

The Acting CHAIR. The gentleman is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Chairman, I oppose the amendment proposed by Representative HICE of Georgia. His amendment would weaken the protections in this bill that safeguard the Census Bureau from partisan manipulation. His amendment eliminates two key provisions from the bill.

First, the amendment would remove the provision requiring that the Bureau have a single Deputy Director position, which would be filled by a career official with relevant knowledge and experience, including experience in collecting and analyzing data and a demonstrated ability to manage large organizations. Experts agree that a single, qualified Deputy Director is important for ensuring smooth operations within the Bureau, including when there is an absence of a Senate-confirmed Census Director. Having a single Deputy Director also avoids disruptions that can be caused when multiple Deputy Directors are appointed with unclear job descriptions.

That is exactly what happened in the last administration. In August 2020, while the Census count was already underway, former President Trump appointed his third Deputy Director to the Census Bureau. The unclear duties and qualifications of these appointees sparked an internal inquiry by the Commerce Department's Inspector General's Office.

The amendment would also remove the cap on political appointees at the Census Bureau. The bill caps that number at four, which is consistent with historical precedent. During the last administration, there were an unprecedented eight political appointees at the Census Bureau. That is far too many political appointees for a nonpartisan agency like the Census Bureau, and it makes the danger of political manipulation much greater.

I am committed to protecting the integrity of the Census Bureau and improving each decennial count. Unfortunately, this amendment would make these goals harder to achieve.

Mr. Chairman, I urge all Members to oppose Representative HICE's amendment.

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

Mr. HICE of Georgia. Mr. Chairman, I yield to the gentleman from Kentucky (Mr. COMER), who is the ranking member of the House Oversight and Reform Committee.

Mr. COMER. Mr. Chairman, I thank the gentleman from Georgia for yielding.

Mr. Chairman, I rise in support of this amendment offered by the Government Operations Subcommittee ranking member, my colleague, JODY HICE.

I support this sensible amendment, which will preserve vital accountability mechanisms for the Director of the Census Bureau. The bill attempts to insulate the Census Bureau Director and empower an unaccountable career

Deputy Director. We should not be tying the hands of a future President to properly exercise executive oversight over the management of the Census Bureau.

Mr. Chairman, I encourage my colleagues to support the commonsense Hice amendment.

Mr. HICE of Georgia. Mr. Chairman, I yield back the balance of my time.

The Acting CHAIR. The question is on the amendment offered by the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. HICE).

The question was taken; and the Acting Chair announced that the noes appeared to have it.

Mr. HICE of Georgia. Mr. Chairman, I demand a recorded vote.

The Acting CHAIR. Pursuant to clause 6 of rule XVIII, further proceedings on the amendment offered by the gentleman from Georgia will be postponed.

Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Chairman, I move that the Committee do now rise.

The motion was agreed to.

Accordingly, the Committee rose; and the Speaker pro tempore (Ms. BOURDEAUX) having assumed the chair, Mr. CARTER of Louisiana, Acting Chair of the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, reported that that Committee, having had under consideration the bill (H.R. 8326) to amend title 13, United States Code, to improve the operations of the Bureau of the Census, and for other purposes, had come to no resolution thereon.

REMEMBERING MOON LANDRIEU

(Mr. CARTER of Louisiana asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CARTER of Louisiana. Mr. Speaker, today, I am honored to remember a groundbreaking public servant, personal mentor, and inspiring New Orleanian, the Honorable Moon Landrieu, mayor of the city of New Orleans.

A son, father, husband, grandfather, brother, and lawyer, Moon Landrieu first served in the Louisiana House of Representatives in 1960 and next on the New Orleans City Council. He was elected mayor of the city of New Orleans from 1970 to 1978, served as U.S. Secretary of Housing and Urban Development from 1979 to 1982, and was a circuit court judge.

Throughout his career, he fought for equality and justice, opposing Jim Crow legislation and successfully outlawing segregation in public accommodations, standing as a shining light during our Nation's darkest times.

He passed away on September 5, but the Honorable Moon Landrieu and his indelible impact will never be forgotten in our world.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 1 of House Resolution

1230, the House stands adjourned until noon tomorrow.

