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The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. SELF).

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,  
July 24, 2024.

I hereby appoint the Honorable KEITH SELF to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

MIKE JOHNSON,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

### PRAYER

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

Holy Lord, receive us this day before Your throne of mercy, where no one is hidden, and all of us are vulnerable and laid bare before You. To You we must render account.

Whether we offer our prayers for Israel or Gaza, Russia or Ukraine, the other side or our own side, because of our prejudices, wrongs, violence, and disregard for Your precepts of love and concern for even our enemies, we are not worthy to stand in Your presence.

How dare we approach You so boldly in the hope that we would find Your grace in our time of need? All that we have endeavored to do to bring peace into these areas of trauma and conflict, our feeble attempts to mitigate the starvation and suffering have all fallen short.

As mortals, even our best efforts cannot achieve what, at this point, seems impossible. But for You, O God, all things are possible. In You alone can we and do we trust. We appeal this day to Your abounding mercy and steadfast love. Hear our prayers.

In Your sovereign 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 Virginia (Mr. CLINE) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. CLINE 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.

### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to 15 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

### VISIT THE NATURAL STATE

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

Mr. WESTERMAN. Mr. Speaker, the House recently, by unanimous voice vote, passed the EXPLORE Act to enhance outdoor recreation opportunities for all Americans.

Arkansas is home to a wide variety of beautiful State parks. Many of these parks are in the Fourth District, but today I rise to highlight a unique park that is truly and literally a gem.

Murfreesboro, Arkansas, is home to the only public diamond mine in the world where visitors are allowed to keep their findings. The Crater of Diamonds is a 37½-acre field that became

an Arkansas State park in 1972. With over 75,000 diamond findings since the first discovery in 1906, significant diamonds that have been discovered here are the Amarillo Starlight, Esperanza, and the most notable, Uncle Sam. Uncle Sam is the largest diamond ever unearthed in the United States and is now one of two diamonds on display at the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of Natural History in the Great American Diamonds exhibit.

I encourage the Senate to pass the bipartisan EXPLORE Act and for everyone to visit the Natural State. While you are there experiencing the great outdoors, be sure to schedule a visit to the Crater of Diamonds to discover your own piece of American history.

### CONGRATULATING STACEY LEAVANDOSKY ON HER RETIREMENT

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

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize one of the most dedicated public servants I have worked with, Stacey Leavandosky.

Stacey has been on Capitol Hill for 27 years, including 18 years as my chief of staff. Her service to my California district, Congress, and the American people has been steady and invaluable.

She began her career as an intern for her hometown Representative in 1993. She rose through the ranks on Capitol Hill. During her time with me, 20 years, she has been a senior adviser for the California Democratic congressional delegation, House Administration Committee, Ethics Committee, Immigration Subcommittee, and Science Committee.

She has unparalleled commitment to our staff, our constituents, and the American people. She has been a constant voice of reason with a belief that

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government can be a positive force for change. She is the kind of public servant people aspire to be.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Stacey, and I wish her family the very best in the next chapter of her life as she retires.

#### BIG WIN FOR GEORGIA RESIDENTS

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

Mr. ALLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate the House's passage of the bipartisan Water Resources Development Act of 2024, which includes language to address an issue that is critical to the residents of my district.

I have worked for many years in Congress to find a permanent solution regarding the New Savannah Bluff Lock and Dam, one that works for job creators, municipalities, and our community alike.

Unfortunately, the Corps of Engineers selected a rock weir option as an alternative to replace the lock and dam, which would drop the pool level far below the needs of the community, and in the Corps' simulation of that project had disastrous impacts up and down the riverbank.

I was proud to partner with Representative MIKE COLLINS to get language included in the Water Resources Development Act to stop the Corps' disastrous rock weir plan and clarify congressional intent to maintain our pool level at 114.5 feet. This is a big win for the residents of my district.

#### SARA IS AN INNOCENT CIVILIAN

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

Mr. BOWMAN. Mr. Speaker, this is Sara. Sara is a 17-year-old Palestinian girl whose entire body was burned by an Israeli bomb. She could not seek immediate medical attention because the IDF had her home surrounded. It is a miracle that she survived. Her brother and sister did not.

That Israeli bomb was paid for by the American tax dollar. We continue to fund the collective punishment of civilians in Palestine, in Gaza. Sara is not Hamas. She is a civilian. She is innocent. She loved to play volleyball. Her brothers loved to ride horses.

Now today, we have invited Binyamin Netanyahu, who is being charged with war crimes, to address this House. Are we a democracy for all? Are we a democracy that leads with our humanity or will we continue to support the war crimes of Netanyahu?

#### CONGRATULATING EDINBURG, TEXAS

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

Ms. DE LA CRUZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the great city of Edinburg, Texas, for being awarded the prestigious All-America City title for the fourth time. This honor was recently bestowed upon Edinburg at the National Civic League conference last month.

The All-America City award is the Nation's highest civic recognition, celebrating communities that exemplify outstanding civic engagement, inclusivity, and innovative problem solving. This award is a testament to the dedication and the spirit of Edinburg's residents. Their commitment to community programs, local initiatives, and neighborly support truly embodies the essence of what it means to be the All-America City.

This accolade not only honors Edinburg's past achievements, but it also inspires a future of continued excellence and innovation.

Please join me in congratulating Edinburg, Texas, on this remarkable achievement. Congratulations, Edinburg.

#### HONORING THE LATE CONGRESSMAN HENRY NOWAK

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

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart to pay tribute to former Congressman Henry Nowak, an 18-year Member of this body, who passed away on July 21, leaving an incredible legacy of service to our country and my community.

Congressman Nowak was a star college basketball player at his beloved Canisius University, a brilliant student of law, a dedicated public servant, and a veteran of the United States Army. Back home, he was known as Buffalo's billion-dollar man for his advocacy in Congress which delivered some of the largest infrastructure projects in our region's history, including Interstate 990 in the northtowns and U.S. Route 219 in the southern tier.

Those who knew him best remember Congressman Nowak as the perfect balance of kind and fierce, reserved and witty, a leader and a mentor, which he was to me. He will be missed dearly by family and friends, including his loving wife of 58 years, Rose; his son, New York State Supreme Court Justice Henry Nowak, Jr.; his daughter, Diane; and six grandchildren.

He was a statesman, a family man, and a patriot. We are forever indebted for his faithful service to our great Nation. May he rest in peace.

#### REMEMBERING TIM DOBOS

(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 remember

the life and legacy of Timothy Paul Dobos of Mill Hall, Pennsylvania.

Tim Dobos died on July 11 after a courageous 10-year battle with ALS. He was just 36.

Tim was a Marine Corps veteran. He worked as an electronic warfare analyst with the 2nd Radio Battalion, was deployed to Kuwait with the 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit. In 2010, when earthquakes devastated Haiti, Tim assisted in relief efforts, earning him a Humanitarian Service Medal. Tim rose to the rank of lance corporal before being honorably discharged in 2012.

In April 2014, Tim was diagnosed with ALS, but that diagnosis didn't slow him down. In 2018, Tim earned a degree in applied physics from Lock Haven University.

I was fortunate enough to call Tim a friend. His contagious personality brought happiness to all who had the pleasure of knowing him. He lived a life dedicated to service and caring for others.

I offer my deepest condolences to Tim's wife, Robyn, their sons, and his family. Knowing Tim was a blessing. Having him as a friend was a blessing, and may Tim's memory be a blessing to all.

#### WORKING TOWARD LASTING PEACE IN GAZA

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

Ms. LEE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my outrage. Gaza has been decimated by the Israeli military using weapons provided by the United States. Over 39,000 Palestinians, mostly women and children, have been killed, and more are being killed every day. Most homes, most infrastructure destroyed.

Yet, what do we do? We welcome Netanyahu, the person responsible for this, to address Congress with open arms. As a student of history and as a Black woman in this country, I am keenly aware of the role that this very body has played in the marginalizing of Black and Brown folks domestically and abroad. This is why I refuse to remain silent.

When Putin commits war crimes, we condemn him. When Netanyahu commits war crimes, we give him excuses and bombs. This hypocrisy is not lost on the world. Americans are less safe, and our standing in the world is greatly diminished because of our inability to remain morally consistent.

Years from now, this body will be ashamed of its actions. The large majority of our constituents are ashamed today. It is well past time that we stop this moral inconsistency and start working toward a just and lasting peace for all in this region.

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## SALUTING ELIZABETH CLAXTON

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

Mr. ALFORD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate our top 10 speechwriters for this year's Missouri's Fourth Congressional District Speech Competition. They were chosen to write speeches on what America means to them, and today, we are saluting Elizabeth Claxton of Holden High School in Johnson County, Missouri.

Elizabeth says: "To me, America is more than just the land I grew up in. America is the persons who surround me and the companionships I share with them. America is small towns and big cities full of people and their lives and the bonds they form with each other. Fellowships of all kinds fill America and make up our Nation. We are all of different backgrounds, who have different futures but are deeply intertwined as members of our beautiful and intricate country. America is all of these people and cultures woven together to create our society. America isn't just a land or national entity but one diverse yet blended people."

Mr. Speaker, we salute Elizabeth and thank her for her great work.

## CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF PHIL BRANDI

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

Mr. DELUZIO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life and memory of my constituent, Phil Brandi, who passed away on July 17 at the age of 90.

He lived in Greentree and was born and raised in Sheraden. He was a beloved father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and friend to many. He was married to Alice for 66 years. He loved spending time with his friends and family, especially his buddies at McDonald's, his Local 27 retirees, and his friends at the cardiac rehab at Ohio Valley Hospital.

A veteran, he served his country in the Army and was a proud member of Plumbers Local 27 for 65 years. Not only was he a proud union member and retiree, his son and grandkids have followed in his footsteps in Local 27.

Phil's life may seem ordinary to many, but I think he represents the very best of western Pennsylvania, the values of hard work, patriotism, and sacrifice. We honor his life. We honor his legacy, and we hold him and his family in our hearts.

## CELEBRATING SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH'S CENTENNIAL

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

Mr. CLINE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to highlight a significant milestone in the history of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in the heart of Covington, Virginia, as they celebrate their 100th anniversary.

Originally a mission of St. Joseph's Church in Clifton Forge, Sacred Heart became a full parish in 1924, and Reverend William Payne served as its first parish priest.

Reverend Joseph Jurgens served as Sacred Heart's longest tenured pastor from 1939 to 1968, and it was during this time that the church grew immensely. The many expansions and renovations the parish hall and church have seen over the years are a testament to Sacred Heart's vibrant life and giving spirit.

Sacred Heart's service to the community includes a preschool that has served hundreds of children in the region, as well as the Allegheny Highlands Christmas Mother Program, which has been assisting families in need during the Christmas season for over 70 years.

Sacred Heart's centennial was celebrated beginning with Mass and the ceremonial participation of the Knights of Columbus Honor Guard, followed by a catered luncheon in the parish hall. Sacred Heart is a solid rock on which Covington's faithful parishioners stand. I congratulate them on reaching this special moment in their history.

## SARA FROM GAZA

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

Ms. PRESSLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to fulfill a promise, a promise I made to a 17-year-old girl named Sara to share her story.

Sara is a brilliant artist and a loving sister. She was savagely burned and severely injured in an Israeli airstrike, an airstrike that killed her two brothers, Ahmad, 15 years old, and Mohamed, 8 years old.

Sara and her mother are currently in the U.S. seeking medical treatment, treatment she couldn't access for over a month as her family was trapped in Gaza and denied care. No child should ever have to endure this brutality.

Sara's mother spoke about Ahmad and Mohamed with love. They were gentle, sweet boys who lit up the room with joy and loved to ride horses with their sister.

What have we as a Nation done? We are supplying bombs that maim and murder babies. Where is our humanity?

I carry Sara and her family with me always, and I will press for peace in her name.

## RECOGNIZING SERGEANT MELISSA DANGERFIELD

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

Mr. BEAN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, whether flying by with sirens wailing in those awesome cruisers or walking the neighborhood beat, we know we can depend on our local police for safety and security. It is even better when the officer has a familiar face.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize one of those familiar faces, Sergeant Melissa Dangerfield, for her extraordinary commitment and service to the Clay County Sheriff's Office.

For 35 years, Sergeant Dangerfield has dedicated her career to the safety of Clay County, Florida. Sergeant Dangerfield began her journey in 1989 as a dispatcher and later became a sworn law enforcement officer, investigating crimes with the special victims unit.

Since 2016, she has been imparting her knowledge as a professor by teaching at the St. Johns River State College Basic Law Enforcement Academy.

Mr. Speaker, Clay County is a safer place thanks to the dedication of Sergeant Melissa Dangerfield.

On behalf of Clay County and these United States, we extend our deepest appreciation for her 35 years of exemplary service.

## RECOGNIZING TOMMY PAUL

(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, I rise to recognize an eastern North Carolina native and American tennis superstar, Tommy Paul.

Raised in Greenville, North Carolina, Tommy began his professional tennis career after graduating from J.H. Rose High School at 18 years old.

Nearly a decade later, Tommy will represent the United States at the 2024 Paris Olympics. Earlier, Tommy became the highest ranked American tennis professional, reaching a career-high world tour ranking number of 12. In June, he won his biggest title ever at the Queen's Club in London and followed it up with a quarterfinal finish in Wimbledon.

As the Olympics get underway, we will all enthusiastically cheer for Tommy as he goes for gold. With the full support of eastern North Carolina, we will be hearing, "Game, set, match, Paul," very soon.

## CONGRATULATING MINNESOTA CIVIL AIR PATROL CADET EVAN EKSTRAND

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

Mr. EMMER. Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Minnesota Civil Air Patrol Cadet Evan Ekstrand, who was awarded the General Carl A. Spaatz Award.

This award is the Civil Air Patrol's highest honor and is given to less than 1 percent of Civil Air Patrol cadets for excellence in leadership, character,

physical fitness, and aerospace education. Evan has dedicated his life to service, and this award is well-deserved.

I met with Evan and his fellow cadets earlier this year. Evan stands out. He stood out from the group because of his patriotism and his passion for aviation.

Evan is not the only member, however, of the Ekstrand family to be involved in the Civil Air Patrol. Until recently, Evan's mom, Tami, served as the deputy commander for cadets of the Civil Air Patrol, St. Croix Squadron.

I congratulate Evan, again, and I wish him, his fiancée, and his family all the best.

#### CHICANO-CHICANA HERITAGE MONTH

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

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize August as Chicano-Chicana Heritage Month and to celebrate the contributions of millions of Chicanos in Orange County and across this great Nation.

Mexican Americans have used this term, "Chicano-Chicana," to address common historical, cultural, and economic struggles in this great country.

Today, Chicanos are the largest ethnic minority in this great country. We are doctors, lawyers, scientists, teachers, police officers, and soldiers. We have fought in all wars defending this great country, and many Chicano-Chicana veterans are among the most highly decorated soldiers in this great country. Many are part of the Greatest Generation, like my constituent Ventura Hernandez, a proud World War II veteran who fought in Patton's Army and came back and built this great Nation.

Today, with this resolution, we acknowledge and recognize Chicano-Chicana Heritage Month and their contributions to this great country. We encourage young people to learn more about American history.

#### RECOGNIZING MELODY AND RACHEL STEINER

(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, I rise to recognize Melody and Rachel Steiner, the Sunbow 57 Girls who sell cotton candy and homemade cookies at farmers markets across our district and northeast Ohio.

I met Melody at the Downtown Wooster Farmers Market, where she is using her business proceeds to save up for aviation school.

One of my biggest priorities in Congress has been career and technical education. I know how badly we need more pilots and aviation workers. I am proud to have young leaders in my dis-

trict pursuing their dreams and securing the future of the American workforce.

Small businesses are the foundation of our economy, as over 99 percent of United States businesses are small businesses. Whether you run a cotton candy stand or a local factory, the United States is rightfully called the land of opportunity, and the American Dream is alive and well.

I am grateful for the hard work, ingenuity, and dedication of entrepreneurs like Melody and Rachel in northeast Ohio who make our communities great places to live.

#### MARKING ANNIVERSARY OF MAUI FIRES

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

Ms. TOKUDA. Mr. Speaker, in 2 weeks, we will observe the 1-year anniversary of last August's fires on Maui.

We will honor the lives of 102 loved ones lost and never stop looking for the 2 still missing. We will remember the neighborhoods, businesses, and, of course, the town of Lahaina that we will always love.

Even as we look back, we look ahead. In a few months, the last of the debris will be removed. Already, properties are being rebuilt, and a long-term recovery plan is being developed with extensive community input.

As we prepare to leave for the August recess, our work is not done. Disasters continue to strike, and we must deliver supplemental funding to help communities like Maui recover. This is how we best honor their grit and strength, by giving them hope for the long road ahead.

I never expected as a freshman Member of Congress that a historic disaster would occur and so drastically reshape my work here. Yet, as our Maui "family," "ohana" reflects on the past year and courageously faces the future, my commitment to them remains unwavering, and I continue to be with them every step of the way.

#### HONORING PRIVATE HENRY "HANK" WEBB AS VETERAN OF THE MONTH

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

Mr. BURCHETT. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Private Henry "Hank" Webb, an American hero.

He was raised by a sharecropper, Dust Bowl Okie family who fled Oklahoma to California in 1943 in search of work. After arriving in Wasco, California, he lived and worked for 3 years in a migrant worker labor camp.

He served in the Army for 3 years and spent most of his time in Germany with an artillery unit. After the Army, he returned to college and earned his

degree in criminal justice from the University of California, Berkeley.

After graduating from college in June 1960, he entered the U.S. Border Academy, where he graduated at the top of his class. He proudly served as a Border Patrol agent for 2 years.

In 1962, he was hired as a special agent by the "once proud," his words, FBI, where he served for 25 years. He received many awards and assisted in protecting President Johnson in Mexico City and President Nixon in California.

After retiring, he continued to work in law enforcement in Texas. When he left law enforcement, he and his family moved to Tennessee.

Our country's heroes are the men and women of our Armed Forces, Mr. Speaker, like Private Webb.

It is my honor to recognize Private Henry "Hank" Webb as Tennessee's Second District's July 2024 Veteran of the Month.

#### CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF JANA BOMMERSBACH

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

Mr. STANTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of a legendary Arizona journalist and trailblazer, Jana Bommersbach, who passed away on July 17.

When Jana started at The Arizona Republic in the 1970s, she was one of just six female reporters in the newsroom. She worked her way up from reporter to editor, first at The Republic and later at the Phoenix New Times.

Because of her dogged reporting, the Arizona Press Club named her Arizona Journalist of the Year and honored her with its top investigative journalism prize, the Don Bolles Award, many times.

One of those award-winning stories turned into her hit book, "The Trunk Murderess," which revisited the story of Winnie Ruth Judd and a more than 60-year-old murder case. Jana earned the trust of the elderly Judd, getting her to tell her side of the story for the very first time.

That was Jana, reporting on true crime before it was trendy, but also telling the story of Phoenix as a young frontier town, full of colorful and complicated characters. Her life's work brought attention to matters close to her heart, like mental health and domestic violence, and she paired vigorous journalism with selfless advocacy, giving her time to countless nonprofits.

More than anything, she was a joy to be around, a quick-witted, gifted storyteller who would leave any room crackling up. She kept friends from all backgrounds and political parties, throwing jabs with a grin and a twinkle in her eye. Congress should take a lesson from her.

My prayers are with her family, her friends, especially Bob Boze Bell, and

all those who were moved by her writing and who laughed with her. Godspeed to Jana.

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**CONGRATULATING BRENDON GALLO AND VANDANA VERMA**

(Mrs. LESKO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. LESKO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize two very special people to both my office and me personally, my deputy chief of staff, Brendon Gallo, who is in the audience today, and his fiancée, Vandana Verma, and to commemorate their upcoming wedding in Florence, Italy.

Brendon and Vandana met in college at New York University and quickly fell in love. They moved to Washington, D.C., for Brendon to pursue his interest in politics and have made a home here with their dog, Sage.

It has been a joy to get to know both Brendon and Vandana over the years and watch their love grow. I especially want to thank Vandana for her patience and understanding as Brendon has navigated the often demanding and time-consuming work of a staffer on Capitol Hill. He has done a great job.

I wish them a lifetime of happiness and blessings and look forward to celebrating their marriage next month.

**CONGRATULATING KENNY BEDNAREK**

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

Mr. TIFFANY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Kenny Bednarek of Rice Lake, Wisconsin, on qualifying for the Paris Summer Olympics in the 100- and 200-meter sprints.

Kenny is from a small town in north-west Wisconsin where he has been representing the Seventh District since he was in high school. At Rice Lake High School, he captured seven individual State titles and led his team to the 4-by-400 relay championship. He then went on to set the fastest indoor 200-meter time in the United States and the second fastest in the world before becoming an Olympian in 2020.

During the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games, he won a silver medal in the 200-meter dash.

I wish Kung Fu Kenny and all of the U.S. athletes the best of luck in Paris. Go for the gold.

**CONGRATULATING THE ST. CROIX HELENITES**

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

Ms. PLASKETT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate a group of exceptional young men from my home in the Virgin Islands for their division title

win this past week in Minnesota during the USA CUP tournament, the largest youth soccer tournament in the Western Hemisphere.

The St. Croix Helenites Sports Club under-16 squad played through the quarterfinals and semifinal rounds to clinch the championship. The boys on the under-11 team also played with great heart and made it to the top four in their division.

Our entire community is tremendously proud of our boys for their hard work, their great sportsmanship. The Virgin Islands is small, but when we show up, we show out, and we excel.

We are all so proud of Head Coach Raejae Joseph, Assistant Coach Dale Richards, parents, young men, and my boy Nico.

Let's go St. Croix Helenites Sports Club.

**WE MUST NEVER WAVER**

(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, I am proud to join the majority of Tennesseans who stand in support of America's most important Middle Eastern ally, Israel.

Unfortunately, radical, progressive Democrats have turned their back on Israel. Democrats have shown time and time again where their priorities truly lie, favoring an Army of IRS agents over security assistance when Israel was in its most dire need.

Now progressive Democrats have chosen once again to turn their backs on our democratic ally in the Middle East by boycotting Prime Minister Netanyahu's joint address before this body. History will not view these dark and dangerous decisions lightly. Let the record show progressive Democrats sided with the pro-Hamas base of their party.

As a staunch supporter of Israel, I will be honored to be present in the House Chamber for Prime Minister Netanyahu's historic joint address.

We must never waver, Mr. Speaker.

**HONORING THE LIFE OF DR. NORVELL "VAN" COOTS**

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

Mr. TRONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Dr. Norvell "Van" Coots, who tragically passed away last month.

Born in Tulsa, Oklahoma, Dr. Coots answered the call to serve his country through our military. After 36 years of service, he retired from the Army as a brigadier general in 2016.

Dr. Coots wasn't one to retire so easily. He continued to dedicate his life to improving healthcare outcomes for so many at home. In Maryland, Dr. Coots took the reins as president and CEO of Holy Cross Health.

Over the years, Dr. Coots and I worked together to ensure our health centers had what they needed to address the COVID-19 pandemic and tackle the addiction and mental health epidemics that are overwhelming our communities.

Without a doubt, our Nation is better off because of Dr. Coots' selfless service.

He was a dear friend to many, a loving husband to his wife, Claudia, and a dedicated father to Maximilian and Catalina.

May his memory be a blessing.

**CONGRATULATING FORD CHICAGO ASSEMBLY PLANT**

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

Ms. KELLY of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Ford Chicago Assembly Plant on its 100 years of operation this August.

For decades, Ford has crafted a legacy of excellence and resilience in Illinois' Second Congressional District. It has weathered economic storms, technological revolutions, and a global pandemic, emerging stronger with each passing year.

The cars that have rolled off these assembly lines are not just machines. They are testaments to the craftsmanship, innovation, and dedication of countless individuals.

As we celebrate this historic milestone, let us remember the past with pride, embrace the present with gratitude, and look to the future with excitement and resolve.

Here is to a century of achievement and to many more years of innovation, success, and Ford toughness.

On another note: Sheila Jackson Lee, you will be so missed.

**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2025**

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. OBERNOLTE). Pursuant to House Resolution 1370 and rule XVIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the further consideration of the bill, H.R. 8998.

Will the gentleman from Texas (Mr. SELF) kindly take the chair.

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**IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

Accordingly, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 8998) making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025, and for other purposes, with Mr. SELF (Acting Chair) in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The Acting CHAIR. When the Committee of the Whole rose on Tuesday,

July 23, 2024, amendment No. 48, printed in part B of House Report 118–602, offered by the gentleman from Texas (Mr. JACKSON) had been disposed of.

AMENDMENT NO. 56 OFFERED BY MR. MCCORMICK

The Acting CHAIR. It is now in order to consider amendment No. 56 printed in part B of House Report 118–602.

Mr. MCCORMICK. Mr. Chair, I have an amendment at the desk.

The Acting CHAIR. The Clerk will designate the amendment.

The text of the amendment is as follows:

Page 89, line 6, after the dollar amount, insert “(reduced by \$7,000,000)”.

Page 90, line 20, after the dollar amount, insert “(increased by \$5,000,000)”.

The Acting CHAIR. Pursuant to House Resolution 1370, the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. MCCORMICK) and a Member opposed each will control 5 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Georgia.

Mr. MCCORMICK. Mr. Chair, I rise to offer my amendment No. 56 to H.R. 8998, the Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2025.

Amendment No. 56 will reduce funding for the Environmental Protection Agency by reducing the Environmental Programs and Management account by \$7 million.

My amendment will then reallocate \$5 million in funding to the EPA’s Office of Inspector General for increased oversight of the EPA.

The EPA’s role is to protect human health and the environment through research and development. Yet, it seems the EPA is more often focused on creating burdensome bureaucratic red tape than serving the American people and businesses.

Stringent EPA regulations burden businesses with compliance costs leading to job losses, higher consumer prices, and reduced economic competitiveness, particularly in industries such as manufacturing, energy, and agriculture. Tragically, these regulations often have nothing to do with protecting the environment.

For example, in my district, the repaving of a key road has been delayed for 18 months. This heavily trafficked road is in desperate need of repair.

These delays are due to the EPA’s requirement for an extensive environmental impact study, even though the road is already paved, has been around for over a decade, and it is a simple repaving project to revitalize the community. It is going to cost \$700,000 and a delay of 18 months to repave 1.5 miles of road. This is a ridiculous delay of the inevitable.

The EPA needs to begin prioritizing our communities over bureaucratic overreach and overbearing regulations with no benefit. That is why proper oversight is critical to holding the EPA in check.

The EPA’s Office of Inspector General has done incredible work with the funding it receives. Their work proves

additional funding is a sound investment.

In May, it published its semiannual report to Congress which summarized its work and accomplishments from October 1, 2023, through March 31, 2024. During that 6-month reporting period, they identified \$120.1 million in total monetary benefits and provided the EPA and U.S. Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board with 55 recommendations for improvement.

To further prove their worth, the EPA OIG is performing a critical role in investigating and tracking the ridiculous spending from the Inflation Reduction Act. That is important oversight work to prevent fraud of Federal dollars.

I urge my colleagues to support amendment No. 56 which will decrease the EPA’s overall funding account and reallocate a portion of those funds to increase oversight, transparency, and accountability.

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

Ms. PINGREE. Mr. Chair, I claim the time in opposition to this amendment.

The Acting CHAIR. The gentlewoman from Maine is recognized for 5 minutes.

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Ms. PINGREE. Mr. Chair, to be clear, I fully support all oversight efforts and believe the mission of the inspectors general across government is vital, but I disagree with the offset and the treatment of the EPA in this bill generally.

In the base bill, the EPA is cut by nearly 20 percent. Almost every single account is cut except for the Office of the Inspector General. Quite frankly, the Inspector General’s Office does pretty well under this bill.

Cutting every single program at the EPA and seeking to increase funding for only one office, which happens to be the oversight office, is a clear attempt by the majority to politicize the Inspector General. That is unacceptable.

Mr. Chair, I oppose this amendment, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. MCCORMICK. Mr. Chair, I love the environment. My favorite President is Teddy Roosevelt, a great environmentalist, and my dad was a forest ranger. I grew up with Woodsy Owl and Smokey the Bear. I truly, truly, have a great love for the environment, and I want to make sure we use our funds appropriately.

I just reiterate that my amendment reduces funding for the overbearing EPA portion and really increases accountability, which I think is the more important part at this point when we see the abuses of the system. I think it is time for a more efficient and more accountable government. That is what this bill is about.

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

Ms. PINGREE. Mr. Chairman, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. MCCORMICK. In closing, Mr. Chairman, I am grateful for this time to talk about accountability and effi-

ciency of government. I hope and humbly request support for my amendment No. 56, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Ms. PINGREE. Mr. Chairman, I certainly hope that the gentleman from Georgia is able to get his road paved. This is the wrong way to go about doing it. I oppose this amendment, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The Acting CHAIR. The question is on the amendment offered by the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. MCCORMICK).

The amendment was agreed to.

AMENDMENT NO. 57 OFFERED BY MRS. MILLER OF ILLINOIS

The Acting CHAIR. It is now in order to consider amendment No. 57 printed in part B of House Report 118–602.

Mrs. MILLER of Illinois. Mr. Chairman, I have an amendment at the desk.

The Acting CHAIR. The Clerk will designate the amendment.

The text of the amendment is as follows:

At the end of the bill (before the short title), insert the following:

SEC. \_\_\_\_ The salary of Ya-Wei (Jake) Li, Deputy Assistant Administrator for Pesticide Programs, shall be reduced to \$1.

The Acting CHAIR. Pursuant to House Resolution 1370, the gentlewoman from Illinois (Mrs. MILLER) and a Member opposed each will control 5 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Illinois.

Mrs. MILLER of Illinois. Mr. Chairman, I rise in support of my amendment that would reduce Deputy Secretary Jake Li’s salary to \$1.

Prior to joining the EPA under the Biden administration, Jake Li spent over a decade of his career working for liberal nongovernmental organizations who remain solvent by litigating entities, including the EPA, for agricultural practices they disagree with, regardless of the utility to America’s farm families and consumers.

Despite Congress passing language requiring EPA to take USDA feedback into account when developing mitigation measures, these proposals were developed without EPA input, leading USDA to express substantial concerns about the severe economic consequences for some farmers.

According to USDA estimates, the cost for all corn acres in Illinois, Iowa, and Nebraska to comply with the herbicide strategy could be upwards of \$5.5 billion, and that estimate is for just one commodity across three States.

This regulatory overreach is just another example of the burdensome regulations EPA forces on our farm families and those living in rural America just to cater to the demands of environmental extremists like those Jake Li used to work with.

Frankly, even \$1 is too much for the chief architect of these wrongheaded and callous strategies that seek to put American farmers and ranchers out of business.

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

Ms. PINGREE. Mr. Chairman, I claim the time in opposition to this amendment.

The Acting CHAIR. The gentlewoman from Maine is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. PINGREE. Mr. Chairman, I oppose this amendment, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mrs. MILLER of Illinois. I urge support of my amendment, Mr. Chairman, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The Acting CHAIR. The question is on the amendment offered by the gentlewoman from Illinois (Mrs. MILLER).

The question was taken; and the Acting Chair announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Ms. PINGREE. Mr. Chair, I demand a recorded vote.

The Acting CHAIR. Pursuant to clause 6 of rule XVIII, further proceedings on the amendment offered by the gentlewoman from Illinois will be postponed.

AMENDMENT NO. 72 OFFERED BY MRS. MILLER OF ILLINOIS

The Acting CHAIR. It is now in order to consider amendment No. 72 printed in part B of House Report 118-602.

Mrs. MILLER of Illinois. Mr. Chairman, I rise as the designee for the gentleman from South Carolina, and I have an amendment at the desk.

The Acting CHAIR. The Clerk will designate the amendment.

The text of the amendment is as follows:

At the end of the bill (before the short title), insert the following:

SEC. \_\_\_\_\_. None of the funds made available by this Act may be made available to the Environmental Protection Agency's Justice, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Workgroup.

The Acting CHAIR. Pursuant to House Resolution 1370, the gentlewoman from Illinois (Mrs. MILLER) and a Member opposed each will control 5 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Illinois.

Mrs. MILLER of Illinois. Mr. Chairman, this amendment would prohibit funding for the Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Workgroup that advances the Biden administration's radical DEI agenda.

This workgroup's website links to a page of resources with hundreds of woke documents.

From the military to corporations to Federal agencies, we have seen time and time again that the DEI mission fosters division in the workplace.

DEI undermines our shared American identity and distracts from the missions of our Federal agencies. DEI hurts recruiting efforts and erodes trust between all Federal employees and the government they serve.

At a time when our growing national debt has surpassed \$34 trillion, we cannot continue to use taxpayer dollars to fund wasteful and unnecessary woke programs.

Mr. Chair, I urge my colleagues to support this amendment and prohibit funding for policies that advance the

Biden administration's radical diversity, equity, and inclusion agenda, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. PINGREE. Mr. Chairman, I rise in strong opposition to this amendment.

The Acting CHAIR. The gentlewoman from Maine is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. PINGREE. Mr. Chair, one of our greatest strengths as a Nation is our diversity. The American experience is not a singular experience, and diversity programs exist to recognize this.

The fact is, and business leaders agree, that having a diverse and inclusive culture in the workplace is critical to performance. Attempting to defund or block the implementation of these efforts only takes us back to a time when our Nation's diversity was not seen as an asset.

This working group specifically looks for ways to foster an inclusive and respectful culture as it relates to water quality monitoring and assessment. Our success in achieving water quality goals depends on learning from people of all backgrounds.

I oppose this amendment and encourage my colleagues to do the same, Mr. Chairman, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mrs. MILLER of Illinois. Our Nation was made great because we have rewarded merit.

Mr. Chair, I urge support of this amendment, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Ms. PINGREE. Mr. Chair, I yield back the balance of my time.

The Acting CHAIR. The question is on the amendment offered by the gentlewoman from Illinois (Mrs. MILLER).

The amendment was agreed to.  
AMENDMENT NO. 73 OFFERED BY MRS. MILLER OF ILLINOIS

The Acting CHAIR. It is now in order to consider amendment No. 73 printed in part B of House Report 118-602.

Mrs. MILLER of Illinois. Mr. Chair, I have an amendment at the desk.

The Acting CHAIR. The Clerk will designate the amendment.

The text of the amendment is as follows:

At the end of the bill (before the short title), insert the following:

SEC. \_\_\_\_\_. None of the funds made available by this Act may be used to implement or enforce the final rule titled "Control of Air Pollution From New Motor Vehicles: Heavy-Duty Engine and Vehicle Standards" published in the Federal Register by the Environmental Protection Agency on January 24, 2023 (88 Fed. Reg. 4296).

The Acting CHAIR. Pursuant to House Resolution 1370, the gentlewoman from Illinois (Mrs. MILLER) and a Member opposed each will control 5 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Illinois.

Mrs. MILLER of Illinois. Mr. Chairman, this amendment defunds a costly and misguided EPA agency rule that requires heavy-duty vehicles to comply with reduced emissions limits of nitrogen oxides and other pollutants.

This rule applies to vehicles, including certain long- and short-haul

trucks, motor homes, school and transit buses, and commercial pickup trucks and vans.

The EPA, the very agency that created this rule, estimates the technology required to meet the new rule's standards will cost around \$8,000 per vehicle. This cost will be borne by consumers and the supply chain.

The American people cannot afford the financial burdens of this aggressive regulation that would further raise costs of any product transported by trucks, including food, clothing, and building materials.

This regulation's cost of compliance is so high, operators and owners of trucks will be forced to leave the market.

Mr. Chair, I urge my colleagues to support this amendment and defund a rule that places costly and burdensome emissions standards on vehicles, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. PINGREE. Mr. Chairman, I claim the time in opposition to this amendment.

The Acting CHAIR. The gentlewoman from Maine is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. PINGREE. Mr. Chairman, this amendment would block an EPA rule that implements a program to further reduce air pollution, including ozone and particulate matter from heavy-duty engines and vehicles across the United States. Both of these pollutants have significant negative impacts on human health.

Ozone is the main component in smog, and it has been scientifically proven to aggravate lung diseases, increase the frequency and severity of asthma attacks, and reduce lung function.

We have a responsibility to protect the millions of Americans affected by ozone and particulate matter pollution. For that reason, Mr. Chair, I urge my colleagues to oppose this amendment, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mrs. MILLER of Illinois. Mr. Chairman, I urge the Democrats to quit complaining about inflation while they are fanning the flame through excessive regulation.

Mr. Chair, I urge the support of this amendment, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Ms. PINGREE. Mr. Chair, I yield back the balance of my time.

The Acting CHAIR. The question is on the amendment offered by the gentlewoman from Illinois (Mrs. MILLER).

The amendment was agreed to.  
AMENDMENT NO. 75 OFFERED BY MR. OBERNOLTE

The Acting CHAIR. It is now in order to consider amendment No. 75 printed in part B of House Report 118-602.

Mr. OBERNOLTE. Mr. Chair, I have an amendment at the desk.

The Acting CHAIR. The Clerk will designate the amendment.

The text of the amendment is as follows:

At the end of the bill (before the short title) insert the following:

SEC. \_\_\_\_\_. None of the funds made available by this Act may be used to approve a waiver,



pursuant to section 209(e) of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7543(e)), for the In-Use Locomotive Regulation adopted by the California Air Resources Board on April 27, 2023.

The Acting CHAIR. Pursuant to House Resolution 1370, the gentleman from California (Mr. OBERNOLTE) and a Member opposed each will control 5 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California.

Mr. OBERNOLTE. Mr. Chair, last year the California Air Resources Board proposed a new regulation that would have disastrous consequences for my constituents, for the people of California, and for the people of the United States.

