

(b) EMISSIONS AND ENERGY RELIABILITY STUDY.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, in consultation with the Secretary of Energy, shall submit to the Committee on Environment and Public Works of the Senate and the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House of Representatives a report assessing options for the Federal Government to assist remote areas in the State of Alaska in meeting the energy needs of those areas in an affordable and reliable manner using—

(1) existing emissions control technology; or

(2) other technology that achieves emissions reductions similar to the technology described in paragraph (1).

The bill was ordered to be read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 4297

Mr. PETERSON. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to remove my name as a cosponsor on H.R. 4297.

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

There was no objection.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 132

Mr. WILLIAMS. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to be removed as cosponsor of H.R. 132.

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

There was no objection.

APPOINTMENT OF CONFEREES ON S. 1790, NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the Chair appoints the following conferees on S. 1790:

From the Committee on Armed Services, for consideration of the Senate bill and the House amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. SMITH of Washington, Mrs. DAVIS of California, Messrs. LANGEVIN, LARSEN of Washington, COOPER, COURNEY, GARAMENDI, Ms. SPEIER, Messrs. NORCROSS, GALLEGOS, MOULTON, CARBAJAL, BROWN of Maryland, KHANNA, KEATING, VELA, KIM, Ms. KENDRA S. HORN of Oklahoma, Messrs. CISNEROS, THORNBERRY, WILSON of South Carolina, TURNER, ROGERS of Alabama, CONAWAY, LAMBORN, WITTMAN, Mrs. HARTZLER, Ms. STEFANIK, Messrs. KELLY of Mississippi, BACON, BANKS, and Ms. CHENEY.

From the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, for consideration of matters within the jurisdiction of that committee under clause 11 of rule X: Mr. SCHIFF, Ms. SEWELL of Alabama, and Mr. NUNES.

From the Committee on the Budget, for consideration of sections 4 and 10608

of the Senate bill, and sections 1006 and 1112 of the House amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. YARMUTH, PETERS, and JOHNSON of Ohio.

From the Committee on Education and Labor, for consideration of sections 571, 572, and 5501 of the Senate bill, and sections 211, 576, 580, 1099N, 1117, 3120, and 3503 of the House amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, Mrs. TRAHAN, and Ms. FOXX of North Carolina.

From the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for consideration of sections 214, 315, 318, 703, 3112, 3113, 3201–03, 5318, 6001, 6006, 6021, 6701, 6711, 6721–24, 6741, 6742, 6751–54, 8101, 8202, 10421, 10422, and 10742 of the Senate bill, and sections 315, 330F, 330H, 330O, 606, 737, 3111, 3112, 3127, 3128, 3201, and 3202 of the House amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. PAL-LONE, TONKO, and UPTON.

From the Committee on Financial Services, for consideration of sections 6017, 6018, 6804, 6811, 6813–16, 6834, 6835, and title LXIX of the Senate bill, and sections 550K, 560G, subtitle I of title X, sections 1240B, 1292, 1704, 1711, 1713–16, 1733, and 2843 of the House amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Ms. WATERS, Messrs. SHERMAN, and BARR.

From the Committee on Foreign Affairs, for consideration of sections 834, 1011, 1043, 1202, 1203, 1205, 1206, 1211, 1212, 1215, 1221–24, 1231–36, 1238, 1252, 1281–84, title XIII, sections 1671, 1681, 2822, 6203–06, 6210, 6213, 6215, 6231, 6236, title LXVIII, sections 6921, 6922, 6931, 6941, 6943, 6954, part I of subtitle B of title LXXXV, section 8562, and 10701 of the Senate bill, and sections 634, 1036, 1046, 1050, 1099X, 1201, 1202, 1204, 1207, 1210, 1213, 1215, 1218, 1221–25, 1229, 1231–34, 1240A, 1241, 1250D, 1251, 1255, 1258, 1260A, 1260B, 1265, 1266, 1269, 1270, 1270G, 1270H, 1270I, 1270N, 1270R, 1270S, 1270T, 1270W, subtitle I of title XII, subtitle J of title XIII, title XIII, sections 1521, 1669, and title XVII of the House amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. ENGEL, MEEKS, and McCaul.

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From the Committee on Homeland Security, for consideration of sections 6006, 6012, and 8543 of the Senate bill, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. ROSE of New York, Ms. UNDERWOOD, and Mr. WALKER.

