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The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. BROWN of Maryland).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
June 11, 2020.

I hereby appoint the Honorable ANTHONY G. BROWN to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer:
Loving God, thank You for giving us another day.

Numbers of infections and hospitalizations are again spiking in various sectors of our Nation as we continue to consider social concerns about peace and justice in our communities.

As it is a time of high feeling and reaction, we ask Your blessing of peace, patience, and good discernment in the days and weeks to come.

Opinions and positions of interested parties are heightened. Calm our passions, that those responsible for molding a future in the wake of such monumental shifts in our sense of what is normal or usual are taking place.

We thank You that we, as Americans, have faced such challenges in the past. Help us to have faith in You, and confidence in our constitutional way of proceeding, that we have good cause to have hope in what is to come.

Bless us all this day, and every day, and may all that we do be for Your greater honor and glory.

Amen.

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The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 4(a) of House Resolution 967, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. BISHOP) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. BISHOP of North Carolina 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.

APPOINTMENT OF INDIVIDUALS TO INDEPENDENT MEXICO LABOR EXPERT BOARD

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces the Speaker's appointment, pursuant to section 732(a) of the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement Implementation Act (P.L. 116-113), and the order of the House of January 3, 2019, of the following individuals on the part of the House to the Independent Mexico Labor Expert Board for a term of 6 years:

Ms. Catherine Feingold, Takoma Park, Maryland

Mr. Frederick Gibson Ross, Berkeley, California

MARIA CARMEN CASTRO RAMIREZ AND J. REFUGIO CARRENO ROJAS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the Chair lays before the House the following bill (H.R. 1548) for the relief of Maria Carmen Castro Ramirez and J. Refugio Carreno Rojas.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

There was no objection.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 1548

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

SECTION 1. PERMANENT RESIDENT STATUS FOR MARIA CARMEN CASTRO RAMIREZ AND J. REFUGIO CARRENO ROJAS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding subsections (a) and (b) of section 201 of the Immigration and Nationality Act, Maria Carmen Castro Ramirez and J. Refugio Carreno Rojas shall each be eligible for issuance of an immigrant visa or for adjustment of status to that of an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence upon filing an application for issuance of an immigrant visa under section 204 of such Act or for adjustment of status to lawful permanent resident.

(b) ADJUSTMENT OF STATUS.—If Maria Carmen Castro Ramirez or J. Refugio Carreno Rojas enters the United States before the filing deadline specified in subsection (d), he or she shall be considered to have entered and remained lawfully and shall, if otherwise eligible, be eligible for adjustment of status under section 245 of the Immigration and Nationality Act as of the date of the enactment of this Act.

(c) WAIVER OF GROUNDS FOR REMOVAL OR DENIAL OF ADMISSION.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding sections 212(a) and 237(a) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, Maria Carmen Castro Ramirez and J. Refugio Carreno Rojas may not be removed from the United States, denied admission to the United States, or considered ineligible for lawful permanent residence in the United States by reason of any ground for removal or denial of admission that is reflected in the records of the Department of Homeland Security or the Visa Office of the Department of State on the date of the enactment of this Act.

(2) RESCISSION OF OUTSTANDING ORDER OF REMOVAL.—The Secretary of Homeland Security shall rescind any outstanding order of removal or deportation, or any finding of inadmissibility or deportability, that has been entered against Maria Carmen Castro Ramirez or J. Refugio Carreno Rojas by reason of any ground described in paragraph (1).

(d) DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION AND PAYMENT OF FEES.—Subsections (a) and (b) shall apply only if the application for issuance of an immigrant visa or the application for adjustment of status is filed with appropriate fees within 2 years after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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

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(e) REDUCTION OF IMMIGRANT VISA NUMBER.—Upon the granting of an immigrant visa or permanent residence to Maria Carmen Castro Ramirez and J. Refugio Carreno Rojas, the Secretary of State shall instruct the proper officer to reduce by 2, during the current or next following fiscal year, the total number of immigrant visas that are made available to natives of the country of the aliens' birth under section 203(a) of the Immigration and Nationality Act or, if applicable, the total number of immigrant visas that are made available to natives of the country of the aliens' birth under section 202(e) of such Act.

