House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 43 public bills, H.R. 7437–7479; and 5 resolutions, H. Res. 1036–1040 were introduced. **Pages H3056–58**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H3059–60**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Cuellar to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H2985**

Recess: The House recessed at 9:50 a.m. and reconvened at 10 a.m. **Page H2991**

Recess: The House recessed at 1:21 p.m. and reconvened at 1:42 p.m. **Page H3033**

Investing in a New Vision for the Environment and Surface Transportation in America Act: The House passed H.R. 2, to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, by a yea-and-nay vote of 233 yeas to 188 nays, Roll No. 138. Consideration began yesterday, June 30th. **Pages H2995–H3039**

Agreed to the Crawford motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a yea-and-nay vote of 224 yeas to 193 nays, Roll No. 137. Subsequently, Representative DeFazio reported the bill back to the House with the amendment and the amendment was agreed to. **Pages H3036–38**

Agreed to:

DeFazio en bloc amendment No. 4 consisting of the following amendments printed in part E of H. Rept. 116–438: Babin (No. 1) that authorizes the expansion and improvement of interstate 14; Balderson (No. 2) that strikes ''lane splitting'' in Sec. 5304 and inserts descriptive language to better account for varying state laws; Beyer (No. 3) that authorizes a study by GAO to determine the effectiveness of suicide barriers on physical structures other than bridges; Brownley (CA) (No. 4) that ensures the installation of protective devices and the replacement of functionally obsolete warning devices at railway-highway crossings are eligible under the rail grade crossing program; Calvert (No. 5) that establishes the Western Riverside County Wildlife Refuge; Cohen (No. 6) that authorizes a study by GAO on the reporting of alcohol-impaired driving arrest and citation results into federal databases to facilitate the widespread identification of repeat impaired driving offenders; Crawford (No. 7) that applies TIVSA protections to buses; Cuellar (No. 8) that adds a new section that provides I–27 Future Interstate Designation for Texas and New Mexico; Dingell (No. 9) that adds the bipartisan natural infrastructure bill H.R. 3742, the Recovering America's Wildlife Act, which will enable States, Territories, and Tribes to complete habitat restoration and natural infrastructure projects, specified in Congressionally-mandated Wildlife Action Plans, to recover more than 12,000 wildlife, fish, and plant species of greatest conservation need, build recreational and educational infrastructure, and bolster community resilience through natural defenses; Garcia (IL) (No. 10) that amends parameters of the study on travel demand modeling described in section 1404 to account for induced demand and update antiquated models like 'Level of Service'; Gianforte (No. 11) that permits the continued use of Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program project use power by the Kinsey Irrigation Company and the Sidney Water Users Irrigation District; González-Colón (PR) (No. 12) that makes Puerto Rico an eligible applicant location for the Bureau of Reclamation's WaterSMART Grants; currently, Puerto Rico is the only territory and noncontiguous jurisdiction in the United States where these competitively-awarded water conservation and efficiency grants are not available; González-Colón (PR) (No. 13) that allows Puerto Rico to issue Commercial Driver's Licenses and also be eligible for Commercial Drivers License Improvement Program grant funding; Graves (LA) (No. 14) that includes fishermen that have been impacted by unfair trade practices for consideration under Sec. 83101; Grothman (No. 15) that allows the Secretary of Commerce or the Secretary of the Interior to consider the threat of invasive species before prescribing a fishway be constructed into a dam; Hastings (No. 16) that expands eligibility for the Surface Transportation Block Grant program to include rural roads that serve to transport agriculture products from farms or ranches to the marketplace; Keller (No. 17) that allows the Department of Transportation to award transit research, development and testing funds in a competitive manner; Krishnamoorthi (No. 18) that adds a grant program for states that ban non-navigational viewing; Lowenthal (No. 19) that directs the Secretary of Transportation to issue a vehicle safety standard to require that new commercial motor vehicles are equipped with a universal electronic vehicle identifier; McKinley (No. 20) that authorizes and provide funding for a DOE carbon capture, utilization, and storage technology commercialization program and direct air capture technology prize program; Rouda