This so-called in-use locomotive rule would phase out the use of diesel-electric locomotives and require all locomotives entering the State of California to do so in a zero-emission configuration within just a few short years.

Mr. Chairman, there are several problems with this regulation. The first and most obvious is that there are currently no electric locomotives that can take the place of a diesel-electric freight locomotive. In fact, the best electric locomotives that exist currently are those so-called switch locomotives that are used to move cars back and forth between trains within freight switchyards. There are no locomotives that can take the place of a diesel-electric locomotive and haul millions of pounds of freight from place to place over hundreds of miles.

Mr. Chairman, the physics suggest there will be no locomotives that can accomplish this any time in the near future.

Requiring this regulation would raise prices for every consumer in California, a State, Mr. Chairman, which already suffers the worst poverty of any State in the country.

Mr. Chairman, this would also have a disastrous effect on my constituents. BNSF Railways is currently constructing a \$1.5 billion project in the city of Barstow within my district, an intermodal transfer facility that will allow freight from the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach to be shipped by rail to Barstow and then transshipped by rail or by truck to other places in the country. Currently, Mr. Chairman, that freight leaves those ports on trucks.

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BNSF has said, quite reasonably, that if California will not let their locomotives enter the State, they will abandon their plans for that intermodal transfer facility.

Mr. Chairman, that will result in the loss of not just \$1.5 billion of investment in my community but over 20,000 jobs in the region of California that I represent.

Mr. Chairman, the most nonsensical part of this legislation is that it actually will be much worse for the environment. It is three times more effi-

cient to transfer freight by rail than it is by truck. That is one-third the amount of greenhouse gases emitted into the atmosphere.

If we force freight to be shipped by truck instead of by rail out of the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach, that will be far worse for the environment than allowing it to be transported on the efficient diesel-electric locomotives that we currently have.

That is why this amendment would deny the EPA the funding that they need to grant a waiver to the State of California to implement this nonsensical rule.

Mr. Chair, I urge adoption of this amendment, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. PINGREE. Mr. Chairman, I rise in opposition to the amendment.

The Acting CHAIR. The gentleman from Maine is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. PINGREE. Mr. Chair, I rise in opposition to this amendment, which would effectively bar the EPA from approving a waiver of Federal preemption for California's in-use locomotive rule.

Congress carefully crafted the Clean Air Act to recognize the diverse air pollution challenges facing each State. Due to a history of severe air quality problems, the EPA can grant California waivers to set vehicle emissions standards that are more protective than those at the Federal level, including for locomotives.

While the EPA retains the authority to promulgate emission standards for new locomotives and locomotive engines, California is well within its rights to request a waiver of Federal preemption for regulations having to do with existing, or in-use, locomotives and locomotive engines.

Legal technicalities aside, this rule is critical to the public health and welfare of Californians and for residents of the States that may choose to adopt these stronger standards in the future, thanks to the flexibilities embedded in the Clean Air Act.

Diesel-powered locomotives emit dangerous air pollutants, including particulate matter, nitrogen oxides, and greenhouse gases. Exposure to this toxic and harmful pollution has been linked to cancer, asthma, cardiopulmonary illnesses, reproductive health harm, and premature mortality. California's rule is expected to prevent 3,200 premature deaths, 1,100 hospital admissions, and 1,500 emergency room visits and deliver \$32 billion in health savings. For California communities near rail yards, this rule is projected to decrease cancer risk by over 90 percent.

This amendment is yet another Republican attack on EPA's authority to protect public health from sources of dangerous pollution and simply another item on their polluters over people agenda.

A "no" vote on this amendment is a vote for protecting public health and preserving States' rights under the Clean Air Act. Mr. Chair, I urge my

colleagues to side with the law and with science.

Mr. Chair, I oppose this amendment, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. OBERNOLTE. Mr. Chair, I am very glad my colleague from Maine brought up the Clean Air Act because the Clean Air Act explicitly says that the right to set emissions requirements for locomotives is preempted from the States.

Mr. Chairman, that makes complete sense because how on Earth can we operate a national railway system if we allow each of the 50 States to come up with their own rules about what locomotives can cross their State lines? Mr. Chairman, that is a complete impossibility.

Mr. Chairman, to remind my colleague from Maine, the most nonsensical part of this rule is that these replacement electric locomotives do not exist, and they are not likely to exist anytime in the near future.

The current best battery technology that we possess can store about 5 megawatts of energy in the form factor of a locomotive. Mr. Chairman, to replace an existing freight locomotive would require about 20 times that amount of energy, about 100 megawatts of energy.

Mr. Chairman, this is a nonsensical rule. It is bad for the people of California. It is bad for consumers in California. It is bad for the people of the United States because this rule would result in more greenhouse gas emissions, not less.

Mr. Chair, I urge adoption of this commonsense amendment, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The Acting CHAIR. The question is on the amendment offered by the gentleman from California (Mr. OBERNOLTE).

The amendment was agreed to.

AMENDMENT NO. 76 OFFERED BY MR. OGLES

The Acting CHAIR. It is now in order to consider amendment No. 76 printed in part B of House Report 118-602.

Mr. OGLES. Mr. Chair, I have an amendment at the desk.

The Acting CHAIR. The Clerk will designate the amendment.

The text of the amendment is as follows:

At the end of the bill (before the short title), insert the following:

MINERAL LEASING ACT MODERNIZATION

SEC. \_\_\_\_\_. None of the funds made available by this Act may be used to implement, administer, or enforce section 50262 of Public Law 117-169 (commonly known as the "Inflation Reduction Act").

The Acting CHAIR. Pursuant to House Resolution 1370, the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. OGLES) and a Member opposed each will control 5 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Tennessee.

Mr. OGLES. Mr. Chairman, my amendment pertains to the Inflation Reduction Act. In order to pay for what ended up being approximately \$1.2 trillion in green subsidies, the Biden-Harris administration chose to raise the



royalty rate on onshore oil and gas leases from 12.5 to 16.66 percent through the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022.

Progressive Democrats also voted in unison to quintuple the minimum bid amount from \$2 an acre to \$10 an acre. The minority voted to increase the rental rate by a factor of 9 from \$1.50 to eventually \$15 an acre. At the time of the bill passage, estimates indicated that the bill would impose a \$6.5 billion hike on oil and gas development.

At a time when we need to get back to energy independence, when we need to fight inflation by lowering the price of fuel, we have to peel back these failed policies that hurt the economy and hurt the consumer.

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

Ms. PINGREE. Mr. Chairman, I rise in opposition to the amendment.

The Acting CHAIR. The gentleman from Maine is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. PINGREE. Mr. Chairman, we are here to protect the welfare of the American public, and this provision prevents a fair return to the American taxpayer from oil and gas leasing conducted on public lands.

By prohibiting the modernization of the Mineral Leasing Act, we are catering to the oil and gas interests and enabling them to continue to operate at rates that do not benefit the American people.

Fossil fuels accelerate the impacts of climate change, and this amendment demonstrates my Republican colleagues would rather pay billions for disaster relief than focus on clean energy. Our economy, health, livelihoods, food security, and quality of life all depend on healthy ecosystems.

Mr. Chair, I urge my colleagues to reject this amendment and focus instead on addressing climate change and making our Nation stronger.

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

Mr. OGLES. Mr. Chairman, what I find to be one of the more remarkable things about the so-called Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 is nowhere in that bill do progressive Democrats identify any government program worth cutting, not \$1 of the \$80 billion appropriated to the IRS to audit middle-income Americans, not \$1 of spending in Ukraine, and not \$1 of the billions used to advance tree equity.

This is absurd. We are spending ourselves into oblivion. We have to give relief to the American consumer, and a \$6.5 billion hike in the cost of oil and gas to the consumer is real. The cost of groceries is up 30 to 40 percent. Rents are up. It is impossible for some to buy a home.

We have to recognize that the Biden-Harris administration is a failure. People were better off under Donald Trump than they are under Biden-Harris.

This is obvious. This isn't about pandering to oil and gas. This is about working-class Americans seeing increased prices at the fuel pump. Every-

thing at the grocery store, everything at the big-box store, and everything at the mall is touched by oil and gas. If the price of that underlying commodity is increased, the price of everything else goes up. This is simple math.

We have to get back to common sense. Quite frankly, our enemies laugh. America produces the cleanest energy in the world. If we were really serious about climate change, we would export our natural gas to Europe because ours is better and cleaner than Russia's.

That is not my colleagues' objective. The minority's objective is about control, wealth distribution, and hurting the middle class. I, for one, stand for the middle class. I, for one, want to give relief to the middle class and quit pandering.

Mr. Chairman, I urge adoption of this bill. We have the opportunity to get back to energy independence, and we have the opportunity to give relief to the middle-class consumer.

Mr. Chair, I yield back the balance of my time.

Ms. PINGREE. Mr. Chairman, my colleague on the other side of the aisle says this is a measure to give relief to the American consumer and is pro-middle class.

First off, I don't know how anyone with a straight face has a giveaway to the oil and gas industry and says it is a relief to the American consumer or a benefit to the middle class. There is nothing in here that does anything good for the middle class, and there is nobody in America who thinks that if the oil and gas industry is helped, somehow consumers have gotten a personal benefit from that.

Mr. Chair, we all know climate change is real. We are very actively engaged in trying to produce more renewable energy and reduce our fossil fuel dependence. That is number one. That has to be our number one goal as Members of Congress.

Second, this simply says that when we use public land for accessing oil and gas, we ask those companies, which make billions in profits, which everybody in America knows—they actually think that they should get a break?

This actual fee has not changed since the 1920s. It is going from 12.5 percent to 16 percent when it has not changed since the 1920s. Does anybody think we should continue to give the same incredible break to the oil and gas industry that they have had since the 1920s?

It is a small modernization. It is money in the pocket of American taxpayers for using American land to derive this resource.

Mr. Chair, I think it is ludicrous that anyone should block this provision in law. It is about time we modernize the Mineral Leasing Act, and this is a simple provision that just says to make the oil and gas industry pay its fair share.

When my colleague on the other side of the aisle says that countries around the world are laughing at us because

we are not producing more oil and gas, they might be laughing at us for giving away money to the oil and gas industry.

As I said, no one thinks that they are hurting. No one thinks that if we gave them a savings on this, they would somehow miraculously pass it on to the consumer, and because they are such a benevolent industry, the first thing that they want to do is take this little break that we are giving them and say to give the consumers a break.

No one thinks that the price at the pumps or the price they are paying goes down because we give them 12.5 percent instead of 16 percent. This is a ludicrous amendment. I can't believe that anyone would propose this with a straight face.

Mr. Chair, I urge my colleagues to oppose this amendment, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The Acting CHAIR. The question is on the amendment offered by the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. OGLES).

The amendment was agreed to.

AMENDMENT NO. 77 OFFERED BY MR. OGLES

The Acting CHAIR (Mr. PALMER). It is now in order to consider amendment No. 77 printed in part B of House Report 118-602.

Mr. OGLES. Mr. Chair, I have an amendment at the desk.

The Acting CHAIR. The Clerk will designate the amendment.

The text of the amendment is as follows:

At the end of the bill (before the short title), insert the following:

SEC. \_\_\_\_ None of the funds made available by this Act may be used for the Environmental Financial Advisory Board of the Environmental Protection Agency.

The Acting CHAIR. Pursuant to House Resolution 1370, the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. OGLES) and a Member opposed each will control 5 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Tennessee.

Mr. OGLES. Mr. Chairman, the Environmental Financial Advisory Board, or EFAB, was chartered under the 1972 Federal Advisory Committee Act.

The EFAB boasts of making recommendations that would supposedly lower the cost of environmental protection. Unfortunately, they are entirely beholden to the left's climate alarmism agenda.

In a 2022 meeting, the EFAB spent taxpayer resources gloating about the establishment of the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund created from the so-called Inflation Reduction Act of 2022, a bill whose subsidies will cost the American taxpayer \$1.2 trillion. The de facto slush fund provides \$27 billion to the EPA through September 2024.

If the argument here is that we need the EFAB to expedite the rate at which we can give out green subsidies to his donor base, I admit to my colleagues that perhaps the EFAB has grown to be successful in that endeavor. Let's take a look at eligible recipients for this boondoggle: State-sponsored green

banks, nonprofit or quasi-government green banks, nonprofit energy conservation funds, and nonprofit social impact funds.

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

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Ms. PINGREE. Mr. Chair, I rise in opposition to the amendment.

The Acting CHAIR. The gentlewoman from Maine is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. PINGREE. Mr. Chair, the Financial Advisory Board supports the EPA's mission to lower the cost and increase investment in environmental and public health protection.

Just to be clear about its role, here are some of the activities the board pursues: ways to lower the cost of environmental protection; removes financial and programmatic barriers that raise costs; increases public and private contribution in environmental facilities and services; and builds State and local financial ability to meet environmental laws.

This mission is critical if we want to ensure that the investments we need to make to protect our country from climate change are sound and achievable.

Mr. Chair, I oppose this amendment, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. OGLES. Mr. Chair, if we look at the EFAB's charter, you will find they provide recommendations on ways the EPA can implement funding from the infrastructure law and Inflation Reduction Act to support environmental justice and to tackle the climate crisis. The charter goes on to say that the EFAB is focused on decarbonizing our Nation's schoolbuses.

Let's put aside whether it is even the role and scope of the Federal Government to address environmental justice or to work to decarbonize schoolbuses.

The EFAB is singularly focused on weaponizing the power of the Federal Government to distort market incentives and transform the economy, all in the name of promoting what has been rightly characterized as climate alarmism.

Mr. Chair, I urge adoption of my amendment, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The Acting CHAIR. The question is on the amendment offered by the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. OGLES).

The amendment was agreed to.

AMENDMENT NO. 78 OFFERED BY MR. OGLES

The Acting CHAIR. It is now in order to consider amendment No. 78 printed in part B of House Report 118-602.

Mr. OGLES. Mr. Chair, I have an amendment at the desk.

The Acting CHAIR. The Clerk will designate the amendment.

The text of the amendment is as follows:

At the end of the bill (before the short title), insert the following:

SEC. \_\_\_\_ None of the funds made available by this Act may be used by the Environmental Protection Agency for the U.S. Global Change Research Program (USGCRP).

The Acting CHAIR. Pursuant to House Resolution 1370, the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. OGLES) and a Member opposed each will control 5 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Tennessee.

Mr. OGLES. Mr. Chair, my amendment prohibits funds to be used by the Environmental Protection Agency for the U.S. Global Change Research Program. I know that is a mouthful, but this program coordinates with 13 different Federal departments and agencies. Its focus, as it relates to the areas within the EPA's jurisdiction, is to conduct research on climate change.

I think it is fair to say that the climate is changing, and perhaps we have a role to play in it. However, there is a degree of climate alarmism in this country that has compelled smooth-talking bureaucrats and their grant-seeking associates in the private sector to grovel for more and more and more funding, lest the world end in 8 years is kind of the mantra.

Mr. Chair, we have got to stop giving these handouts for alarmism. We have got to get back to simple metrics. We have got to have things that are truly measurable and not subjective. I do believe Al Gore predicted the end of the world by now. Guess what? We are humming along just fine.

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

Ms. PINGREE. Mr. Chair, I claim the time in opposition to the amendment.

The Acting CHAIR. The gentlewoman from Maine is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. PINGREE. Mr. Chair, we are here to protect the welfare of the American public, and we cannot close our eyes to the impacts of climate change, such as the drought, flooding, severe storm, and wildfire events we are experiencing.

As of July 9 of this year, the United States has experienced 15 confirmed weather-climate disaster events with losses exceeding \$1 billion each. As we all know, Hurricane Beryl made landfall in Texas on July 8, and we know more storms will follow this year. This amendment seeks to prohibit funding for the EPA's Global Change Research Program, which will result in more resilient communities, mitigate the impacts of climate change, and protect our world for future generations.

Not investing in strategies that minimize and prevent the acceleration of climate change and instead paying billions in disaster relief shows my Republican colleagues are not thinking about what is best for the American taxpayer.

Our economy, health, livelihoods, food security, and quality of life all depend on healthy ecosystems.

I urge my colleagues to reject this amendment and focus instead on addressing climate change and making our Nation stronger.

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

Mr. OGLES. Mr. Chair, the alarmism that is coming from the progressive

Democrats ignores the fact that you have more and more individuals moving into coastal areas where hurricanes have an impact. You have more and more people and individuals moving into tornado alley or into Nashville where we have tornadic activity on a regular basis.

Some of this is common sense. It is not that the climate is somehow attacking us, maybe we are just moving in the way of the climate because you have denser populations in areas that are affected by weather.

Michael Shellenberger, a leading environmentalist, points out that economic development and technological advances are important factors that the left tends to exclude in its analysis on climate change.

Mr. Chairman, we have to get back to the metrics, get back to common sense, and recognize that if we get out of the way of industry, they want to advance. They want to be more efficient. They want to produce a profit margin, but also a savings for their consumer.

There is competition between industry to be more green, to be more environmentally friendly, and you see that playing out all over our Nation. You don't have to have the Federal Government putting industry in a choke hold and strangling innovation, and ultimately at a time when the middle class is struggling, strangling the middle class.

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

Ms. PINGREE. Mr. Chair, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. OGLES. Mr. Chairman, this is, again, a commonsense policy at a time where the Biden-Harris administration has failed our country. Our southern border is wide open. We have little girls being raped by illegals. I have a family in critical condition because a drunk illegal hit them head-on. Fentanyl is killing 300,000 people. We have a crisis, and they want to talk about the climate.

Our inner cities are desperate. Mayors in Dallas, Chicago, and New York are crying for help, and the Biden-Harris administration is silent. They are too busy pushing their alarmist, progressive, woke agenda on the middle class.

The Biden-Harris policies have failed our country, they failed hardworking Americans, and this is a commonsense policy to inject common sense into the Federal Government.

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

Ms. PINGREE. Mr. Chair, this is yet again another one of those amendments proposed by my colleagues on the other side of the aisle that seeks to deny climate change and actively proposes that we do nothing.

Once again, they use all kinds of terminology. They call this alarmist. They call it a progressive, woke, democratic agenda. I don't even know what all these words mean. What is a woke agenda on climate change?

This is the majority of scientists in this world who tell us that we have a crisis, not only a crisis coming, but a crisis that is already upon us: flooding, extreme weather, extreme heat.

We are in the hottest summer on record. We are in the hottest month on record. What does it take to convince people that it is our responsibility to protect the American public, to protect American industry and economy, and to protect the planet instead of paying billions?

Did anyone hear that statistic I had before? As of July 9, the United States has experienced 15 confirmed weather-climate disaster events with losses exceeding \$1 billion each.

It means we have already had 15 events totaling more than \$1 billion, and we are only in July. I do not understand the economics, the math of my colleagues on the other side of the aisle who say, oh, no, we will just think about this some other day. This is just a climate woke agenda and we don't care if we pour out billions of dollars.

Has the gentleman had a climate disaster in his district? I had two extreme storms in January that wiped away fishing wharves, wiped away commercial businesses. He talks about getting out of the way of businesses and how we have to be pro-business.

How would he feel if he was the owner of a small fishing pier, and it was wiped away, and the climate disaster money wasn't there for him? What if there wasn't some kind of fund that immediately rebuilt his fishing pier? What is he doing this summer? Where would he put his lobster traps? Where would he dock his boat?

How would he deal with this?

What about the small restaurant that was flooded twice in one month by extreme storms, tides, tidal surge like we have never seen before?

We have had two 100-year storms in one month. We used to call them 100-year storms because they are only supposed to happen once in 100 years. Now they have some other category because we don't even know what to call them anymore.

These are climate disasters that are real, yet my colleagues on the other side of the aisle consistently keep making these amendments that just deny the climate change, which say we shouldn't even spend any money on it and say somehow this is pro-middle class.

My colleagues say: We are helping the American consumer. We are helping the American taxpayer.

Are they really?

How does it help the taxpayer to spend billions in relief because they won't even admit to the facts that we have to reduce our dependence on foreign oil, American oil, and fossil fuels. We have to reduce that dependence.

We have to invest and continue to invest in renewable energy, which actually has produced hundreds of thousands of green jobs. They talk about innovation, getting out of the way of in-

dustry, yet they consistently get in the way of renewable energy innovation because they don't want to admit that this is real because they are all somehow continuing to support the oil and gas, the fossil fuel industry.

This progressive, woke, democratic agenda, whatever they want to call it, is just the facts. The fact is that climate change is upon us. This extreme weather is here today, and somehow my colleagues on the other side of the aisle want to waste American taxpayer dollars, want to not make the investments that we need to make, want to continue to cut in bills like this, and it is not helping the American public. It is not good for the future of Americans. It is not good for our health.

I don't know if the gentleman has children or grandchildren, but I worry about what the future will be for my children and my seven grandchildren. I don't want them to come to me some day and say, hey, grandma, what were you doing when we needed to do something about this? What were you doing when we needed to prevent the climate change that is upon us today?

Were you just sitting there with your eyes closed and pretending it didn't exist? Were you using a bunch of jargon, quoting social media, and some memes that you saw somewhere, or were you talking about scientific facts and really doing things to invest in your children and grandchildren's future because it is upon us.

Mr. Chair, I encourage everyone to oppose this, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The Acting CHAIR. The question is on the amendment offered by the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. OGLER).

The amendment was agreed to.

AMENDMENT NO. 79 OFFERED BY MR. PALMER

The Acting CHAIR (Mr. OGLER). It is now in order to consider amendment No. 79 printed in part B of House Report 118-602.

Mr. PALMER. Mr. Chair, I have an amendment at the desk.

The Acting CHAIR. The Clerk will designate the amendment.

The text of the amendment is as follows:

At the end of the bill (before the short title), insert the following:

SEC. \_\_\_\_\_. None of the funds made available by this Act may be used by the Environmental Protection Agency to carry out the powers granted under section 3063 of title 18, United States Code.

The Acting CHAIR. Pursuant to House Resolution 1370, the gentleman from Alabama (Mr. PALMER) and a Member opposed each will control 5 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Alabama.

Mr. PALMER. Mr. Chairman, each year the Environmental Protection Agency spends as much as \$50 million a year to employ nearly 200 armed agents at an average cost of \$216,000 per year per agent. The American people would likely be surprised to hear that.

According to the nonprofit group OpenTheBooks, the EPA has spent mil-

lions of dollars over the years on things like antitank ammunition, amphibious assault craft, night-vision equipment, unmanned aircraft, and other military equipment. It is difficult for me to imagine that the EPA has a legitimate use for antitank ammunition. To me, this sounds like we are arming Delta Force. The difference is, Delta Force can explain why they need these things, the EPA cannot.

These agents have been involved in raids in Alaska, Idaho, Wyoming, Montana, Massachusetts, North Carolina, and my own State of Alabama. In Alaska, EPA agents wearing flak jackets and carrying semiautomatic rifles, shotguns, and sidearms showed up to review paperwork at a family-owned mining operation.

In my own State of Alabama, armed EPA agents took over two waste treatment facilities in Dothan, Alabama. These agents were posted at each entrance to the plant and recorded identification information of all those going in and going out.

The EPA is just one of more than 70 Federal agencies that employ armed personnel, many of which most Americans would never associate with law enforcement. These include the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association, the Federal Reserve Board, the National Institutes of Health, among others.

□ 1030

At this time, we need to take a step back and reevaluate whether arming the bureaucracy is the best way to ensure that our laws are enforced.

Federal agencies should be able to demonstrate their need for armed personnel, and absent such a demonstration, should rely on and partner with local, State, or Federal law enforcement when there is a need for armed protection.

Critics may claim my amendment would put the EPA personnel at risk of harm. They would be wrong. My amendment does not prohibit the EPA from using funds to provide security for its personnel or property. It does not prohibit training of EPA security or law enforcement personnel either.

My amendment would prohibit funding for the EPA's armed and militarized agents who have a history of intimidating Americans by conducting aggressive raids and begin to address the troubling trend of militarization in our Federal agencies.

Mr. Chair, I urge my colleagues to support my amendment, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. PINGREE. Mr. Chair, I claim the time in opposition to the amendment.

The Acting CHAIR. The gentleman from Maine is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. PINGREE. Mr. Chair, I strongly oppose this amendment that would cripple the EPA's ability to exercise its criminal enforcement function by preventing EPA criminal enforcement from being able to issue warrants, make arrests, or carry firearms.

I am truly befuddled by this attack on law enforcement. The majority's disdain for the EPA has been evident throughout the debate of this bill, but this amendment is beyond the pale.

I cannot understand how anyone would think it is a good idea to give a pass to criminals who deliberately break the law.

EPA's criminal enforcement function is a vital part of our efforts to help protect the environment and safeguard the public health, but it is important to recognize that it is only one part of these efforts.

The fact is the EPA's compliance and enforcement process is a multistep process that uses criminal law enforcement only as a last resort. EPA initially provides compliance assistance to help the regulated community understand and comply with the regulations.

EPA compliance monitoring then subsequently assesses compliance through inspections and other activities. Enforcement actions are initiated only when the regulated community does not comply or when cleanup is required. Criminal actions are usually reserved for the most serious violations, those that are willful or knowingly committed.

The mere threat of a criminal action can and does help ensure compliance. If this irresponsible amendment passes, and we remove the threat of criminal action, we will inevitably see a decline in willful compliance of our environmental laws. That would be bad news for all of us, as the quality of our air and water and the public health will inevitably suffer.

As to the issue of EPA personnel carrying firearms, I would point out that more than 70 Federal agencies employ law enforcement officers who are authorized to carry firearms and make arrests from the United States, including the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, the Food and Drug Administration, and the Tennessee Valley Authority. The EPA is hardly unique in this regard.

Make no mistake. This amendment is clearly anti-law enforcement. It cripples the ability of the EPA to ensure enforcement of our environmental laws and will inevitably lead to more harm to the public health.

I urge my colleagues to oppose this amendment, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. PALMER. Mr. Chairman, I think it is interesting that my colleague believes the EPA is now a law enforcement agency and wants them fully funded, particularly in light of the fact that so many of my colleagues on the other side of the aisle were for defunding the local police, disarming the local police.

Yet, they want the EPA to be able to have anti-tank weapons. They want them to have unmanned aerial assets. This is like a military operation, not a law enforcement operation.

Mr. Chairman, if someone is violating a regulation that the EPA has

imposed upon them, they can use Federal marshals if they need that, and there is no prohibition against EPA agents being able to carry sidearms or even rifles, if it is necessary.

I would like for someone to explain to me why the EPA needs anti-tank weapons. Who do they think they are protecting the environment from?

I really appreciate the concerns of my colleague, and I wish they had the same concerns about local law enforcement that they do about militarizing Federal agencies.

I urge my colleagues to think long and hard about what is going on with the Federal agencies, and I urge each one of them to support this amendment. It is a sensible amendment, and it puts things in the right priority.

Mr. Chairman, I urge my colleagues to vote in support of this amendment, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The Acting CHAIR. The question is on the amendment offered by the gentleman from Alabama (Mr. PALMER).

The amendment was agreed to.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE ACTING CHAIR

The Acting CHAIR. Pursuant to clause 6 of rule XVIII, proceedings will now resume on those amendments printed in part B of House Report 118-602 on which further proceedings were postponed, in the following order:

Amendment No. 24 by Mr. BRECHEEN of Oklahoma.

Amendment No. 25 by Mr. BRECHEEN of Oklahoma.

Amendment No. 45 by Mrs. HARSHBARGER of Tennessee.

Amendment No. 57 by Mrs. MILLER of Illinois.

The Chair will reduce to 2 minutes the minimum time for any electronic vote after the first vote in this series.

AMENDMENT NO. 24 OFFERED BY MR. BRECHEEN

The Acting CHAIR. The unfinished business is the demand for a recorded vote on amendment No. 24, printed in part B of House Report 118-602, offered by the gentleman from Oklahoma (Mr. BRECHEEN), on which further proceedings were postponed and on which the ayes prevailed by voice vote.

The Clerk will redesignate the amendment.

The Clerk redesignated the amendment.

RECORDED VOTE

The Acting CHAIR. A recorded vote has been demanded.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 156, noes 236, not voting 46, as follows:

[Roll No. 387]

AYES—156

Alford	Bergman	Burgess
Allen	Bice	Burlison
Armstrong	Biggs	Cammack
Babin	Bilirakis	Carey
Baird	Bishop (NC)	Carl
Balderson	Boebert	Carter (TX)
Banks	Bost	Cline
Barr	Brecheen	Clyde
Bean (FL)	Buchanan	Collins
Bentz	Burchett	Crane

Crawford	Hinson	Ogles
Davidson	Houchin	Owens
De La Cruz	Huizenga	Palmer
DesJarlais	Hunt	Perez
Donalds	Johnson (LA)	Perry
Duncan	Johnson (SD)	Pfluger
Dunn (FL)	Jordan	Posey
Emmer	Joyce (PA)	Reschenthaler
Estes	Kelly (MS)	Rose
Ezell	Kustoff	Rosendale
Fallon	LaHood	Rouzer
Feenstra	LaMalfa	Roy
Ferguson	Lamborn	Rutherford
Finstad	Langworthy	Scalise
Fischbach	Latta	Schweikert
Fitzgerald	Lee (FL)	Scott, Austin
Flood	Lesko	Self
Fong	Letlow	Sessions
Foxx	Lopez	Smith (MO)
Franklin, Scott	Loudermilk	Smith (NE)
Fry	Luetkemeyer	Smucker
Fulcher	Luna	Spartz
Gaetz	Luttrell	Stauber
Garcia, Mike	Mace	Steel
Gimenez	Malliotakis	Steil
Good (VA)	Mann	Steube
Gooden (TX)	Massie	Strong
Gosar	McClain	Tenney
Granger	McClintock	Tiffany
Graves (LA)	McCormick	Timmons
Graves (MO)	Meuser	Van Drew
Green (TN)	Miller (IL)	Van Duyne
Greene (GA)	Miller (WV)	Van Orden
Griffith	Mills	Walberg
Grothman	Moolenaar	Waltz
Guest	Mooney	Weber (TX)
Guthrie	Moore (AL)	Webster (FL)
Hageman	Moran	Wenstrup
Harris	Murphy	Westerman
Harshbarger	Nehls	Williams (TX)
Hern	Norman	Yakym
Hill	Obenolte	Zinke

NOES—236

Adams	DeGette	Kiggans (VA)
Aguilar	DelBene	Kildee
Allred	Deluzio	Kiley
Amo	DeSaulnier	Kilmer
Amodei	Dingell	Kim (NJ)
Auchincloss	Doggett	Krishnamoorthi
Bacon	Edwards	LaLota
Balint	Ellzey	Landsman
Barragan	Escobar	Larsen (WA)
Beatty	Eshoo	Lawler
Bera	Espallat	Lee (CA)
Beyer	Fitzpatrick	Lee (NV)
Bishop (GA)	Fleischmann	Lee (PA)
Blunt Rochester	Fletcher	Leger Fernandez
Bonamici	Foushee	Levin
Boyle (PA)	Frankel, Lois	Lieu
Brown	Frost	Lofgren
Brownley	Gallego	Lucas
Bucshon	Garbarino	Lynch
Budzinski	Garcia (IL)	Magaziner
Calvert	Garcia (TX)	Maloy
Caraveo	Garcia, Robert	Manning
Carbajal	Golden (ME)	Mast
Cardenas	Goldman (NY)	Matsui
Carson	Gomez	McBath
Carter (GA)	Gonzales, Tony	McClellan
Carter (LA)	Gonzalez,	McCollum
Cartwright	Vicente	McGarvey
Casar	Gottheimer	McGovern
Case	Green, Al (TX)	McHenry
Casten	Harder (CA)	Menendez
Castor (FL)	Hayes	Meng
Chavez-DeRemer	Himes	Mfume
Cherfilus-	Horsford	Miller (OH)
McCormick	Houlihan	Miller-Meeks
Chu	Hoyer	Moore (UT)
Ciscomani	Hoyle (OR)	Moore (WI)
Clark (MA)	Huffman	Morelle
Clarke (NY)	Issa	Moskowitz
Clyburn	Ivey	Moulton
Cohen	Jackson (IL)	Mullin
Connolly	Jackson (NC)	Nadler
Correa	Jacobs	Napolitano
Costa	James	Neal
Courtney	Jayapal	Neguse
Craig	Jeffries	Newhouse
Crenshaw	Johnson (GA)	Nickel
Crockett	Joyce (OH)	Norcross
Crow	Kaptur	Norton
Cuellar	Kean (NJ)	Nunn (IA)
D'Esposito	Keating	Ocasio-Cortez
Dauids (KS)	Kelly (IL)	Pallone
Davis (IL)	Kelly (PA)	Panetta
Davis (NC)	Kennedy	Pappas
Dean (PA)	Khanna	Pelosi

Peltola Schneider  
 Pence Scholten  
 Peters Schrier  
 Petterson Scott (VA)  
 Phillips Scott, David  
 Pingree Sherman  
 Plaskett Sherrill  
 Pocan Simpson  
 Pressley Slotkin  
 Quigley Smith (NJ)  
 Ramirez Smith (WA)  
 Raskin Sorensen  
 Rogers (AL) Soto  
 Rogers (KY) Spanberger  
 Ross Stansbury  
 Ruiz Stanton  
 Rulli Stefanik  
 Ryan Stevens  
 Sablan Strickland  
 Salinas Swalwell  
 Sánchez Sykes  
 Sarbanes Takano  
 Scanlon Thannedar  
 Schakowsky Thompson (CA)  
 Schiff Thompson (MS)

NOT VOTING—46

Aderholt Garamendi Omar  
 Arrington González-Colón Pascarell  
 Blumenauer Grijalva Porter  
 Bowman Higgins (LA) Radewagen  
 Bush Hudson Rodgers (WA)  
 Castro (TX) Jackson (TX) Ruppberger  
 Cleaver Kamalager-Dove Salazar  
 Cloud Kim (CA) Sewell  
 Cole Kuster Suozzi  
 Comer Larson (CT) Titus  
 Curtis LaTurner Turner  
 DeLauro McCaul Valadao  
 Diaz-Balart Meeks Vasey  
 Duarte Molinaro Vasey  
 Evans Moylan Watson Coleman  
 Foster Mrvan

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So the amendment was rejected.  
 The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

Stated against:  
 Mr. FOSTER. Mr. Chair, I missed a recorded vote. Had I been present, on Roll Call No. 387, Brecheen Amendment No. 24 to H.R. 8998, the Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, I would have voted No.

MOMENT OF SILENCE IN MEMORY OF OFFICER JACOB J. CHESTNUT AND DETECTIVE JOHN M. GIBSON

The Acting CHAIR (Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana). The Chair asks that the body now observe a moment of silence in memory of Officer Jacob J. Chestnut and Detective John M. Gibson of the United States Capitol Police, who were killed in the line of duty defending the Capitol on July 24, 1998.

AMENDMENT NO. 25 OFFERED BY MR. BRECHEEN

The Acting CHAIR. The unfinished business is the demand for a recorded vote on amendment No. 25, printed in part B of House Report 118-602, offered by the gentleman from Oklahoma (Mr. BRECHEEN), on which further proceedings were postponed and on which the ayes prevailed by voice vote.

The Clerk will redesignate the amendment.

The Clerk redesignated the amendment.

RECORDED VOTE

The Acting CHAIR. A recorded vote has been demanded.