From the Committee on the Judiciary, for consideration of sections 1025, 1031, 1044, 1682, 6004, 6206, 6804, 6811, 6813–16, 6835, 6921, and 6944 of the Senate bill, and sections 530F, 530G, 550D, 550F, 550J, 570H, 729, 827, 1011, 1048, 1049, 1050C, 1093, 1099C, 1099K, 1099V, 1099Z–3, 1212, 1296A, 1704, 1711, 1713–16, and 1733 of the House amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. NADLER, Ms. LOFGREN, and Mr. COLLINS of Georgia.

From the Committee on Natural Resources, for consideration of sections

314, 2812, 2814, 6001, 6020, subtitle C of title LXVII, section 8524, part I of subtitle B of title LXXXV, sections 8554, and 8571 of the Senate bill, and sections 330G, 1094, 1099D, 1099F, 1099U, 2851, subtitle F of title XXVIII, sections 2876, and 2880 of the House amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. GRIJALVA, Ms. HAALAND, and Mr. BISHOP of Utah.

From the Committee on Oversight and Reform, for consideration of sections 218, 530, 559, 579, 1081, 1082, title XI, sections 5802, 6012, subtitle B of title LXV, sections 9304, 9307, 9311, 9313, 9314, 10303, 10432, 10434, 10601, 10603–05, 10612, 10741, and 10742 of the Senate bill, and sections 212, 239, 550O, 629, 633, 804, 829, 842, 861, 872, 877, 883, 884, 891, 895, 899E, 899H, 899I, 1064, 1085, 1099B, title XI, sections 1704, 1711, 1713–16, and 3127 of the House amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. LYNCH, CONNOLLY, and GREEN of Tennessee.

From the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, for consideration of sections 216, 219, 1612, 6001, 6006, 6008, 6009, 6742, 6754, 8524, and 10742 of the Senate bill, and sections 214, 217, 882, and 1089 of the House amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mses. JOHNSON of Texas, SHERRILL, and Mr. BAIRD.

From the Committee on Small Business, for consideration of section 841 of the Senate bill, and sections 872–76, 878, 879, 881, 882, and 886–89 of the House amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Messrs. GOLDEN, and CHABOT.

From the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for consideration of sections 353, 1612, 1682, 2805, title XXXV, sections 6001, 6006, 6012, 6015, 6019, 6021, 6754, 8500, 8511, 8517, 8519, 8520, 8522, 8523, 8525, 8532, 8543, 8545, 8546, and 8571 of the Senate bill, and sections 311, 313, 330A, 330O, 351, 354, 555, 569, 580C, 606, 896, 2808, 3501, and 3504 of the House amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. DELGADO, PAPPAS, and KATKO.

From the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, for consideration of sections 568, 721, 726, 727, 1083, 1431, 2812, 2813, 5702, and 6007 of the Senate bill, and sections 530, 530A, 545, 546, 550E, 550G, 550H, 550I, 550J, 569, 570E, 570F, 574, 624, 705, 706, 713, 715, 1093, 1126, and 1411 of the House amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. TAKANO, Ms. BROWNLEY of California, and Mr. WATKINS.

There was no objection.

CALLING FOR EXPANDED CIVICS EDUCATION ON NATIONAL CONSTITUTION DAY

(Mr. LANGEVIN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LANGEVIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today on National Constitution Day to renew my call for expanded civics education.

The father of our Constitution, James Madison, wrote: “A popular government, without popular information, or the means of acquiring it, is but a prologue to a farce or a tragedy; or, perhaps both.”

Yet, today, it feels as if we are in the middle acts of Madison’s feared drama.

Sadly, only 26 percent of Americans can name all three branches of government, and 37 percent cannot name a single right guaranteed under the First Amendment. Meanwhile, public trust in government and voter participation is low, and foreign adversaries have taken advantage of this to sow discord among us.

Madam Speaker, I was proud to include a program in the House-passed National Defense Authorization Act to fund further development and evaluation of civics education programs, but this is just a first step. We must ensure that every child has access to evidence-based civics programs. The future of our democracy depends on it.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL FAMILY MEALS MONTH

(Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize September as National Family Meals Month.

Between work, school, and extracurricular activities, it can be hard to find time to share a meal as a family, but the benefits that come from carving out time to eat together are rewarded tenfold.

Family meals are great for the mind, body, and spirit. Regular meals provide children and their parents with great nutritional value, helping them to meet the recommended servings of fruits and vegetables. It also expands the variety of food children will eat, making them less picky about what is on the table.