Thereupon (at 5 o'clock and 27 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, September 15, 2022, at noon.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

EC-5221. A letter from the Under Secretary for Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense, transmitting a letter authorizing Lieutenant General Bryan P. Fenton, United States Army, to wear the insignia of the grade of general, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 777(b)(3)(B); Public Law 104-106, Sec. 503(a)(1) (as added by Public Law 108-136, Sec. 509(a)(3)); (117 Stat. 1458); to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5222. A letter from the Undersecretary for Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense, transmitting a letter authorizing 16 officers to wear the insignia of the grade of major general or brigadier general, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 777(b)(3)(B); Public Law 104-106, Sec. 503(a)(1) (as added by Public Law 108-136, Sec. 509(a)(3)); (117 Stat. 1458); to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5223. A letter from the Senior Bureau Official, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a Memorandum of Justification for a drawdown; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-5224. A letter from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting a legislative proposal aimed to help agencies recruit and retain a highly skilled federal workforce; to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

EC-5225. A letter from the Chief, Regulatory Coordination Division, USCIS Office of Policy and Strategy, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's Major final rule — Public Charge Ground of Inadmissibility [CIS No. 2715-22; DHS Docket No. USCIS-2021-0013] (RIN: 1615-AC74) received September 14, 2022, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-5226. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting a report for Fiscal Year 2017 entitled "Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program" per section 2610(b) of the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 8629(b); jointly to the Committees on Energy and Commerce and Education and Labor.

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:

Ms. JOHNSON of Texas: Committee on Science, Space, and Technology. H.R. 4819. A bill to require the Secretary of Energy to revitalize existing university infrastructure relating to nuclear science and engineering and establish new university-based nuclear science and engineering facilities, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 117-466). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

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 Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER (for herself and Mrs. KIM of California):

H.R. 8817. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to support and stabilize the existing nursing workforce, establish programs to increase the number of nurses, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Ms. BUSH (for herself, Mr. GREEN of Texas, Ms. NORTON, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mr. BOWMAN, Mr. CARSON, Mr. GRIJALVA, Ms. LEE of California, and Mr. BLUMENAUER):

H.R. 8818. A bill to direct the Occupational Safety and Health Administration to issue an occupational safety and health standard to protect workers from wind-related injuries; to the Committee on Education and Labor.

By Ms. BUSH (for herself, Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ, Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York, Mr. GRIJALVA, Ms. LEE of California, Ms. TLAB, and Mr. BOWMAN):

H.R. 8819. A bill to provide employment protection and paid emergency leave to workers impacted by certain climate disasters, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and Labor.

By Mr. CARTER of Georgia (for himself, Mrs. HARSHBARGER, Mr. MOORE of Utah, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. MANN, Mr. LAMBORN, Mr. MCKINLEY, Mr. BUCK, Mr. GOODEN of Texas, Mr. ELLZEY, Mrs. CAMMACK, Mrs. MILLER of Illinois, Mr. NORMAN, Mr. POSEY, Mr. STEUBE, Mr. BALDERSON, Mr. BABIN, Mr. WEBSTER of Florida, Mr. DUNCAN, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mr. MULLIN, Mr. WENSTRUP, Mr. ADERHOLT, Mr. BACON, Mr. LATTA, and Mr. CLYDE):

H.R. 8820. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to prohibit governmental discrimination against certain health care providers with certain objections to abortion; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. CASTEN (for himself, Ms. BUSH, Ms. BASS, and Mr. PAYNE):

H.R. 8821. A bill to require the Commissioner of the Social Security Administration to produce and make available at no cost to certain individuals in the United States an identification for the purpose of allowing such individuals to meet certain identification requirements, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

By Ms. GARCIA of Texas (for herself, Ms. LEE of California, Ms. BASS, Mrs. DEMINGS, Ms. DEAN, Ms. NORTON, Mr. CORREA, and Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN):

H.R. 8822. A bill to direct the Secretary of Education to carry out a grant program to support the placement of students and licensed professional social workers in public libraries, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and Labor.

By Mr. VICENTE GONZALEZ of Texas:

H.R. 8823. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to advance meritorious asylum claims, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Homeland Security, 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. GOTTHEIMER (for himself and Mr. FITZPATRICK):

H.R. 8824. A bill to amend title 3, United States Code, to reform the Electoral Count Act, and to amend the Presidential Transi-

tion Act of 1963 to provide clear guidelines for when and to whom resources are provided by the Administrator of General Services for use in connection with the preparations for the assumption of official duties as President or Vice President; to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committees on Oversight and Reform, and Rules, 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. HUFFMAN (for himself and Mr. BLUMENAUER):

H.R. 8825. A bill to provide authority for small cultivators of marijuana and small manufacturers of marijuana products to ship marijuana and marijuana products using the mail, and for other purpose; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, 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. JOHNSON of South Dakota:

H.R. 8826. A bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to expand working hours for employees between the ages of 14 and 16 years during periods in which schools are in session, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and Labor.