A recorded vote was ordered.  
 The Acting CHAIR. This will be a 2-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 211, noes 202, not voting 25, as follows:

[Roll No. 388]  
 AYES—211  
 Garbarino Miller-Meeks  
 Garcia, Mike Mills  
 Gimenez Molinaro  
 Gonzales, Tony Moolenaar  
 Good (VA) Mooney  
 Gooden (TX) Moore (AL)  
 Gosar Moore (UT)  
 Granger Moran  
 Graves (LA) Murphy  
 Graves (MO) Newhouse  
 Green (TN) Norman  
 Greene (GA) Nunn (IA)  
 Griffith Obernolte  
 Grothman Ogles  
 Guest Owens  
 Guthrie Palmer  
 Hageman Pence  
 Harris Pfluger  
 Harshbarger Perry  
 Hern Posey  
 Hill Reschenthaler  
 Hinson Rodgers (WA)  
 Houchin Rogers (AL)  
 Huizenga Rogers (KY)  
 Hunt Rose  
 Issa Rosendale  
 Jackson (TX) Rouzer  
 James Roy  
 Johnson (LA) Rulli  
 Johnson (SD) Rutherford  
 Jordan Salazar  
 Joyce (OH) Scalise  
 Joyce (PA) Schweikert  
 Kelly (MS) Scott, Austin  
 Kelly (PA) Self  
 Kiggans (VA) Sessions  
 Kiley Simpson  
 Kim (CA) Smith (MO)  
 Kustoff Smith (NE)  
 LaHood Smith (NJ)  
 LaLota Smith (NJ)  
 LaMalfa Smucker  
 Lamborn Spartz  
 Langworthy Stauber  
 Latta Steel  
 LaTurner Stefanik  
 Lawler Steil  
 Lee (FL) Steube  
 Lesko Strong  
 Letlow Tenney  
 Lopez Thompson (PA)  
 Loudermilk Tiffany  
 Lucas Timmons  
 Luetkemeyer Valadao  
 Luna Van Drew  
 Luttrell Van Duyne  
 Mace Van Orden  
 Malliotakis Wagner  
 Maloy Walberg  
 Mann Waltz  
 Massie Weber (TX)  
 Mast Webber (FL)  
 McCaul Wenstrup  
 McClain Westernman  
 McClintock Williams (TX)  
 McCormick Wilson (SC)  
 McHenry Wittman  
 Meuser Womack  
 Miller (IL) Yakym  
 Miller (OH) Zinke  
 Miller (WV)

NOES—202

Adams Carter (LA) Davis (IL)  
 Aguilar Cartwright Davis (NC)  
 Allred Casar Dean (PA)  
 Amo Case DeGette  
 Auchincloss Casten DeLauro  
 Balint Castor (FL) DelBene  
 Barragán Chavez-DeRemer Deluzio  
 Beatty Cherfilus-DeSaulnier  
 Bera McCormick Dingell  
 Beyer Chu Doggett  
 Bishop (GA) Clark (MA) Escobar  
 Blumenauer Clarke (NY) Eshoo  
 Blunt Rochester Clyburn  
 Bonamici Cohen  
 Bowman Connolly  
 Boyle (PA) Correa  
 Brown Costa  
 Brownley Courtney  
 Budzinski Craig  
 Caraveo Crockett  
 Carbajal Crow  
 Cárdenas Cuellar  
 Carson Davids (KS)

Golden (ME) McClellan Schakowsky  
 Goldman (NY) McCollum Schneider  
 Gomez McGarvey Scholten  
 Gonzalez, Vicente McGovern Schrier  
 Gottheimer Meeks Scott (VA)  
 Green, Al (TX) Menendez Scott, David  
 Harder (CA) Meng Sewell  
 Hayes Mfume Sherman  
 Himes Moore (WI) Sherrill  
 Horsford Morelle Slotkin  
 Houlihan Moskowitz Smith (WA)  
 Hoyer Moulton Sorensen  
 Hoyle (OR) Mrvan Soto  
 Huffman Mullin Spanberger  
 Ivey Nadler Stanton  
 Jackson (IL) Napolitano Stansbury  
 Jackson (NC) Neal Stevens  
 Jacobs Neguse Strickland  
 Jayapal Norcross Swalwell  
 Jeffries Norton Sykes  
 Johnson (GA) Ocasio-Cortez Takano  
 Kaptur Omar Thannedar  
 Kean (NJ) Pallone Thompson (CA)  
 Keating Panetta Thompson (MS)  
 Kelly (IL) Pappas Titus  
 Kennedy Pelosi Tlaib  
 Khanna Peltola Tokuda  
 Kildee Perez Tonko  
 Kilmer Pettersen Torres (CA)  
 Kim (NJ) Phillips Torres (NY)  
 Krishnamoorthi Pingree Trahan  
 Kuster Plaskett Trone  
 Landsman Pocan Underwood  
 Larsen (WA) Pressley Vargus  
 Lee (CA) Quigley Vasquez  
 Lee (NV) Ramirez Veasey  
 Lee (PA) Raskin Velázquez  
 Leger Fernandez Ross  
 Levin Ruiz Wasserman  
 Lieu Ryan Schultz  
 Lofgren Sablan Waters  
 Magaziner Salinas Wexton  
 Manning Sánchez Wild  
 Matsui Sarbanes Williams (GA)  
 McBath Scanlon Wilson (FL)

NOT VOTING—25

Bush Hudson Radewagen  
 Castro (TX) Kamalager-Dove Ruppberger  
 Cleaver Larson (CT) Schiff  
 Comer Lynch Suozzi  
 Evans Moylan Turner  
 Garamendi Nehls Watson Coleman  
 González-Colón Pascarell Williams (NY)  
 Grijalva Peters  
 Higgins (LA) Porter

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE ACTING CHAIR

The Acting CHAIR (Mr. LALOTA) (during the vote). There is 1 minute remaining.

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So the amendment was agreed to.  
 The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

AMENDMENT NO. 45 OFFERED BY MRS. HARSHBARGER

The Acting CHAIR. The unfinished business is the demand for a recorded vote on amendment No. 45, printed in part B of House Report 118-602, offered by the gentlewoman from Tennessee (Mrs. HARSHBARGER), on which further proceedings were postponed and on which the ayes prevailed by voice vote.

The Clerk will redesignate the amendment.

The Clerk redesignated the amendment.

RECORDED VOTE

The Acting CHAIR. A recorded vote has been demanded.

A recorded vote was ordered.  
 The Acting CHAIR. This will be a 2-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 174, noes 239, not voting 24, as follows:

[Roll No. 389]

AYES—174

Aderholt	Good (VA)	Moolenaar
Alford	Gooden (TX)	Mooney
Allen	Gosar	Moore (AL)
Arrington	Graves (LA)	Moran
Babin	Graves (MO)	Nehls
Baird	Green (TN)	Norman
Balderson	Greene (GA)	Oberholte
Banks	Griffith	Ogles
Barr	Grothman	Owens
Bean (FL)	Guest	Palmer
Bentz	Guthrie	Pence
Bergman	Hageman	Perry
Biggs	Harris	Pfluger
Bilirakis	Harshbarger	Posey
Bishop (NC)	Hern	Reschenthaler
Boebert	Houchin	Rodgers (WA)
Bost	Hunt	Rogers (AL)
Brecheen	Issa	Rogers (KY)
Buchanan	Jackson (TX)	Rose
Bueshon	Johnson (SD)	Rosendale
Burchett	Jordan	Rouzer
Burgess	Joyce (PA)	Roy
Burlison	Kelly (MS)	Rulli
Cammack	Kelly (PA)	Rutherford
Carey	Kiggans (VA)	Salazar
Carl	Kustoff	Scalise
Carter (GA)	LaHood	Schweikert
Cline	LaMalfa	Scott, Austin
Clyde	Lamborn	Self
Collins	Langworthy	Sessions
Crane	Latta	Smith (MO)
Crenshaw	LaTurner	Smith (NE)
Curtis	Lee (FL)	Smucker
Davidson	Lesko	Spartz
De La Cruz	Letlow	Stauber
DesJarlais	Lopez	Steel
Donalds	Loudermilk	Stefanik
Duncan	Lucas	Steil
Dunn (FL)	Luetkemeyer	Steube
Edwards	Luna	Strong
Emmer	Luttrell	Tenney
Estes	Malliotakis	Thompson (PA)
Ezell	Maloy	Tiffany
Fallon	Mann	Timmons
Ferguson	Mast	Van Drew
Finstad	McCaul	Van Duyne
Fischbach	McClain	Van Orden
Fitzgerald	McClintock	Walberg
Fleischmann	McCormick	Waltz
Flood	McHenry	Weber (TX)
Fong	Meuser	Webster (FL)
Foxx	Miller (IL)	Wenstrup
Franklin, Scott	Miller (OH)	Westerman
Fry	Miller (WV)	Williams (NY)
Fulcher	Miller-Meeks	Wilson (SC)
Gaetz	Mills	Wittman
Gimenez	Molinaro	Yakym
Gonzales, Tony		

NOES—239

Adams	Cherfilus-	Fitzpatrick
Aguilar	McCormick	Fletcher
Allred	Chu	Foster
Amo	Ciscomani	Foushee
Amodei	Clark (MA)	Frankel, Lois
Armstrong	Clarke (NY)	Frost
Auchincloss	Clyburn	Gallego
Bacon	Cohen	Garbarino
Balint	Cole	Garcia (IL)
Barragan	Connolly	Garcia (TX)
Beatty	Correa	Garcia, Mike
Bera	Costa	Garcia, Robert
Beyer	Courtney	Golden (ME)
Bice	Craig	Goldman (NY)
Bishop (GA)	Crawford	Gomez
Blumenauer	Crockett	Gonzalez,
Blunt Rochester	Crow	Vicente
Bonamici	Cuellar	Gottheimer
Bowman	D'Esposito	Granger
Boyle (PA)	Dauids (KS)	Green, Al (TX)
Brown	Davis (IL)	Harder (CA)
Brownley	Davis (NC)	Hayes
Budzinski	Dean (PA)	Hill
Calvert	DeGette	Himes
Caraveo	DeLauro	Hinson
Carbajal	DelBene	Horsford
Cardenas	Deluzio	Houlihan
Carson	DeSaulnier	Hoyer
Carter (LA)	Diaz-Balart	Hoyle (OR)
Carter (TX)	Dingell	Huffman
Cartwright	Doggett	Huizenga
Casar	Ellzey	Ivey
Case	Escobar	Jackson (IL)
Casten	Eshoo	Jackson (NC)
Castor (FL)	Espallat	Jacobs
Chavez-DeRemer	Feenstra	James

Jayapal	Moskowitz	Sewell
Jeffries	Moulton	Sherman
Johnson (GA)	Mrvan	Sherrill
Joyce (OH)	Mullin	Simpson
Khanna	Kaptur	Slotkin
Kilmer	Murphy	Smith (NJ)
Kean (NJ)	Nadler	Smith (WA)
Keating	Napolitano	Sorensen
Kelly (IL)	Neal	Soto
Kennedy	Neguse	Spanberger
Khanna	Newhouse	Stansbury
Kildee	Nickel	Stanton
Kiley	Norcross	Stevens
Kilmer	Norton	Strickland
Kim (CA)	Nunn (IA)	Swalwell
Kim (NJ)	Ocasio-Cortez	Sykes
Krishnamoorthi	Pallone	Takano
Kuster	Panetta	Thanedar
LaLota	Pappas	Thompson (CA)
Landsman	Pelosi	Thompson (MS)
Larsen (WA)	Peltola	Titus
Lawler	Perez	Tlaib
Lee (CA)	Peters	Tokuda
Lee (NV)	Pettersen	Tonko
Lee (PA)	Phillips	Torres (CA)
Leger Fernandez	Pingree	Torres (NY)
Levin	Plaskett	Trahan
Lieu	Pocan	Trone
Lofgren	Pressley	Underwood
Lynch	Quigley	Valadao
Mace	Ramirez	Vargas
Magaziner	Raskin	Vasquez
Manning	Ross	Veasey
Matsui	Ruiz	Velazquez
McBath	Ryan	Wagener
McClellan	Sablan	Wasserman
McCollum	Salinas	Schultz
McGarvey	Sánchez	Waters
McGovern	Scarbanes	Wexton
Meeks	Scanlon	Wild
Menendez	Schakowsky	Williams (GA)
Weng	Schneider	Wilson (FL)
Mfume	Scholten	Womack
Moore (UT)	Schrier	Zinke
Moore (WI)	Scott (VA)	
Morelle	Scott, David	

NOT VOTING—24

Bush	González-Colón	Pascarell
Castro (TX)	Grijalva	Porter
Cleaver	Higgins (LA)	Radewagen
Cloud	Hudson	Ruppersberger
Comer	Kamlager-Dove	Schiff
Duarte	Weber (CT)	Suoizzi
Evans	Moylan	Turner
Garamendi	Omar	Watson Coleman

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE ACTING CHAIR

The Acting CHAIR (during the vote).  
There is 1 minute remaining.

□ 1108

So the amendment was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced  
as above recorded.

AMENDMENT NO. 57 OFFERED BY MRS. MILLER OF  
ILLINOIS

The Acting CHAIR. The unfinished  
business is the demand for a recorded  
vote on amendment No. 57, printed in  
part B of House Report 118-602, offered  
by the gentlewoman from Illinois (Mrs.  
MILLER), on which further proceedings  
were postponed and on which the ayes  
prevailed by voice vote.

The Clerk will redesignate the  
amendment.

The Clerk redesignated the amend-  
ment.

RECORDED VOTE

The Acting CHAIR. A recorded vote  
has been demanded.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The Acting CHAIR. This is a 2-  
minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic de-  
vice, and there were—ayes 148, noes 267,  
answered “present” 1, not voting 21, as  
follows:

[Roll No. 390]

AYES—148

Alford	Franklin, Scott	Mooney
Allen	Fry	Moore (AL)
Armstrong	Fulcher	Murphy
Arrington	Gaetz	Nehls
Babin	Good (VA)	Newhouse
Baird	Gooden (TX)	Norman
Balderson	Gosar	Ogles
Banks	Graves (MO)	Owens
Barr	Green (TN)	Palmer
Bean (FL)	Greene (GA)	Perry
Bentz	Grothman	Posey
Bergman	Guest	Reschenthaler
Biggs	Guthrie	Rodgers (WA)
Bilirakis	Hageman	Rogers (AL)
Bishop (NC)	Harris	Rose
Boebert	Harshbarger	Rosendale
Bost	Hern	Rouzer
Brecheen	Hill	Roy
Buchanan	Houchin	Rulli
Burchett	Huizenga	Rutherford
Burgess	Hunt	Scalise
Burlison	Jackson (TX)	Self
Cammack	Johnson (SD)	Smith (MO)
Carl	Jordan	Smith (NE)
Carter (GA)	Joyce (PA)	Smucker
Cline	Kelly (MS)	Spartz
Cloud	Kustoff	Stauber
Clyde	LaHood	Stefanik
Collins	LaMalfa	Steil
Crane	Lamborn	Steube
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Crenshaw	Latta	Tenney
Davidson	Lee (FL)	Thompson (PA)
De La Cruz	Lesko	Tiffany
DesJarlais	Letlow	Loudermilk
Donalds	Loudermilk	Luna
Duarte	Luna	Luttrell
Duncan	Luttrell	Malliotakis
Dunn (FL)	Malliotakis	Masie
Edwards	Mast	Waltz
Emmer	McCaul	Weber (TX)
Estes	McClain	Webster (FL)
Ezell	McHenry	Wenstrup
Fallon	Meuser	Westerman
Ferguson	Miller (IL)	Williams (SC)
Finstad	Miller (WV)	Wilson (TX)
Fischbach	Mills	Wittman
Fitzgerald	Molinaro	Yakym
Fong	Moolenaar	Zinke
Foxx		

NOES—267

Adams	Clyburn	Gimenez
Aderholt	Cohen	Golden (ME)
Aguilar	Cole	Goldman (NY)
Allred	Connolly	Gomez
Amo	Correa	Gonzales, Tony
Amodei	Costa	Gonzalez,
Auchincloss	Courtney	Vicente
Bacon	Craig	Gottheimer
Balint	Crockett	Granger
Barragan	Crow	Graves (LA)
Beatty	Cuellar	Green, Al (TX)
Bera	Curtis	Harder (CA)
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Bice	Dauids (KS)	Himes
Bishop (GA)	Davis (IL)	Hinson
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Bowman	DeLauro	Hoyle (OR)
Boyle (PA)	DelBene	Huffman
Brown	Deluzio	Issa
Brownley	DeSaulnier	Ivey
Budzinski	Diaz-Balart	Jackson (IL)
Calvert	Dingell	Jackson (NC)
Caraveo	Doggett	Jacobs
Carbajal	Edwards	James
Cardenas	Ellzey	Jayapal
Carson	Escobar	Jeffries
Carter (LA)	Carey	Johnson (GA)
Carter (TX)	Carson	Joyce (OH)
Cartwright	Carter (LA)	Kaptur
Casar	Carter (TX)	Kean (NJ)
Case	Cartwright	Keating
Casten	Casar	Kelly (IL)
Castor (FL)	Case	Kelly (PA)
Chavez-DeRemer	Casten	Kennedy
Cherfilus-	Castor (FL)	Khanna
McCormick	Chavez-DeRemer	Kiggans (VA)
Chu	Cherfilus-	Kildee
Ciscomani	McCormick	Kiley
Clark (MA)	Chu	Kilmer
Clarke (NY)	Ciscomani	Kim (CA)
	Clark (MA)	Kim (NJ)
	Clarke (NY)	Krishnamoorthi

Kuster	Neal	Sewell
LaLota	Neguse	Sherman
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Larsen (WA)	Norcross	Simpson
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Leger Fernandez	Pallone	Spanberger
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Lofgren	Pelosi	Steel
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Lucas	Pence	Strickland
Luetkemeyer	Perez	Swalwell
Lynch	Peters	Sykes
Mace	Pettersen	Takano
Magaziner	Pfleger	Thanedar
Maloy	Phillips	Thompson (CA)
Mann	Pingree	Thompson (MS)
Manning	Plaskett	Titus
Matsui	Pocan	Tlaib
McBath	Pressley	Tokuda
McClellan	Quigley	Tonko
McClintock	Ramirez	Torres (CA)
McCollum	Raskin	Torres (NY)
McCormick	Rogers (KY)	Trahan
McGarvey	Ross	Trone
McGovern	Ruiz	Underwood
Meeks	Ryan	Valadao
Menendez	Sablan	Van Orden
Meng	Salazar	Vargas
Mfume	Salinas	Vasquez
Miller (OH)	Sánchez	Veasey
Miller-Meeks	Sarbanes	Velázquez
Moore (UT)	Scanlon	Wagner
Moore (WI)	Schakowsky	Wasserman
Moran	Schneider	Schultz
Morelle	Scholten	Waters
Moskowitz	Schrier	Wexton
Moulton	Schweikert	Wild
Mrvan	Scott (VA)	Williams (GA)
Mullin	Scott, Austin	Williams (NY)
Nadler	Scott, David	Wilson (FL)
Napolitano	Sessions	Womack

Vote 390, Miller Amendment 57, I would have voted No.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Ms. PORTER. Mr. Chair, I was unable to be present to cast my vote on Roll Call Nos. 387, 388, 389, and 390. Had I been present, I would have voted NO on Roll Call Nos. 387, 388, 389, and 390.

Mr. SIMPSON. Mr. Chair, I move that the Committee do now rise.

The motion was agreed to.

Accordingly, the Committee rose; and the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. VAN DREW) having assumed the chair, Mr. LALOTA, Acting Chair of the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, reported that that Committee, having had under consideration the bill (H.R. 8998) making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025, and for other purposes, had come to no resolution thereon.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces that when the two Houses meet in joint meeting to hear an address by His Excellency Binyamin Netanyahu, Prime Minister of Israel, only the doors immediately opposite to the Speaker and those immediately to his left and right will be open.

No one will be allowed on the floor of the House who does not have the privilege of the floor of the House. Due to the large attendance that is anticipated, the rule regarding the privilege of the floor must be strictly enforced. Children of Members will not be permitted on the floor. The cooperation of all Members is requested.

The practice of reserving seats prior to the joint meeting by placard will not be allowed. Members may reserve their seats by physical presence only following the security sweep of the Chamber.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of Monday, July 22, 2024, the House stands in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 17 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess.

JOINT MEETING TO HEAR AN ADDRESS BY HIS EXCELLENCY BINYAMIN NETANYAHU, PRIME MINISTER OF ISRAEL

During the recess, the House was called to order by the Speaker at 1 o'clock and 41 minutes p.m.

The Assistant to the Sergeant at Arms, Ms. Kathleen Joyce, announced the Acting President pro tempore, the Honorable BENJAMIN L. CARDIN of the State of Maryland, and Members of the U.S. Senate, who entered the Hall of the House of Representatives, the Act-

ing President pro tempore taking the chair at the left of the Speaker, and the Members of the Senate the seats reserved for them.

The SPEAKER. The joint meeting will come to order.

The Chair appoints as members of the committee on the part of the House to escort His Excellency Binyamin Netanyahu, Prime Minister of Israel, into the Chamber:

The gentleman from Louisiana (Mr. SCALISE);

The gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. EMMER);

The gentlewoman from New York (Ms. STEFANIK);

The gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. RESCHENTHALER);

The gentleman from Alabama (Mr. PALMER);

The gentleman from Utah (Mr. MOORE);

The gentlewoman from Michigan (Mrs. MCCLAIN);

The gentleman from Texas (Mr. MCCAUL);

The gentleman from New York (Mr. JEFFRIES);

The gentlewoman from Massachusetts (Ms. CLARK);

The gentleman from California (Mr. AGUILAR);

The gentleman from California (Mr. LIEU);

The gentlewoman from Florida (Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ);

The gentleman from California (Mr. SHERMAN);

The gentleman from Illinois (Mr. SCHNEIDER); and

The gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. GOTTHEIMER).

The Acting PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Acting President pro tempore of the Senate, at the direction of that body, appoints the following Senators as members of the committee on the part of the Senate to escort His Excellency Binyamin Netanyahu into the House Chamber:

The Senator from West Virginia (Mr. MANCHIN);

The Senator from Arizona (Ms. SINEMA);

The Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. FETTERMAN);

The Senator from Kentucky (Mr. MCCONNELL);

The Senator from South Dakota (Mr. THUNE);

The Senator from Wyoming (Mr. BARRASSO);

The Senator from West Virginia (Mrs. CAPITO);

The Senator from Iowa (Ms. ERNST);

The Senator from Montana (Mr. DAINES);

The Senator from Iowa (Mr. GRASSLEY); and

The Senator from Idaho (Mr. RISCH).

The Assistant to the Sergeant at Arms announced the Dean of the Diplomatic Corps, His Excellency Hersey Kyota, the Ambassador of Palau.

The Dean of the Diplomatic Corps entered the Hall of the House of Representatives and took the seat reserved for him.

ANSWERED "PRESENT"—1

Griffith

NOT VOTING—21

Bush	Grijalva	Porter
Castro (TX)	Higgins (LA)	Radewagen
Cleaver	Hudson	Ruppersberger
Comer	Kamlager-Dove	Schiff
Evans	Larson (CT)	Suozi
Garamendi	Moylan	Turner
González-Colón	Pascrell	Watson Coleman

□ 1111

So the amendment was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. PASCARELL. Mr. Chair, I regrettably missed the following roll call votes. Had I been present I would have voted: No on Roll Call Vote 387, Brecheen Amendment No. 24; No on Roll Call Vote 388, Brecheen Amendment No. 25; No on Roll Call Vote 389, Harshbarger Amendment No. 45; and No on Roll Call Vote 390, Miller (IL) Amendment No. 57.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Chair, due to unforeseen events, I was unfortunately unable to cast my vote for legislation considered on the House floor today. Had I been able to be present, I would have voted according to the following: NO, Roll Call 388, on Amendment No. 25; NO, Roll Call 389, on Amendment No. 45; and NO, Roll Call 390, on Amendment No. 57.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Mr. Chair, had I been present for Roll Call Vote 387, Brecheen Amendment 24, I would have voted No. Had I been present for Roll Call Vote 388, Brecheen Amendment 25, I would have voted No. Had I been present for Roll Call Vote 389, Harshbarger Amendment 45, I would have voted No. Had I been present for Roll Call



At 2 o'clock and 4 minutes p.m., the Sergeant at Arms, the Honorable William P. McFarland, announced His Excellency Binyamin Netanyahu.

The Prime Minister of Israel, escorted by the committee of Senators and Representatives, entered the Hall of the House of Representatives and stood at the Clerk's desk.

(Applause, the Members rising.)

The SPEAKER. Members of Congress, I have the high privilege and the distinct honor of presenting to you His Excellency Binyamin Netanyahu, Prime Minister of Israel.

(Applause, the Members rising.)

Prime Minister NETANYAHU. Speaker of the House MIKE JOHNSON, Senator BEN CARDIN, Minority Leader HAKEEM JEFFRIES, Senate Majority Leader CHUCK SCHUMER, Senate Minority Leader MITCH MCCONNELL, Senators, Members of Congress, distinguished guests:

Mr. Speaker, I want to thank you for giving me the profound honor of addressing this great citadel of democracy for the fourth time.

We meet today at a crossroads of history. Our world is in upheaval. In the Middle East, Iran's axis of terror confronts America, Israel, and our Arab friends.

This is not a clash of civilizations. It is a clash between barbarism and civilization. It is a clash between those who glorify death and those who sanctify life.

For the forces of civilization to triumph, America and Israel must stand together because when we stand together, something very simple happens: We win; they lose. My friends, I came to assure you today of one thing: We will win.

Ladies and gentlemen, like December 7, 1941, and September 11, 2001, October 7 is a day that will forever live in infamy. It was the Jewish holiday of Simchat Torah. It began as a perfect day with not a cloud in the sky. Thousands of young Israelis were celebrating at an outdoor music festival, and, suddenly, at 6:29 a.m., as children were still sleeping soundly in their beds in the towns and kibbutzim next to Gaza, suddenly, heaven turned into hell. Three thousand Hamas terrorists stormed into Israel. They butchered 1,200 people from 41 countries, including 39 Americans.

Proportionately, compared to our population size, that is like 20 9/11s in 1 day. These monsters raped women, they beheaded men, they burned babies alive, and they killed parents in front of their children and children in front of their parents. They dragged 255 people, both living and dead, into the dark dungeons of Gaza. Israel has already brought home 135 of these hostages, including 7 who were freed in daring rescue operations.

One of those freed hostages, Noa Argamani, is here in the gallery sitting near my wife, Sara. On the morning of October 7, the entire world saw Noa's look of desperation as she was vio-

lently abducted to Gaza on the back of a motorcycle.

I met Noa's mother, Liora, a few months ago. She was dying of cancer. She said to me: Prime Minister, I have one final wish. I wish to hug my daughter, Noa, one last time before I die.

Two months ago, I authorized a breathtaking commando rescue operation. Our special forces, including a heroic officer named Arnon Zmora who fell in this battle, rescued Noa and three other hostages.

I think it is one of the most moving things when Noa was reunited with her mother, Liora, and her mother's last wish came true.

Noa, we are so thrilled to have you with us today. Thank you.

Many hostage families are also here with us today, including Eli Bibas. Eli Bibas is the grandfather of those two beautiful, red-headed boys, the Bibas boys. They were toddlers who were taken hostage with their mother and Eli's son. The entire family was taken hostage. Two beautiful red-haired children were taken hostage. What monsters.

With us also is Iris Haim, whose son, Yotam, bravely escaped Hamas captivity with two other Israelis, and tragically they were killed making their way back to our lines.

We have with us also the families of American hostages. They are here. The pain these families have endured is beyond words. I met with them again yesterday, and I promised them this: I will not rest until all their loved ones are home, all of them.

As we speak, we are actively engaged in intensive efforts to secure their release, and I am confident that these efforts can succeed. Some of them are taking place right now.

I want to thank President Biden for his tireless efforts on behalf of the hostages and for his efforts to the hostage families, as well. I thank President Biden for his heartfelt support for Israel after the savage attack on October 7. He rightly called Hamas sheer evil. He dispatched two aircraft carriers to the Middle East to deter a wider war, and he came to Israel to stand with us during our darkest hour. It was a visit that will never be forgotten.

President Biden and I have known each other for over 40 years. I want to thank him for one-half century of friendship to Israel and for being, as he says, "a proud Zionist." Actually, he says he is "a proud Irish-American Zionist."

My friends, for more than 9 months, Israel's soldiers have shown boundless courage. With us today is Lieutenant Avichail Reuven. Avichail Reuven is an officer in the Israeli Paratroopers. His family immigrated to Israel from Ethiopia.

In the early hours of October 7, Avichail heard the news of Hamas' bloody rampage. He put on his uniform and grabbed his rifle, but he didn't have a car. So he ran 8 miles to the front lines of Gaza to defend his people.

You heard that right. He ran 8 miles, came to the front lines, killed many terrorists, and saved many, many lives.

Avichail, we all honor your remarkable heroism.

Another Israeli is with us here today, and he is standing—stand up—right next to Avichail. This is Master Sergeant Ashraf al Bakhiri.

Ashraf is a veteran soldier from the Israeli Muslim community of Rahat. On October 7, Ashraf, too, killed many terrorists. First, he defended his comrades in the military base, and he then rushed to defend the neighboring communities, including the devastated community of Kibbutz Beeri.

Like Ashraf, the Muslim soldiers of the IDF fought alongside their Jewish—Jews, Christian, and other comrades-in-arms with tremendous bravery.

A third hero, Lieutenant Assa Sofer, is also here with us. Assa fought as an officer in the tank corps, and he was wounded in battle. He was wounded in battle while protecting his fellow soldiers from a grenade. He lost his right arm and the vision in his left eye. He is recovering, and incredibly, within a short time, Assa will soon return to active duty as a commander of a tank company.

I just learned there is a fourth hero here, Lieutenant Jonathan Ben Hamou, who lost a leg in Gaza and continued to fight.

My friends, these are the soldiers of Israel, unbowed, undaunted, unafraid.

As the Bible says, "'Am ke-lavi yakum.'" They shall rise like lions. They have risen like lions, the lions of Judah, the lions of Israel.

Ladies and gentlemen, the men and women of the IDF come from every corner of Israeli society, every ethnicity, every color, every creed, left and right, religious and secular. All are imbued with the indomitable spirit of the Maccabees, the legendary Jewish warriors of antiquity.

With us today is Yechiel Leiter, the father of one of those Maccabees. Yechiel's father escaped the Holocaust and found refuge in America. As a young man, Yechiel moved to Israel and raised a family of eight children.

He named his oldest son Moshe, after his late father. Moshe became an exemplary officer in one of our elite commando units. He served with distinction for two decades while raising six beautiful children of his own.

On October 7, Moshe volunteered to return to combat. Four weeks later, he was killed when a booby-trapped mine exploded in a tunnel shaft right next to a mosque.

At his son's funeral, Yechiel said this: If the State of Israel had not been established after the Holocaust, the image engraved in our collective memory would have been the photograph of that helpless Jewish boy in the Warsaw ghetto holding his hands up in the air with Nazi rifles pointed at him, but because of the birth of Israel, Yechiel continued, because of the courage of

soldiers like my son, Moshe, the Jewish people are no longer helpless in the face of our enemies.

Yecheiel, please rise so we can honor your son's sacrifice, and I pledge to you and to all the bereaved families of Israel, some of whom are in this hall today: The sacrifice of your loved ones would not be in vain.

It will not be in vain because, for Israel, "Never Again" must never be an empty promise. It must always remain a sacred vow, and after October 7, "Never Again" is now.

My friends, defeating our brutal enemies requires both courage and clarity. Clarity begins by knowing the difference between good and evil. Yet, incredibly, many anti-Israel protesters, many choose to stand with evil. They stand with Hamas. They stand with rapists and murderers. They stand with people who came into the kibbutzim, into a home. The parents hid the children, the two babies, in the attic, in a secret attic. They murdered the families, the parents. They found the secret latch to the hidden attic, and then they murdered the babies.

These protesters stand with them. They should be ashamed of themselves. They refuse to make the simple distinction between those who target terrorists and those who target civilians, between the democratic State of Israel and the terrorist thugs of Hamas.

We recently learned from the national security director, the U.S. Director of National Intelligence, that Iran is funding and promoting anti-Israel protests in America. They want to disrupt America, so these protesters burn American flags even on the Fourth of July. And I wish to salute the fraternity brothers at the University of North Carolina who protected the American flag, protected the American flag against these anti-Israel protesters.

For all we know, Iran is funding the anti-Israel protests that are going on right now outside this building, not that many, but they are there, and throughout the city.

Well, I have a message for these protesters: When the tyrants of Tehran who hang gays from cranes and murder women for not covering their hair are praising, promoting, and funding you, you have officially become Iran's useful idiots.

Some of these protesters—it is amazing, absolutely amazing—some of these protesters hold up signs proclaiming: "Gays for Gaza." They might as well hold up signs saying: "Chickens for KFC."

These protesters chant "from the river to the sea," but many don't have a clue what river and what sea they are talking about. They not only get an F in geography; they get an F in history.

They call Israel a colonialist state. Don't they know that the land of Israel is where Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob prayed; where Isaiah and Jeremiah preached; and where David and Solomon ruled.

For nearly 4,000 years, the land of Israel has been the homeland of the Jewish people. It has always been our home. It will always be our home.

It is not only the campus protesters who get it wrong; it is also the people who run those campuses. Eighty years after the Holocaust—80 years after the Holocaust—the presidents of Harvard, Penn, and I am ashamed to say my alma mater, MIT, couldn't bring themselves to condemn the calls for the genocide of Jews.

You remember what they said? They said: "It depends on the context." Well, let me give these befuddled academics a little context. Anti-Semitism is the world's oldest hatred. For centuries, the massacre of Jews was always preceded by wild accusations.

We were accused of everything from poisoning wells, to spreading plagues, to using the blood of slaughtered children to bake Passover matzos. These preposterous, anti-Semitic lies led to persecution, mass murder, and ultimately to history's worst genocide, the Holocaust.

Now, just as malicious lies were leveled for centuries at the Jewish people, malicious lies are now being leveled at the Jewish state. No, no. Don't applaud. Listen.

The outrageous slanders that paint Israel as racist and genocidal are meant to delegitimize Israel, to demonize the Jewish state, and to demonize Jews everywhere. And no wonder, no wonder we witnessed an appalling rise of anti-Semitism in America and around the world.

My friends, whenever and wherever we see the scourge of anti-Semitism, we must unequivocally condemn it and resolutely fight it without exception.

And don't be fooled. When the blood libels against the Jewish state come from people who wear fancy silk robes and speak in lofty tones about law and justice, here is a case in point.

The prosecutor of the International Criminal Court has shamefully accused Israel of deliberately starving the people of Gaza. This is utter, complete nonsense. It is a complete fabrication.

Israel has enabled more than 40,000 aid trucks to enter Gaza. That is half a million tons of food, and that is more than 3,000 calories for every man, woman, and child in Gaza. If there are Palestinians in Gaza who aren't getting enough food, it is not because Israel is blocking it; it is because Hamas is stealing it. So much for that lie.

But here is another: The ICC prosecutor accuses Israel of deliberately targeting civilians. What in God's green Earth is he talking about?

The IDF has dropped millions of flyers, sent millions of text messages, made hundreds of thousands of phone calls to get Palestinian civilians out of harm's way, but at the same time, Hamas does everything in its power to put Palestinian civilians in harm's way.

They fire rockets from schools, from hospitals, from mosques. They even

shoot their own people when they try to leave the war zone. A senior Hamas official, Fathi Hammad, boasted—listen to this—he boasted that Palestinian women and children excel at being human shields, his words. Excel at being human shields. What monstrous evil.

For Israel, every civilian death is a tragedy. For Hamas, it is a strategy. They actually want Palestinian civilians to die so that Israel will be smeared in the international media and be pressured to end the war before it is won. This would enable Hamas to survive another day, and as they vowed, to carry out October 7 again, and again, and again.

Well, I want to assure you, no matter what pressure is brought to bear, I will never allow that to happen.

The vast majority of Americans have not fallen for this Hamas propaganda. They continue to support Israel. I want to say, thank you, America, and thank you, Senators and House Members, who continue to support us, continue to support Israel, continue to support the truth, and see through the lies.

But as for the minority that may have fallen for Hamas' con job, I suggest you listen to Colonel John Spencer. John Spencer is head of urban warfare studies at West Point. He studied every major urban conflict—I was going to say in modern history. He corrected me. No, in history.

Israel, he said, has implemented more precautions to prevent civilian harm than any military in history and beyond what international law requires.

That is why, despite all the lies you have heard, the war in Gaza has one of the lowest ratios of combatants to non-combatants casualties in the history of urban warfare.

And you want to know where it is lowest in Gaza? It is lowest in Rafah. In Rafah. Remember what so many people said? If Israel goes into Rafah, there will be thousands, maybe even tens of thousands of civilians killed.

Well, last week I went into Rafah. I visited our troops as they finished fighting Hamas' remaining terrorist battalions. I asked the commander there: How many terrorists did you take out in Rafah? He gave me an exact number: 1,203.

I asked him: How many civilians were killed? He said: Prime Minister, practically none. With the exception of a single incident where shrapnel from a bomb hit a Hamas weapons depot and unintentionally killed two dozen people, the answer is: practically none.

You want to know why? Because Israel got the civilians out of harm's way—something people said we could never do, but we did it.

These heroes here today, the heroic soldiers of Israel, should not be condemned for how they are conducting the war in Gaza. They should be commended for it.

I want to thank all of you here today who forcefully opposed the false accusations of the ICC and stood up for the

truth. These lies are not only libelous, they are downright dangerous.

The ICC is trying to shackle Israel's hands and prevent us from defending ourselves. And if Israel's hands are tied, America is next.

I will tell you what else is next. The ability of all democracies to fight terrorism will be imperiled. That is what is on the line. So let me assure you. The hands of the Jewish state will never be shackled. Israel will always defend itself.

My friends in the Middle East, Iran is virtually behind all the terrorism, all the turmoil, all the chaos, all the killing, and that should come as no surprise.

When he founded the Islamic Republic, Ayatollah Khomeini pledged: We will export our revolution to the entire world. We will export the Islamic revolution to the entire world.

Now, ask yourself: Which country ultimately stands in the way of Iran's maniacal plans to impose radical Islam on the world?

And the answer is clear. It is America, the guardian of Western civilization and the world's greatest power. That is why Iran sees America as its greatest enemy.

Last month I heard a revealing comment, ostensibly, about the war in Gaza, but about something else. It came from the foreign minister of Iran's proxy, Hezbollah, and he said this: This is not a war with Israel. Israel, he said, is merely a tool. The main war, the real war, is with America.

Iran's regime has been fighting America from the moment it came to power. In 1979, it stormed the American Embassy. It held scores of Americans hostage for 444 days.

Since then, Iran's terrorist proxies have targeted America in the Middle East and beyond. In Beirut, they killed 241 U.S. servicemen. In Africa, they bombed American Embassies. In Iraq, they supplied explosives to maim and kill thousands of American soldiers.

In America, in America, they actually sent death squads. They sent death squads here to murder a former Secretary of State and a former National Security Advisor. And as we recently learned, they even brazenly threatened to assassinate President Trump.

But Iran understands that to truly challenge America, it must first conquer the Middle East. And for this, it uses its many proxies, including the Houthis, Hezbollah, and Hamas.

Yet, in the heart of the Middle East, standing in Iran's way, is one proud, pro-American democracy, my country, the State of Israel.

That is why the mobs in Tehran chant "death to Israel" before they chant "death to America." For Iran, Israel is first, America is next.

So when Israel fights Hamas, we are fighting Iran. When we fight Hezbollah, we are fighting Iran. When we fight the Houthis, we are fighting Iran.

And when we fight Iran, we are fighting the most radical and murderous enemy of the United States of America.

