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The House met at noon and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. CARL).

DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
July 8, 2024.

I hereby appoint the Honorable JERRY L. CARL to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

MIKE JOHNSON,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

MORNING-HOUR DEBATE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of January 9, 2024, the Chair will now recognize Members from lists submitted by the majority and minority leaders for morning-hour debate.

The Chair will alternate recognition between the parties, with time equally allocated between the parties and each Member other than the majority and minority leaders and the minority whip limited to 5 minutes, but in no event shall debate continue beyond 1:50 p.m.

INFLATION TAXES ALL AMERICANS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. JOYCE) for 5 minutes.

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, in the 3½ years since President Biden first took office, our country has seen inflation grow by over 20 percent.

By failing to control runaway prices that have seen the cost of gasoline spike by 50 percent and the cost of groceries rise by over 20 percent, President Biden has failed the American people.

Instead of addressing the fact that the average family is now paying an additional \$1,000 a month to afford the basics, President Biden has canceled student loan debt, increased government spending, and mandated Green New Deal initiatives that only drive costs higher and higher.

This inflation is simply a tax on every American. As a result, real wages have fallen by nearly 4 percent since 2021.

Throughout his Presidency, while Americans have been forced to use their savings just to make ends meet, President Biden has been asleep at the wheel. The American people deserve a President who will once again put their needs first. It is time to rein in the wasteful spending of the Biden administration and return to the fiscal restraint that we saw under President Trump.

ENHANCE OUR ELECTION SECURITY

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, this past week, as we celebrated the Fourth of July, we recognized the 248th anniversary of declaring that we could govern ourselves.

As American citizens, it is our right to elect our representatives at every level of government. In recent years, however, we have seen States and localities permit noncitizens to register and vote in U.S. elections. Allowing this to occur directly undermines the sanctity of our elections.

It is time to confront and address this issue by passing the Safeguard American Voter Eligibility Act, which would ensure that anyone registering to vote provides proof of U.S. citizenship.

Further, this legislation would provide States with access to existing Federal databases, giving them the tools that they need to clean up voter registration rolls and remove non-U.S. citizens.

Let's make this clear: Only eligible U.S. citizens should vote in each and

every American election. It is time to enhance our election security, and it is time to put a stop to noncitizens voting in U.S. elections.

RECOGNIZING THOMAS HAGER BLATNIK ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM HOUSE SERGEANT AT ARMS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. BEYER) for 5 minutes.

Mr. BEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Thomas Hager Blatnik on his 37 years of service to the U.S. House of Representatives.

For over 37 years, Tom worked right here in the U.S. Capitol. Shortly after graduating from Curry College, he started at the Capitol, working for the Doorkeeper of the House. Over the course of his career, he worked under five different Sergeants at Arms.

He was a familiar face to many in the House galleries and check stands, where he greeted hundreds of thousands of visitors. He loved the jobs he held, and it showed. He considered it a genuine honor to work every day in an important place where policy decisions were made and debated and laws were being passed.

He took special pride in working in the same place as his father, Congressman John A. Blatnik, who represented Minnesota's Eighth District for 28 years. Like his father, Tom enjoyed sharing information and giving tours of the Capitol, and he never missed a chance to give mementos of the Capitol Building to friends, family, and others he thought would enjoy a token of the place that was so special to him.

Tom had great admiration and affection for colleagues he worked with in the Office of the Sergeant at Arms and for the Capitol Police. He valued and admired their dedication, hard work, and bravery and stayed in close touch with many of them after they retired or moved on.

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He genuinely and deeply cared for others. He had enormous empathy for those with disabilities and those for whom life presented special challenges because he was diagnosed with dyslexia as a child. When Congress passed the landmark Americans with Disabilities Act in 1990, it was deeply meaningful to him, and he considered it a privilege both to be in the front row seat of the House gallery for the debate and was honored to join legislators and other special guests at the White House for the signing of the act into law.

I offer my hearty congratulations to Tom and thank him for nearly four decades of service to the U.S. House.

RECOGNIZING STAFF SERGEANT KEITH ORMSBY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Iowa (Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS) for 5 minutes.

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Muscatine County Vietnam veteran Staff Sergeant Keith Ormsby, who has finally received an Air Medal and his Purple Heart for injuries sustained in battle 54 years ago.

As Mr. Ormsby's Representative in Congress, I had the privilege of pinning him with the Purple Heart and personally thanking him for his dedicated service to our country during a special ceremony that took place on our Nation's Independence Day.

On January 31, 1970, while leading his platoon through the Vietnamese jungle and unloading a helicopter at a landing zone, Mr. Ormsby's unit was ambushed, resulting in him being shot and wounded.

Due to the chaotic nature of those times, the paperwork for his Purple Heart was never processed, and he was air-evacuated out of Vietnam immediately. Thanks to the dedicated efforts of the Muscatine County VA, we were finally able to properly recognize this hero.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Mr. Ormsby for his service to our country and expressing our gratitude to the Muscatine County VA and Eric for their exceptional work. God bless our veterans, and may God bless the United States of America.

HONORING DAWNELL DOREO ON HER RETIREMENT

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the service and career of Dawnell Doreo, who will be retiring after nearly four decades serving our Nation's heroes at the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Dawnell is a lifelong resident of Iowa's First District, having grown up on a small farm in Washington, Iowa. She began her service at the Iowa City VA Medical Center in 1986 as a ward clerk and rose up through the ranks over the decades to become a management and program analyst today.

Because of Dawn, the Iowa City VA was able to provide world-class healthcare and benefits to our vet-

erans. In her free time, Dawnell also volunteers as a court-appointed special advocate, where she serves as a fierce advocate for child welfare.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating Dawnell's amazing career and wishing her the absolute best on a well-earned retirement.

JENSEN WEDEKING RECEIVES MEDAL OF MERIT

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Jensen Wedeking of Bellevue, Iowa, for receiving the American Medal of Merit.

As a member of Bellevue's Boy Scout Troop 86, Jensen achieved the prestigious Eagle rank in 2023 after leading various community projects. However, his most remarkable achievement came when he saved the life of his friend.

During a nighttime drive, Jensen's friend suffered an allergic reaction to peanuts. Acting swiftly and drawing on his Boy Scout training, Jensen administered lifesaving epinephrine via an EpiPen before rushing his friend to the hospital.

This quick thinking and exemplary first aid skills really underscore Jensen's exceptional character and deep concern for others, qualities that define recipients of the Medal of Merit. This national award is bestowed upon Scouts who demonstrate uncommon valor and compassion in critical situations, criteria that Jensen undoubtedly fulfilled.

I congratulate Jensen on this well-deserved recognition and on his quick thinking.

THANKING TOM WOODRUFF

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor a remarkable man whose passion for history has led to the immortalization of some of Iowa's forgotten heroes. Tom Woodruff stands as a testament to the dedication and tenacity in preserving the legacy of the Littleton brothers, Union soldiers who gallantly fought during the Civil War.

Tom's journey began with a faded scrapbook, a gift that sparked a relentless pursuit of truth. Through decades of meticulous research and community-driven efforts, he immortalized the Littleton brothers in granite, ensuring that their story endures along the Great River Road.

His leadership in constructing the Toolesboro memorial exemplifies his commitment to honoring our past with dignity and respect. His unwavering dedication and selfless service to Louisa County's history resonate deeply with us all.

I thank Tom Woodruff for his indomitable spirit and for reminding us that history, when cherished and honored, binds us together as a community and Nation.

CONGRATULATING IOWA HAWKEYES PARTICIPATING IN SUMMER OLYMPICS

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate and honor all the Iowa Hawkeyes who have qualified for the Paris 2024 Summer Olympics.

These incredible athletes, ranging from disciplines like wrestling, track

and field, rowing, and basketball, embody the excellence and determination encouraged in Iowa City.

The athletes competing have worked hard their entire lives for this opportunity, the opportunity to represent their countries in the sport that they love while the entire world watches them. Their journey to this global stage exemplifies the dedication and resilience that define what it means to be a Hawkeye.

As they prepare to represent Iowa and showcase their skills before the world, let us unite in cheering them on and sending our support. May their performances inspire future generations of athletes. Bring home the gold. As always, go Hawkeyes.

Mr. Speaker, I wish a very boisterous happy birthday to my sister Mari-Eleanor Martino.

REAUTHORIZING LONG ISLAND SOUND PROGRAM FUNDING

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Connecticut (Mr. COURTNEY) for 5 minutes.

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 5441, the Long Island Sound Restoration and Stewardship Reauthorization Act of 2023, which I introduced as the lead Democratic sponsor along with my Republican colleague and Long Island Sound Caucus co-chair, NICK LALOTA from New York.

This overdue, bipartisan bill, which will be voted on this evening, reauthorizes critical Long Island Sound program funding, which expired at the end of the 2023 fiscal year. Congress must reauthorize this important program as soon as possible to ensure that Federal funds can continue to preserve and protect this unique body of water in the most densely populated area of our country.

Mr. Speaker, Long Island Sound is a national treasure. It is a tidal estuary that stretches 110 miles west to east, from the East River in New York City to Block Island Sound in Rhode Island. Its depth ranges from 65 feet to 230 feet, allowing transit for large and small ocean-going vessels.

Eighteen freshwater rivers flow into its salt waters, inducing an abundant array of plant life, fish, mammals, reptiles, amphibians, crustaceans, and birds.

It has been inhabited by humans for centuries, before European settlement up to the present. Now, more than 20 million Americans live within an hour's drive from its shores.

It is also a powerful engine to the region's economy, including maritime transportation, commercial and recreational fishing, ecotourism, and other water-dependent industries, including shipbuilding. Submarine construction at Electric Boat shipyard in Groton, Connecticut, in my district in southeastern Connecticut, employs 16,000 workers and another 7,000 at Quonset Point in Rhode Island.

With all of that activity, it is clear an organized effort is required to sustain the Long Island Sound economy in a way that balances growth with its core natural coastal habitat.

To respond to this need, Congress passed the Long Island Sound Stewardship Act, which provided Federal dollars going back to 2006 for projects to revitalize the wildlife population. In 2018, Congress reauthorized that law and greatly expanded the annual investment to \$40 million per year. Thanks to that funding, the amount of nitrogen entering Long Island Sound from sewage treatment plants has been reduced by 70 percent compared to the 1990s; hypoxic conditions have been reduced by 58 percent compared to the 1990s; over 2,239 acres of coastal habitat have been restored; and 570 conservation projects have been funded.

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Through the advocacy of Congresswoman ROSA DELAURO, Long Island Sound received \$40 million in both 2023 and 2024, the largest funding level in the history of the program.

Mr. Speaker, to ensure that Congress can continue to support this amazing success, we must move quickly tonight and pass H.R. 5441.

Again, I thank my fellow Caucus co-chair, Representative LALOTA from New York, and the Natural Resources Committee for their leadership in moving this bill forward. I urge my colleagues to vote in support of this bill.

WELCOMING LIAT BEININ ATZILI

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to welcome Liat Beinin Atzili to Washington, D.C. She is visiting the White House today to advocate for the safe return of all Israeli hostages being held by Hamas.

Liat, a dual American-Israeli citizen, and her husband, Aviv, were violently taken hostage by Hamas on October 7 from their Kibbutz Nir Oz.

Liat's extended family lives in Waterford, Connecticut. She had, in fact, visited that coastal town just weeks before the October 7 attack.

When her cousin in Waterford, resident Jerry Fischer, learned that Liat and her husband were kidnapped, he immediately called me on the morning of October 8.

Within just a few hours, my chief of staff, Ayanti Grant, set up Liat and Aviv as missing person cases to the U.S. State Department and the U.S. Embassy in Jerusalem, immediately putting those agencies into action.

Over the following weeks, those agencies worked with the Atzili family closely to ensure that her release was a top priority for the administration.

Thanks to President Biden and Secretary Blinken's persistent diplomatic efforts, Liat was released 53 days later, alongside 104 other hostages taken during that weeklong cease-fire last November.

Unfortunately, hours after Liat's release, she was informed that her husband, Aviv, had been murdered by

Hamas on October 7. The relief and joy that she and her family experienced upon her release was abruptly replaced by grief and sadness.

Despite her traumatic loss, Liat is here today in Washington as a living, breathing example of what diplomacy and negotiation can achieve. She wants to make sure that every other hostage gets the same result that she did.

I thank Liat, her father, Yehuda Beinin, and her cousin, Jerry Fischer, for turning this horrific experience into a call for a just and lasting peace in Palestine and Israel.

EL SALVADOR CAUCUS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Florida (Mr. GAETZ) for 5 minutes.

Mr. GAETZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise to notify the House of the creation of the Congressional El Salvador Caucus for which I will serve as chairman and for which I have appointed the gentleman from Texas (Mr. VICENTE GONZALEZ) to serve as the bipartisan co-chairman.

Congressman GONZALEZ has extensive relationships and insights drawn from his time in El Salvador and throughout Latin America, and undeniably, that will assist in leading the caucus.

Mr. Speaker, El Salvador's President, Nayib Bukele, has converted El Salvador from the murder capital of the world into a reliable and stable partner for peace and security for the United States of America.

The Congressional El Salvador Caucus will exist to nurture and advance the U.S.-El Salvador relationship, to encourage strong borders, strong culture, and the strong reforms that President Bukele has put into effect.

They have defeated the gangs. They have put prosperity on the march in El Salvador. Even the 70,000 people who are incarcerated in that country are not just seeing their lives wasted away.

President Bukele has instituted a zero-leisure policy where they are now restoring buildings and murals and actually rebuilding the country that so many of them have a hand in ravaging through gang warfare.

The purpose of this caucus will be to vindicate the choices that President Bukele has made that, indeed, strengthen the U.S.-El Salvador relationship.

El Salvador's resurgence has not existed as a consequence of falling for the siren song of globalism. Instead, President Bukele believes that the way El Salvador can lead within Central America and, indeed, throughout the West, is by being the best version of itself; not being excessively reliant on some of these globalist institutions.

President Bukele has delivered instant justice to the satanic gangs and the endemic political corruption, but, in fact, no good deed goes unpunished.

Too often, our own government and even some Members of this Congress mount attack after attack on El Salvador and President Bukele, presum-

ably because the comeback that El Salvador is having is a living, breathing indictment of other failed ideologies.

Through the inspiration from El Salvador's astonishing transformation, the great American rejuvenation can become a reality as well, so that we can experience a triumphant return of safety and prosperity that we once inspired in others.

I invite my colleagues in the House and Senate to contact our office. We would love to have them as Members of the Congressional El Salvador Caucus as we strengthen the U.S.-El Salvador relationship and as we work to amplify some of the good decisions that are being made by President Bukele and his government. We hope that these good ideas have legs and can travel and can be copied and implemented for a more stable world.

A CONSTITUTIONAL CRISIS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. ROSE) for 5 minutes.

Mr. ROSE. Mr. Speaker, the American people deserve to know whether or not the President of the United States is fully capable of performing his duties. After his cringeworthy debate performance, numerous public appearances, and even small, private gatherings, many have concluded that he is not.

However, the President's doctor stated in a routine physical assessment almost 5 months ago in February that President Biden "... fully executes all of his responsibilities without any exemptions or accommodations."

Mr. Speaker, how can someone who needs pictures of what a podium and a stage are fully execute all of his responsibilities without any exemptions or accommodations?

That is the question House Republicans are asking by calling on the President's doctor to participate in a transcribed interview before the House Committee on Oversight and Accountability. Additionally, House Republicans are determined to receive the audiotapes from the President's interview with Special Counsel Robert Hur.

Yes, this is the same interview where Special Counsel Hur decided not to charge the President for his mishandling of classified documents because they were worried the President would "... present himself to a jury, as he did during our interview of him, as a sympathetic, well-meaning, elderly man with a poor memory."

Make no mistake, Mr. Speaker. Our country is in serious danger. Our enemies are watching the President let in millions of illegal immigrants at our southern border. They are watching as he fumbles his way through interviews where the questions are written by his staff beforehand.

This is a constitutional crisis. Each administration official, campaign staffer, congressional Democrat, or members of the press who have shielded the

President's condition from the American public are complicit in a coverup that is causing our country great pain.

