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House of Representatives

The House met at 3:30 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. EVANS).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC.
October 11, 2019.

I hereby appoint the Honorable DWIGHT EVANS to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

Reverend Alisa Lasater Wailoo, Capitol Hill United Methodist Church, Washington, D.C., offered the following prayer:

O, God, it is Friday. As we look back on the week, we remember Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, at-one-ment, where our Jewish siblings spend 25 hours fasting from quick satisfaction and allowing You to reveal the falsities we all feast upon.

Following their wisdom, let us do the same. Before we begin our work here, inquire of us, Lord, are we seeking truth or expediency? Inquire of us, Lord, are we choosing courage or comfort? Inquire of us, Lord, are we hoping for healing or using the division for our own gain?

Merciful God of all forgiveness, compassion, truth, and power, come into the people's House and all the districts where we reside today. Fill our hearts, our homes, and our town hall meetings with Your spirit, that we may break free from the comfort of caucusing with our own, and make us one not only with You, but all Your children of this great land.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 5(a) of House Resolution 577, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The SPEAKER pro tempore led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

BILL PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Cheryl L. Johnson, Clerk of the House, reported that on September 30, 2019, she presented to the President of the United States, for his approval, the following bill:

H.R. 4285. To amend title 38, United States Code, to extend and modify certain authorities and requirements relating to the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 5(b) of House Resolution 577, the House stands adjourned until 2 p.m. on Tuesday, October 15, 2019.

Thereupon (at 3 o'clock and 32 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Tuesday, October 15, 2019, at 2 p.m.

EXPENDITURE REPORTS CONCERNING OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL

Reports concerning the foreign currencies and U.S. dollars utilized for Official Foreign Travel during the first, second, and third quarters of 2019, pursuant to Public Law 95-384, are as follows:

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, COMMITTEE ON THE BUDGET, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN JAN. 1 AND MAR. 31, 2019

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem ¹		Transportation		Other purposes		Total
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	

HOUSE COMMITTEES
Please Note: If there were no expenditures during the calendar quarter noted above, please check the box at right to so indicate and return.

¹ Per diem constitutes lodging and meals.

² If foreign currency is used, enter U.S. dollar equivalent; if U.S. currency is used, enter amount expended.

HON. JOHN A. YARMUTH, Sept. 20, 2019.

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REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, COMMITTEE ON THE BUDGET, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN APR. 1 AND JUNE 30, 2019

Name of Member or employee	Date		Per diem ¹		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure	Country	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency

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HON. JOHN A. YARMUTH, Sept. 20, 2019.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN JULY 1 AND SEPT. 30, 2019