And one more thing. When Israel acts to prevent Iran from developing nuclear weapons, nuclear weapons that could destroy Israel and threaten every American city, every city that you come from, we are not only protecting ourselves, we are protecting you.

My friends, if you remember one thing, one thing from the speech, remember this: Our enemies are your enemies. Our fight is your fight, and our victory will be your victory.

Ladies and gentlemen, that victory is in sight. Israel's defeat of Hamas will be a powerful blow to Iran's axis of terror.

Another part of that axis, Hezbollah, attacked Israel on October 8, a day after the Hamas attack. It has launched thousands of missiles and drones against us.

Eighty thousand of our citizens in northern Israel evacuated their homes, becoming effectively refugees in their own land. We are committed to returning them home.

We prefer to achieve this diplomatically, but let me be clear: Israel will do whatever it must do to restore security to our northern border and return our people safely to their homes.

Last Friday, a third Iranian proxy, the Houthis, attacked Tel Aviv with a deadly drone. It exploded a few hundred feet from the American consulate, killing one person and injuring nine. On Saturday, I authorized a swift response to that attack.

All our enemies should know this: Those who attack Israel will pay a very heavy price. And as we defend ourselves, on all fronts, I know that America has our back, and I thank you for it, all sides of the aisle. Thank you.

My friends, for decades, America has provided Israel with generous military assistance, and a grateful Israel has provided America with critical intelligence that saved many lives.

We have jointly developed some of the most sophisticated weapons on Earth. I choose my words carefully. We have jointly developed some of the most sophisticated weapons on Earth that help protect both our countries, and we also help keep Americans' boots off the ground, while protecting our shared interests in the Middle East.

I deeply appreciate America's support, including in this current war, but this is an exceptional moment. Fast-tracking U.S. military aid can dramatically expedite an end to the war in Gaza and help prevent a broader war in the Middle East.

In World War II, as Britain fought on the front lines of civilization, Winston Churchill appealed to Americans with these famous words: "Give us the tools, and we will finish the job."

Today, as Israel fights on the front line of civilization, I, too, appeal to America. Give us the tools faster, and we will finish the job faster.

My dear friends, the war in Gaza could end tomorrow if Hamas surrenders, disarms, and returns all the hostages. But if they don't, Israel will

fight until we destroy Hamas' military capabilities, end its rule in Gaza, and bring all our hostages home.

That is what total victory means, and we will settle for nothing less. The day after we defeat Hamas, a new Gaza could emerge. My vision for that day is of a demilitarized and deradicalized Gaza. Israel does not seek to resettle Gaza, but for the foreseeable future, we must retain overriding security control there to prevent the resurgence of terror to ensure that Gaza never again poses a threat to Israel.

Gaza should have a civilian administration run by Palestinians who do not seek to destroy Israel. That is not too much to ask. It is a fundamental thing that we have a right to demand and to receive. A new generation of Palestinians must no longer be taught to hate Jews but, rather, to live in peace with us.

Those twin words, "demilitarization and deradicalization," those two concepts were applied to Germany and Japan after World War II, and that led to decades of peace, prosperity, and security.

Following our victory, with the help of regional partners, the demilitarization and deradicalization of Gaza can also lead to a future of security, prosperity, and peace. That is my vision for Gaza.

Now, here is my vision for the broader Middle East. It is also shaped in part by what we saw in the aftermath of World War II. After that war, America forged a security alliance in Europe to counter the growing Soviet threat.

Likewise, America and Israel today can forge a security alliance in the Middle East to counter the growing Iranian threat. All countries that are at peace with Israel and all those countries who will make peace with Israel should be invited to join this alliance.

We saw a glimpse of that potential alliance on April 14. Led by the United States, more than half a dozen nations worked alongside Israel to help neutralize hundreds of missiles and drones launched by Iran against us.

Thank you, President Biden, for bringing that coalition together.

The new alliance I envision would be a natural extension of the groundbreaking Abraham Accords. Those accords saw peace forged between Israel and four Arab countries, and they were supported by Republicans and Democrats alike. We could call—I have a name for this new alliance. I think we should call it the Abraham alliance.

I want to thank President Trump for his leadership in brokering the historic Abraham Accords. Like Americans, Israelis were relieved that President Trump emerged safe and sound from that dastardly attack on him, dastardly attack on American democracy. There is no room for political violence in democracies.

I also want to thank President Trump for all the things he did for Israel, from recognizing Israel's sovereignty over the Golan Heights to

confronting Iran's aggression to recognizing Jerusalem as our capital and moving the American Embassy there. That is Jerusalem, our eternal capital, never to be divided again.

My dear friends, Democrats and Republicans, despite these times of upheaval, I am hopeful about the future. I am hopeful about Israel because my people, the Jewish people, emerged from the depths of hell, from dispossession and genocide, and against all odds, we restored our sovereignty in our ancient homeland. We built a powerful and vibrant democracy, a democracy that pushes the boundaries of innovation for the betterment of all humanity.

I am hopeful about America because I am hopeful about Americans. I know how much the people of this country have sacrificed to defend freedom.

America will continue to be a force for light and good in a dark and dangerous world. For free peoples everywhere, America remains the beacon of liberty its extraordinary Founders envisioned back in 1776.

Working together, I am confident that our two Nations will vanquish the tyrants and terrorists who threaten us both.

As Israel's Prime Minister, I promise you this: No matter how long it takes, no matter how difficult the road ahead, Israel will not relent. Israel will not bend. We will defend our land. We will defend our people. We will fight until we achieve victory, victory over liberty—rather, victory of liberty over tyranny, victory of life over death, victory of good over evil. That is our solemn commitment.

We will continue to work with the United States and our Arab partners to transform our troubled region from a backwater of oppression, poverty, and war into a thriving oasis of dignity, prosperity, and peace.

In this noble mission, as in many others, Israel will always remain America's indispensable ally.

Through thick and thin and in good times and in bad, Israel will always be your loyal friend and your steadfast partner.

On behalf of the people of Israel, I came here today to say: Thank you, America. Thank you for your support and solidarity. Thank you for standing with Israel in our hour of need. Together, we shall defend our common civilization. Together, we shall secure a brilliant future for both our nations.

May God bless Israel, may God bless America, and may God bless the great alliance between Israel and America forever.

(Applause, the Members rising.)

At 3 o'clock and 5 minutes p.m., His Excellency Binyamin Netanyahu, Prime Minister of Israel, accompanied by the committee of escort, retired from the Hall of the House of Representatives.

The Assistant to the Sergeant at Arms escorted the Dean of the Diplomatic Corps from the Chamber.

#### JOINT MEETING DISSOLVED

The SPEAKER. The purpose of the joint meeting having been completed, the Chair declares the joint meeting of the two Houses now dissolved.

Accordingly (at 3 o'clock and 5 minutes p.m.), the joint meeting of the two Houses was dissolved.

The Members of the Senate retired to their Chamber.

The SPEAKER. The House will continue in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

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#### AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. JAMES) at 3 o'clock and 54 minutes p.m.

#### COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore 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 24, 2024.

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

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on July 24, 2024, at 11:53 a.m.

That the Senate passed S. 3696.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 1076.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

KEVIN F. MCCUMBER,  
Acting Clerk.

#### PRINTING OF PROCEEDINGS HAD DURING RECESS

Mr. PALMER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the proceedings had during the recess be printed in the RECORD.

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

There was no objection.

#### DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2025

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 1370 and rule XVIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the further consideration of the bill, H.R. 8998.

Will the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. NORMAN) kindly take the chair.

□ 1555

IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Accordingly, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole

House on the state of the Union for the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 8998) making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025, and for other purposes, with Mr. NORMAN (Acting Chair) in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The Acting CHAIR. When the Committee of the Whole rose earlier today, amendment No. 57 printed in part B of House report 118-602 offered by the gentlewoman from Illinois (Mrs. MILLER) had been disposed of.

AMENDMENT NO. 80 OFFERED BY MR. PALMER

The Acting CHAIR. It is now in order to consider amendment No. 80 printed in part B of House Report 118-602.

Mr. PALMER. Mr. Chair, I have an amendment at the desk.

The Acting CHAIR. The Clerk will designate the amendment.

The text of the amendment is as follows:

At the end of the bill (before the short title), insert the following:

SEC. \_\_\_\_ None of the funds made available by this Act may be used to implement, administer, or enforce the final rule entitled "National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Lime Manufacturing Plants Technology Review" published by the Environmental Protection Agency in the Federal Register on July 16, 2024 (89 Fed. Reg. 57738).

The Acting CHAIR. Pursuant to House Resolution 1370, the gentleman from Alabama (Mr. PALMER) and a Member opposed each will control 5 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Alabama.

Mr. PALMER. Mr. Chairman, the Environmental Protection Agency recently finalized a \$2 billion regulation on the lime industry that the EPA's own staff have found is completely unnecessary to protect public health and welfare.

Lime plants not only supply products essential for the proper function of critical activities concerning construction, but lime also keeps our roadways from breaking down and helps keep our water clean.

As recently as 2020, just 4 years ago, the EPA conducted a full risk assessment of hazardous air pollutants emitted by the lime manufacturing industry. The EPA found that risks from the source category are acceptable, the standards provide an ample margin of safety to protect public health, and more stringent standards are not necessary to prevent an adverse environmental effect. The EPA received no new data or other information during the public comment period that causes us to change that proposed determination. I emphasize that is the EPA's own staff and scientists.

This was published in the FEDERAL REGISTER in July of 2020. What is interesting is that lime is used for pollution control to absorb sulfur oxides, which helps prevent acid rain and reduces emissions of hazardous air pollutants, including mercury.

The only reason the Biden administration's EPA is issuing this expensive

and unnecessary rule is because of a 2-1 split decision where the District of Columbia circuit court sided with an environmental group suing to ignore the EPA's scientific findings in favor of their radical climate agenda.

That case said that the EPA must set standards for all unregulated hazardous air pollutants when the agency conducts a technology review under the Clean Air Act. Congress intended that new, additional regulations should be added only if risk assessment demonstrated that risks are not acceptable with an ample margin of safety. Since the EPA has already found that emissions from the lime industry are already acceptable with an ample margin of safety, there is no need for these new, expensive regulations. I urge my colleagues to trust the science and support my amendment.

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

Ms. PINGREE. Mr. Chair, I claim the time in opposition to the amendment.

The Acting CHAIR. The gentleman from Maine is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. PINGREE. Mr. Chair, the Interior bill we are considering today includes 92 poison pill riders in the base bill that cripple environmental protection, undermine climate change policies, add to the national debt, and include discriminatory riders targeting millions of American citizens that have already proven so divisive in earlier markups. I object to the inclusion of any more.

This amendment would block the EPA from implementing air pollution regulations for lime manufacturing plants. The EPA rule will reduce emissions of toxic air pollution by nearly 900 tons per year from hazardous air pollutants such as dioxin and mercury.

EPA initiated this rulemaking as required by a court case to comply with their 8-year technology review timeline required under the Clean Air Act.

As a result of the lawsuit and subsequent emissions data collection, EPA found four pollutants that were unregulated in proposed reasonable standards to achieve better air quality and public health.

EPA worked closely with the Small Business Administration and included regulatory flexibilities to address small business concerns.

EPA balanced industry concerns alongside their duty to protect public health and the environment in this rule, and they were statutorily required to update.

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The rule is important to the people who live in communities next to these facilities, to the workers at these facilities, and it is critical that this rule go into effect and not be a political pawn in the appropriations process.

Mr. Chair, I urge my colleagues to oppose this amendment, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. PALMER. Mr. Chair, this amendment would be a step toward returning

power back to Congress, where it belongs. Instead of complying with the agenda of radical environmentalists, Congress should reject their efforts to ignore science. I remind my colleagues that the EPA's own scientists said this rule is not necessary.

We have too many unelected, unaccountable bureaucrats making way too many laws in the form of regulations that are doing great harm to Americans struggling to pay their bills, struggling to put food on the table, and struggling to take care of their families.

This lime rule is another example of the fake science that is doing unnecessary harm to our economy and to American households.

I emphasize again, lime plants supply products essential to the proper functioning of critical activities to the national interest, including steel production, road construction, power generation, pollution abatement. As I pointed out, one of the things that my colleague mentioned was mercury. Lime is used to abate mercury in air.

I worked for two international engineering companies, and we built pollution control devices, including devices that use lime to remove sulfur oxides from gases being emitted from production facilities. It is used in drinking water treatment. Lime helps keep our roadways, as I said, from breaking down. Lime helps keep our water clean, and lime improves soil quality.

Unnecessary regulations like the lime rule add to the inflationary burden Americans are currently suffering under. The high price of building a new home, for instance, has placed home ownership out of reach of many Americans, and this lime rule will add to that cost. Funding this regulation would only make the high cost of living crisis worse.

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

Ms. PINGREE. Mr. Chair, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. PALMER. Mr. Chair, I yield myself the balance of my time to close.

As I said, having worked for two international engineering companies and in a think tank, I have found during my time in Congress that there is a serious lack of scientific understanding, and we just pass a lot of rules out of Congress that we really have no idea what the impact will be.

We also have, in many cases, a serious math problem. We don't understand how these things add up, pile up the cost of living on American households and the damage that it is doing to them. Right now, we are seeing grocery prices at levels we haven't seen in years. Cumulative inflation the last 3½ years of the Biden administration has been over 19 percent. Energy costs are up 40 percent. We just keep adding these things to the American people.

Mr. Chair, I urge my colleagues to reject the burdensome regulations, reject the radical environmental agenda, and support my amendment. I yield back the balance of my time.

Ms. PINGREE. Mr. Chair, I yield myself the balance of my time to close. I do want to assure my colleague on the other side of the aisle that I thoroughly understand the importance of lime in many manufacturing and agricultural processes. I actually have a cement manufacturing facility in my district, agricultural lime facility in my district, and I personally have spent many years as a farmer or gardener.

Just last week, I spread lime on my soil to make it more alkaline because we have very acidic soils in much of Maine. I am not unaware of the importance of lime, but I am also aware of our role in Congress of making sure that we reduce pollution and that we make sure we keep our citizens safe. This is a perfectly appropriate rule.

Mr. Chair, I encourage my colleagues to oppose this amendment, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The Acting CHAIR. The question is on the amendment offered by the gentleman from Alabama (Mr. PALMER).

The amendment was agreed to.

AMENDMENT NO. 81 OFFERED BY MR. PERRY

The Acting CHAIR. It is now in order to consider amendment No. 81 printed in part B of House Report 118-602.

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Chair, I have an amendment at the desk.

The Acting CHAIR. The Clerk will designate the amendment.

The text of the amendment is as follows:

At the end of the bill (before the short title), insert the following:

SEC. \_\_\_\_ . None of the funds made available by this Act may be used to give formal notification under, or prepare, propose, implement, administer, or enforce any rule or recommendation pursuant to, section 115 of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7415).

The Acting CHAIR. Pursuant to House Resolution 1370, the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. PERRY) and a Member opposed each will control 5 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Pennsylvania.

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Chairman, this amendment prohibits the EPA from using funds for actions pursuant to section 115 of the Clean Air Act.

To be clear, section 115 of the Clean Air Act allows the EPA to mandate State emissions levels to whatever level the agency deems appropriate if they find U.S. emissions endanger a foreign nation and the endangered nation has a reciprocal agreement to prevent or control these emissions in their own nation, such as the Paris climate accord.

This backdoor provision allows the EPA to vastly expand its regulatory authority and encroach on the right of the States to regulate their own energy sectors based on the actions solely of a foreign nation.

It is irresponsible to allow unelected bureaucrats at the EPA to retain the ability to seize such expansive authority. If the U.S. Government wants to pursue such a policy, one that in my opinion is constitutionally suspect, it

should be done through an explicit congressional delegation of authority on a case-by-case basis.

A similar amendment has passed the House during previous Interior and Environmental Appropriations packages. I urge adoption, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. PINGREE. Mr. Chair, I rise in opposition to this amendment.

The Acting CHAIR. The gentlewoman from Maine is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. PINGREE. Mr. Chair, section 115 of the Clean Air Act is essential. It enables the United States to work with other nations to address transboundary air pollution.

As we saw last year, while Canada was experiencing historic wildfires, that pollution knows no boundaries and can travel anywhere, whether by air or water. We cannot address these environmental issues on our own, and we must work with other nations.

Prohibiting the EPA from implementing section 115 of the Clean Air Act is shortsighted, and I oppose this amendment. I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Chairman, I certainly agree that we need to work with other nations and our neighbors, everybody around the globe. We are living on the same planet, breathing the same air, drinking the same water, but the United States is a sovereign nation, and we don't bow to any other sovereign, let alone take their word for it or have them impose regulations on us as they deem fit, as they see fit.

That is what section 115 would allow. It allows a backdoor access to doing so through a reciprocal agreement, not even a treaty, such as the Paris climate accord. That is the issue here, an agreement that an administration may take, that not this body, not the body across the building, not the American people are signatories to. That is the purpose of this amendment.

As I said, Mr. Chairman, in the past, this amendment has been accepted on this very bill, this very same amendment, and so I would urge adoption once again this time.

Mr. Chairman, in closing, once again, this is just common sense. I don't know that back a long time ago when section 115 was written it was written with the idea that the Paris climate accord, not a treaty, but with the force of a treaty would occur, but in the case that it is and that that has now happened, we must make sure that we speak loudly and that any regulations and any regulatory authority come through the elected bodies of the United States of America, not through bureaucracies and certainly not through would-be treaties or agreements from foreign countries.

Mr. Chair, I urge adoption of my amendment, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Ms. PINGREE. Mr. Chair, I yield back the balance of my time.

The Acting CHAIR. The question is on the amendment offered by the gen-

tleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. PERRY).

The question was taken; and the Acting Chair announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Ms. PINGREE. Mr. Chair, I demand a recorded vote.

The Acting CHAIR. Pursuant to clause 6 of rule XVIII, further proceedings on the amendment offered by the gentleman from Pennsylvania will be postponed.

AMENDMENT NO. 82 OFFERED BY MR. PERRY

The Acting CHAIR. It is now in order to consider amendment No. 82 printed in part B of House Report 118-602.

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Chair, I have an amendment at the desk.

The Acting CHAIR. The Clerk will designate the amendment.

The text of the amendment is as follows:

At the end of the bill (before the spending reduction account), insert the following:

SEC. \_\_\_\_\_. None of the funds made available by this Act may be used by the Environmental Protection Agency to take any of the actions described as a "backstop" in the December 29, 2009, letter from the Regional Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to the States in the Watershed and the District of Columbia in response to the development or implementation of a State's watershed implementation and referred to in enclosure B of such letter.

The Acting CHAIR. Pursuant to House Resolution 1370, the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. PERRY) and a Member opposed each will control 5 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Pennsylvania.

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Chairman, this amendment prohibits the use of funds to take retaliatory actions against States that disagree with the EPA-mandated pollutant reduction goals that have been imposed upon them by the EPA.

Importantly, this amendment would not prevent the EPA from working with States to restore things like the Chesapeake Bay, which is what the EPA is supposed to be doing.

In 1985, the States in the Chesapeake Bay region recognized the need to address pollutants in the Bay and through their own initiative came together to conduct cleanup efforts. These State-driven efforts were largely successful. Water quality improved almost 50 percent from 1985 to 2010 without the EPA's involvement.

However, in 2010, the EPA seized the States' authority to determine their own method of compliance and threatened to take over the water quality plants. This 2010 power grab, known as the Chesapeake Bay TMDL, total maximum daily load, directly contradicts the intent of the Clean Water Act.

The Clean Water Act clearly acknowledges State authority in water quality and requires cooperation, which is happening through the Chesapeake Bay Commission rather than coercion between the States and the Federal Government.

These coercive methods have been tried and have failed. Water quality

improvement has slowed, and last year the EPA acknowledged the 2025 goals likely cannot be met. The failures we have seen since Federalization of the bay cleanup efforts necessitate the re-evaluation of this model and a return to the cooperative model that led to the early improvements and actual success.

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

Ms. PINGREE. Mr. Chairman, I claim the time in opposition.

The Acting CHAIR. The gentlewoman from Maine is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. PINGREE. Mr. Chair, this amendment would allow those that pollute the Chesapeake Bay to ignore the Environmental Protection Agency's water quality standards.

Restoring the Chesapeake Bay and its watershed continues to be a priority. The EPA established mandatory water quality standards, and Congress has appropriated over \$1 billion for the Chesapeake Bay program to help States, localities, and businesses meet those standards. This amendment would jeopardize that funding and have devastating effects on the health of the bay.

This amendment is not about the well-being of Virginia, Maryland, and the surrounding States. It is about the fact that some industrial operators don't think they should be responsible for controlling the pollution they dump into our rivers and streams across the country. The courts have sided with the EPA on this matter.

For more than 35 years, the regional partnership created through the Chesapeake Bay program has sought to restore and protect the Nation's largest and most productive estuary. This amendment would undermine decades of work and have lasting damaging effects to the health of the bay and the economy that it supports.

Mr. Chair, I urge my colleagues to oppose this amendment, and I reserve the balance of my time.

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Mr. PERRY. Mr. Chair, let me clarify, prohibits the use of funds to take retaliatory actions—retaliatory. We are already working together. We are working with the EPA. As was said, this is a regional partnership and has been a regional partnership.

This isn't about industry getting a free pass to pollute anywhere. This is about the heavy-handed, coercive tactics of the EPA on States that want to do this, that got into this because this is what they wanted to do. We don't need the EPA.

By the way, go to some of these treatment plants, and do you know what the EPA's requirements are, Mr. Chairman? Beyond the limits of technology. They have to treat the water to beyond the limits of technology. Think about what that statement says. It says they can't get there from here, but the EPA is still going to fine them if they can't get there from here while



acknowledging they can't get there from here.

All we are saying is, don't spend money on the extortionary, retaliatory, coercive tactics. Spend the money, if you are going to spend it, on actually working together to clean up the bay.

Mr. Chair, I don't know what else you need to hear. We are not against the EPA. We are not against cleaning up the bay. We are not against spending the money to clean up the bay. What we are against is the retaliatory actions that don't help clean up the bay and waste our money.

By the way, since we are talking about it, while Pennsylvania continues to try to get beyond the limits of technology, that the EPA acknowledges, some of the other States in the compact aren't interested but aren't fined under these retaliatory practices. This is punishment to some States but not to others, which we see as unfair, as you might imagine.

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

Ms. PINGREE. Mr. Chair, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Chair, I reserve the balance of my time.

The Acting CHAIR. The gentlewoman from Maine has the right to close.

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Chair, I think I have made my point, and the fact that the gentlewoman is reserving means there is no other point to make, so I am happy to listen.

Mr. Chair, I yield back the balance of my time.

Ms. PINGREE. Mr. Chair, any time I hear one of my colleagues across the aisle say we don't need the EPA or that the actions of the EPA are extortion or retaliatory, I don't know about the specific actions that he is talking about today, but I do know, as someone who represents a State with as much coastline as any State in the Nation with estuaries, with bays, with an extreme dependence on our shorelines, on our watersheds, on the ocean itself, I know that the Chesapeake Bay is an incredible resource to this country. The health of the bay has been a big concern for over 35 years, and the work that the EPA does to keep it clean is extremely important.

This amendment that attempts to undermine those efforts, to undermine decades of work, is absolutely unnecessary and not anything that any of us should support. This has the likely impact of undermining the efforts of our fishermen, our residents of coastal communities, and the economy in the Chesapeake Bay, and it is a misguided amendment.

Mr. Chair, I urge my colleagues to oppose the amendment, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The Acting CHAIR. The question is on the amendment offered by the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. PERRY).

The question was taken; and the Acting Chair announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Ms. PINGREE. Mr. Chair, I demand a recorded vote.

The Acting CHAIR. Pursuant to clause 6 of rule XVIII, further proceedings on the amendment offered by the gentleman from Pennsylvania will be postponed.

AMENDMENT NO. 83 OFFERED BY MR. PERRY

The Acting CHAIR. It is now in order to consider amendment No. 83 printed in part B of House Report 118-602.

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Chair, I have an amendment at the desk.

The Acting CHAIR. The Clerk will designate the amendment.

The text of the amendment is as follows:

Page 145, line 13, after the dollar amount, insert "(reduced by \$1,000,000)".

Page 226, line 4, after the dollar amount, insert "(increased by \$1,000,000)".

The Acting CHAIR. Pursuant to House Resolution 1370, the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. PERRY) and a Member opposed each will control 5 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Pennsylvania.

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Chair, this amendment strikes the funding for the Council on Environmental Quality.

Now, it sounds lofty and awesome. The Council on Environmental Quality was created by the National Environmental Policy Act in 1969 to advance environmental policies and to meet requirements under NEPA. Of course, it is duplicative because now we have the EPA. We create a new agency, but we never get rid of the other agency, and they both do the same thing.

This one is supercharged now. This administration has tasked the CEQ with developing policies on climate change, environmental justice, and Federal sustainability, all while creating more paperwork under NEPA that the previous administration actually worked to reverse.

Mr. Chairman, these policies are what is holding America back. Onerous NEPA requirements and State-level laws like those in California are holding back countless programs and construction projects around the country. You can't get anything permitted. Things take years upon years. People say, why does it take so long? This is why.

They are also part of the left's apparatus that aims to shift America's entire way of life by meeting unscientific emission goals. They are not scientific. They are political goals. They are not scientific goals.

As written, the Department of Energy's own estimate for their gas stove rule shows that only 4 percent of gas stoves available on the market today meet the new standard, essentially forcing Americans to choose electric stoves without any—it is not based on science. They just want you to use electricity, not gas, and so they come up with the metrics.

This is part of this Council on Environmental Quality. We don't need them. We have the EPA. We don't need the duplication.

Mr. Chair, I urge support, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. PINGREE. Mr. Chair, I rise in opposition to the amendment.

The Acting CHAIR. The gentlewoman from Maine is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. PINGREE. Mr. Chair, this amendment eliminates funding for the Council on Environmental Quality.

The office is responsible for coordinating the Federal Government's efforts to improve, preserve, and protect Americans' public health and environment. It also works to ensure that environmental reviews for infrastructure projects and Federal actions are thorough, efficient, and reflect the input of the public and local communities.

This amendment would hobble the office and result in significant delays to infrastructure projects around the country.

Mr. Chair, I oppose this amendment, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Chair, I don't know about significant delays. We are already experiencing significant delays. All these construction projects take decades to complete.

If we are going to just keep doing the same thing, which apparently that is what the gentlewoman on the other side of aisle wants to do, we are going to continue to experience significant delays.

Maybe this isn't the answer. I would be happy to hear what the answer is if it is not this, but doing the same thing isn't going to change anything. That is what we are looking to do, to make it more efficient.

The EPA can do this work. The EPA should do this work. We don't need both these agencies at the same time duplicating each other's efforts and wasting American tax dollars.

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

Ms. PINGREE. Mr. Chair, I yield back the balance of my time.

The Acting CHAIR. The question is on the amendment offered by the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. PERRY).

The question was taken; and the Acting Chair announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Ms. PINGREE. Mr. Chair, I demand a recorded vote.

The Acting CHAIR. Pursuant to clause 6 of rule XVIII, further proceedings on the amendment offered by the gentleman from Pennsylvania will be postponed.

AMENDMENT NO. 84 OFFERED BY MR. PERRY

The Acting CHAIR. It is now in order to consider amendment No. 84 printed in part B of House Report 118-602.

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Chair, I rise as the designee of the gentleman from Texas (Mr. PFLUGER).

The Acting CHAIR. The Clerk will designate the amendment.

The text of the amendment is as follows:

At the end of the bill (before the short title), insert the following:



NO DESIGNATION OF PERMIAN BASIN AS  
NONATTAINMENT FOR OZONE

SEC. \_\_\_\_ None of the funds made available by this Act may be used to designate or redesignate the Permian Basin (or any portion thereof) as nonattainment for ozone under section 107(d) of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7407(d)).

The Acting CHAIR. Pursuant to House Resolution 1370, the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. PERRY) and a Member opposed each will control 5 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Pennsylvania.

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Chair, two summers ago, the EPA released a regulatory agenda which included the consideration of redesignation of ozone attainment in the Permian Basin.

This wholly discretionary action would impose new regulatory burdens, new regulations on the U.S. oil and gas industry, which will only worsen the cost-of-living problems that we already have and the high energy problems that we are already experiencing.

A nonattainment redesignation will have considerable, almost an unbelievable, negative local impacts that cannot be overstated. In rural America, the energy industry generates high-paying jobs for working families and is the driver of the Texas and New Mexico economies.

Additionally, the industry annually contributes over \$20 billion to State of Texas local coffers to fund public education, emergency responders, hospitals, conservation projects, and more. If the EPA finalizes this redesignation, most rural communities in this area will face substantial economic hardship. Somebody is going to have to make up that money.

By the way, it is not just Texas and the Permian Basin. If you ever travel there, if you are in the airport, you will see people traveling to and from the Permian Basin because of the jobs there. They are going to the basin for the jobs. They are flying back to the East Coast. They will work a couple of weeks on and take a week off and go back to the East Coast, so it is not just the Permian Basin that is going to be affected. It is States like Pennsylvania, Virginia, and Georgia, where the men and women that I talked to when I was there in the airport were traveling to and from.

In May of this year, Representative PFLUGER hosted the Region 6 Administrator to see the impacts of a potential redesignation and the actions producers are already taking to reduce emissions to record levels.

During her visit, it was made clear that the EPA does not have monitors on the Texas side of the Permian Basin. They don't even have monitors there. All the data that is being used to build the case for the nonattainment redesignation is based on either modeling or monitors in some other State, not even in Texas.

We have seen this before. That is why Representative PFLUGER recently in-

troduced the Show the Data Act, which mandates that any nonattainment redesignation by the EPA cannot be based on air quality monitor data from some other State, area, or counties being designated. They have to be in the county, in the State. That would be nice.

The Permian Basin is proud of its environmental record. Their producers have led the world in emissions reduction, innovation, and sustainable practices. Permian Basin producers continue to reduce emissions of ozone precursors while increasing energy production.

As a matter of fact, methane emissions intensity in the Permian Basin dropped by nearly 70 percent between 2011 and 2020 even as oil and gas production in the region rose by over 320 percent. They didn't need the Federal Government coming down there with monitors outside the area telling them how to do that.

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

Ms. PINGREE. Mr. Chair, I rise in opposition to the amendment.

The Acting CHAIR. The gentlewoman from Maine is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. PINGREE. Mr. Chair, I rise in opposition to this amendment. It is a legislative earmark to benefit oil and gas producers. It would tell the EPA to ignore potentially unhealthy air in the counties that make up the Permian Basin.

For the past few years, air monitors located in the Permian Basin area have shown violations well above EPA's 2015 ozone standard. So it is more than reasonable for the EPA to evaluate conditions in the area, consistent with the requirements of the Clean Air Act, but this amendment would prevent the EPA from redesignating the Permian Basin as being in nonattainment of the 2015 ozone standard.

Under the Clean Air Act, the EPA is required to set a national ambient air quality standard for contaminants, like ground-level ozone, that are adequate to protect public health, including the health of sensitive groups such as children and the elderly.

These health-based standards, the NAAQS, must reflect recent scientific and medical data. Once the EPA sets or revises the NAAQS, EPA uses air monitoring data and recommendations from States to determine which areas meet the standards and those that do not, known as being in nonattainment.

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States then go to work to develop plans using the most cost-effective strategies to bring nonattainment areas in compliance with the standard.

Allowing a region that exceeds the standard to be considered in attainment doesn't do anything for the families and the workers living in those counties breathing the toxic air. It tells Americans that there is nothing to see here while they bear the brunt of the environmental hazards.

Contrary to what polluters would have you believe, being designated as nonattainment does not shut down the economies. Businesses have and do continue to operate and expand in nonattainment areas. However, the designation ensures that States and businesses are taking measures to control air pollution and help communities to achieve cleaner, healthier air.

The Interior bill we are considering today includes 92 poison pill riders in the base bill, and I object to the inclusion of any more.

Mr. Chair, I urge my colleagues to oppose the amendment, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Chair, I suspect that Representative PFLUGER would be aghast at the claim that this is a legislative earmark. There is no money involved in this.

By the way, the air quality has continued to improve. Since 1990, ozone concentration has decreased by 25 percent and emissions of ozone precursors like VOCs and nitrogen oxides have dropped by 47 percent and 65 percent.

Let me just tell you, Mr. Chairman: This is how this goes. The EPA sets a level through the Clean Air Act, they attain it, and then the EPA just keeps lowering it and lowering it and lowering it. It is used by the left by people who hate the oil and gas industry, hate civilization, and hate energy to say that you can no longer produce because you can't attain it. That's what they do.

To say it is not going to have any effect if we put them in the nonattainment zone, it is not going to have any effect on the producers, on local businesses—if it is not going to have any effect, then why would you do it? It is going to have an effect.

They are going to be out of jobs. That is the effect. It is a thinly veiled attempt to curb oil and gas production, and it will destroy local jobs, State revenues, and, more importantly, our national security.

Do you think China or Russia, which country that is competing with us in the oil and gas industry, which country do you think is telling their producers that they are not meeting attainment? None of them. Do you think Iran is doing that?

We are buying Venezuelan oil. We are buying Russian gas in the northeast. It is absurd. Congress must not allow this to move forward.

Mr. Chair, I yield back the balance of my time.

Ms. PINGREE. Mr. Chair, my colleague on the other side of the aisle said that I hate oil and gas, I hate civilization, and I hate energy. Honestly, I don't hate oil and gas. I certainly don't hate civilization. In fact, I hope we can continue our civilization.

I am deeply concerned that if we continue our dependence on oil and gas that we won't have a civilization, that our children and grandchildren won't have the opportunities that we had, that our small businesses and our communities won't be able to function.

The whole reason we are talking about any of this is because we have the impending challenge of climate change that is already upon us today. In order to reduce the effects of climate change, we have to reduce our use of oil and gas, and we have to make sure that the pollution, as we are talking about in this bill, isn't impacting our communities.

It is interesting, my colleague mentioned that in the airport he sees people traveling to and from work in this area. Is it possible that crowd of people don't want to live in this area because the pollution and the effects are too strong and they would prefer just to go to work and get home to breathe some clean air somewhere else?

My colleague assumes that if we don't continue at the level we are operating on that we will be buying oil from Iran or China or Russia. He seems to forget that we have a booming industry going on in green energy. Whether it is renewable solar or wind or many of the other innovations that are taking place right now, they are far outpacing our use of oil and gas. In many States, the green energy jobs and the innovation are where all of the economic development and activity is.

For him to say this is our only opportunity or this is all because some of us hate oil and gas or want to penalize people for this, it is absolutely wrong. We are merely trying to bring our country into this modern era and make sure that we are investing in energy. I don't hate energy. I believe in renewable energy, and I believe there are tremendous opportunities out there.

I also want to make sure that communities that are impacted by the pollution, as we are talking about here, are protected, that those communities have the right to breathe clean air as we all hope we can do.

I would ask my colleagues to oppose this amendment, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The Acting CHAIR. The question is on the amendment offered by the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. PERRY).

The amendment was agreed to.

AMENDMENT NO. 85 OFFERED BY MR. PERRY

The Acting CHAIR. It is now in order to consider amendment No. 85 printed in part B of House Report 118-602.

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Chair, as the designee of the gentleman from Texas (Mr. ROY), I have an amendment at the desk.

The Acting CHAIR. The Clerk will designate the amendment.

The text of the amendment is as follows:

At the end of the bill (before the short title), insert the following:

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ACTIVITIES

SEC. \_\_\_\_ None of the funds made available by this Act may be used for environmental justice activities.

The Acting CHAIR. Pursuant to House Resolution 1370, the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. PERRY) and a Member opposed each will control 5 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Pennsylvania.

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Chair, this amendment prohibits any of the funding from being used to carry out environmental justice activities.

Let me explain this to you. Environmental justice is nothing more than the synthesis of divisive racial ideology and radical environmentalism in the same package. This entire ideology is based on the notion that Federal environmental funding should be allocated based on immutable characteristics.

Biden's Justice40 Initiative directs 40 percent of Federal clean energy and energy efficiency spending based on ethnicity, migrant status, and income status.

How is that fair in America? I don't hear anything about the fact that poor communities are hurt the hardest by this administration's inflationary energy policy.

Just last year, the Census Bureau found that 36 percent of consumers say it has been somewhat to very difficult for them to pay their usual bills in the last 7 days. That is a 25 percent increase from the prior year. I hear it in my own district.

Environmental justice is just another way for this administration to funnel dollars, your tax dollars, to radical leftwing groups, including anti-Israel groups. I think that is important to note today.

In December of 2023, the Biden administration announced it would award \$600 million in environmental justice funding. Fifty million dollars went to the Climate Justice Alliance, which organized anti-Israel protests in the Capitol rotunda last year.

What does any of that have to do with the environment?

Climate Justice Alliance's website has a "Free Palestine" web page that states: "The path to climate justice travels through a free Palestine. . . ."

I am sorry. I don't see the nexus.

Will my Democrat colleagues vote to send money to these groups, Iran's useful idiots, by opposing this amendment on the day that the Prime Minister of Israel came and addressed a joint session? I sure hope not.

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

Ms. PINGREE. Mr. Chair, I rise in opposition to this amendment.

The Acting CHAIR. The gentleman from Maine is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. PINGREE. Mr. Chair, in recent years, Democrats have made historic investments in environmental justice, and the EPA has already put those dollars to good use.

It is unfortunate that my colleagues across the aisle continue to attack good government programs. Environmental justice ensures that all Americans receive the same degree of protection from environmental and health hazards, which is particularly important in rural communities, many of which are in the very districts of my colleagues across the aisle and myself.

