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Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, February 3, 2025, at 3 p.m.

House of Representatives

FRIDAY, JANUARY 31, 2025

The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. SMITH of Nebraska).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
January 31, 2025.

I hereby appoint the Honorable ADRIAN SMITH to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

MIKE JOHNSON,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

Eternal God, we commend into Your keeping the 67 souls who died in this week's tragic aircraft accident here in our Nation's Capital. As the Psalmist acknowledged: "Our days may come to 70 years, 80 if our strength endures," but, sadly, for those who perished, even fewer.

Our days, how many or how few, quickly pass. Like dew in the morning, by evening they are gone.

Teach us, O Lord, to number our days, to appreciate how even in the longest of lives, our time on Earth is fleeting. Grant us each a heart of wisdom that we would greet each new day as priceless and every moment a gift of Your grace.

In our living of today, may we not waste the time You have given us, but

may we cherish those whom we love, love the opportunities You give, and give You our gratitude for the days we have.

Grant favor and comfort to those who grieve, and in Your everlasting mercy, may they find peace.

In the hope that is found only in You, we pray.
Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 13 of rule I, 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.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE DEMOCRATIC LEADER

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Honorable HAKEEM JEFFRIES, Democratic Leader:

January 29, 2025.

Hon. MIKE JOHNSON,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR SPEAKER JOHNSON: Pursuant to section 803(a) of the Congressional Recognition

for Excellence in Arts Education Act (2 U.S.C. 803 (a)), I am pleased to reappoint Ms. Nichelle D. Schoultz of Bethesda, Maryland to the Congressional Award Board.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

HAKEEM JEFFRIES,
Democratic Leader.

PUBLICATION OF COMMITTEE RULES

RULES OF THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE
119TH CONGRESS

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE OF AGRICULTURE,
Washington, DC, January 28, 2025.

Hon. MIKE JOHNSON,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: I am pleased to submit for printing in the Congressional Record, pursuant to clause 2(a) of Rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives and clause (f) of Rule I of the Rules of the Committee on Agriculture, the Rules of the Committee on Agriculture for the 119th Congress. On January 23, 2025, the Committee on Agriculture met in open session for the Committee's organizational meeting and adopted the Committee Rules by voice vote with a quorum present.

Sincerely,

GLENN "GT" THOMPSON,
Chairman.

RULE I.—GENERAL PROVISIONS

(a) *Applicability of House Rules.*—(1) The Rules of the House shall govern the procedure of the Committee and its subcommittees, and the Rules of the Committee on Agriculture so far as applicable shall be interpreted in accordance with the Rules of the House, except that a motion to recess from day to day, and a motion to dispense with the first reading (in full) of a bill or resolution, if printed copies are available, are non-debatable privileged motions in the Committee and its subcommittees. (See *Appendix*

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A for the applicable Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives.)

(2) As provided in clause 1(a)(1) of House Rule XI, each Subcommittee is part of the Committee and is subject to the authority and direction of the Committee and its Rules so far as applicable. (See also Committee Rules III, IV, V, VI, VII, VIII and XI, *infra*.)

(b) *Authority to Conduct Investigations.*—The Committee and its subcommittees, after consultation with the Chairman of the Committee, may conduct such investigations and studies as they may consider necessary or appropriate in the exercise of their responsibilities under Rule X of the Rules of the House and in accordance with clause 2(m) of House Rule XI.

(c) *Authority to Print.*—The Committee is authorized by the Rules of the House to have printed and bound testimony and other data presented at hearings held by the Committee and its subcommittees. All costs of stenographic services and transcripts in connection with any meeting or hearing of the Committee and its subcommittees shall be paid from applicable accounts of the House described in clause 1(k)(1) of House Rule X in accordance with clause 1(c) of House Rule XI. (See also paragraphs (d), (e) and (f) of Committee Rule IX.)

(d) *Vice Chairman.*—The Member of the majority party on the Committee or Subcommittee designated by the Chairman of the full Committee shall be the vice chairman of the Committee or Subcommittee in accordance with clause 2(d) of House Rule XI.

(e) *Presiding Member.*—If the Chairman of the Committee or Subcommittee is not present at any Committee or Subcommittee meeting or hearing, the vice chairman shall preside. If the Chairman and vice chairman of the Committee or Subcommittee are not present at a Committee or Subcommittee meeting or hearing the ranking Member of the majority party who is present shall preside in accordance with clause 2(d) of House Rule XI.

(f) *Publication of Rules.*—The Committee's Rules shall be publicly available in electronic form and published in the *Congressional Record* not later than 60 days after the Chair is elected in each odd-numbered year as provided in clause 2(a) of House Rule XI.

(g) *Joint Committee Reports of Investigation or Study.*—A report of an investigation or study conducted jointly by more than one committee may be filed jointly, provided that each of the committees complies independently with all requirements for approval and filing of the report.

RULE II.—COMMITTEE BUSINESS MEETINGS—REGULAR, ADDITIONAL AND SPECIAL

(a) *Regular Meetings.*—Regular meetings of the Committee, in accordance with clause 2(b) of House Rule XI, shall be held on the first Wednesday of every month to transact its business if notice is given pursuant to clause 2(g)(3) of House Rule XI. The Chairman shall provide each Member of the Committee, as far in advance of the day of the regular meeting as practicable, a written agenda of such meeting. Items may be placed on the agenda by the Chairman or a majority of the Committee. (See paragraph (f) of Committee Rule XI for provisions that apply to meetings of subcommittees.)

(b) *Additional Meetings.*—(1) The Chairman may call and convene, as he or she considers necessary, which may not commence earlier than the third calendar day (excluding Saturdays, Sundays, or legal holidays except when the House is in session on such a day) on which Members have notice thereof after consultation with the Ranking Minority Member of the Committee or after concurrence with the Ranking Minority Member, additional meetings of the Committee for the consideration of any bill or resolution pending before the Committee or for the conduct of other Committee business. The Committee shall meet for such additional meetings pursuant to the notice from the Chairman.

(2) A hearing or meeting may begin sooner than specified in clause (1) (in which case, the chair shall make the announcement specified at the earliest possible time) if the Committee so determines by majority vote in the presence of the number of Members required under the Rules of the Committee for the transaction of business.

(3) At least 24 hours prior to the commencement of a meeting for the markup of a measure or matter the Chair shall cause the text of such measure or matter to be made publicly available in electronic form.

(c) *Special Meetings.*—If at least three Members of the Committee desire that a special meeting of the Committee be called by the Chairman, those Members may file in the offices of the Committee their written request to the Chairman for such special meeting. Such request shall specify the measure or matters to be considered. Immediately upon the filing of the request, the Majority Staff Director (serving as the clerk of the Committee for such purpose) shall notify the Chairman of the filing of the request. If, within 3 calendar days after the filing of the request, the Chairman does not call the requested special meeting to be held within 7 calendar days after the filing of the request, a majority of the Members of the Committee may file in the offices of the Committee their written notice that a special meeting of the Committee will be held, specifying the date and hour thereof, and the measures or matter to be considered at that special meeting in accordance with clause 2(c)(2) of House Rule XI. The Committee shall meet on that date and hour. Immediately upon the filing of the notice, the Majority Staff Director (serving as the clerk) of the Committee shall notify all Members of the Committee that such meeting will be held and inform them of its date and hour and the measure or matter to be considered, and only the measure or matter specified in that notice may be considered at that special meeting.

RULE III.—OPEN MEETINGS AND HEARINGS; BROADCASTING

(a) *Open Meetings and Hearings.*—Each meeting for the transaction of business, including the markup of legislation, and each hearing by the Committee or a Subcommittee shall be open to the public unless closed in accordance with clause 2(g) of House Rule XI.

(b) *Broadcasting and Photography.*—Whenever a Committee or Subcommittee meeting for the transaction of business, including the markup of legislation, or a hearing is open to the public, the Committee shall:

(1) to the maximum extent practicable provide audio and video coverage of each hearing or meeting for the transaction of business in a manner that allows the public to easily listen to and view the proceedings and shall maintain the recordings of such coverage in a manner that is easily accessible to the public; and

(2) make each hearing or meeting for the transaction of business open to coverage by television, radio, and still photography in accordance with clause 4 of House Rule XI. When such audio and visual coverage is conducted in the Committee or Subcommittee, written notice to that effect shall be provided to each Member. The Chairman of the Committee or Subcommittee shall not limit the number of television or still cameras permitted in a hearing or meeting room to fewer than two representatives from each medium (except for legitimate space or safety considerations, in which case pool coverage shall be authorized).

(c) *Closed Meetings—Attendees.*—No person other than Members of the Committee or Subcommittee and such congressional staff and departmental representatives as the Committee or Subcommittee may authorize shall be present at any business or markup

session that has been closed to the public as provided in clause 2(g)(1) of House Rule XI.

(d) *Addressing the Committee.*—A Committee Member may address the Committee or a Subcommittee on any bill, motion, or other matter under consideration (See Committee Rule VIII (e) relating to questioning a witness at a hearing). The time a Member may address the Committee or Subcommittee for any such purpose shall be limited to 5 minutes, except that this time limit may be waived by unanimous consent. A Member shall also be limited in his or her remarks to the subject matter under consideration, unless the Member receives unanimous consent to extend his or her remarks beyond such subject.

(e) *Meetings to Begin Promptly.*—Subject to the presence of a quorum, each meeting or hearing of the Committee and its subcommittees shall begin promptly at the time so stipulated in the public announcement of the meeting or hearing.

(f) *Prohibition on Proxy Voting.*—No vote by any Member of the Committee or Subcommittee with respect to any measure or matter may be cast by proxy.

(g) *Location of Persons at Meetings.*—No person other than the Committee or Subcommittee Members and Committee or Subcommittee staff may be seated in the rostrum area during a meeting of the Committee or Subcommittee unless by unanimous consent of Committee or Subcommittee.

(h) *Consideration of Amendments and Motions.*—A Member, upon request, shall be recognized by the Chairman to address the Committee or Subcommittee at a meeting for a period limited to 5 minutes on behalf of an amendment or motion offered by the Member or another Member, or upon any other matter under consideration, unless the Member receives unanimous consent to extend the time limit. Every amendment or motion made in Committee or Subcommittee shall, upon the demand of any Member present, be reduced to writing, and a copy thereof shall be made available to all Members present. Such amendment or motion shall not be pending before the Committee or Subcommittee or voted on until the requirements of this paragraph have been met.

(i) *Demanding Record Vote.*—

(1) A record vote of the Committee or Subcommittee on a question or action shall be ordered on a demand by one-fifth of the Members present.

(2) The Chairman of the Committee or Subcommittee may postpone further proceedings when a record vote is ordered on the question of approving a measure or matter or on adopting an amendment. If the Chairman postpones further proceedings:

(A) the Chairman may resume such postponed proceedings, after giving Members adequate notice, at a time chosen in consultation with the Ranking Minority Member; and

(B) notwithstanding any intervening order for the previous question, the underlying proposition on which proceedings were postponed shall remain subject to further debate or amendment to the same extent as when the question was postponed.

(j) *Submission of Motions or Amendments In Advance of Business Meetings.*—The Committee and Subcommittee Chairman may request and Committee and Subcommittee

Members should, insofar as practicable, cooperate in providing copies of proposed amendments or motions to the Chairman and the Ranking Minority Member of the Committee or the Subcommittee twenty-four hours before a Committee or Subcommittee business meeting.

(k) *Points of Order*.—No point of order against the hearing or meeting procedures of the Committee or Subcommittee shall be entertained unless it is made in a timely fashion.

(l) *Limitation on Committee Sitzings*.—The Committee or subcommittees may not sit during a joint session of the House and Senate or during a recess when a joint meeting of the House and Senate is in progress.

(m) *Prohibition of Wireless Telephones*.—Use of wireless phones for vocal conversation during a Committee or Subcommittee hearing or meeting is prohibited.

RULE IV.—QUORUMS

(a) *Working Quorum*.—One-third of the Members of the Committee or Subcommittee shall constitute a quorum for taking any action, other than as noted in paragraphs (b) and (c).

(b) *Majority Quorum*.—A majority of the Members of the Committee or Subcommittee shall constitute a quorum for:

(1) the reporting of a bill, resolution, or other measure (See clause 2(h)(1) of House Rule XI, and Committee Rule IX);

(2) the closing of a meeting or hearing to the public pursuant to clauses 2(g), 2(k)(5), and 2(k)(7) of House Rule XI;

(3) the authorizing of a subpoena as provided in clause 2(m)(3) of House Rule XI (See also Committee Rule VII); and

(4) as where required by a Rule of the House.

(c) *Quorum for Taking Testimony*.—Two Members of the Committee or Subcommittee shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of taking testimony and receiving evidence.

RULE V.—RECORDS

(a) *Maintenance of Records*.—The Committee shall keep a complete record of all Committee and Subcommittee action which shall include:

(1) in the case of any meeting or hearing transcripts, a substantially verbatim account of remarks actually made during the proceedings, subject only to technical, grammatical, and typographical corrections authorized by the person making the remarks involved, and

(2) written minutes, which shall include a record of all Committee and Subcommittee action, a record of all votes on any question, and a tally on all record votes.

The result of each such record vote shall be made publicly available in electronic form within 48 hours of such record vote. Not later than 24 hours after adoption of an amendment, or 48 hours after the disposition or withdrawal of any other amendment, to a measure or matter, the chair of the Committee shall cause the text of such amendment adopted thereto to be made publicly available in electronic form. Information so available for public inspection shall include a description of the amendment, motion, order, or other proposition; the name of each Member voting for and each Member voting against such amendment, motion, order, or other proposition; and the names of those Members present but not voting.

(b) *Access to and Correction of Records*.—Any public witness, or person authorized by such witness, during Committee office hours in the Committee offices and within 10 calendar days of the close of hearings, may obtain a transcript copy of that public witness's testimony and make such technical, grammatical, and typographical corrections as authorized by the person making the remarks

involved as will not alter the nature of testimony given. There shall be prompt return of such corrected copy of the transcript to the Committee. Members of the Committee or Subcommittee shall receive copies of transcripts for their prompt review and correction and prompt return to the Committee. The Committee or Subcommittee may order the printing of a hearing record without the corrections of any Member or witness if it determines that such Member or witness has been afforded a reasonable time in which to make such corrections and further delay would seriously impede the consideration of the legislative action that is subject of the hearing. The record of a hearing shall be closed 10 calendar days after the last oral testimony, unless the Committee or Subcommittee determines otherwise. Any person requesting to file a statement for the record of a hearing must so request before the hearing concludes and must file the statement before the record is closed, unless the Committee or Subcommittee determines otherwise. The Committee or Subcommittee may reject any statement in light of its length or its tendency to defame, degrade, or incriminate any person.

(c) *Property of the House*.—All Committee and Subcommittee records (including hearings data, charts, and files) shall be kept separate and distinct from the congressional office records of the Members serving as Chairman. Such records shall be the property of the House, and all Members of the House shall have access thereto. The Majority Staff Director shall promptly notify the Chairman and the Ranking Minority Member of any request for access to such records.

(d) *Availability of Archived Records*.—The records of the Committee at the National Archives and Records Administration shall be made available for public use in accordance with House Rule VII. The Chairman shall notify the Ranking Minority Member of the Committee of the need for a Committee order pursuant to clause 3(b)(3) or clause 4(b) of such House Rule, to withhold a record otherwise available.

(e) *Special Rules for Certain Records and Proceedings*.—A stenographic record of a business meeting of the Committee or Subcommittee may be kept, and thereafter may be published, if the Chairman of the Committee, after consultation with the Ranking Minority Member, determines there is need for such a record. The proceedings of the Committee or Subcommittee in a closed meeting, evidence or testimony in such meeting, shall not be divulged unless otherwise determined by a majority of the Committee or Subcommittee.

(f) *Electronic Availability of Committee Publications*.—To the maximum extent feasible, the Committee shall make its publications available in electronic form.

RULE VI.—POWER TO SIT AND ACT

For the purpose of carrying out any of its function and duties under House Rules X and XI, the Committee and each of its subcommittees is authorized to sit and act at such times and places within the United States whether the House is in session, has recessed, or has adjourned and to hold such hearings.

RULE VII.—SUBPOENAS, DEPOSITIONS, AND OATHS

(a) *Issuance of Subpoenas*.—In accordance with clause 2(m) of House Rule XI, a subpoena may be authorized and issued by a majority of the Committee or by the Chairman in consultation with the Ranking Minority Member. Such consultation shall occur at least 48 hours in advance of a subpoena being issued under such authority. Authorized subpoenas shall be signed by the Chairman of the Committee or by any Member designated by the Committee.

(b) *Oaths*.—The Chairman of the Committee, or any member of the Committee designated by the Chairman, may administer oaths to any witnesses.

(c) *Deposition Authority*.—

(1) The Chairman, upon consultation with the Ranking Minority Member, may order the taking of depositions, including pursuant to subpoena, by a Member or counsel of the Committee.

(2) Depositions taken under the authority prescribed in this subsection shall be subject to regulations issued by the chair of the Committee on Rules and printed in the *Congressional Record*.

(3) The Regulations for the Use of Deposition Authority as issued by the Committee on Rules pursuant to H.Res.5 titled—Adopting the Rules of the House of Representatives for the One Hundred Nineteenth Congress, and for other purposes—are incorporated by reference and shall be considered the rules of the Committee.

RULE VIII.—HEARING PROCEDURES

(a) *Power to Hear*.—For the purpose of carrying out any of its functions and duties under House Rules X and XI, the Committee and its subcommittees are authorized to sit and hold hearings at any time or place within the United States whether the House is in session, has recessed, or has adjourned. (See Committee Rule VI and paragraph (f) of Committee Rule XI for provisions relating to Subcommittee hearings and meetings.)

(b) *Announcement*.—The Chairman of the Committee shall, after consultation with the Ranking Minority Member of the Committee, make a public announcement of the date, place, and subject matter of any Committee hearing at least 1 week before the commencement of the hearing. The Chairman of a Subcommittee shall schedule a hearing only after consultation with the Chairman of the Committee and the Ranking Minority Member of the Subcommittee. After such consultation, the Chairman of the Subcommittee shall consult the Chairmen of the other subcommittees and shall request the Majority Staff Director to make a public announcement of the date, place, and subject matter of such hearing at least 1 week before the hearing. If the Chairman of the Committee or the Subcommittee, with concurrence of the Ranking Minority Member of the Committee or Subcommittee, determines there is good cause to begin the hearing sooner, or if the Committee or Subcommittee so determines by majority vote, a quorum being present for the transaction of business, the Chairman of the Committee or Subcommittee, as appropriate, shall request the Majority Staff Director to make such public announcement at the earliest possible date. The clerk of the Committee shall promptly notify the Daily Digest Clerk of the Congressional Record and shall promptly enter the appropriate information into the Committee scheduling service of the House information system as soon as possible after such public announcement is made.

(c) *Scheduling of Witnesses*.—

(1) Except as otherwise provided in this rule, the scheduling of witnesses and determination of the time allowed for the presentation of testimony at hearings shall be at the discretion of the Chairman of the Committee or Subcommittee, unless a majority of the Committee or Subcommittee determines otherwise.

(2) The Regulations for the remote participation of Committee witnesses as issued by the Committee on Rules pursuant to H.Res.5 titled—Adopting the Rules of the House of Representatives for the One Hundred Congress, and for other purposes—are incorporated by reference and shall be considered the rules of the Committee.

(d) *Written Statement; Oral Testimony.*—(1) Each witness who is to appear before the Committee or a Subcommittee, shall insofar as practicable file with the Majority Staff Director of the Committee, at least 2 working days before the day of his or her appearance, a written statement of proposed testimony. Witnesses shall provide sufficient copies of their statement for distribution to Committee or Subcommittee Members, staff, and the news media. Insofar as practicable, the Committee or Subcommittee staff shall distribute such written statements to all Members of the Committee or Subcommittee as soon as they are received, as well as any official reports from departments and agencies on such subject matter. All witnesses may be limited in their oral presentations to brief summaries of their statements within the time allotted to them at the discretion of the Chairman of the Committee or Subcommittee, in light of the nature of the testimony and the length of time available.

(2) As noted in paragraph (b) of Committee Rule VII, the Chairman of the Committee, or any Member designated by the Chairman, may administer an oath to any witness.

(3) In the case of a witness appearing in a non-governmental capacity, a written statement of proposed testimony shall include:

(i) a curriculum vitae;

(ii) a disclosure of the amount and source (by agency and program) of any Federal grant (or subgrant thereof) or contract (or subcontract thereof) received during the past 36 months by the witness or by an entity represented by the witness;

(iii) a disclosure of the amount and country of origin of any payment or contract related to the subject matter of the hearing originating with a foreign government received during the past 36 months by the witness or by an entity represented by the witness; and

(iv) a disclosure of whether the witness is a fiduciary (including, but not limited to, a director, officer, advisor, or resident agency) of any organization or entity that has an interest in the subject matter of the hearing.

Such statements, with appropriate redactions to protect the privacy of witnesses, shall be made publicly available in electronic form 24 hours before the witness appears to the extent practicable, but not later than 1 day after the witness appears.

(e) *Questioning of Witnesses.*—Committee or Subcommittee Members may question witnesses only when they have been recognized by the Chairman of the Committee or Subcommittee for that purpose. Each Member so recognized shall be limited to questioning a witness for 5 minutes until such time as each Member of the Committee or Subcommittee who so desires has had an opportunity to question the witness for 5 minutes; and thereafter the Chairman of the Committee or Subcommittee may limit the time of a further round of questioning after giving due consideration to the importance of the subject matter and the length of time available. All questions put to witnesses shall be germane to the measure or matter under consideration. Unless a majority of the Committee or Subcommittee determines otherwise, no Committee or Subcommittee staff shall interrogate witnesses.

(f) *Extended Questioning for Designated Members.*—Notwithstanding paragraph (e), the Chairman and Ranking Minority Member may designate an equal number of Members from each party to question a witness for a period not longer than 60 minutes.

(g) *Witnesses for the Minority.*—When any hearing is conducted by the Committee or any Subcommittee upon any measure or matter, the minority party Members on the Committee or Subcommittee shall be entitled, upon request to the Chairman by a ma-

majority of those minority Members before the completion of such hearing, to call witnesses selected by the minority to testify with respect to that measure or matter during at least 1 day of hearing thereon as provided in clause 2(j)(1) of House Rule XI.

(h) *Summary of Subject Matter.*—Upon announcement of a hearing, to the extent practicable, the Committee shall make available immediately to all Members of the Committee a concise summary of the subject matter (including legislative reports and other material) under consideration. In addition, upon announcement of a hearing and subsequently as they are received, the Chairman of the Committee or Subcommittee shall, to the extent practicable, make available to the Members of the Committee any official reports from departments and agencies on such matter. (See paragraph (f) of Committee Rule XI.)

(i) *Open Hearings.*—Each hearing conducted by the Committee or Subcommittee shall be open to the public, including radio, television, and still photography coverage, except as provided in clause 4 of House Rule XI (See also paragraph (b) of Committee Rule III.). In any event, no Member of the House may be excluded from nonparticipatory attendance at any hearing unless the House by majority vote shall authorize the Committee or Subcommittee, for purposes of a particular series of hearings on a particular bill or resolution or on a particular subject of investigation, to close its hearings to Members by means of the above procedure.

(j) *Hearings and Reports.*—(1)(i) The Chairman of the Committee or Subcommittee at a hearing shall announce in an opening statement the subject of the investigation. A copy of the Committee Rules (and the applicable provisions of clause 2 of House Rule XI, regarding hearing procedures, an excerpt of which appears in Appendix A thereto) shall be made available to each witness upon request. Witnesses at hearings may be accompanied by their own counsel for the purpose of advising them concerning their constitutional rights. The Chairman of the Committee or Subcommittee may punish breaches of order and decorum, and of professional ethics on the part of counsel, by censure and exclusion from the hearings; but only the full Committee may cite the offender to the House for contempt.