(No. 21) that creates a grant program to support the modernization of the Nation's publicly owned treatment works to maintain reliable and affordable water quality infrastructure that addresses demand impacts, including resiliency, to improve public health and natural resources; Ruiz (No. 22) that provides authorization for construction of an access road to the Desert Sage Youth Wellness Center, the only IHS Youth Regional Treatment Center in California; Sarbanes (No. 23) that reauthorizes the Chesapeake Bay Gateways and Water trails program; Scott (VA) (No. 24) that authorizes the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to establish a program to restore and protect the Chesapeake Bay watershed by investing in green infrastructure, habitat preservation, and ecosystem restoration to enhance community resilience, improve water quality, and increase recreational opportunities while also creating jobs and enhancing economic opportunities; Walberg (No. 25) that adds the term ''mode of transportation'' to the criteria for collection of data on traffic stops; Walden (No. 26) that temporarily waives certain limitations for purposes of pedestrian and bicycle safety improvements on the National Trail System in National Scenic Areas; and Welch (No. 27) that creates an online energy efficiency contractor training program; the amendment also makes improvements to the home energy efficiency rebate program already included in the committee text of the bill; **Pages H2995–H3010**

Waters en bloc amendment No. 5 consisting of the following amendments printed in part F of H. Rept. 116–438: Adams (No. 1) that supports HBCU infrastructure development by asking the Secretary of Education to comply with the GAO's recommendation that the Education Department analyze the potential benefits to HBCUs by modifying the terms of existing HBCU Capital Financing Program loans, as described in the GAO's report published on June 15, 2018; Axne (No. 2) that establishes a grant program for the purchase and preservation of manufactured housing communities as long term affordable housing; Bonamici (No. 3) that directs the Department of Labor to provide grants to partnerships that support paid work-based learning programs, including Registered Apprenticeships, and supportive services to improve worker training, retention, and advancement for individuals who have historically faced barriers to employment in targeted infrastructure industries; Brownley (CA) (No. 4) that requires that medium- and heavy-duty vehicles purchased by the federal government are zero emission vehicles to the maximum extent feasible; Cárdenas (No. 5) that encourages USPS, in its process of replacing its aging delivery vehicle fleet, to take all reasonable steps to ensure that its vehicles are equipped with climate control units to protect the health and safety of its mail carriers, especially those working in areas of the country that are subject to extreme temperatures; Courtney (No. 6) that ensures that the list of activities eligible for Community Development Block Grant funds from Division J of the bill include housing remediation due to iron sulfide or other minerals that cause housing degradation; Gallego (No. 7) that requires Tribal and Native Hawaiian consultation in the development of the State Digital Equity Capacity Grant Program and improves technical assistance for Tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations accessing the program; Garcia (IL) (No. 8) that directs HUD to check public housing projects and federally assisted housing projects for lead pipes and issue grants to remove them; Hastings (No. 9) that requires the Comptroller General of the United States to study high-speed internet connectivity in Federally assisted housing, and requires the Secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development to submit a master plan to Congress for retrofitting these buildings and units as necessary to support broadband service; Jayapal (No. 10) that ends the sunset date for the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness and makes procedural and functional changes to allow the Council to provide more guidance to federal agencies as to how agency policies impact persons experiencing homelessness and housing instability; creates a new advisory council composed of people currently and formerly experiencing homelessness & groups representing people experiencing homelessness; Jayapal (No. 11) that requires GAO to issue a report on the housing infrastructure needs of populations at higher risk of homelessness, including people of color; LGBTQ persons; justice system-involved persons; foster and former foster youth; seniors; people with disabilities; survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault and intimate partner violence; and veterans; the report will recommend policy and practice changes by federal agencies to ensure housing infrastructure needs of those populations are better met; Lowenthal (No. 12) that establishes a Water Reuse Interagency Working Group; McCollum (No. 13) that applies Buy America requirements to the Community Development Block Grant program with exemption for housing development; Neguse (No. 14) that directs GAO to complete a report every three years on the status of federal research facilities infrastructure, and strengthens current science infrastructure reporting requirements for the Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) Director by requiring that they report to Congress not only the infrastructure improvements that are needed at federal research facilities, but also the estimated funding levels that are required to complete them; Ocasio-Cortez (No. 15) that sets