By Mr. KILMER (for himself and Mr. TIMMONS):

H.R. 8827. A bill to permit the Chief Administrative Officer to pay salaries in or under the House of Representatives twice per month in certain cases, and for other purposes; to the Committee on House Administration.

By Ms. KUSTER:

H.R. 8828. A bill to address potential conflicts of interest among entities serving as Food and Drug Administration contractors, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Ms. MENG (for herself and Mrs. LESKO):

H.R. 8829. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to treat certain menstrual products as misbranded if their labeling does not list each component of the product, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. RYAN of Ohio (for himself and Mr. GONZALEZ of Ohio):

H.R. 8830. A bill to develop a scenario-based training curriculum for law enforcement personnel, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. SPEIER (for herself and Mr. DESAULNIER):

H.R. 8831. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to authorize certain claims for personal injury or death caused by medical malpractice onboard certain naval vessels, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. GRAVES of Missouri (for himself and Mr. CRAWFORD):

H.J. Res. 95. A joint resolution to provide for the resolution of issues in a railway labor-management dispute, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. JEFFRIES:

H. Res. 1347. A resolution electing certain Members to certain standing committees of the House of Representatives; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. BLUMENAUER (for himself and Mr. GRIFFITH):

H. Res. 1348. A resolution expressing support for the designation of September 15, 2022, as "National Brain Health Day"; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. GARAMENDI (for himself, Mr. TURNER, Mr. KINZINGER, and Ms. CAS-TOR of Florida):

H. Res. 1349. A resolution congratulating the United States Air Force on the occasion of its 75th anniversary; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Ms. NORTON:

H. Res. 1350. A resolution expressing support for dance as a form of valuable exercise and of artistic expression, and for the designation of September 17, 2022, as "National Dance Day"; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. SCHIFF (for himself, Mr. BILL-RAKIS, Mr. PALLONE, Ms. SPEIER, and Mr. VALADAO):

H. Res. 1351. A resolution condemning Azerbaijan's unprovoked military attack on Armenia; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. WELCH (for himself, Mr. CUR-TIS, Ms. MATSUI, and Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio):

H. Res. 1352. A resolution supporting the designation of "Telehealth Awareness Week"; to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

MEMORIALS

Under clause 3 of rule XII, memorials were presented and referred as follows:

ML-229. The SPEAKER presented a memorial of the House of Representatives of the State of New Hampshire, relative to House Resolution No. 16, calling for the federal government to construct a nuclear waste repository to permanently store our nation's nuclear waste; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

ML-230. Also, a memorial of the House of Representatives of the State of New Hampshire, relative to House Resolution No. 15, expressing support for the people of Hong Kong and commending the Republic of China (Taiwan) for its strong democratic system; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

ML-231. Also, a memorial of the Legislature of the State of Wisconsin, relative to Joint Resolution No. 18, requesting the Congress of the United States call a convention of the states to propose amendments to the Constitution of the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ML-232. Also, a memorial of the House of Representatives of the State of New Hampshire, relative to House Resolution No. 9, renewing its commitment to all of the unalienable rights of its citizens and all of the constitutional civil authority reserved for the individual state of New Hampshire; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ML-233. Also, a memorial of the House of Representatives of the State of New Hampshire, relative to House Resolution No. 8, respectfully urging the Congress, Department of Defense, and Department of Veterans Affairs to continue to investigate whether opioids, benzodiazepines, exposure to agent orange, insecticides, pyridostigmine bromide, nerve agents, vaccines administered to military personnel, and constant long term stress from service are contributing to the high number of suicides by veteran members of the armed forces; jointly to the Committees on Armed Services and Veterans' Affairs.

ML-234. Also, a memorial of the Senate of the State of Michigan, relative to Senate Resolution No. 150, opposing the designation of additional wilderness areas in Michigan's Upper Peninsula; jointly to the Committees on Natural Resources and Agriculture.