(ii) Whenever it is asserted by a Member of the Committee that the evidence or testimony at a hearing may tend to defame, degrade, or incriminate any person, or it is asserted by a witness that the evidence or testimony that the witness would give at a hearing may tend to defame, degrade, or incriminate the witness, such testimony or evidence shall be presented in executive session, notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (i) of this rule, if by a majority of those present, there being in attendance the requisite number required under the Rules of the Committee to be present for the purpose of taking testimony, the Committee or Subcommittee determines that such evidence or testimony may tend to defame, degrade, or incriminate any person. The Committee or Subcommittee shall afford a person an opportunity to voluntarily appear as a witness; and the Committee or Subcommittee shall receive and shall dispose of requests from such person to subpoena additional witnesses.

(iii) No evidence or testimony taken in executive session may be released or used in public sessions without the consent of the Committee or Subcommittee. In the discretion of the Committee or Subcommittee, witnesses may submit brief and pertinent statements in writing for inclusion in the record. The Committee or Subcommittee is the sole judge of the pertinence of testimony

and evidence adduced at its hearings. A witness may obtain a transcribed copy of his or her testimony given at a public session. If given at an executive session, a transcribed copy of testimony may be obtained when authorized by the Committee or Subcommittee. (See paragraph (c) of Committee Rule V.)

(2) A proposed investigative or oversight report shall be considered as read if it has been available to the Members of the Committee for at least 24 hours (excluding Saturdays, Sundays, or legal holidays except when the House is in session on such day) in advance of their consideration.

RULE IX.—THE REPORTING OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

(a) *Filing of Reports.*—The Chairman shall report or cause to be reported promptly to the House any bill, resolution, or other measure approved by the Committee and shall take or cause to be taken all necessary steps to bring such bill, resolution, or other measure to a vote. No bill, resolution, or measure shall be reported from the Committee unless a majority of the Committee is actually present. A Committee report on any bill, resolution, or other measure approved by the Committee shall be filed within 7 calendar days (not counting days on which the House is not in session) after the day on which there has been filed with the Majority Staff Director of the Committee a written request, signed by a majority of the Committee, for the reporting of that bill or resolution. The Majority Staff Director of the Committee shall notify the Chairman immediately when such a request is filed.

(b) *Content of Reports.*—Each Committee report on any bill or resolution approved by the Committee shall include as separately identified sections:

(1) a statement of the intent or purpose of the bill or resolution;

(2) a statement describing the need for such bill or resolution;

(3) a statement of Committee and Subcommittee consideration of the measure, including a summary of amendments and motions offered and the actions taken

(4) the results of each record vote on any amendment in the Committee and Subcommittee and on the motion to report the measure or matter, including the total number of votes cast for and against, and the names of Members voting for and against such amendment or motion (See clause 3(b) of House Rule XIII);

(5) the oversight findings and recommendations of the Committee with respect to the subject matter of the bill or resolution, as required pursuant to clause 3(c)(1) of House Rule XIII and clause 2(b)(1) of House Rule X;

(6) the detailed statement described in House Rule XIII clause 3(c)(2) and section 308(a) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 if the bill or resolution provides new budget authority (other than continuing appropriations), new spending authority described in section 401(c)(2) of such Act, new credit authority, or an increase or decrease in revenues or tax expenditures, except that the estimates with respect to new budget authority shall include, when practicable, a comparison of the total estimated funding level for the relevant program (or programs) to the appropriate levels under current law;

(7) the estimate of costs and comparison of such estimates, if any, prepared by the Director of the Congressional Budget Office in connection with such bill or resolution pursuant to section 402 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 if submitted in timely fashion to the Committee;

(8) a statement of general performance goals and objectives, including outcome-related goals and objectives, for which the measure authorizes funding;

(9) an estimate by the Committee of the costs that would be incurred in carrying out the bill or joint resolution in the fiscal year in which it is reported and in each of the five fiscal years following that fiscal year (or for the authorized duration of any program authorized by the bill or joint resolution if less than five years) (see clause 3(d)(1) of House Rule XIII), together with—(i) a comparison of these estimates with those made and submitted to the Committee by any Government agency when practicable and (ii) a comparison of the total estimated funding level for the relevant program (or programs) with appropriate levels under current law (The provisions of this clause do not apply if a cost estimate and comparison prepared by the Director of the Congressional Budget Office under section 402 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 has been timely submitted prior to the filing of the report and included in the report);

(10) a list of congressional earmarks, limited tax benefits, and limited tariff benefits in the bill or in the report (and the name of any Member, Delegate, or Resident Commissioner who submitted a request to the Committee for each respective item included in such list) or a statement that the proposition contains no congressional earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits;

(11) the changes in existing law (if any) shown in accordance with clause 3 of House Rule XIII;

(12) the determination required pursuant to section 5(b) of P.L. 92-463, if the legislation reported establishes or authorizes the establishment of an advisory committee;

(13) the information on Federal and intergovernmental mandates required by section 423(c) and (d) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, as added by the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 (P.L. 104-4);

(14) a statement regarding the applicability of section 102(b)(3) of the Congressional Accountability Act (P.L. 104-1);

(15) a statement indicating whether any provision of the measure establishes or reauthorizes a program of the Federal Government known to be duplicative of another Federal program. The Statement shall at a minimum explain whether—

(A) any such program was included in any report from the Government Accountability Office to Congress pursuant to section 21 of P.L. 111-139; or

(B) the most recent catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance, published pursuant to the Federal Program Information Act (P.L. 95-220, as amended by P. L. 98-169), identified other programs related to the program established or reauthorized by the measure; and

(16) a statement estimating the number of directed rule makings required by the measure.

(c) *Supplemental, Minority, Additional, or Dissenting Views.*—If, at the time of approval of any measure or matter by the Committee, any Member of the Committee gives notice of intention to file supplemental, minority, additional, or dissenting views (including in electronic form), all Members shall be entitled to not less than 2 subsequent calendar days (excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays except when the House is in session on such date) in which to file such written and signed views with the Clerk of the Committee. When time guaranteed by this paragraph has expired (or, if sooner, when all separate views have been received), the Committee may arrange to file its report with the Clerk of the House not later than 1 hour after the expiration of such time. All such views (in accordance with clause 2(l) of House Rule XI and clause 3(a)(1) of House Rule XIII), as filed by one or more Members

of the Committee, shall be included within and made a part of the report filed by the Committee with respect to that bill or resolution.

(d) *Printing of Reports.*—The report of the Committee on the measure or matter noted in paragraph (a) above shall be printed in a single volume, which shall:

(1) include all supplemental, minority, additional, or dissenting views that have been submitted by the time of the filing of the report; and

(2) bear on its cover a recital that any such supplemental, minority, additional, or dissenting views (and any material submitted under clause 3(a)(1) of House Rule XII) are included as part of the report.

(e) *Immediate Printing; Supplemental Reports.*—Nothing in this rule shall preclude—

(1) the immediate filing or printing of a Committee report unless timely request for the opportunity to file supplemental, minority, additional, or dissenting views has been made as provided by paragraph (c); or

(2) the filing by the Committee of any supplemental report on any bill or resolution that may be required for the correction of any technical error in a previous report made by the Committee on that bill or resolution.

(f) *Availability of Printed Hearing Records.*—For hearings held related to any reported bill or resolution, the Committee shall make every reasonable effort to have the record of such hearings printed and available for distribution to the Members of the House prior to the consideration of such bill or resolution by the House. Each printed hearing of the Committee or any of its subcommittees shall include a record of the attendance of the Members.

(g) *Committee Prints.*—All Committee or Subcommittee prints or other Committee or Subcommittee documents, other than reports or prints of bills, that are prepared for public distribution shall be approved by the Chairman of the Committee or the Committee prior to public distribution

(h) *Post Adjournment Filing of Committee Reports.*—(1) After an adjournment of the last regular session of a Congress *sine die*, an investigative or oversight report approved by the Committee may be filed with the Clerk at any time, provided that if a Member gives notice at the time of approval of intention to file supplemental, minority, additional, or dissenting views, that Member shall be entitled to not less than 7 calendar days in which to submit such views for inclusion with the report.

(2) After an adjournment of the last regular session of a Congress *sine die*, the Chairman of the Committee may file at any time with the Clerk the Committee's activity report for that Congress pursuant to clause 1(d)(1) of House Rule XI without the approval of the Committee, provided that a copy of the report has been available to each Member of the Committee for at least 7 calendar days and the report includes any supplemental, minority, additional, or dissenting views submitted by a Member of the Committee.

(3) All reports of committees may be delivered to the Clerk in electronic form.

(i) *Conference.*—The Chairman is directed to offer a motion under clause 1 of House Rule XXII whenever the Chairman considers it appropriate.

RULE X.—OTHER COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

(a) *Authorization and Oversight Plan.*—

(1) Not later than March 1 of the first session of a Congress, the Committee shall, in consultation with the Ranking Member, in a meeting that is open to the public, adopt its authorization and oversight plan for that Congress. Such plan shall be submitted si-

multaneously to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability and the Committee on House Administration.

(2) Each such plan shall include, with respect to programs and agencies within the committee's jurisdiction, and to the maximum extent practicable—

(A) a list of such programs or agencies with lapsed authorizations that received funding in the prior fiscal year or, in the case of a program or agency with a permanent authorization, which has not been subject to a comprehensive review by the committee in the prior three Congresses;

(B) a description of each such program or agency to be authorized in the current Congress;

(C) a description of each such program or agency to be authorized in the next Congress, if applicable;

(D) a description of any oversight to support the authorization of each such program or agency in the current Congress; and

(E) recommendations for changes to existing law for moving such programs or agencies from mandatory funding to discretionary appropriations, where appropriate.

(3) Each such plan may include, with respect to the programs and agencies within the Committee's jurisdiction—

(A) recommendations for the consolidation or termination of such programs or agencies that are duplicative, unnecessary, or inconsistent with the appropriate roles and responsibilities of the Federal Government;

(B) recommendations for changes to existing law related to Federal rules, regulations, statutes, and court decisions affecting such programs and agencies that are inconsistent with the authorities of the Congress under Article I of the Constitution; and

(C) a description of such other oversight activities as the committee may consider necessary.

(4) In the development of such plan, the Chairman shall coordinate with other committees of jurisdiction to ensure that programs and agencies are subject to routine, comprehensive authorization efforts.

(5) The Committee and its appropriate subcommittees shall review and study, on a continuing basis, the impact or probable impact of tax policies affecting subjects within its jurisdiction as provided in clause 2(c) of House Rule X.

(b) *Annual Appropriations.*—The Committee shall, in its consideration of all bills and joint resolutions of a public character within its jurisdiction, ensure that appropriations for continuing programs and activities of the Federal government and the District of Columbia government will be made annually to the maximum extent feasible and consistent with the nature, requirements, and objectives of the programs and activities involved. The Committee shall review, from time to time, each continuing program within its jurisdiction for which appropriations are not made annually in order to ascertain whether such program could be modified so that appropriations therefor would be made annually.

(c) *Budget Act Compliance: Views and Estimates* (See Appendix B).—Not later than 6 weeks after the President submits his budget under section 1105(a) of Title 31, United States Code, or at such time as the Committee on the Budget may request, the Committee shall, submit to the Committee on the Budget (1) its views and estimates with respect to all matters to be set forth in the concurrent resolution on the budget for the ensuing fiscal year (under section 301 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974) that are within its jurisdiction or functions; and (2) an estimate of the total amounts of new budget authority, and budget outlays resulting therefrom, to be provided or authorized

in all bills and resolutions within its jurisdiction that it intends to be effective during that fiscal year.

(d) *Budget Act Compliance: Recommended Changes.*—Whenever the Committee is directed in a concurrent resolution on the budget to determine and recommend changes in laws, bills, or resolutions under the reconciliation process, it shall promptly make such determination and recommendations and report a reconciliation bill or resolution (or both) to the House or submit such recommendations to the Committee on the Budget, in accordance with the Congressional Budget Act of 1974.

(e) *Conference Committees.*—Whenever in the legislative process it becomes necessary to appoint conferees, the Chairman shall, after consultation with the Ranking Minority Member, determine the number of conferees the Chairman deems most suitable and then recommend to the Speaker as conferees, in keeping with the number to be appointed by the Speaker as provided in clause 11 of House Rule I, the names of those Members of the Committee of not less than a majority who generally supported the House position and who were primarily responsible for the legislation. The Chairman shall, to the fullest extent feasible, include those Members of the Committee who were the principal proponents of the major provisions of the bill as it passed the House and such other Committee Members of the majority party as the Chairman may designate in consultation with the Members of the majority party. Such recommendations shall provide a ratio of majority party Members to minority party Members no less favorable to the majority party than the ratio of majority party Members to minority party Members on the Committee. In making recommendations of Minority Party Members as conferees, the Chairman shall consult with the Ranking Minority Member of the Committee.

(f) *Hearing on Waste, Fraud, and Abuse.*—(1) The Committee, or a Subcommittee, shall hold at least one hearing during each 120-day period following the establishment of the Committee on the topic of waste, fraud, abuse, or mismanagement in Government programs which the Committee may authorize.

(2) A hearing described in subparagraph (1) shall include a focus on the most egregious instances of waste, fraud, abuse, or mismanagement as documented by any report the Committee has received from a Federal Office of the Inspector General or the Comptroller General of the United States.

(g) *Hearing on Agency Financial Statements.*—The Committee or a Subcommittee, shall hold at least one hearing in any session in which the Committee has received disclaimers of agency financial statements from auditors of any Federal agency that the Committee may authorize to hear testimony on such disclaimers from representatives of any such agency.

(h) *Hearing on GAO High-Risk-List.*—The Committee or a Subcommittee, shall hold at least one hearing on issues raised by reports issued by the Comptroller General of the United States indicating that Federal programs or operations that the Committee may authorize are at high risk for waste, fraud, and mismanagement, known as the 'high-risk-list' or the 'high-risk series'.

(i) *Member Day Hearing.*—During the first session of a Congress, the Committee will hold a hearing at which it receives testimony from Members, Delegates, and the Resident Commissioner on proposed legislation within its jurisdiction.

(j) *Activities Report.*—(1) Not later than January 2 of each odd-numbered year, the Committee shall submit to the House a report on the activities of the Committee. After ad-

jourment sine die of the last regular session of a Congress, or after December 15 of an even-numbered year, whichever occurs first, the Chair may file the report, a copy of which shall be made available to each Member of the Committee for at least 7 calendar days, with the Clerk of the House at any time.

(2) Such report shall include separate sections summarizing the legislative and oversight activities of the Committee during that Congress.

(3) The oversight section of such report shall include a summary of the oversight plans submitted by the Committee pursuant to clause 2(d) of House Rule X, a summary of the actions taken and recommendations made with respect to each such plan, and a summary of any additional oversight activities undertaken by the Committee, and any recommendations made or actions taken with respect thereto.

RULE XI.—SUBCOMMITTEES

(a) *Number and Composition.*—There shall be such subcommittees as specified in paragraph (c) of this rule. Each of such subcommittees shall be composed of the number of Members set forth in paragraph (c) of this rule, including ex officio Members. The Chairman may create additional subcommittees of an ad hoc nature as the Chairman determines to be appropriate, subject to any limitations provided for in the House Rules.

(b) *Ratios.*—On each Subcommittee, there shall be a ratio of majority party Members to minority party Members which shall be consistent with the ratio on the full Committee. In calculating the ratio of majority party Members to minority party Members, there shall be included the ex officio Members of the subcommittees and ratios below reflect that fact.

(c) *Jurisdiction.*—Each Subcommittee shall have the following general jurisdiction and number of Members:

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General Farm Commodities, Risk Management, and Credit (27 members, 15 majority and 12 minority)—Policies, statutes, and markets relating to commodities including barley, cotton, cottonseed, corn, grain sorghum, honey, mohair, oats, other oilseeds, peanuts, pulse crops, rice, soybeans, sugar, wheat, and wool; the Commodity Credit Corporation; risk management policies and statutes, including Federal Crop Insurance; producer data and privacy issues; agricultural credit; and related oversight of such issues.

Forestry and Horticulture (15 members, 8 majority and 7 minority)—Policies and statutes relating to forestry and all forests under the jurisdiction of the Committee on Agriculture; regulatory issues impacting national forests; policies, statutes, and markets relating to horticulture, including fruits, vegetables, nuts, and ornamentals; bees and organic agriculture; policies and statutes relating to marketing and promotion orders; and related oversight of such issues.

Conservation, Research, and Biotechnology (21 members, 11 majority and 10 minority)—Policies and statutes related to resource conservation; pest and disease management, including pesticides; bioterrorism; adulteration and quarantine matters; research, education, and extension; biotechnology; and related oversight of such issues.

Nutrition and Foreign Agriculture (23 members, 12 majority and 11 minority)—policies and statutes relating to nutrition, including the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program and domestic commodity distribution and consumer initiative; policies and statutes related to foreign agricul-

tural assistance and trade promotion; and related oversight of such issues.

Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry (29 members, 15 majority and 14 minority)—Policies, statutes, and markets relating to all livestock, poultry, dairy, and seafood, including all products thereof; the inspection, marketing, and promotion of such commodities and products; aquaculture; animal welfare; grazing; and related oversight of such issues.

Commodity Markets, Digital Assets, and Rural Development (25 members, 13 majority and 12 minority)—Policies, statutes, and markets relating to commodity exchanges; rural development; energy; rural electrification; and related oversight of such issues.

(d) *Referral of Legislation.*—(1)(a) *In General.*—All bills, resolutions, and other matters referred to the Committee shall be referred to all subcommittees of appropriate jurisdiction within 2 weeks after being referred to the Committee. After consultation with the Ranking Minority Member, the Chairman may determine that the Committee will consider certain bills, resolutions, or other matters.

(b) *Trade Matters.*—Unless action is otherwise taken under subparagraph (3), bills, resolutions, and other matters referred to the Committee relating to foreign agriculture, foreign food or commodity assistance, and foreign trade and marketing issues will be considered by the Committee.

(2) The Chairman, by a majority vote of the Committee, may discharge a Subcommittee from further consideration of any bill, resolution, or other matter referred to the Subcommittee and have such bill, resolution, or other matter considered by the Committee. The Committee having referred a bill, resolution, or other matter to a Subcommittee in accordance with this rule may discharge such Subcommittee from further consideration thereof at any time by a vote of the majority Members of the Committee for the Committee's direct consideration or for reference to another Subcommittee.

(3) Unless the Committee, a quorum being present, decides otherwise by a majority vote, the Chairman may refer bills, resolutions, legislation, or other matters not specifically within the jurisdiction of a Subcommittee, or that is within the jurisdiction of more than one Subcommittee, jointly or exclusively as the Chairman deems appropriate, including concurrently to the subcommittees with jurisdiction, sequentially to the subcommittees with jurisdiction (subject to any time limits deemed appropriate), divided by subject matter among the subcommittees with jurisdiction, or to an ad hoc subcommittee appointed by the Chairman for the purpose of considering the matter and reporting to the Committee thereon, or make such other provisions deemed appropriate.

(e) *Participation and Service of Committee Members on Subcommittees.*—(1) The Chairman and the Ranking Minority Member shall serve as ex officio Members of all subcommittees and shall have the right to vote on all matters before the subcommittees. The Chairman and the Ranking Minority Member may not be counted for the purpose of establishing a quorum.

(2) Any Member of the Committee who is not a Member of the Subcommittee may have the privilege of sitting and nonparticipatory attendance at Subcommittee hearings or meetings in accordance with clause 2(g)(2) of House Rule XI. Such Member may not:

(i) vote on any matter;

(ii) be counted for the purpose of establishing a quorum;

(iii) participate in questioning a witness under the 5-Minute Rule, unless permitted to

do so by the Subcommittee Chairman in consultation with the Ranking Minority Member or a majority of the Subcommittee, a quorum being present;

- (iv) raise points of order; or
- (v) offer amendments or motions.

(f) *Subcommittee Hearings and Meetings.*—(1) Each Subcommittee is authorized to meet, hold hearings, receive evidence, and make recommendations to the Committee on all matters referred to it or under its jurisdiction after consultation by the Subcommittee Chairman with the Committee Chairman. (See Committee Rule VIII.)

(2) After consultation with the Committee Chairman, Subcommittee Chairmen shall set dates for hearings and meetings of their subcommittees and shall request the Majority Staff Director to make any announcement relating thereto. (See paragraph (b) of Committee Rule VIII.) In setting the dates, the Committee Chairman and Subcommittee Chairman shall consult with other Subcommittee Chairmen and relevant Committee and Subcommittee Ranking Minority Members in an effort to avoid simultaneously scheduling Committee and Subcommittee meetings or hearings to the extent practicable.

(3) Notice of all Subcommittee meetings shall be provided to the Chairman and the Ranking Minority Member of the Committee by the Majority Staff Director.

(4) Subcommittees may hold meetings or hearings outside of the House if the Chairman of the Committee and other Subcommittee Chairmen and the Ranking Minority Member of the Subcommittee is consulted in advance to ensure that there is no scheduling problem. However, the majority of the Committee may authorize such meeting or hearing.

(5) The provisions regarding notice and the agenda of Committee meetings under paragraph (a) of Committee Rule II and special or additional meetings under paragraph (b) of Committee Rule II shall apply to Subcommittee meetings.

(6) If a vacancy occurs in a Subcommittee chairmanship, the Chairman may set the dates for hearings and meetings of the Subcommittee during the period of vacancy. The Chairman may also appoint an acting Subcommittee Chairman until the vacancy is filled.

(g) *Subcommittee Action.*—(1) Any bill, resolution, recommendation, or other matter forwarded to the Committee by a Subcommittee shall be promptly forwarded by the Subcommittee Chairman or any Subcommittee Member authorized to do so by the Subcommittee.

(2) Upon receipt of such recommendation, the Majority Staff Director of the Committee shall promptly advise all Members of the Committee of the Subcommittee action.

(3) The Committee shall not consider any matters recommended by subcommittees until 2 calendar days have elapsed from the date of action, unless the Chairman or a majority of the Committee determines otherwise.

(h) *Subcommittee Investigations.*—No investigation shall be initiated by a Subcommittee without prior consultation with the Chairman of the Committee or a majority of the Committee.

RULE XII.—COMMITTEE BUDGET, STAFF, AND TRAVEL

(a) *Committee Budget.*—The Chairman, in consultation with the majority Members of the Committee and the minority Members of the Committee, shall prepare a preliminary budget for each session of the Congress. Such budget shall include necessary amounts for staff personnel, travel, investigation, and other expenses of the Committee and sub-

committees. After consultation with the Ranking Minority Member, the Chairman shall include an amount budgeted to minority Members for staff under their direction and supervision. Thereafter, the Chairman shall combine such proposals into a consolidated Committee budget and shall take whatever action is necessary to have such budget duly authorized by the House.

(b) *Committee Staff.*—(1) The Chairman shall appoint and determine the remuneration of, and may remove, the professional and clerical employees of the Committee not assigned to the minority. The professional and clerical staff of the Committee not assigned to the minority shall be under the general supervision and direction of the Chairman, who shall establish and assign the duties and responsibilities of such staff members and delegate such authority as he or she determines appropriate. (See clause 9 of House Rule X.)