Enough is enough. Mr. Speaker, it is time to restore accountability and respectability to this White House and the American people. It is the least the Tennesseans I serve back home deserve: A President of the United States capable of doing the job.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to refrain from engaging in personalities toward the President.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until approximately 2 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 23 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. CARL) at 2 p.m.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

Holy God, God of now and all eternity, we approach You this day overwhelmed by everything that is far from holy, overtaken by concerns that even just this one day presents.

There is so much confusion and uncertainty. We ask that You would speak Your living and powerful word into our worrisome moments. Divide our troubled souls from our wearied spirits and discern and guide the actions and intentions of our hearts.

The darkness of our lives and the shadows of fear and frustration have descended in our workplaces, our politics, and our homes. Show us we have nothing to fear when we let Your light shine upon our lives, that You alone are our light and salvation.

There is so much that needs to be done, but we are paralyzed in our failures and incapacitated by our inadequacies. Remind us again that Your grace is sufficient for us; Your power is made perfect when we yield our whole selves, flaws and weaknesses, to Your will.

Among the many gods who will pursue or threaten to entrap us this day, there will be none like You. In these moments may we always choose You. May we demonstrate our praise for You, in all that we face today, for You alone are God.

In Your immortal and merciful name we pray.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the

last day's proceedings and announces to the House the approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1 of rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. WILSON) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ONE CANNOT REWRITE HISTORY

(Mr. ROSE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ROSE. Mr. Speaker, President Biden is attempting to gaslight the American people by touting a 40 percent drop in daily illegal border crossings from the last couple of weeks.

He even implied that the so-called drop shows a more secure border than the one he inherited from President Trump. That is a gross misrepresentation.

No matter what the border numbers from June turn out to be, one month won't change the more than 9.6 million immigrant encounters under this President.

Let's look at the facts. May marked 39 straight months of more illegal immigrant encounters than even the highest month under the Trump administration. President Biden simply cannot rewrite history.

Each time the President boasts about a drop in encounters, he is acknowledging that he could have acted 3½ years ago but instead put our Nation at risk with his open-border policies.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to refrain from engaging in personalities toward the President.

HONORING SERVICEMEMBERS

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, House Foreign Affairs Committee Chairman MIKE MCCAUL responded the day after the bizarre Biden debate performance where Biden claimed no U.S. servicemembers died under his watch. Mr. MCCAUL correctly identified this claim as a lie as 13 were murdered in the Abbey Gate terrorist attack alone.

Sadly, this year, three Georgia Army reservists were killed on January 28 by Iran puppet Hezbollah at Tower 22 in Jordan. America will not forget Specialist Kennedy Sanders, Sergeant William Rivers, and Specialist Breonna Moffett.

The unintended reelection of Donald Trump by corrupt Judge Merchan is more evident every day. Polls for Trump overwhelmingly recognize judicial subversion with Merchan earning my invitation to be my guest for the Trump inauguration.

In conclusion, God bless our troops who have successfully protected America for 20 years as the global war on terrorism moves from the Afghanistan safe haven to America.

We do not need new border laws. We need to enforce existing laws. Biden shamefully opens borders for dictators as more 9/11 attacks across America are imminent, as repeatedly warned by the FBI.

CONGRATULATING KATIE MOON

(Mr. MILLER of Ohio asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MILLER of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, this summer, northeast Ohio native Katie Moon will compete in her second Olympic Games.

Four years ago, she won the gold medal at the Tokyo Olympics in the pole vault. In her career, she has won golds at the Olympics, the World Athletics Championships, the Diamond League, and the NCAA Championships.

An alumna of Olmsted Falls High School in Cuyahoga County, she is a shining example of what our district has to offer. Her hard work and desire to give back to the community exemplify what it means to be an American.

From 2018 to 2023, Katie has won gold medals every year in various competitions. This summer, Katie, along with hundreds of other American athletes, will head to the Paris Olympic Games to represent our country and to once again bring home the gold.

I thank her for bringing inspiration to young people across the district and the country. I look forward to seeing her on the highest podium. Go Team USA.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 2 o'clock and 7 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1600

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. BOST) at 4 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules

on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or votes objected to under clause 6 of rule XX.

The House will resume proceedings on postponed questions at a later time.

ALABAMA UNDERWATER FOREST NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY AND PROTECTION ACT

Mr. WESTERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 897) to provide for the establishment of the Alabama Underwater Forest National Marine Sanctuary, and for other purposes, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 897

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

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Alabama Underwater Forest National Marine Sanctuary and Protection Act”.

SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

Congress finds the following:

(1) An ancient cypress forest dating back 50,000 to 70,000 years has been exposed in the Gulf of Mexico off the Alabama coastline.

(2) The cypress trees, which were uncovered by massive waves associated with Hurricane Ivan, are still rooted in the mud they were growing in at least 50,000 years ago.

(3) The Underwater Forest site is unique on a global scale, the only known site where trees between 50,000 and 70,000 years old have been preserved intact with the ecosystem they were growing in.

(4) Exploration of the site continues to yield invaluable scientific insight in a variety of fields, though scientists have just begun to study the ancient forest.

SEC. 3. POLICY AND PURPOSE.

(a) **POLICY.**—It is the policy of the United States to protect and preserve the ancient cypress trees located off the coast of Alabama, known as the Alabama Underwater Forest.

(b) **PURPOSE.**—The purpose of this Act is to protect the resources of the area described in section 5(b), to educate and interpret for the public regarding the ancient Alabama Underwater Forest environment, and to manage human uses of the Alabama Underwater Forest National Marine Sanctuary consistent with this Act.

SEC. 4. DEFINITIONS.

In this Act—

(1) **SANCTUARY.**—The term “Sanctuary” means the Alabama Underwater Forest National Marine Sanctuary designated under section 5(a).

(2) **SECRETARY.**—the term “Secretary” means the Secretary of Commerce.

SEC. 5. SANCTUARY DESIGNATION.

(a) **DESIGNATION.**—The area described in subsection (b) is designated as the Alabama Underwater Forest National Marine Sanctuary pursuant to title III of the Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. 1431 et seq.).

(b) **AREA INCLUDED.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—The Sanctuary shall consist only of all waters and submerged lands within the boundary described in paragraph (2).

(2) **BOUNDARY.**—The boundary referred to in paragraph (1) shall encompass only the area within the following coordinates:

(A) 30 degrees, 7 minutes, 20.2116 seconds north latitude; 87 degrees, 49 minutes, 15.7404 seconds west longitude.

(B) 30 degrees, 7 minutes, 20.2116 seconds north latitude; 87 degrees, 43 minutes, 44.8536 seconds west longitude.

(C) 30 degrees, 5 minutes, 42.6552 seconds north latitude; 87 degrees, 49 minutes, 15.7404 seconds west longitude.

(D) 30 degrees, 5 minutes, 42.6552 seconds north latitude; 87 degrees, 43 minutes, 44.8536 seconds west longitude.

(E) 30 degrees, 7 minutes, 20.2116 seconds north latitude; 87 degrees, 49 minutes, 15.7404 seconds west longitude.

(3) **CHARTS.**—The Sanctuary shall be generally identified and depicted on National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration charts that shall be maintained on file and kept available for public examination during regular business hours at the Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and in online format and which shall be updated to reflect boundary modifications made pursuant to this section.

SEC. 6. PROHIBITION OF CERTAIN USES.

(a) **PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES.**—The following activities are prohibited and are unlawful for any person to conduct or to cause to be conducted within the Sanctuary:

(1) Cutting, removing, or any kind of sub-surface salvage of the cypress trees.

(2) Lowering below the surface of the water any grappling, suction, conveyor, dredging, or wrecking device.

(3) Detonating below the surface of the water any explosive or explosive mechanism.

(4) Drilling or coring the seabed.

(5) Lowering, laying, positioning, or raising any type of seabed cable or cable-laying device.

(b) **EXCEPTIONS.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—The prohibitions in subsection (a) shall not apply to the following:

(A) Fishing, diving, mooring, or similar recreational or commercial activities.

(B) Necessary operations of public vessels, including operations essential for national defense, law enforcement, and responses to emergencies that threaten life, property, or the environment.

(C) Construction or placement of artificial reef structures for the purpose of enhancing fishery resources, fishing opportunities, or recreational diving opportunities.

(D) Exploration, development, or production of oil or gas pursuant to a lease, permit, or other authorization, provided such lease, permit, or authorization is issued on or before the date of the enactment of this Act.

(2) **OTHER ACTIVITIES.**—The Secretary, acting through the Director of the Office of National Marine Sanctuaries, may allow a person to conduct an activity that would otherwise be prohibited under subsection (a) if such activity meets the standards of Title III of the Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. 1431 et seq.), as determined by the Secretary.

SEC. 7. COMPREHENSIVE MANAGEMENT PLAN.

(a) **PREPARATION OF PLAN.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than 2 years after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary, in consultation with appropriate Federal, State, and local government authorities and with the advisory council established under section 8, shall develop a comprehensive management plan and implement regulations to achieve the policy and purpose of this Act.

(2) **APPLICABLE LAW.**—In developing the comprehensive management plan and implementing regulations under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall follow the procedures described in sections 303 and 304 of the Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. 1433 and 1434).

(3) **PLAN DETAILS.**—The comprehensive management plan required under paragraph (1) shall—

(A) facilitate all public and private uses of the Sanctuary compatible with the primary objective of Sanctuary resource protection, with a focus on facilitating—

(i) fishing, diving, or similar recreational or commercial activities; and

(ii) construction or placement of artificial reef structures for the purpose of enhancing fishery resources, fishing opportunities, or recreational diving opportunities;

(B) consider temporal and geographical zoning, to ensure protection of Sanctuary resources;

(C) identify needs for research and ecological monitoring; and

(D) ensure coordination and cooperation between Sanctuary managers and—

(i) other Federal, State, and local authorities with jurisdiction within or adjacent to the Sanctuary; and

(ii) owners, operators, and stakeholders with respect to existing oil and gas operations within or adjacent to the Sanctuary.

(b) **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.**—The Secretary shall provide for the participation of the general public in the development of the comprehensive management plan.

SEC. 8. ADVISORY COUNCIL.

(a) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—The Secretary shall establish an advisory council pursuant to section 315 of the Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. 1445a) to advise the Secretary with respect to the designation and management of the Sanctuary.

(b) **MEMBERSHIP.**—The Secretary shall include a representative from the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources as a voting member of the advisory council.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Arkansas (Mr. WESTERMAN) and the gentlewoman from Nevada (Ms. LEE) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Arkansas.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. WESTERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on H.R. 897, the bill now under consideration.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Arkansas?

There was no objection.

Mr. WESTERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 897, the Alabama Underwater Forest National Marine Sanctuary and Protection Act.

Representative CARL’s legislation seeks to protect an underwater forest located 10 miles off the coast of Gulf Shores, Alabama, in the Gulf of Mexico.

At roughly 60,000 years old, this forest provides a window into our past in a way that is not found anywhere else on Earth. Protecting this resource is critical for the research efforts that it supports.

This forest was first discovered by local fishermen in 2004 in the aftermath of Hurricane Ivan and has received attention from scientists and universities around the world.

H.R. 897 designates the forest as a sanctuary in a manner which embraces the multiple use of our Nation’s natural resources. The legislation protects the forest by prohibiting the cutting or removing of the forest’s trees while also providing protections for national

security and law enforcement activity, commercial and recreational fishing, and energy production that was previously permitted or authorized.

I commend my colleague, Representative CARL, for his efforts to advance the legislation. Mr. Speaker, I support H.R. 897, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. LEE of Nevada. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

H.R. 897 would establish the Alabama Underwater Forest National Marine Sanctuary, which would safeguard a remarkable and ancient natural reserve.

In 2004, Hurricane Ivan unearthed a well-preserved ancient cypress forest, still rooted in the mud, 60 feet underwater in the Gulf of Mexico, south of Gulf Shores, Alabama.

Scientific analysis of the cypress trees reveals that they are over 50,000 years old, dating back to a time when the sea levels were approximately 400 feet lower than today.

This forest is a unique relic of our planet's past and the only known site where a coastal forest of such antiquity remains preserved.

The Alabama underwater forest is a valuable source of information, offering insights into ancient climate conditions, regional rainfall patterns, insect populations, and plant life on the Gulf Coast before humans inhabited the Americas.

However, its preservation is under threat.

In 2020, a furniture company applied for a permit from the Army Corps of Engineers to harvest the ancient cypress wood for profit.

Establishing this marine sanctuary will prevent commercial exploitation and protect this irreplaceable ecosystem for future generations. It will ensure that the site remains undisturbed, allowing for continued scientific research and environmental education.

Additionally, the sanctuary will provide opportunities for ecotourism and research, boosting the local economy while fostering a greater understanding of our natural heritage.

I urge my colleagues to support this legislation to protect and preserve this unique piece of natural history. Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. WESTERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentleman from Alabama (Mr. CARL), the sponsor of this bill.

Mr. CARL. Mr. Speaker, my bill, the Alabama Underwater Forestry National Marine Sanctuary and Protection Act is an important measure to safeguard Alabama's ancient underwater cypress forest.

Importantly, this bill strikes a balance between conservation and recreational use of this site. By designating the underwater forest as a national marine sanctuary, we are preserving a one-of-a-kind, 60,000-year-old natural marvel. There isn't anything

quite like Alabama's underwater forest that has been discovered in terms of the size and the age that we are dealing with here.

The underwater forest offers an opportunity for recreational opportunities such as scuba diving and fishing. The bill ensures that the site remains protected, prohibiting the removal of ancient trees while allowing responsible access for the public. Just like Yellowstone or Yosemite, this forest should be accessible to tourists while protected from disruptive activities—and this bill does just that.

It is critical to recognize the benefits that will ripple through south Alabama's economy. We are not just preserving a natural wonder; we are laying the foundation for sustained economic gains. This legislation ensures the underwater cypress forest remains a source of pride, wonder, and economic opportunity for generations to come.

I urge my colleagues to support the passage of this bill.

Ms. LEE of Nevada. Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this legislation, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. WESTERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time.

Adoption of H.R. 897 will protect the underwater forest in the Gulf of Mexico for future scientific and research efforts while allowing for the multiple uses of the Gulf to continue to occur.

This legislation also ensures that the Department of Commerce and NOAA work with State and local officials in Alabama, including the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. This approach to conservation and the protection of natural resources is consistent with the approach that Republicans have taken toward these issues ensuring that the State and local officials are consulted and that voices with varying perspectives are heard and accommodated.

Mr. Speaker, I will just add that this is a very unique opportunity. A little over 20 years ago we had no idea this forest was even there, and because the hurricane had deep waves that scoured the forest floor, they found this marvelous resource of a cypress forest that once grew obviously on dry land when the ocean was at least 60 and probably many feet less deep than it is right now.

To be able to have this to study to tell us more about our past which should inform us about our future is truly remarkable.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this bill, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Arkansas (Mr. WESTERMAN) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 897, as amended.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the ayes have it.

Mr. WESTERMAN. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

LONG ISLAND SOUND RESTORATION AND STEWARDSHIP REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2023

Mr. WESTERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 5441) to reauthorize Long Island Sound programs, and for other purposes.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 5441

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

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Long Island Sound Restoration and Stewardship Reauthorization Act of 2023".

SEC. 2. REAUTHORIZATION OF LONG ISLAND SOUND PROGRAMS.

(a) LONG ISLAND SOUND GRANTS.—Section 119(h) of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1269(h)) is amended by striking "2019 through 2023" and inserting "2024 through 2028".

(b) LONG ISLAND SOUND STEWARDSHIP GRANTS.—Section 11(a) of the Long Island Sound Stewardship Act of 2006 (33 U.S.C. 1269 note; Public Law 109-359) is amended, in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by striking "2019 through 2023" and inserting "2024 through 2028".

(c) TECHNICAL AMENDMENT.—Section 119(g) of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1269(g)) is amended by redesignating paragraph (4) as paragraph (3).