aside $50,000,000 of funds for updating postal facilities to increase accessibility for disabled individuals, with a focus on facilities that are included in the National Register of Historic Places; Ocasio-Cortez (No. 16) that repeals the Faircloth amendment which prohibits the construction of new public housing; Omar (No. 17) that requires the Office of Internet Connectivity and Growth to conduct a study of the extent to which federal funds have expanded access to and adoption of broadband internet service by socially disadvantaged individuals; Pressley (No. 18) that requires the Secretary of HUD to conduct a study on the effect of criminal history or involvement with the criminal legal system on access to private and assisted housing; Ruiz (No. 19) that takes land into trust for the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians; Ruiz (No. 20) that includes Indian Country and areas with high Native American populations in the priority areas for broadband expansion under the Universal Service Fund; Rush (No. 21) that establishes a nationwide energy-related industries workforce development program; Soto (No. 22) that directs the Director of the United States Geological Survey to establish a program to map zones that are at greater risk of sinkhole formation; Speier (No. 23) that amends the eligibility for the additional broadband benefit for low-income consumers to include households in which at least one member of the household has received a Federal Pell Grant in the most recent academic year; Torres (CA) (No. 24) that triggers Treasury borrowing during recessions when the real interest rate is zero or lower to support infrastructure investments; and Velázquez (No. 25) that revises the distribution of funds under the Public Housing Capital Fund to ensure at least 50 percent of the funding is distributed according to formula; also ensures that PHAs working in good faith effort to resolve urgent health and safety concerns remain eligible for funding awards; and

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Tlaib amendment (No. 3 printed in part H of H. Rept. 116–438) that adds $4.5 billion per fiscal year for 5 years for comprehensive lead service line replacement projects. Priority will be given to entities serving disadvantaged communities and environmental justice communities (with significant representation of communities of color, low-income communities, or Tribal and indigenous communities, that experience, or are at risk of experiencing, higher or more adverse human health or environmental effects) (by a yea-and-nay vote of 240 yeas to 181 nays, Roll No. 136). **Pages H3031–33, H3035–36**

Rejected:

Graves (MO) en bloc amendment No. 6 consisting of the following amendments printed in part G of H. Rept. 116–438: Bost (No. 1) that sought to preclude funding for programs under the Transportation Alternatives Program where lands are acquired through eminent domain; exceptions made for projects carried out under the Safe Routes to Schools Program, those that necessary to assist the disabled with daily needs under the Americans with Disabilities Act; Crawford (No. 2) that sought to strike full mega-project set-aside; Fulcher (No. 3) that sought to include amended text of H.R. 2871, the Aquifer Recharge Flexibility Act; Graves (LA) (No. 4) that sought to require the Secretary to certify that the actions in Sec. 82201 are more critical than the sustainability of the region responsible for generating the revenue; Hice (GA) (No. 5) that sought to strike $25 billion in unfunded vehicle purchases for the United States Postal Service; LaMalfa (No. 6) that sought to strike changes to credit risk premiums under 45 U.S.C 822; McKinley (No. 7) that sought to make clarifying changes to Section 401 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to ensure appropriate compliance with applicable water quality requirements; and Stauber (No. 8) that sought to eliminate duplicative 404 permitting requirements only if the state's 404 permitting standard is equal or higher than the federal government's (by a yea-and-nay vote of 179 yeas to 241 nays, Roll No. 134); and **Pages H3022–27, H3034**

Foxx (NC) amendment (No. 1 printed in part H of H. Rept. 116–438) that sought to eliminate the requirement that all laborers and mechanics working on federal-aid highway and public transportation projects shall be paid wages at rates not less than the locally prevailing wage rate (by a yea-and-nay vote of 147 yeas to 274 nays, Roll No. 135).