(2) The Ranking Minority Member of the Committee shall appoint and determine the remuneration of, and may remove, the professional and clerical staff assigned to the minority within the budget approved for such purposes. The professional and clerical staff assigned to the minority shall be under the general supervision and direction of the Ranking Minority Member of the Committee who may delegate such authority as he or she determines appropriate.

(3) From the funds made available for the appointment of Committee staff pursuant to any primary or additional expense resolution, the Chairman shall ensure that each Subcommittee is adequately funded and staffed to discharge its responsibilities and that the minority party is fairly treated in the appointment of such staff (See clause 6(d) of House Rule X.)

(c) *Committee Travel.*—(1) Consistent with the primary expense resolution and such additional expense resolution as may have been approved, the provisions of this rule shall govern official travel of Committee Members and Committee staff regarding domestic and foreign travel (See clause 8 of House Rule X). Official travel for any Member or any Committee staff member shall be paid only upon the prior authorization of the Chairman. Official travel may be authorized by the Chairman for any Committee Member and any Committee staff member in connection with the attendance of hearings conducted by the Committee and its subcommittees and meetings, conferences, facility inspections, and investigations which involve activities or subject matter relevant to the general jurisdiction of the Committee. Before such authorization is given there shall be submitted to the Chairman in writing the following:

- (i) The purpose of the official travel;
- (ii) The dates during which the official travel is to be made and the date or dates of the event for which the official travel is being made;
- (iii) The location of the event for which the official travel is to be made; and
- (iv) The names of Members and Committee staff seeking authorization.

(2) In the case of official travel of Members and staff of a Subcommittee to hearings, meetings, conferences, facility inspections, and investigations involving activities or subject matter under the jurisdiction of such Subcommittee to be paid for out of funds allocated to the Committee, prior authorization must be obtained from the Subcommittee Chairman and the full Committee Chairman. Such prior authorization shall be given by the Chairman only upon the representation by the applicable Subcommittee Chairman in writing setting forth those items enumerated in clause (1).

(3) Within 60 days of the conclusion of any official travel authorized under this rule,

there shall be submitted to the Committee Chairman a written report covering the information gained as a result of the hearing, meeting, conference, facility inspection, or investigation attended pursuant to such official travel.

(4) Local currencies owned by the United States shall be made available to the Committee and its employees engaged in carrying out their official duties outside the United States, its territories or possessions. No appropriated funds shall be expended for the purpose of defraying expenses of Members of the Committee or its employees in any country where local currencies are available for this purpose, and the following conditions shall apply with respect to their use of such currencies:

(i) No Member or employee of the Committee shall receive or expend local currencies for subsistence in any country at a rate in excess of the maximum per diem rate set forth in applicable Federal law; and

(ii) Each Member or employee of the Committee shall make an itemized report to the Chairman within 60 days following the completion of travel showing the dates each country was visited, the amount of per diem furnished, the cost of transportation furnished, and any funds expended for any other official purpose, and shall summarize in these categories the total foreign currencies and appropriated funds expended. All such individual reports shall be filed by the Chairman with the Committee on House Administration and shall be open to public inspection.

RULE XIII.—AMENDMENT OF RULES

These Rules may be amended by a majority vote of the Committee. A proposed change in these Rules shall not be considered by the Committee as provided in clause 2 of House Rule XI, unless written notice of the proposed change has been provided to each Committee Member 2 legislative days in advance of the date on which the matter is to be considered. Any such change in the Rules of the Committee shall be published in the *Congressional Record* within 30 calendar days after its approval.

PUBLICATION OF COMMITTEE RULES

RULES OF THE COMMITTEE ON BUDGET FOR THE 119TH CONGRESS

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
COMMITTEE ON THE BUDGET

Washington, DC, January 31, 2025.

Hon. MIKE JOHNSON,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to clause 2(a) of rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives, I submit the Rules of the Committee on the Budget for the 119th Congress for publication in the *Congressional Record*. On January 23, 2025, the Committee on the Budget met in open session for the Committee's organizational meeting and adopted the Committee Rules by voice vote with a quorum present.

Sincerely,

JODEY C. ARRINGTON,
Chairman, Committee on the Budget.

GENERAL APPLICABILITY

RULE 1—APPLICABILITY OF HOUSE RULES

(a) Except as otherwise specified herein, the Rules of the House of Representatives are the rules of the Committee so far as applicable, except that a motion to recess from day to day, or a motion to recess subject to the call of the Chair (within 24 hours), or a motion to dispense with the first reading (in full) of a bill or resolution, if printed copies

are available, is a non-debatable motion of privilege in the Committee. A proposed investigative or oversight report shall be considered as read if it has been available to the members of the Committee for at least 24 hours (excluding Saturdays, Sundays, or legal holidays except when the House is in session on such day).

(b) The Committee's Rules shall be publicly available in electronic form and published in the Congressional Record not later than 60 days after the Chair of the Committee is elected in each odd-numbered year.

(c) The Chair, in consultation with the Ranking Minority Member, may establish such other procedures and take such actions as may be necessary to carry out these rules or facilitate the effective operation of the Committee.

RULE 2—VICE CHAIR

The Chair of the Committee shall designate a member of the majority party to serve as Vice Chair of the Committee in accordance with clause 2(d) of rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives. The Vice Chair shall preside at any meeting or hearing during the temporary absence of the Chair.

MEETINGS

RULE 3—REGULAR MEETINGS

(a) The regular meeting day of the Committee shall be the second Wednesday of each month at 11 a.m., while the House is in session, if notice is given pursuant to paragraph (c) and paragraph (g)(3) of clause 2(g)(3) of rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives.

(b) Regular meetings shall be canceled when they conflict with meetings of either party's caucus or conference.

(c) The Chair shall give written notice of the date, place, and subject matter of any Committee meeting, which may not commence earlier than the third calendar day (excluding Saturdays, Sundays, or legal holidays except when the House is in session on such day) on which members have notice thereof, unless the Chair, with the concurrence of the Ranking Minority Member, or the Committee by majority vote with a quorum present for the transaction of business, determines there is good cause to begin the meeting sooner, in which case the Chair shall make the announcement at the earliest possible date. An announcement shall be published promptly in the Daily Digest and made publicly available in electronic form.

RULE 4—ADDITIONAL AND SPECIAL MEETINGS

(a) The Chair may call and convene additional meetings of the Committee as the Chair considers necessary or special meetings at the request of a majority of the members of the Committee in accordance with clause 2(c) of rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives.

(b) In the absence of exceptional circumstances, the Chair shall provide public electronic notice of additional meetings to the office of each member at least 24 hours in advance while Congress is in session, and at least three days in advance when Congress is not in session.

RULE 5—OPEN BUSINESS MEETINGS

(a) Meetings and hearings of the Committee shall be called to order and presided over by the Chair or, in the Chair's absence, by the member designated by the Chair as the Vice Chair of the Committee, or by the ranking majority member of the Committee present as Acting Chair.

(b) Each meeting for the transaction of Committee business, including the markup of measures, shall be open to the public except when the Committee, in open session and with a quorum present, determines by

roll call vote that all or part of the remainder of the meeting on that day shall be closed to the public in accordance with clause 2(g)(1) of rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives.

(c) No person, other than members of the Committee and such congressional staff and departmental representatives as the Committee may authorize, shall be present at any business or markup session which has been closed to the public.

(d) Not later than 24 hours after the adoption of any amendment, or 48 hours after the disposition or withdrawal of any other amendment, to a measure or matter considered by the Committee, the Chair of the Committee shall cause the text of each such amendment to be made publicly available in electronic form.

RULE 6—QUORUM

A majority of the Committee shall constitute a quorum. No business shall be transacted, and no measure or recommendation shall be reported unless a quorum is actually present.

RULE 7—RECOGNITION

Any member, when recognized by the Chair, may address the Committee on any bill, motion, or other matter under consideration before the Committee. The time of such member shall be limited to five minutes until all members present have been afforded an opportunity to comment.

RULE 8—CONSIDERATION OF BUSINESS

Measures or matters may be placed before the Committee, for its consideration, by the Chair or by a majority vote of the Committee members, a quorum being present.

RULE 9—AVAILABILITY OF LEGISLATION

(a) The Committee shall consider no bill, joint resolution, or concurrent resolution unless copies of the measure have been made available to all Committee members at least 24 hours prior to the time at which such measure is to be considered. When considering concurrent resolutions on the budget, this requirement shall be satisfied by making available copies of the complete Chair's mark (or such material as will provide the basis for Committee consideration). The provisions of this rule may be suspended with the concurrence of the Chair and Ranking Minority Member.

(b) At least 24 hours prior to the commencement of a meeting for the markup of legislation, the Chair shall cause the text of such legislation to be made publicly available in electronic form.

RULE 10—PROCEDURE FOR CONSIDERATION OF BUDGET RESOLUTION

(a) In the consideration of a concurrent resolution on the budget, the Committee shall first proceed, unless otherwise determined by the Committee, to consider budget aggregates, functional categories, and other appropriate matters on a tentative basis, with the document before the Committee open to amendment. Subsequent amendments may be offered to aggregates, functional categories, or other appropriate matters, which have already been amended in their entirety.

(b) Following adoption of the aggregates, functional categories, and other matters, the text of a concurrent resolution on the budget incorporating such aggregates, functional categories, and other appropriate matters shall be considered for amendment and a final vote.

RULE 11—ROLL CALL VOTES

(a) A roll call of the members may be had upon the request of at least one-fifth of those present. In the apparent absence of a quorum, a roll call may be had on the request of any member.

(b) No vote may be conducted on any measure or motion pending before the Committee unless a quorum is present for such purpose.

(c) In accordance with clause 2(e)(1)(B) of rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives, a record of the vote of each Committee member on each recorded vote shall be made publicly available in electronic form within 48 hours of such record vote, and, with respect to any roll call vote on any motion to amend or report, shall be included in the report of the Committee showing the total number of votes cast for and against and the names of those members voting for and against.

RULE 12—PROXY VOTING

No vote by any member of the Committee on any measure or matter may be cast by proxy.

HEARINGS

RULE 13—ANNOUNCEMENT OF HEARINGS

The Chair shall make a public announcement of the date, place, and subject matter of any Committee hearing at least one week before the hearing, beginning with the day in which the announcement is made and ending the day preceding the scheduled hearing unless the Chair, with the concurrence of the Ranking Minority Member, or the Committee by majority vote with a quorum present for the transaction of business, determines there is good cause to begin the hearing sooner, in which case the Chair shall make the announcement at the earliest possible date. Such announcement shall be published promptly in the Daily Digest and made publicly available in electronic form.

RULE 14—OPEN HEARINGS

(a) Each hearing conducted by the Committee or any of its task forces shall be open to the public except when the Committee or task force, in open session and with a quorum present, determines by roll call vote that all or part of the remainder of that hearing on that day shall be closed to the public because disclosure of testimony, evidence, or other matters to be considered would endanger the national security, or would compromise sensitive law enforcement information, or would tend to defame, degrade, or incriminate any person, or would violate any law or rule of the House of Representatives. The Committee or task forces may by the same procedure vote to close one subsequent day of hearing.

(b) For the purposes of clause 2(g)(2) of rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the task forces of the Committee are considered to be subcommittees.

RULE 15—MEMBER DAY HEARING REQUIREMENT

During the first session of the 119th Congress, the Committee shall hold a Member Day Hearing to hear testimony from members, delegates, and the resident commissioner—whether or not they are a member of the Committee—on budget priorities and budget process reform.

RULE 16—QUORUM

For the purpose of hearing testimony, not less than two members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum.

RULE 17—QUESTIONING WITNESSES

(a) Questioning of witnesses will be conducted under the five-minute rule unless the Committee adopts a motion pursuant to clause 2(j) of rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives.

(b) In questioning witnesses under the five-minute rule:

(1) First, the Chair and the Ranking Minority Member shall be recognized;

(2) Next, the Committee members present at the time the hearing is called to order shall be recognized in order of seniority; and

(3) Finally, the Committee members not present at the time the hearing is called to order may be recognized in the order of their arrival at the hearing.

(c) In recognizing Committee members to question witnesses, the Chair may take into consideration the ratio of majority members to minority members and the number of majority and minority members present and shall apportion the recognition for questioning in such a manner as not to disadvantage the members of the majority.

(d) Notwithstanding the provisions of section (a), the Chair and Ranking Minority Member may designate an equal number of members from each party to question a witness for a period not longer than 30 minutes, or may designate staff from each party to question a witness for a period not longer than 30 minutes.

RULE 18—SUBPOENAS AND OATHS

(a) In accordance with clause 2(m) of rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives, subpoenas authorized by a majority of the Committee or by the Chair may be issued over the signature of the Chair and may be served by any person designated by the Chair or such member.

(b) The Chair, or any member of the Committee designated by the Chair, may administer oaths to witnesses.

RULE 19—WITNESSES' STATEMENTS

(a) So far as practicable, any prepared statement to be presented by a witness shall be submitted to the Committee at least 24 hours in advance of presentation and shall be distributed to all members of the Committee in advance of presentation.

(b) To the greatest extent possible, each witness appearing in a nongovernmental capacity shall include with the written statement of proposed testimony a curriculum vitae and a disclosure of the amount and source (by agency and program) of any Federal grant (or sub-grant thereof) or contract (or subcontract thereof) received during the current fiscal year or either of the two preceding fiscal years.

(c) Such statements, with appropriate redactions to protect the privacy of witnesses, shall be made publicly available in electronic form not later than one day after the witness appears.

PRINTS AND PUBLICATIONS

RULE 20—COMMITTEE PRINTS

All Committee prints and other materials prepared for public distribution shall be approved by the Committee prior to any distribution, unless such print or other material shows clearly on its face that it has not been approved by the Committee.

RULE 21—COMMITTEE PUBLICATIONS ON THE INTERNET

To the maximum extent feasible, the Committee shall make its publications available in electronic form.

STAFF

RULE 22—COMMITTEE STAFF

(a) Subject to approval by the Committee and to the provisions of the following sections, the professional and clerical staff of the Committee shall be appointed, and may be removed, by the Chair.

(b) Committee staff shall not be assigned any duties other than those pertaining to Committee business, and shall be selected in accordance with clause 9 of rule XXIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives and solely on the basis of fitness to perform the duties of their respective positions.

(c) All Committee staff shall be entitled to equitable treatment, including comparable salaries, facilities, access to official Committee records, leave, and hours of work.

(d) Notwithstanding sections (a), (b), and (c), staff shall be employed in compliance

with the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Employment and Accountability Act, the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938, and any other applicable Federal statutes.

RULE 23—STAFF SUPERVISION

(a) Staff shall be under the general supervision and direction of the Chair, who shall establish and assign their duties and responsibilities, delegate such authority as the Chair deems appropriate, fix and adjust staff salaries (in accordance with rule X, clause 9(c) of the Rules of the House of Representatives) and job titles, and, at the Chair's discretion, arrange for their specialized training.

(b) Staff assigned to the minority shall be under the general supervision and direction of the minority members of the Committee, who may delegate such authority, as they deem appropriate.

RECORDS

RULE 24—PREPARATION AND MAINTENANCE OF COMMITTEE RECORDS

(a) A substantially verbatim account of remarks actually made during the proceedings shall be made of all hearings and business meetings subject only to technical, grammatical, and typographical corrections.

(b) The proceedings of the Committee shall be recorded in a journal, which shall, among other things, include a record of the votes on any question on which a record vote is taken.

(c) Members of the Committee shall correct and return transcripts of hearings as soon as practicable after receipt thereof, except that any changes shall be limited to technical, grammatical, and typographical corrections.

(d) Any witness may examine the transcript of their own testimony and make grammatical, technical, and typographical corrections.

(e) The Chair may order the printing of a hearing record without the corrections of any member or witness if the Chair determines that such member or witness has been afforded a reasonable time for correction, and that further delay would seriously impede the Committee's responsibility for meeting its deadlines under the Congressional Budget Act of 1974.

(f) Transcripts of hearings and meetings may be printed if the Chair decides it is appropriate, or if a majority of the members so request.

RULE 25—ACCESS TO COMMITTEE RECORDS

(a) The Chair shall promulgate regulations to provide for public inspection of roll call votes and to provide access by members to Committee records (in accordance with clause 2(e) of rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives).

(b) Access to classified testimony and information shall be limited to members of Congress and to House Budget Committee staff and staff of the Office of Official Reporters who have an appropriate security clearance.

(c) Notice of the receipt of such information shall be sent to the Committee members. Such information shall be kept in the Committee safe and shall be available to members in the Committee office.

(d) The records of the Committee at the National Archives and Records Administration shall be made available for public use in accordance with rule VII of the Rules of the House of Representatives. The Chair shall notify the Ranking Minority Member of any decision, pursuant to clause 3(b)(3) or clause 4(b) of the rule, to withhold a record otherwise available, and the matter shall be presented to the Committee for a determination on the written request of any member of the Committee.

OVERSIGHT

RULE 26—GENERAL OVERSIGHT

(a) The Committee shall review and study, on a continuing basis, the application, administration, execution, and effectiveness of those laws, or parts of laws, the subject of which is within its jurisdiction.

(b) The Committee is authorized at any time to conduct such investigations and studies as it may consider necessary or appropriate in the exercise of its responsibilities under clause 1(d) of rule X of the Rules of the House of Representatives, and, subject to the adoption of expense resolutions as required by clause 6 of rule X of the Rules of the House of Representatives, to incur expenses (including travel expenses) in connection therewith.

(c) Not later than March 1 of the first session of a Congress, the Committee shall meet in open session, with a quorum present, to adopt its authorization and oversight plan for that Congress and submit such plan to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform and the Committee on House Administration in accordance with the provisions of clause 2(d) of rule X of the Rules of the House of Representatives.

REPORTS

RULE 27—AVAILABILITY BEFORE FILING

(a) Any report accompanying any bill or resolution ordered reported to the House by the Committee shall be available to all Committee members at least 36 hours prior to filing with the House.

(b) No material change shall be made in any report made available to members pursuant to section (a) without the concurrence of the Ranking Minority Member or by a majority vote of the Committee.

(c) Notwithstanding any other rule of the Committee, either or both sections (a) and (b) may be waived by the Chair or by a majority vote of the Committee.

RULE 28—REPORT ON THE BUDGET RESOLUTION

The report of the Committee to accompany a concurrent resolution on the budget shall include any roll call vote on any motion to amend or report any measure.

RULE 29—PARLIAMENTARIAN'S STATUS REPORT AND SECTION 302 STATUS REPORT

(a)(1) In order to carry out its duty under sections 311 and 312 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 to advise the House of Representatives as to the current level of spending and revenues as compared to the levels set forth in the latest agreed-upon concurrent resolution on the budget, the Committee shall advise the Speaker on at least a monthly basis when the House is in session as to its estimate of the current level of spending and revenue. Such estimates shall be prepared by the staff of the Committee, transmitted to the Speaker in the form of a Parliamentarian's Status Report, and printed in the Congressional Record.

(2) The Committee authorizes the Chair, in consultation with the Ranking Minority Member, to transmit to the Speaker the Parliamentarian's Status Report described above.

(b)(1) In order to carry out its duty under sections 302 and 312 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 to advise the House of Representatives as to the current level of spending within the jurisdiction of committees as compared to the appropriate allocations made pursuant to the Act in conformity with the latest agreed-upon concurrent resolution on the budget, the Committee shall, as necessary, advise the Speaker as to its estimate of the current level of spending within the jurisdiction of appropriate committees. Such estimates shall be prepared by the staff of the Committee and

transmitted to the Speaker in the form of a Section 302 Status Report.

(2) The Committee authorizes the Chair, in consultation with the Ranking Minority Member, to transmit to the Speaker the Section 302 Status Report described above.

RULE 30—ACTIVITY REPORT

(a) After an adjournment sine die of a regular session of a Congress or after December 15 of an even-numbered year, the Chair of the Committee may file at any time with the Clerk the Committee's activity report for that Congress pursuant to clause 1(d)(1) of rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives without the approval of the Committee, if a copy of the report has been available to each member of the Committee for at least seven calendar days and the report includes any supplemental, minority, additional, or dissenting views submitted by a member of the Committee.

(b) Such report shall include separate sections summarizing the legislative and oversight activities of the Committee; a summary of the actions taken and recommendations made; a summary of any additional oversight activities undertaken by the Committee, and any recommendations made or actions taken thereon; and a delineation of any hearings held.

MISCELLANEOUS

RULE 31—BROADCASTING OF MEETINGS AND HEARINGS

(a) It shall be the policy of the Committee to give all news media access to open hearings of the Committee, subject to the requirements and limitations set forth in clause 4 of rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives.

(b) Whenever any Committee business meeting is open to the public, that meeting may be covered, in whole or in part, by television broadcast, radio broadcast, still photography, or by any of such methods of coverage, in accordance with clause 4 of rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives.

RULE 32—COMMITTEE WEBSITE

The Chair shall maintain an official Committee website for the purpose of furthering the Committee's legislative and oversight responsibilities, including communicating information about the Committee's activities to Committee members, other members of the House, and the public. The Ranking Minority Member may maintain a similar website for the same purpose, including communicating information about the activities of the minority to Committee members, other members of the House, and the public.

RULE 33—APPOINTMENT OF CONFEREES

(a) Majority party members recommended to the Speaker as conferees shall be recommended by the Chair subject to the approval of the majority party members of the Committee.

(b) The Chair shall recommend such minority party members as conferees as shall be determined by the minority party; the recommended party representation shall be in approximately the same proportion as that in the Committee.

RULE 34—WAIVERS

When a reported bill or joint resolution, conference report, or anticipated floor amendment violates any provision of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, the Chair may, if practical, consult with the Committee members on whether the Chair should recommend, in writing, that the Committee on Rules report a special rule that enforces the Act by not waiving the applicable points of order during the consideration of such measure.

PUBLICATION OF COMMITTEE RULES

RULES OF THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES FOR THE 119TH CONGRESS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES, Washington, DC, January 30, 2025.

HON. MIKE JOHNSON,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to clause 2(a)(2) of House of Representatives Rule XI, I submit the rules of the Committee on Natural Resources for the 119th Congress for publication in the Congressional Record. The rules were adopted by a quorum of the Committee at its organizational meeting on January 22, 2025.

Sincerely,

BRUCE WESTERMAN,
Chairman.

RULE 1. RULES OF THE HOUSE; VICE CHAIRS

(a) Applicability of House Rules.

(1) The Rules of the House of Representatives, so far as they are applicable, are the rules of the Committee on Natural Resources (hereinafter in these rules referred to as the "Committee") and its Subcommittees.

(2) Each Subcommittee is part of the Committee and is subject to the authority, direction and rules of the Committee. References in these rules to "Committee" and "Chair" shall apply to each subcommittee and its Chair wherever applicable.

(3) House Rule XI is incorporated and made a part of the rules of the Committee to the extent applicable.

(b) Vice Chair.—Unless inconsistent with other rules, the Chair shall designate a Vice Chair of the Committee and appoint Vice Chairs of the Subcommittees. If the Chair of the Committee or Subcommittee is not present at any meeting of the Committee or Subcommittee, as the case may be, the Vice Chair shall preside. If the Vice Chair is not present, the Ranking Member of the Majority party on the Committee or Subcommittee who is present, or the Chair's designee, shall preside at that meeting.

RULE 2. MEETINGS IN GENERAL

(a) Scheduled Meetings.—The Committee shall meet at 10 a.m. the first Wednesday of each month when the House is in session if so noticed by the Chair under Committee Rule 3(a). The Committee shall also meet at the call of the Chair subject to advance notice to all Members of the Committee. Special meetings shall be called and convened by the Chair as provided in clause 2(c)(1) of House Rule XI. Any Committee meeting or hearing that conflicts with a party caucus, conference, or similar party meeting shall be rescheduled at the discretion of the Chair, in consultation with the Ranking Minority Member. The Committee may not sit during a joint session of the House and Senate or during a recess when a joint meeting of the House and Senate is in progress.