Rural communities and low-income communities have long been targeted by corporations, regulatory agencies, and local planning and zoning boards when siting polluting facilities. This includes things like landfills, waste transfer stations, incinerators, garbage dumps, diesel bus and truck garages, auto body shops, smokestack industries, industrial hog and chicken processors, oil refineries, chemical manufacturers, and radioactive waste storage areas.

Because of this, these communities typically have lower property values, higher health disparities, and shorter lifespans.

Why would my colleagues try to defund any effort to improve the lives of people in rural and low-income communities? It is yet another attempt to implement an extreme agenda, to attack minority groups at all costs, and to return the United States to a time when environmental discrimination was the norm.

Mr. Chair, I urge my colleagues to support our rural and our low-income communities by rejecting this amendment, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Chair, I don't know about all Americans. As a matter of fact, many of the communities that I represent are lower income. They are struggling to pay their electricity bills, and I doubt that they have gotten \$50 million or part of what the Climate Justice Alliance got.

Most of my constituents don't have time to run around protesting with "Free Palestine" signs the day that the Prime Minister of Israel was addressing Congress.

I will tell you this. Justice should not be based on ethnicity, migrant status, or income status. Justice should be blind in America. Unfortunately, we have gotten away from that, and this is funding it.

I suggest that we all vote in favor of this and have justice be blind and have all Americans and all citizens treated equally.

Mr. Chair, I yield back the balance of my time.

Ms. PINGREE. Mr. Chair, I yield back the balance of my time.

The Acting CHAIR. The question is on the amendment offered by the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. PERRY).

The question was taken; and the Acting Chair announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Ms. PINGREE. Mr. Chair, I demand a recorded vote.

The Acting CHAIR. Pursuant to clause 6 of rule XVIII, further proceedings on the amendment offered by the gentleman from Pennsylvania will be postponed.

AMENDMENT NO. 88 OFFERED BY MR. STAUBER

The Acting CHAIR. It is now in order to consider amendment No. 88 printed in part B of House Report 118-602.

Mr. STAUBER. Mr. Chair, I have an amendment at the desk.

The Acting CHAIR. The Clerk will designate the amendment.

The text of the amendment is as follows:

Page 120, line 11, strike “wildfire” and insert “wildfire, search and rescue.”.

The Acting CHAIR. Pursuant to House Resolution 1370, the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. STAUBER) and a Member opposed each will control 5 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Minnesota.

Mr. STAUBER. Mr. Chair, amendment No. 88 to H.R. 8998 will ensure States and other cooperating entities that provide search-and-rescue services on Federal lands can receive reimbursement.

In northern Minnesota, the St. Louis County Rescue Squad assists people lost or injured in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area, which is Federal land in my district.

According to a Duluth News Tribune article, the squad’s reported budget is about \$450,000 per year. However, with the roughly 30,000 hours volunteer members dedicate to the cause each year, it is estimated that the squad provides about \$3.5 million in free labor annually.

Recently, tragedy struck the BWCA. Two canoeists, Jesse Haugen of Cambridge and Reis Grams of Lino Lakes, fell over Curtain Falls. The St. Louis County Rescue Squad spent over 2 weeks on a search-and-rescue mission looking for these two individuals before they located their bodies. May these two souls rest in peace.

Of the 95 members of the St. Louis County Rescue Squad, 61 took part in the Curtain Falls mission. Combined, they worked almost 6,000 hours.

During a recent meeting I had with Squad Captain Rick Slatten, he estimated that the cost of the mission was around \$150,000, over a quarter of their annual budget on one call.

As a former law enforcement officer, I know that rescue squads are critical to ensuring the safety of the constituencies and the many tourists that visit each year.

During a search-and-rescue mission, every second counts, and we need these crews to have the resources necessary to stay on top of their game or at a minimum know that they have the backing of the Federal Government to do what they can to save lives.

As the bill currently reads: The wildland fire management account can be used to reimburse States and other cooperating agencies for services provided in response to wildfire and other emergencies or disasters.

This amendment simply clarifies that search and rescue is a part of that reimbursement category. This will ensure that our search-and-rescue squads can continue to conduct these vital services in our communities.

Search-and-rescue volunteer rescue squads from small townships and small cities across America enter our Federal lands to rescue people that are in our

Federal lands for enjoyment. It costs a lot of money to keep up equipment. It costs a lot of time and training, and these dollars will recognize them by saying that their rescue efforts are important to all of us.

Mr. Chair, I ask that this amendment be made in order, and I ask Members to be in support on the floor. I yield back the balance of my time.

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The Acting CHAIR. The question is on the amendment offered by the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. STAUBER).

The amendment was agreed to.

AMENDMENT NO. 89 OFFERED BY MR. STAUBER

The Acting CHAIR. It is now in order to consider amendment No. 89 printed in part B of House Report 118-602.

Mr. STAUBER. Mr. Chair, I have an amendment at the desk.

The Acting CHAIR. The Clerk will designate the amendment.

The text of the amendment is as follows:

At the end of the bill (before the spending reduction account), insert the following:

SEC. \_\_\_\_\_. None of the funds made available by this Act may be used to designate the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness, or any portion thereof, as a national monument under chapter 3203 of title 54, United States Code (commonly referred to as the “Antiquities Act of 1906”).

The Acting CHAIR. Pursuant to House Resolution 1370, the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. STAUBER) and a Member opposed each will control 5 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Minnesota.

Mr. STAUBER. Mr. Chair, I rise to offer my amendment that prohibits any funds from being used to designate the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness located within the Superior National Forest in northern Minnesota as a national monument under the Antiquities Act.

The Superior National Forest is a working industrial forest, and it should always remain one. Responsible mining and responsible timber harvesting are desired traits of the forest. Mining and timber harvesting are part of our way of life in northern Minnesota, and they exist hand in hand with recreation and conservation.

This amendment protects our way of life and protects against an activist administration here in Washington taking steps to change it. In December 2016, while they were on their way out of office, the Obama-Biden administration made a last-minute Antiquities Act designation for Bears Ears in southeastern Utah. The amendment before you today is an insurance policy to ensure that the Biden-Harris administration doesn’t make a last-ditch effort to do the same and designate a new monument in northern Minnesota which would jeopardize desired responsible use of the Superior National Forest, again, a working industrial forest.

Contrary to what my colleagues on the other side of the aisle will likely

argue, this amendment will not jeopardize any existing protections that the wilderness area already enjoys. This amendment does not expand mining or timber harvesting into the Boundary Waters. This amendment ensures we can continue to mine and harvest timber outside of the Boundary Waters.

Let me be clear. Mining will never take place in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness. That has been settled since 1978 when Congress passed the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness Act. Back in 1978, my predecessor, then-Representative of the Eighth Congressional District, Democrat Jim Oberstar, stood here on the House floor and argued that our ability to responsibly mine and harvest timber in the Superior National Forest shall never be infringed.

This amendment is quite simple. It simply reaffirms Congress’ intent when the 1978 wilderness act was passed. It simply protects against overreach from the executive branch, and, most importantly, it protects our way of life in northern Minnesota.

Mr. Chair, I urge all my colleagues to support this amendment, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Chairman, I rise in opposition.

The Acting CHAIR (Mr. SMITH of Nebraska). The gentlewoman from Minnesota is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Chair, unfortunately, my colleague from Minnesota has offered an amendment which doesn’t make sense. I will explain why, Mr. Chairman. The amendment is directed at the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness, but there is a fundamental misunderstanding of what is wilderness and how it is designated, what happens in the Superior National Forest, and the way this amendment is drafted.

First, the amendment would prohibit the administration from designating the BWCA as a national monument. When the Antiquities Act was passed by Congress to give the President the ability to protect vulnerable lands that contain valuable scientific, cultural, and historic resources, the BWCA was already protected.

Wilderness, Mr. Chair, is the most protected and restricted designation we have for public lands. The level of wilderness that it affords far exceeds what the national monument designation offer is. What I think the Member is attempting to do, and I might disagree with him but he has the right to do it, would be to leave out the Boundary Waters Canoe Wilderness Area and just talk about the Superior National Forest which is not part of that wilderness area, and then his amendment would make sense. I wouldn’t support it, but his amendment would make sense.

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

Mr. STAUBER. Mr. Chairman, I appreciate my good friend and colleague from Minnesota’s comments. I will tell

you that in 2016 on their way out the Obama-Biden administration, for purely political reasons, pulled mining leases for a company that wanted to mine critical minerals in northeastern Minnesota. The Biden-Harris administration went against the Supreme Court when the Supreme Court ruled that it is unconstitutional to pay off student loans, and they still did it.

What this says, Mr. Chair, is as the Biden-Harris administration is in their waning days here, they can't diminish our opportunities in northeastern Minnesota, period.

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

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Chair, as I said, the gentleman from Minnesota from the Eighth Congressional District and I might disagree on some of those things. I can't, in good conscience, support this amendment because it is not drafted in a way that would even do what the gentleman would like to do. It is just written wrong.

The Boundary Waters Wilderness Canoe Area is protected. It is wilderness. Any portion thereafter that is in the amendment would be parts that are not part of the Boundary Waters Wilderness Canoe Area. So by having that in the amendment, the amendment is not drafted properly.

For that and other reasons, I just close with this: I would urge my colleagues to vote against this amendment. We look forward to, in the future, having this discussion maybe next year with an amendment which the gentleman and I could disagree on the principle and not the way it is drafted.

Mr. Chair, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. STAUBER. Mr. Chairman, again, I do not trust the Biden-Harris administration on their way out. I do not trust them on their way out. This will ensure that the Superior National Forest and the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness remains as it is and there are no antiquities put forth. I do not trust the Biden-Harris administration when it comes to mining. They are the most anti-mining administration in the history of the United States of America. They haven't opened one mine.

Mr. Chair, I yield back the balance of my time.

The Acting CHAIR. The question is on the amendment offered by the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. STAUBER).

The amendment was agreed to.

AMENDMENT NO. 90 OFFERED BY MR. STAUBER

The Acting CHAIR. It is now in order to consider amendment No. 90 printed in part B of House Report 118-602.

Mr. STAUBER. Mr. Chair, I have an amendment at the desk.

The Acting CHAIR. The Clerk will designate the amendment.

The text of the amendment is as follows:

At the end of the bill (before the short title), insert the following:

SEC. \_\_\_\_\_. None of the funds made available by this Act may be used to expand the

area designated as the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness by section 3 of Public Law 95-495.

The Acting CHAIR. Pursuant to House Resolution 1370, the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. STAUBER) and a Member opposed each will control 5 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Minnesota.

Mr. STAUBER. Mr. Chairman, I rise to offer my amendment that prohibits any funds from being used to expand the Boundary Waters Canoe Wilderness Area within the Superior National Forest in northern Minnesota.

Mining and timber harvesting have played a significant role in the culture and the economy of northern Minnesota for well over a century. Mining and timber harvesting are our past, our present, and our future in northern Minnesota. We have proven we can mine and harvest timber responsibly all while still protecting and enjoying the beautiful area that we call home.

Antimining and antitforestry activists in this administration have taken step after step to attack our way of life in Minnesota. As my colleagues in this Chamber have heard me discuss time and time again, the Biden-Harris administration have used every tool to ban mining in northern Minnesota. They pulled the long-held leases for the Twin Metals project where copper was to be mined responsibly. Then they went even further and put into place a 20-year mineral withdrawal banning mining on 225,504 acres in the working industrial Superior National Forest.

What is next, Mr. Chairman?

What will they do next to attack our way of life and further stop mining in northern Minnesota?

My amendment will prevent the Biden-Harris administration from expanding the wilderness area while they are on their way out of the door later this year.

Just like my last amendment, this amendment does nothing to jeopardize existing protections for the Boundary Waters. This amendment does not expand mining or timber harvesting into the Boundary Waters. It simply ensures our ability to responsibly mine and harvest timber outside of the Boundary Waters. This amendment simply ensures this administration or any future administration cannot further attack our way of life in northeastern Minnesota.

Mr. Chair, I urge all my colleagues to support my amendment, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Chair, I rise in opposition to this amendment.

The Acting CHAIR. The gentlewoman from Minnesota is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Chairman, again, this amendment, unfortunately, like the last one, is flawed. In fact, in my opinion, it is not even relevant. It prohibits the administration from using funds to expand the Boundary Waters wilderness.

I want to be clear. The executive branch cannot expand wilderness, period. They can't. Only an act of Congress, only we can expand wilderness. Unless Republican House leadership is planning on bringing a bill to the floor to expand the BWCA wilderness boundaries or a bill allowing the administration to unilaterally designate public lands as wilderness area, this amendment makes no sense.

Like the past amendment, this amendment is directed at the Boundary Waters Wilderness Canoe Area. Unfortunately, they betray a fundamental understanding of what wilderness is and how it is designated.

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

Mr. STAUBER. Mr. Chair, we have to remember that as we speak, the U.S. Forest Service is looking to purchase 70,000 acres of the wilderness from the school trust fund. They are looking to expand the wilderness as we speak.

Again, what this does is it ensures that the Biden-Harris administration on their way out doesn't do anything to expand the wilderness area.

My good friend and colleague from Minnesota says that the executive branch can't. They will try, and what this does, Mr. Chairman, is it ensures them not even considering it because it is part of legislation now.

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

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Chair, the school public trust lands that are being purchased are not being purchased to be put into wilderness. They can't be. The Forest Service can purchase them, and the county can purchase them if they are up for sale. The State of Minnesota has a say in it. I served in the State house. However, the Biden-Harris administration cannot—cannot—even if purchased designate them as wilderness unless we, as the Congress, the House and Senate, vote affirmatively to do so and then send a bill to the President's desk.

I understand the passion. It is clear that my colleague, the gentleman from the Eighth Congressional District, and I have different points of view on the BWCA and its protection of this pristine water up there, but these two amendments just bring the Boundary Waters Canoe Wilderness Area into a political fight that it doesn't belong in because the amendments are not drafted properly.

Mr. Chair, I am probably ready to close, but I am going to reserve the balance of my time for now.

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Mr. STAUBER. Mr. Chairman, in closing, I offered three amendments. In the last two, I think I have said maybe three or four times now that as the Biden-Harris administration exits at the end of this year, I don't trust what they are going to do to our wilderness area, our mining, and our timber harvesting. They have proven it. The Obama-Biden administration took a

run at northeastern Minnesota when they pulled the leases on their way out.

What this does, Mr. Chair, is ensures that this blocks them from the attempt. This blocks them from the attempt to devastate northeastern Minnesota more so than they have already done.

Mr. Chairman, I yield back the balance of my time.

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Chairman, once again, I understand what the gentleman is attempting to do, but the way this is drafted doesn't do it.

I want my colleagues to think hard about amendments that fundamentally represent the laws that govern wilderness areas, including the Boundary Waters.

I hear you loud and clear that you don't agree with decisions made by this current administration, but the decisions that you are talking about into the future are not part of the Boundary Waters Wilderness Canoe Area.

Mr. Chair, for that reason, I reject this amendment because it is technically flawed, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The Acting CHAIR. Members are reminded to direct their comments to the Chair.

The Acting CHAIR. The question is on the amendment offered by the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. STAUBER).

The amendment was agreed to.

AMENDMENT NO. 91 OFFERED BY MS. TENNEY

The Acting CHAIR. It is now in order to consider amendment No. 91 printed in part B of House Report 118-602.

Ms. TENNEY. Mr. Chair, I have an amendment at the desk.

The Acting CHAIR. The Clerk will designate the amendment.

The text of the amendment is as follows:

At the end of the bill (before the short title), insert the following:

SEC. \_\_\_\_\_. The salary of Brenda Mallory, Chair of the Council on Environmental Quality, shall be reduced to \$1.

The Acting CHAIR. Pursuant to House Resolution 1370, the gentlewoman from New York (Ms. TENNEY) and a Member opposed each will control 5 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from New York.

Ms. TENNEY. Mr. Chair, I rise today to offer my amendment No. 91 to reduce the salary of Council on Environmental Quality, CEQ, Chair Brenda Mallory to \$1.

Mr. Chair, I have spoken numerous times on this floor about the dangerous rule proposed by the Federal Acquisition Regulation Council, the FAR Council, titled: "Federal Acquisition Regulation: Disclosure of Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Climate-Related Financial Risk."

This disastrous rule proposed by the FAR Council has numerous constitutional, national security, and practical concerns, none of which have been adequately addressed by the FAR Council. However, as part of the Science, Space, and Technology Committee's ongoing

investigation into the basis for this rule, it was uncovered that the CEQ, which does not possess rulemaking abilities, pushed the FAR Council to implement its radical agenda and publish this rule.

First and foremost, this rule requires that all Federal contractors that do business worth more than \$50 million with the Federal Government must disclose scope 1, 2, and 3 emissions.

This rule also seeks to require major Federal contractors to comply with the Paris climate accords, which have never even been ratified by the Senate.

The most objectionable part of this rule is the requirement that companies set climate targets and then have them validated by one specifically named company called Science Based Targets initiative, or SBTi. SBTi is a non-American, foreign, London-based company, which inherently carries national security concerns.

Under this rule, every major Federal contractor, including companies critical to our national security and our defense industrial base, would have to provide this foreign-owned company with information about all of their scope 1, 2, and 3 emissions and then strategize on how to reduce them.

Despite the existence of numerous American-based companies that could fill the same role, the FAR Council and CEQ chose a foreign company as the sole source provider because SBTi is nothing but a front for Democratic donors and advocacy groups.

SBTi is owned by the We Mean Business Coalition, which is a project of the New Venture Fund, which is managed by the dark-money super-PAC known as Arabella Advisors. Arabella Advisors, for those who don't know, is the George Soros-funded leftwing advocacy group that funnels dark money into leftwing causes and candidates.

To summarize, the Biden administration has named a subsidiary of one of their top donors, a leftwing, dark-money organization, as the sole source provider for all climate target validating for all major Federal Government contractors.

During a hearing in the Science, Space, and Technology Committee on this rule, even the Democratic witness said that SBTi was a poor choice for this role, yet CEQ and the FAR Council forged ahead anyway.

No Federal bureaucrat should be mandating that companies funnel money into the Democrats' dark-money operations. This is the very definition of corruption.

As the head of CEQ, Brenda Mallory played an integral role in pushing for this rule. Her salary must be defunded.

I look forward to working with Chairman LUCAS, Chairman OBERNOLTE, and all of my colleagues on the Science, Space, and Technology Committee to expose the corruption behind this proposed rule and halt its finalization and implementation.

Mr. Chair, I urge all of my colleagues to support this amendment, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. PINGREE. Mr. Chairman, I rise in opposition to the amendment.

The Acting CHAIR. The gentlewoman from Maine is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. PINGREE. Mr. Chair, I oppose this amendment, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Ms. TENNEY. Mr. Chair, I urge my colleagues to support this amendment, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The Acting CHAIR. The question is on the amendment offered by the gentlewoman from New York (Ms. TENNEY).

The question was taken; and the Acting Chair announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Ms. PINGREE. Mr. Chair, I demand a recorded vote.

The Acting CHAIR. Pursuant to clause 6 of rule XVIII, further proceedings on the amendment offered by the gentlewoman from New York will be postponed.

AMENDMENT NO. 92 OFFERED BY MS. TENNEY

The Acting CHAIR. It is now in order to consider amendment No. 92 printed in part B of House Report 118-602.

Ms. TENNEY. Mr. Chair, I have an amendment at the desk.

The Acting CHAIR. The Clerk will designate the amendment.

The text of the amendment is as follows:

At the end of the bill (before the short title), insert the following:

SEC. \_\_\_\_\_. None of the funds made available by this Act may be used to carry out Executive Order 14019 (863 Fed. Reg. 13623; relating to promoting access to voting), except for sections 7, 8, and 10 of such Order.

The Acting CHAIR. Pursuant to House Resolution 1370, the gentlewoman from New York (Ms. TENNEY) and a Member opposed each will control 5 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from New York.

Ms. TENNEY. Mr. Chair, I rise to offer my amendment No. 92 to the Interior appropriations bill to prohibit funding for President Biden's Executive Order No. 14019, titled: "Executive Order on Promoting Access to Voting."

This order requires Federal agencies to use their power, influence, resources, and Federal funding to enter into agreements with nongovernmental organizations to conduct voter registration and other mobilization activities.

Mr. Chair, this executive order is nothing but a blatant attempt to transform the Federal Government into a partisan get-out-the-vote machine for Democrats. The Department of the Interior and the Environmental Protection Agency should be completely nonpartisan and should not be using taxpayer funds and resources to actively engage in get-out-the-vote operations that have nothing to do with the departments' core missions, not to mention the obvious mission creep and Hatch Act violations that this activity triggers.

Mr. Chair, President Biden should not be weaponizing Federal agencies

and the Federal Government, using American taxpayer dollars to manipulate and steer our elections in a partisan manner.

Let me be clear. The Department of the Interior is actively carrying out Executive Order No. 14019. The Heritage Foundation has subpoenaed numerous documents and emails related to the Department of the Interior's implementation of this radical executive order, including this interim plan, which, for the record, is fully redacted. Mr. Chair, I wonder why the Department would fully redact this plan if it had nothing to hide.

As the cofounder and chair of the Election Integrity Caucus, it is my privilege to introduce this amendment to restore transparency and confidence in our democratic process while keeping partisan Federal bureaucrats and the swamp, literally, from deliberately tipping the balance at the ballot box.

I stand firmly behind the concept of one citizen, one vote, as enshrined in our Constitution. However, I do not support this blatantly partisan mobilization of the Federal Government for political purposes.

The funds appropriated in this bill should be used as intended, such as to protect public lands for hunting and fishing, not implementing a partisan get-out-the-vote initiative using Federal dollars and Federal employees.

Mr. Chair, I urge all of my colleagues to support this amendment, which will preserve election integrity and stop the Biden administration from transforming the Department of the Interior into a get-out-the-vote, partisan machine for the Democrats.

Let's make voting great again.

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

Ms. PINGREE. Mr. Chairman, I rise in opposition to the amendment.

The Acting CHAIR. The gentlewoman from Maine is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. PINGREE. Mr. Chair, I rise in opposition to this amendment.

Mr. Chair, the right to vote is a foundation of American democracy. Free and fair elections are a hallmark of our country, and all Americans should have the opportunity to exercise their right to vote without confronting obstacles.

The laws of the United States prohibit racial discrimination, but we are aware of instances where Americans in certain communities are confronted with long lines at the polls or barriers to their participation. I am disappointed that my colleague would want to restrict funding for this executive order that strives to make voter registration easier, expand access to information, and make voting more accessible.

My colleagues across the aisle talk about protecting First Amendment and Second Amendment rights, yet Republicans would prohibit funding for efforts to ensure the basic democratic right for every American to vote.

Mr. Chair, I urge my colleagues to reject this amendment, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Ms. TENNEY. Mr. Chair, I respectfully disagree with my colleague's interpretation of this bill.

I can't think of anything worse than having people who are on an important mission working in the Department of the Interior or other agencies engage in partisan get-out-the-vote efforts, being at the polls, and helping people vote.

That is not their job. That is the job of the States. Each one of the States is required under law to make sure to administer our elections, to be sure that we have one citizen, one vote, and that we have free and fair elections and access to voting. That is not the job of the Federal Government. In fact, Federal employees are prohibited from this kind of illegal activity under the Hatch Act.

For that reason, I urge my colleagues to support this amendment and prohibit our dollars and our employees from being forced to engage in partisanship at the ballot box instead of working on keeping our communities safe and keeping our environment free from some of the interference that we are seeing from the Biden administration.

Mr. Chair, I yield back the balance of my time.

The Acting CHAIR. The question is on the amendment offered by the gentlewoman from New York (Ms. TENNEY).

The amendment was agreed to.

AMENDMENT NO. 93 OFFERED BY MR. TIFFANY

The Acting CHAIR. It is now in order to consider amendment No. 93 printed in part B of House Report 118-602.

Mr. TIFFANY. Mr. Chair, I have an amendment at the desk.

The Acting CHAIR. The Clerk will designate the amendment.

The text of the amendment is as follows:

On page 117, beginning on line 14, strike "roads that are no longer needed, including".

The Acting CHAIR. Pursuant to House Resolution 1370, the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. TIFFANY) and a Member opposed each will control 5 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Wisconsin.

Mr. TIFFANY. Mr. Chair, my amendment strikes funding in the bill to close existing Forest Service roads. Maintaining and expanding access to our public lands has been a priority for me and many of my colleagues on the Natural Resources Committee this Congress.

Another lesser-known but equally important threat to access is the closure and decommissioning of roads and trails. Since 1991, the Forest Service has decommissioned an average of 2,000 miles of roads per year. Public lands across the Nation are under threat from big-city environmental groups that are hellbent on restricting public access to our shared public lands.

Shutting down these avenues for access doesn't just limit opportunities for recreational opportunities, like hunt-

ing, fishing, and ATVing, but it also makes responsible management efforts more difficult and expensive. That is exactly their goal.

My subcommittee saw these road closures firsthand in the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest in my district during a field hearing in May. It is not a coincidence that many of these local road closures correlate with the decline in the local forest products industry, the same industry that helps keep our forests and the communities that depend on them healthy and vibrant.

Forest Service roads can also act as an important firebreak for wildfires and allow quicker access for fighting them.

The language of decommissioning roads that are no longer needed is quite vague. In my experience, the Forest Service has not been very good about coordinating with local communities before closing roads that many people use.

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Mr. Chair, why are we spending tax dollars to close roads we spent tax money to build?

It makes no sense.

Let's make a U-turn on the harmful policy and stop throwing up roadblocks that make it more difficult for Americans to visit these special places. I ask for a "yes" vote on the amendment.

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

Ms. PINGREE. Mr. Chair, I claim the time in opposition to the amendment.

The Acting CHAIR. The gentlewoman from Maine is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. PINGREE. Mr. Chair, this amendment would be detrimental to the Forest Service's ability to maintain quality fisheries and safe public drinking water.

Decommissioning of roads is a critical tool in the management of the National Forest System that allows the service to remove roads that are no longer necessary and are likely to cause resource damages to the local watershed affecting fish habitat and water quality.

Decommissioning is used judiciously within the National Forest System, and it is necessary for the Forest Service to ensure that the removal of the road will have little to no impact to public access or fire suppression. Often, when one road is decommissioned, another existing road is identified as the alternative access to the local area which allows access to be maintained. This is an unnecessary amendment.

Mr. Chair, I urge my colleagues to oppose it, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. TIFFANY. Mr. Chair, I wish the gentlewoman would have been with us on our tour in May in northern Wisconsin. She would have heard from local people, local elected officials, State elected officials, and others who are harmed by these road closures that are happening.

The waste of tax dollars is very significant. We saw perfectly fine roads



that had been constructed to do logging projects and then they were removed.

We heard from a couple of elderly ladies who are berry pickers, which is a favorite pastime of many people up in northern Wisconsin at this time of year. They used to go out there and be able to pick berries now and then. They can no longer do that.

This is denying access to the very people who want to use our public lands that are taken care of with their tax dollars. There is no reason to close these roads. These roads have been active, oftentimes for decades, with no problems, and it is not rational to use the argument that this is going to harm the watershed.

If you come to some of the areas that we toured on our trip in May, you will see some of the finest waters that you will find in northern Wisconsin, and they were that way when these roads were active. There is no reason that we should be closing and decommissioning these roads.

Mr. Chair, I yield back the balance of my time.

Ms. PINGREE. Mr. Chair, I yield back the balance of my time.

The Acting CHAIR. The question is on the amendment offered by the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. TIFFANY).

The amendment was agreed to.

Mr. SIMPSON. Mr. Chair, I move that the Committee do now rise.

The motion was agreed to.

Accordingly, the Committee rose; and the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania) having assumed the chair, Mr. SMITH of Nebraska, Acting Chair of the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, reported that that Committee, having had under consideration the bill (H.R. 8998) making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025, and for other purposes, had come to no resolution thereon.

#### 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.

#### ESTABLISHING THE TASK FORCE ON THE ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION OF DONALD J. TRUMP

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the resolution (H. Res. 1367) establishing the Task Force on the Attempted Assassination of Donald J. Trump, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 1367

*Resolved,*

#### SECTION 1. ESTABLISHMENT; COMPOSITION.

(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is hereby established in the House of Representatives the Task Force on the Attempted Assassination of Donald J. Trump (hereafter in this resolution referred to as the “Task Force”).

(b) COMPOSITION.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Task Force shall be composed of not more than 13 Members, Delegates, or the Resident Commissioner appointed by the Speaker, not more than 6 of whom shall be appointed after consultation with the minority leader. The Speaker shall designate one member of the Task Force as its chair. A vacancy in the membership of the Task Force shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment.

(2) EX OFFICIO MEMBERS.—The Speaker and the minority leader shall be ex officio members of the Task Force but shall have no vote in the Task Force and may not be counted for purposes of determining a quorum.

(3) DESIGNATION OF LEADERSHIP STAFF MEMBER.—The Speaker and the minority leader each may designate a leadership staff member to assist in their capacity as ex officio members, with the same access to Task Force meetings, hearings, briefings, and materials as employees of the Task Force and subject to the same security clearance and confidentiality requirements as employees of the Task Force, or as required to conduct the functions of the Task Force.

#### SEC. 2. JURISDICTION; FUNCTIONS.

(a) FUNCTIONS.—The functions of the Task Force shall be to—

(1) investigate and fully examine all actions by any agency, Department, officer, or employee of the Federal Government, as well as State and local law enforcement or any other State or local government or private entities or individuals, related to the attempted assassination of Donald J. Trump on July 13, 2024 in Butler, Pennsylvania; and

(2) issue a final report of its findings to the House not later than December 13, 2024, including any recommendations for legislative reforms necessary to prevent future security lapses.

(b) INTERIM REPORTS.—In addition to any final report addressing the matters described in subsection (a), the Task Force may issue such interim reports as it deems necessary.

(c) UNCLASSIFIED FORM.—Any report issued by the Task Force shall be issued in unclassified form but may include a classified annex, a law enforcement-sensitive annex, or both.

#### SEC. 3. PROCEDURE.

(a) Notwithstanding clause 3(m) of rule X of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Task Force is authorized to study the sources and methods of entities described in clause 11(b)(1)(A) of rule X insofar as such study is related to the matters described in section 2.

(b) Clause 11(b)(4), clause 11(e), and the first sentence of clause 11(f) of rule X shall apply to the Task Force.

(c) Except as specified in subsection (d), the Task Force shall have the authorities and responsibilities of, and shall be subject to the same limitations and restrictions as, a standing committee of the House, and shall be deemed a committee of the House for all purposes of law or rule.

(d)(1) Rules X and XI shall apply to the Task Force where not inconsistent with this subsection.

(2) Service on the Task Force shall not count against the limitations in clause 5(b)(2) of rule X.

(3) Clause 2(a) of rule XI shall not apply to the Task Force.

(4) Clause 2(g)(2)(D) of rule XI shall apply to the Task Force in the same manner as it applies to the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence.

(5) Pursuant to clause 2(h) of rule XI, two members of the Task Force shall constitute a quorum for taking testimony or receiving evidence and one-third of the members of the Task Force shall constitute a quorum for taking any action other than one for which the presence of a majority of the Task Force is required.

(6) The chair of the Task Force, upon consultation with the ranking minority member, may authorize and issue subpoenas pursuant to clause 2(m) of rule XI in the investigation and study conducted pursuant to section 2, including for the purpose of taking depositions.

(7)(A) The chair of the Task Force, upon consultation with the ranking minority member, may order the taking of depositions, including pursuant to subpoena, by a member or counsel of the Task Force, in the same manner as a standing committee pursuant to section 3(k)(1) of House Resolution 5, One Hundred Eighteenth Congress.

(B) Depositions taken under the authority prescribed in this paragraph shall be governed by the procedures submitted by the chair of the Committee on Rules for printing in the Congressional Record on January 10, 2023.

(8) Subpoenas authorized pursuant to this resolution may be signed by the chair of the Task Force or a designee.

(9) The chair of the Task Force may, after consultation with the ranking minority member, recognize—

(A) members of the Task Force to question a witness for periods longer than five minutes as though pursuant to clause 2(j)(2)(B) of rule XI; and

(B) staff of the Task Force to question a witness as though pursuant to clause 2(j)(2)(C) of rule XI.

(10) The chair of the Task Force may postpone further proceedings when a record vote is ordered on questions referenced in clause 2(h)(4) of rule XI, and may resume proceedings on such postponed questions at any time after reasonable notice. Notwithstanding any intervening order for the previous question, an underlying proposition shall remain subject to further debate or amendment to the same extent as when the question was postponed.

(11) The provisions of paragraphs (f)(1) through (f)(12) of clause 4 of rule XI shall apply to the Task Force.

#### SEC. 4. RECORDS; STAFF; TRAVEL; FUNDING.

(a) Any committee of the House of Representatives having custody of records in any form relating to the matters described in section 2 shall transfer such records to the Task Force within 7 days of the adoption of this resolution. Such records shall become the records of the Task Force.

(b) The appointment and the compensation of staff for the Task Force shall be subject to regulations issued by the Committee on House Administration.

(c)(1) Staff of employing entities of the House or a joint committee may be detailed to the Task Force to carry out this resolution and shall be deemed to be staff of the Task Force.

(2) The Task Force may request the head of any Federal agency to detail, on a nonreimbursable basis, any of the personnel of the agency to the Task Force.

(d) Section 202(i) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946 (2 U.S.C. 4301(i)) shall apply with respect to the Task Force in the same manner as such section applies with respect to a standing committee, except that



the selection of any consultant or organization under such section shall be subject to approval by the Speaker.

(e) There shall be paid out of the applicable accounts of the House of Representatives such sums as may be necessary for the expenses of the Task Force. Such payments shall be made on vouchers signed by the chair of the Task Force and approved in the manner directed by the Committee on House Administration. Amounts made available under this subsection shall be expended in accordance with regulations prescribed by the Committee on House Administration.

**SEC. 5. TERMINATION; DISPOSITION OF RECORDS.**

(a) **TERMINATION.**—The Task Force shall terminate 10 days after filing the final report required under section 2.

(b) **DISPOSITION OF RECORDS.**—Upon termination of the Task Force, the records of the Task Force shall become the records of such committee or committees designated by the Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. BURGESS) and the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. MCGOVERN) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Texas.

**GENERAL LEAVE**

Mr. BURGESS. 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. Res. 1367, the measure under consideration.

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

There was no objection.

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

Mr. Speaker, on the afternoon of July 13 in Butler, Pennsylvania, a 20-year-old man walked across a barren field just outside a rally for Donald Trump with a rifle, a transponder, and a cell phone. He previously flew a drone over the site.

The man was able to traverse the field, climb up to the roof of a building, position his rifle at the President, and take at least five shots, killing one, injuring two others, and grazing the head of the former President.

Thankfully, the man was neutralized shortly thereafter by the efforts of a nearby Secret Service countersniper team, but not before killing former fire Chief Corey Comperatore, who was struck as he protected his family from the oncoming gunfire, and critically wounding David Dutch and James Copenhaver.

We are here today not just because this domestic terrorist was able to carry out this violent act, but also because he did not go undetected. Several eyewitnesses and firsthand accounts confirm that they had not just spotted the individual, but had also alerted authorities.

A recent BBC article noted sources identified the individual as a person of interest 52 minutes before the first shot rang out and was again located 20 minutes prior, climbing a warehouse roof.

Yet the individual was able to get to an unacceptably close distance and fire at our former President undeterred and came within a millimeter of tragically altering the history of this election and our Nation. The toll taken on civilians and attendees will forever remain an indelible stain.

The Secret Service not only failed to protect the President, but they failed to protect everyday Americans who were placed in harm's way, and that led to tragic consequences, taking a loving father away from his wife and children in the process.

The apparent failures at protecting a former President and now Presidential nominee are deeply troubling for their own sake, but also for the ramifications of the security of those trusted at the highest levels of our government currently and in the future.

H. Res. 1367 establishes the Task Force on the Attempted Assassination of Donald Trump. The task force will be empowered with all of the investigative authority of the House of Representatives, including subpoena authority to investigate the events that led to this heinous attempt at political violence and intimidation.

Mr. Speaker, this is election interference in the extreme. Political violence is unspeakably evil, and it is un-American regardless of political creed. That is why this task force will be bipartisan with the chairman and ranking member working together, drawing conclusions, and recommendations based on input from witnesses and from each other.

Mr. Speaker, I thank my fellow member and friend, Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania, for sponsoring this critical legislation. It was his district where this occurred.

Through the work of this task force, we will understand what went wrong on the day of the attempted assassination, what led to these failings, hold those responsible accountable, and make the necessary reforms to prevent this from ever happening again.

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

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

Mr. Speaker, I will join the gentleman from Texas in expressing my anger and disgust at the cowardly attack on the former President in Butler, Pennsylvania, a couple of weekends ago. What happened at that rally was horrific and un-American.

When the news first broke, my thoughts immediately turned to the former President's family, and the uncertainty and fear they must have felt. Our families are often the ones who shoulder the burden of the decisions we make, and I know that must have been an awful day for them.

I am truly grateful that the former President is okay. I am also heartbroken over the death of Corey Comperatore, a former fire chief, who selflessly shielded his own family from the bullets. Of course, I will continue

keeping the other two victims who were seriously wounded in my prayers.

Sadly, political violence is not new to this country. One of my earliest memories is actually of sitting around our dining room table with my mother and my father and my two sisters in Worcester, Massachusetts, writing condolence cards to Ethel Kennedy in the wake of Robert Kennedy's assassination. It was an awful, awful thing. I hope our country never goes through that ever again.

We don't yet know the motive of the would-be assassin, and there are still many unanswered questions. We know he was a disturbed, isolated young man, who happened to be a registered Republican who had easy access to an AR-15. He was doing computer searches on both Republicans and Democrats, on the rally in Pennsylvania, as well as the Democratic National Convention.

We also know that an assassination attempt is more than just an attack on one person. It is an attack on the fabric of our democracy, and so it needs to be taken very, very seriously.

There needs to be accountability, and I will just caution here that accountability does not mean finger pointing. I actually want to echo the remarks of the former President's family to say that many brave law enforcement officers and Secret Service agents put their lives on the line at that rally. They nearly took a bullet for the former President, and they ought to be applauded for their bravery.

I also think we shouldn't be jumping to conclusions about which law enforcement agency or officer is to blame, whether it is this leader or that leader or this person or that person. We don't need to play the blame game. We need to know the facts. We need to get the facts.

Clearly, there were major breakdowns in communication and planning, which is why we need a task force to investigate every aspect of what happened. Let them examine what went wrong, and let us make sure this never, ever happens again.

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

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I yield 5 minutes to the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. KELLY), the sponsor of this resolution.

Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I thank my friend from Texas for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, tonight, I rise in support of my resolution, H. Res. 1367, which would establish a task force on the attempted assassination of former President Donald J. Trump.

First, I will recognize and honor the life of a true hero, Corey Comperatore, who was tragically killed shielding his family from gunfire during former President Trump's campaign rally in my hometown of Butler, Pennsylvania, on July 13.

I also will take a moment to offer our thoughts and prayers for two Pennsylvanians who were also injured during the shooting and continue to recover, Mr. David Dutch of New Kensington, Pennsylvania, and Mr. JAMES Copenhaver of Moon Township, Pennsylvania.

I, of course, offer thoughts and prayers to former President Trump and his recovery. He showed incredible strength in the immediate aftermath of the shooting.

First of all, Corey Comperatore was a constituent of mine from Sarver, Pennsylvania.

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Corey graduated in 1992 from Freeport High School and went on to serve his country as a dedicated 10-year veteran of the United States Army Reserves.

Corey's passion for his community and his Christian faith led him to serve as an active member at the Cabot Church and a member of the Buffalo Township Volunteer Fire Department, where he served as chief in the early 2000s.

Above all, Corey was a loving husband and father. His obituary reads, "the quintessential family man and the best girl dad."

Together, his love for his wife, Helen, and his daughters, Allyson and Kaylee Comperatore, will carry on. We offer our thoughts and prayers to the friends and family of Corey Comperatore.

Mr. Speaker, on July 13, 2024, the Nation watched in horror as a gunman attempted to assassinate the Republican Party's nominee for President, former President Donald J. Trump.

This day will go down in infamy in American history, but nowhere more so than in my hometown of Butler, Pennsylvania, where it will always be remembered that the assassination of former President Donald Trump took place.

I have lived in Butler literally my whole life. I went to high school there. My wife and I have raised our family there. I have coached Little League football and Little League baseball, and our family business is there. Now, I am fortunate enough to represent my town right here in the United States House of Representatives. I can tell you that my community is grieving. They are shocked by what happened in our backyard.

The people of Butler and the people of the United States deserve answers. I am proud to introduce this bill to establish a task force to get to the bottom of how this unthinkable tragedy could ever have occurred.

This bipartisan task force will have investigative authority, including subpoena power, to thoroughly analyze the circumstances surrounding the assassination attempt and ensure that these failures that occurred that day never happen again.

I thank Speaker JOHNSON, Leader SCALISE, Chairman BURGESS, and our

colleagues on the other side of the aisle for working with us to stand up this task force.

When the American people lose faith, trust, and confidence in their government, then the question is going to be who will fix it. The answer is we are. We are.

In this House, we are the ones that are going to fix it. The American people deserve to know, and we have the responsibility to find the answers for them.

President Trump deserves answers, the Comperatore family deserves answers, and the American people deserve answers. I will not rest until we get these answers for all of our constituents and fellow Americans.

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

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

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1½ minutes to the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. JOYCE), a member of the Pennsylvania delegation.

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Texas for yielding.

On July 13, the Secret Service failed in its mission to protect President Donald J. Trump. By failing to properly secure the perimeter, by failing to adequately communicate about a security threat, a known security threat, and by failing to keep President Trump from being struck by a shot fired by a would-be assassin, the Secret Service failed the American people.

While the resignation of Secret Service Director Kimberly Cheatle is a necessary first step, it does not absolve the agency of its responsibility for what occurred.

To address this critical flaw, Congress must investigate the circumstances that led up to this incident, including the decisions that were made and including the decisions that should have been made to prevent this tragedy.

Among those who were struck by gunfire was Fire Chief Corey Comperatore, who was killed while shielding his wife and daughter.

There needs to be accountability for what happened on that Saturday afternoon in Butler County, and I urge all of my colleagues to support H. Res. 1367, Establishing the Task Force on the Attempted Assassination of Donald J. Trump.

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

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1½ minutes to the gentlewoman from Minnesota (Mrs. FISCHBACH), a valuable member of the Rules Committee.

Mrs. FISCHBACH. Mr. Speaker, I thank the chair for yielding me some time on this issue.

Less than 2 weeks ago, Donald Trump, a former President and Presidential candidate, was inches away from being assassinated. Thousands at his rally were put at risk.

As my colleagues from Pennsylvania mentioned, two people were injured,

and Corey Comperatore was tragically killed while protecting his family. All this happened because of a catastrophic failure on the part of government security forces.

The resignation of Secret Service Director Cheatle is the first step toward holding failures accountable, but there is so much work to be done. We need to get to the bottom of this failure, and we need to do it now.

Mr. Speaker, I support this legislation, and I urge my colleagues to do the same. We must get answers to the American people.

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

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1½ minutes to the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. MEUSER).

Mr. MEUSER. Mr. Speaker, I thank my friend, the gentleman from Texas, very much for yielding time.

I rise today in support of H. Res. 1367, which forms a task force to address the shocking attack on President Trump. I thank my colleague, MIKE KELLY, very much for bringing this resolution to the floor.

This attack tragically took the life of a brave Pennsylvanian, Corey Comperatore.

As an eyewitness to this event, along with my colleague, MIKE KELLY, I stand here on behalf of the American people, especially Pennsylvanians, who deserve answers to critical questions about this tragedy.

Why was the building the gunman used allowed to be outside of the security perimeter? Why was there no Secret Service stationed on the roof? Why wasn't there a plan executed and a high sense of emergency and urgency taking place?

Director Cheatle's remarks the other day did nothing to inspire confidence or for us to believe that this situation is going to be corrected appropriately and in a high-priority manner.

Senseless political violence demands nothing else than a unified response from both Democrats and Republicans. We must come together and form a bipartisan task force to uncover the truth and provide answers.

Mr. Speaker, I am very happy and proud to support this legislation, H. Res. 1367, which aims to achieve just that.

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

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. KELLY), the sponsor of the resolution.

Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I thank Chairman BURGESS for this opportunity to finish up as well as Mr. MCGOVERN on the other side of the aisle.

I think, at this point, this is not about Republicans or Democrats. This is about a tragedy that happened in a small town in western Pennsylvania, which never should have occurred.

I think it is really important, as the American people watched this whole

scenario, to answer: How could that possibly have happened? What didn't we know, or what did we know that we didn't react to? Why, at the end of the day, are there more questions than there are answers?

We can't get answers that, I think, are very simple.

For a person who grew up there, and I know that site so well, I was concerned when that site was picked because I thought it would be a very difficult place to have a rally of that size.

This is not a criticism of law enforcement. This isn't a criticism of whoever it is that picked that site. This is an opportunity for this House to work together to settle the doubts that the American people have, the faith, trust, and confidence that they need to have in us that we can work together, both sides of the aisle, when we have a crisis like this.

It goes far beyond politics, and it goes far beyond policies. It is truly American in every sense.

Mr. MCGOVERN is present with us today, and I thank Chairman BURGESS so much, and I think this more than anything else can demonstrate to the American people that we can work together. We can work together as Republicans and Democrats to get answers for the American people, answers that they deserve and answers that they have been wondering about since July 13.

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

Let me just say to the gentleman from Pennsylvania that I agree. One of the reasons why I think there would be overwhelmingly bipartisan support for this task force is because people want to get the answers. What happened, and how do we make sure that it never happens again?

Mr. Speaker, we hear a lot of talk about the need to turn down the temperature in this country moving forward. I put out a bipartisan statement alongside my friend, Chairman BURGESS, the day after the assassination attempt, and we talked about how to move forward.

The bottom line, we agreed, is that we can have loud, passionate, even at times angry debates in this country. That is the way it goes in a democracy as big and diverse as ours, but at the end of the day, we are all Americans who love this country deeply, and we must resolve our differences peacefully.

I think Robert F. Kennedy, a hero of mine whose life was taken by an assassin's bullet when I was just 8 years old, said it best. "A sniper is only a coward, not a hero, and an uncontrolled, uncontrollable mob is only the voice of madness, not the voice of the people.

"Whenever any American's life is taken by another American unnecessarily, whether it is done in the name of the law or in the defiance of law, by one man or a gang, in cold blood or in passion, in an attack of violence or in response to violence, whenever we tear

at the fabric of life which another man has painfully and clumsily woven for himself and his children, the whole Nation is degraded."

Mr. Speaker, what was true in 1968 is true today. Our common bond as Americans demands that we speak out against violence and condemn it whenever and wherever we see it. We can't pick and choose. It needs to be condemned all the time, even when it is not easy or convenient to do that.

That hasn't always been the case, if we are being honest, and that makes me sad. It makes me sad that we had some people make fun of Speaker PELOSI's husband, Paul, when he was violently attacked with a hammer.

We need to come together, Mr. Speaker. We need unity. We have people who still refuse to condemn what happened on January 6, when a violent mob beat up police officers and tried to execute Vice President Mike Pence, right here outside the Capitol Building. Police died that day.

I am comfortable condemning political violence all of the time, period, end of discussion. I think the bipartisan nature of this resolution is a sign of hope for me that we will move even further in that direction.

I know the gentleman on the other side is as well comfortable calling out violence wherever it may occur, but we need to get to a place in this country where all of our colleagues, Democrats and Republicans, feel compelled to do the same.

I hope we get to that point because political violence is against everything America ought to stand for.

When the Founders of this country put pen to paper, they imagined a future where reason would triumph over fear, a world where the ballot, not the bullet, would determine who would wield power, a Nation where the consent of the governed, not the fear of force, would confer legitimacy upon our leaders.

Generations of Americans have worked hard to turn those dreams into a reality, to expand the circle of our democracy and make real the promise of this country for all. Political violence is the ultimate betrayal of that work. It is a dead end that leads only to disaster.

What happened on July 13 was an awful, cowardly, despicable attack, something that should never ever have happened, and I hope that this task force gets answers on behalf of the American people.

We need to know what happened. We need to get to the truth. We need to find a way to prevent this from ever happening again.

Mr. Speaker, I join with my colleagues here in urging a "yes" vote on this bill, and I yield back the balance of my time.

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

Mr. Speaker, political violence—this was election interference in the extreme.

Just an hour, an hour and a half ago, in this very Chamber, the Prime Minister of Israel spoke with us. One of his comments was that there is no room for political violence in a democracy. I agree with him. I am so relieved that the Secret Service Director did resign.

How do you comport the idea that it was reported that there was evidence of an Iranian plot against the life of Donald Trump, and then you let a teenager wander over that field for an hour and fly a drone overhead? It makes no sense that that could have happened. Of course, the only answer for the Director of the Secret Service was resignation.

More than that, we as a body, we as a Congress, need to put together this task force to understand and get to the bottom of what occurred on July 13. It is our duty.

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It is our duty. It is our duty for the sake of future leaders of this Nation. It is our duty for our children and grandchildren. We have to understand the circumstances that allowed the assassination attempt to occur and, of course, to ensure that it never happens again.

I once again urge all my colleagues to support this critical legislation. I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SMITH of Nebraska). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Texas (Mr. BURGESS) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 1367, 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. BURGESS. 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.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H. RES. 1371, STRONGLY CONDEMNING THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION AND ITS BORDER CZAR, KAMALA HARRIS'S, FAILURE TO SECURE THE UNITED STATES BORDER

Mr. RESCHENTHALER. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 1376 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 1376

*Resolved*, That upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order without intervention of any point of order to consider in the House the resolution (H. Res. 1371) strongly condemning the Biden Administration and its Border Czar, Kamala Harris's, failure to secure the United States border. The amendment to the preamble printed in the report

of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution shall be considered as adopted. The resolution, as amended, shall be considered as read. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the resolution and preamble, as amended, to adoption without intervening motion or demand for division of the question except one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Homeland Security or their respective designees.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Pennsylvania is recognized for 1 hour.

Mr. RESCHENTHALER. Mr. Speaker, for the purpose of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. MCGOVERN), my good friend, pending which I yield myself such time as I may consume. During consideration of this resolution, all time yielded is for the purpose of debate only.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. RESCHENTHALER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks.

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

There was no objection.

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

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of this rule and in support of the underlying legislation. The rule provides for consideration of H. Res. 1371, a resolution strongly condemning the Biden administration and its border czar, HARRIS, for their failure to secure the U.S. border under a closed rule with 1 hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Homeland Security or their respective designees.

Mr. Speaker, since Biden-Harris took office, American leadership both at home and abroad has become weak and feckless, and that is just putting it mildly. On the global stage, we have seen the Houthis creating chaos in the Red Sea after the administration delisted them as a foreign terrorist organization. Then, just last week, they successfully launched a deadly suicide drone attack in Tel Aviv.

Iran has grown stronger and more dangerous than ever. Their proxies, Hamas and Hezbollah, are launching a two-front war against Israel and have attacked our servicemembers over 100 times since October 7. Now their nuclear program is 1 or 2 weeks away from the time needed to produce enough weapons-grade material for a nuclear weapon. Even Secretary Blinken stated: Where we are now is not a good place.

I can continue talking about the disastrous Afghanistan withdrawal, about Vladimir Putin invading Ukraine following the administration's decision to green-light Nord Stream 2 or I could talk about record-high inflation reach-

ing over 20 percent under Biden-HARRIS, but the biggest failure is the crisis at the southern border.

Just 64 days into this administration, Biden named HARRIS his border czar. Now my friends from across the aisle are trying to cover up her failures as border czar and trying to argue that she was never even in charge, but to their chagrin, I brought receipts with me.

Let me read you a few headlines and quotes. Here is Axios on April 14, 2021: "The number of unoccupied minors crossing the border has reached crisis levels. HARRIS, appointed by Biden as border czar, said she would be looking at the 'root causes' that drive migration." That was Axios in 2021.

Here is another headline from the Associated Press on March 24, 2021: "Biden taps VP Harris to lead response to border challenges."

Here is another one from Axios, March 24, 2021: "Biden puts Harris in charge of border crisis."

Just wait for it, here is President Biden on that same day, March 24, 2021: "... she is the most qualified person to do it—to lead our efforts with Mexico and the Northern Triangle and the countries that help—are going to need help in stemming the movement of so many folks, stemming the migration to our southern border." That was Joe Biden.

The President went on further: "... it is not her full responsibility and job, but she is leading the effort because I think the best thing to do is put someone who, when he or she speaks, they don't have to wonder about is that where the President is. When she speaks, she speaks for me. Doesn't have to check with me."

Now the debate has been settled. President Biden clearly put Vice President HARRIS in charge of the border. What did the border czar Harris do? The Biden-Harris administration issued 94 executive actions related to the border. They halted the construction of the border wall and ended remain in Mexico, and they established the catch and release program.

What were the results? In February 2021, the country witnessed a 174 percent increase in southwest border encounters compared to February of 2020. On her watch, there have been over 9.6 million illegal immigrant encounters nationwide. Experts estimate that the number of known got-aways—those are illegal immigrants who have evaded capture—exceed 2 million.

In May of 2021, CBP encountered over 180,000 individuals attempting to enter the country illegally along the southwest border. That was a staggering 675 percent increase from May of 2020. Since fiscal year 2021, 378 illegal aliens on the terrorist watch list have been apprehended at our southern border.

In June, NBC reported that over 400 illegal immigrants with ties to ISIS entered the U.S. under border czar HARRIS, and the whereabouts of 50 of these individuals are still unknown. In

fiscal year 2024, there have been a record-breaking 31,000 Chinese nationals encountered at the southwest border.

Perhaps the worst stat of them all: We have lived through 39 months where the total encounters have been higher than even the highest month seen under President Trump. This is a really simple vote. If you are okay with those results, go ahead and vote "no." If you think border czar HARRIS has failed the American people, vote "yes." It is really that simple.

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

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Pennsylvania for yielding me the customary 30 minutes, and I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Before I even get into my speech, the gentleman referred to Axios as this mainstream publication that referred to the Vice President as the border czar. I think he might have missed the correction that Axios issued. An editor's note here said: This article has been updated and clarified to note that Axios was among the news outlets that incorrectly labeled HARRIS a border czar in 2021.

I am happy to pass on the correction. Again, for the record, I think my Republican friend should stick to the facts.

Honestly, Mr. Speaker, I have to say I don't think we should even be spending a single second on this debate because this resolution is a total and complete insult to this institution.

This all started with an emergency meeting, an emergency meeting in the Rules Committee last night. An emergency. Drop everything and come to the Rules Committee. What did the Republicans bring up? Not legislation to help working Americans, not a bill to ensure the safety of our communities, not something to actually secure the southern border or fix our broken immigration system. No, no, no, none of that. They called an emergency meeting to attack Vice President HARRIS. That is the emergency.

They want to hold a Trump rally here in the Capitol Building. They are weaponizing Congress and using our time to produce a political attack ad. Let's set the record straight. This resolution originally called Vice President HARRIS Biden's border czar. Not because that was her title, but because of a lie that MAGA media outlets just made up.

The Vice President was never put in charge of the border. She was given a diplomatic role to focus on resolving some of the long-term, big-picture root causes of immigration crisis. Her job was to help give migrants options in their home countries so that fewer of them would make the journey north. Guess what? She delivered. There were

\$5.2 billion in private sector commitments that will give people jobs, opportunity, and hope in their home countries. That is what leadership looks like. That is what action looks like.

Do you know what happened? Illegal border crossings just hit a 3-year low in June, Mr. Speaker. Let me repeat that. Illegal border crossings currently are way down, but that is not what you will hear from the other side today. They are going to twist themselves into knots blaming everything on KAMALA HARRIS.

However, their blame game just highlights what is going on here. Republicans don't care about fixing our immigration system. They had a chance to do something, and they blocked bipartisan progress for their own political gain. On day one in office, President Biden and Vice President HARRIS put forth a plan to create a fair and just immigration system. Republicans refused to act.

President Biden and Vice President HARRIS then worked across the aisle to put together a historic bipartisan immigration bill. Trump told Republicans to kill it, and they did. They want a crisis at the border because it helps them with their political messaging.

What do they bring to the floor instead? They bring a pointless, useless, nonbinding resolution. It has all the legislative authority of a FOX News sound bite or a Trump Truth Social rant.

We know how this is going to go. The other side is going to rant and rave about numbers. They will tell very sad stories about families that have been impacted by our broken immigration system, stories that, honestly, do break my heart. However, what Republicans will not do is actually do anything about it.

This meaningless, feckless, slanderous resolution won't help a single grieving family. It won't do a single thing to make Americans safer. Nothing. It won't strengthen our border. It won't create a better immigration system. It is just a chance for House Republicans to bash someone that they are afraid of.

They are melting down over KAMALA HARRIS. I mean, they have completely lost their minds since she became the Democratic Party's presumptive nominee. They are scared. They are scared, Mr. Speaker, because she offers America something that Donald Trump could never. She offers decency, unity, and hope. I get it. I get it. Republicans are scared of the excitement surrounding her candidacy. Maybe they are afraid their nominee is too boring or won't be able to keep up. After all, he is the oldest Presidential nominee in our Nation's history. Maybe they are afraid they are going to lose.

You would think they would focus on actually passing something meaningful. They have canceled Congress next week because they are too incompetent to even pass their own appropriations bills. Three of the four funding bills

were pulled this week because Republicans didn't have the votes. It really is sad because the United States Congress should be a place where we advance legislation that actually helps people, but because House Republicans are incapable of doing that, they are rallying behind this do-nothing, pathetic, purely political resolution.

Mr. Speaker, they should be embarrassed. This resolution is beneath the dignity of this institution, and they should be ashamed of themselves.

I reserve the balance of my time.

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The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. FEENSTRA). The Chair reminds Members to refrain from engaging in personalities toward nominees for the Office of the President.

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

Mr. Speaker, if you want to talk about being ashamed, let's talk about who should be ashamed. It is Biden and HARRIS. They have been a complete disaster, especially with the southern border.

Excuse me for being so audacious as to bring facts and figures to a debate, but I guess I have to apologize for bringing more facts and figures to a debate. Let's go through a few of them.

The Biden-Harris administration has failed to remove 99.7 percent of illegal immigrants released in the United States. Here is another stat: In June, there were 130,419 illegal immigrant encounters at our southern border. This is roughly 4,300 daily encounters, which is—wait for this—four times more than the definition of a crisis that was set by Obama's own DHS Secretary Johnson, who said in 2019 that more than 1,000 encounters a day would overwhelm the system. That was President Obama's DHS Secretary.

Do you want to talk about more facts and figures? In May 2024, Committee on Homeland Security Republicans released documents showing the Biden administration—wait for this—secretly flew over 400,000 illegal immigrants into our country.

HARRIS still has visited our southern border only once since she became border czar. It took her a total of 93 days to make a token trip to El Paso, which is 800 miles from the sector experiencing the worst numbers.

Then, in an interview with NBC's Lester Holt, HARRIS was asked: Do you have any plans to visit the border?

She replied: At some point, we are going to the border. Then, she said: We have been to the border.

Lester Holt replied: You haven't been to the border.

HARRIS replied: And I haven't been to Europe.

You just can't make this stuff up.

Then, former Border Patrol Chief Ortiz stated: "I have never had one conversation with the President or the Vice President, for that matter. I was the chief of the Border Patrol. I com-

manded 21,000 people. That is a problem."

Current Border Chief Owens felt her absence, as well, reporting that the VP has not spoken with him since she was appointed in July 2023.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. BURGESS), the chairman of the Rules Committee.

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, honestly, I keep hearing the term "MAGA" used by the other side. I am referred to as MAGA. You keep saying that word. I don't think you know what it means. It is an acronym that stands for Make America Great Again. I don't know why anyone would take offense to that. If anything, it is something that should bring us all pride.

The nickname "czar" is shorthand that has been used by the media. It is not new. This goes back to the administration of Franklin Roosevelt.

I think the point that many of us would like to make is that it is no secret that the mainstream media is basically a mouthpiece for the Democratic Party. It has been for years.

It is ironic that today suddenly the mainstream media has decided the use of the term "czar," which they threw around freely during the Obama administration, threw around freely earlier in this administration, now that term is one that, well, they used it inappropriately.

I will help the ranking member. I brought the Axios quote that he referenced because now, this morning, magically they say they were wrong 3 years ago when we referred to Vice President HARRIS as a czar.

Again, the term has been used under Truman, Eisenhower, Johnson, Nixon, Ford, Carter, Reagan, George H.W. Bush, Clinton, George W. Bush, President Obama, and twice under President Trump.

Who can forget the famous car czar, Steven Rattner? Who can forget the healthcare czar in the Obama administration, Nancy DeParle?

These terms were used as an effort to elevate someone's status. They were working in the White House on a particular issue. They had never gone through Senate confirmation.

Vice President HARRIS was appointed by President Biden to fix the crisis at the border, and my constituents in Texas have witnessed firsthand that the situation on the border is not fixed. Communities are constantly being flooded by illegal immigrants. This leads to the flow of drugs and the rise of crime.

Now, because she is the presumptive nominee for President, to protect her campaign, the leftist media is trying to change the story and mislead the American people. Republicans are being accused of fabricating the title, yet those same media outlets that were proclaiming her the border czar are now claiming that this was falsely reported by their news outlets, that this was falsely reported 3 years ago.

Regardless of how the minority wants to describe her, she was tasked

with managing the border. On her watch, well over 9 million illegal immigrant encounters occurred. Illegal immigrants who evaded capture are well over 2 million. American lives have been lost as a result of the Vice President's failure of her principal task of defending the border.

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

Members are reminded to refrain from engaging in personalities toward the President or Vice President.

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

Mr. Speaker, you can't make this stuff up. First of all, let me set the record straight.

The original version of this resolution said that President Biden asked Vice President KAMALA HARRIS to serve as the administration's border czar, which he did not do. Someone made it up, I think. I don't know.

After my colleagues and I pointed out that fact, the gentleman from Pennsylvania and the Republican side of the committee scrambled to try to find a shred of proof that, in fact, Biden actually appointed her as a border czar, and they couldn't find anything.

So, they made a frantic last-minute change to now say that Vice President HARRIS "came to be known colloquially as the Biden administration's border czar."

I mean, we caught you, but come on. This would be comical if it weren't such a monumental waste of time and taxpayer dollars, and all for a resolution that does absolutely nothing.

The gentleman from Pennsylvania went on a big rant, throwing around all kinds of numbers and identifying all kinds of problems we are faced with, and I am trying to figure out where in this four-page resolution there is anything that would do anything to solve any of the issues that he raised. There is nothing.

This is a nonbinding resolution. This will never become law. This doesn't even go to the Senate. This is like voting on a press release. I mean, what a colossal waste of time.

My Republican friends love to complain, but they don't like to do anything to fix anything, and this is the latest example. What a waste of time for this institution to have to concern itself with a glorified press release.

Mr. Speaker, I am going to ask unanimous consent to include in the RECORD an article from Scripps News titled: "No, VP Kamala Harris was never named 'border czar.'"

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

There was no objection.

NO, VP KAMALA HARRIS WAS NEVER NAMED 'BORDER CZAR'

[From Scripps News San Diego, 11:27 am, July 22, 2024]

President Biden tasked Harris to address the root causes of migration, not border security.

Within months of taking office in 2021, Vice President Kamala Harris was assigned a difficult task concerning the U.S. southern border, checking in with Central American governments to address the root causes of immigration problems in the United States.

The Trump campaign has already labeled that effort a failure, while Democrats blame the other side.

The assignment for Harris was to focus on what was happening south of the border—in the countries where migrants are originating. She was never actually named a "border czar," a moniker coined by Republicans.

"I've asked the vice president of the United States yesterday to be the lead person on dealing with focusing on the fundamental reasons why people leave Honduras, Guatemala, and El Salvador in the first place," Biden said in 2021.

House Speaker Mike Johnson used the term "czar" when calling her completely inept on Sunday. Other Republicans have followed suit.

Harris traveled to Mexico and Guatemala in June 2021, and in her remarks, focused on economic instability, violence and corruption, telling migrants the border is not open.

"The goal of our work is to help Guatemalans find hope at home," Harris said at the time. "At the same time, I want to be clear to folks in this region who are thinking about making the dangerous trek to the United States-Mexico border: Do not come. Do not come."

Meanwhile, Harris faced sharp criticism for not going to the border itself and bristled when pressed in an NBC News interview why she had not been to the border.

Just weeks after the NBC interview, Harris visited the southern border, again telling migrants to not come.

In El Paso, she toured Border Patrol Facilities and met with groups that help migrants. Again, her focus was on what causes people to come to the U.S. in the first place. She largely left enforcement of border security to Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas.

Over the next two years, the vice president secured more than \$5 billion to address the root causes of migration out of Central America. Nearly \$1 billion was targeted to the Central American Forward initiative, developing jobs and women's empowerment programs.

The Biden administration has deported or expelled nearly 4.5 million people, the most for any single president since George W. Bush, according to federal data.

Harris has agreed with criticism that the U.S. immigration system is "broken," saying in March the U.S. needs to fix it. But she points the blame at Senate Republicans pushed by former President Donald Trump to extinguish a bipartisan border security deal. Harris claimed Trump would prefer to run on a problem than to fix it.

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I request unanimous consent to include in the RECORD a Time magazine article titled: "Kamala Harris Was Never Biden's 'Border Czar.' Here's What She Really Did."

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

There was no objection.

[From TIME Magazine, July 23, 2024]

KAMALA HARRIS WAS NEVER BIDEN'S 'BORDER CZAR.' HERE'S WHAT SHE REALLY DID

(By Vera Bergengruen)

On her first foreign trip as Vice President in June 2021, Kamala Harris was tasked with

delivering a blunt message in Guatemala City. "I want to be clear to folks in this region who are thinking about making that dangerous trek to the United States-Mexico border: Do not come," she said at a press conference, pausing for effect. "Do not come."

Three years later, that sound bite may come to haunt Harris' nascent presidential campaign. Despite her warning, border crossings reached historic highs during the Biden Administration. Republican critics cast the episode as a symbol of Harris's ineffective tenure as President Biden's "border czar," a misleading label they applied after she was charged with helming diplomatic efforts to address the root causes of migration from Central America to the U.S.

Kamala Harris had one job," Nikki Haley told the crowd at the Republican National Convention in Milwaukee last week. "One job. And that was to fix the border. Now imagine her in charge of the entire country."

In fact, Harris was never put in charge of the border or immigration policy. Nor was she involved in overseeing law enforcement efforts or guiding the federal response to the crisis. Her mandate was much narrower: to focus on examining and improving the underlying conditions in the Northern Triangle of Central America—El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras—which has been racked by decades of poverty, war, chronic violence, and political instability. The strategy relied on allocating billions for economic programs and stimulating private-sector investment in the region in hopes that these programs would ultimately lead fewer migrants to make the dangerous journey north.

It was the first high-profile assignment in Harris' tenure as Vice President, and it was an especially thankless one. At best, addressing the "push factors" that spur migration would lead to incremental improvements and take a generation to yield results. At worst, it would make Harris the face of the border crisis, one of the Biden administration's biggest political vulnerabilities. "To the extent that this was a useful assignment, she did reasonably well in getting the private sector to invest in Central America, says Muzaffar Chishti, a senior fellow at the nonpartisan Migration Policy Institute. "But it was an assignment that could not produce results anytime soon."

The so-called "root causes strategy" focused on improving economic and security conditions by creating jobs, combating corruption, improving human and labor rights, and reducing violence. Harris allocated funds for humanitarian relief from natural disasters, and directed more than 10 million COVID-19 vaccines to the Northern Triangle countries. She held bilateral meetings with the region's leaders, as well as meetings with NGOs, business executives and human rights advocates. She worked with the U.S. Justice Department to launch an AntiCorruption task force focused on prosecuting corruption cases with ties to the region, as well as Anti-Migrant Smuggling task forces in Mexico and Guatemala.

Most importantly, Harris spearheaded a public-private partnership that, as of March 2024, had secured commitments from major U.S. and multi-national companies to invest more than \$5 billion in the region. The Vice President "put her name on the line with very serious senior CEOs and kind of created a brand appeal for Central America that didn't exist," says Ricardo Zúñiga, who until recently served as the U.S. special envoy to Central America.

Harris also spent time in Washington communicating with regional leaders. One tangible result, according to two former U.S. officials, was that it gave the U.S. the standing and relationships to help prevent Guatemalan prosecutors from overturning the results of last year's presidential election,



which was won by anti-corruption outsider Bernardo Arévalo. While delayed, the ultimately peaceful transition of power avoided the political instability that Biden Administration officials feared could cause a spike in migration. The U.S. applied public pressure through sanctions and visa restrictions on officials they accused of undermining the democratic process, as well as behind the scenes. Harris's team was directly involved, especially her national security adviser Philip Gordon, who traveled to the region to push for a peaceful democratic transfer of power, according to the two former U.S. officials.

But the narrow mandate given to Harris ignored shifting migration patterns, experts say. The slow process of addressing the "push factors," or reasons that migrants leave their countries, says Chisthi, can't compete with the "pull factors"—the economic and safety incentives that draw people to the U.S. When Biden assumed office, officials thought Central America would continue to be the epicenter of migration pressure. "We were wrong," says Zuniga. After the initial surge, migration from the Northern Triangle largely stabilized. By December 2023, 54 percent of encounters at the southern border involved citizens of countries other than Mexico, Guatemala, El Salvador and Honduras, according to U.S. Customs and Border Protection data.

Much of Harris's work failed to break through back home. Instead, she became the target of Republican broadsides about the border crisis and was repeatedly criticized for not visiting the U.S.-Mexico border. "She's dealing with a narrative problem," says Zuniga. With immigration topping the list of Americans' concerns, according to recent Gallup polls, an ongoing humanitarian crisis at the border, and political deadlock on immigration reform and funding, Harris emerged as the most visible scapegoat.

As they shift their focus from Biden to Harris, it's clear that Republicans plan to attack Harris's role on immigration issues. "The border crisis is a Kamala Harris crisis," former President Trump's running mate, Ohio Sen. JD Vance, declared at a July 22 rally. A recent National Republican Senatorial Committee memo outlining talking points calls her "the architect of [Biden's] biggest failure." In a post on Truth Social on July 23, Trump said her "incompetence gave us the WORST and MOST DANGEROUS Border anywhere in the World." Texas Gov. Greg Abbott, a Republican, said if Harris is elected, he will "need to triple the border wall, razor wire barriers and National Guard on the border."

Harris has a broader record on immigration, including backing a bipartisan border-security deal aimed at reducing border crossings earlier this year. As a Senator, she was an outspoken advocate of legal protections for DACA recipients, made headlines for aggressively questioning Trump immigration officials, and derided the then-President's border wall as a "medieval vanity project." But it's clear the "border czar" label has become a political liability.

Some Harris allies have expressed frustration with Biden for putting her in this position. In doing so, he was repeating a familiar pattern—it was a portfolio Biden himself was given as Vice President. In 2014, when a surge in children and families from Central America overwhelmed the U.S. immigration system, then-President Barack Obama tasked him with leading the international response to the crisis. "The solution to this problem is to address the root causes of this immigration in the first place," Biden said on a trip to Guatemala City that summer. "Especially poverty, insecurity and the lack of the rule of law."

Seven years later, little had changed when Harris gave the same speech, in the same place. Politically, "the problem is that no one cares about the root causes," says Chisthi. "It's too abstract. And frankly, very little can be done about them in the short run, while the public is focused on what is happening with the border today."

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to include in the RECORD a July 17, 2024, article from The New York Times titled: "Why Republicans Keep Calling Kamala Harris the 'Border Czar.'"

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

There was no objection.

NEW YORK TIMES: WHY REPUBLICANS KEEP CALLING KAMALA HARRIS THE 'BORDER CZAR' (By Jazmine Ulloa and Nicholas Nehamas)

As Democrats tangle over the re-election prospects of President Biden, Republicans at their national convention this week have trained some of their most intense criticism on Vice President Kamala Harris.

They have tied her to an administration that they say has led to increases in crime and inflation. They have cast her an enabler of an aging and ineffective president. They have blamed her for record levels of migrant crossings at the border.

But perhaps no phrase has been deployed more than this one: "border czar."

"Kamala Harris isn't able to do any job. She was appointed border czar," said Representative Matt Gaetz of Florida on Wednesday to a couple of snickers in the audience. "Appointing Kamala Harris to oversee the border is like appointing Bernie Madoff to oversee your retirement plan."

But Ms. Harris was not, in fact, appointed border czar, nor was she tasked with addressing the broader problems plaguing the border itself, where minors have at times slept on the floors of overcrowded facilities for days beyond the legal limit. Rather she was deputized by President Biden with the diplomatic mission of solving the "root causes" of migration from countries like Guatemala, El Salvador and Honduras, tackling the issues that spur people to flee in the first place, like drug violence and lack of economic opportunity.

It was the same politically unsavory task that former President Barack Obama delegated to Mr. Biden when he served as Mr. Obama's vice president. And it's a task that has only become harder—and more politically polarized—since then, becoming perhaps the thorniest issue facing the Biden-Harris administration.

Brian Fallon, campaign spokesman for Ms. Harris, said former President Donald J. Trump and his party have "resorted to lying about the vice president's record," after Mr. Trump tanked a bipartisan border deal earlier this year.

"As a former district attorney and attorney general, she has stood up to fraudsters and felons like Trump her entire career," he said. "Trump's lies won't stop her from continuing to prosecute the case against him on the biggest issues in this race."

But attacking Ms. Harris serves several functions, Republican and Democratic strategists said. Republicans see her as a possible alternative to lead the Democratic ticket if Mr. Biden steps aside, with his campaign under pressure over concerns about his re-election bid. And if that does not happen, as Mr. Biden has vowed to stay in the race, she remains a powerful figure with the potential to energize the parts of the coalition seen as up for grabs: women, young people and voters of color.

Some speakers like Nikki Haley, Mr. Trump's one-time presidential rival, have long sought to convince Republicans that a vote for Mr. Biden will be a vote for Ms. Harris, arguing that Mr. Biden is too old to finish his second term even if he is re-elected.

"You never want to miss an opportunity to lay out the case that the Biden-Harris administration has been a disaster," said Dave Carney, a Republican political strategist at the convention.

So the calls of "border czar" from the stage have continued.

On Monday, Bob Unanue, the president of Goya Foods and chairman of the Hispanic Leadership Coalition, insulted Ms. Harris by riffing on the pronunciation of her name in Spanish to denigrate her as ineffective. "Our border czar, 'Que-mala' Harris—that means 'so bad'—and we have enough bad, we need some goodness—was missing in action," he said.

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, contrary to what the gentleman keeps saying, the idea that KAMALA HARRIS is the border czar was invented by right-wing media.

Let me read to you from the article I just inserted: "Ms. Harris was not, in fact, appointed border czar, nor was she tasked with addressing the broader problems plaguing the border itself."

It goes on to say: "Rather, she was deputized by President Biden with the diplomatic mission of solving the 'root causes' of migration from countries like Guatemala, El Salvador, and Honduras, tackling the issues that spur people to flee in the first place, like drug violence and lack of economic opportunity."

Mr. Speaker, in fact, my Republican colleagues had to change their resolution, as I mentioned, at the last minute in the Rules Committee last night because we caught them. They actually acknowledged, by changing their resolution, that President Biden never, in fact, named Vice President HARRIS the border czar. They changed their resolution to acknowledge the fact that "border czar" is a term that basically they made up.

Mr. Speaker, why are we here? Why are we doing this? We are doing this because they are afraid of the Vice President. She is drawing huge crowds. There is incredible excitement, and they are in a panic. They don't know what to do.

God forbid they bring any legislation to the floor to actually help the American people or help solve any crisis that we are faced with. Instead, a glorified press release comes to the floor so that they can rant and rave, point fingers, yell and scream, and get everybody all up in arms.

The bottom line is that this is like one of the biggest wastes of time that I can recall ever coming to this floor, and we have done a lot of things here under their leadership that I think is a waste of time.

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

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

Mr. Speaker, I have seen gaslighting, but I have never seen gaslighting to



this extent. This is quite amazing. Before we get into gaslighting, let's talk about a quick history lesson.

The President that I recall throwing around the term "czar" was President Obama. He had a car czar with the cash for clunkers program. It is kind of funny when you think about it. This is the same President who allowed Russia to invade Crimea. This is the same President who went up to the then-President of Russia, I believe, Dmitry Medvedev, and said: I just need a little flexibility. Tell Vlad I just have to get through this election cycle, and then we can talk.

That President named a czar, and that became part of our lexicon, and now we are being attacked because we are calling HARRIS the border czar.

Axios, as I said before, April 14, 2021, ran an article referring to HARRIS as border czar. Again: "The number of unaccompanied minors crossing the border has reached crisis levels. Harris, appointed by Biden as border czar"—it says that right here in the article—"said she would be looking at the 'root causes' that drive migration."

Now, you can say Axios retracted that. They retracted that 3 years after, when that became politically inconvenient.

The Democrats are now trying to say that HARRIS had nothing to do with the border. Unfortunately for the Democrats, we have a slew of other statements and articles that say that Biden put HARRIS in charge of the border.

Here is Axios again, March 24, 2021. The title of the article is: "Biden puts Harris in charge of border crisis." It doesn't get more clear than that.

Here are remarks by the President when he was at the State Dining Room on March 24, 2021. This is Biden talking about HARRIS: "She is the most qualified person to do it—to lead our efforts with Mexico and the Northern Triangle and the countries that help—are going to need help in stemming the movement of so many folks, stemming the migration to our southern border."

Again, that is President Biden telling people at a state dinner that he is putting HARRIS in charge of the border.

Here is another AP article, titled: "Biden taps VP Harris to lead response to border challenges."

You can quibble about names, if she was called the border czar, which is popular in our lexicon, or if she was called whatever. The fact remains the President put the Vice President in charge of managing the border crisis, and it has been an abysmal failure.

The stats speak for themselves. I will get to more stats later on in the debate.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 4 minutes to the gentleman from New York (Mr. LANGWORTHY), a fellow member of the Rules Committee.

Mr. LANGWORTHY. Mr. Speaker, hundreds of thousands of Americans die every year from fentanyl. Communities, including many in my own district, have been ripped apart by the scourge of this deadly poison.

I have hosted roundtables with local law enforcement, families of victims, and other advocates all across my district. One thing I have consistently heard is that we need to stop the flow of fentanyl into this country.

Our police officers are struggling to keep up with the constant influx into our communities, and it is killing some of our youngest and brightest citizens.

Every American knows these deadly substances are flooding across our borders, brought to this country by criminals who directly benefit from the Biden-Harris administration's open-border policies. We also can't forget the other Americans who have been assaulted and murdered by illegal immigrants allowed to enter this country.

Laken Riley is dead. Rachel Morin is dead. Others have lost their lives. Even children have been brutally assaulted. Why? So our border czar, KAMALA HARRIS, could score political points with the radical leftwing of her party.

Meanwhile, the State of New York is going bankrupt, spending billions of dollars to pay for housing, benefits, and food for this flood of illegal immigrants being released into the interior of this country.

Again, this is a direct result of the open-border and sanctuary policies of the Democratic Party under Biden-Harris. Vice President HARRIS, the anointed border czar, wholeheartedly supports these policies.

Time and again, she looks into the eyes of the American people who have seen loved ones die of fentanyl overdoses or have been the victims of criminals who were in this country illegally and lies to them. She lectures the American people about the root causes of illegal immigration and pretends that her policies had nothing to do with this historic crisis.

We are not buying it, and the American people won't buy it in November.

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Rather than visit our southern border, she led a junket to Central America to plead and to beg migrants to not come.

It doesn't get more pathetic than begging other countries while paying lip service to Americans who are feeling the real pain of this crisis.

Now, of course, this is entirely consistent with Vice President HARRIS' failed leadership in this administration. The condescension and virtue signaling may play well among the liberal, coastal elites who are now circling the wagons to ensure that she is slammed in there as the Democratic Presidential nominee in August, but the American people see her failures for what they are.

People are suffering. People are dying from this crisis that KAMALA HARRIS and President Biden have created. KAMALA HARRIS deserves full condemnation, and I am glad to see the House take up this resolution.

I am going to sit and wait for the condemnation of the little Democratic

rally that was held for KAMALA HARRIS over at Union Station today.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. MCCLINTOCK). Members are reminded to refrain from engaging in personalities toward the Vice President.

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

I have an opiate problem in my district as well. This is a serious issue.

The gentleman just got on the floor and ranted and raved about the fentanyl problem. While he was going on, I was reading this bill. The word "fentanyl" isn't even mentioned once in this, in this press release that is useless, that does nothing. It doesn't even mention the word "fentanyl." What is going on over here?

Again, the gentleman from Pennsylvania didn't answer my question. Of all the issues he raised here, where in this bill is there funding or solutions to deal with the fentanyl problem or to deal with securing the border or to provide more assistance for our border security?

There is nothing in this. This is useless. It is a press release. This is what we are spending our time on. We could probably come together and maybe figure out some concrete things we can do to save lives, so people don't die from fentanyl. We could probably come together and find some commonality to figure out ways to strengthen our border.

Let me just tell the gentleman one of the reasons why the border is the way it is and the immigration system is so messed up is because Congress has refused to act. Every time we try to get something to the floor, Republicans find a way to derail it.

Give me a break. What a waste of time. This is pathetic.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentlewoman from New Mexico (Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ), a distinguished member of the Rules Committee.

Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ. Mr. Speaker, we had to rush over last night to an emergency Rules Committee meeting to engage in this emergency resolution. This isn't an emergency. It is Republican panic.

House Republicans are afraid of Vice President HARRIS. House Republicans are afraid of the energy and the excitement Vice President HARRIS inspires in Americans. She is a new generation of leader who is bringing us a vision of prosperity and opportunity for all Americans. They are afraid of that vision. They are afraid of the vision because she has been fighting for working families, for unions, and for women who want reproductive freedom.

Vice President HARRIS' vision stands in stark contrast to the vengeful and hateful policies House Republicans and their nominee propose.

Republicans and their nominee want to divide Americans while Vice President HARRIS wants to unite Americans. She wants to make sure she fights for reproductive freedom for women. She will fight to make sure that we have access to contraception, to IVF.

What does the stark vision of the Republicans and their Project 2025 propose? They propose a national abortion ban. They propose restricting women's ability to make their own choices. They propose controlling Americans and controlling women.

Let's talk about immigration, since that is in the title of this. For decades, House Republicans have been the ones who blocked meaningful immigration and border bills. They refuse to participate in bipartisan solutions which we know are necessary for immigration and the border. Congress, we are the ones who must act.

This year, Vice President HARRIS, along with President Biden, Democrats, and Senate Republicans, made a deal on immigration reform and border security. Then former President Trump asked them to kill the border deal, so House Republicans did. They declared it dead on arrival in the House.

House Republicans don't have a real solution for the border because they don't actually want to fix it. If they did, what would they talk about? Everything they propose is dark, and it is always siding with the billionaires and the richest corporations instead of working families.

I am excited by Vice President HARRIS, and it is telling how scared the Republicans are of our nominee for President.

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

To be clear about one thing: I am not afraid of Vice President HARRIS and neither are any of my colleagues. The people who should be most afraid of the Vice President are the American people.

In going back to talk about the southern border, every single day in this country, roughly 300 Americans die of fentanyl overdoses. That would be the equivalent of a commercial jetliner going down every single day, once a day, for the last 4 years. That should scare the American people.

Talking about more things, let's talk about crime under this administration. Americans continue to be the victims of violent crime under the Biden-Harris administration.

According to the Major Cities Chiefs Association's 2022 crime report for urban areas across the country, homicides were up 13 percent since 2020, rapes were up 23.56 percent since 2020, and aggravated assaults were up 33.89 percent since 2020.

In 2022, at least nine cities, seven of which are Democrat run, saw record homicides. 2021 was the deadliest year in two decades for our law enforcement officers.

Just listen to their party leaders, like Vice President HARRIS. She supports defunding the police. She believes it is "wrongheaded" and "outdated" to think police officers make our communities safe.

She wants to give voting rights to murderers, terrorists, rapists, and even inmates that are sitting on death row.

HARRIS wants to abolish ICE which protects our communities from illegal aliens and the crimes they commit. She believes cash bail should be eliminated.

The only time Vice President HARRIS has called for law enforcement to get involved was when Jussie Smollett said men with red MAGA hats were after him. HARRIS called it a modern-day lynching, and of course, this was an absolute hoax that was fabricated by the radical left with the help of no other than Vice President HARRIS.

Americans should be afraid of the policies of the Vice President.

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

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

Mr. Speaker, I can tell they are afraid of the Vice President because that is all they want to talk about. They are obsessed.

Real time fact check, Mr. Speaker: This resolution does nothing to help any of the immigration problems that anyone on the other side of the aisle is talking about. There is no money, nothing, no laws, nothing. This is a press release.

I want to correct the record on Vice President HARRIS because what is being repeated on this floor this afternoon is totally divorced from reality.

KAMALA HARRIS has won election after election by inspiring and uniting people. She earned her spot as Vice President the old-fashioned way, through hard work, political courage, and fighting for a better country.

That is why Republicans are afraid of her. I get why they are afraid. I get the contrast isn't great for them right now.

As a prosecutor, KAMALA HARRIS took on perpetrators and put sexual abusers in jail, going after fraudsters who ripped off consumers and cheaters who broke the rules for their own personal gain.

As Attorney General, KAMALA HARRIS won a \$20 billion settlement for people whose homes had been foreclosed on, putting \$20,000 back into the pockets of victims of unethical foreclosures.

KAMALA HARRIS went after for-profit college scammers and forced them to return money to students and veterans that they stole from.

KAMALA HARRIS is fighting nonstop to protect the freedom of women to make their own choice about their own bodies while Republicans want to institute Project 2025 to ban abortion nationwide.

KAMALA HARRIS cast the tie-breaking vote to pass the Inflation Reduction Act that is lowering drug costs for seniors and people with diabetes.

That is exactly why my Republican friends are terrified. They are attacking her in the most vicious, personal, and insulting fashion.

Here are some of the quotes from some of our colleagues in Congress. These aren't rightwing media pundits. These are Members of Congress.

"One hundred percent she was a DEI hire."

"I think she was a DEI hire. And I think that that's what we're seeing."

Another quote: "Democrats . . . have to stick with her because of her ethnic background."

What is this, 1951? I knew they were trying to take us backward, but this is a new low. It is beyond offensive. We all know what this is. We all know what motivates these kinds of comments. I would say it on the floor, but I would probably have my words taken down again. Maybe they think it is easier to silence me than debate me. Maybe they are afraid of the truth.

The truth is that this resolution reeks of desperation. The truth is they want to distract from the Vice President's incredible track record of success, including the fact that she secured \$5.2 billion in private-sector commitments that will go toward addressing the underlying causes of migration that push people to our southern border in the first place.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to refrain from engaging in personalities toward the Vice President, including by making reference to other sources that would have been out of order if spoken in the Member's own words.

Mr. RESCHENTHALER. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume. Let me just get this straight. By the minority's logic, because Republicans are talking about Vice President HARRIS, we are somehow afraid of Vice President HARRIS. That is quite amazing because, for the last 8 years, they have been talking about President Trump. Let the American people decide who is afraid of who.

To the attack that we have done nothing about the southern border, I can give the Democrats some ideas of what to do. How about they can start requesting that the administration go back and repeal the 94 executive orders they issued when they took office which repealed President Trump's executive orders to secure the southern border. That would be a great start. You don't even need congressional action to undo those executive orders.

I have not heard one of my Democratic colleagues call for any of those executive orders to be reversed.

Here is another good idea: H.R. 2. This Chamber passed H.R. 2. It was the first border security bill that was passed in this Chamber, I believe, since the mid-nineties. That was a great bill. It ended catch and release. It reinstated remain in Mexico. It required that this administration finish the border wall. That would definitely halt illegal immigration.

That is sitting over in the Senate. Maybe my friends from across the aisle here could ask the other Chamber to run that bill. Just a few ideas.

I love it when I hear my colleagues talking about so-called bans. There are

a few bans that the Vice President is in favor of. Let's go through some of those.

Under President Biden and Vice President HARRIS, the administration has supported bans on the following: gas-powered vehicles, gas stoves, firearms, and LNG exports.

That is not enough for the Vice President. HARRIS wants to go even further than Biden. She supports bans on—this is a great list. It is like it is written by the Babylon Bee or something. She supports bans on red meat, plastic straws, private health insurance, fracking, and gas-powered schoolbuses.

Before you know it, the average American is going to have to show their grocery list to Czar Harris before they go to the grocery store.

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

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

I guess the talking points from the NRCC went out, because I think the gentleman just read them to us.

The gentleman talks about H.R. 2. It got 32 votes in the Senate. They killed it. It is dead.

Then he talks about Homeland Security appropriation bills. It wasn't killed in the Senate. My Republican friends in the House killed their own bill in the House. It is dead. It didn't go anywhere. They didn't send it over to the Senate. Give me a break. Oh, my goodness.

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What are we left with?

A nonbinding resolution, a nonbinding resolution that does nothing. That is the big plan, a press release. Oh—well, I am not going to say that because I will get my words taken down.

Anyway, Mr. Speaker, I want to urge that we defeat the previous question. If we do, I will offer an amendment to the rule to bring up H.R. 16, the American Dream and Promise Act of 2023.

Mr. Speaker, the bipartisan American Dream and Promise Act provides a pathway to citizenship for people who only know America as their home. They contribute to society as taxpayers, small business owners, educators, and more. Dreamers were brought to the United States as children through no fault of their own. It is past time to open the doors and empower these talented individuals by granting them access to citizenship that they rightfully deserve.

Mr. Speaker, let me be clear. There is a lot of work that needs to be done to fix our broken immigration system and secure our border. H.R. 16 won't solve every issue, but it will address a longstanding one in our failing immigration system. It is the right thing to do, and it has the added benefit of being a bill that actually does something as compared to the resolution that we are dealing with right now.

Instead of considering the do-nothing Republican nonbinding resolution be-

fore us, which is nothing but an RNC press release, and a bad one at that, let's consider actual legislation to start fixing these issues. Let's bring up H.R. 16.

Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to insert the text of my amendment into the RECORD, along with any extraneous material, immediately prior to the vote on the previous question.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. MCGOVERN. To discuss our proposal, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Texas (Ms. GARCIA).

Ms. GARCIA of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to urge my colleagues to defeat the previous question and support the American Dream and Promise Act.

Here we are again, wasting our time on yet another border resolution that does nothing, nada, to secure our border, reform our broken immigration system, or provide relief to the undocumented community.

This time, however, it is a little different twist because they are targeting Vice President KAMALA HARRIS for political gain. They are spewing lies that she is Biden's border czar. Trust me, if she had been given that position, it would be border czarina, because this is all a lie. It is false, period.

She was tasked with leading diplomatic efforts in Guatemala, Honduras, and El Salvador to reduce migration from those countries. That is what she was tasked to do.

Vice President HARRIS secured billions in private-sector investments to promote democracy and economic opportunity in those countries, and we have seen huge improvements. The numbers don't lie. In 2023, migrants from Guatemala, Honduras, and El Salvador only made 22 percent of all border crossings, down from 41 percent in 2021. That is a huge improvement.

However, Republicans don't care about facts. They would rather make up lies and get ready for the campaign rhetoric. They want to spew lies plain and simple for political gain. The reality is that if they were serious about border security and fixing our immigration system, then here is an idea, they would work with Democrats.

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

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I yield an additional 1 minute to the gentleman.

Ms. GARCIA of Texas. We have several solutions that we have put forward, including my bill, the American Dream and Promise Act, which would finally provide Dreamers, TPS recipients, and DED beneficiaries with a pathway to citizenship.

Not only is my bill bipartisan and popular with my colleagues, 207 of whom were cosponsors, but it is popular with the American people. Poll after poll shows that upwards of 70 percent of Americans support permanent

solutions for Dreamers because Americans support Dreamers and Dreamers support America. They know that their home is here. They rose to the challenge during the pandemic and served as doctors, nurses, and teachers. They are serving in our military and protecting our communities as law enforcement officers and firefighters.

The American Dream and Promise Act is a real commonsense solution and not a rhetoric bill. It is not a MAGA waste of time. Enough of this "pendejada," "foolishness," BS, and garbage. Let's move forward.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to defeat the previous question and instead support the American Dream and Promise Act, a real solution to provide relief to real people supported by Americans.

Mr. RESCHENTHALER. Mr. Speaker, I have no further speakers, I am prepared to close, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, may I inquire how much time I have remaining.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Massachusetts has 7 minutes remaining. The gentleman from Pennsylvania has 10 minutes remaining.

Mr. MCGOVERN. I yield myself the remainder of my time, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, this is the sixth time House Republicans want us to vote on nearly the exact same do-nothing border resolution. The only difference is that this time they have slapped Vice President HARRIS' name on it because she is running against Donald Trump.

Republicans are using official government resources to settle their political scores.

Isn't it wrong to use taxpayer money for a campaign rally?

Has anyone checked with the Federal Election Commission to see if this is even allowed?

Mr. Speaker, they are using your taxpayer money to turn this place into a testing ground for RNC attack ads.

My Republican colleagues should be embarrassed by this. All they talk about is their precious H.R. 2 and Homeland Security bills.

News flash: H.R. 2 is hot garbage. It is a horrible bill that only earned 32 votes in the Senate. Even Republicans in the Senate knew it was a bad bill.

They keep saying H.R. 2 is the solution, but they don't even have the votes on their side to get it to the President.

Moreover, let's not get started on their Homeland Security funding bills. Those bills never even made it to the Senate because they didn't send them over.

The solution is to pass a bipartisan bill, but they are worried if they pass one, it actually might work. It might secure the border, and then they won't have anything to campaign on.

At the end of the day, this is all about the fact that they have no vision, only division; no ideas, only attack ads; no plans, only meaningless

resolutions that do nothing and are not worth the paper that they are printed on.

Contrast that with KAMALA HARRIS and Democrats in terms of what we are offering, and what we are offering are real solutions, real action, and a future that guarantees every American has an opportunity to succeed.

We aren't afraid to work across the aisle to get things done for this country. Republicans offer nothing but anger, fear, and petty name-calling.

What a joke. Honestly, Mr. Speaker, if anyone thinks this resolution is a good idea, I think they might be in a cult. Get out of here with this nonsense. Go back to worshipping a convicted felon, and let us run this place like adults.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair would remind Members to refrain from engaging in personalities toward nominees for the Office of the President.

Mr. RESCHENTHALER. Mr. Speaker, I am prepared to close, and I yield myself the balance of my time.

Mr. Speaker, if you want to talk about division, I have got a whole list of divisive quotes from my friends across the aisle.

It starts at the very top. Just days before what happened in Pennsylvania, President Biden said that we need to put a bull's-eye on President Trump. That was President Biden.

Former Speaker PELOSI said: "You have to be ready to take a punch. And therefore you have to be ready to throw a punch—for the children."

Senator JON TESTER: "I don't think, even States where Donald Trump won big, that it does you any good running away from Donald Trump. I think you need to go back and punch him in the face."

That was a quote from JON TESTER.

Here is Joe Biden again: "I said if I were in high school, I would take him behind the gym and beat the hell out of him."

Congresswoman MAXINE WATERS said this: "And with this kind of inspiration, I will go and take out Trump tonight."

For the Vice President, she too is engaged in some divisive rhetoric. When asked in April 2018: If you had to be stuck in an elevator with either President Trump, Mike Pence, or Jeff Sessions, who would it be?

Do you know how the Vice President responded?

She said: Does one of us have to come out alive?

Save me the rhetoric on divisiveness. I think the American people know where the divisive language is coming from.

Let's go back to the Vice President and her role as border czar, at least that is what the media was calling her up until about 3 days ago.

When HARRIS was tasked to be border czar, she promised to "undo" President

Trump's border policies. Unfortunately for the American people, she made good on that promise.

The Biden-Harris administration has referred to the influx of illegals as newcomers. That was their word, "new-comers," not illegal immigrants.

She has called for the decriminalization of illegal border crossings. Border czar HARRIS has even supported free healthcare and mass amnesty for illegal immigrants.

The question is: Who pays the price for this incompetence?

That answer is simple. That is the American people.

The border crisis has cost the United States approximately \$150.7 billion every single year. That is over \$1,100 per year per every American taxpayer.

In southwestern Pennsylvania, my congressional district, we are one of the epicenters of the opioid crisis. Since the passage of H.R. 2, over 17,000 pounds of fentanyl had been seized at the southern border. To get your head around how much that actually is, Mr. Speaker, that is enough fentanyl to kill over 3.8 billion people.

Nearly 15 Pennsylvanians die from drug overdoses every single day. As I said earlier in the debate, in the United States, roughly 300 Americans every single day die of a fentanyl overdose.

We have also heard horror stories like the murder of Laken Riley. Laken was a 22-year-old from Georgia who was killed by an illegal immigrant from Venezuela.

Another American, Rachel Morin of Maryland, was a mother of five. She was raped and brutally murdered by an illegal from El Salvador.

Her brother, Michael, stated after her death: "Joe Biden and his designated border czar KAMALA HARRIS opened our borders to him and others like him empowering them to victimize the innocent." Yet to this day, we have not heard from Joe Biden or KAMALA HARRIS. They never apologized.

These brutal deaths are a direct result of border czar HARRIS' inaction and failed policies. That is why this week House Republicans will rightfully condemn the Biden-Harris administration for their epic failure at the southern border. House Democrats, well, they will stand over there and continue to support and stand by the border czar, Vice President HARRIS, since they are complicit partners in this man-made disaster at our southern border. This disaster has impacted every community in our Nation.

The material previously referred to by Mr. MCGOVERN is as follows:

AN AMENDMENT TO H. RES. 1376 OFFERED BY MR. MCGOVERN OF MASSACHUSETTS

At the end of the resolution, add the following:

SEC. 2. Immediately upon adoption of this resolution, the House shall proceed to the consideration in the House of the bill (H.R. 16) to authorize the cancellation of removal and adjustment of status of certain aliens, and for other purposes. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived. The bill shall be considered as read. All

points of order against provisions in the bill are waived. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill and on any amendment thereto, to final passage without intervening motion except: (1) one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary or their respective designees; and (2) one motion to recommit.

SEC. 3. Clause 1(c) of rule XIX shall not apply to the consideration of H.R. 16.

Mr. RESCHENTHALER. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time, and I move the previous question on the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on ordering the previous question.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. MCGOVERN. 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 question will be postponed.

#### 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 6 o'clock and 42 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 2046

#### AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. FERGUSON) at 8 o'clock and 46 minutes p.m.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Proceedings will resume on questions previously postponed.

Votes will be taken in the following order:

Ordering the previous question on House Resolution 1376;

Adoption of House Resolution 1376, if ordered; and

The motion to suspend the rules with respect to H. Res. 1367.

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

#### PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H. RES. 1371, STRONGLY CONDEMNING THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION AND ITS BORDER CZAR, KAMALA HARRIS'S, FAILURE TO SECURE THE UNITED STATES BORDER

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfinished business is the vote on ordering

the previous question on the resolution (H. Res. 1376) providing for consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 1371) strongly condemning the Biden Administration and its Border Czar, Kamala Harris's, failure to secure the United States border, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on ordering the previous question.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 208, nays 195, not voting 29, as follows:

[Roll No. 391]

YEAS—208

Aderholt	Gaetz	Moolenaar
Alford	Garcia, Mike	Mooney
Allen	Gimenez	Moore (AL)
Amodei	Gonzales, Tony	Moore (UT)
Armstrong	Good (VA)	Moran
Arrington	Gooden (TX)	Murphy
Babin	Gosar	Nehls
Bacon	Graves (LA)	Newhouse
Baird	Graves (MO)	Norman
Balderson	Green (TN)	Nunn (IA)
Banks	Greene (GA)	Obernolte
Barr	Griffith	Ogles
Bean (FL)	Grothman	Owens
Bentz	Guest	Palmer
Bergman	Guthrie	Pence
Bice	Hageman	Perry
Biggs	Harris	Pfleger
Bilirakis	Harshbarger	Posey
Boebert	Hern	Reschenthaler
Bost	Hill	Rodgers (WA)
Brecheen	Hinson	Rodgers (AL)
Buchanan	Houchin	Rodgers (KY)
Bucshon	Huizenga	Rose
Burchett	Hunt	Rosendale
Burgess	Issa	Rouzer
Burlison	Jackson (TX)	Roy
Calvert	Johnson (LA)	Rulli
Cammack	Johnson (SD)	Rutherford
Carey	Joyce (OH)	Salazar
Carl	Joyce (PA)	Scalise
Carter (GA)	Kean (NJ)	Schweikert
Carter (TX)	Kelly (MS)	Scott, Austin
Chavez-DeRemer	Kelly (PA)	Kiggans (VA)
Ciscomani	Kiggans (VA)	Kiley
Cline	Kiley	Kim (CA)
Cloud	Kim (CA)	Kustoff
Clyde	Kustoff	LaHood
Cole	LaHood	Smith (NE)
Collins	LaLota	Smith (NJ)
Comer	Lamborn	Smucker
Crane	Langworthy	Spartz
Crawford	Latta	Staubert
Crenshaw	LaTurner	Steel
Curtis	Lawler	Stefanik
Davidson	Lee (FL)	Steil
DesJarlais	Lesko	Steube
Diaz-Balart	Letlow	Strong
Donalds	Lopez	Tenney
Duarte	Loudermilk	Thompson (PA)
Duncan	Lucas	Tiffany
Dunn (FL)	Luetkemeyer	Timmons
Edwards	Luna	Valadao
Ellzey	Luttrell	Van Drew
Emmer	Mace	Van Duyn
Estes	Malliotakis	Van Orden
Ezell	Maloy	Wagner
Fallon	Mann	Walberg
Feenstra	Massie	Waltz
Ferguson	Mast	Weber (TX)
Finstad	McCaul	Webster (FL)
Fischbach	McClain	Wenstrup
Fitzgerald	McClintock	Westerman
Fitzpatrick	McCormick	Williams (NY)
Fleischmann	Meuser	Williams (TX)
Flood	Miller (IL)	Wilson (SC)
Fong	Miller (OH)	Wittman
Foxx	Miller (WV)	Womack
Franklin, Scott	Miller-Meeks	Yakym
Fry	Mills	Zinke
Fulcher	Molinaro	

NAYS—195

Adams	Amo	Barragan
Aguilar	Auchincloss	Beatty
Allred	Balint	Bera

Beyer	Harder (CA)	Peltola
Bishop (GA)	Hayes	Perez
Blumenauer	Himes	Peters
Blunt Rochester	Horsford	Petterson
Bonamici	Houlihan	Phillips
Bowman	Hoyle (OR)	Pingree
Boyle (PA)	Huffman	Pocan
Brown	Ivey	Pressley
Brownley	Jackson (IL)	Ramirez
Budzinski	Jackson (NC)	Raskin
Caraveo	Jacobs	Ross
Carbajal	Jayapal	Ruiz
Cárdenas	Jeffries	Ryan
Carson	Johnson (GA)	Salinas
Carter (LA)	Kamla-Dove	Sánchez
Cartwright	Kaptur	Sarbanes
Caspar	Keating	Scanlon
Case	Kelly (IL)	Schakowsky
Casten	Kennedy	Schiff
Castor (FL)	Khanna	Schneider
Cerfilus-	Kildee	Scholten
McCormick	Kilmer	Schrier
Chu	Kim (NJ)	Scott (VA)
Clark (MA)	Krishnamoorthi	Scott, David
Clarke (NY)	Kuster	Sewell
Cleaver	Landsman	Sherman
Clyburn	Larsen (WA)	Sherrill
Cohen	Larson (CT)	Slotkin
Connolly	Lee (CA)	Smith (WA)
Correa	Lee (NV)	Sorensen
Courtney	Lee (PA)	Soto
Crockett	Leger Fernandez	Spanberger
Crow	Levin	Stansbury
Cuellar	Lieu	Stanton
Davids (KS)	Lofgren	Stevens
Davis (IL)	Lynch	Strickland
Davis (NC)	Magaziner	Suozzi
Dean (PA)	Manning	Swalwell
DeGette	Matsui	Sykes
DeLauro	McBath	Takano
DeBene	McClellan	Thanedar
Deluzio	McCollum	Thompson (CA)
DeSaulnier	McGarvey	Thompson (MS)
Dingell	McGovern	Titus
Doggett	Menendez	Tlaib
Escobar	Meng	Tokuda
Eshoo	Mfume	Tonko
Españalat	Morelle	Torres (CA)
Fletcher	Moskowitz	Torres (NY)
Foster	Moulton	Trahan
Foushee	Mrvan	Trone
Frost	Mullin	Underwood
Gallego	Nader	Vargas
García (IL)	Napolitano	Vasquez
García (TX)	Neal	Veasey
García, Robert	Neguse	Velázquez
Golden (ME)	Nickel	Wasserman
Goldman (NY)	Norcross	Schultz
Gonzalez,	Ocasio-Cortez	Waters
Vicente	Omar	Wexton
Gottheimer	Pallone	Wild
Green, Al (TX)	Panetta	Williams (GA)
	Pappas	Wilson (FL)

NOT VOTING—29

Bishop (NC)	Gomez	Meeks
Bush	Granger	Moore (WI)
Castro (TX)	Grijalva	Pascroll
Costa	Higgins (LA)	Pelosi
Craig	Hoyer	Porter
D'Esposito	Hudson	Quigley
De La Cruz	James	Ruppersberger
Evans	Jordan	Turner
Garamendi	LaMalfa	Watson Coleman
Garbarino	McHenry	

□ 2107

Mr. LALOTA changed his vote from "nay" to "yea."

So the previous question was ordered. The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the resolution.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

RECORDED VOTE

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I demand a recorded vote.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. This is a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 210, noes 202, not voting 20, as follows:

[Roll No. 392]

AYES—210

Aderholt	Gaetz	Mills
Alford	Garbarino	Molinaro
Allen	Garcia, Mike	Moolenaar
Amodei	Gimenez	Mooney
Armstrong	Gonzales, Tony	Moore (AL)
Arrington	Good (VA)	Moore (UT)
Babin	Gooden (TX)	Moran
Bacon	Gosar	Murphy
Baird	Graves (LA)	Nehls
Balderson	Graves (MO)	Newhouse
Banks	Green (TN)	Norman
Barr	Greene (GA)	Nunn (IA)
Bean (FL)	Grothman	Obernolte
Bentz	Guest	Ogles
Bergman	Guthrie	Owens
Bice	Hageman	Palmer
Biggs	Harris	Pence
Bilirakis	Harshbarger	Perry
Boebert	Hern	Pfleger
Bost	Hill	Posey
Brecheen	Hinson	Reschenthaler
Buchanan	Houchin	Rodgers (WA)
Bucshon	Huizenga	Rodgers (AL)
Burchett	Hunt	Rodgers (KY)
Burgess	Issa	Rose
Burlison	Jackson (TX)	Rosendale
Calvert	James	Rouzer
Cammack	Johnson (LA)	Roy
Carey	Johnson (SD)	Rulli
Carl	Jordan	Rutherford
Carter (GA)	Joyce (OH)	Salazar
Carter (TX)	Joyce (PA)	Scalise
Chavez-DeRemer	Kean (NJ)	Schweikert
Ciscomani	Kelly (MS)	Scott, Austin
Cline	Kelly (PA)	Self
Cloud	Kiggans (VA)	Sessions
Clyde	Kiley	Simpson
Cole	Kim (CA)	Smith (MO)
Collins	Kustoff	Smith (NE)
Comer	LaHood	Smith (NJ)
Crane	LaLota	Smucker
Crawford	LaMalfa	Spartz
Crenshaw	Lamborn	Staubert
Curtis	Langworthy	Steel
D'Esposito	Latta	Stefanik
Davidson	Lawler	Steil
De La Cruz	Lee (FL)	Steube
Diaz-Balart	Lesko	Strong
Donalds	Letlow	Tenney
Duarte	Lopez	Thompson (PA)
Duncan	Loudermilk	Tiffany
Dunn (FL)	Lucas	Timmons
Edwards	Luetkemeyer	Valadao
Ellzey	Luna	Van Drew
Emmer	Luttrell	Van Duyn
Estes	Mace	Van Orden
Ezell	Malliotakis	Wagner
Fallon	Maloy	Walberg
Feenstra	Mann	Waltz
Ferguson	Massie	Weber (TX)
Finstad	Mast	Webster (FL)
Fischbach	McCaul	Wenstrup
Fitzgerald	McClain	Westerman
Fitzpatrick	McClintock	Williams (NY)
Fleischmann	McCormick	Williams (TX)
Flood	Meuser	Wilson (SC)
Fong	Miller (IL)	Wittman
Foxx	Miller (OH)	Womack
Franklin, Scott	Miller (WV)	Yakym
Fry	Miller-Meeks	Zinke
Fulcher	Mills	
	Molinaro	

NOES—202

Adams	Carbajal	Courtney
Aguilar	Cárdenas	Craig
Allred	Carson	Crockett
Amo	Carter (LA)	Crow
Auchincloss	Cartwright	Cuellar
Balint	Casar	Davids (KS)
Barragan	Case	Davis (IL)
Beatty	Casten	Davis (NC)
Bera	Castor (FL)	Dean (PA)
Beyer	Cerfilus-	DeGette
Bishop (GA)	McCormick	DeLauro
Blumenauer	Chu	DeBene
Blunt Rochester	Clark (MA)	Deluzio
Bonamici	Clarke (NY)	Dingell
Bowman	Cleaver	Doggett
Boyle (PA)	Clyburn	Escobar
Brown	Cohen	Eshoo
Brownley	Connolly	Correa
Budzinski	Correa	Españalat
Caraveo	Costa	Fletcher

Foster  
Foushee  
Frankel, Lois  
Frost  
Gallego  
Garcia (IL)  
Garcia (TX)  
Garcia, Robert  
Golden (ME)  
Goldman (NY)  
Gomez  
Gonzalez,  
Vicente  
Gottheimer  
Green, Al (TX)  
Harder (CA)  
Hayes  
Himes  
Horsford  
Houlahan  
Hoyer  
Hoyle (OR)  
Huffman  
Ivey  
Jackson (IL)  
Jackson (NC)  
Jacobs  
Jayapal  
Jeffries  
Johnson (GA)  
Kamllager-Dove  
Kaptur  
Keating  
Kelly (IL)  
Kennedy  
Khanna  
Kildee  
Kilmer  
Kim (NJ)  
Krishnamoorthi  
Kuster  
Landsman  
Larsen (WA)  
Larson (CT)  
Lee (CA)  
Lee (NV)  
Lee (PA)  
Leger Fernandez  
Levin

NOT VOTING—20

Bishop (NC)  
Bush  
Castro (TX)  
DesJarlais  
Edwards  
Evans  
Garamendi

Granger  
Griffith  
Grijalva  
Higgins (LA)  
Hudson  
LaTurner  
McHenry

Pascrell  
Porter  
Quigley  
Ruppersberger  
Turner  
Watson Coleman

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

□ 2113

So the resolution was agreed to. The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:  
Mr. EDWARDS. Mr. Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted AYE on Roll Call No. 392.

ESTABLISHING THE TASK FORCE ON THE ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION OF DONALD J. TRUMP

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 agree to the resolution (H. Res. 1367) establishing the Task Force on the Attempted Assassination of Donald J. Trump, as amended, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by

the gentleman from Texas (Mr. BURGESS) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, as amended.