Name of Member or employee	Date		Per diem ¹		Transportation		Other purposes		Total		
	Arrival	Departure	Country	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²
Hon. Karen Bass *	6/28	7/3	Cameroon	923.99	923.99	10,693.15	10,693.15	* 4,050.59	15,667.73		
Janette Yrwood	6/28	7/3	Cameroon	923.99	923.99	10,693.15	10,693.15		11,617.44		
Hon. Jim Sensenbrenner	6/28	7/3	Cameroon	1,196.81	1,196.81	10,884.63	10,884.63		11,481.44		
Meghan Gallagher	6/28	7/3	Cameroon	1,196.81	1,196.81	10,454.13	10,454.13		11,650.94		
Hon. Ted Deutch *	6/28	6/30	Switzerland	1,227.89	1,227.89	(3)	(3)	* 12,188.60	13,416.60		
	6/30	7/4	Israel	2,100.00	2,100.00	(3)	(3)	* 24,306.04	26,406.04		
	7/4	7/6	Qatar	769.05	769.05	(3)	(3)	* 3,552.82	4,321.90		
	7/6	7/7	Cyprus	431.07	431.07	(3)	(3)	* 11,292.97	11,724.04		
	7/7	7/8	Greece	257.00	257.00	(3)	(3)	* 4,184.00	4,441.00		
Casey Kustic	6/28	6/30	Switzerland	1,151.03	1,151.03	(3)	(3)		1,151.03		
	6/30	7/4	Israel	2,100.00	2,100.00	(3)	(3)		2,100.00		
	7/4	7/6	Qatar	769.05	769.05	(3)	(3)		769.05		
	7/6	7/7	Cyprus	350.24	350.24	(3)	(3)		350.24		
	7/7	7/8	Greece	257.00	257.00	(3)	(3)		257.00		
Gabriella Zach	6/28	6/30	Switzerland	1,227.89	1,227.89	(3)	(3)		1,227.89		
	6/30	7/4	Israel	2,100.00	2,100.00	(3)	(3)		2,100.00		
	7/4	7/6	Qatar	769.05	769.05	(3)	(3)		769.05		
	7/6	7/7	Cyprus	350.24	350.24	(3)	(3)		350.24		
	7/7	7/8	Greece	257.00	257.00	(3)	(3)		257.00		
Sadaf Khan	6/28	6/30	Switzerland	1,151.03	1,151.03	(3)	(3)		1,151.03		
	6/30	7/4	Israel	2,100.00	2,100.00	(3)	(3)		2,100.00		
	7/4	7/6	Qatar	769.04	769.04	(3)	(3)		769.04		
	7/6	7/7	Cyprus	350.24	350.24	(3)	(3)		350.24		
	7/7	7/8	Greece	257.00	257.00	(3)	(3)		257.00		
Jessica Steffens	6/28	6/30	Switzerland	1,151.03	1,151.03	(3)	(3)		1,151.03		
	6/30	7/4	Israel	2,106.00	2,106.00	(3)	(3)		2,106.00		
	7/4	7/6	Qatar	769.05	769.05	(3)	(3)		769.05		
	7/6	7/7	Cyprus	350.24	350.24	(3)	(3)		350.24		
	7/7	7/8	Greece	257.00	257.00	(3)	(3)		257.00		
Ryan Doherty	6/28	6/30	Switzerland	1,151.03	1,151.03	(3)	(3)		1,151.03		
	6/30	7/4	Israel	2,106.00	2,106.00	(3)	(3)		2,106.00		
	7/4	7/6	Qatar	769.05	769.05	(3)	(3)		769.05		
	7/6	7/7	Cyprus	350.24	350.24	(3)	(3)		350.24		
	7/7	7/8	Greece	257.00	257.00	(3)	(3)		257.00		
Samantha Stiles	6/28	6/30	Switzerland	1,227.89	1,227.89	(3)	(3)		1,227.89		
	6/30	7/4	Israel	2,106.00	2,106.00	(3)	(3)		2,106.00		
	7/4	7/6	Qatar	769.04	769.04	(3)	(3)		769.04		
	7/6	7/7	Cyprus	350.24	350.24	(3)	(3)		350.24		
	7/7	7/8	Greece	257.00	257.00	(3)	(3)		257.00		
Hon. Lee Zeldin	6/28	6/30	Northern Ireland	769.59	769.59	(3)	(3)		769.59		
	6/30	7/2	United Kingdom	1,842.03	1,842.03	(3)	(3)		1,842.03		
	7/2	7/3	Poland	446.44	446.44	(3)	(3)		446.44		
