

“on a call readout, certainly after the first call, there were probably a half a dozen or more people that I read out. Those are people with the proper clearance and the need to know. In this case, because of the sensitivity of the call, Mr. Eisenberg told me not to speak to anybody else. I only read out, outside of the NSC, two individuals.”

So very interesting there. And it is interesting, too, that, you know, the fact is if Lieutenant Colonel Vindman, say hypothetically he leaked—as he had been suspected of in other case or cases—say he leaked in this case to people that didn’t have proper clearance, he probably would try to assert: I was named as a whistleblower, and once I had that status, you can’t prosecute me. And then there would be a motion to dismiss, this kind of thing.

And ultimately, the courts would say: Wait a minute. The whistleblower statute does not protect the whistleblower, because to protect a whistleblower, the person being complained about has to be within the department or agency from the person complaining. The President is not in the Intel agencies or department, and so it just wouldn’t work. And, of course, previously you had to have direct knowledge.

And I would submit, if you look, treason is something the President can be impeached for, but under the Constitution, that requires two people with direct knowledge as direct witnesses, not hearsay—can’t be hearsay—direct witnesses to a crime. They have to testify. If you don’t have two, you can’t prove treason under the Constitution. It is out.

And I would submit, the Senate would do well—if this is sent down there—to require the same thing of whatever bogus charge ends up coming their way, because that is all we have seen so far, but require two people with direct evidence. A bunch of people have been convicted of treason. No President has ever been removed. So if we are going to remove a President, it ought to require two direct witnesses as well. And so it ought to be a short trial.

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

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia (at the request of Mr. HOYER) for today and November 21.

Mr. COOPER (at the request of Mr. HOYER) for today and November 21 on account of birth of first grandchild.

Mr. LEWIS (at the request of Mr. HOYER) for today.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. GOHMERT. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 8 o’clock and 20 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the

House adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, November 21, 2019, at 9 a.m.

BUDGETARY EFFECTS OF PAYGO LEGISLATION

Pursuant to the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010 (PAYGO), Mr. YARMUTH hereby submits, prior to the vote on passage, for printing in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, that H.R. 255, the Big Bear Land Exchange Act, as amended, would have no significant effect on the deficit, and therefore, the budgetary effects of such bill are estimated as zero.

Pursuant to the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010 (PAYGO), Mr. YARMUTH hereby submits, prior to the vote on passage, for printing in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, that H.R. 737, the Shark Fin sales Elimination Act of 2019, as amended, would have no significant effect on the deficit, and therefore, the budgetary effects of such bill are estimated as zero.

Pursuant to the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010 (PAYGO), Mr. YARMUTH hereby submits, prior to the vote on passage, for printing in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, that H.R. 1446, the Multinational Species Conservation Funds Semipostal Stamp Reauthorization Act of 2019, as amended, would have no significant effect on the deficit, and therefore, the budgetary effects of such bill are estimated as zero.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

3033. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency’s final rule — Significant New Use Rules on Certain Chemical Substances (18-1) [EPA-HQ-OPPT-2018-0627; FRL-10001-30] (RIN: 2070-AB27) received November 18, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

3034. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency’s final rule — Air Plan Approval; Ohio; Second Limited Maintenance Plans for 1997 Ozone NAAQS [EPA-R05-OAR-2019-0216; FRL-10002-25-Region 5] received November 18, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

3035. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency’s final rule — Approval and Promulgation of State Plans for Designated Facilities and Pollutants; West Virginia; Control of Emissions from Existing Municipal Solid Waste Landfills [EPA-R03-OAR-2019-0187; FRL-9999-80-Region 3] received November 18, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

3036. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency’s final rule — Significant New Use Rules

on Certain Chemical Substances (17-3); Technical Correction [EPA-HQ-OPPT-2017-0464; FRL-10001-43] (RIN: 2070-AB27) received November 18, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

3037. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency’s final rule — Air Quality Designation: FL; Redesignation of the Duval County Ozone Unclassifiable Area [EPA-R04-OAR-2019-0374; FRL-10002-48-Region 4] received November 18, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