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Withdrawn:

Courtney amendment (No. 2 printed in part H of H. Rept. 116–438) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have aligned state and federal truck weight limits for agricultural products in the State of Connecticut on interstate highways. **Page H3031**

H. Res. 1028, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2) was agreed to yesterday, June 30th.

Agreed that in the engrossment of the bill, the Clerk be authorized to correct section numbers, punctuation, spelling, and cross-references, and to make such other technical and conforming changes as may be necessary to reflect the actions of the House. **Page H3039**

Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Olson wherein he resigned from the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

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Committee Elections and Committee Ranking: The House agreed to H. Res. 1037, electing Members to certain standing committees of the House of Representatives and ranking a certain member on a certain standing committee of the House of Representatives. **Page H3039**

Imposing sanctions with respect to foreign persons involved in the erosion of certain obligations of China with respect to Hong Kong: The House agreed to discharge from committee and pass H.R. 7440, to impose sanctions with respect to foreign persons involved in the erosion of certain obligations of China with respect to Hong Kong, as amended by Representative Sherman. **Pages H3039–44**

Extending the authority for commitments for the paycheck protection program and separate amounts authorized for other loans under section 7(a) of the Small Business Act: The House agreed to take from the Speaker's table and pass S. 4116, to extend the authority for commitments for the paycheck protection program and separate amounts authorized for other loans under section 7(a) of the Small Business Act. **Page H3044**

Public Interest Declassification Board—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following member on the part of the House to the Public Interest Declassification Board for a term of three years: John Tierney of Salem, Massachusetts. **Page H3044**

Senate Referrals: S. 132 was held at the desk. S. 2864 was held at the desk. S. 3758 was held at the desk. S. 4104 was held at the desk. **Page H3039**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H3039.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Five yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H3034, H3034–35, H3035–36, H3037–38, and H3038–39.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee began a markup on H.R. 6395, the ''National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021''.

THE END OF ONE COUNTRY, TWO SYSTEMS?: IMPLICATIONS OF BEIJING'S NATIONAL SECURITY LAW IN HONG KONG

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled ''The End of One Country, Two Systems?: Implications of Beijing's National Security Law in Hong Kong''. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION'S RESPONSE TO COVID–19 IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, Civilian Security, and Trade held a hearing entitled ''The Trump Administration's Response to COVID–19 in Latin America and the Caribbean''. Testimony was heard from Michael G. Kozak, Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs, Department of State; and Josh Hodges, Senior Deputy Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Latin America and the Caribbean, U.S. Agency for International Development.

THE ECONOMIC INJURY DISASTER LOAN PROGRAM: STATUS UPDATE FROM THE ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Small Business: Full Committee held a hearing entitled ''The Economic Injury Disaster Loan Program: Status Update from the Administration''. Testimony was heard from James Rivera, Associate Administrator, Office of Disaster Assistance, Small Business Administration.

VETERANS' ACCESS TO REPRODUCTIVE HEALTHCARE

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Health; and Women Veterans Task Force held a joint hearing entitled ''Veterans' Access to Reproductive Healthcare''. Testimony was heard from Patricia Hayes, Chief Officer, Women's Health Services, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

U.S.-CHINA RELATIONS AND ITS IMPACT ON NATIONAL SECURITY AND INTELLIGENCE IN A POST–COVID WORLD

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Full Committee held a hearing entitled ''U.S.-China Relations and its Impact on National Security and Intelligence in a Post-COVID World''. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.