	7/3	7/8	Luxembourg	2,128.00	2,128.00	(3)	(3)		2,128.00		
	7/8	7/8	Portugal	—	—	(3)	(3)		—		
Hon. Chris Smith	7/5	7/7	Luxembourg	981.36	981.36	3,110.93	3,110.93		4,092.29		
Piero Tozzi	7/5	7/7	Luxembourg	980.99	980.99	3,834.99	3,834.99		4,815.98		
Hon. Eliot Engel *	7/2	7/4	Serbia	400.00	400.00	12,285.53	12,285.53	* 4,348.00	17,033.53		
	7/4	7/6	Kosovo	330.68	330.68			* 2,656.92	2,987.60		
	7/5	7/5	Croatia	—	—			* 145.00	145.00		
	7/6	7/8	North Macedonia	434.00	434.00			* 1,021.15	1,455.15		
Jason Steinbaum	7/2	7/4	Serbia	400.00	400.00	4,387.13	4,387.13		4,787.13		
	7/4	7/6	Kosovo	330.68	330.68				330.68		
	7/6	7/8	North Macedonia	434.00	434.00				434.00		
Zach Silberman	7/2	7/4	Serbia	400.00	400.00	4,698.03	4,698.03		5,098.03		
	7/4	7/6	Kosovo	330.68	330.68				330.68		
	7/6	7/8	North Macedonia	434.00	434.00				434.00		
Raven Bellamy	7/2	7/4	Serbia	400.00	400.00	3,751.03	3,751.03		4,151.03		
	7/4	7/6	Kosovo	330.68	330.68				330.68		
	7/6	7/8	North Macedonia	434.00	434.00				434.00		
Hon. Vicente Gonzalez **	7/26	8/3	Iceland	—	—	**	**	**	**	**	**
	7/26	8/3	Norway	—	—	**	**	**	**	**	**
	7/26	8/3	Sweden	—	—	**	**	**	**	**	**
	7/26	8/3	Finland	—	—	**	**	**	**	**	**
	7/26	8/3	United Kingdom	—	—	**	**	**	**	**	**
Hon. Greg Pence **	7/26	8/3	Iceland	—	—	**	**	**	**	**	**
	7/26	8/3	Norway	—	—	**	**	**	**	**	**
	7/26	8/3	Sweden	—	—	**	**	**	**	**	**
	7/26	8/3	Finland	—	—	**	**	**	**	**	**
	7/26	8/3	United Kingdom	—	—	**	**	**	**	**	**
Hon. Albio Sires *	7/18	7/21	Argentina	1,060.23	1,060.23	(3)	(3)	* 4,867.40	5,927.63		
	7/21	7/22	Chile	370.29	370.29	(3)	(3)	* 6,422.34	6,792.63		
Hon. Ted Deutch	7/18	7/21	Argentina	1,060.23	1,060.23	(3)	(3)		1,060.23		
	7/21	7/22	Chile	370.29	370.29	(3)	(3)		370.29		
Hon. Ted Yoho	7/18	7/21	Argentina	1,060.23	1,060.23	(3)	(3)		1,060.23		
	7/21	7/22	Chile	370.29	370.29	(3)	(3)		370.29		
Hon. Joe Wilson	7/18	7/21	Argentina	1,060.23	1,060.23	(3)	(3)		1,060.23		
	7/21	7/22	Chile	370.29	370.29	(3)	(3)		370.29		
Sadaf Khan	7/18	7/21	Argentina	1,060.23	1,060.23	(3)	(3)		1,060.23		
	7/21	7/22	Chile	370.29	370.29	(3)	(3)		370.29		
Alexander Brockwehl	7/18	7/21	Argentina	1,060.23	1,060.23	(3)	(3)		1,060.23		
	7/21	7/22	Chile	370.29	370.29	(3)	(3)		370.29		
Carlos Monje	7/18	7/21	Argentina	1,060.23	1,060.23	(3)	(3)		1,060.23		
	7/21	7/22	Chile	370.29	370.29	(3)	(3)		370.29		
Mariana Cruz Munoz	7/18	7/21	Argentina	1,060.23	1,060.23	(3)	(3)		1,060.23		
	7/21	7/22	Chile	370.29	370.29	(3)	(3)		370.29		
Hon. Eliot Engel **	8/11	8/18	Ukraine	—	—	**	**	**	**	**	**
	8/11	8/18	Georgia	—	—	**	**	**	**	**	**
Jennifer Hendrixon-White ***	7/29	7/31	Fiji	467.42	467.42	10,170.22	10,170.22	***	***	10,637.64	

