House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 56 public bills, H.R. 1727–1782; and 5 resolutions, H. Res. 213–217 were introduced. **Pages H1323–25**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H1327–28**

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 H1193**

Motion to Adjourn: Rejected the Greene (GA) motion to adjourn by a yea-and-nay vote of 149 yeas to 235 nays, Roll No. 71. **Pages H1195–96**

American Rescue Plan Act of 2021: The House concurred in the Senate amendment to H.R. 1319, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to title II of S. Con. Res. 5, by a yea-and-nay vote of 220 yeas to 211 nays, Roll No. 72. **Pages H1196–H1286**

H. Res. 198, the rule providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 1319) was agreed to yesterday, March 9th.

Member Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Fudge, wherein she resigned as Representative for the Eleventh Congressional District of Ohio, effective today, March 10, 2021. **Page H1286**

Bipartisan Background Checks Act of 2021: The House considered H.R. 8, to require a background check for every firearm sale. Consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, March 11th. **Pages H1286–H1303**

Agreed to:

Nadler en bloc amendment No. 1 consisting of the following amendments printed in part C of H. Rept. 117–10: Crow (No. 3) that expands the background check exemption for hunting and fishing to also include pest remediation associated with ranching and farming; Garcia (TX) (No. 4) that requires the Attorney General to make available to any person licensed under this chapter both Spanish and English versions of the form required for the conduct of a background check; Jackson Lee (No. 5) that makes clear that a gun owner who realizes that he or she is at risk of suicide may transfer the gun to someone else, if the risk is imminent, without a background check to prevent self-harm; Lamb (No. 6) that clarifies that no background check is required for exchanges of firearms between family members and rather should be viewed, between family members, as two simultaneous gifts; and Torres (NY) (No. 8) that revises the purpose of the Act to explicitly prohibit gun purchases for certain individuals who do not pass background checks. **Pages H1300–02**

H. Res. 188, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 842), (H.R. 8), and (H.R. 1446) was agreed to Monday, March 8th.

Whole Number of the House: The Chair announced to the House that, in light of the resignation of the gentlewoman from Ohio, Ms. Fudge, the whole number of the House is 431. **Page H1303**

Enhanced Background Checks Act of 2021: The House considered H.R. 1446, to amend chapter 44 of title 18, United States Code, to strengthen the background check procedures to be followed before a Federal firearms licensee may transfer a firearm to a person who is not such a licensee. Consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, March 11th. **Pages H1303–14**

Agreed to:

Nadler en bloc amendment No. 1 consisting of the following amendments printed in part D of H. Rept. 117–10: Burgess (No. 1) that requires the Department of Justice Inspector General to submit a report to Congress on the number of NICS denials referred for investigation after a firearm was sold to a person who was later found to be ineligible; Levin (CA) (No. 2) that adds to the GAO reports in the bill, which are to be completed one year, three years, and five years after enactment, data disaggregated by state and the basis for denial in state law; McBath (No. 3) that amends the domestic violence reporting provision to require that the effects of the Act on domestic violence, domestic abuse, dating partner violence, sexual assault, and stalking will be disaggregated by state; and Neguse (No. 4) that strikes section 4 and replaces it to require the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to make an annual report, which shall be available to the public, that provides disaggregated information on background check denials not made within the 10-day period (by a yea-and-nay vote of 225 yeas to 202 nays, Roll No. 73). **Pages H1310–14**

H. Res. 188, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 842), (H.R. 8), and (H.R. 1446) was agreed to Monday, March 8th.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1195–96, H1285–86, and H1313–14.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

Committee Meetings

APPROPRIATIONS—GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE; HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OFFICERS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held a budget hearing on the Government Accountability Office and House of Representatives Officers. Testimony was heard from Gene L. Dodaro, Comptroller General of the United States, Government Accountability Office; and the following U.S. House of Representatives officers: E. Wade Ballou, Legislative Counsel; Tim Blodgett, Acting Sergeant at Arms; Kemba Hendrix, Director, Office of Diversity and Inclusion; Cheryl L. Johnson, Clerk; Douglas N. Letter, General Counsel; Michael T. Ptasienski, Inspector General; Ralph V. Seep, Law Revision Counsel; and Catherine Szpindor, Chief Administrative Officer.

MODERNIZING THE FEDERAL CIVILIAN APPROACH TO CYBERSECURITY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a hearing entitled ''Modernizing the Federal Civilian Approach to Cybersecurity''. Testimony was heard from Eric Goldstein, Executive Assistant Director for Cybersecurity, Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency; and Brandon Wales, Acting Director, Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency.

INNOVATION AND INVESTMENT IN WATER RESOURCES INFRASTRUCTURE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies held a hearing entitled ''Innovation and Investment in Water Resources Infrastructure''. Testimony was heard from Jason Uhley, General Manager-Chief Engineer, Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, California; Thomas J. Winston, President and Chief Executive Officer, Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority, Ohio; and public witnesses.

NATIONAL SECURITY CHALLENGES AND U.S. MILITARY ACTIVITIES IN THE INDO-PACIFIC

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled ''National Security Challenges and U.S. Military Activities in the Indo-Pacific''. Testimony was heard from David F. Helvey, Acting Assistant Secretary of Defense for Indo-Pacific Affairs, Department of Defense; Admiral Philip S. Davidson, U.S. Navy, Commander, U.S. Indo-Pacific Command; and General Robert B. Abrams, U.S. Army, Commander, United Nations Command/Combined Forces Command/U.S. Forces Korea.

PRIVATIZED MILITARY FAMILY HOUSING: UPDATE ON IMPLEMENTATION OF HOUSING REFORMS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness; and Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a joint hearing entitled ''Privatized Military Family Housing: Update on Implementation of Housing Reforms''. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

THE PATH FORWARD: RESTORING THE VITAL MISSION OF EPA

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled ''The Path Forward: Restoring the Vital Mission of EPA''. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

JUSTICE FOR ALL: ACHIEVING RACIAL EQUITY THROUGH FAIR ACCESS TO HOUSING AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled ''Justice for All: Achieving Racial Equity Through Fair Access to Housing and Financial Services''. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

A YEAR INTO THE PANDEMIC: THE STATE OF INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on International Development, International Organizations, and Global Corporate Social Impact held a hearing entitled ''A Year into the Pandemic: The State of International Development''. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

SECRETARY BLINKEN: THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION'S PRIORITIES FOR U.S. FOREIGN POLICY

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled ''Secretary Blinken: The Biden Administration's Priorities for U.S. Foreign Policy''. Testimony was heard from Antony Blinken, Secretary, Department of State.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on House Administration: Full Committee held a business meeting on Committee Resolution 117–12, Contestee Mariannette Miller-Meeks's Motion to Dismiss Notice of Contest Regarding the Election for Representative in the 117th Congress from the Second Congressional District of Iowa, and for other purposes. Committee Resolution 117–12 was agreed to, without amendment.

THE NEXT STEPS FOR THE PAYCHECK PROTECTION PROGRAM

Committee on Small Business: Full Committee held a hearing entitled ''The Next Steps for the Paycheck