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Arkansas (Mr. WESTERMAN) and the gentlewoman from Nevada (Ms. LEE) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Arkansas.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. WESTERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on H.R. 5441, the bill now under consideration.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Arkansas?

There was no objection.

Mr. WESTERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 5441, the Long Island Sound Restoration and Stewardship Reauthorization Act of 2023.

Representative LALOTA's legislation reauthorizes programs that promote collaboration between Federal agencies, State and local governments, and other stakeholders to protect and preserve the Long Island Sound.

H.R. 5441 reauthorizes the Long Island Sound Study through 2028 at current funding levels. The Long Island

Sound Study was created in 1985, and for several decades it has been instrumental in protecting the sound and its broader watershed. The Long Island Sound Study established the Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan that focuses on habitat restoration, water quality monitoring, and sets ecosystem targets for the next 20 years.

A component of the program also provides grants to local officials deploying restoration projects. The program has been responsible for the restoration of more than 2,000 acres of habitat.

With 4 million people living in the sound's communities, and 9 million in its watershed, protection of this resource helps to safeguard the region's economy and the environment.

The Long Island Sound Study has been updated in recent decades to create more effective partnerships to manage the sound, to ensure that all stakeholders are at the table, and to provide resources to local officials carrying out projects.

I thank Representative LALOTA for his work on a bipartisan basis to reauthorize these important programs.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support the legislation, and I reserve the balance of my time.

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND
INFRASTRUCTURE, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, June 21, 2024.

Hon. BRUCE WESTERMAN,
Chairman, Committee on Natural Resources,
Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN WESTERMAN: I am writing to you concerning H.R. 5441, the Long Island Sound Restoration and Stewardship Reauthorization Act of 2023. The bill was referred primarily to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, with an additional referral to the Committee on Natural Resources. Specifically, there are certain provisions of H.R. 5441 that fall within the Rule X jurisdiction of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

I recognize and appreciate your desire to bring this legislation before the House of Representatives in an expeditious manner, and accordingly, agree the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure shall be discharged from further consideration of the bill. However, this is conditional on our mutual understanding that by foregoing consideration of H.R. 5441 at this time, we do not waive any jurisdiction over the subject matter contained in this or similar legislation that falls with the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure's Rule X jurisdiction, and the Committee will be appropriately consulted and involved on this or similar legislation as it moves forward. Further, this does not prejudice the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure with respect to the appointment of conferees and should a conference on the bill be necessary, I would appreciate your agreement to support my request to have the Committee represented on the conference committee.

Finally, I would ask that a copy of this letter and your response acknowledging our jurisdictional interest in the bill be included in the Committee Report and Congressional

Record during consideration of H.R. 5441 on the House floor.

Sincerely,

SAM GRAVES,
Chairman, Committee on Transportation
and Infrastructure.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES,
Washington, DC, June 21, 2024.

Hon. SAM GRAVES,
Chairman, Committee on Transportation and
Infrastructure, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN GRAVES: I write regarding H.R. 5441, the "Long Island Sound Restoration and Stewardship Reauthorization Act of 2023." The bill was referred primarily to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and additionally to the Committee on Natural Resources, and was ordered reported by the Committee on Natural Resources on June 12, 2024.

I recognize that the bill contains provisions that fall within the jurisdiction of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and appreciate your willingness to forgo any further consideration of the bill. I acknowledge that the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure will not formally consider H.R. 5441 and agree that the inaction of your Committee with respect to the bill does not waive any jurisdiction over the subject matter contained therein.

I am pleased to support your request to name members of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure to any conference committee to consider such provisions. I will ensure that our exchange of letters is included in the Congressional Record during floor consideration of the bill and will include such letters in the committee report on H.R. 5441. I appreciate your cooperation regarding this legislation.

Sincerely,

BRUCE WESTERMAN,
Chairman, Committee on Natural Resources.

Ms. LEE of Nevada. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

H.R. 5441 would reauthorize the Long Island Sound programs at the current funding level of \$40 million annually through fiscal year 2028. These vital programs include the Long Island Sound Grants and the Long Island Sound Stewardship Grants.

The Long Island Sound is a tidal estuary and marine sound, and it is a unique and irreplaceable natural resource. It stretches approximately 110 miles across the north shore of Long Island and the coast of Connecticut.

Its extensive watershed reaches into Connecticut, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New York, Vermont, New Hampshire, and Quebec.

The sound was formed around 15,000 years ago when a terminal moraine dam failed, allowing freshwater from glacial Lake Connecticut to mix with the Atlantic Ocean. This newly formed estuary supported indigenous communities for over 11,000 years before European colonization.

Today, the areas surrounding Long Island Sound are heavily developed, leading to significant degradation of its water quality and ecosystems due to pollution from industry, agriculture, sewage, and runoff.

Despite this, the sound's unique hydrology and geology support diverse

coastal ecosystems, including marshes, tidal pools, dunes, and eelgrass meadows.

These habitats are home to abundant wildlife, including the endangered shortnose sturgeon. Protecting these ecosystems and species remains an ongoing and critical challenge that requires continuous support.

The management of Long Island Sound falls to the States, not the Federal Government. In 1985, Congress established the Management Conference of the Long Island Sound Study to address significant environmental issues affecting the sound.

This conference brings together the EPA, New York State, Connecticut, nonprofit organizations, and educational institutions to restore and protect the sound and its watershed.

The conference oversees numerous initiatives, including monitoring and pollution control programs, grant coordination, public education, outreach, and policy development.

Reauthorizing these programs through H.R. 5441 is essential for the sound's continued recovery and conservation. These efforts will help restore water quality, protect vital ecosystems, and ensure the sound remains a vibrant and healthy resource for future generations.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support the bill, and I reserve the balance of my time.

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Mr. WESTERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I yield 4 minutes to the gentleman from New York (Mr. LALOTA).

Mr. LALOTA. Mr. Speaker, for so many communities across Suffolk County and beyond, the Long Island Sound is so much more than a body of water. It is a way of life that has sustained and provided for our communities for generations. The Long Island Sound is a cornerstone of our environmental makeup, a driver of our local economy, and a hub of recreational and cultural activities for millions of people, Mr. Speaker.

For decades, the sound has faced numerous environmental challenges, including pollution, habitat loss, and the impacts of a changing world. These challenges have threatened the health of the sound and the well-being of the communities that rely on it.

That is why it is incredibly important that, later today, we will be voting on and hopefully passing my legislation, the Long Island Sound Restoration and Stewardship Reauthorization Act of 2023. This critical piece of legislation seeks to reauthorize vital programs that have been essential in preserving and restoring one of our Nation's most treasured natural resources, the Long Island Sound.

My legislation addresses these challenges head-on by authorizing robust funding and strategic initiatives to improve water quality, restore habitats, and enhance the resilience of the

sound's ecosystems. This bill also reauthorizes crucial programs that have already made significant strides in reducing nitrogen pollution, protecting wetlands, and promoting sustainable development along the shoreline.

This legislation is not only about environmental protection but investing in the future of our communities and the people who rely on the sound. By continuing to safeguard the sound, we are supporting the local economies that depend on tourism, fishing, and other maritime industries. We are also ensuring that future generations can enjoy the natural beauty and recreational opportunities that the sound offers.

I thank my colleague from across the aisle and the sound, Congressman JOE COURTNEY of Connecticut, members of the bipartisan Long Island Sound Caucus who have worked tirelessly on this legislation for more than a year, including my good friends Representatives D'ESPOSITO and GARBARINO, and Chairman GRAVES and Chairman WESTERMAN, whose leadership was instrumental in getting this legislation to the floor. Our collective efforts reflect a shared commitment to the health and prosperity of the entire region.

I also thank the various stakeholders, environmental organizations, and community leaders who all pitched in and who have tirelessly advocated for the protection and restoration of the sound, especially my friends at Save the Sound and Citizens Campaign for the Environment.

Mr. Speaker, the Long Island Sound is an irreplaceable natural asset, and we have to protect it. This legislation provides the tools and resources necessary to continue the important work of restoring and preserving this vital ecosystem. I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this bill and reaffirming our commitment to the Long Island Sound.

Ms. LEE of Nevada. Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time. I am prepared to close, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. WESTERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from New York (Mr. D'ESPOSITO).

Mr. D'ESPOSITO. Mr. Speaker, as a son of a mariner and someone who has grown up on Long Island and in its waterways, I am proud to have cosponsored Congressman LALOTA's legislation, H.R. 5441, the Long Island Sound Restoration and Stewardship Reauthorization Act of 2023.

The bill reauthorizes Federal funding for the EPA to implement the Long Island Sound Conservation and Management Plan, as well as provide stewardship grants to New York State, municipal governments, and community stakeholder groups engaged in conservation activities around the sound.

By passing this critical piece of legislation, we can work to ensure the Long Island Sound program is reauthorized at adequate funding levels and the

sound's watershed and coastal habitats receive the attention they deserve. Not only will the program and grants provided help enhance the aesthetic beauty of the sound, but they will also help provide critical support for water-quality enhancement initiatives, which remain a key policy priority of mine.

The Long Island Sound Restoration and Stewardship Reauthorization Act of 2023 represents the latest iteration of Long Island's commitment to preserving our local environment, which is a tradition that stretches back to President Theodore Roosevelt, who spent many years of his life advancing conservation initiatives.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The time of the gentleman has expired.

Mr. WESTERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I yield an additional 30 seconds to the gentleman from New York.

Mr. D'ESPOSITO. Mr. Speaker, I will continue to support conservation efforts that benefit my constituents, New York at large, and this great Nation. I applaud Congressman LALOTA for introducing this legislation, as it is critical to preserving the Long Island that we love and call home. I look forward to helping get this bill across the floor.

Ms. LEE of Nevada. Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this legislation, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. WESTERMAN. Mr. Speaker, the management of the United States' natural resources requires effective coordination between all levels of government and local stakeholders. The legislation sponsored by Representative LALOTA reauthorizes programs that support the health and well-being of the Long Island Sound.

By reauthorizing these programs, we allow this critical work to continue, conserving an important resource that is vital for the region's economy and the environment.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this bill, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Arkansas (Mr. WESTERMAN) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 5441.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the yeas have it.

Mr. WESTERMAN. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

WATER MONITORING AND TRACKING ESSENTIAL RESOURCES (WATER) DATA IMPROVEMENT ACT

Mr. WESTERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 5770) to reauthorize certain

United States Geological Survey water data enhancement programs, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 5770

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

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Water Monitoring and Tracking Essential Resources (WATER) Data Improvement Act".

SEC. 2. WATER DATA ENHANCEMENT BY UNITED STATES GEOLOGICAL SURVEY.

Section 9507 of the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 (42 U.S.C. 10367) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)—

(A) by striking the heading and inserting "FEDERAL PRIORITY STREAMGAGE PROGRAM";

(B) in paragraph (1), by striking "national streamflow information program, as reviewed by the National Research Council in 2004" and inserting "Federal priority streamgaging program";

(C) in paragraph (2), by striking "national streamflow information program" each place it appears and inserting "Federal priority streamgaging program";

(D) in paragraph (4)—

(i) in subparagraph (A)—

(I) by striking "2009" and inserting "2023";

and

(II) in clause (ii), by inserting "precipitation" before "water-quality sensors"; and

(ii) in subparagraph (B), by striking "National Streamflow Information Program as reviewed by the National Research Council." and inserting "Federal needs established through regular solicitation of feedback, such as that documented in the report titled 'Reprioritization of the U.S. Geological Survey Federal Priority streamgaging program, 2022' (Openfile Report 2023-1032).";

(E) in paragraph (5), by striking "national streamgaging network" each place it appears and inserting "Federal priority streamgaging network"; and

(F) in paragraph (6)—

(i) in subparagraph (A)—

(I) by striking "national streamflow information program" and inserting "Federal priority streamgaging program"; and

(II) by striking "2023" and inserting "2028";

and

(ii) in subparagraph (B), by striking "2019" and inserting "2028";

(2) in subsection (b)—

(A) in paragraph (2)—

(i) in subparagraph (B), by inserting "and Tribes" after "agencies" and

(ii) in subparagraph (C)—

(I) by inserting "or Tribal lands" after "within a State"; and

(II) by inserting "or Tribe" after "water resource agency";

(B) in paragraph (6), by inserting ", a Tribe" after "a State"; and

(C) in paragraph (7)—

(i) by striking "such sums as are necessary" and inserting "\$4,000,000 per fiscal year"; and

(ii) by striking "2009 through 2023" and inserting "2023 through 2028";

(3) by striking subsection (c);

(4) by redesignating subsection (d) as subsection (c); and

(5) in subsection (c)(4) (as so redesignated by this subsection), by striking "2019" and inserting "2028".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Arkansas (Mr. WESTERMAN) and the gentlewoman from Nevada (Ms. LEE) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Arkansas.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. WESTERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on H.R. 5770, the bill now under consideration.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Arkansas?

There was no objection.

Mr. WESTERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of my colleague Mr. NEGUSE's bipartisan bill, which reauthorizes the Federal priority streamgages and the national groundwater resources monitoring programs through fiscal year 2028 at existing funding levels.

The USGS operates and maintains a nationwide streamgaging network, which monitors the amount of water flowing through streams and rivers across the country at any given point in time. Data from this network is used by public and private users, including government agencies responsible for water management and emergency responses, utilities, environmental agencies, and recreational interests. This data informs Americans on whether conditions are safe for fishing, boating, or rafting.

Additionally, the national groundwater resources monitoring program administers a network of water-level wells and water-quality wells. The USGS makes this data publicly available through the National Groundwater Monitoring Network data portal. Given the groundwater is managed by individual States, this data enables States, stakeholders, and individuals to make decisions using the best available science.

I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this legislation, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. LEE of Nevada. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of Representative NEGUSE's H.R. 5770, the WATER Data Improvement Act.

The WATER Data Improvement Act represents a bipartisan approach to ensuring that water resource managers have the data they need to provide communities and the environment with access to safe, clean water.

The legislation will promote successful drought resiliency strategies, strengthen essential programs, and increase water quality by reauthorizing the U.S. Geological Survey's national groundwater resources monitoring network, its Federal priority streamgage network, and improved water estimation, measurement, and monitoring grant funding through 2028.

The impacts of these programs and grants have been transformative. The national groundwater resources monitoring network brings together Federal, State, local, and Tribal agencies' groundwater monitoring efforts while the Federal priority streamgage net-

work measures streamflow information to promote access to crucial groundwater and streamflow data for water resource managers. The legislation would also provide grants to develop, improve, and implement new methodologies and technologies for collecting, analyzing, and delivering water resource data.

With 2024 on track to be the hottest year on record and many communities throughout the West facing a historic drought crisis, it is imperative that we provide water resource managers with the tools that they need to collect and provide accurate data to develop and implement innovative water management and conservation plans.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to vote "yes" on the WATER Data Improve Act, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. WESTERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time. I am prepared to close, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. LEE of Nevada. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Colorado (Mr. NEGUSE), the sponsor of the bill.

Mr. NEGUSE. Mr. Speaker, first and foremost, my gratitude to the gentlewoman from Nevada (Ms. LEE), my distinguished colleague, for her leadership on this particular issue, her leadership in the Colorado River Caucus over the course of these last several years as the Upper Basin and Lower Basin States grapple with a historic drought, as was articulated.

I could not say it any better than she did as to the bipartisan approach that she and others are championing here in the United States Congress. I am proud to add this particular piece of legislation to that approach. Of course, my gratitude to Chairman WESTERMAN and Ranking Member GRIJALVA for their consideration of this important bill.

I have the honor and the privilege of representing the great State of Colorado in the United States Congress, and the headwaters of the Colorado River are in my district. In Colorado, we know how important it is to preserve, protect, and strengthen these critical water resources and how important data is to that effort, which is why this bill is so important.

As has been explained by both the chairman and Representative LEE, the Federal priority streamgage network is a federally funded network of streamgages to measure streamflow information for forecasting, flood and drought planning, water-quality monitoring, and more. The national groundwater resources monitoring network is a collaborative network that serves a similar purpose.

