



United States
of America

Congressional Record

PROCEEDINGS AND DEBATES OF THE 116th CONGRESS, SECOND SESSION

Vol. 166

WASHINGTON, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2020

No. 33

Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Thursday, February 20, 2020, at 2:30 p.m.

House of Representatives

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2020

The House met at 10:30 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Ms. WEXTON).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
February 18, 2020.

I hereby appoint the Honorable JENNIFER WEXTON to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

Monsignor Stephen J. Rossetti, Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C., offered the following prayer:

Good and gracious God, we pray that You send down Your Holy Spirit to dwell in this place. May Your purifying light cast out all evil and darkness. May it cast out evil spirits of discord and division. May we welcome into our hearts Your unity, Your love, and Your peace. We pray this in Your holy name. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 4(a) of House Resolution 844, 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.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 4(b) of House Resolution 844, the House stands adjourned until 11 a.m. on Friday, February 21, 2020.

Thereupon (at 10 o'clock and 31 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Friday, February 21, 2020, at 11 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

3837. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Agriculture, transmitting a letter reporting violations of the Antideficiency Act by the Department of Agriculture, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1351; Public Law 97-258; (96 Stat. 926) and 31 U.S.C. 1517(b); Public Law 110-161, Sec. 1517(b); (121 Stat. 2285); to the Committee on Appropriations.

3838. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of The President, transmitting the Office's Sequestration Preview Report to the President and Congress for Fiscal Year 2021, pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 904(e); Public Law 99-177, Sec. 254(e) (as amended Public Law 112-25,

Sec. 103); (125 Stat. 246); to the Committee on Appropriations.

3839. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting the Office's Report to the Congress on the Joint Committee Reductions for Fiscal Year 2021, pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 901a(9); Public Law 99-177, Sec. 251A (as added Public Law 112-25, Sec. 302(a)); (125 Stat. 256); to the Committee on Appropriations.

3840. A letter from the Under Secretary, Acquisition and Sustainment, Department of Defense, transmitting the September 2019 report on the Improved Turbine Engine Program, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 2432(b)(1); Public Law 97-252, Sec. 1107(a)(1); (96 Stat. 740); to the Committee on Armed Services.

3841. A letter from the President and Chairman, Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting the Bank's FY 2021 Annual Performance Plan and FY 2019 Annual Performance Report to Congress, pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 635g(a); July 31, 1945, ch. 341, Sec. 8(a) (as amended by Public Law 93-646, Sec. 10) (88 Stat. 2336) and 31 U.S.C. 1115(b); Public Law 111-352, Sec. 3; (124 Stat. 3867); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

3842. A letter from the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting the Administration's FY 2019 FISMA Report; to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

3843. A letter from the Director, Office of Government Ethics, transmitting the Office's Congressional Justification, Annual Performance Plan, and Annual Performance Report, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1115(b); Public Law 111-352, Sec. 3; (124 Stat. 3867); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

3844. A letter from the Chairman, United States International Trade Commission, transmitting the Commission's combined Annual Performance Plan for FY 2020-21 and Annual Performance Report for FY 2019, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1115(b); Public Law 111-352, Sec. 3; (124 Stat. 3867) and 5 U.S.C. 306(a);

□ This symbol represents the time of day during the House proceedings, e.g., □ 1407 is 2:07 p.m.

Matter set in this typeface indicates words inserted or appended, rather than spoken, by a Member of the House on the floor.



Printed on recycled paper.

H1163

Public Law 103-62, Sec. 3 (as amended by Public Law 111-352, Sec. 2); (124 Stat. 3866) and 31 U.S.C. 1115(b); Public Law 111-352, section 3; (124 Stat. 3867); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

3845. A letter from the Architect of the Capitol, transmitting the semiannual report of disbursements for the operations of the Architect of the Capitol for the period of July 1, 2019, through December 31, 2019, pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 1868a(a); Public Law 113-76, div. I, title I, Sec. 1301(a); (128 Stat. 428) (H. Doc. No. 116-100); to the Committee on House Administration and ordered to be printed.

3846. A letter from the Chairman, U.S. International Trade Commission, transmitting the Commission's report on Investigation No. TA-201-075(Monitoring): Crystalline Silicon Photovoltaic Cells, Whether or Not Partially or Fully Assembled Into Other Products: Monitoring Developments in the Domestic Industry, pursuant to 19 U.S.C. 2254(a)(2); Public Law 100-418, Sec. 1401(a); (102 Stat. 1238); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

3847. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the FY 2019 report of the Federal Coordinated Health Care Office, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 1315b(e); Public Law 111-148, Sec. 2602(e); (124 Stat. 316); jointly to the Committees on Energy and Commerce and Ways and Means.

3848. A letter from the Board Members, Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting the Congressional Justification of Budget Estimates for Fiscal Year 2021 including the Performance Plan for the year, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1115(b); Public Law 111-352, Sec. 3; (124 Stat. 3867) and 45 U.S.C. 231f(f); Aug. 29, 1935, ch. 812, Sec. 7(f) (as amended by Public Law 93-445, Sec. 416); (97 Stat. 436); jointly to the Committees on Appropriations, Ways and Means, and Transportation and Infrastructure.

