

October 24, 2019. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6134.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

SYRIA

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs concluded a hearing to examine United States policy and assistance in Syria, after receiving testimony from James F. Jeffrey, Special Representative for Syria Engagement and the Special Envoy to the Global Coalition to Defeat ISIS, Department of State.

SPECTRUM OF CONFLICT

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on SeaPower received a closed briefing on the Navy's "Spectrum of Conflict" strategic framework from Vice Admiral Stuart B. Munsch, USN, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Operations, Plans and Strategy, Department of Defense.

SATELLITE TELEVISION EXTENSION AND LOCALISM ACT

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the reauthorization of the Satellite Television Extension and Localism Act, after receiving testimony from Emily Barr, Graham Media Group, Chicago, Illinois, on behalf of the National Association of Broadcasters; Denny Law, Golden West Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc., Wall, South Dakota; Rob Thun, AT&T, Dallas, Texas; J.C. Watts, Black News Channel, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; and Jonathan Schwantes, Consumer Reports, Washington, D.C.

WATER RESOURCES INFRASTRUCTURE

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine improving American economic competitiveness through water resources infrastructure, after receiving testimony from Lieutenant General Todd T. Semonite, Chief of Engineers, Army Corps of Engineers, Department of Defense; and Charlotte Bertrand, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency.

WESTERN BALKANS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Europe and Regional Security Cooperation concluded a hearing to examine successes and unfinished business in the Western Balkans, after receiving testimony from Matthew A. Palmer, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs; and Janusz Bugajski, Center for European Policy Analysis, and Majda Ruge, Johns Hopkins University Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies, both of Washington, D.C.

MARIJUANA AND AMERICA'S HEALTH

United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control: Caucus concluded a hearing to examine marijuana and America's health, focusing on questions and issues for policy makers, including S. 2032, to expand research on the cannabidiol and marihuana, after receiving testimony from Jerome Adams, Surgeon General of the United States, Department of Health and Human Services; Nora Volkow, Director, National Institute of Drug Abuse; Robert Fitzgerald, University of California, San Diego; Staci Gruber, Harvard Medical School, Boston, Massachusetts; Sean Hennessy, University of Pennsylvania Perelman School of Medicine, Philadelphia; and Madeline Meier, Arizona State University, Tempe.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 54 public bills, H.R. 4801–4854; and 4 resolutions, H.J. Res. 78; H. Con. Res. 69; and H. Res. 652–653 were introduced. **Pages H8455–57**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H8459–60**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Rush to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H8391**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:35 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H8395**

Stopping Harmful Interference in Elections for a Lasting Democracy Act: The House passed H.R. 4617, to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to clarify the obligation to report acts of

foreign election influence and require implementation of compliance and reporting systems by Federal campaigns to detect and report such acts, by a recorded vote of 227 ayes to 181 noes, Roll No. 583.

Pages H8398–H8403, H8409, H8410–H8442

Rejected the Rodney Davis (IL) motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on House Administration with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 182 ayes to 225 noes, Roll No. 582.

Pages H8439–42

Pursuant to the Rule, it shall be in order to consider as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 116–35, modified by the amendment printed in part A of H. Rept. 116–253, in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on House Administration now printed in the bill.

Pages H8418–24

Agreed to:

DeSaulnier amendment (No. 1 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–253) that requires the FEC to notify states within 30 days of making a determination that a foreign national has initiated or attempted to initiate a disinformation campaign targeted at an election in a state;

Pages H8424–25

Lynch amendment (No. 3 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–253) that generally prohibits the use of deepfakes within 60 days of a federal election and establishes corresponding criminal and civil penalties;

Pages H8426–27

Levin (MI) amendment (No. 4 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–253) that prohibits foreign nationals from influencing American elections by setting up shell companies;

Pages H8427–28

Langevin amendment (No. 5 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–253) that directs the Federal Elections Commission to commission an independent study and report on media literacy with respect to online political content consumption among voting-age Americans;

Pages H8428–30

Swalwell (CA) amendment (No. 6 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–253) that includes a candidates immediate family members among those whose direct or indirect contacts or communications with a covered foreign national may amount to a reportable foreign contact with the term immediate family member meaning a candidate's parent, parent-in-law, spouse, adult child, or sibling;

Pages H8430–31

Brown (MD) amendment (No. 7 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–253) that requires the FBI to confirm receipt when a political committee issues a notification that they have been contacted by a reportable foreign contact; additionally, requires the

FBI to submit a report to Congress on how they are managing and responding to notifications from political committees;