At the end of the day, the improved water estimation, measurement, and monitoring technologies programs provide grants to develop and implement new technologies and methodologies to measure water resources data. Each of these programs, I can certainly tell you, Mr. Speaker, is a valuable source

of information for water users across the State of Colorado, across the Upper Basin States, the Lower Basin States, and, indeed, across the Rocky Mountain West.

It is critical these efforts be supported and authorized, which is why I am proud to sponsor this important bipartisan legislation.

It is a simple bill, a noncontroversial bill, one that I hope will earn the support of every Member of this august body, and I certainly look forward, after the House has considered it, to getting it across the finish line with our partners in the Senate, Senator LUMMIS and Senator HICKENLOOPER, of course, from the great State of Colorado.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

Ms. LEE of Nevada. Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this legislation, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. WESTERMAN. Mr. Speaker, the bill before us today reauthorizes programs that provide data and inform real-time decisionmaking and long-term planning. The USGS water data is fundamental to national and local economies, protection of life and property, and effective management of our Nation's water resources.

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I know personally in Arkansas if I want to go float on the Nation's first wild and scenic river, the Buffalo National River, the first thing I do is go online and look at the data from the USGS water gauges to determine where the best place is to float. This data is used all across the country in many different ways.

Mr. Speaker, I appreciate Congressman NEGUSE's work on the legislation, I urge my colleagues to support H.R. 5770, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Arkansas (Mr. WESTERMAN) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 5770, as amended.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

REMOVAL OF RESTRICTION ON AMENDMENTS TO OR MODIFICATIONS OF THE CONSTITUTION OF AMERICAN SAMOA

Mr. WESTERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 6062) to restore the ability of the people of American Samoa to approve amendments to the territorial constitution based on majority rule in a democratic act of self-determination, as authorized pursuant to an Act of Congress delegating administration of Federal territorial law in the territory

to the President, and to the Secretary of the Interior under Executive Order 10264, dated June 29, 1951, under which the Constitution of American Samoa was approved and may be amended without requirement for further congressional action, subject to the authority of Congress under the Territorial Clause in article IV, section 3, clause 2 of the United States Constitution.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 6062

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

SECTION 1. REMOVAL OF RESTRICTION ON AMENDMENTS TO OR MODIFICATIONS OF THE CONSTITUTION OF AMERICAN SAMOA.

Section 12 of Public Law 98-213 (48 U.S.C. 1662a) is repealed.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Arkansas (Mr. WESTERMAN) and the gentlewoman from Nevada (Ms. LEE) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Arkansas.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. WESTERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks and to include extraneous material on H.R. 6062, the bill now under consideration.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Arkansas?

There was no objection.

Mr. WESTERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 6062, sponsored by Delegate RADEWAGEN, aims to improve the amendment process for the Constitution of American Samoa. I appreciate Delegate RADEWAGEN's work on this bill and her tireless efforts to represent the needs and views of American Samoa.

H.R. 6062 would repeal section 12 of Public Law 98-213, which requires any amendments or modifications to the Constitution of American Samoa, as approved by the Secretary of the Interior, to be made only by an Act of Congress. This law was enacted in 1983 when there was concern among American Samoans about the Department of the Interior making unilateral amendments to the Constitution of American Samoa. The change in Federal law ensured Congress would step in if the DOI attempted to make such amendments.

These concerns proved to be unfounded, and since 1984, American Samoa has made attempts to return to the previous policy of Department of the Interior Secretarial approval. Many now believe the current congressional approval requirement has stalled American Samoa's constitutional amendment process.

H.R. 6062 would revert American Samoa's constitutional amendment process to the pre-1983 status quo by requir-

ing approval from the Secretary of the Interior for amendments to the Constitution of American Samoa.

I would like to note that Congress will retain authority over American Samoa as provided by the Territorial Clause of the United States Constitution.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this legislation, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. LEE of Nevada. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 6062, which is sponsored by our colleague from American Samoa (Mrs. RADEWAGEN).

This bill would eliminate the requirement for Congress to approve changes to the American Samoan Constitution in addition to the Secretary of the Interior.

When American Samoa drafted and ratified its constitution in the 1960s, only the Secretary of the Interior was empowered to ratify amendments to it. However, in 1983, legislation was enacted to add Congress, in addition to the Secretary of the Interior, to the approval process for making changes to the American Samoan Constitution.

American Samoan leaders at the time objected to this additional step and urged returning to the prior process of needing only the Secretary to approve changes to their constitution.

In particular, American Samoan leaders feared that congressional involvement could threaten their current political status, which incorporates their traditional "matai," "chief" and communal land ownership system.

This legislation removes the duplicative, unnecessary step of requiring congressional approval for American Samoa to amend its own constitution. It is a commonsense bill that promotes democracy and self-determination.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this legislation, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. WESTERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentlewoman from American Samoa (Mrs. RADEWAGEN), who is the sponsor of the bill.

Mrs. RADEWAGEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of my bill, H.R. 6062, which repeals the outdated statute requiring amendments to American Samoa's Constitution be ratified by Congress.

I want to thank Chairman WESTERMAN and Subcommittee Chair HAGEMAN for their efforts to move this bill through committee, and I thank Ranking Members GRIJALVA and LEGER FERNANDEZ for making this a bipartisan effort. I would also like to extend my sincere gratitude to my fellow territorial Delegates, Delegate MOYLAN and Delegate SABLAN, for their cosponsorship and support.

The original piece of legislation that H.R. 6062 repeals was moved through without regular order, and over the past several decades, multiple attempts were made to walk back the bill and allow the necessary hearings and oversight to occur. Today that misstep has been corrected.

H.R. 6062 provides equal treatment among the U.S. territories, as no other territory has a similar restriction on editing their local laws. It is a critical and key piece of legislation for American Samoa, allowing us to enact constitutional changes as approved by our people without the burden of unnecessary bureaucracy in Washington.

This bill is designed to restore the essential structure of our government to what it was intended to be, providing a much-needed adjustment to the previous 1983 law. The 1983 law, as it stands, is inconsistent with the principles of local self-government over local affairs, an area where Congress has rightly delegated local authority to us. The current law imposes restrictions that are outdated and counterproductive, hindering our ability to govern ourselves effectively.

This bill is about more than just procedural changes. It is about reaffirming our commitment to self-governance and democratic values. By removing unnecessary obstacles, we are reinforcing the principle that the people of American Samoa have the right and the ability to govern themselves.

Mr. WESTERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, I am prepared to close, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. LEE of Nevada. Mr. Speaker, I, too, have no further requests for time, and I am prepared to close.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this legislation, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. WESTERMAN. Mr. Speaker, once again, H.R. 6062 would reinstate the process to approve amendments to the Constitution of American Samoa via approval by the Secretary of the Interior and address concerns of American Samoans.

Again, Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank Delegate RADEWAGEN for her work on this legislation. I urge adoption of the bill, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Arkansas (Mr. WESTERMAN) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 6062.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

ACCELERATING APPRAISALS AND CONSERVATION EFFORTS ACT

Mr. WESTERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 5443) to establish a policy regarding appraisal and valuation services for real property for a transaction over which the Secretary of the Interior has jurisdiction, and for other purposes, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 5443

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

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Accelerating Appraisals and Conservation Efforts Act” or the “AAACE Act”.

SEC. 2. APPRAISAL AND VALUATION SERVICES FOR REAL PROPERTY.

(a) **LICENSE, CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENT.**—A covered appraiser needs to be licensed or certified in only 1 State to perform appraisal or valuation services for real property in any State for a transaction over which the Secretary has jurisdiction.

(b) **USE OF NON-FEDERAL COVERED APPRAISERS.**—If the Secretary uses a non-Federal covered appraiser to perform appraisal or valuation services for real property for a transaction described in subsection (a), the Secretary—

(1) shall, to the maximum extent practicable, use a non-Federal covered appraiser who is a certified general real property appraiser licensed in a State in which the real property that is the subject of the transaction is located; and

(2) may only use a non-Federal covered appraiser who is a certified general real property appraiser licensed in a State other than one in which the real property that is the subject of the transaction is located if a non-Federal covered appraiser described in paragraph (1) is, as determined by the Secretary—

(A) unavailable to complete an assignment within a reasonable period of time;

(B) not assignment qualified; or

(C) not cost competitive.

(c) **REPORT.**—Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this section, and annually thereafter for at least the following 4 years, the Secretary shall submit to Congress a report that includes the following:

(1) A comparison using quantitative data of—

(A) the number of requests for appraisal and valuation services received by the Department during the reporting period and the number of requests for such services received by the Department in each of the 5 years before the reporting period; and

(B) the amount of time required for the Department to complete a request for appraisal or valuation services before the date of the enactment of this section and after the date of the enactment of this section.

(2) A qualitative assessment of the impact of subsection (a) in providing flexibility to the Secretary when contracting with non-Federal covered appraisers.

(3) Recommendations, if any, for congressional action that could help the Department operate more efficiently or overcome challenges with respect to timely completion of requests for appraisal or valuation services while ensuring the independence, impartiality, and objectivity of such services.

(4) An overview of the workforce of the Department with regard to appraisal and valuation services provided by the Department, including hiring and staffing during the reporting period with respect to employees and contractors of the Department.

(5) A complete list of cases in which the authority granted under section 2 of this Act was used during the reporting period, describing for each case the specific criteria used to satisfy the conditions of this Act.

(d) **STATUTORY CLARIFICATIONS.**—

(1) **APPLICABILITY OF RELEVANT LAWS AND REGULATIONS.**—Except as provided in paragraph (3), nothing in this section shall be interpreted to affect the application of any Federal or State law or regulation to a non-Federal covered appraiser with regard to the performance by such non-Federal covered appraiser of appraisal and valuation services for real property.

(2) **JURISDICTION REQUIREMENT.**—Nothing in this section shall be interpreted to authorize a

non-Federal covered appraiser to perform appraisal and valuation services for real property in a State in which such non-Federal covered appraiser is not licensed or certified to perform such services except to the extent that such services are performed for a transaction over which the Secretary has jurisdiction.

(3) **NONAPPLICABILITY OF CERTAIN RELEVANT LAWS AND REGULATIONS.**—Any provision of a Federal or State law or regulation enacted before the date of the enactment of this section that requires a covered appraiser to be licensed or certified in a specific State to perform appraisal or valuation services for real property in that State shall not apply to any transaction over which the Secretary has jurisdiction.

(e) **PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.**—Not later than 90 days after the enactment of this Act, the text of all policies (including any successor policies), including reference manuals, guidance documents, handbooks, standard operating procedures, and statements of policy specific to the scoping, contracting, and review of appraisals performed for the Department by Federal or non-Federal covered appraisers, shall be made publicly available online and provided upon request.

(f) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this section:

(1) **COVERED APPRAISER.**—The term “covered appraiser” means a State-licensed or -certified real property appraiser.

(2) **DEPARTMENT.**—The term “Department” means the Department of the Interior.

(3) **REPORTING PERIOD.**—The term “reporting period” means the 1-year period before the date on which a report is submitted under subsection (c).

(4) **SECRETARY.**—The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of the Interior.

(5) **STATE.**—The term “State” means each of the several States, the District of Columbia, and each territory and possession of the United States.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Arkansas (Mr. WESTERMAN) and the gentlewoman from Nevada (Ms. LEE) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Arkansas.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. WESTERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks and to include extraneous material on H.R. 5443, the bill now under consideration.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Arkansas?

There was no objection.

Mr. WESTERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 5443, legislation offered by Representatives LEE and JOYCE. This bill would allow appropriately credentialed non-Federal appraisers to perform appraisal and valuation services for the Department of the Interior regardless of whether they are licensed or certified in a particular State.

This has been a longstanding practice for Federal appraisers. However, non-Federal appraisers must be credentialed in the State where they are conducting valuation or appraisal services. This disparity has led, in part, to an appraisal backlog that prevents the Department of the Interior from fulfilling its responsibilities to convey, exchange, or dispose of land in a timely manner.

The Committee on Natural Resources has heard numerous concerns about the length and complexity of Federal land transactions throughout this Congress, including the cumbersome appraisal process. This process affects communities that wish to take over Federal land for economic or conservation purposes, as well as sportsmen and -women who seek to consolidate checkerboard land ownership to allow for greater public access.

This bill will address inefficient bureaucratic bottlenecks without jeopardizing the integrity of the valuation and appraisal process.

Under this legislation, all appraisals must still be conducted in accordance with applicable standards found in the Uniform Appraisal Standards for Federal Land Acquisitions and the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice.

This is good, bipartisan legislation that will remedy inefficiencies and improve land management. I would like to commend Representatives LEE and JOYCE for their efforts on this bill and thank them for engaging the committee early in the legislative process.

Mr. Speaker, I support the bill, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. LEE of Nevada. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the chair of the committee for his leadership.

Today, I am pleased that the House is considering the Accelerating Appraisals and Conservation Efforts Act, known as the AAACE Act, my bipartisan, bicameral bill to cut red tape for everyone who relies on the Federal Government to buy, sell, or transfer public land.

It will speed up appraisals and approvals for Nevada housing projects and cut governmental red tape that drives up housing costs. Outdoor enthusiasts will be able to enjoy the public lands they have fought to preserve, and it will allow for better and faster infrastructure to power our communities.

The U.S. Department of the Interior oversees hundreds of millions of acres of public lands nationwide. Its Bureau of Land Management alone stewards roughly 70 percent of the lands in my home State of Nevada.

Before the Department of the Interior is able to buy, sell, lease, trade, or conduct any type of land-related transaction, it must first make sure that these activities are done at fair market value to protect the public trust.

However, while full-time Federal appraisers are able to work quickly and easily across State lines, the private appraisers on whom the Department of the Interior must now rely to satisfy the growing demands on the agency can only work in specific States or territories in which they are individually credentialed.

This is slowing progress across the country on a range of conservation,

economic, housing, and infrastructure goals, all dependent on the Department of the Interior's ability to complete land transactions promptly.

My bipartisan AACE Act would help alleviate and prevent appraisal bottlenecks by building upon a decades-old precedent of limited license reciprocity for appraisers established under the Bush-Quayle administration.

It would enable the Department of the Interior to contract with private appraisers who are appropriately credentialed in one State to perform appraisal valuation services on the Department of the Interior's behalf in any State.

Importantly, it would also require the Department of the Interior to continue to prioritize working with local appraisers, unlocking the enhanced flexibility provided by the bill only when no assignment-qualified or cost-competitive local appraisers are available.

In short, this legislation would maximize DOI's efficiency without spending a single additional dollar of taxpayers' money. It better positions America's principal land management agency to complete land transactions of all kinds more effectively and efficiently, ensuring that the Federal Government can deliver on these critical projects without getting in its own way.

That is why the bill has the support of Republican and Democratic Members of Congress, Senators, and Governors. It is also supported by the DOI and organizations ranging from Conservation Lands Foundation to Trout Unlimited to the Nevada Housing Coalition and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. It benefits everyone, from conservationists to developers, who all find themselves waiting at the back of the same Federal appraisals line.

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I thank my colleague and good friend, Representative DAVE JOYCE, for writing this much-needed legislation with me to provide a simple, bipartisan solution to a simple, bipartisan problem.

I thank Senator CATHERINE CORTEZ MASTO for championing this common-sense legislation in the Senate. It is essential that we pass the bill in this Congress so we can get it to the President's desk without delay and deliver as soon as possible on the lands projects that Americans need.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. WESTERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I am prepared to close. I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. LEE of Nevada. Mr. Speaker, in closing, I urge my colleagues to support my legislation, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. WESTERMAN. Mr. Speaker, in a previous career having been licensed to do appraisals and having studied the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice and been tested on

that, I am glad to say that this legislation doesn't exempt appraisers from having to abide by those standards. It just streamlines the process on Federal land so that appraisals can happen in a more timely manner.

This bipartisan bill will improve the management of hundreds of millions of acres of land and is a commonsense solution to make government more efficient. We need that.

Mr. Speaker, I urge adoption of the bill, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Arkansas (Mr. WESTERMAN) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 5443, as amended.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until approximately 6:30 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 4 o'clock and 46 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. LATURNER) at 6 o'clock and 30 minutes p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, proceedings will resume on questions previously postponed.