3038. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency’s final rule — Air Plan Approval; Arizona; Maricopa County Air Quality Department [EPA-R09-OAR-2019-0497; FRL-10002-13-Region 9] received November 18, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

3039. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency’s final rule — Air Plan Approval; GA; Miscellaneous Revisions [EPA-R04-OAR-2018-0711; FRL-10002-46-Region 4] received November 18, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

3040. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency’s final rule — Air Plan Approval; Illinois; Emissions Reduction Market System Sunset [EPA-R05-OAR-2019-0032; FRL-10002-26-Region 5] received November 18, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

3041. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting a notification of a deployment of additional U.S. Armed Forces personnel to Saudi Arabia, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1543(c); Public Law 93-148, Sec. 4(c); (87 Stat. 555) (H. Doc. No. 116—82); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed.

3042. A letter from the Officer for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department’s Office for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties Fiscal Year 2018 Semiannual Report, Third and Fourth Quarters, pursuant to 6 U.S.C. 345(b); Public Law 107-296, Sec. 705; (116 Stat. 2219); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

3043. A letter from the Board Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting the Administration’s Office of Inspector General Semiannual Report to Congress covering the period of April 1, 2019, through September 30, 2019; to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

3044. A letter from the Board Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting the Administration’s Performance and Accountability Report for FY 2019, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 3515(a)(1); Public Law 101-576, Sec. 303(a)(1) (as amended by Public Law 107-289, Sec. 2(a)); (116 Stat. 2049); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

3045. A letter from the Board Chairman, Audit Committee Chairman, Farm Credit System Insurance Corporation, transmitting the Corporation’s report to the President addressing the requirements of the Federal Managers’ Financial Integrity Act and the Inspector General Act of 1978; to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

3046. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, National

Park Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — Hot Springs National Park; Bicycling [NPS-HOSP-28641; PPMWROW2/PMF00UP05.YP0000] (RIN: 1024-AE50) received November 18, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

3047. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's temporary rule — Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Commercial Aggregated Large Coastal Shark and Hammerhead Shark Management Group in the Atlantic Region; Retention Limit Adjustment [Docket No.: 150413357-5999-02] (RIN: 0648-XT024) received October 28, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

3048. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's temporary rule — Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Small-Mesh Multispecies Fishery; Inseason Adjustment to the Northern Red Hake Possession Limit [Docket No.: 180209147-8509-02] (RIN: 0648-XX010) received October 28, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

3049. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's temporary rule — Fisheries of the Economic Exclusive Zone Off Alaska; Pollock Fishery by Vessels Using Trawl Gear in the Western Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska [Docket No.: 150818742-6210-02] (RIN: 0648-XY045) received October 28, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

3050. A letter from the Acting Chief Privacy Officer, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's Privacy Office 2018 Data Mining Report to Congress, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 2000ee-3(c)(1); Public Law 110-53, Sec. 804(c)(1); (121 Stat. 363); to the Committee on Homeland Security.

3051. A letter from the Regulations Coordinator, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule — Medicare and Medicaid Programs: CY 2020 Hospital Outpatient PPS Policy Changes and Payment Rates and Ambulatory Surgical Center Payment System Policy Changes and Payment Rates. Price Transparency Requirements for Hospitals to Make Standard Charges Public [CMS-1717-F2] (RIN: 0938-AU22) received November 19, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); jointly to the Committees on Energy and Commerce and Ways and Means.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. PALLONE: Committee on Energy and Commerce. H.R. 370. A bill to require the Secretary of Energy to carry out a program relating to physical security and cybersecurity for pipelines and liquefied natural gas facilities (Rept. 116-303, Pt. 1). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of Union.