(f) DENIAL OF PREFERENTIAL IMMIGRATION TREATMENT FOR CERTAIN RELATIVES.—The natural parents, brothers, and sisters of Maria Carmen Castro Ramirez and J. Refugio Carreno Rojas shall not, by virtue of such relationship, be accorded any right, privilege, or status under the Immigration and Nationality Act.

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

PUBLICATION OF BUDGETARY MATERIAL

STATUS REPORT ON CURRENT LEVELS OF ON-BUDGET SPENDING AND REVENUES FOR FY 2020

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON THE BUDGET,
Washington, DC, June 11, 2020.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: To facilitate application of sections 302 and 311 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, I am transmitting an updated status report on the current levels of on-budget spending and revenues for fiscal year 2020. This status report is current through June 5, 2020. The term "current

level" refers to the amounts of spending and revenues estimated for each fiscal year based on laws enacted or awaiting the President's signature.

Table 1 compares the current levels of total budget authority, outlays, and revenues to the overall limits filed in the Congressional Record on May 3, 2019, as adjusted, for fiscal year 2020. These comparisons are needed to implement section 311(a) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, which establishes a rule enforceable with a point of order against measures that would breach the budget resolution's aggregate levels.

Table 2 compares the current status of discretionary appropriations for fiscal year 2020 with the section 302(b) suballocations of discretionary budget authority and outlays among Appropriations subcommittees. The comparison is needed to enforce section 302(f) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 because the point of order under that section equally applies to measures that would breach the applicable section 302(b) suballocation. The table also provides supplementary information on spending authorized in excess of the base discretionary spending limits under section 251(b) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

Table 3 compares the current levels of budget authority and outlays for legislative action completed by each authorizing committee with the limits filed in the Congressional Record on May 3, 2019, for fiscal year 2020. These comparisons are needed to enforce the point of order under section 302(f) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, which prohibits the consideration of measures that would breach the section 302(a) allocation of new budget authority for the committee that reported the measure. It is also needed to implement section 311(c), which provides an exception for committees

that comply with their allocations from the point of order under section 311(a).

Table 4 displays the current level of advance appropriations in fiscal year 2020 appropriations bills. This table is needed to enforce a rule against appropriations bills containing advance appropriations that: (i) are not identified in the statement of the Chairman published in the Congressional Record on May 3, 2019 or (ii) would cause the aggregate amount of such appropriations to exceed the level specified in section 2 of H. Res. 293.

In addition, a letter from the Congressional Budget Office is attached that summarizes and compares the budget impact of legislation enacted after May 3, 2019 against the budget aggregate in force.

If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Wheelock or Raquel Spencer.

Sincerely,

JOHN YARMUTH,
Chairman.

TABLE 1—REPORT TO THE SPEAKER FROM THE COMMITTEE ON THE BUDGET, STATUS OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2020 CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET, REFLECTING ACTION COMPLETED AS OF JUNE 5, 2020

[On-budget amounts, in millions of dollars]

	Fiscal year 2020
Appropriate Level:	
Budget Authority	3,806,162
Outlays	3,722,823
Revenues	2,740,533
Current Level:	
Budget Authority	3,876,565
Outlays	3,779,711
Revenues	2,625,712
Current Level over (+)/under (–) Appropriate Level:	
Budget Authority	70,403
Outlays	56,888
Revenues	–114,821

Note: Excludes all emergencies.