(b) Open Meetings.—Each meeting for the transaction of business, including the markup of legislation, and each hearing of the Committee or a Subcommittee shall be open to the public, except as provided by clause 2(g) and clause 2(k) of House Rule XI.

(c) Broadcasting.—Whenever a meeting for the transaction of business, including the markup of legislation, or a hearing is open to the public, that meeting or hearing shall be open to coverage by audio and visual recordings in accordance with clauses 2(a)(1) and 4 of House Rule XI. The provisions of clause 4(f) of House Rule XI are specifically made part of these rules by reference. To the maximum extent practicable, the Committee shall provide audio and visual coverage of each hearing or meeting for the transaction of business in a manner that allows the pub-

lic to easily listen to and view the proceedings, and maintain the recordings of such coverage in a manner that is easily accessible to the public. Operation and use of any Committee internet broadcast system shall be fair, and nonpartisan, and in accordance with clause 4(b) of House Rule XI and all other applicable rules of the Committee and the House.

(d) Authorization and Oversight Plan.—No later than March 1 of the first session of each Congress, the Committee shall prepare and submit its authorization and oversight plan for that Congress in accordance with clause 2(d) of House Rule X.

RULE 3. MEETING AND HEARING PROCEDURES IN GENERAL

(a) Notice and Information for Members and the Public.

(1) The Chair shall publicly announce the date, place and subject matter of a Committee hearing or meeting in accordance with clause 2(g)(3) of House Rule XI.

(2) A hearing or meeting may begin sooner if the Chair, with the concurrence of the Ranking Minority Member, determines that there is good cause to begin the meeting or hearing sooner, or if the Committee so determines by majority vote. In these cases, the Chair shall publicly announce the meeting or hearing at the earliest possible time. The Committee shall promptly notify the Daily Digest Clerk of the Congressional Record and shall promptly make publicly available in electronic form the appropriate information as soon as possible after the public announcement is made.

(3) To the extent practicable, a background memorandum prepared by the Majority staff summarizing the major provisions of any bill being considered by the Committee, including the need for the bill and its effect on current law, will be available for the Members of the Committee and the public no later than 48 hours before the meeting.

(b) Public Availability of Markup Text.—At least 24 hours prior to the markup of any legislation (or at the time of an announcement under paragraph (a)(2) above made within 24 hours before such meeting), the Chair shall cause the text of such legislation to be made publicly available in electronic form.

(c) Meetings and Hearings to Begin Promptly.—Each meeting or hearing of the Committee shall begin promptly at the time stipulated in the public announcement of the meeting or hearing.

(d) Addressing the Committee.—A Committee Member may address the Committee or a Subcommittee on any bill, motion, or other matter under consideration or may question a witness at a hearing only when recognized by the Chair for that purpose. The time a Member may address the Committee or Subcommittee for any purpose or to question a witness shall be limited to five minutes, except as provided in Committee Rule 4(f), and except that the Chair may extend this time period equally for the majority and minority party for the purpose of Members questioning a witness who requires an interpreter. In recognizing Members to question witnesses, the Chair shall take into consideration the ratio of the Majority to Minority Members present and shall establish the order of recognition for questioning in a manner so as not to disadvantage the Members of the Majority or the Members of the Minority. Members shall limit remarks to the subject matter under consideration.

(e) Quorums.

(1) A majority of the Members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum for the reporting of any measure or recommendation, the authorizing of a subpoena under Committee Rule 4(d); the closing of any meeting

or hearing to the public under clause 2(g)(1), clause 2(g)(2)(A) and clause 2(k)(5)(B) of House Rule XI; and the releasing of executive session materials under clause 2(k)(7) of House Rule XI. Testimony and evidence may be received at any hearing at which there are at least two Members of the Committee present. For the purpose of transacting all other business of the Committee, one-third of the Members shall constitute a quorum.

(2) When a call of the roll is required to ascertain the presence of a quorum, the offices of all Members shall be notified, and the Members shall have not less than 15 minutes to prove their attendance. The Chair shall have the discretion to waive this requirement when a quorum is actually present or whenever a quorum is secured and may direct the Director of Legislative Operations or their designee to note the names of all Members present within the 15-minute period.

(f) Participation of Members in Committee and Subcommittees.

(1) Any Member of the Committee may sit with any Subcommittee during any meeting or hearing, and by unanimous consent of the Members of the Subcommittee may participate in such meeting or hearing. However, a Member who is not a Member of the Subcommittee may not vote on any matter before the Subcommittee, be counted for purposes of establishing a quorum, or raise points of order.

(2) Any Member of the House who is not a Member of the Committee may sit with the full Committee or any Subcommittee during any meeting or hearing, and by unanimous consent of the Members of the Committee or Subcommittee may participate in such meeting or hearing. Unless otherwise provided by unanimous consent, such participation includes but is not limited to the right to seek recognition, to submit materials for the record as described in Committee Rule 3(o), and to introduce a constituent witness as described in Committee Rule 4(f)(1). However, a Member of the House who is not a Member of the Committee may not vote on any matter, be counted for purposes of establishing a quorum, raise points of order, or offer motions.

(g) Proxies.—No vote in the Committee or its Subcommittees may be cast by proxy.

(h) Recorded Votes.—Recorded votes shall be ordered on the demand of one-fifth of the Members present, or by any Member in the apparent absence of a quorum. The Chair may conduct any record vote by electronic device in accordance with clause 2(n) of House Rule XI.

(i) Postponed Recorded Votes.

(1) Subject to paragraph (2), the Chair may, after consultation with the Ranking Minority Member, postpone further proceedings when a recorded vote is ordered on the question of approving any measure or matter or adopting an amendment. The Chair shall resume proceedings on a postponed request at any time after reasonable notice, but no later than the next meeting day.

(2) Notwithstanding any intervening order for the previous question, when proceedings resume on a postponed question under paragraph (1), an underlying proposition shall remain subject to further debate or amendment to the same extent as when the question was postponed.

(3) This rule shall apply to Subcommittee proceedings.

(j) Privileged Motions.—A motion to recess from day to day, a motion to recess subject to the call of the Chair (within 24 hours), and a motion to dispense with the first reading (in full) of a bill or resolution if printed or electronic copies are available and have been properly circulated by the Director of Legislative Operations or their designee, are non-debatable motions of high privilege.

(k) Layover and Copy of Bill.—No measure or recommendation reported by a Subcommittee shall be considered by the Committee until two calendar days from the time of Subcommittee action. No bill shall be considered by the Committee unless a copy has been delivered to the office of each Member of the Committee requesting a copy. These requirements may be waived by a majority vote of the Committee at the time of consideration of the measure or recommendation.

(l) Access to Dais and Conference Room.—Access to the hearing rooms' daises (and to the conference rooms adjacent to the Committee hearing rooms) shall be limited to Members of Congress and employees of the Committee during a meeting or hearing of the Committee, except that Committee Members' personal staff may be present on the daises if their employing Member is the author of a bill or amendment under consideration by the Committee, but only during the time that the bill or amendment is under active consideration by the Committee.

(m) Cellular Telephones and other Electronic Devices.—During a meeting or hearing of the Committee, ringing or audible sounds or conversational use of cellular telephones or other electronic devices is prohibited on the Committee dais or in the Committee hearing rooms.

(n) Motion to go to Conference with the Senate.—The Chair may offer a motion under clause 1 of House Rule XXII whenever the Chair considers it appropriate.

(o) Materials for Record.—Other than witness questions for the hearing record, materials must be submitted within 10 business days following the last day of the hearing or meeting. Witness questions for the hearing record must be submitted to the Director of Legislative Operations or their designee within 3 business days following the last day of the hearing. The materials submitted must address the subject matter of the hearing or meeting. Only a Member of the Committee (including a Member participating as provided in Committee Rule 3(f)) or an invited witness may submit materials for inclusion in the hearing or meeting record.

RULE 4. HEARING PROCEDURES

(a) Written Statement; Oral Testimony.—Witnesses who are to appear before the Committee or a Subcommittee shall file with the Director of Legislative Operations or their designee, at least two business days before the day of their appearance, a written statement of their proposed testimony, including to the extent practicable English translations of any portions not in English. Witnesses shall limit their oral presentation to a five-minute summary of the written statement, unless the Chair, in consultation with the Ranking Minority Member, extends this time period. Subject to the approval of the Committee, the Chair may waive oral testimony of any witness who has submitted written testimony for the record. Any witness appearing before the Committee shall remain available for questioning by the Committee, unless excused by the Chair. In addition, a witness appearing in a nongovernmental capacity shall file such disclosure materials required by clause 2(g)(5) of House Rule XI. Any witness appearing in a nongovernmental capacity shall also disclose any current or pending litigation that involves the Federal Government. Failure to comply with these disclosure requirements may result in the exclusion of the written testimony from the hearing record and/or the barring of an oral presentation of the testimony. Disclosure materials may be signed electronically.

(b) Minority Witnesses.—When any hearing is conducted by the Committee or any Sub-

committee upon any measure or matter, the Minority party Members on the Committee or Subcommittee shall be entitled, upon request to the Chair by a majority of those Minority Members before the completion of the hearing, to call witnesses selected by the Minority to testify with respect to that measure or matter during at least one day of hearings thereon.

(c) Information for Members.—After announcement of a hearing, the Committee shall make available as soon as practicable to all Members of the Committee a tentative witness list and to the extent practicable the Majority staff shall make publicly available a memorandum explaining the subject matter of the hearing (including relevant legislative reports and other necessary material). In addition, the Chair shall make available to the Members of the Committee any official reports from departments and agencies on the subject matter as they are received.

(d) Subpoenas.

(1) The Chair of the Committee may authorize and issue a subpoena under clause 2(m) of House Rule XI.

(2) The Committee may authorize and issue a subpoena under clause 2(m) of House Rule XI if authorized by a majority of the Members voting.

(3) Subpoenas shall be signed only by the Chair of the Committee. Subpoenas may be served by any person designated by the Chair.

(4) For any subpoena issued pursuant to Committee Rule 4(d)(1), the Chair shall, to the extent practicable, cause notice of the issuance of such subpoena to the Minority, and such notice shall be given at least contemporaneously with service of such subpoena.

(e) Oaths.—The Chair of the Committee, the Chairs of the Subcommittees, or any Member designated by the Chair may administer oaths to any witness before the Committee. All witnesses appearing in hearings may be administered the following oath by the Chair or his designee prior to receiving the testimony: "Do you solemnly swear or affirm, under penalty of law, that the testimony that you are about to give is the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God?"

(f) Opening Statements; Questioning of Witnesses.

(1) Opening Statements may be made by the Chair and the Ranking Member or their designee. Such Statements shall be limited to five minutes in length. If a witness scheduled to testify at any hearing of the Committee is a constituent of a Member of the Committee (including a Member participating under Committee Rule 3(f)), that Member may be recognized for up to 30 seconds to briefly introduce the witness at the hearing.

(2) The questioning of witnesses in Committee and Subcommittee hearings may be initiated by the Chair, followed by the Ranking Minority Member and all other Members alternating between the Majority and Minority parties. In recognizing Members to question witnesses, the Chair shall take into consideration the ratio of the Majority to Minority Members present and shall establish the order of recognition for questioning in a manner so as not to disadvantage the Members of the Majority or the Members of the Minority. A motion is in order to allow designated Majority and Minority party Members to question a witness for a specified period to be equally divided between the Majority and Minority parties. This period shall not exceed one hour in the aggregate.

(g) Claims of Privilege.—Claims of common-law privileges made by witnesses in hearings, or by interviewees or deponents in investigations or inquiries, are applicable

only at the discretion of the Chair, subject to appeal to the Committee.

RULE 5. FILING OF COMMITTEE REPORTS

(a) Duty of Chair.—Whenever the Committee authorizes the favorable reporting of a measure from the Committee, the Chair or the Chair's designee shall report the same to the House of Representatives and shall take all steps necessary to secure its passage without any additional authority needing to be set forth in the motion to report each individual measure. In appropriate cases, the authority set forth in this rule shall extend to moving in accordance with the Rules of the House of Representatives that the House be resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the consideration of the measure; and to moving in accordance with the Rules of the House of Representatives for the disposition of a Senate measure that is substantially the same as the House measure as reported. Subject to the approval of the Chair and the Ranking Minority Member, staff may make necessary technical and conforming changes to measures that the Committee has authorized to be reported favorably.

(b) Filing.—A report on a measure that has been approved by the Committee shall be filed within seven calendar days (exclusive of days on which the House of Representatives is not in session) after the day on which there has been filed with the relevant Full Committee staff a written request, signed by a majority of the Members of the Committee, for the reporting of that measure. Upon the filing with the relevant Full Committee staff of this request, the staff shall transmit immediately to the Chair notice of the filing of that request.

(c) Supplemental, Additional, Dissenting, or Minority Views.—Any Member may, if notice is given by any Member at the time a measure or matter is approved by the Committee, file supplemental, additional, dissenting, or minority views. These views must be in writing and signed by each Member joining therein and be filed with the Committee Chief Counsel not less than two additional calendar days (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays except when the House is in session on those days) of the time the bill or resolution is approved by the Committee. This paragraph shall not preclude the filing of any supplemental report on any measure or matter that may be required for the correction of any technical error in a previous report made by the Committee on that bill or resolution.

(d) Review by Members.—Each Member of the Committee shall be given an opportunity to review each proposed Committee report before it is filed with the Clerk of the House of Representatives. Nothing in this paragraph extends the time allowed for filing supplemental, additional, dissenting, or minority views under paragraph (c).

(e) Disclaimer.—All Committee or Subcommittee reports printed and not approved by a majority vote of the Committee or Subcommittee, as appropriate, shall contain the following disclaimer on the cover of the report: "This report has not been officially adopted by the {Committee on Natural Resources} {Subcommittee} and therefore may not necessarily reflect the views of its Members."

RULE 6. ESTABLISHMENT OF SUBCOMMITTEES; FULL COMMITTEE JURISDICTION; BILL REFERRALS

(a) Subcommittees.—There shall be five standing Subcommittees of the Committee, with the following jurisdiction and responsibilities:

Subcommittee on Federal Lands

(1) Measures and matters related to the National Park System and its units, including Federal reserved water rights.

(2) The National Wilderness Preservation System.

(3) Wild and Scenic Rivers System, National Trails System, national heritage areas and other national units established for protection, conservation, preservation or recreational development, other than coastal barriers.

(4) Military parks and battlefields, national cemeteries administered by the Secretary of the Interior, parks in and within the vicinity of the District of Columbia and the erection of monuments to the memory of individuals.

(5) Federal and non-Federal outdoor recreation plans, programs and administration including the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 and the Outdoor Recreation Act of 1963.

(6) Preservation of prehistoric ruins and objects of interest on the public domain and other historic preservation programs and activities, including national monuments, historic sites and programs for international cooperation in the field of historic preservation.

(7) Matters concerning the following agencies and programs: Urban Parks and Recreation Recovery Program, Historic American Buildings Survey, Historic American Engineering Record, and U.S. Holocaust Memorial.

(8) Public lands generally, including measures or matters relating to entry, easements, withdrawals, grazing, and Federal reserved water rights.

(9) Forfeiture of land grants and alien ownership, including alien ownership of mineral lands.

(10) Cooperative efforts to encourage, enhance, and improve international programs for the protection of the environment and the conservation of natural resources otherwise within the jurisdiction of the Subcommittee.

(11) Forest reservations, including management thereof, created from the public domain.

(12) Public forest lands generally, including measures or matters related to entry, easements, withdrawals, grazing, and Federal reserved water rights.

(13) General and continuing oversight and investigative authority over activities, policies, and programs within the jurisdiction of the Subcommittee.

Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife and Fisheries

(1) Generation and marketing of electric power from Federal water projects by Federally chartered or Federal regional power marketing authorities.

(2) All measures and matters concerning water resources planning conducted pursuant to the Water Resources Planning Act, water resource research and development programs, and saline water research and development.

(3) Compacts relating to the use and apportionment of interstate waters, water rights, and major interbasin water or power movement programs.

(4) All measures and matters pertaining to irrigation and reclamation projects and other water resources development and recycling programs, including policies and procedures.

(5) Indian water rights and settlements.

(6) Activities and programs of the Water Resources and Ecosystem Mission Areas or their successors within the U.S. Geological Survey.

(7) The Endangered Species Act.

(8) Fisheries management and fisheries research generally, including the management of all commercial and recreational fisheries (including the reauthorization of the Magnu-

son Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act), interjurisdictional fisheries, international fisheries agreements, aquaculture, seafood safety, and fisheries promotion.

(9) All matters pertaining to the protection of coastal and marine environments, estuarine protection, and coastal barriers.

(10) Oceanography.

(11) Ocean engineering, including materials, technology, and systems.

(12) Marine sanctuaries.

(13) U.N. Convention on the Law of the Sea.

(14) All matters regarding Antarctica within the Committee's jurisdiction.

(15) Sea Grant programs and marine extension services.

(16) Cooperative efforts to encourage, enhance and improve international programs for the protection of the environment and the conservation of natural resources otherwise within the jurisdiction of the Subcommittee.

(17) Coastal zone management.

(18) Wildlife resources, including research, restoration, and conservation.

(19) Measures and matters related to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, including ecological services, fish and aquatic conservation, international affairs, migratory birds, national wildlife refuge system, wildlife and sport fish restoration, and the Lacey Act.

(20) General and continuing oversight and investigative authority over activities, policies, and programs within the jurisdiction of the Subcommittee.

Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources

(1) Planning for and development of energy from solar and wind resources on land belonging to the United States, including the outer Continental Shelf.

(2) All matters and measures affecting geothermal resources.

(3) Marine hydrokinetic energy development on the outer Continental Shelf.

(4) All matters related to the leasing, development, and conservation of fossil fuel resources belonging to the United States, including on the outer Continental Shelf and land where the surface is owned by entities other than the United States, including decommissioning of relevant facilities and reclamation of affected areas.

(5) Mitigation of energy and mining related impacts on Federal lands and resources.

(6) Terrestrial and geological sequestration of carbon dioxide, except for matters involving implementation of land or forestry management strategies.

(7) All measures and matters concerning the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement.

(8) All measures and matters concerning the U.S. Geological Survey, except for the activities and programs of the Water Resources and Ecosystem Mission Areas or their successors.

(9) Collection and management of energy and mineral revenues.

(10) Mining interests generally, including all matters involving mining regulation and enforcement, including the reclamation of mined lands, the environmental effects of mining, mineral land laws and claims, long-range mineral programs, and seabed mining.

(11) Conservation of United States uranium supply.

(12) Geospatial data collection and management, except for nautical charts (or data collected by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration).

(13) Helium supply and management of the Federal helium program.

(14) Rights-of-way over public lands for pipeline transportation of oil, natural gas, carbon dioxide, helium, and hydrogen.

(15) Measures and matters concerning the transportation of natural gas from or within Alaska and disposition of oil transported by the trans-Alaska oil pipeline.

(16) Cooperative efforts to encourage, enhance and improve international programs for the protection of the environment and the conservation of natural resources otherwise within the jurisdiction of the Subcommittee.

(17) Rights-of-way over public lands for energy-related transmission.

(18) All matters relating to mineral withdrawals on public lands and public forest lands.

(19) General and continuing oversight and investigative authority over activities, policies, and programs within the jurisdiction of the Subcommittee.

Subcommittee on Indian and Insular Affairs

(1) All matters related to the Federal trust responsibility to Native Americans and the sovereignty of Native Americans.

(2) Measures relating to the welfare of Native Americans, including management of Indian lands in general and special measures relating to claims that are paid out of Indian funds.

(3) All matters regarding Native Alaskans.

(4) All matters regarding the relations of the United States with Native Americans and Native American tribes, including special oversight functions under House Rule X.

(5) All matters regarding Native Hawaiians.

(6) All matters regarding insular areas of the United States.

(7) All measures or matters regarding the Freely Associated States.

(8) General and continuing oversight and investigative authority over activities, policies, and programs within the jurisdiction of the Subcommittee.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations

(1) Primary and general oversight and investigative authority on all activities, policies, and programs within the jurisdiction of the Committee under House Rule X.

(b) Full Committee.—The following measures and matters shall be retained at the Full Committee:

(1) Environmental and habitat measures of general applicability, including the National Environmental Policy Act.

(2) Cooperative efforts to encourage, enhance, and improve international programs for the protection of the environment and the conservation of natural resources otherwise within the jurisdiction of the Full Committee.

(3) All other measures and matters retained by the Full Committee, including those retained under Committee Rule 6(e).

(4) General and continuing oversight and investigative authority over activities, policies, and programs within the jurisdiction of the Full Committee.

(c) Ex-officio Members.—The Chair and Ranking Minority Member of the Committee may serve as ex-officio Members of each standing Subcommittee to which the Chair or the Ranking Minority Member have not been assigned. Ex-officio Members shall have the right to fully participate in Subcommittee activities but may not vote and may not be counted in establishing a quorum.

(d) Powers and Duties of Subcommittees.—Each Subcommittee is authorized to meet, hold hearings, receive evidence and report to the Committee on all matters within its jurisdiction. Each Subcommittee shall review and study on a continuing basis the application, administration, execution and effectiveness of those statutes, or parts of statutes, the subject matter of which is within

that Subcommittee's jurisdiction; and the organization, operation, and regulations of any Federal agency or entity having responsibilities in or for the administration of such statutes, to determine whether these statutes are being implemented and carried out in accordance with the intent of Congress. Each Subcommittee shall review and study any conditions or circumstances indicating the need for enacting new or supplemental legislation within the jurisdiction of the Subcommittee. Each Subcommittee shall have general and continuing oversight and investigative authority over activities, policies, and programs within the jurisdiction of the Subcommittee.

(e) Referral to Subcommittees; Recall.

(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) and for those measures or matters retained at the Full Committee, every legislative measure or other matter referred to the Committee shall be referred to the maximum extent possible to the Subcommittee of jurisdiction within two weeks of the date of its referral to the Committee. If any measure or matter is within or affects the jurisdiction of one or more Subcommittees, the Chair may refer that measure or matter simultaneously to two or more Subcommittees for concurrent consideration or for consideration in sequence subject to appropriate time limits, or divide the matter into two or more parts and refer each part to a Subcommittee.

(2) The Chair, with the approval of a majority of the Majority Members of the Committee, may refer a legislative measure or other matter to a select or special Subcommittee. A legislative measure or other matter referred by the Chair to a Subcommittee may be recalled from the Subcommittee for direct consideration by the Full Committee, or for referral to another Subcommittee, provided Members of the Committee receive one-week's written notice of the recall and a majority of the Members of the Committee do not object. In addition, a legislative measure or other matter referred by the Chair to a Subcommittee may be recalled from the Subcommittee at any time by majority vote of the Committee for direct consideration by the Full Committee or for referral to another Subcommittee.

(f) Consultation.—Each Subcommittee Chair shall consult with the Chair of the Full Committee prior to setting dates for Subcommittee meetings and hearings with a view toward avoiding whenever possible conflicting Committee and Subcommittee meetings and hearings.

(g) Vacancy.—A vacancy in the membership of a Subcommittee shall not affect the power of the remaining Members to execute the functions of the Subcommittee.

RULE 7. TASK FORCES, SPECIAL OR SELECT SUBCOMMITTEES

(a) Appointment.—The Chair of the Committee is authorized, after consultation with the Ranking Minority Member, to appoint Task Forces, or special or select Subcommittees, to carry out the duties and functions of the Committee.

(b) Ex-officio Members.—The Chair and Ranking Minority Member of the Committee may serve as ex-officio Members of each Task Force, or special or select Subcommittee if they are not otherwise Members. Ex-officio Members shall have the right to fully participate in activities but may not vote and may not be counted in establishing a quorum.

(c) Party Ratios.—The ratio of Majority Members to Minority Members, excluding ex-officio Members, on each Task Force, special or select Subcommittee shall be as close as practicable to the ratio on the Full Committee.

(d) Temporary Resignation.—Members can temporarily resign their position on a Sub-

committee to serve on a Task Force, special or select Subcommittee without prejudice to the Member's seniority on the Subcommittee.

(e) Chair and Ranking Minority Member.—The Chair of any Task Force, or special or select Subcommittee shall be appointed by the Chair of the Committee. The Ranking Minority Member shall select a Ranking Minority Member for each Task Force, or standing, special or select Subcommittee.

RULE 8. RECOMMENDATION OF CONFEREES

Whenever it becomes necessary to appoint conferees on a particular measure, the Chair shall recommend to the Speaker as conferees those Majority Members primarily responsible for the measure. Similarly, the Ranking Member shall recommend to the Minority Leader as conferees those Minority Members primarily responsible for the measure. The ratio of Majority Members to Minority Members recommended for conferences shall be no greater than the ratio on the Committee.

RULE 9. COMMITTEE RECORDS

(a) Segregation of Records.—All Committee records shall be kept separate and distinct from the office records of individual Committee Members serving as Chairs or Ranking Minority Members. These records shall be the property of the House and all Members shall have access to them in accordance with clause 2(e)(2) of House Rule XI.

(b) Availability.—The Committee shall make available to the public for review at reasonable times in the Committee office transcripts of public meetings and hearings, except those that are unrevised or unedited and intended solely for the use of the Committee.

(c) Archived Records.—Records of the Committee that are deposited with the National Archives shall be made available for public use pursuant to House Rule VII. The Chair shall notify the Ranking Minority Member of any decision, pursuant to clause 3(b)(3) or clause 4 of House Rule VII, to withhold, or to provide a time, schedule or condition for availability of, any record otherwise available. At the written request of any Member of the Committee, the matter shall be presented to the Committee for a determination and shall be subject to the same notice and quorum requirements for the conduct of business under Committee Rule 3.

(d) Records of Closed Meetings.—Notwithstanding the other provisions of this rule, no records of Committee meetings or hearings that were closed to the public pursuant to the Rules of the House of Representatives shall be released to the public unless the Committee votes to release those records in accordance with the procedure used to close the Committee meeting.

(e) Classified Materials.—All classified materials shall be maintained in an appropriately secured location and shall be released only to authorized persons for review, who shall not remove the material from the Committee offices without the written permission of the Chair.

(f) Committee Information Available for the Public.—As required by the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Chair shall cause to be made available publicly in electronic form the following:

(1) a record of the votes on any question on which a recorded vote is taken.

(2) copies of all amendments adopted, voted down, or withdrawn.

(3) the rules of the Committee, once adopted, and any amendments thereto, in accordance with clause 2(a)(2) of House Rule XI.

(4) the statements required under clause 2(g)(5) of House Rule XI, with appropriate redactions to protect the privacy of the witnesses.

RULE 10. COMMITTEE BUDGET AND EXPENSES

(a) Budget.—At the beginning of each Congress, after consultation with the Chair of each Subcommittee and the Ranking Minority Member, the Chair shall present to the Committee for its approval a budget covering the funding required for staff, travel, and miscellaneous expenses.

(b) Expense Resolution.—Upon approval by the Committee of each budget, the Chair, acting pursuant to clause 6 of House Rule X, shall prepare and introduce in the House a supporting expense resolution, and take all action necessary to bring about its approval by the Committee on House Administration and by the House of Representatives.

(c) Amendments.—The Chair shall report to the Committee any amendments to each expense resolution and any related changes in the budget.

(d) Additional Expenses.—Authorization for the payment of additional or unforeseen Committee expenses may be procured by one or more additional expense resolutions processed in the same manner as set out under this rule.

(e) Monthly Reports.—Copies of each monthly report prepared by the Chair for the Committee on House Administration that shows expenditures made during the reporting period and cumulative for the year, anticipated expenditures for the projected Committee program, and detailed information on travel, shall be available to each Member.

RULE 11. COMMITTEE STAFF

(a) Rules and Policies.—Committee staff are subject to the provisions of clause 9 of House Rule X, as well as any written personnel policies the Committee may from time to time adopt.

(b) Majority and Nonpartisan Staff.—The Chair shall appoint, determine the remuneration of, and may remove, the legislative and administrative employees of the Committee not assigned to the Minority. The legislative and administrative staff of the Committee not assigned to the Minority shall be under the general supervision and direction of the Chair, who shall establish and assign the duties and responsibilities of Committee staff and delegate any authority the Chair determines appropriate.

(c) Minority Staff.—The Ranking Minority Member of the Committee shall appoint, determine the remuneration of, and may remove, the legislative and administrative staff assigned to the Minority within the budget approved for those purposes. The legislative and administrative staff assigned to the Minority shall be under the general supervision and direction of the Ranking Minority Member of the Committee who may delegate any authority the Ranking Member determines appropriate.

(d) Availability.—The skills and services of all Committee staff shall be available to all Members of the Committee.

RULE 12. COMMITTEE TRAVEL

In addition to any written travel policies the Committee may from time to time adopt, all travel of Members and staff of the Committee or its Subcommittees to hearings, meetings, conferences, and investigations, including all foreign travel, must be authorized by the Full Committee Chair prior to any public notice of the travel and prior to the actual travel. In the case of Minority staff, all travel shall first be approved by the Ranking Minority Member. Funds authorized for the Committee under clauses 6 and 7 of House Rule X are for expenses incurred in the Committees activities within the United States.

RULE 13. CHANGES TO COMMITTEE RULES

The rules of the Committee may be modified, amended, or repealed by a majority

vote of the Committee provided that written notice of the proposed change has been provided to each Member of the Committee prior to the meeting date on which the changes are to be discussed and voted on consistent with Committee Rule 3(a). A change to the rules of the Committee shall be published in the Congressional Record no later than 30 days after its approval and made publicly available in electronic form.

RULE 14. OTHER PROCEDURES

The Chair may establish procedures and take actions as may be necessary to carry out the rules of the Committee or to facilitate the effective administration of the Committee, in accordance with the rules of the Committee and the Rules of the House of Representatives.

RULE 15. DEPOSITION AUTHORITY

The Regulations for the Use of Deposition Authority as issued by the Committee on Rules pursuant to H.Res.5 titled—Adopting the Rules of the House of Representatives for the One Hundred Nineteenth Congress, and for other purposes—are incorporated by reference and shall be considered the rules of the Committee.

RULE 16. FORUMS AND ROUNDTABLES

(a) Generally.—At the beginning of each forum or roundtable hosted by the Committee, the Member convening the forum or roundtable shall make the following statement: “This event is not an official hearing or meeting of the House Committee on Natural Resources. Documents produced to support this forum may not necessarily reflect the views of the Committee or its Members.”

(b) Disclaimer.—All documents generated for the purpose of a Committee forum or roundtable shall contain the following disclaimer on the cover of the document: “This document has not been officially adopted by the {Committee on Natural Resources} {Subcommittee}; and therefore may not necessarily reflect the views of its Members.”

RULE 17. MEMBER DAY HEARING REQUIREMENT

To the extent required by House Rules, the Committee or each Subcommittee thereof (other than the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations) shall hold a hearing at which it receives testimony from Members, Delegates, and the Resident Commissioner on proposed legislation within its jurisdiction.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 13 of rule I, the House stands adjourned until noon on Tuesday next for morning-hour debate and 2 p.m. for legislative business.

Thereupon (at 10 o'clock and 3 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Tuesday, February 4, 2025, at noon for morning-hour debate.

OATH OF OFFICE MEMBERS, RESIDENT COMMISSIONER, AND DELEGATES

The oath of office required by the sixth article of the Constitution of the United States, and as provided by section 2 of the act of May 13, 1884 (23 Stat. 22), to be administered to Members, Resident Commissioner, and Delegates of the House of Representatives, the text of which is carried in 5 U.S.C. 3331:

‘I, AB, do solemnly swear (or Affirm) that I will support and defend

the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter. So help me God.’

has been subscribed to in person and filed in duplicate with the Clerk of the House of Representatives by the following Members of the 119th Congress, pursuant to the provisions of 2 U.S.C. 25:

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2 Shomari Figures
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4 Robert B. Aderholt
5 Dale W. Strong
6 Gary J. Palmer
7 Terri A. Sewell

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2 Jared Huffman
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6 Ami Bera
7 Doris O. Matsui
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13 Adam Gray
14 Eric Swalwell
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27 George Whitesides
28 Judy Chu
29 Luz M. Rivas
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34 Jimmy Gomez
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36 Ted Lieu
37 Sydney Kamlager-Dove
38 Linda T. Sánchez
39 Mark Takano
40 Young Kim
41 Ken Calvert

42 Robert Garcia
 43 Maxine Waters
 44 Nanette Diaz Barragán
 45 Derek Tran
 46 J. Luis Correa
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 48 Darrell Issa
 49 Mike Levin
 50 Scott H. Peters
 51 Sara Jacobs
 52 Juan Vargas

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 3 Jeff Hurd
 4 Lauren Bobert
 5 Jeff Crank
 6 Jason Crow
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 5 John H. Rutherford
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 9 Darren Soto
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 14 Kathy Castor
 15 Laurel M. Lee
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 18 C. Scott Franklin
 19 Byron Donalds
 20 Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick
 21 Brian J. Mast
 22 Lois Frankel
 23 Jared Moskowitz
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33 Marc A. Veasey
34 Vicente Gonzalez
35 Greg Casar
36 Brian Babin
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OATH FOR ACCESS TO CLASSIFIED INFORMATION

Under clause 13 of Rule XXIII, the following Members executed the oath for access to classified information:

Alma S. Adams, Robert B. Aderholt, Pete Aguilar, Mark Alford, Rick W. Allen, Gabe Amo, Mark E. Amodei, Yassamin Ansari, Jodey C. Arrington, Jake Auchincloss, Brian Babin, Don Bacon, James R. Baird, Troy Balderson, Becca Balint, Andy Barr, Nanette Diaz Barragan, Tom Barrett, Michael Baumgartner, Aaron Bean, Joyce Beatty, Nicholas J. Begich, III, Wesley Bell, Cliff Bentz, Ami Bera, Jack Bergman, Donald S. Beyer, Jr., Stephanie I. Bice, Andy Biggs, Sheri Biggs, Gus M. Bilirakis, Sanford D. Bishop, Jr., Lauren Boebert, Suzanne Bonamici, Mike Bost, Brendan F. Boyle, Josh Brecheen, Robert P. Bresnahan, Jr., Shontel M. Brown, Julia Brownley, Vern Buchanan, Nikki Budzinski, Tim Burchett, Eric Burlison, Janelle S. Bynum, Ken Calvert, Kat Cammack, Salud O. Carbajal, Mike Carey, André Carson, Earl L. "Buddy" Carter, John R. Carter, Troy A. Carter, Greg Casar, Ed Case, Sean Casten, Kathy Castor, Joaquin Castro, Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick, Judy Chu, Juan Ciscomani, Gilbert Ray Cisneros, Jr., Katherine M. Clark, Yvette D. Clarke, Emanuel Cleaver, Ben Cline, Michael Cloud, James E. Clyburn, Andrew S. Clyde, Steve Cohen, Tom Cole, Mike Collins, James Comer, Herbert C. Conaway, Jr., Gerald E. Connolly, J. Luis Correa, Jim Costa, Joe Courtney, Angie Craig, Elijah Crane, Jeff Crank, Eric A. "Rick" Crawford, Dan Crenshaw, Jasmine Crockett, Jason Crow, Henry Cuellar, Sharice Davids, Warren Davidson, Danny K. Davis, Donald G. Davis, Madeleine Dean, Diana DeGette, Monica De La Cruz, Rosa L. Delauro, Suzan K. DelBene, Christopher R. Deluzio, Mark DeSaulnier, Scott DesJarlais, Maxine Dexter, Mario Diaz-Balart, Debbie Dingell, Lloyd Doggett, Byron Donalds, Troy Downing, Neal P. Dunn, Chuck Edwards, Sarah Elfreth, Jake Ellzey, Tom Emmer, Veronica Escobar, Adriano Espaillat, Ron Estes, Dwight Evans, Gabe Evans, Mike Ezell, Pat Fallon, Julie Fedorchak, Randy Feenstra, Cleo Fields, Shomari Figures, Brad Finstad, Michelle Fischbach, Scott Fitzgerald, Brian K. Fitzpatrick, Charles J. "Chuck" Fleischmann, Lizzie Fletcher, Mike Flood, Vince Fong, Bill Foster, Valerie P. Foushee, Virginia Foxx, Lois Frankel, Scott Franklin, Laura Friedman, Maxwell Frost, Russell Fry, Russ Fulcher, John Garamendi, Andrew R. Garbarino, Jesus G. "Chuy" Garcia, Robert Garcia, Sylvia R. Garcia, Brandon Gill, Laura Gillen, Carlos A. Gimenez, Jared F. Golden, Craig A. Goldman, Daniel S. Goldman, Jimmy Gomez, Tony Gonzales, Vicente Gonzalez, Lance Gooden, Maggie Goodlander,

Paul A. Gosar, Josh Gottheimer, Sam Graves, Adam Gray, Al Green, Mark E. Green, Marjorie Taylor Greene, H. Morgan Griffith, Raúl M. Grijalva, Glenn Grothman, Michael Guest, Brett Guthrie, Harriet M. Hageman, Abraham J. Hamadeh, Josh Harder, Mike Haridopolos, Pat Harrigan, Andy Harris, Mark Harris, Diana Harshbarger, Jahana Hayes, Kevin Hern, Pablo José Hernández, Clay Higgins, J. French Hill, James A. Himes, Ashley Hinson, Steven Horsford, Erin Houchin, Chrissy Houlahan, Steny H. Hoyer, Val T. Hoyle, Richard Hudson, Jared Huffman, Bill Huizenga, Wesley Hunt, Jeff Hurd, Darrell Issa, Glenn Ivey, Brian Jack, Jonathan L. Jackson, Ronny Jackson, Sara Jacobs, John James, Pramila Jayapal, Hakeem S. Jeffries, Dusty Johnson, Henry C. “Hank” Johnson, Jr., Julie Johnson, Mike Johnson, Jim Jordan, David P. Joyce, John Joyce, Sydney Kamlager-Dove, Marcy Kaptur, Thomas H. Kean, Jr, William R. Keating, Mike Kelly, Robin L. Kelly, Trent Kelly, Mike Kennedy, Timothy M. Kennedy, Ro Khanna, Jennifer A. Kiggans, Kevin Kiley, Young Kim, Kimberlyn King-Hinds, Brad Knott, Raja Krishnamoorthi, David Kustoff, Darin laHood, Nick Lalota, Doug LaMalfa, Greg Landsman, Nicholas A. Langworthy, Rick Larsen, John B. Larson, George Latimer, Robert E. Latta, Michael Lawler, Laurel M. Lee, Summer L. Lee, Susie Lee, Teresa Leger Fernandez, Julia Letlow, Mike Levin, Sam T. Liccardo, Ted Lieu, Zoe Lofgren, Barry Loudermilk, Frank D. Lucas, Anna Paulina Luna, Morgan Luttrell, Stephen F. Lynch, Nancy Mace, Ryan Mackenzie, Seth Magaziner, Nicole Malliotakis, Celeste Maloy, Tracey Mann,

John W. Mannion, Thomas Massie, Brian J. Mast, Doris O. Matsui, Lucy McBath, Sarah McBride, Michael T. McCaul, Lisa C. McClain, April McClain Delaney, Jennifer L. McClellan, Tom McClintock, Betty McCollum, Richard McCormick, Kristen McDonald Rivet, Addison P. McDowell, Morgan McGarvey, James P. McGovern, John J. McGuire, III, LaMonica McIver, Gregory W. Meeks, Robert Menendez, Grace Meng, Mark B. Messmer, Daniel Meuser, Kweisi Mfume, Carol D. Miller, Mary E. Miller, Max L. Miller, Mariannette Miller-Meeks, Cory Mills, Dave Min, John R. Moolenaar, Barry Moore, Blake D. Moore, Gwen Moore, Riley M. Moore, Tim Moore, Nathaniel Moran, Joseph D. Morelle, Kelly Morrison, Jared Moskowitz, Seth Moulton, James C. Moylan, Frank J. Mrvan, Kevin Mullin, Gregory F. Murphy, Jerrold Nadler, Richard E. Neal, Joe Neguse, Troy E. Nehls, Dan Newhouse, Donald Norcross, Ralph Norman, Eleanor Holmes Norton, Zachary Nunn, Jay Obernolte, Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, Andrew Ogles, Johnny Olszewski, Jr., Ihan Omar, Robert F. Onder, Jr., Burgess Owens, Frank Pallone, Jr., Gary J. Palmer, Jimmy Panetta, Chris Pappas, Nancy Pelosi, Marie Gluesenkamp Perez, Scott Perry, Scott H. Peters, Brittany Pettersen, August Pfluger, Chellie Pingree, Stacey E. Plaskett, Mark Pocan, Nellie Pou, Ayanna Pressley, Mike Quigley, Aumua Amata Coleman Radewagen, Delia C. Ramirez, Emily Randall, Jamie Raskin, Guy Reschenthaler, Josh Riley, Luz M. Rivas, Harold Rogers, Mike Rogers, John W. Rose, Deborah K. Ross, David Rouzer, Chip Roy, Raul Ruiz, Michael A. Rulli, John H. Rutherford, Patrick Ryan, Maria Elvira

Salazar, Andrea Salinas, Linda T. Sánchez, Steve Scalise, Mary Gay Scanlon, Janice D. Schakowsky, Derek Schmidt, Bradley Scott Schneider, Hillary J. Scholten, Kim Schrier, David Schweikert, Austin Scott, David Scott, Robert C. “Bobby” Scott, Keith Self, Pete Sessions, Terri A. Sewell, Brad Sherman, Mikie Sherrill, Jefferson Shreve, Lateefah Simon, Michael K. Simpson, Adam Smith, Adrian Smith, Christopher H. Smith, Jason Smith, Lloyd Smucker, Eric Sorensen, Darren Soto, Victoria Spartz, Melanie A. Stansbury, Greg Stanton, Pete Stauber, Elise M. Stefanik, Bryan Steil, W. Gregory Steube, Haley M. Stevens, Marilyn Strickland, Dale W. Strong, Marlin A. Stutzman, Suhas Subramanyam, Thomas R. Suozzi, Eric Swalwell, Emilia Strong Sykes, Mark Takano, David J. Taylor, Claudia Tenney, Shri Thanedar, Bennie G. Thompson, Glenn Thompson, Mike Thompson, Thomas P. Tiffany, William R. Timmons, IV, Dina Titus, Rashida Tlaib, Jill N. Tokuda, Paul Tonko, Norma J. Torres, Ritchie Torres, Lori Trahan, Derek Tran, Michael R. Turner, Sylvester Turner, Lauren Underwood, David G. Valadao, Jefferson Van Drew, Beth Van Duyne, Derrick Van Orden, Juan Vargas, Gabe Vasquez, Marc A. Veasey, Nydia M. Velázquez, Eugene Simon Vindman, Ann Wagner, Tim Walberg, Debbie Wasserman Schultz, Maxine Waters, Bonnie Watson Coleman, Randy K. Weber, Sr., Daniel Webster, Bruce Westerman, George Whitesides, Tony Wied, Nikema Williams, Roger Williams, Frederica S. Wilson, Joe Wilson, Robert J. Wittman, Steve Womack, Rudy Yakym, III, Ryan K. Zinke

EXPENDITURE REPORTS CONCERNING OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL

Reports concerning the foreign currencies and U.S. dollars utilized for Official Foreign Travel during the fourth quarter of 2024, pursuant to Public Law 95-384, are as follows:

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, CHAPLAIN MARGARET KIBBEN, EXPENDED BETWEEN DEC. 12 AND DEC. 16, 2024

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem ¹		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²
Chaplain Margaret Kibben	12/12	12/16	Nigeria		1,172.00		21,926.51				23,098.51
Committee total					1,172.00		21,962.51				23,098.51

¹ Per diem constitutes lodging and meals.
² If foreign currency is used, enter U.S. dollar equivalent; if U.S. currency is used, enter amount expended.

HON. MIKE JOHNSON, Jan. 16, 2025.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, DELEGATION TO CANADA, EXPENDED BETWEEN NOV. 21 AND NOV. 25, 2024

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem ¹		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²
Hon. Michael Turner	11/21	11/25	Canada		1,840.00		1,082.00				2,922.00
Hon. Rick Larsen	11/21	11/25	Canada		1,840.00		1,180.00				3,020.00
Hon. Neal Dunn	11/21	11/25	Canada		1,840.00		1,225.00				3,065.00
Hon. Donald Norcross	11/21	11/25	Canada		1,840.00		580.00				2,420.00
Hon. Ann Wagner	11/21	11/24	Canada		1,380.00		2,636.00				4,016.00
Hon. Brendan Boyle	11/21	11/25	Canada		1,840.00		1,680.00				3,520.00
Hon. Rich McCormick	11/22	11/25	Canada		1,380.00		2,619.00				3,999.00
Jeff Naft	11/21	11/25	Canada		1,840.00		1,451.00				3,291.00
Jason Galanes	11/21	11/25	Canada		1,840.00		619.00				2,459.00
Collin Davenport	11/21	11/25	Canada		1,840.00		619.00				2,459.00
Regina Holman	11/21	11/25	Canada		1,840.00		694.00				2,534.00
Phil Bednarczyk	11/21	11/25	Canada		1,840.00		1,752.00				3,592.00
Committee total					21,160.00		16,137.00				37,297.00

¹ Per diem constitutes lodging and meals.
² If foreign currency is used, enter U.S. dollar equivalent; if U.S. currency is used, enter amount expended.

HON. MIKE JOHNSON, Jan. 13, 2025.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN OCT. 1 AND DEC. 31, 2024

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem ¹		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN OCT. 1 AND DEC. 31, 2024—

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Table with columns: Name of Member or employee, Date (Arrival, Departure), Country, Per diem (Foreign currency, U.S. dollar equivalent), Transportation (Foreign currency, U.S. dollar equivalent), Other purposes (Foreign currency, U.S. dollar equivalent), Total (Foreign currency, U.S. dollar equivalent). Rows list various members and their travel details.

1 Per diem constitutes lodging and meals.

2 If foreign currency is used, enter U.S. dollar equivalent; if U.S. currency is used, enter amount expended.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE, SPACE, AND TECHNOLOGY, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN OCT. 1 AND DEC. 31, 2024

Table with columns: Name of Member or employee, Date (Arrival, Departure), Country, Per diem (Foreign currency, U.S. dollar equivalent), Transportation (Foreign currency, U.S. dollar equivalent), Other purposes (Foreign currency, U.S. dollar equivalent), Total (Foreign currency, U.S. dollar equivalent). Rows include Joshua Mathis, Catherine Johnson, Emily V. Rubin, Tom Hammond, Kristin Kopshever, Sara Palasits, and Committee total.

1 Per diem constitutes lodging and meals.
2 If foreign currency is used, enter U.S. dollar equivalent; if U.S. currency is used, enter amount expended.

HON. FRANK D. LUCAS, Jan. 17, 2025.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, TASK FORCE ON THE ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION OF DONALD J. TRUMP, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN OCT. 1 AND DEC. 31, 2024

Table with columns: Name of Member or employee, Date (Arrival, Departure), Country, Per diem (Foreign currency, U.S. dollar equivalent), Transportation (Foreign currency, U.S. dollar equivalent), Other purposes (Foreign currency, U.S. dollar equivalent), Total (Foreign currency, U.S. dollar equivalent).

HOUSE COMMITTEES
Please Note: If there were no expenditures during the calendar quarter noted above, please check the box at right to so indicate and return. [X]

1 Per diem constitutes lodging and meals.
2 If foreign currency is used, enter U.S. dollar equivalent; if U.S. currency is used, enter amount expended.

HON. MIKE KELLY, Jan. 10, 2025.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, JOINT COMMITTEE ON TAXATION, EXPENDED BETWEEN OCT. 1 AND DEC. 31, 2024

Table with columns: Name of Member or employee, Date (Arrival, Departure), Country, Per diem (Foreign currency, U.S. dollar equivalent), Transportation (Foreign currency, U.S. dollar equivalent), Other purposes (Foreign currency, U.S. dollar equivalent), Total (Foreign currency, U.S. dollar equivalent).

HOUSE COMMITTEES
Please Note: If there were no expenditures during the calendar quarter noted above, please check the box at right to so indicate and return. [X]

1 Per diem constitutes lodging and meals.
2 If foreign currency is used, enter U.S. dollar equivalent; if U.S. currency is used, enter amount expended.

HON. RON WYDEN, Jan. 9, 2025.

RULES AND REPORTS SUBMITTED PURSUANT TO THE CONGRESSIONAL REVIEW ACT

Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(d), executive communications [final rules] submitted to the House pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1) during the period of August 16, 2024, through January 3, 2025, shall be treated as though received on January 31, 2025. Original dates of transmittal, numberings, and referrals to committee of those executive communications remain as indicated in the Executive Communication section of the relevant CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

EC-232. A letter from the Associate Administrator, Specialty Crops Program, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Paper and Paper-Based Packaging Promotion, Research and Information Order; Clarifying Changes [Doc. No.: AMS-SC-23-0080] received January 28, 2025, 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-233. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting a declaration of a national emergency concerning the southern border of the United States, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1621(a); Public Law 94-412, Sec. 201(a); (90 Stat. 1255) (H. Doc. No. 119-14); to the Committee on Armed Services and ordered to be printed.

EC-234. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Financial Stability Oversight Council 2023 annual report, pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 5322(a)(2)(N); Public Law 111-203, Sec. 112(a)(2)(N); (124 Stat. 1394); to the Committee on Financial Services.

EC-235. A letter from the General Counsel, National Credit Union Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Succession Planning (RIN: 3133-AF42) received January 27, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Financial Services.

EC-236. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2019, as required by the Older Americans Act of 1965; to the Committee on Education and Workforce.

EC-237. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Report to Congress on Children's Mental Health Initiative, FY 2022-2023, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 290ff-4(c)(2); July 1, 1944, ch. 373, title V, Sec. 565(c)(2) (as amended by Public Law 106-310, Sec. 3105(c)); (114 Stat. 1175); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-238. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Report to Congress on the Alliance for Innovation on Maternal Health for 2025, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 254c-21(c); July 1, 1944, ch. 373, title III, Sec. 3300 (as added by Public Law 117-103, div. P, title I, Sec. 131); (136 Stat. 795); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-239. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Report to Congress on Preventive Medicine and Public Health Training Grant Program for Fiscal Year 2023, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 295c(d); July 1, 1944, ch. 373, title VII, Sec. 768(d) (as amended by Public Law 111-148, Sec. 10501(m)); (124 Stat. 1002); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-240. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Report to Congress on National Maternal Mental Health Hotline Fiscal Year 2024, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 280g-18(d); July 1, 1944, ch. 373, title III, Sec. 399V-7 (as amended by Public Law 117-32 8, div. FF, title I, Sec. 1112); (136 Stat. 5644); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-241. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Fiscal Year 2023 Report to Congress on the Nurse Corps Loan Repayment and Scholarship Programs, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 297n(h); July 1, 1944, ch. 373, title VIII, Sec. 846(h) (as amended by Public Law 107-205, Sec. 103(d)); (116 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-242. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's fifteenth Annual Report to Congress on the Prevention and Reduction of Underage Drinking for 2024, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 290bb-25b(c)(1)(F)(i); Public Law 109-422, Sec. 2; (120 Stat. 2892) and 42 U.S.C. 290bb-25b(d)(2); Public Law 109-422, Sec. 2(d)(2); (120 Stat. 2894); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-243. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Fiscal Year 2023 Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Parts A and B Supplemental Awards Report to Congress, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 300ff-13(e); July 1, 1944, ch. 373, title XXVI, Sec. 2603(e) (as amended by Public Law 109-415, Sec. 104(e)); (120 Stat. 2776) and 42 U.S.C. 300ff-29a(d); July 1, 1944, ch. 373, title XXVI, Sec. 2620(d) (as amended by Public Law 109-415, Sec. 205(2)); (120 Stat. 2798); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-244. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Biennial Report to the President, Congress, and the National Council on Disability on the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act for Fiscal Years 2017 and 2018, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 15005; Public Law 106-402, Sec. 105; (114 Stat. 1690); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-245. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation, and Energy Efficiency, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy, transmitting the Department's Major final rule — Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Commercial Refrigerators, Freezers, and Refrigerator-Freezers [EERE-2017-BT-STD-0007] (RIN: 1904-AD82) received January 30, 2025, 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.

EC-246. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Dr. Lorna Breen Health Care Provider Protection Act Report to Congress for 2024; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-247. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting 2024 Report to Congress on Emergency Department Alternatives to Opioids (ED-ALT) Grant Program; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-248. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the 2022-2023 Report Congress on Organ Donation and the Recovery, Preservation, and Transportation of Organs; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-249. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's Calendar Year 2022-2023 Scientific and Clinical Status of Organ Transplantation Report, 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.

EC-250. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's 2023 Progress Report on Understanding the Long-Term Health Effects of Living Organ Donation; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-251. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the STANDUP Act Implementation Report to Congress; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-252. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Report to Congress: Study on the Assessment for Use of State Resources; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-253. A letter from the Regulations Coordinator, FDA, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule — Nonprescription Drug

Product With an Additional Condition for Nonprescription Use [Docket No.: FDA-2021-N-0862] (RIN: 0910-AH62) received January 28, 2025, 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.

EC-254. A letter from the Acting Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's Third Triennial Report to Congress on Biofuels and the Environment, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 7545 note; Public Law 110-140, Sec. 204(a); (121 Stat. 1529); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-255. A letter from the Acting Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Report to Congress on Geologic Sequestration of Carbon Dioxide in Deep Saline Formations, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 7403(g)(6)(C)(ii); July 14, 1955, ch. 360, title I, Sec. 103 (as added by Public Law 116-260, Sec. 102(b)(2)); (134 Stat. 2243); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-256. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Mali that was declared in Executive Order 13882 of July 26, 2019, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1641(c); Public Law 94-412, Sec. 401(c); (90 Stat. 1257) and 50 U.S.C. 1703(c); Public Law 95-223, Sec. 204(c); (91 Stat. 1627); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-257. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Libya that was declared in Executive Order 13566 of February 25, 2011, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1641(c); Public Law 94-412, Sec. 401(c); (90 Stat. 1257) and 50 U.S.C. 1703(c); Public Law 95-223, Sec. 204(c); (91 Stat. 1627); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-258. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to significant transnational criminal organizations that was declared in Executive Order 13581 of July 24, 2011, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1641(c); Public Law 94-412, Sec. 401(c); (90 Stat. 1257) and 50 U.S.C. 1703(c); Public Law 95-223, Sec. 204(c); (91 Stat. 1627); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-259. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting an executive order terminating the Inspector Generals for Department of Commerce, Department of Defense, Department of Education, Department of Energy, Department of Health and Human Services, Department of Housing and Urban Development, Department of the Interior, Department of Labor, Department of State, Department of Transportation, Department of the Treasury, Department of Veterans Affairs, the Environmental Protection Agency, the Small Business Administration, the Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction, and the Department of Agriculture, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 403(b); Added by Public Law 117-286, Sec. 3(b); (136 Stat. 4209) (H. Doc. No. 119—16); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform and ordered to be printed.

EC-260. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Fiscal Year 2024 Financial Report of the United States Government (Financial Report), pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 331(e)(1); Public Law 97-258, Sec. 331(e)(1) (as amended by Public Law 103-356, Sec. 405(c)); (108 Stat. 3416); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

EC-261. A letter from the Acting Chief Financial Officer, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's Annual Performance Report for Fiscal Year

2024, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1115(b); Public Law 111-352, Sec. 3; (124 Stat. 3868); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

EC-262. A letter from the Chair, National Transportation Safety Board, transmitting the Board's report on competitive sourcing actions for FY 2024, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 501 note; Public Law 108-199, Sec. 647(b); (118 Stat. 361); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

EC-263. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, transmitting the Report to Congress on the Activities and Operations of the Public Integrity Section for 2023, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 529(a); Public Law 95-521, Sec. 603(a); (92 Stat. 1874); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-264. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Director, Office of Congressional Relations, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Immigration Bond Notifications [DHS Docket No.: ICEB-2021-0015] (RIN: 1653-AA85) received January 28, 2025, 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-265. A letter from the Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, transmitting a legislative proposal; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-266. A letter from the Executive Assistant, Washington Support Office, National Park Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustments [NPS-WASO-NAGPRA-NPS0039273; PPWOVADUO/PPMPRLE1Y.Y00000] (RIN: 1024-AE94) received January 27, 2025, 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-267. A letter from the Chairman, Surface Transportation Board, transmitting the Board's final rule — Civil Monetary Penalties-2025 Adjustment [Docket No.: EP 716 (Sub-No.: 10)] received January 27, 2025, 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-268. A letter from the Acting Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Chesapeake Bay Program 2024 Report to Congress, pursuant to 33 U.S.C. 1267(h)(1); Public Law 106-457, Sec. 117(h)(1); (114 Stat. 1971); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-269. A letter from the Vice President, Environment and Sustainability, Tennessee Valley Authority, transmitting the Authority's final rule — Floating Cabins (RIN: 3316-AA25) received January 207, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-270. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the FY 2022 Annual Report to Congress on the Child Support Program, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 652(a)(10); Aug. 14, 1935, ch. 531, title IV, Sec. 452 (as amended by Public Law 93-647, Sec. 101(a)); (88 Stat. 2352); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

EC-271. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Report on the Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program for 2024, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 711(j); Aug. 14, 1935, ch. 521, title V, Sec. 511 (as amended by Public Law 117-328, div. FF, title VI, Sec. 6101(f)(1)); (136 Stat. 5961); jointly to the Committees on Energy and Commerce and Ways and Means.

EC-272. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting a report entitled "Finalizing Medicare Rules under Section 902 of the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003 (MMA) for Calendar Year (CY) 2024", pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 1395hh(a)(3)(D); Public Law 108-173, Sec. 902(a)(1); (117 Stat. 2375); jointly to the Committees on Energy and Commerce and Ways and Means.

EC-273. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Medicare Beneficiary Ombudsman Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2021 Report to Congress, 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.

EC-274. A letter from the Executive Director, Office of Congressional Workplace Rights, transmitting the Office's Annual Report on Awards and Settlements for Calendar Year 2024 for Employing Offices of the House of Representatives, the Report on Awards and Settlements for Calendar Year 2024 for Employing Offices of the Senate, and the Report on Awards and Settlements for Calendar Year 2024 for Employing Offices other than Employing Offices of the House of Representatives or the Senate, pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 1381(1)(1)(A); Public Law 104-1, title III, Sec. 301(1)(1)(A) (as added by Public Law 115-397, title II, Sec. 201(a)(1)(B)); (132 Stat. 5315); jointly to the Committees on House Administration and Education and Workforce.

EC-275. A letter from the Acting Secretary of the Treasury, Department of the Treasury, transmitting a notification of a determination that, by reason of the statutory debt limit, the Secretary is unable to comply with the investment requirements of the Civil Service Retirement and Disability Fund and that Treasury was also suspending investment of amounts credited to the Postal Service Retiree Health Benefits Fund, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 8438(h)(2); Public Law 99-335, Sec. 101(a) (as amended by Public Law 101-335, Sec. 3(a)(7)); (104 Stat. 320); jointly to the Committees on Ways and Means and Oversight and Government Reform.

EC-276. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting a declaration of a national emergency in order to address our Nation's inadequate energy supply and infrastructure, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1621(a); Public Law 94-412, Sec. 201(a); (90 Stat. 1255) (H. Doc. No. 119-15); ; jointly to the Committees on Financial Services, Energy and Commerce, Natural Resources, Armed Services, and Transportation and Infrastructure and ordered to be printed.

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:

[Omitted from the Record of January 28, 2025]

By Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas (for herself, Mr. ALFORD, and Mr. CONWAY):

H.R. 828. A bill to require the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to report on the veterans interagency task force, to require the Comptroller General of the United States to report on access to credit for small business concerns owned and controlled by covered individuals, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business.

[Submitted January 31, 2025]

By Mr. PAPPAS (for himself, Mr. FALLON, Mr. WEBSTER of Florida, Mr.

NUNN of Iowa, Mr. FITZPATRICK, and Mr. CASE):

H.R. 829. A bill to amend title 31, United States Code, to require the President to consider the Government Accountability Offices annual report on how to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of Government when preparing the Presidents annual budget submission, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Budget.

By Mr. PAPPAS (for himself, Ms. SALAZAR, and Mr. NEWHOUSE):

H.R. 830. A bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act with respect to fentanyl-related substances, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, 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. CALVERT (for himself, Ms. LEE of Nevada, Ms. TITUS, Mr. HORSFORD, and Mr. STANTON):

H.R. 831. A bill to establish an interest-bearing account for the non-Federal contributions to the Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas (for himself, Mr. TRAN, Mr. VAN DREW, and Ms. GOODLANDER):

H.R. 832. A bill to clarify the primary functions and duties of the Office of Advocacy of the Small Business Administration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business.

By Mr. SMITH of Nebraska (for himself, Mr. OWENS, Mr. WALBERG, Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania, Mr. YAKYM, Mr. LAHOOD, Ms. LETLOW, Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS, Mr. DONALDS, Ms. TENNEY, Mr. MOORE of Utah, Mr. FEENSTRA, Ms. MALLIOTAKIS, Mr. HERN of Oklahoma, Mr. LAWLER, Mr. FONG, Mr. CAREY, Mr. HUDSON, Ms. SALAZAR, Mr. SCOTT FRANKLIN of Florida, Mr. CRENSHAW, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. ROSE, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mr. CISCOMANI, Mr. MOOLENAAR, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. DUNN of Florida, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. CLINE, Mr. MEUSER, Mr. TIMMONS, and Mr. BERGMAN):

H.R. 833. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a credit against tax for charitable donations to nonprofit organizations providing education scholarships to qualified elementary and secondary students; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Education and Workforce, 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. ROUZER (for himself, Mr. TORRES of New York, Mr. NADLER, and Ms. PETERSEN):

H.R. 834. A bill to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to provide assistance for common interest communities, condominiums, and housing cooperatives damaged by a major disaster, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. LALOTA (for himself, Mr. GOLDMAN of New York, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Ms. MALLIOTAKIS, Mr. LAWLER, Mr. GARBARINO, Mr. NADLER, Mr. SUOZZI, Ms. GILLEN, Ms. DE LA CRUZ, Mr. CRENSHAW, Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. CARTER of Louisiana, Mr. KEAN, Mr. GOTTHEIMER, and Ms. LEE of Nevada):

H.R. 835. A bill to provide a one-time grant for the operation, security, and maintenance of the National September 11 Memorial & Museum at the World Trade Center to commemorate the events, and honor the victims, of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. VALADAO (for himself and Mr. COSTA):

H.R. 836. A bill to require the Secretary of Agriculture, acting through the Chief of the Forest Service, and the Secretary of the Interior to conduct an evaluation with respect to the use of the container aerial firefighting system (CAFFS), and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources, 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. CRANE:

H.R. 837. A bill to require the Secretary of Agriculture to convey the Pleasant Valley Ranger District Administrative Site to Gila County, Arizona; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. MOOLENAAR (for himself, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. GUTHRIE, and Mr. GREEN of Tennessee):

H.R. 838. A bill to allow a State to submit a declaration of intent to the Secretary of Education to combine certain funds to improve the academic achievement of students; to the Committee on Education and Workforce.

By Mr. ARRINGTON:

H.R. 839. A bill to prohibit the implementation of a Land Protection Plan for Muleshoe National Wildlife Refuge; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. ARRINGTON (for himself and Mr. PFLUGER):

H.R. 840. A bill to provide that the final rule of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service titled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Endangered Species Status With Critical Habitat for Guadalupe Fatmucket, Texas Fatmucket, Guadalupe Orb, Texas Pimpleback, Balcones Spike, and False Spike, and Threatened Species Status With Section 4(d) Rule and Critical Habitat for Texas Fawnsfoot" shall have no force or effect; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. ARRINGTON:

H.R. 841. A bill to amend title 54, United States Code, to prohibit the acquisition of land, water, or an interest in land or water from a private landowner using amounts made available under the Land and Water Conservation Fund; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. ARRINGTON (for himself, Ms. SEWELL, Mr. HUDSON, Mr. RUIZ, Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS, and Ms. KELLY of Illinois):

H.R. 842. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for Medicare coverage of multi-cancer early detection screening tests; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, 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 Ms. BARRAGÁN:

H.R. 843. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to provide for the prompt approval of drugs when safety information is added to labeling, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mrs. BEATTY (for herself, Ms. ADAMS, Ms. BARRAGÁN, Mr. BISHOP, Ms. BONAMICI, Ms. BROWN, Mr. CARSON, Mr. CARTER of Louisiana, Ms.

CASTOR of Florida, Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mr. CLEAVER, Mr. CLYBURN, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina, Ms. DeGETTE, Mr. DESAULNIER, Mrs. DINGELL, Mr. DOGGETT, Mr. EVANS of Pennsylvania, Mrs. FOUSHEE, Ms. LOIS FRANKEL of Florida, Mr. FROST, Mr. GOLDMAN of New York, Mr. GREEN of Texas, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mrs. HAYES, Mr. HORSFORD, Mr. IVEY, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE, Mr. KENNEDY of New York, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, Mr. LARSEN of Washington, Mr. LYNCH, Mr. MAGAZINER, Mrs. MCBATH, Mrs. MCIVER, Mr. MEEKS, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. MENG, Ms. NORTON, Ms. PLASKETT, Ms. PRESSLEY, Ms. SEWELL, Ms. STRICKLAND, Mrs. SYKES, Mr. THANEDAR, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Ms. TLAIB, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Ms. UNDERWOOD, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Ms. WATERS, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia, and Ms. WILSON of Florida):

H.R. 844. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Education to award grants to eligible entities to carry out educational programs that include the history of peoples of African descent in the settling and founding of America, the economic and political environments that led to the development, institutionalization, and abolition of slavery and its impact on all Americans, the exploration and expansion of America, impact on and contributions to the development and enhancement of American life, United States history, literature, the economy, politics, body of laws, and culture, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and Workforce.

By Ms. BOEBERT (for herself, Mr. TIFFANY, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. BERGMAN, Mr. BIGGS of Arizona, Mr. BENTZ, Mr. CRANK, Mr. CRANE, Mr. DOWNING, Mr. EMMER, Mr. EVANS of Colorado, Mr. FITZGERALD, Mr. FINSTAD, Mrs. FISCHBACH, Mr. FULCHER, Mr. GOSAR, Mr. GROTHMAN, Ms. HAGEMAN, Mr. HARRIS of Maryland, Mr. HURD of Colorado, Mr. HUDSON, Mr. KENNEDY of Utah, Mr. MOOLENAAR, Mr. LAMALFA, Mr. NEWHOUSE, Mr. NEHLS, Mr. OGLES, Mr. PERRY, Mr. STEIL, Mr. STAUBER, Mr. VAN ORDEN, and Mr. WIED):

H.R. 845. A bill to require the Secretary of the Interior to reissue regulations removing the gray wolf from the list of endangered and threatened wildlife under the Endangered Species Act of 1973; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Ms. BONAMICI (for herself, Mrs. SYKES, Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK, Ms. ADAMS, Ms. TITUS, Mr. EVANS of Pennsylvania, Ms. CROCKETT, Mr. SWALWELL, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mr. CONNOLLY, Ms. DELBENE, Ms. NORTON, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ, Mr. GOTTHEIMER, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Mr. COHEN, Ms. BROWNLEY, Ms. JACOBS, Ms. BALINT, Ms. BUDZINSKI, Mr. CASAR, Ms. MCCLELLAN, Mrs. TRAHAN, Ms. CHU, Ms. DeGETTE, Mr. GOLDMAN of New York, Ms. MATSUI, Mr. TONKO, Ms. JAYAPAL, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, Mrs. MCIVER, Ms. TOKUDA, Mr. TORRES of New York, Mr. MAGAZINER, Ms. PETERSEN, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Mr. GRIJALVA, Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY, Mrs. FLETCHER, Ms. ANSARI, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Ms. BYNUM, Ms. SALINAS, Ms. WASSERMAN

SCHULTZ, Ms. CRAIG, Ms. CASTOR of Florida, Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ, Ms. DEXTER, Ms. MORRISON, and Ms. LEE of Pennsylvania):

H.R. 846. A bill to prohibit disinformation in the advertising of abortion services, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. BURCHETT:

H.R. 847. A bill to repeal certain formula grants under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 and use such funds to award block grants to States, except as otherwise appropriated by Congress; to the Committee on Education and Workforce.

By Mr. CASTEN (for himself and Ms. BROWNLEY):

H.R. 848. A bill to direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to establish a voluntary food climate labeling program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. CLOUD (for himself, Mr. OGLES, Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana, Mr. CRANE, Mr. TIFFANY, and Mr. PERRY):

H.R. 849. A bill to provide limitations for Federal agencies entering into settlement agreements and consent decrees, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CLOUD (for himself, Mr. OGLES, Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana, Mr. GOSAR, Mr. HARRIS of Maryland, Ms. BOEBERT, and Mrs. MILLER of Illinois):

H.R. 850. A bill to provide that silencers be treated the same as firearms accessories; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, 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:

H.R. 851. A bill to establish the position of National Roadway Safety Advocate within the Department of Transportation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Ms. DELAURO (for herself, Mr. GRIJALVA, Ms. BROWNLEY, Ms. BARRAGAN, Ms. NORTON, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. CARSON, Mr. MOULTON, Mr. IVEY, Ms. TLAIB, and Ms. MENG):

H.R. 852. A bill to provide the Food and Drug Administration with authority to conduct microbial sampling on concentrated animal feeding operations as necessary to facilitate a foodborne illness outbreak investigation, determine the root cause of an outbreak of foodborne illness, or address other public health needs; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. DELUZIO (for himself and Mr. FITZPATRICK):

H.R. 853. A bill to authorize the declaration of a hazardous train event, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. DELUZIO (for himself, Mr. KHANNA, Mr. DOGGETT, Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania, Mr. BOYLE of Pennsylvania, Mr. GREEN of Texas, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, Mr. CASAR, Ms. LEE of Pennsylvania, Ms. STEVENS, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. EVANS of Pennsylvania, Mr. RYAN, and Ms. PETERSEN):

H.R. 854. A bill to direct the Secretary of Transportation to issue certain regulations to define high-hazard flammable train, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. DESAULNIER:

H.R. 855. A bill to establish an Office of Housing Innovation in the Department of Housing and Urban Development to assist in

exploring and developing new approaches for increasing and diversifying the supply of housing and for meeting the challenges of housing shortages, housing affordability, and traffic congestion, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. DONALDS (for himself and Mr. CONNOLLY):

H.R. 856. A bill to require the Director of the Office of Management and Budget conduct a review to determine the impact of the lowest price technically acceptable source selection process on national security, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Ms. ESCOBAR (for herself, Mr. CUELLAR, Mr. VICENTE GONZALEZ of Texas, Ms. CROCKETT, Mr. TURNER of Texas, Mr. VEASEY, Mr. SELF, and Mr. GREEN of Texas):

H.R. 857. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4400 East Paisano Drive in El Paso, Texas, as the "Enequina Sanchez Cordero Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Mr. ESTES (for himself, Ms. PLASKETT, Mr. HERN of Oklahoma, Ms. SEWELL, Mr. FEENSTRA, and Mr. SCHNEIDER):

H.R. 858. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to determine global intangible low-taxed income without regard to certain income derived from services performed in the Virgin Islands; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. FULCHER (for himself and Mr. MOULTON):

H.R. 859. A bill to require the disclosure of a camera or recording capability in certain internet-connected devices; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. HUDSON (for himself and Mrs. DINGELL):

H.R. 860. A bill to reauthorize the Congressional Award Act; to the Committee on Education and Workforce.

By Mr. ISSA (for himself, Mr. NADLER, Mr. GREEN of Tennessee, Mr. McCLINTOCK, and Mr. LIEU):

H.R. 861. A bill to amend title 17, United States Code, to provide fair treatment of radio stations and artists for the use of sound recordings, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. KENNEDY of New York (for himself and Mr. GARBARINO):

H.R. 862. A bill to reduce commuting burdens on Transportation Security Administration employees, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security.

By Mr. KILEY of California (for himself, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, and Ms. HAGEMAN):

H.R. 863. A bill to establish a national human trafficking database at the Office for Victims of Crime of the Department of Justice, and to incentivize certain State agencies to report data to the database; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. KILEY of California:

H.R. 864. A bill to clarify the Federal Government's jurisdiction over immigration law and policy; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LALOTA (for himself and Mr. MCGARVEY):

H.R. 865. A bill to amend the Small Business Act to require training on increasing contract awards to small business concerns owned and controlled by service-disabled veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business.

By Mr. LATTA (for himself and Ms. KELLY of Illinois):

H.R. 866. A bill to direct the Secretary of Commerce, acting through the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications

and Information, to conduct a study of the national security risks posed by consumer routers, modems, and devices that combine a modem and router, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. LAWLER (for himself, Mr. GOTTHEIMER, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mr. CISCOMANI, Ms. TENNEY, Ms. SALAZAR, Mr. BACON, Mr. SCHMIDT, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. MOSKOWITZ, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. HAMADEH of Arizona, Mr. BABIN, Mr. MORELLE, and Mr. KUSTOFF):

H.R. 867. A bill to amend the Anti-Boycott Act of 2018 to apply the provisions of that Act to international governmental organizations; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Ms. LEE of Florida:

H.R. 868. A bill to address sexual harassment and sexual assault of Bureau of Prisons staff in prisons, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. LEE of Nevada:

H.R. 869. A bill to require full funding of part A of title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act; to the Committee on Education and Workforce, and in addition to the Committee on the Budget, 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 Ms. LEE of Nevada (for herself and Mr. BALDERSON):

H.R. 870. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to make improvements to the redistribution of residency slots under the Medicare program after a hospital closes; to the Committee on Ways and Means, 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 Mrs. LUNA (for herself, Mr. OGLES, Mr. WEBER of Texas, and Mr. RULLI):

H.R. 871. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to modify the eligibility requirements for asylum; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. MACE (for herself and Ms. BROWN):

H.R. 872. A bill to require covered contractors implement a vulnerability disclosure policy consistent with NIST guidelines, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, 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 Mr. MCCORMICK:

H.R. 873. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to modify the rate of pay for care or services provided under the TRICARE program based on the location at which such care or services were provided; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. MCCORMICK:

H.R. 874. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to modify the rate of pay for care or services provided under the Community Care Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs based on the location at which such care or services were provided, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. MOORE of Alabama (for himself, Mr. BURLISON, Mr. DOWNING, Mr. GOSAR, Ms. HAGEMAN, Ms. MACE, Mr. MEUSER, Mr. NEHLS, Mr. OGLES, Mr. SCHMIDT, Mr. SELF, Mr. VAN DREW, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mr. SCOTT FRANKLIN of Florida, Mr. ISSA, Mrs.

MILLER of Illinois, Mr. GOODEN, Mr. HARRIS of North Carolina, Mr. FEENSTRA, and Mr. GILL of Texas):

H.R. 875. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide that aliens who have been convicted of or who have committed an offense for driving while intoxicated or impaired are inadmissible and deportable; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MOYLAN:

H.R. 876. A bill to amend the Defense Base Act to exclude Guam; to the Committee on Education and Workforce.

By Mr. MOYLAN (for himself, Mr. TONY GONZALES of Texas, Mr. FRY, Mr. MURPHY, Mrs. RADEWAGEN, Mrs. KING-HINDS, and Mr. RUTHERFORD):

H.R. 877. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand the authority of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide or assist in providing a vehicle adapted for operation by a disabled individual to certain eligible persons, by paying expenses associated with the delivery of such vehicle, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. MOYLAN:

H.R. 878. A bill to extend the supplemental security income program to Guam, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. MURPHY (for himself, Mr. PANNETTA, Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania, Ms. SCHRIER, Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY, Ms. TENNEY, Mr. RUIZ, Mrs. MILLER of West Virginia, Mr. BERA, Mr. VAN DREW, Mr. HARRIS of Maryland, and Mr. MCCORMICK):

H.R. 879. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to increase support for physicians and other practitioners in adjusting to Medicare payment changes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, 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 Ms. NORTON (for herself, Mr. EZELL, Ms. BROWNLEY, Mr. CARTER of Louisiana, Mr. HILL of Arkansas, Mr. GARAMENDI, Mr. CUELLAR, Ms. SCHOLTEN, and Mr. BURCHETT):

H.R. 880. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to clarify the authority of the Administrator of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration relating to the shipping of household goods, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. PFLUGER (for himself, Mr. GARBARINO, Mr. EVANS of Colorado, and Mr. STRONG):

H.R. 881. A bill to establish Department of Homeland Security funding restrictions on institutions of higher education that have a relationship with Confucius Institutes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security.

By Mr. PFLUGER (for himself, Mr. ARRINGTON, Mr. HAMADEH of Arizona, Mr. TIMMONS, Ms. BOEBERT, Ms. TENNEY, and Mr. GUEST):

H.R. 882. A bill to prohibit the hiring of individuals who are not citizens of the United States to administer an election for Federal office in a State or local jurisdiction, and for other purposes; to the Committee on House Administration.

By Mr. PFLUGER (for himself and Mr. GUEST):

H.R. 883. A bill to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to provide candidates with a justification for candidate protection determinations, to require Senate confirmation of the Director of the United States Secret Service, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. PFLUGER (for himself, Ms. MACE, Mr. ELLZEY, Mr. DONALDS, Mr. ARRINGTON, Mr. HAMADEH of Arizona, Mr. TIMMONS, Mr. SCHMIDT, Ms. BOEBERT, Ms. TENNEY, and Mr. GUEST):

H.R. 884. A bill to prohibit individuals who are not citizens of the United States from voting in elections in the District of Columbia and to repeal the Local Resident Voting Rights Amendment Act of 2022; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Mr. ROY (for himself, Mr. ZINKE, Mr. BIGGS of Arizona, Mr. CLOUD, Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana, Mr. FALLON, Mr. BRECHEEN, Mr. GOSAR, Mr. ARRINGTON, Mr. OGLES, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mr. DONALDS, Ms. VAN DUYN, Mr. SELF, and Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas):

H.R. 885. A bill to direct the Secretary of State to submit to Congress a report on the designation of the Gulf Cartel, the Cartel Del Noreste, the Cartel de Sinaloa, and the Cartel de Jalisco Nueva Generacion as foreign terrorist organizations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. RULLI (for himself, Mr. GRAVES, and Mr. WEBSTER of Florida):

H.R. 886. A bill to prohibit the Administrator of the Small Business Administration from garnishing social security benefits with respect to certain named individuals of covered loans who are victims of identity theft, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. RYAN (for himself, Mr. LAWLER, and Mr. GOTTHEIMER):

H.R. 887. A bill to direct the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a study on grocery costs to United States consumers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and Workforce.

By Mr. RYAN (for himself, Mrs. MCIVER, Mr. CARSON, and Ms. NOR-TON):

H.R. 888. A bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to direct the Federal Communications Commission to promulgate regulations with respect to rebates for certain video programming blackouts, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. RYAN:

H.R. 889. A bill to amend the Omnibus Consolidated Rescissions and Appropriations Act of 1996 to remove the limit on the number of public housing agencies the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development may add to the moving to work demonstration program; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. RYAN:

H.R. 890. A bill to amend title 35, United States Code, to prevent double patenting, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. RYAN:

H.R. 891. A bill to direct the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development and the Administrator of the General Services Administration to establish programs for the development of affordable housing, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services, and in addition to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, 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. RYAN:

H.R. 892. A bill to require the heads of certain agencies to disclose information about loans insured and guaranteed by such agencies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services, and in addition to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs,

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. RYAN:

H.R. 893. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a credit for working families housing development, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, and Transportation and Infrastructure, 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 Ms. SANCHEZ (for herself and Mr. LAWLER):

H.R. 894. A bill to authorize grants to implement school-community partnerships for preventing substance use and misuse among youth; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. SELF (for himself, Mr. BIGGS of Arizona, Mr. ADERHOLT, Mrs. MILLER of Illinois, Mr. LAMALFA, Mr. WEBSTER of Florida, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mr. HARRIS of Maryland, Mr. MOORE of West Virginia, Mr. BURLISON, Mr. GUEST, Mr. OGLES, Mr. BABIN, and Mr. HARRIS of North Carolina):

H.R. 895. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to require the Attorney General to investigate alleged violations of the partial birth abortion ban; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. SHERRILL (for herself, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia, and Mr. THANEDAR):

H.R. 896. A bill to direct the Secretary of Education to award grants to State educational agencies for the purpose of implementing, administering, and evaluating programs that provide tutoring to students in elementary and secondary schools, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and Workforce.

By Mr. SMITH of Washington (for himself, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Ms. NORTON, Mr. QUIGLEY, Mr. NEGUSE, Mr. KHANNA, Ms. BROWNLEY, Mr. NADLER, Ms. CHU, and Ms. JAYAPAL):

H.R. 897. A bill to require the Federal Aviation Administration to provide funding for noise mitigation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. SMITH of Washington (for himself, Mr. MOULTON, Ms. BONAMICI, Mr. PANETTA, Ms. NORTON, Mr. QUIGLEY, and Ms. JAYAPAL):

H.R. 898. A bill to develop pilot grant programs through the Environmental Protection Agency to research and collect data on aircraft and airport noise and emissions and to use such information and data to develop a mitigation strategy, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, 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. MASSIE (for himself, Mr. BIGGS of Arizona, Ms. BOEBERT, Mr. BRECHEEN, Mr. BURCHETT, Mr. BURLISON, Mr. CLINE, Mr. CLYDE, Mr. COLLINS, Mr. CRANE, Mr. CRANK, Mr. DAVIDSON, Mr. GOSAR, Ms. GREENE of Georgia, Ms. HAGEMAN, Mr. HARRIS of Maryland, Mr. MCCORMICK, Mrs. MILLER of Illinois, Mr. NORMAN, Mr. OGLES, Mr. PERRY, Mr. ROY, Mr. SELF, Mrs. SPARTZ, Ms. TENNEY, Mr. TIFFANY, Mr. TIMMONS, and Mr. WEBER of Texas):

H.R. 899. A bill to terminate the Department of Education; to the Committee on Education and Workforce.

By Mr. SOTO (for himself, Mr. BILLRAKIS, Mr. FROST, Ms. CASTOR of Florida, and Ms. WILSON of Florida):

H.R. 900. A bill to direct the Director of the United States Geological Survey to establish a program to map zones that are at greater risk of sinkhole formation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. STRONG (for himself, Mr. GREEN of Tennessee, and Mr. EVANS of Colorado):

H.R. 901. A bill to require the Under Secretary of the Science and Technology Directorate of the Department of Homeland Security to develop a Department-wide policy and process to safeguard research and development from unauthorized access to or disclosure of sensitive information in research and development acquisitions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security.

By Ms. TENNEY (for herself, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mrs. MILLER of Illinois, Mr. MOORE of Alabama, and Mr. OGLES):

H.R. 902. A bill to prohibit the use of materials that use the term "West Bank", and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. THOMPSON of California (for himself, Ms. ANSARI, Ms. BARRAGAN, Ms. BROWNLEY, Mr. DESAULNIER, Mr. GARCIA of California, Ms. MATSUI, Mr. MULLIN, Ms. NORTON, Mr. KHANNA, Mr. PANETTA, Mr. RUIZ, Mr. WHITESIDES, and Ms. TITUS):

H.R. 903. A bill to amend the Clean Air Act to establish a grant program for supporting local communities in detecting, preparing for, communicating about, or mitigating the environmental and public health impacts of wildfire smoke and extreme heat, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, 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. VAN DREW:

H.R. 904. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the inclusion in gross income of Social Security benefits; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN (for herself, Mrs. HAYES, Mrs. MCIVER, Ms. NORTON, Mr. BISHOP, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mrs. CHERFILUS-MCCORMICK, Ms. ANSARI, Ms. McDONALD RIVET, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE, Mr. MFUME, Mrs. FOUSHEE, Ms. BROWN, and Ms. MCCLELLAN):

H.R. 905. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the earned income tax credit to all taxpayers with dependents and to qualifying students, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. WITTMAN (for himself, Mr. KEAN, Mr. KHANNA, and Ms. CASTOR of Florida):

H.R. 906. A bill to direct the Federal Communications Commission to publish a list of entities that hold authorizations, licenses, or other grants of authority issued by the Commission and that have certain foreign ownership, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. ZINKE (for himself and Mr. DOWNING):

H.R. 907. A bill to provide for the settlement of the water rights claims of the Fort

Belknap Indian Community, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. PFLUGER (for himself, Mr. ARRINGTON, Mr. HAMADEH of Arizona, Mr. TIMMONS, and Ms. BOEBERT):

H.J. Res. 31. A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to prohibit persons who are not citizens, nationals, or lawful permanent residents of the United States from voting in elections; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. SANCHEZ (for herself, Mr. PANETTA, Mr. EVANS of Pennsylvania, Mrs. DINGELL, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Ms. NORTON, Mr. GRIJALVA, and Mr. SMITH of Washington):

H.J. Res. 32. A joint resolution expressing support for designation of the week of February 3, 2025, through February 7, 2025, as "National School Counseling Week"; to the Committee on Education and Workforce.

By Mr. BOST:

H. Res. 79. A resolution providing amounts for the expenses of the Committee on Veterans' Affairs in the One Hundred Nineteenth Congress; to the Committee on House Administration.

By Mr. ROGERS of Alabama (for himself and Mr. SMITH of Washington):

H. Res. 80. A resolution providing amounts for the expenses of the Committee on Armed Services in the One Hundred Nineteenth Congress; to the Committee on House Administration.

By Mr. COHEN (for himself, Mr. CLEAVER, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Ms. NORTON, Mr. THANEDAR, and Ms. WILSON of Florida):

H. Res. 81. A resolution commending efforts to eradicate the wild poliovirus; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. COMER:

H. Res. 82. A resolution providing amounts for the expenses of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform in the One Hundred Nineteenth Congress; to the Committee on House Administration.

By Ms. FOXX (for herself and Mr. MCGOVERN):

H. Res. 83. A resolution providing amounts for the expenses of the Committee on Rules in the One Hundred Nineteenth Congress; to the Committee on House Administration.

By Mr. GRAVES (for himself and Mr. LARSEN of Washington):

H. Res. 84. A resolution providing amounts for the expenses of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure in the One Hundred Nineteenth Congress; to the Committee on House Administration.

By Mr. GUTHRIE:

H. Res. 85. A resolution providing amounts for the expenses of the Committee on Energy and Commerce in the One Hundred Nineteenth Congress; to the Committee on House Administration.

By Mr. JORDAN (for himself and Mr. RASKIN):

H. Res. 86. A resolution providing amounts for the expenses of the Committee on the Judiciary in the One Hundred Nineteenth Congress; to the Committee on House Administration.

By Ms. MENG (for herself, Mr. LAWLER, Ms. LOIS FRANKEL of Florida, and Mr. BACON):

H. Res. 87. A resolution commemorating the 80th anniversary of the liberation of the Auschwitz extermination camp in Nazi-occupied Poland and International Holocaust Remembrance Day; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Ms. SEWELL (for herself, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Mr. LARSON

of Connecticut, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, Mr. BOYLE of Pennsylvania, Mr. BEYER, Mr. PANNETTA, Mr. HORSFORD, and Mr. SUOZZI):

H. Res. 88. A resolution supporting the designation of January 31, 2025, as "Earned Income Tax Credit Awareness Day"; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania:

H. Res. 89. A resolution providing amounts for the expenses of the Committee on Agriculture in the One Hundred Nineteenth Congress; to the Committee on House Administration.

By Mr. WESTERMAN (for himself and Mr. HUFFMAN):

H. Res. 90. A resolution providing amounts for the expenses of the Committee on Natural Resources in the One Hundred Nineteenth Congress; to the Committee on House Administration.

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 Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas:

H.R. 828.

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, Section 8 of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. PAPPAS:

H.R. 829.

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

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 18 of the United States Constitution states that "Congress shall have the authority to make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by the Constitution in the Government of the United States, or in any Department or Officer thereof."

By Mr. PAPPAS:

H.R. 830.

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

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 18 of the United States Constitution states that "Congress shall have the authority to make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by the Constitution in the Government of the United States, or in any Department or Officer thereof."

By Mr. CALVERT:

H.R. 831.

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

Article I, section 8 of the Constitution of the United States grants Congress the authority to enact this bill.

By Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas:

H.R. 832.

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

Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution of the United States.

By Mr. SMITH of Nebraska:

H.R. 833.

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

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 1

By Mr. ROUZER:

H.R. 834.

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

Article I, Section 8

By Mr. LALOTA:

H.R. 835.

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

Article I, Section 8, of the U.S. Constitution.

By Mr. VALADAO:

H.R. 836.

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

Article 4 Section 3 Clause 2

By Mr. CRANE:

H.R. 837.

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

Article IV, Section 3, clause 2

By Mr. MOOLENAAR:

H.R. 838.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 1: The Congress shall have Power To lay and collect Taxes, Duties, Imposts and Excises, to pay the Debts and provide for the common Defence and general Welfare of the United States; but all Duties, Imposts and Excises shall be uniform throughout the United States;

By Mr. ARRINGTON:

H.R. 839.

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

Article I, Section 8, of the U.S. Constitution

By Mr. ARRINGTON:

H.R. 840.

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

Article I, Section 8, of the U.S. Constitution

By Mr. ARRINGTON:

H.R. 841.

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

Article I, Section 8, of the U.S. Constitution

By Mr. ARRINGTON:

H.R. 842.

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

Article I, Section 8

By Ms. BARRAGÁN:

H.R. 843.

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

Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution

By Mrs. BEATTY:

H.R. 844.

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

Article I, Section 8, clause 1 (Taxing and Spending)

By Ms. BOEBERT:

H.R. 845.

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

Article I, Section 8: The Congress shall have Power To lay and collect Taxes, Duties, Imposts and Excises, to pay the Debts and provide for the common Defence and general Welfare of the United States; but all Duties, Imposts and Excises shall be uniform throughout the United States

By Ms. BONAMICI:

H.R. 846.

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

Article I, Section 8 United States Constitution

By Mr. BURCHETT:

H.R. 847.

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

Article I, Section 8

By Mr. CASTEN:

H.R. 848.

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

Article I, Section 8, clause 3 of the Constitution

By Mr. CLOUD:

H.R. 849.

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

Article 1 Section 8

By Mr. CLOUD:

H.R. 850.

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

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 18

"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 Mr. COHEN:

H.R. 851.

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

Article I, Section 8

By Ms. DELAURO:

H.R. 852.

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

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 Mr. DELUZIO:

H.R. 853.

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

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 18

By Mr. DELUZIO:

H.R. 854.

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

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 18

By Mr. DESAULNIER:

H.R. 855.

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

Article 1, Section 8.

By Mr. DONALDS:

H.R. 856.

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

Art. I, Sec. 8 of the U.S. Constitution

By Ms. ESCOBAR:

H.R. 857.

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

Article I, Section 8, clause 7

By Mr. ESTES:

H.R. 858.

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

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 1: The Congress shall have Power To lay and collect Taxes, Duties, Imposts and Excises, to pay the Debts and provide for the common Defence and general Welfare of the United States; but all Duties, Imposts and Excises shall be uniform throughout the United States.

By Mr. FULCHER:

H.R. 859.

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

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 18 allows Congress to make all laws "which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into execution" any of Congress' enumerated powers, including Congress' powers over appropriations.

By Mr. HUDSON:

H.R. 860.

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

Article I, Section 8, Clause 5

By Mr. ISSA:

H.R. 861.

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

Article I, Section 8, clause 8 provides Congress with the power to promote the "Progress of Science and useful Arts, by securing for limited Times to Authors and Inventors the exclusive Right to their respective Writings and Discoveries."

By Mr. KENNEDY of New York:
H.R. 862.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Clause 3, Section 8, Article 1 of the Constitution

By Mr. KILEY of California:
H.R. 863.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article 1, Section 8, Clause 18

By Mr. KILEY of California:
H.R. 864.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article 1, Section 8, Clause 18

By Mr. LALOTA:
H.R. 865.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article 1, Section 8 of the United States Constitution

By Mr. LATTA:
H.R. 866.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Pursuant to clause 7 of Rule XII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the following statement is submitted regarding the specific powers granted to Congress in the Constitution to enact the accompanying bill or joint resolution.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article 1, Section 8, Clause 18:
The Congress shall have Power to make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Executive the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by this Constitution

By Mr. LAWLER:
H.R. 867.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article 1, Section 8, Clause 18 of the U.S. Constitution

By Ms. LEE of Florida:
H.R. 868.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article 1, Section 8

By Ms. LEE of Nevada:
H.R. 869.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article 1, Section 8, Clause 1 provides Congress with the power to "lay and collect Taxes, Duties, Imposts and Excises"

By Ms. LEE of Nevada:
H.R. 870.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article 1, Section 8, Clause 1 provides Congress with the power to "lay and collect Taxes, Duties, Imposts and Excises"

By Mrs. LUNA:
H.R. 871.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article I, Section 8, Clause 18

By Ms. MACE:
H.R. 872.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution.

By Mr. MCCORMICK:
H.R. 873.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Clause 18 under Article I, Section 8 of the US Constitution.

By Mr. MCCORMICK:
H.R. 874.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Clause 18 under Article I, Section 8 of the US Constitution.

By Mr. MOORE of Alabama:
H.R. 875.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article I, Section VIII

By Mr. MOYLAN:
H.R. 876.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
section 8 of article I of the Constitution.

By Mr. MOYLAN:
H.R. 877.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
section 8 of article I of the Constitution.

By Mr. MOYLAN:
H.R. 878.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
clause 2 of section 3 of article IV of the Constitution.

By Mr. MURPHY:
H.R. 879.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article 1, Section 8

By Ms. NORTON:
H.R. 880.
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. PFLUGER:
H.R. 881.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article 1, Section 8[Staff Authorized]

By Mr. PFLUGER:
H.R. 882.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article 1, Section 8

By Mr. PFLUGER:
H.R. 883.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article 1 Section 8

By Mr. PFLUGER:
H.R. 884.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article 1, Section 8

By Mr. ROY:
H.R. 885.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article I, Section 8

By Mr. RULLI:
H.R. 886.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article I, Section 8

By Mr. RYAN:
H.R. 887.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article 1

By Mr. RYAN:
H.R. 888.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article 1

By Mr. RYAN:
H.R. 889.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article 1

By Mr. RYAN:
H.R. 890.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article 1

By Mr. RYAN:
H.R. 891.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article 1

By Mr. RYAN:
H.R. 892.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1

By Mr. RYAN:
H.R. 893.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article 1

By Ms. SÁNCHEZ:
H.R. 894.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Clause 1 of Section 8 of Article I of the Constitution, to "provide for the common defence and general welfare of the United States."

By Mr. SELF:
H.R. 895.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article I, Section 8

By Ms. SHERRILL:
H.R. 896.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Clause 18 of Section 8 of Article 1 of the Constitution of the United States of America

By Mr. SMITH of Washington:
H.R. 897.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article 1, Section 8

By Mr. SMITH of Washington:
H.R. 898.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article 1, Section 8

By Mr. MASSIE:
H.R. 899.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article I Section 8

By Mr. SOTO:
HR. 900.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article I, Section 8, of the U.S. Constitution.

By Mr. STRONG:
H.R. 901.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article 1, Section 8 of the Constitution of the United States

By Ms. TENNEY:
H.R. 902.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article I

By Mr. THOMPSON of California:
H.R. 903.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
ARTICLE 1, SEC. 8, CLAUSE 18 (Necessary and Proper)

By Mr. VAN DREW:
H.R. 904.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article 1, Section 8, Clause 1

By Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN:
H.R. 905.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article 1, Section 8, Clause 18: [The Congress shall have Power . . .] 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 Mr. WITTMAN:
H.R. 906.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article 1, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution

By Mr. ZINKE:
H.R. 907.

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

Article 1, Section 8

By Mr. PFLUGER:

H.J. Res. 31.

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

Article 1, Section 8

By Ms. SANCHEZ:

H.J. Res. 32.

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

Claus 1 of Section 8 of Article I of the Constitution, to ‘provide for the common defense and general welfare of the United States.’”

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

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

H.R. 22: Mr. WEBSTER of Florida, Mr. MEUSER, and Mr. STRONG.

H.R. 24: Mr. RULLI.

H.R. 27: Mr. WESTERMAN.

H.R. 36: Ms. NORTON, Mr. TURNER of Ohio, Mr. DOGGETT, Mr. LAWLER, Mr. CLEAVER, Mr. ADERHOLT, Mr. COSTA, and Mr. KEATING.

H.R. 51: Mr. TRAN, Mr. CISNEROS, Ms. MCBRIDE, Mrs. McCLAIN Delaney, Mr. FIGURES, and Ms. DEXTER.

H.R. 137: Mr. STUTZMAN and Mrs. HOUCHIN.

H.R. 138: Ms. DE LA CRUZ.

H.R. 203: Mr. WIED.

H.R. 205: Mr. WEBER of Texas and Mr. RULLI.

H.R. 211: Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Ms. CHU, Mr. EVANS of Pennsylvania, Mr. CISNEROS, Mr. RYAN, Ms. CASTOR of Florida, Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Ms. BUDZINSKI, and Ms. SIMON.

H.R. 220: Ms. CHU, Ms. CASTOR of Florida, Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia, and Ms. SIMON.

H.R. 221: Mr. WEBER of Texas.

H.R. 227: Mr. SMUCKER.

H.R. 243: Mr. TURNER of Ohio, Mr. DOGGETT, Mr. LAWLER, and Mr. CLEAVER.

H.R. 262: Mr. ROGERS of Alabama.

H.R. 273: Mr. OBERNOLTE.

H.R. 286: Mr. JAMES and Mr. PANETTA.

H.R. 294: Mr. RILEY of New York.

H.R. 295: Mr. RILEY of New York.

H.R. 323: Mr. RILEY of New York.

H.R. 332: Mrs. MILLER of West Virginia.

H.R. 355: Mr. GILL of Texas.

H.R. 396: Ms. ELFRETH, Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina, and Ms. DEXTER.

H.R. 397: Mr. KENNEDY of New York.

H.R. 409: Ms. NORTON and Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN.

H.R. 425: Mr. MCGUIRE and Mr. BILIRAKIS.

H.R. 429: Mrs. FLETCHER, Mr. GARCIAELA of Illinois, Mr. MAGAZINER, and Mr. LAWLER.

H.R. 444: Ms. McDONALD RIVET.

H.R. 451: Ms. MALLIOTAKIS.

H.R. 464: Ms. McDONALD RIVET.

H.R. 469: Mr. CRAWFORD.

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H.R. 484: Mr. DAVIS of Illinois.

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H. Res. 72: Ms. NORTON.

CONGRESSIONAL EARMARKS, LIMITED TAX BENEFITS, OR LIMITED TARIFF BENEFITS

Under clause 9 of rule XXI, lists or statements on congressional earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits were submitted as follows:

OFFERED BY Mr. JORDAN

The provisions that warranted a referral to the Committee on the Judiciary in H.R. 27, the HALT Fentanyl Act, do not contain any congressional earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits as defined in clause 9 of rule XXI.

OFFERED BY Mr. GUTHRIE

The provisions that warranted a referral to the Committee on Rules in H.R. 27, the ‘‘HALT Fentanyl Act’’, do not contain any congressional earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits as defined in clause 9 of rule XXI.

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING NORTH RICHLAND HILLS POLICE CHIEF MIKE YOUNG

HON. BETH VAN DUYNÉ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 31, 2025

Ms. VAN DUYNÉ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize North Richland Hills Police Department Chief Mike Young for his 40 years of dedicated public service and to congratulate him on his retirement. Chief Young joined the North Richland Hills Police Department in 1985 after serving four years in the United States Air Force.

He distinguished himself as a leader soon after joining the department serving as Sergeant, Lieutenant, Captain, and Assistant Chief from 1997 to 2013. His exemplary service led to his promotion of Chief of Police in 2023, a role he led with integrity and professionalism. Throughout his career, Chief Young has guided and influenced multiple divisions within the department, including patrol, traffic, SWAT, criminal investigations, training, communications, and budget management. His focus on officer development and continuing education has strengthened the department, ensuring that those who serve are equipped with the highest level of training and expertise. Chief Young has received numerous awards for his service including the department's highest honor in 1989, the Medal of Honor.

Chief Young's leadership has shaped the North Richland Hills Police Department into the highly respected organization it is known as today. His commitment to public service has left an indelible mark on North Richland Hills and beyond, and I wish him the best in his well-deserved retirement.

RECOGNIZING SERGEANT HAROLD PRESSEL

HON. SCOTT PERRY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 31, 2025

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Speaker, I'm honored to recognize Sergeant (SGT) Harold Pressel, U.S. Army Air Corps, on the auspicious occasion of his 101st Birthday on February 3, 2025.

SGT Pressel honorably served alongside the "Greatest Generation" in WWII as a machine gunner on the B-24 Liberator, during which he earned—among myriad awards and decorations—the Purple Heart for his actions and wounds in combat. His aircraft was hit by flak after turning around for a second bomb run, which pierced the fuel tank. After bailing from the plummeting aircraft, SGT Pressel told himself not to panic even when overcoming his parachute malfunction that caused him to barrel 120 MPH towards the ground.

After landing safely, he was surrounded by the enemy. Five German soldiers took him to

a nearby farmhouse, where a German officer was waiting. While being interrogated with the rest of his crew, SGT Pressel and his crewmates remained steadfast by answering every enemy question with only "name, rank, and serial number"—and was thrown in a boxcar headed to a German Prisoner of War camp. After suffering horrors from starvation to bug infestations, SGT Pressel and his crew were liberated by General George Patton's Army on April 29, 1945.

SGT Pressel returned to the United States a hero. After a brief time at the air base in Middletown, he began his civilian career at the Motter Electrical Shop in York, Pennsylvania—where he helped build numerous nuclear power plants in Pennsylvania.

SGT Pressel shared two sons—Jim and Gary—with his beloved wife, Grace, before her passing, as well as four grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, and one great-great grandchild.

Mr. Speaker, I'm honored, humbled, and privileged to recognize Sergeant Harold Pressel on his 101st Birthday. I wish him the blessings of great health, happiness, and prosperity in his future adventures. "Thank you" will never be enough for his service and sacrifices in the name of our great Nation. His life and legacy set the standard by which we all should be judged.

RECOGNIZING VERA WADDLE FINLEY'S 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 31, 2025

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mrs. Vera Waddle Finley, an amazing person who will be celebrating her 100th birthday on February 5, 2025. It is my distinct honor to pay tribute to Ms. Finley on this joyous occasion and to highlight the extraordinary life that endears her to so many in the community. Born to Pearl Porterfield Waddle and Albert Norberth Waddle in Forman, Arkansas, she grew up in a family with five older siblings: Herley, Haskell, Marilla, Marilene and Aaron. In 1927, the Finley family moved to Ardmore, Oklahoma following the devastating loss of their mother, Pearl.

Vera, a high school graduate, has always been eager to learn more and has had a strong desire for knowledge, particularly in the field of business. While she initially devoted her time to being a homemaker, she later worked at Hansen Textile once her children were older. Vera finished out her career at Merck, Sharp and Dohme where she spent over 35 years as a Confidential Secretary using her fluency in typing and shorthand daily.

Vera met the love of her life, United States Army Air Corps Gunner Louis Franklin Finley, Jr. in 1943 as the pair danced the polka. The following Spring, the pair married and relo-

cated to Hatfield, Pennsylvania. Throughout their 40 years together, the pair never missed a chance to share a dance. Together they raised four children—Rockwell, Tanya, Ronald and Debra—who each went on to marry Brenda, Eddie, Barbara and Robert, respectively. If you ask any of her children, they will say that she was an excellent homemaker, gardener and cook.

Aside from her children, Vera has 10 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. She enjoys conversing with others and listening to music. She is an active member of the Montgomery Baptist Church in Colmar, Pennsylvania where she remains the oldest member.

As we celebrate her 100 years of life, we are extremely grateful for the positive impact she has had on her children, her family and all those who know her. She always sports a smile and loving heart.

HONORING HOLY CROSS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

HON. NICOLE MALLIOTAKIS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 31, 2025

Ms. MALLIOTAKIS, Mr. Speaker, this year marks the 60th anniversary of Holy Cross Greek Orthodox in Bay Ridge. I join the entire Bay Ridge community in honoring the individuals who have contributed to the growth of the Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church and Demetrios and Georgia Parochial School. From the original seven founders to the clergy, staff, and countless volunteers, every person has played a significant role in ensuring the church remains a pillar of the community.

This occasion is an opportunity not only to celebrate our history but also to look ahead to the future. Today, we remember these words spoken during Holy Cross' consecration in 1965: "The past was glorious, and if the future emulates the past, then the growth of our church will be secure for future generations."

As we reflect on this important milestone, we look forward to many more years of service to God, our community, and the preservation of our cherished Hellenic traditions.

HONORING THE LIFE OF EDWIN RANDOLPH "RANDY" LEACH

HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 31, 2025

Mr. GRIFFITH. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Edwin Randolph "Randy" Leach, who passed away on January 12th at the age of 68. Randy is remembered for his sound legal mind and dedicating a great legal career in the Roanoke Valley.

The birth of Randy Leach occurred in Raleigh, North Carolina, on November 27, 1956.

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Following his childhood and adolescent years in North Carolina, Mr. Leach attended academic institutions in Virginia. He earned a B.A. from Hampden-Sydney College before graduating from the renowned law school at William & Mary.

A career devoted to public service soon followed. Randy moved to the City of Roanoke to begin a career as a public defender.

Later, he joined the Roanoke County Commonwealth Attorney's office. For 14 years, he served as Chief Assistant Commonwealth Attorney.

In 2002, the citizens of Roanoke County placed their trust in Randy Leach to serve the County and elected him as Commonwealth Attorney.

Appreciated by many, he ran for re-election four times and ran unopposed in each of those campaigns. He retired from his distinguished role as a constitutional officer in 2019.

As a practicing attorney in the Roanoke Valley during the same time, I had the pleasure of working with Randy throughout his tenure in the Commonwealth Attorney's office. I had many cases in Roanoke County and often Randy would be the prosecutor in a case I was defending.

Randy also regularly frequented Mac & Bob's restaurant, a popular site in Salem, Virginia, and was beloved there by the regulars.

Randy Leach is preceded in death by his parents, Bill and Jimmie Ruth Leach. He leaves behind his older brother, Ken Leach; nieces, Leslie Wall (Chad), Lisa Yancy, and Eden Gauss (Jai); younger brother, Keith Leach (Janis); and nephews, Michael, (Meghan), and Casey.

Randy Leach was a dedicated lawyer whose service and exceptional legal talents on behalf of Roanoke County was appreciated by many. He will be sorely missed by his family, colleagues, friends and the Roanoke Valley community.

RECOGNIZING SHAWN MORGAN

HON. BETH VAN DUYNÉ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 31, 2025

Ms. VAN DUYNÉ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of a grateful Nation and the Citizens of the Twenty-Fourth District of Texas, the 2024 Congressional Veteran Commendation is hereby presented to Shawn Morgan, Staff Sergeant, United States Army, of Keller, Texas for his honorable service in the Armed Forces of the United States of America and for his continued service to his community.

Mr. Morgan enlisted in the United States Army in 2004, serving as an infantryman and a drill sergeant, deploying three times in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. On May 30, 2007, he was wounded in action after being shot by a sniper during an ambush on his patrol in Tarmiyah, Iraq. After recovering from his injuries, he rejoined his platoon to complete their 15-month deployment. He later was responsible for the training of over 1,500 soldiers as a drill sergeant before leaving the service in 2014.

Mr. Morgan's decorations include the Purple Heart, the Iraq Campaign Medal with Two Campaign Star, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal (2nd Award),

the Army Achievement Medal (5th Award), the Meritorious Unit Commendation (2nd Award), the Army Good Conduct Medal (3rd Award), the National Defense Service Medal, the Global Warrior Terrorism Service Medal, the Non-Commissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon (2nd Award), the Army Service Ribbon, the Overseas Service Ribbon (2nd Award), the Combat Infantryman Badge, and the Drill Sergeant Identification Badge.

His dedication to service does not stop with his time in the military. He currently serves as a full-time advocate for veterans with the Wounded Warrior Project where he has been instrumental in helping thousands of veterans connect with resources, their community, and organizations nationwide. He also serves as a soccer coach with i9 Sports Youth Soccer.

Mr. Morgan's service is consistent with the finest traditions of the United States Army and reflect great credit upon himself, the State of Texas, and the United States of America.

APPRECIATION FOR HER EXCELLENCE DAME KAREN PIERCE

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 31, 2025

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, As Chairman of the Congressional UK Caucus alongside Co-Chairs DAVID ROUZER (NC-07), JIM HIMES (CT-04), and GABE AMO (RI-01), we include in the RECORD the following to honor Her Excellency Dame Karen Elizabeth Pierce, Lady Roxburgh, DCMG and her tenure as Ambassador of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the United States of America.

We are grateful to extend deep gratitude to Dame Karen Pierce, DCMG for her exemplary service as His Britannic Majesty's Ambassador to the United States. Throughout her tenure, Dame Pierce demonstrated exceptional diplomacy, fostering a spirit of collaboration and friendship between our two Nations. Her steadfast commitment to the Special Relationship has not only upheld but strengthened the deep historical ties that unite the United States and the United Kingdom.

As key liaison to the United Kingdom, Dame Pierce has facilitated meetings with Congressional members and all levels of the British Government, from Prime Ministers to Cabinet Ministers, Members of Parliament, and members of the Royal Family. Dame Pierce's tenure was marked by her unwavering professionalism, strategic insight, and tireless advocacy for shared values, including democracy, human rights, and international security. Her ability to navigate complex geopolitical challenges with grace and determination set an inspiring example for diplomats around the world. Dame Pierce has remained steadfast in her ability to ensure the highest levels of diplomatic channels between our two Nations remain open and well used.

As Dame Pierce concludes her role as Ambassador, we appreciate her for her remarkable contributions to our bilateral relationship. Her leadership and dedication will be long remembered and appreciated by both Nations. On behalf of this body and the American people, we extend our best wishes to Dame Pierce in her future endeavors and express

our sincere gratitude for her distinguished service.

I was born with appreciation of British heritage in the most British city of North America, Charleston, South Carolina. Founded in 1670, named for Charles I as Charles Town. Surviving the American Civil War, the beautiful, elegant homes of the early seventeenth century have been preserved and restored forever to recognize our valued British heritage.

INTRODUCTION OF THE HOUSEHOLD GOODS SHIPPING CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 31, 2025

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduce the Household Goods Shipping Consumer Protection Act. This bill would ensure that the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) has the tools to protect consumers from fraud in the interstate transportation of household goods. Last Congress, the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure passed this bill by a vote of 62-2. Representative MIKE EZELL is co-leading this bill with me. Senators DEB FISCHER and TAMMY DUCKWORTH are introducing the companion bill.

Specifically, this bill would clarify that FMCSA has the authority to assess civil penalties against fraudulent actors that hold consumers' personal goods hostage, allow FMCSA to leverage states' enforcement of federal consumer protection laws related to the transportation of household goods and establish requirements to ensure that motor carriers, brokers and freight forwarders that seek registration are operating legitimate businesses.

FMCSA receives thousands of complaints every year from the victims of fraud related to the shipment of household goods. Fraudsters have launched moving companies with fake 5-star online reviews to draw in customers, intending to overcharge customers or to hold their personal goods hostage until an additional fee is paid. After receiving negative reviews, fraudsters open a new moving company under a new name and a new FMCSA license. FMCSA lacks the authority to prevent and punish these types of fraud.

In 2019, a Department of Transportation Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) ruled that FMCSA lacks the authority to assess civil penalties for violations of commercial regulations, including unauthorized brokerage and failure to return household goods to consumers. This ruling reversed years of practice and enforcement by FMCSA. As a result of the ALJ's decision, FMCSA may not assess civil penalties for violations of commercial regulations. Instead, the Department of Justice must initiate an action in federal court, which limits enforcement action and leaves consumers to pay the price. This bill would clarify congressional intent and provide explicit authority for FMCSA to adjudicate and assess civil penalties for commercial regulations and registration requirements.

This bill would also provide explicit authority for FMCSA to withhold registration from any applicant that fails to provide a valid principal

place of business or disclose common ownership with any other registered entities at the time of registration. Scam household goods carriers, brokers and freight forwarders have registered with addresses where no legitimate operations take place, often designating their official address as a retail package store, parking lot or business address unrelated to the registered entity. Allowing FMCSA to validate this business information up front will help prevent future fraud and abuse in the truck freight sector.

This bill would also permit states to use Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program and High Priority Program funding to ensure compliance with federal regulations on household goods freight and consumer protection. It would also codify the existing practice of allowing states to retain the penalties and fines imposed in proceedings related to violations of household goods statutes and regulations. These provisions would support states in their efforts to protect consumers from predatory practices.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

RECOGNIZING ASSISTANT FIRE
CHIEF BOB CLEMM

HON. SCOTT PERRY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 31, 2025

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Speaker, I'm honored and privileged to recognize the Camp Hill Fire Company Assistant Fire Chief, Bob Clemm, on 65 years of tireless and dedicated service to our communities and the Fire Services at large.

Mr. Clemm, an educator and lifelong Fire-fighter, initially graduated with a degree in education, and went on to earn not one, but *three* Masters Degrees. He was hired in 1963 as an Industrial Arts teacher at Big Spring School District, and then served as Industrial Media Coordinator, where he ultimately was

responsible for the purchase, maintenance, and coordination of all audio-visual, computer, and IT infrastructure for the district. His dedication, performance, and efforts not only were highly respected by the students, but earned him the award of 1992 Educator of the Year by the Phi Delta Kappa chapter of Shippensburg University.

Mr. Clemm became a State Certified Fire Instructor with the Pennsylvania State Fire Academy, and taught extensively in Cumberland County. He was an innovator in fire-fighting methods and taught specialty classes like vehicle rescue, aerial operations, and the use of rural water supply. Due to his skill, reputation, and knowledge, he also became a frequent guest instructor at the State Fire Academy.

Assistant Chief Clemm selflessly devoted countless time volunteering at the Academy when it was crippled with State budget deficits, and served as Assistant Fire Chief throughout most of his career. After "retiring" from active firefighting duties, he continued to serve in fire police operations.

As of June 2024, Assistant Fire Chief Bob Clemm's service to our communities has spanned an incredible 65 years. His contributions and legacy to the Fire Services throughout Pennsylvania are, simply put: innumerable and immeasurable. His tireless and limitless knowledge, leadership, skill, performance, care and dedication—all executed with quiet humility—set the standard by which we all should be judged.

Mr. Speaker, I'm honored and proud to commemorate Assistant Fire Chief Bob Clemm on his career spanning over 65 years. "Thank you" will never be enough, and I wish him continued good health, happiness, and Godspeed on his future adventures.

HONORING EULESS CITY
MANAGER LORETTA GETCHELL

HON. BETH VAN DUYNE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 31, 2025

Ms. VAN DUYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor retiring Euless City Manager Loretta Getchell for her exceptional 28 years of service to North Texas.

Loretta graduated from the University of North Alabama with a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration later becoming a Certified Public Accountant and a Certified Government Finance Officer. She began her career with the City of Euless in 1997 as the Director of Finance. She quickly moved through the ranks, becoming Assistant City Manager in 2004 and Deputy City Manager in 2007. As a result of her leadership, she was promoted to her current role of City Manager in 2015. While serving in this position, Loretta has been an integral force in the development and success of the Euless community. Her leadership has helped shape city policies, strengthen financial sustainability, and improve municipal services. Her commitment to excellence has earned her numerous accolades, including the 2024 Linda Keithley Award for Women in Public Management and the 2017 David Hofer Servant Leadership Award.

Beyond her professional achievements, Loretta has remained engaged in professional organizations, contributing her expertise to the Government Finance Officers Association of Texas, the Texas Society of CPAs, the American Institute of CPAs, the Texas City Manager's Association, and the North Texas City Managers Association. Her dedication to mentorship and professional development has left a lasting impact on the public administration field.

I thank Loretta for her service to the City of Euless, and congratulate her on her well-earned retirement.

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate was not in session and stands adjourned until 3 p.m. on Monday, February 3, 2025.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 80 public bills, H.R. 828–907; and 14 resolutions, H.J. Res. 31–32; and H. Res. 79–90, were introduced.

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Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Smith (NE) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Congressional Award Board—Appointment: Read a letter from Representative Jeffries, Minority Leader, in which he reappointed the following members to the Congressional Award Board: Ms. Nichelle D. Schoultz of Bethesda, Maryland.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: There were no Yea and Nay votes, and there were no Recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 10:03 a.m.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2025

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

3 p.m., Monday, February 3

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12 noon, Tuesday, February 4

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 5:30 p.m.), Senate will recognize the Majority Leader. At 5:30 p.m., Senators should expect a procedural vote in relation to the nomination of Russell Vought, of Virginia, to be Director of the Office of Management and Budget, a vote on confirmation of the nomination of Christopher Wright, of Colorado, to be Secretary of Energy, and a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Pamela Bondi, of Florida, to be Attorney General.

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