Votes will be taken in the following order:

Motions to suspend the rules and pass:

H.R. 897; and

H.R. 5441.

The first electronic vote will be conducted as a 15-minute vote. Pursuant to clause 9 of rule XX, the remaining electronic vote will be conducted as a 5-minute vote.

ALABAMA UNDERWATER FOREST NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY AND PROTECTION ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 897) to provide for the establishment of the Alabama Underwater Forest National Marine Sanctuary, and for other purposes, as amended, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Arkansas (Mr. WESTERMAN) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 349, nays 19, not voting 64, as follows:

[Roll No. 336]

YEAS—349

Adams	DesJarlais	Kiggans (VA)
Aderholt	Dingell	Kildee
Aguilar	Donalds	Kiley
Alford	Duarte	Kilmer
Allen	Duncan	Kim (CA)
Allred	Edwards	Kim (NJ)
Amo	Ellzey	Krishnamoorthi
Amodei	Emmer	Kustoff
Armstrong	Escobar	LaHood
Arrington	Eshoo	LaLota
Auchincloss	Espallat	Lamborn
Bacon	Estes	Landsman
Baird	Ezell	Langworthy
Balderson	Fallon	Larsen (WA)
Balint	Feenstra	Larson (CT)
Banks	Ferguson	Latta
Barr	Finstad	LaTurner
Barragán	Fischbach	Lawler
Beatty	Fitzgerald	Lee (CA)
Bentz	Fitzpatrick	Lee (FL)
Bera	Fleischmann	Lee (NV)
Bergman	Flood	Lee (PA)
Beyer	Fong	Leger Fernandez
Bice	Foster	Letlow
Bilirakis	Foushee	Levin
Bishop (GA)	Fox	Lieu
Blumenauer	Frankel, Lois	Lofgren
Boebert	Franklin, Scott	Loudermilk
Bonamici	Frost	Lucas
Bost	Fry	Luetkemeyer
Boyle (PA)	Gaetz	Luna
Brown	Garbarino	Lynch
Brownley	Garcia (IL)	Mace
Bucshon	Garcia, Mike	Malliotakis
Budzinski	Garcia, Robert	Maloy
Burchett	Gimenez	Manning
Burgess	Golden (ME)	Matsui
Bush	Goldman (NY)	McBath
Calvert	Gomez	McClain
Caraveo	Gonzales, Tony	McClellan
Carbajal	Gonzalez,	McClintock
Carey	Vicente	McCollum
Carl	Gooden (TX)	McCormick
Carson	Gottheimer	McGarvey
Carter (GA)	Graves (LA)	McGovern
Carter (LA)	Green (TN)	McHenry
Carter (TX)	Grothman	Meeks
Cartwright	Guthrie	Menendez
Casar	Hageman	Meng
Case	Harder (CA)	Meuser
Casten	Harris	Mfume
Castor (FL)	Harshbarger	Miller (IL)
Castro (TX)	Hayes	Miller (OH)
Chavez-DeRemer	Hern	Miller (WV)
Cherfilus-	Higgins (LA)	Miller-Meeks
McCormick	Hill	Mills
Chu	Hinson	Molinaro
Ciscomani	Horsford	Moolenaar
Clark (MA)	Houchin	Moore (UT)
Clarke (NY)	Houlihan	Moran
Cleaver	Hoyle (OR)	Morelle
Cline	Hudson	Moulton
Cohen	Huizenga	Mrvan
Cole	Issa	Mullin
Collins	Ivey	Murphy
Comer	Jackson (IL)	Napolitano
Connolly	Jackson (NC)	Neal
Correa	Jackson (TX)	Neguse
Costa	Jacobs	Nehls
Courtney	James	Newhouse
Craig	Jayapal	Nickel
Crawford	Jeffries	Norcross
Crockett	Johnson (GA)	Nunn (IA)
Crow	Johnson (LA)	Oberholte
Cuellar	Johnson (SD)	Ocasio-Cortez
Curtis	Jordan	Omar
D'Esposito	Joyce (OH)	Pallone
Davidson	Joyce (PA)	Palmer
Davis (NC)	Kammlager-Dove	Panetta
Dean (PA)	Kaptur	Pappas
DeGette	Kean (NJ)	Pascarell
DeLauro	Keating	Pelosi
DelBene	Kelly (IL)	Perez
Deluzio	Kelly (MS)	Peters
DeSaulnier	Kelly (PA)	Petterson
	Kennedy	Pfluger

Pingree	Sherrill	Torres (NY)
Pocan	Simpson	Trahan
Porter	Slotkin	Turner
Quigley	Smith (MO)	Underwood
Ramirez	Smith (NE)	Valadao
Raskin	Smith (WA)	Van Drew
Reschenthaler	Smucker	Van Dyne
Rodgers (WA)	Soto	Van Orden
Rogers (AL)	Spanberger	Vargas
Rose	Spartz	Vasquez
Ross	Stansbury	Veasey
Rouzer	Stanton	Velázquez
Ruiz	Stauber	Wagner
Rulli	Steel	Walberg
Ruppersberger	Stefanik	Waltz
Rutherford	Steil	Wasserman
Ryan	Steube	Schultz
Salinas	Stevens	Watson Coleman
Sánchez	Strickland	Webster (FL)
Scalise	Strong	Wenstrup
Scanlon	Takano	Tenney
Schiff	Thanedar	Williams (GA)
Schneider	Thompson (CA)	Williams (NY)
Scholten	Thompson (MS)	Williams (TX)
Schrier	Thompson (PA)	Wilson (FL)
Schweikert	Tiffany	Wilson (SC)
Scott (VA)	Timmons	Wittman
Scott, Austin	Titus	Womack
Scott, David	Tlaib	Yakym
Sessions	Tonko	Zinke
Sewell	Torres (CA)	
Sherman		

NAYS—19

Biggs	Good (VA)	Perry
Bishop (NC)	Gosar	Posey
Brecheen	Greene (GA)	Rosendale
Burlison	Lesko	Roy
Clyde	Mooney	Self
Crane	Norman	
Fulcher	Ogles	

NOT VOTING—64

Babin	Green, Al (TX)	Owens
Bean (FL)	Griffith	Peltola
Blunt Rochester	Grijalva	Pence
Bowman	Guest	Phillips
Buchanan	Himes	Pressley
Cammack	Hoyer	Rogers (KY)
Cárdenas	Huffman	Salazar
Cloud	Hunt	Sarbanes
Clyburn	Jackson Lee	Schakowsky
Crenshaw	Khanna	Smith (NJ)
Davis (IL)	Kuster	Sorensen
De La Cruz	LaMalfa	Suozzi
Diaz-Balart	Luttrell	Swalwell
Doggett	Magaziner	Sykes
Dunn (FL)	Mann	Tokuda
Evans	Massie	Trone
Fletcher	Mast	Waters
Galleo	McCaull	Weber (TX)
Garamendi	Moore (AL)	Wexton
García (TX)	Moore (WI)	Wild
Granger	Moskowitz	
Graves (MO)	Nadler	

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Messrs. MOONEY and FULCHER changed their vote from “yea” to “nay.”

Messrs. CARBAJAL and GOMEZ changed their vote from “nay” to “yea.”

So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:

Ms. PRESSLEY. Mr. Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 336.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, July 8, 2024.

Hon. MIKE JOHNSON,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: I have the honor to transmit herewith a copy of a letter received from the Honorable Jena M. Griswold, Colorado Secretary of State, containing unofficial results of the Special Election for Representative to Congress for the Fourth Congressional District of Colorado held on June 25, 2024.

With best wishes, I am,
Sincerely,

KEVIN F. MCCUMBER,
Acting Clerk.

JENA M GRISWOLD,
COLORADO SECRETARY OF STATE,
Wednesday, July 3, 2024.

Re Current unofficial election results for vacancy election in Colo-CD4.

Hon. KEVIN F. MCCUMBER,
Acting Clerk, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. MCCUMBER: This is to advise you that as of 5:00 p.m. (Mountain time) on July 3, 2024, the unofficial results of the Congressional Vacancy Election held on Tuesday, June 25, 2024, for the U.S. Representative in Congress from the Fourth Congressional District of Colorado, show that Greg Lopez received 98,959 votes, reflecting 58.39% of the total number of votes cast, for that office.

To the best of our knowledge and belief at this time, no contest has been filed for this election.

As soon as the official results are certified to this office by all counties in CD-4 district, an official Certificate of Election will be prepared for transmittal as required by law.

Sincerely,
JENA GRISWOLD.

SWEARING IN OF THE HONORABLE GREG LOPEZ, OF COLORADO, AS A MEMBER OF THE HOUSE

Ms. DEGETTE. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the gentleman from Colorado, the Honorable GREG LOPEZ, be permitted to take the oath of office today.

His certificate of election has not arrived, but there is no contest and no question has been raised with regard to his election.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from Colorado?

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER. Will the Representative-elect and the members of the Colorado delegation present themselves in the well.

All Members will rise and the Representative-elect will please raise his right hand.

Mr. LOPEZ appeared at the bar of the House and took the oath of office, as follows:

Do you solemnly swear or affirm that you will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that you will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that you take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that you will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which you are about to enter, so help you God.

The SPEAKER. Congratulations, you are now a Member of the 118th Congress.

WELCOMING THE HONORABLE GREG LOPEZ TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the gentlewoman from Colorado is recognized for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

Ms. DEGETTE. Mr. Speaker, as the dean of the Colorado congressional delegation, I am so honored to welcome Representative-elect LOPEZ to this Chamber to represent Colorado's Fourth Congressional District for the next 6 months.

Representative-elect LOPEZ is an Air Force veteran, a small business owner, a husband, and a father. Born into a hardworking family in pursuit of the American Dream, Representative LOPEZ is committed to working to improve the lives of his constituents.

He met his wife, Lisa, during his military service, and they married and moved to Colorado, where they raised their two children. At the age of only 27, Representative LOPEZ was elected mayor of Parker, Colorado, which was, at the time, the fastest growing town in Douglas County.

He worked with the town to improve infrastructure, manage growth, and support families and small businesses. Following his mayoral term, he was the director of a nonprofit that provided students from low-income families with scholarships to pursue their educational dreams.

I had the honor of working with Representative LOPEZ when he was the president and CEO of the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and later as the Colorado director of the Small Business Administration.

Representative LOPEZ and his wife live in Elbert County, Colorado, where they continue to serve their community and give back to the State they call home.

I look forward to working with the Representative to support the people of Colorado with our delegation.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Colorado (Mr. LAMBORN), my friend and the senior member of our delegation.

Mr. LAMBORN. Mr. Speaker, I thank my colleague from Denver for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure and honor to rise today to welcome Representative GREG LOPEZ to Congress.

I have every faith that Representative LOPEZ will serve the people of Colorado's Fourth District well, as he has a history of serving his country and his community.

Immediately upon graduating from high school, Representative LOPEZ enlisted in the Air Force, serving honorably from 1983 to 1987. In 1992, at the age of 27, Representative LOPEZ successfully ran for mayor of Parker, Colorado, where he managed one of the fastest growing cities in America.

As a matter of fact, in those years, I also represented part of Douglas County, Colorado, where Parker is located. It was the fastest growing county in America for 8 years in a row.

Following his time as mayor, Representative LOPEZ not only owned and operated a small business selling medical supplies, but he also served in the Small Business Administration as the State director for Colorado from 2008 to 2014.

Throughout his career, Representative LOPEZ has been blessed with his lovely wife, Lisa, as well as their two children, Michael and Christina.

Mr. Speaker, I welcome Representative GREG LOPEZ to the United States House of Representatives not only as a friend but now as a colleague.

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Ms. DEGETTE. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Colorado (Mr. LOPEZ).

Mr. LOPEZ. “Mr. Speaker, le agradezco por este distinguido honor de dirigirme a los Miembros del Congreso esta noche.” “Mr. Speaker, thank you for this distinguished honor to address the Members of Congress this evening.”

Four days ago, Americans across our Nation celebrated the Fourth of July, our day of independence from the British Empire. It was on July 4, 1776, that the Continental Congress adopted the Declaration of Independence. I am proud to carry the Constitution and Declaration of Independence in my pocket.

As I stand in this prestigious Chamber, I am filled with a sense of gratitude: Gratitude for being given an opportunity by my Lord and Savior and the good people of Colorado’s Fourth Congressional District to join you, my brothers and sisters, in the 118th Congress;

Gratitude for my parents, Gregorio Beltran Lopez and Victoria Barron Lopez, who grew up working in the fields, believing in the American Dream. They always spoke of how America always allows everyone to live the American Dream regardless of wealth or educational achievements;

Gratitude for my wife, Lisa, of 36 years and our children, Michael and Christina, for always believing in me and standing by my side. My son was not able to join us here tonight, but my wife and daughter are.

My time with you is short, as I will not be serving in the 119th Congress. However, in that short time, I vow to stay true to the virtues of respect, collaboration, friendship, unity, and most importantly, statesmanship.

My brothers and sisters, these are the virtues the American people thirst to see once again in our national, State, and local representatives.

Together, let us be that beacon that people seek. Together, let us restore hope back into the American Dream for the younger generation. Together, let us put people over politics.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. Under clause 5(d) of rule XX, the Chair announces to the House that, in light of the administration of the oath of office to the gentleman from Colorado, the whole number of the House is 433.

LONG ISLAND SOUND RESTORATION AND STEWARDSHIP REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2023

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 5441) to reauthorize Long Island Sound programs, and for other purposes, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Arkansas (Mr. WESTERMAN) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill.

This is a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 333, nays 51, not voting 49, as follows:

[Roll No. 337]

YEAS—333

Adams	Cline	Gomez
Aderholt	Clyburn	Gonzales, Tony
Aguilar	Cohen	Gonzalez,
Alford	Cole	Vicente
Allred	Connolly	Gooden (TX)
Amodei	Correa	Gottheimer
Armstrong	Costa	Graves (LA)
Auchincloss	Courtney	Guthrie
Bacon	Craig	Harder (CA)
Baird	Crawford	Harris
Balderson	Crockett	Hayes
Balint	Crow	Higgins (LA)
Barr	Cuellar	Hill
Barragan	Curtis	Hinson
Bean (FL)	D’Esposito	Horsford
Beatty	Daids (KS)	Houchin
Bentz	Davis (NC)	Houlahan
Bera	Dean (PA)	Hoyer
Bergman	DeGette	Hoyle (OR)
Beyer	DeLauro	Hudson
Bice	DelBene	Huffman
Bilirakis	Deluzio	Huizenga
Bishop (GA)	DesJarlais	Ivey
Blumenauer	Dingell	Jackson (IL)
Bonamici	Doggett	Jackson (NC)
Bost	Duarte	Jacobs
Boyle (PA)	Edwards	James
Brown	Ellzey	Jayapal
Brownley	Emmer	Jeffries
Bucshon	Escobar	Johnson (GA)
Budzinski	Eshoo	Johnson (LA)
Burgess	Espallat	Johnson (SD)
Burlison	Estes	Joyce (OH)
Bush	Ezell	Kamlager-Dove
Calvert	Fallon	Kaptur
Caraveo	Feenstra	Kean (NJ)
Carbajal	Ferguson	Keating
Cárdenas	Finstad	Kelly (IL)
Carey	Fischbach	Kelly (MS)
Carl	Fitzgerald	Kelly (PA)
Carson	Fitzpatrick	Kennedy
Carter (GA)	Fleischmann	Khanna
Carter (LA)	Fletcher	Kiggans (VA)
Cartwright	Flood	Kildee
Casar	Fong	Kiley
Case	Foster	Kilmer
Casten	Foushee	Kim (CA)
Castor (FL)	Frankel, Lois	Kim (NJ)
Castro (TX)	Franklin, Scott	Krishnamoorthi
Chavez-DeRemer	Frost	Kuster
Cherfilus-	Fry	LaHood
McCormick	Garbarino	LaLota
Chu	Garcia (IL)	Lamborn
Ciscomani	Garcia, Mike	Landsman
Clark (MA)	Garcia, Robert	Langworthy
Clarke (NY)	Gimenez	Larsen (WA)
Cleaver	Golden (ME)	Larson (CT)
	Goldman (NY)	Latta