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN JULY 1 AND SEPT. 30, 2019—Continued

Name of Member or employee	Date		Per diem ¹		Transportation		Other purposes		Total		
	Arrival	Departure	Country	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²
Theresa Lou	8/1	8/4	Papua New Guinea	1,011.95					* 2,504.17		3,516.12
	8/4	8/6	Solomon Islands	515.18					* 83.84		599.02
	7/31	8/15	Australia	2,924.66					* 641.00		3,565.66
	8/6	8/10	Taiwan						* 191.34		191.34
	7/29	7/31	Fiji	455.31		10,103.63					10,558.94
	8/4	8/6	Papua New Guinea	1,006.22							1,006.22
	8/1	8/4	Solomon Islands	486.00							486.00
Bryan Burack	7/31	8/1	Australia	223.73							223.73
	8/7	8/9	Taiwan	543.00							543.00
	7/29	7/31	Fiji	486.31		10,595.53					11,063.84
	7/31	8/1	Australia	126.73							126.73
	8/1	8/4	Papua New Guinea	1,103.22							1,013.22
Tim Julvey*	8/4	8/6	Solomon Islands	504.00							504.00
	8/6	8/10	Taiwan	772.09							772.09
	7/28	7/30	South Korea	690.18		4,415.90			* 612.46		5,718.54
	7/30	8/1	Vietnam	607.00					* 346.00		953.00
John Stapleton	8/1	8/3	Cambodia	623.00					* 116.33		739.33
	7/28	7/30	South Korea	690.18		4,415.90					5,106.08
	7/30	8/1	Vietnam	607.00							607.00
Corey Holmes	8/1	8/3	Cambodia	623.00							623.00
	8/4	8/7	Côte d'Ivoire	900.00		4,896.33					5,796.33
	8/5	8/8	Ukraine	899.13		3,556.10			* 3,681.48		8,136.71
Katy Crosby*	8/8	8/10	Bosnia	394.40					* 422.89		817.29
	8/10	8/14	Georgia	717.52					* 853.66		1,571.18
	8/14	8/16	Turkey	817.02							817.02
	8/5	8/8	Ukraine	889.13		5,292.53					6,181.66
Jaclyn Cahan	8/8	8/10	Bosnia	394.40							394.40
	8/10	8/14	Georgia	707.52							707.52
	8/14	8/16	Turkey	817.02							817.02
	8/5	8/8	Ukraine	889.13		4,541.53					5,440.66
Michael Matlaga	8/8	8/10	Bosnia	394.40							394.40
	8/10	8/14	Georgia	717.52							717.52
	8/14	8/16	Turkey	817.02							817.02
	8/5	8/8	Ukraine	889.13							2,619.76
Grant Mullins	8/5	8/8	Ukraine	850.13		1,769.63					2,619.76
	8/5	8/8	Ukraine	899.13		5,008.63					5,907.76
	8/8	8/10	Bosnia	394.40							394.40
Sajit Gandhi*	8/10	8/14	Georgia	717.52							717.52
	8/14	8/16	Turkey	817.02							817.02
	8/19	8/25	India	1,804.35		9,055.23			* 655.00		11,514.58
	8/19	8/25	India	1,824.35		9,054.73					10,879.08
James Walsh	8/12	8/14	St. Lucia	748.00		1,667.73			* 1,671.00		4,086.73
	8/14	8/15	Barbados	334.31					* 49.28		383.59
Eric Jacobstein*	8/15	8/17	Guyana	296.00					* 718.00		1,014.00
	8/12	8/14	St. Lucia	748.00		1,753.03					2,501.03
	8/14	8/15	Barbados	334.31							334.31
Rachel Levitan***	8/15	8/17	Guyana	296.00		2,976.33			***		3,934.47
	8/20	8/23	Ghana	958.14		2,976.33			***		3,934.47
Taylor Redick***	8/20	8/23	Ghana	958.14		2,976.33			***		3,934.47
	8/23	8/27	Côte d'Ivoire	1,078.54							1,078.54
Meghan Gallagher	8/20	8/23	Ghana	954.49		2,976.33					3,930.82
	8/23	8/27	Côte d'Ivoire	1,075.70							1,075.70
Jacqueline Ramos***	8/18	8/24	United Kingdom	2,182.00		2,209.73			11,150.00		5,541.73
	8/18	8/24	Ireland	***		***			***		***
Peter Billerbeck	9/2	9/4	Algeria	452.55		4,449.43			* 34.00		4,935.43
Gabriella Zach	9/2	9/4	Tunisia	672.34					* 140.28		812.62
	9/4	9/7	Algeria	390.40		4,743.93					5,134.33
			Tunisia	602.34							602.34
Committee total				105,833.13		180,821.43			92,906.56		379,561.12

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* Indicates Delegation costs.

** Indicates a cancelled mission.

*** Missing expense reporting from Post.

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL, Sept. 30, 2019.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE CLIMATE CRISIS, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN JULY 1 AND SEPT. 30, 2019

Name of Member or employee	Date		Per diem ¹		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure	Country	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency

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HON. KATHY CASTOR, Oct. 1, 2019.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS,
ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

2519. A letter from the FPAC-BC, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Agricultural Disaster Indemnity Programs [Docket ID: FSA-2019-0012] (RIN: 0560-AI52) received October 2, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public

Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Agriculture.

2520. A letter from the PRAO Branch Chief, Food and Nutrition Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Delayed Implementation of Grains Ounce Equivalents in the Child and Adult Care Food Program [FNS-2019-0005] (RIN: 0584-AE65) received October 2, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Agriculture.

2521. A letter from the Director, Issuances Staff, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Modernization of Swine Slaughter Inspection [Docket No: FSIS-2016-0017] (RIN: 0583-AD62) received October 2, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Agriculture.

2522. A letter from the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting