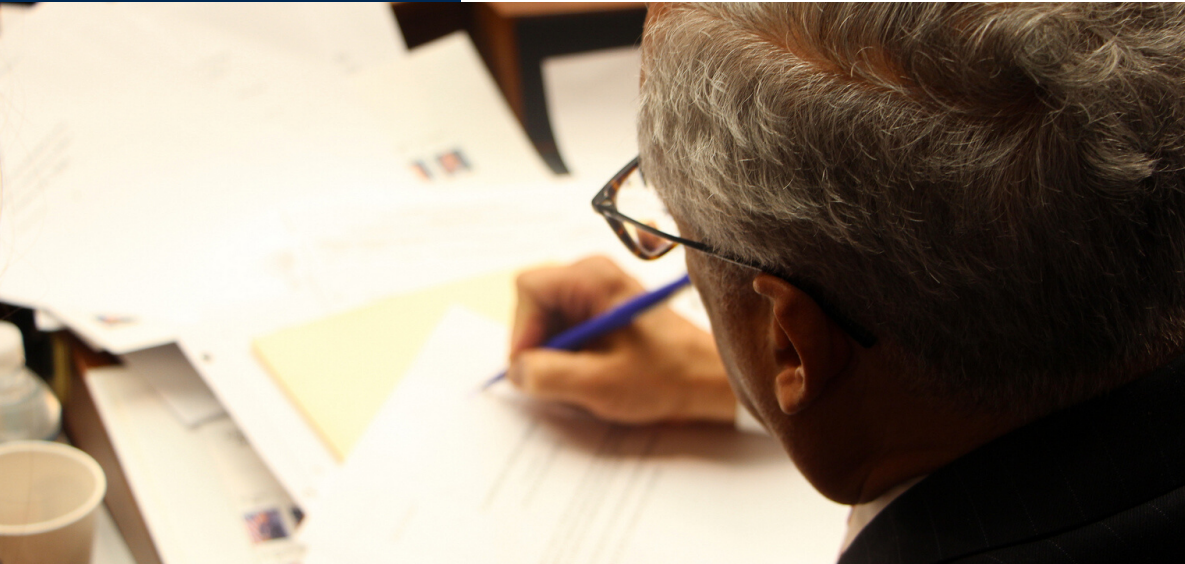


# YEAR *in* REVIEW

2019

# EDUCATION & LABOR COMMITTEE



## PHOTO OF THE YEAR

Chairman Robert C. "Bobby" Scott (VA-03) signs the Raise the Wage Act.

## IN THE NEWS

**New York Times:** Seeking \$2.1 Million After College Chain's Collapse (to Repay Its Guardian, Not Students)

**Washington Post:** House passes long-sought \$15 minimum wage legislation

**NPR:** Congress Promised Student Borrowers A Break. Education Dept. Rejected 99% Of Them

**Vox:** Democrats have an ambitious plan to save American labor unions

**NBC:** Trump plan failed to note that it could jeopardize free school lunches for 500,000 children, Democrats say

**Washington Post:** Democrats demand the Trump administration explain why it won't defend Obamacare

## COMMITTEE BUSINESS

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### Hearings and Mark Ups

16

### Bills Passed Out of Committee

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### Bills Passed by the House

# Committee Bills Passed by the House

## [Paycheck Fairness Act \(H.R. 7\)](#)

Addresses pay inequity by holding companies accountable for gender-based wage disparities, strengthening the Equal Pay Act of 1963, and protecting the rights of workers to challenge systemic pay discrimination.

## [Raise the Wage Act \(H.R. 582\)](#)

Gradually increases the federal minimum wage from \$7.25 to \$15 by 2025, giving up to 33 million workers a raise and lifting at least 1.3 million Americans out of poverty.

## [Rehabilitation for Multiemployer Pensions \(Butch Lewis\) Act \(H.R. 397\)](#)

Prevents the imminent collapse of the multiemployer pension system while protecting retirees' benefits and saving taxpayers billions of dollars.

## [Undo the "Short-Term, Limited Duration Insurance" Rule \(H.R. 1010\)](#)

Protects consumers from junk health plans by undoing the Trump administration's "Short-Term, Limited Duration Insurance" rule.

## [FUTURE Act \(H.R. 5363\)](#)

Preserves \$255 million for Historically Black Colleges and Universities and other Minority-Serving Institutions.

## [Stronger Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act \(CAPTA\) \(H.R. 2480\)](#)

Strengthens federal tools to address the rising rates of child abuse and neglect.

## [Dignity in Aging Act \(H.R. 4334\)](#)

Reauthorizes the Older Americans Act and helps older Americans live independently and with dignity.

## [Elijah E. Cummings Lower Drug Costs Now Act \(H.R. 3\)](#)

Reduces out-of-pocket costs for consumers, lowers drug prices, and increases transparency.

## [Workplace Violence Prevention for Health Care and Social Service Workers Act \(H.R. 1309\)](#)

Provides health and social service workers the workplace protections they deserve.

## Bills Advanced out of the Committee

### [Rebuild America's Schools Act \(H.R. 865\)](#)

Invests \$100 billion to repair the physical and digital infrastructure in America's public schools, creating 1.9 million jobs.

### [Equity and Inclusion Enforcement Act \(H.R. 2574\)](#)

Restores the right of students and parents to hold school districts and states accountable for discriminatory education policies.

### [Strength in Diversity Act \(H.R. 2639\)](#)

Supports districts in developing, implementing, or expanding voluntary initiatives to increase school diversity.

### [Protecting Older Workers Against Discrimination Act \(H.R. 1230\)](#)

Restores workplace protections for older workers.

### [School Shooting Safety and Preparedness Act \(H.R. 4301\)](#)

Creates a federal definition for mass shootings and school shootings and collects data to help prevent them.

### [Protecting the Right to Organize \(PRO\) Act \(HR. 2474\)](#)

Protects workers' right to organize and bargain for higher pay, better benefits, and safer working conditions.

### [College Affordability Act \(H.R. 4674\)](#)

Comprehensive overhaul of higher education that will mean students can spend less and earn more

## Congressional Oversight in Action

- Successfully pressured the Department of Labor [to abandon its proposal to rollback child labor protections](#) as well as its plan [to close job corps facilities](#).
- Successfully pressured the Department of Labor to reverse its plans to [rollback safety standards](#) that protect construction and shipyard workers from exposure to beryllium, a toxic, carcinogenic element.
- Held Department of Education Secretary DeVos accountable for her Department's failure to properly implement the [Borrower Defense](#) rule and the [Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program](#).
- Successfully pressured the Department of Education to [reinstate its acting inspector general](#) after attempting to replace the independent watchdog with a senior official from within the Department.
- Forced [the Department of Agriculture to publicly admit](#) that its proposal to cut SNAP benefits for low-income families would jeopardize access to free school meals for nearly 1 million children.