged in Federal court on the grounds that the investigations and subpoenas were not authorized by the full House and lacked a “clear statement” of intent to include the President, which the President’s personal attorneys have argued in Federal court is necessary before the committees may seek information related to the President; and

Whereas while these arguments are plainly incorrect as a matter of law, it is nevertheless in the interest of the institution of the House of Representatives to avoid any doubt on this matter and to unequivocally reject these challenges presented in ongoing or future litigation: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives ratifies and affirms all current and future investigations, as well as all subpoenas previously issued or to be issued in the future, by any standing or permanent select committee of the House, pursuant to its jurisdiction as established by the Constitution of the United States and rules X and XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives, concerning or issued directly or indirectly to—

- (1) the President in his personal or official capacity;
- (2) his immediate family, business entities, or organizations;
- (3) the Office of the President;
- (4) the Executive Office of the President;
- (5) the White House;
- (6) any entity within the White House;
- (7) any individual currently or formerly employed by or associated with the White House;

- (8) any Federal or State governmental entity or current or former employee or officer thereof seeking information involving, referring, or related to any individual or entity described in paragraphs (1) through (7); or

- (9) any third party seeking information involving, referring, or related to any individual or entity described in paragraphs (1) through (7).

REPORT ON H.R. 3931, DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS BILL, 2020

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, from the Committee on Appropriations, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 116-180) making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security 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.

ELECTING A MEMBER TO A CERTAIN STANDING COMMITTEE 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. 516

Resolved, That the following named Member be, and is hereby, elected to the following standing committee of the House of Representatives:

(1) COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE, SPACE, AND TECHNOLOGY.—Mr. Rooney of Florida.

Ms. CHENEY (during the reading). Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be considered as read and printed in the RECORD.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from Wyoming?

There was no objection.

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. HUNTER. 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. HUNTER. Madam Speaker, I respectfully urge the Speaker to immediately schedule this important bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman is not recognized for debate.

PROMOTING RESPECT FOR INDIVIDUALS’ DIGNITY AND EQUALITY ACT OF 2019

Ms. JUDY CHU of California. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 3299) to permit legally married same-sex couples to amend their filing status for income tax returns outside the statute of limitations, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify that all provisions shall apply to legally married same-sex couples in the same manner as other married couples, and for other purposes, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill. The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 3299

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Promoting Respect for Individuals’ Dignity and Equality Act of 2019” or as the “PRIDE Act of 2019”.

SEC. 2. EXTENSION OF PERIOD OF LIMITATION FOR CERTAIN LEGALLY MARRIED COUPLES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—In the case of an individual first treated as married for purposes of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 by the application of the holdings of Revenue Ruling 2013-17—

(1) if such individual filed a return (other than a joint return) for a taxable year ending before September 16, 2013, for which a joint return could have been made by the individual and the individual’s spouse but for the fact that such holdings were not effective at the time of filing, such return shall be treated as a separate return within the meaning of section 6013(b) of such Code and the time prescribed by section 6013(b)(2)(A) of such Code for filing a joint return after filing a separate return shall not expire before the date prescribed by law (including extensions) for filing the return of tax for the taxable year that includes the date of the enactment of this Act, and

(2) in the case of a joint return filed pursuant to paragraph (1)—

(A) the period of limitation prescribed by section 6511(a) of such Code for any such taxable year shall be extended until the date prescribed by law (including extensions) for filing the return of tax for the taxable year that includes the date of the enactment of this Act, and

(B) section 6511(b)(2) of such Code shall not apply to any claim of credit or refund with respect to such return.

(b) AMENDMENTS, ETC. RESTRICTED TO CHANGE IN MARITAL STATUS.—Subsection (a) shall apply only with respect to amendments to the return of tax, and claims for credit or refund, relating to a change in the marital status for purposes of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 of the individual.

SEC. 3. RULES RELATING TO ALL LEGALLY MARRIED COUPLES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended—

(1) in section 21(d)(2)—

(A) by striking “HIMSELF” in the heading and inserting “SELF”; and

(B) by striking “any husband and wife” and inserting “any married couple”;

(2) in section 22(e)(1)—

(A) by striking “husband and wife who live” and inserting “married couple who lives”; and

(B) by striking “the taxpayer and his spouse” and inserting “the taxpayer and the spouse of the taxpayer”;

(3) in section 38(c)(6)(A), by striking “husband or wife who files” and inserting “married individual who files”;

(4) in section 42(j)(5)(C), by striking clause (i) and inserting the following new clause:

“(i) MARRIED COUPLE TREATED AS 1 PARTNER.—For purposes of subparagraph (B), individuals married to one another (and their estates) shall be treated as 1 partner.”;

(5) in section 62(b)(3)—

(A) in subparagraph (A)—

(i) by striking “husband and wife who lived apart” and inserting “married couple who lived apart”; and

(ii) by striking “the taxpayer and his spouse” and inserting “the taxpayer and the spouse of the taxpayer”; and