Suspend the Rules and Pass the Bill, H.R. 6020, With an Amendment
(The amendment strikes all after the enacting clause and inserts a new text)

116TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 6020

To require an evaluation by the Government Accountability Office of the social, economic, and historic contributions that Minor League Baseball has made to American life and culture.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

February 28, 2020

Mrs. TRAHAN (for herself, Mr. COURTNEY, Mr. KELLER, Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania, Mr. MCKINLEY, Mr. BARR, Ms. BONAMICI, Mr. CLINE, Mr. COSTA, Ms. FINKENAUER, Mr. DAVID P. ROE of Tennessee, Mr. ROSE of New York, Mr. RYAN, Mr. SCHRADER, Mr. SIMPSON, Ms. SLOTKIN, Mr. TRONE, Ms. UNDERWOOD, Mr. WELCH, and Ms. HAALAND) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

A BILL

To require an evaluation by the Government Accountability Office of the social, economic, and historic contributions that Minor League Baseball has made to American life and culture.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. FINDINGS.

Congress finds that—
(1) more than forty million fans have attended Minor League Baseball games each season for 15 consecutive years;

(2) Minor League Baseball provides wholesome affordable entertainment in 160 communities throughout the Nation;

(3) in 2018, Minor League Baseball clubs donated over $45 million in cash and in-kind gifts to their local communities and completed over 15,000 volunteer hours;

(4) the economic stimulus and development provided by Minor League Baseball clubs extends beyond the cities and towns where it is played, to wide and diverse geographic areas comprising 80 percent of the population in the Nation;

(5) Minor League Baseball is committed to promoting diversity and inclusion through its Copa de la Diversión, MiLB Pride, FIELD Program, and Women in Baseball Leadership initiatives;

(6) Minor League Baseball is the first touchpoint of the national pastime for millions of youth and the only touchpoint for those located in communities far from Major League cities;

(7) Congress has enacted numerous statutory exemptions and immunities to preserve and sustain
a system for Minor League Baseball and its relationship with Major League Baseball;

(8) an abandonment of 42 Minor League Baseball clubs by Major League Baseball would devastate communities, bond purchasers, and other stakeholders that rely on the economic stimulus these clubs provide;

(9) Minor League Baseball clubs enrich the lives of millions of Americans each year through special economic, cultural, social, and charitable contributions; and

(10) preservation of Minor League Baseball in 160 communities is in the public interest, as it will continue to provide affordable, family friendly entertainment to those communities.

SEC. 2. GAO EVALUATION.

Following consultation with the relevant committees of Congress, the Comptroller General of the United States shall evaluate the social, economic, and historic contributions that Minor League Baseball has made to American life and culture.