Pages H8431–32

Delgado amendment (No. 8 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–253) that requires the Federal Election Commission to do an analysis of the extent to which illicit foreign money was used to carry out disinformation and propaganda campaigns focused on depressing turnout among rural communities and the success or failure of these efforts, together with recommendations to address these efforts in future elections;

Pages H8432–33

Houlahan amendment (No. 9 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–253) that codifies the FEC definition of “substantial assistance” for an illegal foreign transaction and defines what it means to “knowingly” abet a foreign entity, consistent with FEC regulations;

Pages H8433–34

Slotkin amendment (No. 10 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–253) that directs GAO to conduct an assessment of current exemptions of FARA registration requirements and what adjustments should be made to prevent foreign funding from influencing U.S. elections and political processes;

Pages H8434–35

Sherrill amendment (No. 11 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–253) that expands from 60 days before an election to 90 days the provisions on knowingly prohibiting deceptive practices in federal elections, including knowingly providing false information about the time or place of voting, qualifications for voting, or public endorsements;

Pages H8435–36

Cunningham amendment (No. 12 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–253) that requires the Federal Election Commission to include in its report to Congress an analysis of disinformation campaigns focused on depressing turnout among African-American and other minority communities;

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Cunningham amendment (No. 13 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–253) that requires the Federal Election Commission to include in its report to Congress an analysis of disinformation campaigns focused on influencing military servicemembers and veterans along with recommendations to address these efforts; and

Pages H8436–37

Spanberger amendment (No. 14 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–253) that requires that online platform records of purchase requests for qualified political advertisements include a statement that a person is acting as the agent of a foreign principal and the identification of the foreign principal involved, when applicable; qualified political advertisements include ads related to national legislative issues of public importance.

Pages H8437–38

Rejected:

Lesko amendment (No. 2 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–253) that sought to remove the requirement that the Attorney General communicate corrective actions to the public (by a recorded vote of 180 ayes to 231 noes, Roll No. 582).

Pages H8425–26, H8438–39, H8441–42

H. Res. 650, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4617) was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 226 yeas to 180 nays, Roll No. 580, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 223 yeas to 180 nays, Roll No. 579.

Pages H8409–10

Suspension: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure:

Debbie Smith Reauthorization Act of 2019:

H.R. 777, amended, to reauthorize programs authorized under the Debbie Smith Act of 2004, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 402 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 584.

Pages H8403–09, H8442–43

Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow, October 24th, and further when the House adjourns on that day, it adjourn to meet at 12 noon on Monday, October 28th for Morning Hour debate.

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Senate Referral: S. 1590 was held at the desk.

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H8398.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes and three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H8409, H8409–10, H8438, H8441–42, H8442, and H8443. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Committee Meetings

THE FUTURE OF WORK: PRESERVING WORKER PROTECTIONS IN THE MODERN ECONOMY

Committee on Education and Labor: Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions; and Subcommittee on Workforce Protections held a joint hearing entitled “The Future of Work: Preserving Worker Protections in the Modern Economy”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

SABOTAGE: THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION'S ATTACK ON HEALTH CARE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Sabotage: The Trump Administration’s Attack on Health Care”. Testimony was heard from Seema Verma, Administrator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services.

BUILDING A 100 PERCENT CLEAN ECONOMY: SOLUTIONS FOR PLANES, TRAINS AND EVERYTHING BEYOND AUTOMOBILES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Environment and Climate Change held a hearing entitled “Building a 100 Percent Clean Economy: Solutions for Planes, Trains and Everything Beyond Automobiles”. Testimony was heard from Fred Felleman, Commissioner, Port of Seattle and the Northwest Seaport Alliance; and public witnesses.

AN EXAMINATION OF FACEBOOK AND ITS IMPACT ON THE FINANCIAL SERVICES AND HOUSING SECTORS

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “An Examination of Facebook and Its Impact on the Financial Services and Housing Sectors”. Testimony was heard from a public witness.

THE BETRAYAL OF OUR SYRIAN KURDISH PARTNERS: HOW WILL AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY AND LEADERSHIP RECOVER?

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Betrayal of our Syrian Kurdish Partners: How Will American Foreign Policy and Leadership Recover?”. Testimony was heard from James F. Jeffrey, Special Representative for Syria Engagement and Special Envoy to the Global Coalition to Defeat ISIS, Department of State; and Matthew Palmer, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs, Department of State.

THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION'S FY 2020 BUDGET AND U.S. POLICY TOWARD 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 FY 2020 Budget and U.S. Policy toward Latin America and the Caribbean”. Testimony was heard from Michael G. Kozak, Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs, Department of State; John Barsa, Assistant Administrator, Bureau