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. KELLY of Mississippi (for himself, Mr. GUEST, and Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi):

H.R. 5921. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 305 Highway 15 North in Pontotoc, Mississippi, as the "Lance Corporal Marc Lucas Tucker Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

By Mr. LEE of California (for herself and Mr. GRIJALVA):

H.R. 5922. A bill to direct the Secretary of Defense to establish the Ronald V. Dellums Memorial Fellowship for Women of Color in STEAM fields, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and Labor, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, 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. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York (for herself and Ms. NOR-
TON):

H.R. 5923. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve and make permanent the Department of Veterans Affairs loan guarantee for the purchase of residential cooperative housing units, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. MCKINLEY (for himself and Mr. WELCH):

H.R. 5924. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize a loan repayment program to encourage specialty medicine physicians to serve in rural communities experiencing a shortage of specialty medicine physicians, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Ms. NORTON:

H.R. 5925. A bill to authorize the establishment of a program of voluntary separation incentive payments for nonjudicial employees of the District of Columbia courts and employees of the District of Columbia Public Defender Service; to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

By Mr. PALLONE (for himself and Mr. MCNERNEY):

H.R. 5926. A bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to provide for expedient restoration of advanced communications service networks during times of emergency, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. POSEY:

H.R. 5927. A bill to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to study American dependence on unsafe Chinese pharmaceuticals and to empower the Food and Drug Administration to mandate drug recalls in the case of critical contamination; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. WALDEN:

H.R. 5928. A bill to repeal the requirement to reallocate and auction the T-Band spectrum, to amend the Wireless Communications and Public Safety Act of 1999 to clarify acceptable 9-1-1 obligations or expenditures, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY STATEMENT

Pursuant to clause 7 of rule XII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the following statements are submitted regarding the specific powers granted to Congress in the Constitution to enact the accompanying bill or joint resolution.

By Mr. KELLY of Mississippi:

H.R. 5921.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

The Congress enacts this bill pursuant to Clause 7 of Section 8 of Article I of the United States Constitution, which provides Congress with the ability to enact legislation necessary and proper to effectuate its purposes in taxing and spending.

By Mr. LEE of California:

H.R. 5922.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

This bill is enacted pursuant to the power granted to Congress under Article I of the United States Constitution and its subsequent amendments, and further clarified and interpreted by the Supreme Court of the United States.

By Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York:

H.R. 5923.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 3

By Mr. MCKINLEY:

H.R. 5924.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I Section 8

Section 8—Powers of Congress. To make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by this

Constitution in the Government of the United States, or in any Department or Officer thereof.

By Ms. NORTON:

H.R. 5925.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

clause 18 of section 8 of article I of the Constitution.

By Mr. PALLONE:

H.R. 5926.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8, clause 3 of the U.S. Constitution. That provision gives Congress the power "to regulate commerce with foreign nations, and among the several states, and with the Indian tribes."

By Mr. POSEY:

H.R. 5927.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1 Section 8 of the Constitution declares that Congress has the power "To regulate commerce with foreign nations, and among the several states, and with the Indian tribes;" Article 2 Section 2 allows Congress to create other executive officers. Finally, in Article 1, Section 8 clarifies that Congress has the right to make "all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers."

It is in keeping with the power invested in Congress under these articles to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) to study our dependence on Chinese pharmaceuticals; direct HHS to provide recommendations for weaning the American people off this dangerous dependence; and authorize the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to issue black-box warnings informing consumers of any risk they are taking when using pharmaceuticals from countries with systemic issues of supervision.

By Mr. WALDEN:

H.R. 5928.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 3

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 7 of rule XII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions, as follows:

H.R. 587: Mr. STIVERS.

H.R. 1043: Mr. JEFFRIES and Mr. WESTERMAN.

H.R. 1140: Mr. CASTEN of Illinois and Mr. VISCLOSKEY.

H.R. 1175: Mr. SMITH of Nebraska.

H.R. 1243: Ms. PRESSLEY.

H.R. 1301: Mr. KEVIN HERN of Oklahoma.

H.R. 1379: Mr. NEWHOUSE.

H.R. 1461: Mr. BABIN.

H.R. 1603: Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania.

H.R. 1662: Mr. RUTHERFORD.

H.R. 1771: Ms. WATERS.

H.R. 1868: Mrs. BUSTOS.

H.R. 1975: Mr. TURNER.

H.R. 2123: Ms. ESHOO.

H.R. 2131: Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania.

H.R. 2339: Ms. HAALAND and Mr. THOMPSON of California.

H.R. 2350: Mr. CASE, Mrs. LESKO, and Mr. JOYCE of Ohio.

H.R. 2491: Mr. ENGEL.

H.R. 2504: Mr. WESTERMAN and Mr. HURD of Texas.

H.R. 2650: Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York.

H.R. 2747: Ms. PRESSLEY, Mr. GALLEG0, and Mrs. MURPHY of Florida.

H.R. 2867: Mr. SOTO.

H.R. 2891: Ms. DEGETTE.