Mr. DEFAZIO: Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. H.R. 1132. A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to establish a grant program to support the restoration of San Francisco Bay; with an amendment (Rept. 116-304, Pt. 1). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

DISCHARGE OF COMMITTEE

Pursuant to clause 2 of rule XIII, the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure discharged from further consideration, H.R. 370 referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Pursuant to clause 2 of rule XIII, the Committee on the Budget discharged from further consideration, H.R. 1132 referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

REPORTED BILL SEQUENTIALLY REFERRED

Under clause 2 of rule XII, bills and reports were delivered to the Clerk for printing, and bills referred as follows:

Mr. PALLONE: Committee on Energy and Commerce. H.R. 370. A bill to require the Secretary of Energy to carry out a program relating to physical security and cybersecurity for pipelines and liquefied natural gas facilities; Rept. 116-303, Pt. 1; referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure for a period ending not later than November 20, 2019, for consideration of such provisions of the bill as fall within the jurisdiction of that committee pursuant to clause 1(r) of rule X.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions of the following titles were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. GRIJALVA (for himself and Mr. LOWENTHAL):

H.R. 5186. A bill to prohibit the Secretary of the Interior from issuing new oil or natural gas production leases in the Gulf of Mexico under the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to a person that does not renegotiate its existing leases in order to require royalty payments if oil and natural gas prices are greater than or equal to specified price thresholds, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Ms. WATERS:

H.R. 5187. A bill to facilitate the development of affordable housing, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. CURTIS:

H.R. 5188. A bill to export clean energy technology around the world; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts (for herself and Mr. CARTER of Georgia):

H.R. 5189. A bill to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to establish a Medicaid demonstration program to develop and advance innovative payment models for freestanding birth center services for women with a low-risk pregnancy, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. HARDER of California (for himself, Mr. YOUNG, Mr. FORTENBERRY, Ms. TORRES SMALL of New Mexico, and Mr. STEUBE):

H.R. 5190. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide assistance for

health centers and rural health clinics to implement electronic provider consultation and related telemedicine services; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. YARMUTH (for himself, Mr. BACON, Mrs. HAYES, and Ms. JAYAPAL):

H.R. 5191. A bill to reauthorize the Run-away and Homeless Youth Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and Labor.

By Mr. BEYER:

H.R. 5192. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, title XXVII of the Public Health Service Act, and the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to require group health plans and health insurance issuers to include on any insurance card issued by such plan or issuer information on the nearest in-network hospital or urgent care facility; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, and Education and Labor, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mrs. BUSTOS (for herself, Mr. MCKINLEY, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Mr. FOSTER, Mr. CICILLINE, Ms. MENG, Ms. MOORE, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. GARAMENDI, Ms. BROWNLEY of California, Mr. POCAN, and Mr. RYAN):

H.R. 5193. A bill to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to extend and expand the provision requiring the use of iron and steel products that are produced in the United States in projects funded through a State drinking water treatment revolving loan fund; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. CASTEN of Illinois (for himself, Ms. WILD, Mr. TONKO, Ms. BROWNLEY of California, Ms. BONAMICI, Mr. KENNEDY, and Mr. PETERS):

H.R. 5194. A bill to require the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, in consultation with the heads of other relevant Federal agencies, to develop financial risk analyses relating to climate change, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. COHEN (for himself, Mr. GARCIA of Illinois, Ms. NORTON, Mr. SIRES, Mr. TAKANO, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. RUSH, Ms. LEE of California, Ms. TLAIB, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Ms. MOORE, and Mr. GRIJALVA):

H.R. 5195. A bill to prohibit air carriers from imposing fees that are not reasonable and proportional to the costs incurred by the air carriers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. DELGADO (for himself and Mr. ROSE of New York):

H.R. 5196. A bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to prohibit a separate segregated fund of a corporation which is engaged in the manufacture of opioids from making contributions or expenditures in connection with elections for Federal office, and for other purposes; to the Committee on House Administration.

By Ms. GARCIA of Texas (for herself and Mr. GOODEN):

H.R. 5197. A bill to add establish the treatment of managed stablecoins under the securities laws, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. GOLDEN (for himself and Mr. CARTER of Georgia):