TABLE 2—DISCRETIONARY APPROPRIATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020, COMPARISON OF CURRENT LEVEL WITH APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE 302(a) ALLOCATION AND APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE 302(b) SUBALLOCATIONS

[Unified budget amounts, in millions of dollars]

Appropriations subcommittee	Allocations constrained by caps as of June 21, 2019 (H. Rpt. 116–124) ¹		Current level reflecting action completed as of June 5, 2020 ²		Current level less allocation		Allocations for cap adjustments as of June 21, 2019 (H. Rpt. 116–124) ¹		Current level reflecting action completed as of June 5, 2020 ²		Current level less allocation	
	BA	OT	BA	OT	BA	OT	BA	OT	BA	OT	BA	OT
Agriculture, Rural Development, FDA	24,310	22,900	23,493	22,803	–817	–97	–	–	–	–	–	–
Commerce, Justice, Science	66,395	72,000	70,675	74,133	4,280	2,133	7,500	5,400	2,500	1,800	–5,000	–3,600
Defense	622,082	624,175	622,665	622,591	583	–1,584	68,079	38,227	70,665	40,318	2,586	2,091
Energy and Water Development	46,413	44,800	48,343	45,605	1,930	805	–	–	–	–	–	–
Financial Services and General Government ³	24,550	24,300	23,828	23,835	–722	–465	400	338	151	116	–249	–222
Homeland Security ⁴	49,736	60,023	50,468	58,829	732	–1,194	14,075	704	17,542	1,014	3,467	310
Interior, Environment	37,277	35,650	35,989	34,839	–1,288	–811	2,250	2,250	2,250	2,250	–	–
Labor, Health and Human Services, Education	189,876	190,500	183,042	186,925	–6,834	–3,575	1,842	1,481	1,842	1,481	–	–
Legislative Branch	5,010	5,037	5,049	4,996	39	–41	–	–	–	–	–	–
Military Construction, Veterans Affairs	105,217	99,500	103,486	98,154	–1,731	–1,346	921	7	645	1	–276	–6
State, Foreign Operations	48,381	48,750	46,685	48,079	–1,696	–671	8,000	2,174	8,000	2,326	–	152
Transportation, Housing & Urban Development	75,771	133,300	74,277	133,041	–1,494	–259	–	–	–	–	–	–
Subtotal, 302(b) Allocations	1,295,018	1,360,935	1,288,000	1,353,830	–7,018	–7,105	103,067	50,581	103,595	49,306	528	–1,275
Unallocated portion of Section 302(a) Allocation ⁵	–7,018	–2,935	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	528	–1,275	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Total, 302(a) Allocations	1,288,000	1,358,000	1,288,000	1,353,830	–	–4,170	103,595	49,306	103,595	49,306	–	–
Section 251(b) designated categories (cap adjustments)							302(a) cap adjustments as of December 17, 2019		Current level reflecting action completed as of June 5, 2020 ¹		Current level less 302(a)	
	BA		OT		BA		OT		BA		OT	
Overseas Contingency Operations	79,500		42,791		79,500		42,791		–		–	
Program Integrity	1,842		1,841		1,842		1,481		–		–	
Disaster Relief	17,503		984		17,503		984		–		–	
Census	2,500		1,800		2,500		1,800		–		–	
Wildfire Suppression	2,250		2,250		2,250		2,250		–		–	
Total Adjustments	103,595		49,306		103,595		49,306		–		–	

¹ The House Committee on Appropriations provided 302(b) suballocations consistent with committee-reported legislation.

² Current level excludes amounts designated as emergency requirements.

³ The Financial Services and General Government subcommittee received a cap adjustment for program integrity amounts pursuant to the deeming resolution (H. Res. 293). The amounts indicated in current level were provided for disaster relief requirements.

⁴ The Homeland Security subcommittee received a cap adjustment for disaster relief requirements. The amounts indicated in current level include amounts for disaster relief requirements and overseas contingency operations.

⁵ Amounts include 302(a) adjustments for the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2019 (P.L. 116–37), as well as cap adjustments included in the final enacted appropriations, that have not been adjusted in the 302(b) suballocations.