LaTurner	Obernolte	Spartz
Lawler	Ocasio-Cortez	Stansbury
Lee (CA)	Omar	Stanton
Lee (FL)	Owens	Stauber
Lee (NV)	Pallone	Steel
Lee (PA)	Palmer	Stefanik
Leger Fernandez	Panetta	Steil
Letlow	Pappas	Stevens
Levin	Pascrell	Strickland
Lieu	Pelosi	Strong
Lofgren	Perez	Suozi
Lopez	Peters	Sykes
Lucas	Pettersen	Takano
Luetkemeyer	Pfluger	Tenney
Luna	Pingree	Thanedar
Lynch	Pocan	Thompson (CA)
Mace	Porter	Thompson (MS)
Magaziner	Pressley	Thompson (PA)
Malliotakis	Quigley	Timmons
Maloy	Ramirez	Titus
Manning	Raskin	Tlaib
Matsui	Reschenthaler	Tonko
McBath	Rodgers (WA)	Torres (CA)
McCaul	Rogers (AL)	Torres (NY)
McClain	Ross	Trahan
McClellan	Rouzer	Trone
McCollum	Ruiz	Turner
McGarvey	Rulli	Underwood
McGovern	Ruppersberger	Valadao
McHenry	Ryan	Van Deyn
Meeks	Salinas	Van Drew
Menendez	Sánchez	Van Orden
Meng	Scalise	Vargas
Meuser	Scanlon	Vasquez
Mfume	Schakowsky	Veasey
Miller (OH)	Schiff	Velázquez
Miller-Meeks	Schneider	Wagner
Molinaro	Scholten	Walberg
Moolenaar	Schrier	Wasserman
Moore (UT)	Scott (VA)	Schultz
Moran	Scott, Austin	Waters
Morelle	Scott, David	Watson Coleman
Moulton	Sewell	Webster (FL)
Mrvan	Sherman	Wenstrup
Mullin	Sherrill	Westerman
Murphy	Simpson	Wild
Nadler	Slotkin	Williams (GA)
Napolitano	Smith (MO)	Williams (NY)
Neal	Smith (NE)	Williams (TX)
Neguse	Smith (WA)	Wilson (FL)
Newhouse	Smucker	Wilson (SC)
Nickel	Sorensen	Wittman
Norcross	Soto	Womack
Nunn (IA)	Spanberger	Yakym

NAYS—51

Allen	Gaetz	Miller (WV)
Arrington	Good (VA)	Mills
Banks	Gosar	Mooney
Biggs	Green (TN)	Nehls
Bishop (NC)	Greene (GA)	Norman
Boebert	Grothman	Ogles
Brecheen	Hageman	Posey
Burchett	Harshbarger	Rose
Clyde	Hern	Rosendale
Collins	Jordan	Roy
Comer	Joyce (PA)	Rutherford
Crane	Kustoff	Schweikert
Davidson	Lesko	Self
Donalds	Loudermilk	Sessions
Duncan	McClintock	Steube
Foxx	McCormick	Tiffany
Fulcher	Miller (IL)	Waltz

NOT VOTING—49

Babin	Granger	Moore (WI)
Blunt Rochester	Graves (MO)	Moskowitz
Bowman	Green, Al (TX)	Peltola
Buchanan	Griffith	Pence
Cammack	Grijalva	Perry
Carter (TX)	Guest	Phillips
Cloud	Himes	Rogers (KY)
Crenshaw	Hunt	Salazar
Davis (IL)	Issa	Sarbanes
De La Cruz	Jackson (TX)	Smith (NJ)
DeSaulnier	Jackson Lee	Swalwell
Diaz-Balart	LaMalfa	Tokuda
Dunn (FL)	Luttrell	Weber (TX)
Evans	Mann	Webster
Galleo	Massie	Wexton
Garamendi	Mast	Zinke
Garcia (TX)	Moore (AL)	

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LATURNER) (during the vote). There are 2 minutes remaining.

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So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:

Mr. DESAULNIER. Mr. Speaker, I regret that I was unable to vote today. Had I been present, I would have voted: Yea on Roll Call No. 337, the Long Island Sound Restoration and Stewardship Reauthorization Act (H.R. 5441).

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to attend the vote series today, due to an unexpected absence. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 336 and YEA on Roll Call No. 337.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, I missed all votes today due to a doctor's appointment. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 336 and YEA on Roll Call No. 337.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. GARCIA of Texas. Mr. Speaker, due to travel cancellations relating to Hurricane Beryl today, I was unable to vote during today's vote series. Had I been able to vote, I would have voted YEA on H.R. 897, the Alabama Underwater Forest National Marine Sanctuary and Protection Act, and YEA on H.R. 5441, the Long Island Sound Restoration and Stewardship Reauthorization Act of 2023.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I missed two Roll Call votes. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 336 and YEA on Roll Call No. 337.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER
AS COSPONSOR OF H.J. RES. 148

Mrs. MILLER of West Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to remove the gentleman from Mississippi (Mr. KELLY) as cosponsor of H.J. Res. 148.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. VAN ORDEN). Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from West Virginia?

There was no objection.

MOMENT OF SILENCE IN HONOR
OF OFFICER JAMIESON RITTER

(Ms. BROWN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. BROWN. Mr. Speaker, I rise with my colleagues from the Ohio delegation to pay tribute to Cleveland Officer Jamieson Ritter, who made the ultimate sacrifice for our community last week.

Officer Ritter honorably served his country in the National Guard and Army Reserve and served his community for 4 years as a police officer. Facing the terrible risk law enforcement officers deal with every day, officer Ritter lived the motto, "Protect and Serve." For example, he provided he-

roic emergency assistance multiple times this year, including saving the life of a gunshot victim wounded just weeks ago.

For his consistently selfless service, he was named Officer of the Month in May. Officer Ritter exemplified the best of law enforcement, and for that we are profoundly grateful.

May God hold Officer Ritter in the palm of His hand and give strength to his family and loved ones.

Mr. Speaker, I ask all in the Chamber to rise for a moment of silence in remembrance of Cleveland Police Officer Jamieson Ritter.

RECOGNIZING CLINTON COUNTY'S
CAMP CADET

(Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Clinton County's Camp Cadet program.

Emergency first responder positions are in-demand jobs, and this camp mimics the disciplined atmosphere at a police academy. Participants are exposed to various detectives, police officers, rescuers, emergency medical technicians, and other emergency first responders. They will engage with the participants and teach them valuable skills such as CPR. The kids learn how to march in step under command and do so to and from the various venues during the week.

The Clinton County District Attorney's Office creates a mock crime scene, which is explained by detectives who also go over investigative techniques. This year, approximately 58 kids between the ages of 11 and 15 are participating in the Camp Cadet program at Commonwealth University—Lock Haven.

There will also be a 1-day program called the Lacy Day Camp, which is free to special needs kids who want to participate.

Mr. Speaker, I thank all the volunteers and departments who made this camp possible. They provide an opportunity to teach our young community members that law enforcement are their friends.

NORTH CAROLINA DROUGHT

(Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, the current drought situation has reached a critical point. It is hitting hard, and many farmers have told me they have never seen anything like this in a lifetime.

According to the U.S. Drought Monitor, 16 counties in North Carolina's First Congressional District are currently at a D1 drought level, and three are at a D2.

I have witnessed firsthand the devastating effects of this drought on

crops such as withered cornfields and parched tobacco plants.

Every State from Georgia to Maryland faces similar damaging drought levels. Our farmers have had enough to deal with, and a drought makes everything more challenging.

It also affects local businesses that rely on the agriculture industry, creating a ripple effect across many rural communities.

Today I sent a letter to Secretary Vilsack calling for an immediate disaster designation. I strongly urge the USDA to get Federal assistance out the door.

HONORING DEPUTY WILLIAM
HENRY BUTLER, JR.

(Mr. WALBERG asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. WALBERG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and legacy of Hillsdale County Sheriff's Deputy William Henry Butler, Jr., who was shot and killed in the line of duty while assisting a fellow officer during a traffic stop.

Deputy Butler served our country in the National Guard for 26 years, including deployments overseas during Operation Iraqi Freedom. He then served our community in the sheriff's office for the past 12 years.

Deputy Butler enjoyed spending time with his family, boating, and fishing. He will be remembered as a model deputy, a protector, a giver, a helper, and a family man.

In a clear display of the impact he left, over 2,500 law enforcement officers and hundreds of community members attended his funeral this past week to remember Deputy Butler and honor his service.

Our hearts are broken for his wife, Sarah, their five children, and two grandchildren. He will be sorely missed but never forgotten.

CELEBRATING THE NATO
ALLIANCE FOR LIBERTY

(Ms. KAPTUR asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the historic 2024 North Atlantic Treaty Organization Summit being held here in Washington, D.C.

We recognize 75 years of this indispensable NATO alliance for liberty, founded in the wake of the free world's great victory over tyranny in World War II.

This week, 32 world leaders gather in Washington to demonstrate NATO's unity and strength, facing greater threats to our shared security from the likes of Russia, Iran, China, and North Korea.

The Biden administration, along with bipartisan support in Congress, have strengthened NATO, including the important addition of Finland and Sweden.

NATO, led by the United States and our allies, has stood resolute with our partner in liberty, Ukraine, against Vladimir Putin's tyranny and Russia's unprovoked illegal invasion of Ukraine that could trigger the largest war on the European continent since World War II. That, we must avoid.

Let people free stand with our NATO allies working together in alliance protecting America and the rest of our free world.

RECOGNIZING ELLA SHAFFER

(Mr. CARTER of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Ella Shaffer's incredible accomplishments. She recently earned the Congressional Gold Medal, which has been her goal since her first year of high school.

One of the requirements is to complete 400 hours of community service. For Ella's dedication to our community, she received her award here in Washington in a ceremony for all the award winners from across the country.

In addition to her congressional award, Ella has earned the Girl Scout Bronze and Silver Awards and is working on her Gold.

The Bronze Award was earned by collaborating with her troop to build three buddy benches for a local elementary school playground. She earned the Silver Award by creating an observational bee box to help protect local bee populations. Her plan for her Gold Award is to establish a youth triathlon in Savannah.

She was recognized by the Girl Scouts of Historic Georgia during their annual Legacy of Leadership breakfast.

Ella Shaffer is the true definition of a servant leader, and we thank her for all the hard work she has done for the community.

PROTECTIONS FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

(Ms. PORTER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, our healthcare system and social service programs were not designed with all people in mind.

For decades, people with disabilities have been overlooked and ignored. They have faced barriers to receiving healthcare such as discrimination and inaccessible medical equipment that have led to poorer health outcomes. Negative bias and discrimination against people with disabilities has no place in our healthcare system.

After 50 years of tireless advocacy by the disability community, the Department of Health and Human Services has finally strengthened civil rights protections for people with disabilities.

The Biden administration's new rule brings us closer to fully realizing protections under current law by prohibiting discrimination on the basis of disability and getting all Americans healthcare that meets their individual needs. I am proud to celebrate this achievement and the remarkable advocacy of the disability community that made it possible.

HONORING MAJOR GENERAL LEE HOPKINS

(Ms. LETLOW asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. LETLOW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a truly remarkable Louisianian, Major General Lee Hopkins, for his 40 years of service in the Louisiana National Guard upon his retirement.

Major General Hopkins was commissioned in 1986 through the State Officer Candidate School of the Louisiana Army National Guard. He then enlisted into the 205th Engineer Battalion and concluded his 40-year career as the Assistant Adjutant General for the Louisiana National Guard.

He also shares my passion for education. General Hopkins oversaw the State's highly successful education programs consisting of three Youth Challenge Programs, three STARBASE programs, and one Job Challenge Program to provide targeted education and STEM opportunities. His leadership positively affected the lives of more than 10,000 at-risk youth during this period.

This only scratches the surface of all the incredible ways General Hopkins contributed to our State and country throughout his career. Please join me in thanking him for his service and sacrifice.

SUPPORTING INDIANA'S FIRST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT POLICE DEPARTMENTS

(Mr. MRVAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. MRVAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my deep appreciation for the inclusion of community project funding requests in the fiscal year 2025 appropriations measure that will support police departments throughout Indiana's First Congressional District.

I am proud that these funds will directly assist with the purchase of equipment and technology that will enhance the abilities of police officers to protect themselves and our communities.

This positive action would not occur without the thoughtful engagement of the House appropriations leaders and the dedicated law enforcement personnel from eight municipalities in northwest Indiana, including Crown Point, Dyer, East Chicago, Griffith, Hobart, La Porte, Schererville, and Valparaiso.

I look forward to continuing to work with all of my congressional colleagues to finalize these critical requests as soon as possible.

BEAUTIFUL LAKES IN KENTUCKY

(Mr. COMER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. COMER. Mr. Speaker, I am very honored to represent more miles of recreational lakes and marinas than any Member of the U.S. House of Representatives.

My wife and I and our family just came back from a great weekend vacation, a weekend getaway at Dale Hollow Lake near my home in Monroe County. Dale Hollow is located in Cumberland and Clinton Counties in my congressional district.

I was thinking about all the great lakes that we have in the First Congressional District of Kentucky: Dale Hollow, Lake Cumberland, Barren River Lake, Green River Lake, Kentucky Lake, and Lake Barkley.

There are no finer places in America, no more beautiful places in America to travel, and I appreciate the economic impact that these lakes have in Kentucky and in my congressional district.

I encourage people to support these lakes, and I thank all the great employees, all the great staff, and all the great people that make our lakes in Kentucky what they are.

THE DEMISE OF THE NUCLEAR FAMILY

(Mr. GROTHMAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GROTHMAN. Mr. Speaker, another week has gone by and another week of the press corps leaving aside writing about the greatest long-term issue facing our country, and that is the breakdown of the family, beginning in the 1960s with the most recent Marxist and feminists like Kate Millett, later on a communist by the name of Angela Davis, and later on, Black Lives Matter.

Our country keeps marching toward the end of the nuclear family, and programs ever since that time are clearly designed with this in mind, such as section 42 housing tax credits giving better housing to people who are not married than people who are, healthcare, earned income tax credit of \$6,000 to \$7,000 a year, TANF cash, and special programs for disabled kids for which only single parents are eligible.

It is time for the press to look at these programs. Frequently, it is costing over \$25,000 for young couples to get married rather than to not keep both parents in the house. I ask the press corps to wake up and make this an issue in this year's presidential campaign.

BILLS PRESENTED TO THE
PRESIDENT

Kevin F. McCumber, Acting Clerk of the House, reported that on June 28, 2024, the following bill was presented to the President of the United States for approval:

H.R. 2365. To direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to carry out a national project to prevent and cure Parkinson's, to be known as the National Parkinson's Project, and for other purposes.

Kevin F. McCumber, Acting Clerk of the House, further reported that on July 8, 2024, the following bills were presented to the President of the United States for approval:

H.R. 1240. To transfer administrative jurisdiction of certain Federal lands from the Army Corps of Engineers to the Bureau of Indian Affairs, to take such lands into trust for the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4581. To amend title V of the Social Security Act to support stillbirth prevention and research, and for other purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. GROTHMAN. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 7 o'clock and 27 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, July 9, 2024, at 10 a.m. for morning-hour debate.

OATH OF OFFICE MEMBERS, RESIDENT COMMISSIONER, AND DELEGATES

The oath of office required by the sixth article of the Constitution of the United States, and as provided by section 2 of the act of May 13, 1884 (23 Stat. 22), to be administered to Members, Resident Commissioner, and Delegates of the House of Representatives, the text of which is carried in 5 U.S.C. 3331:

"I, AB, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter. So help me God."

has been subscribed to in person and filed in duplicate with the Clerk of the House of Representatives by the following Member of the 118th Congress, pursuant to the provisions of 2 U.S.C. 25:

GREG LOPEZ, Fourth District of Colorado.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS,
ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

EC-4711. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Afidopyropen; Pesticide Tolerance for Emergency Exemption [EPA-HQ-OPP-2024-0223; FRL-12024-01-OCSP] received June 17, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Agriculture.

