

Item # 51

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Congressman Alcee Hastings

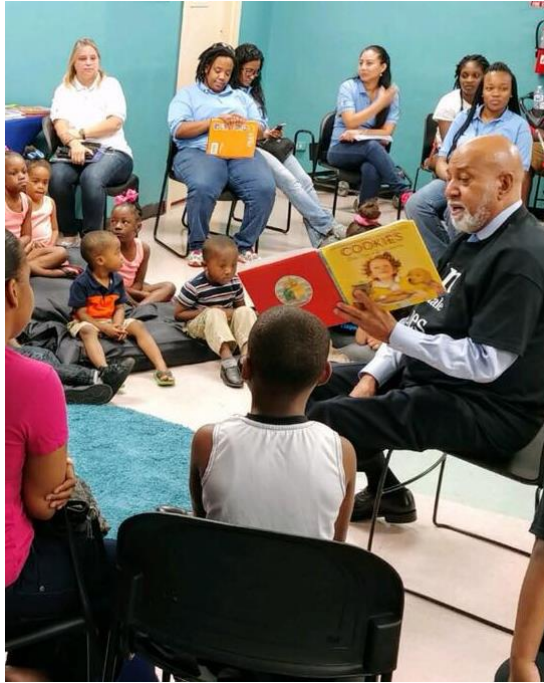


- Alcee L. Hastings represented his native state of Florida by serving as Congressman for District 20, which includes parts of Broward and Palm Beach Counties.
- Known to many as "Judge," Hastings has distinguished himself as an attorney, civil rights activist, judge, and member of Congress.
- Congressman Hastings served as the Vice Chairman of the House Rules Committee, a member of the U.S. Helsinki Commission, and Dean and Co-Chairman of the Florida Delegation.
- Appointed by President Jimmy Carter in 1979, Congressman Hastings became the first African-American Federal Judge in the State of Florida and served in that position for 10 years.
- Since his election to Congress as the first African-American from Florida, Congressman Hastings has been an outspoken advocate for Floridians and our nation as a whole. Throughout his lifetime, Congressman Hastings has championed the rights of minorities, women, the elderly, children, and immigrants.

Congressman Hastings' Legislative Priorities Included:



- Creating jobs and provide greater economic opportunities for middle class and working poor Americans
- Making our country safer and more secure
- Ensuring that our election systems are easier and more fair
- Supporting small businesses
- Investing in green energy and infrastructure
- Increasing access to quality, affordable health care for all
- Banning assault weapons
- Funding Head Start and other educational programs
- Strengthening and improving Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid
- Protecting the environment and pursue environmental justice
- Providing family and medical leave to all workers



Known throughout the world as an expert in foreign policy, Congressman Hastings advocated for diplomacy before military action to settle disputes with established and emerging nations.

As Vice-Chairman of the powerful House Rules Committee, Congressman Hastings played a leading role in moving democratic priorities through the legislative process.



- As a Senior Democratic Whip, Congressman Hastings was a leading voice in the Democratic Caucus. He was also Co-Chairman and Founder of the Congressional Everglades Caucus.
- Congressman Hastings was committed to ensuring our national security and protecting the American people.
- Congressman Hastings secured millions of dollars in additional funding for issues important to our community, including cybersecurity, breast cancer research, and Everglade's restoration.
- Congressman Hastings was the proud recipient of numerous honors and awards bestowed on him from organizations both at home and abroad.
- Congressman Hastings also worked to improve our electoral system in his capacity as Vice Chairman of the Democratic Select Committee on Election Reform.

H.R.8633, the *Humane Research and Testing Act of 2020*

Description: Establishes the National Center for Alternatives to Animals in Research and Testing (Center) under the National Institutes of Health (NIH). The Center will be dedicated to increasing transparency and understanding regarding the use of animals in medical research and testing to ultimately reduce the number of animals utilized in such practices. The bill would allow the NIH to develop, fund, and execute a plan to record an accurate account of animals used in testing and research and to incentivize the use of non-animal methods by educating and training scientists to utilize alternative “human relevant” methods.

H.R.1345, the *Restoring the Partnership for County Health Care Costs Act of 2019*

H.R.727, the *Ending Corporal Punishment in Schools Act of 2019*

H.R.5431, *The FAA Family and Medical Leave Act*

Description: Ensures that employees of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) are extended the same paid parental leave benefits afforded to other government employees under the conference report for the *National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year 2020*.





An amendment requiring the Department of Defense to provide additional consideration to qualified applicants from Minority-Serving Institutions in Direct Hiring.

An amendment that allows certain long-term Temporary Protected Status (TPS) holders to apply for Legal Permanent Residency in the United States.

An amendment increasing funding for the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH) by \$3.03 million, offset with HUD IT accounts, and eliminating the sunset date on USICH.

H.R.4739, *The Build America Act*

H.R.4739 transitions two discretionary grant programs, the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery Grant Program (TIGER Grants) and the Capital Investment Grant Program (CIG), into mandatory programs and upscales

H.R.6239, *The LITE Act*

Description: Establishes the Leadership Institute for Transatlantic Engagement to develop a diverse community of transatlantic leaders at all levels of government, including emerging leaders, committed to democratic institutions.

An amendment that prohibits funds to conduct offshore drilling and seismic testing.

H.R.7169, the *National Defense Net Zero Review Act of 2020*

Description: Refocuses the Department of Defense (DoD) on pursuing initiatives to achieve net zero, typically focused on efforts to produce more energy from renewable sources on military installations, limit consumption of water in order to not deplete local watersheds, and to reduce, reuse, and recover waste to prevent unnecessary additions to landfills. This legislation commissions two studies from the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO), expands the DoD's requirements for reporting on emissions, and requires the Secretary of the DoD to publish a master plan for an integrated net zero strategy.



