S. 522, to require each agency, in providing notice of a rule making, to include a link to a 100 word plain language summary of the proposed rule;

S. 111, to establish the Federal Clearinghouse on School Safety Best Practices;

S. 664, to require the Comptroller General of the United States to review certain legislation in order to identify potential risks of duplication of and overlap with existing Federal programs, offices, and initiatives;

S. 566, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 42 Main Street in Slatersville, Rhode Island, as the ''Specialist Matthew R. Turcotte Post Office'';

H.R. 208, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 500 West Main Street, Suite 102 in Tupelo, Mississippi, as the ''Colonel Carlyle 'Smitty' Harris Post Office''; and

H.R. 264, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1101 Charlotte Street in Georgetown, South Carolina, as the ''Joseph Hayne Rainey Memorial Post Office Building''.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Vivek Hallegere Murthy, of Florida, to be Medical Director in the Regular Corps of the Public Health Service, and to be Surgeon General of the Public Health Service, and Rachel Leland Levine, of Pennsylvania, to be an Assistant Secretary, both of the Department of Health and Human Services.

EQUALITY ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Equality Act, focusing on LGBTQ rights, after receiving testimony from Senators Merkley, Baldwin, Blackburn, Hyde-Smith, and Lankford; Representatives Cicilline, Newman, and Hartzler; Alphonso David, Human Rights Campaign, New York, New York; Edith Guffey, PFLAG National, Lawrence, Kansas; Mary Hasson, Ethics and Public Policy Center, Washington, D.C.; Stella Keating, Tacoma, Washington; and Abigail Shrier, Los Angeles, California.

PAYCHECK PROTECTION PROGRAM

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Paycheck Protection Program, focusing on performance, impact, and next steps, including S. 723, to amend the Small Business Act and the CARES Act to extend the covered period for the paycheck protection program, after receiving testimony from Lisa Mensah, Opportunity Finance Network, and Joel Griffith, The Heritage Foundation, both of Washington, D.C.; John K. Hoey, The Y in Central Maryland, Baltimore; and Brad Polumbo, Foundation for Economic Education, Arlington, Virginia.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 43 public bills, H.R. 1953–1995; and 8 resolutions, H. Res. 243–250, were introduced. **Pages H1497–H1500**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H1501–02**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Removing the deadline for the ratification of the equal rights amendment: The House passed H.J. Res. 17, removing the deadline for the ratification of the equal rights amendment, by a yea-and-nay vote of 222 yeas to 204 nays, Roll No. 82. **Pages H1419–32, H1475–76**

H. Res. 233, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 1620), (H.R. 6), (H.R. 1603), (H.R. 1868), and the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 17) was agreed to yesterday, March 16th.

Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2021: The House passed H.R. 1620, to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act of 1994, by a yea-and-nay vote of 244 yeas to 172 nays, Roll No. 86. **Pages H1432–75, H1476–79**

Pursuant to the Rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 117–3, modified by the amendment printed in part A of H. Rept. 117–12, shall be considered as adopted. **Page H1432**

Agreed to:

Nadler en bloc amendment No. 1 consisting of the following amendments printed in part B of H. Rept. 117–12: Burgess (No. 1) that requires the DOJ and HHS to issue guidance and best practices on strategies to improve coordination of sexual assault forensic examination training and program sustainability; Bush (No. 2) that ensures that survivors can access transitional housing and be protected from unfair evictions and denial of service; Bush (No. 3)