EC-4712. A letter from the Director, Financial Crimes Enforcement Network, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's Major final rule — Imposition of Special Measure Regarding Al-Huda Bank as a Financial Institution of Primary Money Laundering Concern (RIN: 1506-AB65) received July 2, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Financial Services.

EC-4713. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Employment and Training Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting the Department's funding opportunity announcement — Apprenticeship Building America (ABA), Round 2 [FOA-ETA-24-04] received June 21, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

EC-4714. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Employment and Training Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting the Department's funding opportunity announcement — Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) National Grants Competition for Program Year (PY) 2024 [FOA-ETA-24-11] received June 21, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

EC-4715. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — *Bacillus Velezensis* strain 11604; Exemption From the Requirement of a Tolerance [EPA-HQ-OPP-2023-0083; FRL-11889-01-OCSP] received July 1, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-4716. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Air Plan Approval; State of Utah; Utah State Implementation Plan Revisions [EPA-R08-OAR-2020-0098; FRL-12019-01-R8] received July 1, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-4717. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — New Source Performance Standards (NSPS) for the Synthetic Organic Chemical Manufacturing Industry (SOCMI) and National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP) for the SOCMI and Group I & II Polymers and Resins Industry and NESHAP: Gasoline Distribution Technology Reviews and NSPS Review for Bulk Gasoline Terminals; Correction [EPA-HQ-OAR-2020-0371; EPA-HQ-OAR-2022-0730; FRL-12066-01-OAR] (RIN: 2060-AU97; 2060-AV71) received July 1, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-4718. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Air Plan Approval; Connecticut; Source Monitoring, Record Keeping and Reporting [EPA-R01-OAR-2023-0377; FRL-11783-02-RI] received July 1, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law

104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-4719. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Massachusetts; Regional Haze State Implementation Plan for the Second Implementation Period [EPA-R01-OAR-2023-0185; FRL-11616-02-RI] received July 1, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-4720. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Air Plan Revisions; California; Vehicle Inspection and Maintenance Contingency Measure [EPA-R09-OAR-2023-0524; FRL-11525-02-R9] received July 1, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-4721. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Integrating e-Manifest With Hazardous Waste Exports and Other Manifest-Related Reports, PCB Manifest Amendments, and Technical Corrections [EPA-HQ-OLEM-2021-0609; FRL-7308-02-OLEM] (RIN: 2050-AH12) received July 1, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-4722. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Lime Manufacturing Plants Technology Review [EPA-HQ-OAR-2017-0015; FRL-5948.1-01-OAR] (RIN: 2060-AV59) received July 1, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-4723. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Poly(oxy-1,2-ethanediyl), Polymer With 1,2-ethanediol, 2-methyl-1,3-propanediol, hexanedioic acid, 1,4-benzenedicarboxylic acid, 1,3-benzenedicarboxylic acid, 1,1'-methylenebis[4-isocyanatobenzene] and 2-ethyl-2-(hydroxymethyl)-1,3-propanediol in Pesticide Formulations; Tolerance Exemption [EPA-HQ-OPP-2023-0608; FRL-12022-01-OCSP] received June 17, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-4724. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's interim final rule — Standards of Performance for New, Reconstructed, and Modified Sources and Emissions Guidelines for Existing Sources: Oil and Natural Gas Sector Climate Review Final rule; Corrections [EPA-HQ-OAR-2021-0317; FRL-11890-01-OAR] (RIN: 2060-AW18) received June 17, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-4725. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Clean Air Act Re-classification of the San Antonio, Dallas-Fort Worth, and Houston-Galveston-Brazoria Ozone Nonattainment Areas; TX [EPA-R06-OAR-2023-0536; FRL-11640-02-R6] received June 17, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-4726. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Greenhouse Gas Emissions Standards for Heavy-Duty Vehicles-Phase 3; Correction [EPA-HQ-OAR-2022-0985; FRL-8952-03-OAR] (RIN: 2060-AV50) received June 17, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-4727. A letter from the Regulations Coordinator, Office of the Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule — Grants, Contracts, and Other Agreements: Fraud and Abuse; Information Blocking; Office of Inspector General's Civil Money Penalty Rules (RIN: 0936-AA09) received June 26, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-4728. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — PFAS National Primary Drinking Water Regulation; Correction [EPA-HQ-OW-2022-0114; FRL 8543-04-OW] (RIN: 2040-AG18) received June 10, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-4729. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Multi-Pollutant Emissions Standards for Model Years 2027 and Later Light-Duty and Medium-Duty Vehicles; Correction [EPA-HQ-OAR-2022-0829; FRL-8953-05-OAR] (RIN: 2060-AV49) received June 10, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-4730. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Air Plan Approval; West Virginia; 2006 24-Hour Fine Particulate Matter Limited Maintenance Plans for the Charleston Area and the West Virginia Portion of the Steubenville-Weirton Area [EPA-R03-OAR-2023-0381; EPA-R03-OAR-2023-0380; FRL-9822-02-R3] received June 10, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-4731. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Air Plan Approval; North Carolina; Revision to Approved Motor Vehicle Emissions Budgets [EPA-R04-OAR-2023-0057; FRL-11847-02-R4] received June 10, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-4732. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; State of California; Coachella Valley; Extreme Attainment Plan for 1997 8-Hour Ozone Standards [EPA-R09-OAR-2023-0448; FRL-11677-02-R9] received June 10, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-4733. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's direct final rule — Air Plan Approval; Michigan; Definitions [EPA-R05-OAR-2024-0120; FRL-11915-01-R5] received June 10, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-4734. A letter from the Secretary, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting the

Commission's final rule — Health Breach Notification Rule (RIN: 3084-AB56) received June 20, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-4735. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting the Department's final rule — International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Revision to U.S. Munitions List Category XI-High-Energy Storage Capacitors [Public Notice: 12223] (RIN: 1400-AF27) received June 25, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-4736. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting the Department's final rule — Schedule of Fees for Consular Services-Elimination of the "Return Check Processing Fee" [Public Notice: 11649] (RIN: 1400-AF48) received June 25, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-4737. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting the Department's final rule — Exchange Visitor Program-General Provisions [Public Notice: 12342] (RIN: 1400-AC36) received June 25, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-4738. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Section, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's Major final rule — Gross Proceeds and Basis Reporting by Brokers and Determination of Amount Realized and Basis for Digital Asset Transactions [TD 10000] (RIN: 1545-BP71) received July 5, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. BOST: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H.R. 7816. A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to seek to enter into an agreement with a federally funded research and development center for an assessment of notice letters that the Secretary sends to claimants for benefits under laws administered by the Secretary, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 118-576). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. STEIL: Committee on House Administration. H.R. 6493. A bill to limit the involvement of Federal agencies in voter registration activities, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 118-577, Pt. 1). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

DISCHARGE OF COMMITTEE

Pursuant to clause 2 of rule XIII, Committees on the Judiciary, Oversight and Accountability, Science, Space, and Technology, and Education and the Workforce discharged from further consideration. H.R. 6493 referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions of the following

titles were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. GRIJALVA:

H.R. 8937. A bill to establish subaccounts in the Indian Water Rights Settlement Completion Fund to satisfy the obligations of the United States with respect to certain Indian water rights settlements, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. FULCHER:

H.R. 8938. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude overtime compensation from gross income for purposes of the income tax; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. ALLEN:

H.R. 8939. A bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to establish technical and procedural standards for artificial or prerecorded voice systems created through generative artificial intelligence, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. CISCOMANI (for himself, Mr.

STANTON, Mr. GRIJALVA, and Mr.

SCHWEIKERT):

H.R. 8940. A bill to provide for the settlement of the water rights claims of the Navajo Nation, the Hopi Tribe, and the San Juan Southern Paiute Tribe, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. DONALDS (for himself and Mr.

VAN ORDEN):

H.R. 8941. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to eliminate the application of the income tax on cash tips through a deduction allowed to all individual taxpayers; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Ms. HAGEMAN:

H.R. 8942. A bill to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to ensure that certain employees, providers, and volunteers associated with the Indian Health Service receive educational training in the history and culture of the Tribes served by such persons, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE (for herself,

Ms. ADAMS, Mr. MCGOVERN, Ms.

VELAZQUEZ, and Ms. BONAMICI):

H.R. 8943. A bill to direct the Secretary of Education to carry out a grant program to support arts education at minority-serving institutions of higher education; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ:

H.R. 8944. A bill to direct the Secretary of Education to establish a personal finance education portal on a centralized website of the Department of Education pertaining to Federal financial aid; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ:

H.R. 8945. A bill to approve the settlement of water rights claims of the Navajo Nation in the Rio San José Stream System in the State of New Mexico, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Ms. MATSUI:

H.R. 8946. A bill to convey the reversionary interest of the United States in certain land in Sacramento, California; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mrs. MCBATH:

H.R. 8947. A bill to amend the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act to direct the Secretary of Labor to award grants to community colleges for high-quality workforce development programs; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Ms. NORTON (for herself and Mr. VALADAO):

H.R. 8948. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to limit the ability to assess a fee for health care services for prisoners, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SCHWEIKERT (for himself, Mrs. LESKO, Mr. CISCOMANI, and Mr. STANTON):

H.R. 8949. A bill to approve the settlement of water rights claims of the Yavapai-Apache Nation in the State of Arizona, to authorize construction of a water project relating to those water rights claims, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Ms. VAN DUYNE (for herself, Ms. HAGEMAN, and Mr. VAN ORDEN):

H.R. 8950. A bill to amend the Small Business Act to require penalties for small business concerns falsely claiming goods or services are Made in America, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business.

By Mr. VASQUEZ (for himself, Ms. STANSBURY, and Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ):

H.R. 8951. A bill to approve the settlement of water rights claims of the Zuni Indian Tribe in the Zuni River Stream System in the State of New Mexico, to protect the Zuni Salt Lake, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. ZINKE (for himself and Mr. ROSENDALE):

H.R. 8952. A bill to take certain mineral interests into trust for the benefit of the Crow Tribe of Montana, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. ZINKE:

H.R. 8953. A bill to amend the Crow Tribe Water Rights Settlement Act of 2010 to make improvements to that Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. BURCHETT (for himself, Mrs. HARSHBARGER, Mr. FLEISCHMANN, Mr. DESJARLAIS, Mr. OGLES, Mr. ROSE, Mr. GREEN of Tennessee, Mr. KUSTOFF, and Mr. COHEN):

H. Res. 1340. A resolution congratulating the University of Tennessee, Knoxville as the College World Series winner; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

MEMORIALS

Under clause 3 of rule XII, memorials were presented and referred as follows:

ML-136. The SPEAKER presented a memorial of the Legislature of the State of Louisiana, relative to Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 11, memorializing the United States Congress to amend federal law to allow states to provide for the consolidation of federally funded workforce development services with federally funded social safety net programs; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

ML-137. Also, a memorial of the Legislature of the State of Louisiana, relative to House Concurrent Resolution No. 18, urging and requesting the administration of President Biden to end its pause on pending approval of liquefied natural gas exports; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY AND SINGLE SUBJECT STATEMENTS

Pursuant to clause 7(c)(1) of rule XII and Section 3(c) of H. Res. 5 the following statements are submitted regarding (1) the specific powers granted to Congress in the Constitution to

enact the accompanying bill or joint resolution and (2) the single subject of the bill or joint resolution.

By Mr. GRIJALVA:

H.R. 8937.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

U.S. Const. art. I, sec. 8, cl. 3

U.S. Const. art. IV, sec. 3, cl. 2, sen. a

The single subject of this legislation is:

To establish subaccounts in the Indian Water Rights Settlement Completion Fund to satisfy the obligations of the United States with respect to certain Indian water rights settlements.

By Mr. FULCHER:

H.R. 8938.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 1 provides Congress with the power to 'lay and collect Taxes, Duties, Imposts and Excises' in order to 'provide for the general Welfare of the United States.

The single subject of this legislation is:

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude overtime compensation from gross income for purposes of income tax.

By Mr. ALLEN:

H.R. 8939.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following: Article 1, Section 8, Clause 1 of the United States Constitution.

The single subject of this legislation is:

This bill would amend the Communications Act of 1934 to establish technical and procedural standards for artificial or prerecorded voice systems created through generative artificial intelligence (genAI).

By Mr. CISCOMANI:

H.R. 8940.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:

Northeastern Arizona Indian Water Rights

By Mr. DONALDS:

H.R. 8941.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Art 1, Sec 8

The single subject of this legislation is:

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to eliminate the application of the income tax on cash tips through a deduction allowed to all individual taxpayers.

By Ms. HAGEMAN:

H.R. 8942.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:

Improving tribal cultural training for healthcare providers.

By Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE:

H.R. 8943.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

This bill is introduced pursuant to the powers granted to Congress under the General Welfare Clause (Art. 1 Sec. 8 Cl. 1), the Commerce Clause (Art. 1 Sec. 8 Cl. 3), and the Necessary and Proper Clause (Art. 1 Sec. 8 Cl. 18). Further, this statement of constitutional authority is made for the sole purpose of compliance with clause 7 of Rule XII of the Rules of the House of

The single subject of this legislation is:

The bill seeks to create art education grants specifically for Minority-Serving Institutions (MSIs) to increase arts education and access.

By Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ:

H.R. 8944.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:

Education

By Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ:

H.R. 8945.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:

Tribes

By Ms. MATSUI:

H.R. 8946.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution

Article IV, Section 3, clause 2

The single subject of this legislation is:

To convey the reversionary interest of the United States in certain land in Sacramento, California.

By Mrs. McBATH:

H.R. 8947.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Interstate Commerce Clause - Article 1, Section 8, Clause 3

The single subject of this legislation is:

to direct the Secretary of Labor to award grants to community colleges for high-quality workforce development programs.

By Ms. NORTON:

H.R. 8948.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

clause 18 of section 8 of article I of the Constitution

The single subject of this legislation is:

This bill would eliminate the copay the Federal Bureau of Prisons imposes on individuals in its custody when they visit a health care provider.

By Mr. SCHWEIKERT:

H.R. 8949.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:

To approve the settlement of water rights claims of the Yavapai-Apache Nation, to authorize construction of a water project relating to those water rights claims, and for other purposes.

By Ms. VAN DUYNE:

H.R. 8950.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:

Small Business

By Mr. VASQUEZ:

H.R. 8951.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, section 8, Clauses 1 and 18 of the United States Constitution, to provide for the general welfare and make all laws necessary and proper to carry out the powers of the Congress.

