

As my colleagues well know, passing the House is only half the battle. Here is where my fellow legislative commissioners really carried the day:

Senator BEN SASSE, who authored the legislation to create the Cyberspace Solarium Commission, made more efficiently organizing the government a central part of his push for improved cybersecurity.

Our colleague and Solarium co-chair, Congressman MIKE GALLAGHER, has been with me every step of the way, on the National Cyber Director and the 16 other Solarium provisions we moved through the NDAA process.

Anyone who claims bipartisanship is dead in Washington has not met these two exemplars of comity and serious policy deliberativeness.

In the Senate, my counterpart, the chair of the Senate Armed Services Committee's Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Senator MIKE ROUNDS, has been a negotiating partner without equal. Senator ROUNDS came to the table with an open mind, asked tough but fair questions, requested additional information about our proposal, and, at the end of the day, helped to strengthen it and push it through the conference process.

I also thank Congressman KATKO, who went to bat for the National Cyber Director in conversations with the White House.

A special note of thanks is reserved for our other Solarium co-chair, Senator ANGUS KING. Senator KING has been the soul of the Solarium Commission, and I continue to be in awe of his steady leadership throughout the process. Senator KING's maxims—whether that “sloppy structure leads to sloppy policy” or that we needed “one throat to choke” in the executive branch—perfectly encapsulate the central theme and issues at stake. I can say for a fact that no one fought harder to ensure that the Senate accepted a strong version of the National Cyber Director Act in the conference process.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, as all of my colleagues know, we would be lost in this institution without the staff that supports us. I never would have begun this journey in cybersecurity policy if it were not for Jake Olcott, my former staff director on the Committee on Homeland Security's Subcommittee on Emerging Threats, Cyber Security, and Science and Technology.

Likewise, my then-MLA Davis Hake helped draft and introduce the Executive Cyberspace Authorities Act of 2010 that provided the scaffolding for the National Cyber Director Act; and his successor, Michael Hermann, further refined the concept.

The Solarium Commission staff has been, frankly, extraordinary to work with and a great testament to the commission's executive director, Admiral Mark Montgomery. From day one, Mark challenged us to draft a report that would be actionable, not just a doorstop, and this NDAA is a realization of his vision and his unflinching work ethic.

My fellow legislators' Solarium liaisons—Steve Smith on Senator KING's staff, Chas Morrison on Congressman GALLAGHER's, and Brett Fetterly on Senator SASSE's—stepped up to ensure that all of the oars stayed rowing in the same direction, no matter how choppy the waters.

We would never have had a hearing on the bill were it not for Emily Burns of Chairwoman MALONEY's staff. Lori Ismail was our critical link at the Rules Committee to ensure the bill would have the opportunity to be debated and voted upon.

On the Senate side, Jeff Rothblum from Ranking Member PETER's staff helped us navigate the jurisdictional hurdles that come with any piece of cybersecurity legislation and offered insightful comments and guidance throughout the process.

During the conference process itself, we relied heavily on Katie Sutton and Kirk McConnell, two true pros on the Senate Armed Services Committee staff; and Eric Snelgrove, staff lead for Ranking Member ELISE STEFANIK.

Lastly, but surely not least, I want to acknowledge my own staff. My MLA, Caroline Goodson, ably assisted by our defense fellow, Captain Mike Lake, thrived in her first NDAA and expertly balanced the many priorities I have within my IETC portfolio and for my constituents in Rhode Island.

My cybersecurity fellows David Wagner, Eric Saund, and particularly Allison Browning, have all been brilliant minds and wonderful team players who have helped me get the most out of the Solarium Commission.

At the end of the day, though, this bill never would have gotten done without my IETC cyber lead, Josh Stiefel. Josh immediately understood the importance of the National Cyber Director, based on his time working on cybersecurity in the interagency. Using that experience and his skill at negotiating, he definitely steered the National Cyber Director Act—and more than two dozen other Solarium recommendations—through the NDAA. One of the hardest things to do is to entrust someone else with something of great value to you, but I never had any hesitation letting Josh work the staff-level discussions. I am incredibly lucky to have him on my team.