that requires the Attorney General shall make publicly available on the Department of Justice website reports involving police sexual misconduct; Case (No. 4) that ensures the inclusion of Native Indian, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian groups; requires a review and subsequent Department of Justice report of Native Hawaiian interactions with the criminal justice system and related crime prevention programs to add to pre-existing data on Native Indians and Alaska Natives; Connolly (No. 5) that adds the right to be informed of the status and location of a sexual assault evidence collection kit to the rights of sexual assault survivors; Crist (No. 6) that clarifies that STOP grants can be used to cover the fees associated with replacing driver's licenses and birth certificates for survivors and their children; will provide survivors and their families with life-saving assistance as they take steps to build a safe and independent life; Rodney Davis (IL) (No. 7) that requires the Department of Health and Human Services to include in their Study and Report on Barriers to Survivors' Economic Security Access (Sec. 704), the impact of the COVID–19 pandemic on such survivors as it relates to their ability to maintain economic security; Delgado (No. 8) that adds to the findings on Economic Security for Victims that individuals living in rural areas facing intimate partner violence often face barriers to accessing resources, ranging from health care to the criminal justice system; Delgado (No. 9) that requires an analysis of the unique barriers faced by survivors in rural communities in the study on barriers to survivors' economic security; Dingell (No. 10) that establishes pilot program grants (up to 10) through the Department of Justice to state and tribal courts, offering them the opportunity to explore the feasibility and effectiveness of serving protection orders electronically; Kaehle (No. 11) that ensures appropriate consultation and inclusion with indigenous groups to support the tailored needs of indigenous women; Lamb (No. 12) that adds training for sexual assault nurse examiners (SANE nurses) to VAWA's Rural Programs, to expand access to and retention of quality SANE nurses in rural areas; Lawrence (No. 13) that amends Section 102 (Grants Encouraging Improvements and Alternatives to the Criminal Justice Response), to authorize grants to also be used for the purpose of better identifying and responding to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking against individuals who have been arrested or have contact with the juvenile or adult criminal justice system, and for developing or strengthening diversion programs and to ensure they receive comprehensive victim services; Lawrence (No. 14) that incentivizes states to adopt laws prohibiting the prosecution of minors for prostitution; Leger Fernandez (No. 15) that directs the Office on Violence Against Women to report on actions taken to prevent suicide amongst survivors and to consult with SAMHSA to establish best practices to prevent suicide amongst survivors; Leger Fernandez (No. 16) that requires that services provided pursuant to grants to support families in the justice system are provided in a culturally relevant manner and requires DOL's public outreach and education campaign to be conducted in a culturally relevant manner; Levin (MI) (No. 17) that amends Sec. 101 (STOP Grants) to add ''implementing a vertical prosecution system'' to the list of permissible uses for STOP grants; Meng (No. 18) that ensures family-focused programming for prisoners—from intake through reentry—to support the prisoners' familial needs, as well as provide appropriate training for correctional staff to engage with prisoners' families; Meng (No. 19) that ensures clear distribution and accessibility of sanitary products to prisoners and provides that no visitor is prohibited from visiting due to the visitor's use of sanitary products; Moore (No. 20) that authorizes a study on the intersection between domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking, and maternal mortality or morbidity; Moore (No. 21) that authorizes and expands programs offering sexual assault medical forensic exams and sexual assault victim services in tribal communities; Newman (No. 22) that requires grant applicants of the National Resource Center on Workplace Responses to include microbusiness in their outreach to qualify; Omar (No. 23) that includes credit history in the GAO economic barrier study; Omar (No. 24) that includes barriers of legal costs and jurisdictional challenges in the GAO economic study; Phillips (No. 25) that establishes a pilot program to identify and make immigration relief available to immigrants who are dependent upon their abusers for immigration status and have been subject to battering or extreme cruelty and have already been authorized for employment; Plaskett (No. 26) that establishes a civil cause of action against a person that discloses an intimate image of an individual without the depicted individual's consent, if the person disclosed the image with knowledge of or reckless disregard for such lack of consent; Pressley (No. 27) that establishes LGBTQ+ specific grants and services to LGBTQ+ victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking; Ross (No. 28) that revises the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act to allow grants to be used to for the development of statewide databases with information on where sexual assault nurse examiners (SANE nurses) are located; Ross (No. 29) that creates a statutory mandate that a victim's safety should be central to the housing and housing-related decisions that covered housing

providers make when implementing VAWA to not evict survivors, keep their information confidential, and do not deny assistance; Scanlon (No. 30) that provides legal representation to individuals for post conviction relief proceedings; Scanlon (No. 31) that creates a pathway for providing legal services through the Department of Veterans Affairs to address unmet needs such as elder law, child custody, and housing disputes; Speier (No. 32) that adds the Stopping Harmful Image Exploitation and Limiting Distribution Act (the "SHIELD Act") to the bill, which addresses the malicious sharing of private, intimate images, known as "nonconsensual pornography" or "revenge porn"; Speier (No. 33) that directs the Secretary of Education to make available a climate survey for institutions of higher education to administer to students on their experiences with sexual assault, sexual harassment, domestic violence, stalking, and dating violence; Speier (No. 34) that establishes an Interagency Task Force on Sexual Violence in Education to provide pertinent information to the government, public, and educational institutions on campus sexual violence prevention and response, as well as how to better assist survivors; Speier (No. 35) that builds on the unanimous passage of the Survivors' Bill of Rights Act establishing rights for survivors of federal sexual assault offenses by incentivizing states to ensure that survivors have, at a minimum, the rights guaranteed by the federal law; includes the right to be informed if the government intends to destroy or dispose of a sexual assault evidence collection kit, the right to be informed of any result of a kit, and the right to have a sexual assault evidence collection kit or its probative contents preserved without charge for the maximum applicable statute of limitations or 20 years, whichever is shorter; Torres (CA) (No. 37) that requires the Attorney General, in consultation with the Secretary of HHS, to conduct a study investigating whether abused victims who raise evidence of domestic violence are more likely to lose primary custody of their children to an abusive partner or to the State, including reviewing and providing recommendations on restructuring relevant state laws, regulations, and practices; Torres (CA) (No. 38) that requires the Attorney General, in coordination with the Secretary of HHS, to conduct a study on the direct and collateral economic costs and risks of divorce from an abusive partner to a victim of domestic violence, including payment of alimony, legal fees, spousal support, or the division of property; Torres (NY) (No. 39) that mandates state and local governments submit to the Attorney General a report on the number of sexual assault response teams at hospitals and their average victim response times to be eligible for certain federal funds; and Williams (No. 41) that ensures any study conducted under this bill includes an assessment, to the extent practicable, of any disparate impacts of the matter studied, by race, ethnicity, sex, sexual orientation, and gender identity (by a yea-and-nay vote of 228 yeas to 197 nays, Roll No. 83); and **Pages H1463–72, H1476–77**