The single subject of this legislation is:

Water Rights

By Mr. ZINKE:

H.R. 8952.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1 Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:

The Crow Nation

By Mr. ZINKE:

H.R. 8953.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1 Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:

The Crow Nation

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 7 of rule XII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions, as follows:

- H.R. 234: Ms. PETERSEN.
H.R. 251: Ms. LEE of California.
H.R. 396: Mr. PAPPAS.
H.R. 468: Mr. SUOZZI.
H.R. 491: Mr. THANEDAR.
H.R. 621: Mr. KILMER.
H.R. 694: Mr. DELUZIO.
H.R. 856: Ms. LEE of Pennsylvania.
H.R. 949: Ms. CLARKE of New York and Ms. OMAR.
H.R. 1015: Mr. MILLER of Ohio, Mr. PALONE, Mr. MILLS, Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania, Mr. KUSTOFF, and Ms. ESCOBAR.
H.R. 1045: Ms. HOYLE of Oregon, Mr. KEAN of New Jersey, and Mr. CAREY.
H.R. 1118: Mr. KHANNA.
H.R. 1179: Mr. MAGAZINER.
H.R. 1209: Mrs. MILLER of West Virginia.
H.R. 1321: Mr. LANDSMAN.
H.R. 1359: Mrs. PELTOLA.
H.R. 1387: Mrs. HAYES.
H.R. 1425: Mr. VAN ORDEN.
H.R. 1478: Mr. SCHNEIDER, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mrs. FLETCHER, and Ms. CARAVEO.
H.R. 1507: Ms. ADAMS, Mr. CARSON, Mr. GREEN of Texas, Ms. HOYLE of Oregon, Ms. PINGREE, Mr. DESAULNIER, Ms. UNDERWOOD, and Mr. SMITH of Washington.
H.R. 1572: Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. MOYLAN, and Mr. COURTNEY.
H.R. 1610: Ms. ESCOBAR.
H.R. 1692: Mrs. DINGELL and Mr. LEVIN.
H.R. 1705: Mr. SOTO.
H.R. 1763: Ms. PORTER.
H.R. 1764: Ms. PORTER.
H.R. 1787: Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER, Mr. LAWLER, Mr. HUIZENGA, and Ms. SCHOLTEN.
H.R. 1788: Ms. STEVENS.
H.R. 1806: Mrs. WAGNER.
H.R. 1810: Mrs. WAGNER.
H.R. 1822: Mr. WITTMAN.
H.R. 1831: Mr. SABLAN, Ms. KAPTUR, Ms. BUSH, and Mr. BEYER.
H.R. 2444: Mr. MOSKOWITZ.
H.R. 2463: Mr. LANDSMAN.
H.R. 2480: Mr. LAWLER.
H.R. 2604: Ms. SCHAKOWSKY and Ms. VELÁZQUEZ.
H.R. 2630: Mr. SCOTT FRANKLIN of Florida.
H.R. 2700: Mr. TONY GONZALES of Texas.
H.R. 2713: Mr. SUOZZI and Mr. JACKSON of Illinois.
H.R. 2718: Mr. MOSKOWITZ.
H.R. 2730: Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ.
H.R. 2849: Mr. STAUBER.
H.R. 2892: Mr. JACKSON of Illinois.
H.R. 2921: Mr. THANEDAR.
H.R. 2961: Mr. NADLER and Ms. BUSH.
H.R. 3018: Ms. WATERS.
H.R. 3038: Mr. CASAR.
H.R. 3096: Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK, Mrs. RAMIREZ, and Ms. SEWELL.
H.R. 3151: Mr. JACKSON of Illinois.
H.R. 3159: Mr. MOLINARO.
H.R. 3337: Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas.
H.R. 3376: Mr. IVEY.
H.R. 3381: Mr. LANDSMAN.
H.R. 3413: Ms. PORTER.
H.R. 3474: Ms. PORTER.
H.R. 3481: Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania.
H.R. 3489: Mr. LEVIN.
H.R. 3654: Mr. SMUCKER.
H.R. 3758: Ms. SCANLON.
H.R. 3982: Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania.
H.R. 3989: Ms. HOYLE of Oregon.
H.R. 4034: Mrs. FOUSHEE and Ms. VELÁZQUEZ.
H.R. 4189: Mr. MOLINARO.
H.R. 4263: Ms. KAPTUR.
H.R. 4277: Ms. SCHAKOWSKY.
H.R. 4333: Mr. JACKSON of Illinois.
H.R. 4335: Mr. KEAN of New Jersey and Mr. SCHNEIDER.
H.R. 4340: Ms. OMAR, Ms. CARAVEO, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY, Ms. BROWN, Mr. CONNOLLY, Mr. RUPPERSBERGER, Ms. CASTOR of Florida, Mr. HUFFMAN, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Mr. MCGARVEY, Ms. STEVENS, Ms. SEWELL, Ms. ESHOO, Ms. BUDZINSKI, Ms. STRICKLAND, Mr. CARSON, Mr. GARAMENDI, Mr. NEGUSE, Mr. BOYLE of Pennsylvania, Mrs. HAYES, Ms. MCCLELLAN, Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia, Mrs. DINGELL, and Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ.
H.R. 4363: Mr. BISHOP of Georgia.
H.R. 4378: Mr. BUSHON.
H.R. 4438: Mr. HUDSON.
H.R. 4456: Mr. LANDSMAN.
H.R. 4550: Mrs. MCBATH.
H.R. 4569: Ms. PORTER.
H.R. 4583: Ms. JACOBS.
H.R. 4599: Mr. NUNN of Iowa.
H.R. 4663: Mr. MRVAN.
H.R. 4745: Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin.
H.R. 4758: Mr. PANETTA, Mr. MANN, Ms. HOULAHAN, Mr. PAPPAS, and Mr. PASCRELL.
H.R. 4769: Mr. KILDEE.
H.R. 4812: Mr. SMITH of Washington.
H.R. 4831: Mr. OWENS.
H.R. 4937: Mr. NUNN of Iowa.
H.R. 4987: Mrs. MCBATH.
H.R. 5003: Ms. CARAVEO and Ms. SCHOLTEN.
H.R. 5008: Mr. RUIZ and Mr. TORRES of New York.
H.R. 5010: Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK.
H.R. 5036: Mr. NUNN of Iowa.
H.R. 5048: Mr. RYAN.
H.R. 5049: Mr. LEVIN, Mr. HUFFMAN, and Mr. LANDSMAN.
H.R. 5254: Mr. THANEDAR.
H.R. 5399: Mr. SUOZZI.
H.R. 5440: Mr. NUNN of Iowa.
H.R. 5492: Mr. KILMER.
H.R. 5601: Mr. LANDSMAN.
H.R. 5699: Mr. CORREA.
H.R. 5819: Mr. SUOZZI.
H.R. 5825: Mr. THANEDAR.
H.R. 5909: Mr. VEASEY and Mr. GOTTHEIMER.
H.R. 6044: Mr. NUNN of Iowa.
H.R. 6159: Ms. MCCLELLAN.
H.R. 6195: Mr. BACON.
H.R. 6199: Mr. LANDSMAN.
H.R. 6348: Mr. CARTWRIGHT and Ms. NORTON.
H.R. 6394: Mr. COSTA and Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia.
H.R. 6415: Ms. PORTER.
H.R. 6433: Ms. BUDZINSKI.
H.R. 6468: Ms. PORTER.
H.R. 6600: Mr. BAIRD and Mr. DUNN of Florida.
H.R. 6663: Mrs. KIM of California and Mr. FITZPATRICK.
H.R. 6727: Mr. WENSTRUP and Mr. SUOZZI.
H.R. 6744: Mrs. STEEL.
H.R. 6860: Mr. KEATING and Mr. LATURNER.
H.R. 6951: Mr. SCHWEIKERT and Mr. OBERNOLTE.
H.R. 6957: Mr. GROTHMAN.
H.R. 7012: Mr. KEAN of New Jersey.
H.R. 7042: Mr. LOUDERMILK.
H.R. 7087: Mr. WENSTRUP.
H.R. 7131: Mr. CLINE.
H.R. 7137: Mr. LANDSMAN and Mr. COLLINS.
H.R. 7149: Mrs. MILLER of West Virginia.
H.R. 7198: Mrs. FISCHBACH.
H.R. 7212: Ms. PORTER and Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas.
H.R. 7222: Mr. CASE.
H.R. 7227: Mr. ARMSTRONG and Mr. STAUBER.
H.R. 7228: Mr. GOTTHEIMER.
H.R. 7266: Mr. PHILLIPS.
H.R. 7346: Ms. SÁNCHEZ.
H.R. 7378: Mr. LANDSMAN.
H.R. 7384: Mr. DESAULNIER.
H.R. 7438: Mr. SMITH of Washington, Mr. NUNN of Iowa, Mr. BUCHANAN, Mr. ESTES, and Ms. VAN DUYN.
H.R. 7573: Ms. KUSTER.
H.R. 7588: Ms. PORTER.
H.R. 7609: Mr. CARSON.
H.R. 7629: Ms. LEE of Nevada.
H.R. 7634: Ms. CHU.
H.R. 7635: Ms. NORTON, Ms. TLAIB, Mr. THANEDAR, Ms. WATERS, and Mr. TRONE.
H.R. 7770: Mr. TONKO, Mr. LYNCH, Mr. BAIRD, Mr. GOLDMAN of New York, Mrs. RAMIREZ, and Ms. LEE of Nevada.
H.R. 7772: Mr. POSEY, Mr. ROSENDALE, and Mr. BIGGS.
H.R. 7779: Mr. CROW.
H.R. 7906: Mr. KILDEE.
H.R. 7914: Mr. TONY GONZALES of Texas.
H.R. 7954: Mr. NUNN of Iowa.
H.R. 8000: Mr. BACON.
H.R. 8005: Mr. JACKSON of Illinois.
H.R. 8018: Mr. CASE, Mrs. MILLER of West Virginia, Mr. SUOZZI, and Mr. NUNN of Iowa.
H.R. 8030: Mr. LEVIN, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, and Ms. JACOBS.
H.R. 8040: Mr. CASAR and Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ.
H.R. 8061: Ms. GRANGER.
H.R. 8114: Mr. FLOOD.
H.R. 8127: Mr. VICENTE GONZALEZ of TEXAS, Mr. GREEN of TEXAS, Mr. CARTER of LOUISIANA, Ms. SPANBERGER, and Ms. TLAIB.
H.R. 8141: Mr. MAGAZINER.
H.R. 8164: Mr. TRONE and Ms. PORTER.
H.R. 8218: Mr. DONALDS.
H.R. 8231: Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN and Mrs. McCLAIN.
H.R. 8297: Ms. PORTER.
H.R. 8298: Mr. JACKSON of Illinois and Mr. CASAR.
H.R. 8318: Mr. HUFFMAN.
H.R. 8331: Ms. SALAZAR, Mr. SUOZZI, and Mr. STEUBE.
H.R. 8333: Mr. SUOZZI and Mr. LAHOOD.
H.R. 8340: Ms. LOFGREN.
H.R. 8345: Mr. YAKYM.
H.R. 8350: Mr. VAN ORDEN.
H.R. 8368: Ms. PORTER.
H.R. 8371: Mr. YAKYM.
H.R. 8411: Mr. ROGERS of Alabama and Mr. OBERNOLTE.
H.R. 8461: Mr. OGLES.
H.R. 8466: Mr. VAN ORDEN.
H.R. 8493: Mr. MAGAZINER.
H.R. 8543: Ms. DELBENE.
H.R. 8600: Mr. GOTTHEIMER and Ms. SCHOLTEN.
H.R. 8612: Mr. TAKANO.
H.R. 8622: Ms. LEE of California and Mr. CASAR.
H.R. 8641: Ms. PORTER.
H.R. 8656: Mr. MOLINARO and Ms. TITUS.
H.R. 8659: Mr. MIKE GARCIA of California.
H.R. 8697: Ms. TOKUDA.
H.R. 8698: Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania.
H.R. 8702: Mr. PHILLIPS, Ms. HOULAHAN, Ms. PORTER, Ms. SCANLON, Mr. TRONE, Mr. DESAULNIER, Mr. CLEAVER, and Mr. TONY GONZALES of Texas.
H.R. 8706: Mr. GOOD of Virginia and Mr. BOST.
H.R. 8733: Mr. BLUMENAUER and Mr. GOTTHEIMER.
H.R. 8734: Mr. BAIRD.
H.R. 8757: Mr. NORMAN.
H.R. 8758: Mr. FROST and Mr. ROBERT GARCIA of California.
H.R. 8764: Ms. LEE of Pennsylvania, Ms. TOKUDA, and Mr. MORELLE.
H.R. 8765: Mr. DELUZIO, Mr. CARBAJAL, Mr. GOLDMAN of New York, Ms. BARRAGÁN, and Ms. TLAIB.
H.R. 8768: Ms. CARAVEO.
H.R. 8776: Mr. STEUBE.
H.R. 8777: Mr. JACKSON of Texas, Mr. ROUZER, and Mr. CARTER of Georgia.
H.R. 8784: Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS.
H.R. 8785: Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana.
H.R. 8800: Mr. BARR.
H.R. 8801: Mr. EZELL.
H.R. 8827: Mr. BOWMAN and Ms. MALLIOTAKIS.
H.R. 8830: Mr. DESAULNIER, Mrs. DINGELL, Mr. HUFFMAN, and Mr. SCHIFF.
H.R. 8839: Mr. ROBERT GARCIA of California.
H.R. 8842: Mr. ROBERT GARCIA of California.
H.R. 8847: Mr. JACKSON of Texas.
H.R. 8857: Mr. BAIRD and Mr. LATURNER.
H.R. 8867: Ms. JAYAPAL.
H.R. 8877: Mr. GOTTHEIMER.

H.R. 8887: Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina.
 H.R. 8889: Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana, Mr. GOOD of Virginia, Mr. NORMAN, and Mr. OWENS.
 H.R. 8911: Ms. LEE of California.
 H.R. 8914: Mr. SMITH of Nebraska and Mrs. HOUCHIN.
 H.R. 8926: Mr. BARR and Mr. JAMES.
 H.R. 8928: Mr. STAUBER.
 H.R. 8932: Ms. FOXX and Mr. WILLIAMS of New York.
 H.R. 8936: Mr. McCAUL and Mr. BERA.
 H.J. Res. 117: Mr. ROGERS of Alabama.
 H.J. Res. 133: Mr. BIGGS, Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas, and Mr. STEIL.
 H.J. RES. 140: MR. BISHOP OF NORTH CAROLINA, MR. RESCHENTHALER, MR. KELLY OF MISSISSIPPI, MR. PALMER, AND MR. BEAN OF FLORIDA.
 H.J. RES. 141: MR. BISHOP OF NORTH CAROLINA, MR. RESCHENTHALER, MR. KELLY OF MISSISSIPPI, MR. PALMER, AND MR. BEAN OF FLORIDA.
 H.J. RES. 142: MR. BISHOP OF NORTH CAROLINA, MR. RESCHENTHALER, MR. KELLY OF MISSISSIPPI, MR. PALMER, AND MR. BEAN OF FLORIDA.
 H.J. RES. 143: MR. BISHOP OF NORTH CAROLINA, MR. RESCHENTHALER, MR. KELLY OF MISSISSIPPI, MR. PALMER, AND MR. BEAN OF FLORIDA.
 H.J. Res. 148: Ms. MALLIOTAKIS and Mr. ESTES.

H.J. Res. 159: Mr. SMITH of Nebraska.
 H.J. Res. 181: Mr. SMUCKER.
 H. Con. Res. 114: Mr. BAIRD.
 H. Res. 108: Ms. SLOTKIN.
 H. Res. 269: Mrs. FOUSHEE, Mr. HUFFMAN, and Ms. CARAVEO.
 H. Res. 439: Mr. EVANS.
 H. Res. 561: Mrs. PELTOLA.
 H. Res. 674: Mr. PHILLIPS.
 H. Res. 837: Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY and Mr. KEAN of New Jersey.
 H. Res. 1037: Mr. KILEY.
 H. Res. 1063: Ms. MCCLELLAN.
 H. Res. 1180: Ms. VELÁZQUEZ.
 H. Res. 1202: Ms. LOFGREN.
 H. Res. 1290: Mr. GOTTHEIMER.
 H. Res. 1303: Mr. EZELL.
 H. Res. 1323: Mr. RESCHENTHALER, Mr. OGLES, Mr. GOODEN of Texas, Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana, Mr. KUSTOFF, and Mr. BIGGS.
 H. Res. 1332: Ms. SCANLON, Mr. KILDEE, Mr. STANTON, Ms. LEE of Nevada, Ms. CARAVEO, Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois, Ms. CHU, and Mr. GOTTHEIMER.
 H. Res. 1335: Mr. FRY.

DELETIONS OF SPONSORS FROM PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 7 of rule XII, sponsors were deleted from public bills and resolutions, as follows:

H.J. Res. 148: Mr. KELLY of Mississippi.

PETITIONS, ETC.

Under clause 3 of rule XII, petitions and papers were laid on the clerk's desk and referred as follows:

PT-15. The SPEAKER presented a petition of the County of Maui, State of Hawaii, relative to Resolution No. 24-103, opposing construction of the proposed Air Force Maui Optical and Supercomputing Site Small Telescope Advanced Research Facility atop Haleakala; Transportation and Infrastructure; jointly to the Committees on Armed Services, Natural Resources, and

PT-16. Also, a petition of State Representative Chantelle Nickson-Clark, relative to expressing strong support for the ongoing efforts to strengthen the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act (RECA); Education and the Workforce; jointly to the Committees on the Judiciary, Energy and Commerce, and