Finally, and most importantly, the National Cyber Director Act, the dozens of other Solarium recommendations, and countless other cyber initiatives that I have developed over the years would never have existed were it not for my legislative director, Nick Leiserson. Nick has been the engine on my cyber policy work for 6 years. His legislative expertise and commitment to advancing effective cybersecurity policy have elevated the cyber discussion on Capitol Hill and kept our country safer. He has worked tirelessly for many years, and I am deeply grateful for how he has turned the National Cyber Director idea into legislation and finally into reality.

Mr. Speaker, this year's NDAA is one of the most important pieces of cybersecurity legislation ever to be considered by Congress. There are so many cyber provisions—from creating the Joint Cyber Planning Office at the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency to requiring a cyber force structure assessment—that we had to create a new title for the bill. But the crown jewel is the National Cyber Director Act.

I look forward to working with President Biden, Vice President HARRIS, and the new administration to stand up this office. I have often said that there are no silver bullets in cybersecurity policymaking, and I still believe that. But I know that I will sleep more soundly knowing that there is a central coordinating figure in the White House empowered to protect the country. I hope that the legacy of this bill will be safety, security, and stability in cyberspace for decades to come.

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

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. ADERHOLT (at the request of Mr. MCCARTHY) for today and the balance of the week on account of quarantining as recommended by the Office of Attending Physician due to a positive Coronavirus test.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Cheryl L. Johnson, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled bills of the House of the following titles, which were thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 3349. An act to authorize the Daughters of the Republic of Texas to establish the Republic of Texas Legation Memorial as a commemorative work in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3465. An act to authorize the Fallen Journalists Memorial Foundation to establish a commemorative work in the District of Columbia and its environs, and for other purposes.

SENATE ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The Speaker announced her signature to enrolled bills of the Senate of the following titles:

S. 910. An act to reauthorize and amend the National Sea Grant College Program Act, and for other purposes.

S. 945. An act to amend the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 to require certain issuers to disclose to the Securities and Exchange Commission information regarding foreign jurisdictions that prevent the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board from performing inspections under that Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1069. An act to require the Secretary of Commerce, acting through the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, to establish a constituent-driven program to provide a digital information platform capable of efficiently integrating coastal data with decision-support tools, training, and best practices and

to support collection of priority coastal geospatial data to inform and improve local, State, regional, and Federal capacities to manage the coastal region, and for other purposes.

S. 1982. An act to improve efforts to combat marine debris, and for other purposes.

S. 4054. An act to reauthorize the United States Grain Standards Act, and for other purposes.

BILLS PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Cheryl L. Johnson, Clerk of the House, reported that on November 24, 2020, she presented to the President of the United States, for his approval, the following bills:

H.R. 1833. To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 35 Tulip Avenue in Floral Park, New York, as the “Lieutenant Michael R. Davidson Post Office Building”.

H.R. 3207. To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 114 Mill Street in Hookstown, Pennsylvania, as the “Staff Sergeant Dylan Elchin Post Office Building”.

H.R. 3317. To permit the Scipio A. Jones Post Office in Little Rock, Arkansas, to accept and display a portrait of Scipio A. Jones, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3329. To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 5186 Benito Street in Montclair, California, as the “Paul Eaton Post Office Building”.

H.R. 4734. To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 171 South Maple Street in Dana, Indiana, as the “Ernest ‘Ernie’ T. Pyle Post Office”.

H.R. 4794. To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 8320 13th Avenue in Brooklyn, New York, as the “Mother Frances Xavier Cabrini Post Office Building”.

H.R. 5384. To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 100 Crosby Street in Mansfield, Louisiana, as the “Dr. C.O. Simpkins, Sr., Post Office”.

H.R. 5037. To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3703 North Main Street in Farmville, North Carolina, as the “Walter B. Jones, Jr. Post Office”.

H.R. 4981. To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2505 Derita Avenue in Charlotte, North Carolina, as the “Julius L. Chambers Civil Rights Memorial Post Office”.