For young, developing children, conversation heard at the dinner table involves vocabulary and reading comprehension. Adolescents also benefit, often being more likely to achieve higher grades in school.

Meals bring families closer and provide a setting for parents and children to engage in meaningful dialogue that can reduce stress and negative behavior and improve communications skills.

Madam Speaker, I encourage all families to prioritize time for family meals and strengthen their ties to one another.

TRANSFORM STUDENT DEBT TO HOME EQUITY

(Ms. KAPTUR asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, I rise today in response to two crises facing

America’s young adults: the student debt crisis and the homeownership crisis.

Since World War II, America’s middle class experienced unprecedented growth in homeownership and wealth accumulation. Tragically, today, due to exploding levels of student debt, which, cumulatively, total over \$1.5 trillion, the option of homeownership for far too many young, aspiring Americans remains out of reach.

The homeownership rate for those under 35 is just 36 percent, 10 percentage points lower than 2006. These dismal numbers have exacerbated the racial wealth gap as well.

During the financial crash of 2008, African Americans lost half of their accumulated wealth since the founding of the Republic. In 2017, African American homeownership fell to 43 percent, effectively negating any progress since the Fair Housing Act.

That is why I have introduced H.R. 3511, the Transform Student Debt to Home Equity Act. My bill directs HUD and the Federal Housing Finance Agency to establish a pilot program to renegotiate creditworthy Federal student debt holders with eligible homes.

I thank the Financial Services Committee for considering it this week, and I ask my colleagues to consider cosponsoring this important legislation.

HONORING THE MUSSER FAMILY

(Mr. BERGMAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BERGMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize the Musser family of Michigan for nearly nine decades of outstanding tradition and service at the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island in Michigan’s beautiful First District.

The famous “world’s largest front porch” has welcomed five sitting U.S. Presidents, thousands of dignitaries, business leaders, movie stars, and over 150,000 guests each season.

The rich traditions of the Grand Hotel are world-renowned and have set the standards in the tourism industry for almost a century.

I personally congratulate my friend Dan Musser on 30 years of exceptional service as the president of the Grand and wish him and his wife, Marlee, and his sister, Mimi Cunningham, all the best as they pass the torch and set out on new adventures.

HONORING NICK BUONICONTI

(Ms. SHALALA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. SHALALA. Madam Speaker, I rise in honor of my friend Nick Buoniconti, the humanitarian and football legend. He passed away on July 30, 2019, at the age of 78.

Nick’s career with the Miami Dolphins began in 1969. With his help, the

Dolphins went undefeated in 1972, culminating with a Super Bowl victory. The team won the Super Bowl the next year as well and remains the only team in the National Football League to go an entire season undefeated.

After Nick retired from professional football, his son Marc sustained a spinal cord injury in a college football game, leaving him paralyzed from the neck down.

After this, Nick dedicated himself to focusing on his son’s health and supporting the Miami Project to Cure Paralysis, of which Marc currently serves as president.

In addition, Nick and his family founded the Buoniconti Fund to Cure Paralysis, which has raised over \$500 million in support of the Miami Project’s research objectives.

Nick Buoniconti’s influence will be felt in Miami for years to come. We will remember him with love and pride.

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HONORING THE LIFETIME OF SERVICE OF TERRY OTTINGER

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

Mr. SPANO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Terry Ottinger, who has retired after 14 years of faithful service on staff with the Lakeland Chamber of Commerce and, 17 years before that, as a business owner. Few have done more to advance the cause of the local entrepreneur than Terry.

Since 1921, the Lakeland Chamber of Commerce has served as an advocate for business and, today, is the largest chamber in Polk County, with over 1,400 investor businesses.

During Terry’s tenure as chamber vice president, Lakeland has risen to the fourth fastest growing metropolitan area in the Nation. His leadership has been instrumental in expanding training workshops, promoting small business development, and providing opportunities for investors and visionaries to network.

The city of Lakeland is a stronger regional partner and a more desirable location for prospective businesses because of Terry’s professionalism, strategic outlook, team building talents, and honest friendship.

Thank you, Terry. Thank you for a lifetime of service. You are not done, though, and we look forward to keeping you engaged in our community for years to come.

HONORING THE LIFE OF ANTHONY MARTINEZ, SR.

(Mr. COX of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. COX of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of Anthony Martinez, Sr., a true leader in Delano, California, and the