Wagner amendment (No. 40 printed in part B of H. Rept. 117–12) that enhances VAWA's transparency and accountability measures by making entities found by the Attorney General to have intentionally misused VAWA grant funds ineligible to apply for future grants for up to 5 years, after reasonable notice and opportunity for a hearing (by a yea-and-nay vote of 242 yeas to 174 nays, Roll No. 84). **Pages H1474–75, H1477–78**

Rejected:

Stefanik amendment (No. 36 printed in part B of H. Rept. 117–12) that sought to strike all and replace the text with the Violence Against Women Extension Act of 2021 (by a yea-and-nay vote of 177 yeas to 249 nays, Roll No. 85). **Pages H1472–74, H1478**

H. Res. 233, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 1620), (H.R. 6), (H.R.1603), (H.R.1868), and the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 17) was agreed to yesterday, March 16th.

Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Awarding three congressional gold medals to the United States Capitol Police and those who protected the U.S. Capitol on January 6, 2021: H.R. 1085, amended, to award three congressional gold medals to the United States Capitol Police and those who protected the U.S. Capitol on January 6, 2021, by a ⅔ yea-and-nay vote of 413 yeas to 12 nays, Roll No. 87; **Page H1480**

COVID–19 Bankruptcy Relief Extension Act of 2021: H.R. 1651, amended, to amend the CARES Act to extend the sunset for the definition of a small business debtor, by a ⅔ yea-and-nay vote of 399 yeas to 14 nays, Roll No. 88; and **Pages H1480–81**

VOCA Fix to Sustain the Crime Victims Fund Act of 2021: H.R. 1652, amended, to deposit certain funds into the Crime Victims Fund, to waive matching requirements, by a ⅔ yea-and-nay vote of 384 yeas to 38 nays, Roll No. 89. **Pages H1481–82**

Clerk to Correct Engrossment: Agreed by unanimous consent that in the engrossment of H.R. 1620, 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 H1482**

Committee Election: The House agreed to H. Res. 244, electing a certain Member to a certain standing committee of the House of Representatives.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Eight yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1475–76, H1476–77, H1477, H1478, H1479, H1480, H1480–81, and H1481–82.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:53 p.m.

Committee Meetings

CLIMATE CHANGE, NATIONAL SECURITY, AND THE ARCTIC

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing entitled ''Climate Change, National Security, and the Arctic''. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

DHS MANAGEMENT CHALLENGES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a hearing entitled ''DHS Management Challenges''. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

DOMESTIC MANUFACTURING FOR A CLEAN ENERGY FUTURE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies held a hearing entitled ''Domestic Manufacturing for a Clean Energy Future''. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

RISING TO THE CHALLENGE: THE FUTURE OF HIGHER EDUCATION POST COVID–19

Committee on Education and Labor: Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Investment held a hearing entitled ''Rising to the Challenge: The Future of Higher Education Post COVID–19''. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LEADING THE WAY FORWARD: BIDEN ADMINISTRATION ACTIONS TO INCREASE COVID–19 VACCINATIONS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled ''Leading the Way Forward: Biden Administration Actions to Increase COVID–19 Vaccinations''. Testimony was heard from the following Department of Health and Human Services officials: Rochelle P. Walensky, M.D., Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; Anthony S. Fauci, M.D., Director, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, National Institutes of Health; and Peter Marks, M.D., Director, Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research, U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

AVERTING A CRISIS: PROTECTING ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE IN THE U.S. TERRITORIES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled ''Averting a Crisis: Protecting Access to Health Care in the U.S. Territories''. Testimony was heard from Representatives Sablan, Radewagen, Plaskett, González-Colón, and San Nicolas; Anne Schwartz, Executive Director, Medicaid and CHIP Payment and Access Commission; and Carolyn Yocom, Government Accountability Office.

GAME STOPPED? WHO WINS AND LOSES WHEN SHORT SELLERS, SOCIAL MEDIA, AND RETAIL INVESTORS COLLIDE, PART II

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled ''Game Stopped? Who Wins and Loses When Short Sellers, Social Media, and Retail Investors Collide, Part II''. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

WOMEN LEADING THE WAY: THE DEMOCRATIC MOVEMENT IN BELARUS

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Europe, Energy, the Environment, and Cyber held a hearing entitled ''Women Leading the Way: The Democratic Movement in Belarus''. Testimony was heard from a public witness.

UPDATE ON COVID–19 IN AFRICA

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, and Global Human Rights held a hearing entitled ''Update on COVID–19 in Africa''. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

THE WAY FORWARD ON HOMELAND SECURITY

Committee on Homeland Security: Full Committee held a hearing entitled ''The Way Forward on Homeland Security''. Testimony was heard from Alejandro Mayorkas, Secretary, Department of Homeland Security.

FROM RESCUE TO RECOVERY: BUILDING A THRIVING AND INCLUSIVE POST-PANDEMIC ECONOMY

Committee on Oversight and Reform: Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Crisis held a hearing entitled ''From Rescue to Recovery: Building a Thriving and Inclusive Post-Pandemic Economy''. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.