H.R. 835. To impose criminal sanctions on certain persons involved in international doping fraud conspiracies, to provide restitution for victims of such conspiracies, and to require sharing of information with the United States Anti-Doping Agency to assist its fight against doping, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1668. To establish minimum security standards for Internet of Things devices owned or controlled by the Federal Government, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3589. To award a Congressional Gold Medal to Greg LeMond, in recognition of his service to the Nation as an athlete, activist, role model, and community leader.

H.R. 4104. To require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint a coin in commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the establishment of the Negro Leagues baseball.

H.R. 5901. To establish a program to facilitate the adoption of modern technology by executive agencies, and for other purposes.

H.R. 8247. To make certain improvements relating to the transition of individuals to services from the Department of Veterans Affairs, suicide prevention for veterans, and care and services for women veterans, and for other purposes.

H.R. 8276. To authorize the President to posthumously award the Medal of Honor to Alwyn C. Cashe for acts of valor during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

H.R. 1773. To award a Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the women in the United States who joined the workforce during World War II, providing the aircraft, vehicles, weaponry, ammunition and other material to win the war, that were referred to as “Rosie the Riveter”, in recognition of their contributions to the United States and the inspiration they have provided to ensuing generations.

H.R. 8472. To provide that, due to the disruptions caused by COVID-19, applications for impact aid funding for fiscal year 2022 may use certain data submitted in the fiscal year 2021 application.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 4(b) of House Resolution 967, the House stands adjourned until 10 a.m. tomorrow for morning-hour debate and noon for legislative business.

Thereupon (at 6 o'clock and 11 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, December 8, 2020, at 10 a.m. for morning-hour debate.

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, the attached estimate of the costs of H.R. 8428, the Hong Kong People’s Freedom and Choice Act of 2020, as amended, for printing in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

ESTIMATE OF PAY-AS-YOU-GO EFFECTS FOR H.R. 8428

	By fiscal year, in millions of dollars—											
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2021–2025	2021–2030
Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Impact	–10	–9	–12	–9	–6	–5	–5	–5	–5	–4	–46	–70
Components may not sum to totals because of rounding												

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

EC-5818. A letter from the Secretary, Division of Market Oversight, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting the Commission’s final rule — Retail Commodity Transactions Regarding Certain Digital Assets (RIN: 3038-AE62) received November 4, 2020, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Agriculture.

EC-5819. A letter from the Deputy Secretary, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting the Commission’s final rule — Margin Requirements for Uncleared Swaps for Swap Dealers and Major Swap Participants (RIN: 3038-AE89) received November 4, 2020, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Agriculture.

EC-5820. A letter from the Deputy Secretary, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting the Commission’s final rule — Margin Requirements for Uncleared Swaps for Swap Dealers and Major Swap Participants (RIN: 3038-AE77) received November 4, 2020, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Agriculture.

EC-5821. A letter from the Secretary, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting the Commission’s final rule — Exemption from the Swap Clearing Requirement for Certain Affiliated Entities — Alternative Compliance Frameworks for Anti-Evasionary Measures (RIN: 3038-AE92) received November 4, 2020, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Agriculture.

EC-5822. A letter from the Secretary, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting the Commission’s final rule — Privacy of Consumer Financial Information (RIN: 3038-AE91) received November 4, 2020, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law

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

EC-5823. A letter from the Secretary, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting the Commission’s final rule — Cross-Border Application of the Registration Thresholds and Certain Requirements Applicable to Swap Dealers and Major Swap Participants (RIN: 3038-AE84) received November 4, 2020, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Agriculture.

EC-5824. A letter from the Regulations Management Division, Rural Development-Innovation Center, Rural Development Agencies — RBCS-RHS and RUS, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department’s final rule — Special Authority To Enable Funding of Broadband and Smart Utility Facilities Across Select Rural Development Programs [Docket Numbers: RUS-20-TELECOM-0022] (RIN: 0572-AC50) received November 16, 2020, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Agriculture.