This is a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 416, nays 0, not voting 16, as follows:

[Roll No. 393]  
YEAS—416

Adams  
Aderholt  
Agullar  
Curtis  
Alford  
Allen  
Allred  
Amo  
Amodei  
Armstrong  
Arrington  
Auchincloss  
Babin  
Bacon  
Baird  
Balderson  
Balint  
Banks  
Barr  
Barragan  
Bean (FL)  
Beatty  
Bentz  
Bera  
Bergman  
Beyer  
Bice  
Biggs  
Bilirakis  
Bishop (GA)  
Espaillat  
Estes  
Ezell  
Blunt Rochester  
Boebert  
Bonamici  
Bost  
Bowman  
Boyle (PA)  
Brecheen  
Brown  
Brownley  
Buchanan  
Bucshon  
Budzinski  
Burchett  
Burgess  
Burlison  
Calvert  
Cammack  
Caraveo  
Carbaljal  
Cárdenas  
Carey  
Carl  
Carson  
Carter (GA)  
Carter (LA)  
Carter (TX)  
Cartwright  
Casar  
Case  
Casten  
Castor (FL)  
Chavez-DeRemer  
Cherfilus-  
McCormick  
Chu  
Ciscomani  
Clark (MA)  
Clarke (NY)  
Cleaver  
Cline  
Cloud  
Clyburn  
Clyde  
Cohen  
Cole  
Collins  
Comer  
Connolly  
Correa  
Costa  
Courtney  
Craig  
Crane  
Crawford  
Crenshaw  
Crockett

McGovern  
Meeks  
Menendez  
Meng  
Meuser  
Mfume  
Miller (IL)  
Miller (OH)  
Miller (WV)  
Miller-Meeks  
Mills  
Molinaro  
Moolenaar  
Mooney  
Moore (AL)  
Moore (UT)  
Moore (WI)  
Moran  
Morelle  
Moskowitz  
Moulton  
Mrvan  
Mullin  
Murphy  
Nadler  
Napolitano  
Neal  
Neguse  
Nehls  
Newhouse  
Nickel  
Norcross  
Norman  
Nunn (IA)  
Obernolte  
Ocasio-Cortez  
Ogles  
Omar  
Owens  
Pallone  
Palmer  
Panetta  
Pappas  
Pelosi  
Peltola  
Pence  
Perez  
Perry  
Peters  
Pettersen  
Pfeiffer  
Phillips  
Pingree  
Pocan

NOT VOTING—16

Bishop (NC)  
Bush  
Castro (TX)  
Evans  
Garamendi  
Granger

Grijalva  
Higgins (LA)  
Hudson  
McHenry  
Pascrell  
Porter

Quigley  
Ruppersberger  
Turner  
Watson Coleman

Steupe  
Stevens  
Strickland  
Strong  
Suozi  
Swalwell  
Sykes  
Takano  
Tenney  
Thanedar  
Thompson (CA)  
Thompson (MS)  
Thompson (PA)  
Tiffany  
Timmons  
Titus  
Tlaib  
Tokuda  
Tonko  
Torres (CA)  
Torres (NY)  
Trahan  
Trone  
Underwood  
Valadao  
Van Duren  
Van Dyne  
Van Orden  
Vargas  
Vasquez  
Veasey  
Velázquez  
Wagner  
Walberg  
Waltz  
Wasserman  
Schultz  
Waters  
Weber (TX)  
Webster (FL)  
Wenstrup  
Westerman  
Wexton  
Wild  
Williams (GA)  
Soto  
Williams (NY)  
Williams (TX)  
Wilson (FL)  
Wilson (SC)  
Wittman  
Womack  
Yakym  
Zinke

Possey  
Pressley  
Ramirez  
Raskin  
Reschenthaler  
Rodgers (WA)  
Rogers (AL)  
Rogers (KY)  
Rose  
Rosendale  
Ross  
Rouzer  
Roy  
Ruiz  
Rulli  
Rutherford  
Ryan  
Salazar  
Salinas  
Sánchez  
Sarbanes  
Scalise  
Scanlon  
Schakowsky  
Schiff  
Schneider  
Scholten  
Schrier  
Schweikert  
Scott (VA)  
Scott, Austin  
Scott, David  
Self  
Sessions  
Sewell  
Sherman  
Sherrill  
Simpson  
Slotkin  
Smith (MO)  
Smith (NE)  
Smith (NJ)  
Smith (WA)  
Smucker  
Sorensen  
Spanberger  
Spartz  
Stansbury  
Stanton  
Staubert  
Steel  
Stefanik  
Steil

Horsford  
Houchin  
Houlahan  
Hoyer  
Hoyle (OR)  
Huffman  
Huizenga  
Hunt  
Issa  
Ivey  
Jackson (IL)  
Jackson (NC)  
Jackson (TX)  
Jacobs  
James  
Jayapal  
Jeffries  
Johnson (GA)  
Johnson (LA)  
Johnson (SD)  
Jordan  
Joyce (OH)  
Joyce (PA)  
Kamllager-Dove  
Kaptur  
Kean (NJ)  
Keating  
Kelly (IL)  
Kelly (MS)  
Kelly (PA)  
Kennedy  
Khanna  
Kiggans (VA)  
Kildee  
Kiley  
Kilmer  
Kim (CA)  
Kim (NJ)  
Krishnamoorthi  
Kuster  
Kustoff  
LaHood  
LaLota  
LaMalfa  
Lamborn  
Landsman  
Langworthy  
Larsen (WA)  
Larson (CT)  
Latta  
LaTurner  
Lawler  
Lee (CA)  
Lee (FL)  
Lee (NV)  
Lee (PA)  
Leger Fernandez  
Lesko  
Letlow  
Levin  
Lieu  
Lofgren  
Lopez  
Loudermilk  
Lucas  
Luetkemeyer  
Luna  
Luttrell  
Lynch  
Mace  
Magaziner  
Malliotakis  
Maloy  
Mann  
Manning  
Massie  
Mast  
Matsui  
McBath  
McCaul  
McClain  
McClellan  
McClintock  
McCollum  
McCormick  
McGarvey

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

□ 2120

Messrs. LYNCH and DOGGETT changed their vote from “nay” to “yea.”

So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the resolution, as amended, was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2025

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 1370 and rule XVIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the further consideration of the bill, H.R. 8998.

Will the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. FERGUSON) kindly take the chair.

□ 2123

IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Accordingly, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 8998) making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025, and for other purposes, with Mr. FERGUSON (Acting Chair) in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The Acting CHAIR. When the Committee of the Whole rose earlier today, amendment No. 93 printed in part B of House Report 118-602 offered by the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. TIFANY) had been disposed of.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE ACTING CHAIR

The Acting CHAIR. Pursuant to clause 6 of rule XVIII, proceedings will now resume on those amendments printed in part B of House Report 118-602 on which further proceedings were postponed, in the following order:

Amendment No. 81 by Mr. PERRY of Pennsylvania.

Amendment No. 82 by Mr. PERRY of Pennsylvania.

Amendment No. 83 by Mr. PERRY of Pennsylvania.

Amendment No. 85 by Mr. PERRY of Pennsylvania.

Amendment No. 91 by Ms. TENNEY of New York.

The Chair will reduce to 2 minutes the minimum time for any electronic vote after the first vote in this series.

AMENDMENT NO. 81 OFFERED BY MR. PERRY

The Acting CHAIR. The unfinished business is the demand for a recorded vote on amendment No. 81, printed in part B of House Report 118-602, offered by the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. PERRY), on which further proceedings were postponed and on which the ayes prevailed by voice vote.

The Clerk will redesignate the amendment.

The Clerk redesignated the amendment.

RECORDED VOTE

The Acting CHAIR. A recorded vote has been demanded.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The Acting CHAIR. This will be a 2-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 207, noes 211, not voting 20, as follows:

[Roll No. 394]

AYES—207

Aderholt	Biggs	Ciscomani
Alford	Bilirakis	Cline
Allen	Boebert	Cloud
Amodei	Bost	Clyde
Armstrong	Brecheen	Cole
Arrington	Buchanan	Collins
Babin	Bucshon	Comer
Bacon	Burchett	Crane
Baird	Burgess	Crawford
Balderson	Burlison	Crenshaw
Banks	Calvert	Curtis
Barr	Cammack	D'Esposito
Bean (FL)	Carey	Davidson
Bentz	Carl	De La Cruz
Bergman	Carter (GA)	DesJarlais
Bice	Carter (TX)	Diaz-Balart

Donalds	Joyce (OH)
Duncan	Joyce (PA)
Dunn (FL)	Kelly (MS)
Edwards	Kelly (PA)
Ellzey	Kiggans (VA)
Emmer	Kiley
Estes	Kim (CA)
Ezell	Kustoff
Fallon	LaHood
Feenstra	LaLota
Ferguson	LaMalfa
Finstad	Lamborn
Fischbach	Langworthy
Fitzgerald	Latta
Fleischmann	LaTurner
Flood	Lee (FL)
Fong	Lesko
Foxx	Letlow
Franklin, Scott	Lopez
Fry	Loudermilk
Fulcher	Lucas
Gaetz	Luetkemeyer
Garbarino	Luna
Garcia, Mike	Luttrell
Gimenez	Mace
Golden (ME)	Maloy
Gonzales, Tony	Mann
Good (VA)	Massie
Gooden (TX)	Mast
Gosar	McCaul
Graves (LA)	McClain
Graves (MO)	McClintock
Green (TN)	McCormick
Greene (GA)	Meuser
Griffith	Miller (IL)
Grothman	Miller (OH)
Guest	Miller (WV)
Guthrie	Miller-Meeks
Hageman	Mills
Harris	Molinaro
Harshbarger	Moolenaar
Hern	Mooney
Hill	Moore (AL)
Hinson	Moore (UT)
Houchin	Moran
Huizenga	Murphy
Hunt	Nehls
Issa	Newhouse
Jackson (TX)	Norman
James	Numm (IA)
Johnson (LA)	Obermole
Johnson (SD)	Ogles
Jordan	Owens

NOES—211

Adams	Crow
Aguilar	Cuellar
Allred	Davids (KS)
Amo	Davis (IL)
Auchincloss	Davis (NC)
Balint	Dean (PA)
Barragan	DeGette
Beatty	DeLauro
Bera	DelBene
Beyer	Deluzio
Bishop (GA)	DeSaulnier
Blumenauer	Dingell
Blunt Rochester	Doggett
Bonamici	Duarte
Bowman	Escobar
Boyle (PA)	Eshoo
Brown	Espallat
Brownley	Fitzpatrick
Budzinski	Fletcher
Caraveo	Foster
Carbajal	Foushee
Cárdenas	Frankel, Lois
Carson	Frost
Carter (LA)	Gallego
Cartwright	Garcia (IL)
Casar	Garcia (TX)
Case	Garcia, Robert
Casten	Goldman (NY)
Castor (FL)	Gomez
Chavez-DeRemer	Gonzalez,
Cherfilus-	Vicente
McCormick	González-Colón
Chu	Gottheimer
Clark (MA)	Green, Al (TX)
Clarke (NY)	Harder (CA)
Cleaver	Hayes
Clyburn	Himes
Cohen	Horsford
Connolly	Houlahan
Correa	Hoyer
Costa	Hoyle (OR)
Courtney	Huffman
Craig	Ivey
Crockett	Jackson (IL)

Palmer	Moskowitz
Pence	Moulton
Perez	Mrvan
Perry	Mullin
Pfluger	Nadler
Posey	Napolitano
Reschenthaler	Neal
Rodgers (WA)	Neguse
Rogers (AL)	Nickel
Rogers (KY)	Norcross
Rose	Norton
Rosendale	Ocasio-Cortez
Rouzer	Omar
Roy	Pallone
Rulli	Panetta
Rutherford	Pappas
Scalise	Pelosi
Schweikert	Peltola
Scott, Austin	Peters
Self	Pettersen
Sessions	Phillips
Simpson	Pingree
Smith (MO)	Plaskett
Smith (NE)	Pocan
Smucker	Pressley
Spartz	Ramirez
Staubert	Raskin
Steel	Ross
Stefanik	
Steil	
Steube	
Strong	
Tenney	
Thompson (PA)	
Tiffany	
Timmons	
Valadao	
Van Drew	
Van Dуйne	
Van Orden	
Wagner	
Walberg	
Waltz	
Weber (TX)	
Webster (FL)	
Wenstrup	
Westerman	
Williams (TX)	
Wilson (SC)	
Wittman	
Womack	
Yakym	
Zinke	

Ruiz	Swalwell
Ryan	Sykes
Salazar	Takano
Salinas	Thanedar
Sánchez	Thompson (CA)
Sarbanes	Thompson (MS)
Scanlon	Titus
Schakowsky	Tlaib
Schiff	Tokuda
Schneider	Tonko
Scholten	Torres (CA)
Schrier	Torres (NY)
Scott (VA)	Trahan
Scott, David	Trone
Sewell	Underwood
Sherman	Vargas
Sherrill	Vasquez
Slotkin	Veasey
Smith (NJ)	Wasserman
Smith (WA)	Schultz
Sorensen	Soto
Spanberger	Waters
Stansbury	Wexton
Stanton	Wild
Stevens	Williams (GA)
Strickland	Williams (NY)
Suozzi	Wilson (FL)

NOT VOTING—20

Bishop (NC)	Higgins (LA)	Radewagen
Bush	Hudson	Ruppersberger
Castro (TX)	McHenry	Sablan
Evans	Moylan	Turner
Garamendi	Pascrell	Velázquez
Granger	Porter	Watson Coleman
Grijalva	Quigley	

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE ACTING CHAIR

The Acting CHAIR (during the vote). There is 1 minute remaining.

□ 2125

So the amendment was rejected. The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

AMENDMENT NO. 82 OFFERED BY MR. PERRY

The Acting CHAIR. The unfinished business is the demand for a recorded vote on amendment No. 82, printed in part B of House Report 118-602, offered by the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. PERRY), on which further proceedings were postponed and on which the ayes prevailed by voice vote.

The Clerk will redesignate the amendment.

The Clerk redesignated the amendment.

RECORDED VOTE

The Acting CHAIR. A recorded vote has been demanded.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The Acting CHAIR. This will be a 2-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 185, noes 231, not voting 21, as follows:

[Roll No. 395]

AYES—185

Aderholt	Brecheen	Crenshaw
Alford	Buchanan	Curtis
Allen	Burchett	Davidson
Amodei	Burgess	De La Cruz
Armstrong	Burlison	DesJarlais
Arrington	Calvert	Diaz-Balart
Babin	Cammack	Donalds
Baird	Carey	Duarte
Balderson	Carl	Duncan
Banks	Carter (GA)	Dunn (FL)
Barr	Carter (TX)	Edwards
Bean (FL)	Ciscomani	Ellzey
Bentz	Cloud	Emmer
Bergman	Clyde	Estes
Bice	Cole	Ezell
Biggs	Collins	Fallon
Bilirakis	Comer	Feenstra
Boebert	Crane	Ferguson
Bost	Crawford	Finstad



Fischbach  
Fitzgerald  
Fleischmann  
Flood  
Fong  
Foxy  
Franklin, Scott  
Fry  
Fulcher  
Gaetz  
Garcia, Mike  
Gimenez  
Gonzales, Tony  
Good (VA)  
Gooden (TX)  
Gosar  
Graves (MO)  
Green (TN)  
Greene (GA)  
Grothman  
Guest  
Guthrie  
Hageman  
Harshbarger  
Hern  
Hinson  
Houchin  
Huizenga  
Hunt  
Issa  
Jackson (TX)  
James  
Johnson (SD)  
Jordan  
Joyce (OH)  
Joyce (PA)  
Kelly (MS)  
Kelly (PA)  
Kustoff  
LaHood  
LaMalfa  
Lamborn  
Langworthy

Latta  
LaTurner  
Lee (FL)  
Lesko  
Letlow  
Lopez  
Loudermilk  
Lucas  
Luetkemeyer  
Luna  
Luttrell  
Malliotakis  
Maloy  
Mann  
Massie  
McClain  
McClintock  
McCormick  
Meuser  
Miller (IL)  
Miller (OH)  
Miller (WV)  
Miller-Meeks  
Mills  
Moolenaar  
Mooney  
Moore (AL)  
Moore (UT)  
Moran  
Murphy  
Nehls  
Newhouse  
Norman  
Nunn (IA)  
Oberholte  
Ogles  
Owens  
Palmer  
Pence  
Perez  
Perry  
Pfluger  
Posey

Reschenthaler  
Rodgers (WA)  
Rogers (AL)  
Rogers (KY)  
Rose  
Rosendale  
Rouzer  
Roy  
Rulli  
Rutherford  
Scalise  
Schweikert  
Scott, Austin  
Self  
Sessions  
Simpson  
Smith (MO)  
Smith (NE)  
Smucker  
Stauber  
Stefanik  
Steil  
Steube  
Strong  
Tenney  
Thompson (PA)  
Tiffany  
Timmons  
Van Drew  
Van Dwyne  
Van Orden  
Wagner  
Walberg  
Waltz  
Weber (TX)  
Wenstrup  
Westerman  
Williams (TX)  
Wilson (SC)  
Womack  
Yakym  
Zinke

NOES—231

Adams  
Aguilar  
Allred  
Amo  
Auchincloss  
Bacon  
Balint  
Barragan  
Beatty  
Bera  
Beyer  
Bishop (GA)  
Blumenauer  
Blunt Rochester  
Bonamici  
Bowman  
Boyle (PA)  
Brown  
Brownley  
Buchon  
Budzinski  
Caraveo  
Carbajal  
Cárdenas  
Carson  
Carter (LA)  
Cartwright  
Casar  
Case  
Casten  
Castor (FL)  
Chavez-DeRemer  
Cherfilus-  
McCormick  
Chu  
Clark (MA)  
Clarke (NY)  
Cleaver  
Cline  
Clyburn  
Cohen  
Connolly  
Correa  
Costa  
Courtney  
Craig  
Crockett  
Crow  
Cuellar  
D'Esposito  
Davids (KS)  
Davis (IL)  
Davis (NC)  
Dean (PA)

DeGette  
DeLauro  
DelBene  
Deluzio  
DeSaulnier  
Dingell  
Doggett  
Escobar  
Eshoo  
Espallat  
Fitzpatrick  
Fletcher  
Foster  
Foushee  
Frankel, Lois  
Frost  
Gallego  
Garbarino  
Garcia (IL)  
Garcia (TX)  
Garcia, Robert  
Golden (ME)  
Goldman (NY)  
Gomez  
Gonzalez,  
Vicente  
Gonzalez-Colón  
Gottheimer  
Graves (LA)  
Green, Al (TX)  
Griffith  
Harder (CA)  
Harris  
Hayes  
Hill  
Himes  
Horsford  
Houlahan  
Hoyer  
Hoyle (OR)  
Huffman  
Ivey  
Jackson (IL)  
Jackson (NC)  
Jacobs  
Jayapal  
Jeffries  
Johnson (GA)  
Kamlager-Dove  
Kaptur  
Kean (NJ)  
Norton  
Ocasio-Cortez  
Omar  
Kennedy

Khanna  
Kigans (VA)  
Kildee  
Kiley  
Kilmer  
Kim (CA)  
Kim (NJ)  
Krishnamoorthi  
Kuster  
LaLota  
Landsman  
Larsen (WA)  
Larson (CT)  
Lawler  
Lee (CA)  
Lee (NV)  
Lee (PA)  
Leger Fernandez  
Levin  
Lieu  
Lofgren  
Lynch  
Mace  
Magaziner  
Manning  
Mast  
Matsui  
McBath  
McCaul  
McClellan  
McCollum  
McGarvey  
McGovern  
Meeks  
Menendez  
Meng  
Mfume  
Molinaro  
Moore (WI)  
Morelle  
Moskowitz  
Moulton  
Mrvan  
Mullin  
Nadler  
Napolitano  
Neal  
Neguse  
Nickel  
Norcross  
Norton  
Ocasio-Cortez  
Omar  
Pallone

Panetta  
Pappas  
Pelosi  
Peltola  
Petlow  
Petersen  
Phillips  
Pingree  
Plaskett  
Pocan  
Pressley  
Ramirez  
Raskin  
Ross  
Ruiz  
Ryan  
Salazar  
Salinas  
Sánchez  
Sarbanes  
Scanlon  
Schakowsky  
Schiff  
Schneider

Scholten  
Schrier  
Scott (VA)  
Scott, David  
Sewell  
Sherman  
Sherrill  
Slotkin  
Smith (NJ)  
Smith (WA)  
Sorensen  
Soto  
Spanberger  
Stansbury  
Stanton  
Steel  
Stevens  
Strickland  
Suzoi  
Swalwell  
Sykes  
Takano  
Thanedar  
Thompson (CA)

Thompson (MS)  
Titus  
Tlaib  
Tokuda  
Tonko  
Torres (CA)  
Torres (NY)  
Trahan  
Trone  
Underwood  
Valadao  
Vargas  
Vasquez  
Veasey  
Wasserman  
Schultz  
Waters  
Webster (FL)  
Wexton  
Wild  
Williams (GA)  
Williams (NY)  
Wilson (FL)  
Wittman

NOT VOTING—21

Bishop (NC)  
Bush  
Castro (TX)  
Evans  
Garamendi  
Granger  
Grijalva

Higgins (LA)  
Hudson  
McHenry  
Moylan  
Pascrell  
Porter  
Quigley

Radewagen  
Ruppersberger  
Sablan  
Spartz  
Turner  
Velázquez  
Watson Coleman

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE ACTING CHAIR

The Acting CHAIR (during the vote).  
There is 1 minute remaining.

□ 2129

So the amendment was rejected.  
The result of the vote was announced  
as above recorded.

AMENDMENT NO. 83 OFFERED BY MR. PERRY

The Acting CHAIR. The unfinished  
business is the demand for a recorded  
vote on amendment No. 83, printed in  
part B of House Report 118-602, offered  
by the gentleman from Pennsylvania  
(Mr. PERRY), on which further pro-  
ceedings were postponed and on which  
the ayes prevailed by voice vote.

The Clerk will redesignate the  
amendment.

The Clerk redesignated the amend-  
ment.

RECORDED VOTE

The Acting CHAIR. A recorded vote  
has been demanded.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The Acting CHAIR. This is a 2-  
minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic de-  
vice, and there were—ayes 173, noes 243,  
not voting 21, as follows:

[Roll No. 396]

AYES—173

Aderholt  
Alford  
Allen  
Armstrong  
Arrington  
Babin  
Baird  
Balderson  
Banks  
Barr  
Bean (FL)  
Benz  
Bergman  
Biggs  
Bilirakis  
Boebert  
Bost  
Brecheen  
Burchett  
Burgess  
Burlison  
Cammack  
Carey

Carl  
Carter (GA)  
Cline  
Cloud  
Clyde  
Collins  
Comer  
Crane  
Crawford  
Crenshaw  
Curtis  
Davidson  
De La Cruz  
DesJarlais  
Donalds  
Duarte  
Duncan  
Dunn (FL)  
Emmer  
Estes  
Ezell  
Fallon  
Feenstra

Ferguson  
Finstad  
Fischbach  
Fitzgerald  
Fleischmann  
Flood  
Fong  
Foxy  
Franklin, Scott  
Fry  
Fulcher  
Gaetz  
Garcia, Mike  
Gimenez  
Golden (ME)  
Gonzales, Tony  
Good (VA)  
Gooden (TX)  
Gosar  
Green (TN)  
Greene (GA)  
Griffith  
Grothman

Guest  
Hageman  
Harris  
Harshbarger  
Hern  
Hill  
Houchin  
Huizenga  
Hunt  
Issa  
Jackson (TX)  
James  
Johnson (SD)  
Jordan  
Joyce (PA)  
Kelly (MS)  
Kelly (PA)  
Kustoff  
LaHood  
LaMalfa  
Lamborn  
Langworthy  
Latta  
LaTurner  
Lee (FL)  
Lesko  
Letlow  
Lopez  
Loudermilk  
Luetkemeyer  
Luna  
Luttrell  
Mace  
Malliotakis  
Maloy

Mann  
Massie  
Mast  
McClain  
McClintock  
McCormick  
Meuser  
Miller (IL)  
Miller (OH)  
Miller (WV)  
Miller-Meeks  
Mooney  
Moore (AL)  
Moran  
Murphy  
Nehls  
Newhouse  
Norman  
Nunn (IA)  
Ogles  
Owens  
Palmer  
Pence  
Perry  
Pfluger  
Posey  
Reschenthaler  
Rodgers (WA)  
Rogers (AL)  
Rose  
Rosendale  
Rouzer  
Roy  
Rulli

NOES—243

Adams  
Aguilar  
Allred  
Amo  
Amodei  
Auchincloss  
Bacon  
Balint  
Barragan  
Beatty  
Bera  
Beyer  
Bice  
Bishop (GA)  
Blumenauer  
Blunt Rochester  
Bonamici  
Bowman  
Boyle (PA)  
Brown  
Brownley  
Buchanan  
Buchon  
Budzinski  
Calvert  
Caraveo  
Carbajal  
Cárdenas  
Carson  
Carter (LA)  
Carter (TX)  
Cartwright  
Casar  
Case  
Casten  
Castor (FL)  
Chavez-DeRemer  
Cherfilus-  
McCormick  
Chu  
Ciscomani  
Clark (MA)  
Clarke (NY)  
Cleaver  
Clyburn  
Cohen  
Cole  
Connolly  
Correa  
Costa  
Courtney  
Craig  
Crockett  
Crow  
Cuellar  
D'Esposito  
Davids (KS)  
Davis (IL)  
Dean (PA)  
DeGette  
DeLauro

DelBene  
Deluzio  
DeSaulnier  
Diaz-Balart  
Dingell  
Doggett  
Edwards  
Ellzey  
Escobar  
Eshoo  
Espallat  
Fitzpatrick  
Fletcher  
Foster  
Foushee  
Frankel, Lois  
Frost  
Gallego  
Garbarino  
Garcia (IL)  
Garcia (TX)  
Garcia, Robert  
Goldman (NY)  
Gomez  
Gonzalez,  
Vicente  
Gonzalez-Colón  
Gottheimer  
Graves (LA)  
Green, Al (TX)  
Guthrie  
Harder (CA)  
Hayes  
Himes  
Hinson  
Horsford  
Houlahan  
Hoyer  
Hoyle (OR)  
Huffman  
Ivey  
Jackson (IL)  
Jackson (NC)  
Jacobs  
Jayapal  
Jeffries  
Johnson (GA)  
Joyce (OH)  
Kamlager-Dove  
Kaptur  
Kean (NJ)  
Keating  
Kelly (IL)  
Kennedy  
Khanna  
Kiggans (VA)  
Kildee  
Kiley  
Kilmer  
Kim (CA)  
Kim (NJ)  
Krishnamoorthi

Kuster  
LaLota  
Landsman  
Larsen (WA)  
Larson (CT)  
Lawler  
Lee (CA)  
Lee (NV)  
Lee (PA)  
Leger Fernandez  
Levin  
Lieu  
Lofgren  
Lucas  
Lynch  
Magaziner  
Manning  
Matsui  
McBath  
McCaul  
McClellan  
McCollum  
McGarvey  
McGovern  
Meeks  
Menendez  
Meng  
Mfume  
Molinaro  
Moolenaar  
Moore (UT)  
Moore (WI)  
Morelle  
Moskowitz  
Moulton  
Mrvan  
Mullin  
Nadler  
Napolitano  
Neal  
Neguse  
Nickel  
Norcross  
Norton  
Oberholte  
Ocasio-Cortez  
Omar  
Pallone  
Panetta  
Pappas  
Pelosi  
Peltola  
Perez  
Peters  
Petterson  
Phillips  
Pingree  
Plaskett  
Pocan  
Pressley  
Ramirez  
Raskin

Rogers (KY) Slotkin  
 Ross Smith (WA)  
 Ruiz Sorensen  
 Ryan Soto  
 Salazar Spanberger  
 Salinas Stansbury  
 Sánchez Stanton  
 Sarbanes Stevens  
 Scanlon Strickland  
 Schakowsky Suozzi  
 Schiff Swalwell  
 Schneider Sykes  
 Scholten Takano  
 Schrier Thanedar  
 Scott (VA) Thompson (CA)  
 Scott, David Thompson (MS)  
 Sewell Titus  
 Sherman Tlaib  
 Sherrill Tokuda  
 Simpson Tonko

Torres (CA) Torres (NY)  
 Trahan  
 Trone  
 Underwood  
 Valadao  
 Van Orden  
 Vargas  
 Harshbarger  
 Hern  
 Hill  
 Hinson  
 Houchin  
 Huizenga  
 Hunt  
 Issa  
 Jackson (TX)  
 James  
 Johnson (LA)  
 Johnson (SD)  
 Jordan  
 Joyce (OH)  
 Joyce (PA)  
 Kean (NJ)  
 Kelly (MS)  
 Kelly (PA)  
 Kiggans (VA)  
 Kiley  
 Kim (CA)  
 Kustoff  
 LaHood  
 LaLota  
 LaMalfa  
 Lamborn  
 Langworthy  
 Latta  
 LaTurner  
 Lawler  
 Lee (FL)  
 Lesko  
 Letlow  
 Lopez  
 Loudermilk  
 Lucas

Greene (GA) Luetkemeyer  
 Luna  
 Luttrell  
 Mace  
 Malliotakis  
 Maloy  
 Mann  
 Massie  
 Mast  
 Hill  
 McClain  
 McClintock  
 McCormick  
 Meuser  
 Miller (IL)  
 Miller (OH)  
 Miller (WV)  
 Miller-Meeks  
 Mills  
 Molinaro  
 Moolenaar  
 Moore (AL)  
 Moore (UT)  
 Moran  
 Murphy  
 Nehls  
 Newhouse  
 Norman  
 Nunn (IA)  
 Obernolte  
 Ogles  
 Owens  
 Palmer  
 Pence  
 Perry  
 Posey  
 Reschenthaler  
 Rogers (AL)  
 Rogers (KY)  
 Rose  
 Rosendale  
 Rouzer

Roy  
 Rulli  
 Rutherford  
 Salazar  
 Scalise  
 Schweikert  
 Scott, Austin  
 Self  
 Sessions  
 Simpson  
 Smith (MO)  
 Smith (NE)  
 Smith (NJ)  
 Smucker  
 Spartz  
 Stauber  
 Steel

Schakowsky  
 Schiff  
 Schneider  
 Scholten  
 Schrier  
 Scott (VA)  
 Scott, David  
 Sewell  
 Sherman  
 Sherrill  
 Slotkin  
 Smith (WA)  
 Sorensen  
 Soto  
 Spanberger

Stansbury  
 Stanton  
 Stevens  
 Strickland  
 Suozzi  
 Swalwell  
 Thanedar  
 Thompson (CA)  
 Thompson (MS)  
 Tlaib  
 Tokuda  
 Tonko  
 Torres (CA)  
 Torres (NY)  
 Trahan  
 Trone  
 Underwood  
 Vargas  
 Vasquez  
 Veasey  
 Wasserman  
 Schultz  
 Waters  
 Weston  
 Wild  
 Williams (GA)  
 Wilson (FL)

NOT VOTING—21

Bishop (NC) Grijalva  
 Bush Higgins (LA)  
 Castro (TX) Hudson  
 Evans McHenry  
 Garamendi Moylan  
 Granger Pascrell  
 Graves (MO) Porter

Quigley  
 Radewagen  
 Ruppertsberger  
 Sablan  
 Turner  
 Velázquez  
 Watson Coleman

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE ACTING CHAIR  
 The Acting CHAIR (during the vote).  
 There is 1 minute remaining.

□ 2132

So the amendment was rejected.  
 The result of the vote was announced  
 as above recorded.

AMENDMENT NO. 85 OFFERED BY MR. PERRY  
 The Acting CHAIR. The unfinished  
 business is the demand for a recorded  
 vote on amendment No. 85, printed in  
 part B of House Report 118-602, offered  
 by the gentleman from Pennsylvania  
 (Mr. PERRY), on which further pro-  
 ceedings were postponed and on which  
 the ayes prevailed by voice vote.

The Clerk will redesignate the  
 amendment.  
 The Clerk redesignated the amend-  
 ment.

RECORDED VOTE

The Acting CHAIR. A recorded vote  
 has been demanded.  
 A recorded vote was ordered.  
 The Acting CHAIR. This is a 2-  
 minute vote.  
 The vote was taken by electronic de-  
 vice, and there were—ayes 210, noes 204,  
 not voting 24, as follows:

[Roll No. 397]  
 AYES—210

Aderholt Carey  
 Alford Carl  
 Allen Carter (GA)  
 Amodei Carter (TX)  
 Armstrong Ciscomani  
 Arrington Cline  
 Babin Cloud  
 Bacon Clyde  
 Baird Cole  
 Balderson Collins  
 Banks Comer  
 Barr Crane  
 Bean (FL) Crawford  
 Bentz Crenshaw  
 Bergman Curtis  
 Bice D'Esposito  
 Biggs Davidson  
 Bilirakis De La Cruz  
 Boebert DesJarlais  
 Bost Diaz-Balart  
 Brecheen Donalds  
 Buchanan Duarte  
 Bucshon Duncan  
 Burchett Dunn (FL)  
 Burgess Edwards  
 Burlison Ellzey  
 Calvert Emmer

Estes  
 Ezell  
 Fallon  
 Feenstra  
 Ferguson  
 Finstad  
 Fischbach  
 Fitzgerald  
 Fleischmann  
 Flood  
 Fong  
 Foxx  
 Franklin, Scott  
 Fry  
 Fulcher  
 Gaetz  
 Garbarino  
 Garcia, Mike  
 Gimenez  
 Gonzales, Tony  
 González-Colón  
 Good (VA)  
 Gooden (TX)  
 Gosar  
 Graves (LA)  
 Graves (MO)  
 Green (TN)  
 Adams  
 Aguilar  
 Allred  
 Amo  
 Auchincloss  
 Balint  
 Barrañán  
 Beatty  
 Bera  
 Beyer  
 Bishop (GA)  
 Blumenauer  
 Blunt Rochester  
 Bonamici  
 Bowman  
 Boyle (PA)  
 Brown  
 Brownley  
 Budzinski  
 Caraveo  
 Carabajal  
 Cárdenas  
 Carson  
 Carter (LA)  
 Cartwright  
 Casar  
 Case  
 Casten  
 Castor (FL)  
 Cherfilus-  
 McCormick  
 Chu  
 Clark (MA)  
 Clarke (NY)  
 Cleaver  
 Clyburn  
 Cohen  
 Connolly  
 Correa  
 Costa  
 Courtney  
 Craig  
 Crockett  
 Crow  
 Cuellar  
 Davids (KS)  
 Davis (IL)  
 Davis (NC)  
 Dean (PA)  
 DeGette  
 DeLauro  
 DeBene  
 Deluzio  
 DeSaulnier

NOES—204

Dingell  
 Doggett  
 Escobar  
 Eshoo  
 Espaillet  
 Fitzpatrick  
 Fletcher  
 Foster  
 Foushee  
 Frankel, Lois  
 Frost  
 Gallego  
 Garcia (IL)  
 Garcia (TX)  
 Garcia, Robert  
 Golden (ME)  
 Goldman (NY)  
 Gomez  
 Gonzalez,  
 Vicente  
 Gottheimer  
 Green, Al (TX)  
 Harder (CA)  
 Hayes  
 Himes  
 Horsford  
 Houlahan  
 Hoyer  
 Hoyle (OR)  
 Huffman  
 Ivey  
 Jackson (IL)  
 Jackson (NC)  
 Jacobs  
 Jayapal  
 Jeffries  
 Johnson (GA)  
 Kamlager-Dove  
 Kaptur  
 Keating  
 Kelly (IL)  
 Kennedy  
 Khanna  
 Kildee  
 Kilmer  
 Kim (NJ)  
 Krishnamoorthi  
 Kuster  
 Landsman  
 Larsen (WA)  
 Larson (CT)  
 Lee (CA)  
 Lee (NV)  
 Lee (PA)

Leger Fernandez  
 Levin  
 Lieu  
 Lofgren  
 Lynch  
 Magaziner  
 Manning  
 Matsui  
 McBath  
 McClellan  
 McCollum  
 McGarvey  
 McGovern  
 Meeks  
 Menendez  
 Meng  
 Mfume  
 Moore (WI)  
 Morelle  
 Moskowitz  
 Moulton  
 Mrvan  
 Mullin  
 Nadler  
 Napolitano  
 Neal  
 Neguse  
 Nickel  
 Norcross  
 Norton  
 Ocasio-Cortez  
 Omar  
 Pallone  
 Panetta  
 Pappas  
 Pelosi  
 Peltola  
 Perez  
 Peters  
 Pettersen  
 Phillips  
 Pingree  
 Plaskett  
 Pocan  
 Pressley  
 Ramirez  
 Raskin  
 Ross  
 Ruiz  
 Ryan  
 Salinas  
 Sánchez  
 Sarbanes  
 Scanlon

NOT VOTING—24

Bishop (NC) Grijalva  
 Bush Higgins (LA)  
 Cammack Hudson  
 Castro (TX) McHenry  
 Chavez-DeRemer Moylan  
 Evans Pascrell  
 Garamendi Pfluger  
 Granger Porter  
 Quigley  
 Radewagen  
 Rodgers (WA)  
 Ruppertsberger  
 Sablan  
 Turner  
 Velázquez  
 Watson Coleman

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE ACTING CHAIR

The Acting CHAIR (during the vote).  
 There is 1 minute remaining.

□ 2135

So the amendment was agreed to.  
 The result of the vote was announced  
 as above recorded.

AMENDMENT NO. 91 OFFERED BY MS. TENNEY

The Acting CHAIR. The unfinished  
 business is the demand for a recorded  
 vote on amendment No. 91, printed in  
 part B of House Report 118-602, offered  
 by the gentlewoman from New York  
 (Ms. TENNEY), on which further pro-  
 ceedings were postponed and on which  
 the ayes prevailed by voice vote.

The Clerk will redesignate the  
 amendment.

The Clerk redesignated the amend-  
 ment.

RECORDED VOTE

The Acting CHAIR. A recorded vote  
 has been demanded.

A recorded vote was ordered.  
 The Acting CHAIR. This will be a 2-  
 minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic de-  
 vice, and there were—ayes 160, noes 256,  
 answered “present” 1, not voting 20, as  
 follows:

[Roll No. 398]  
 AYES—160

Aderholt Crawford  
 Alford Crenshaw  
 Allen Curtis  
 Arrington Davidson  
 Babin De La Cruz  
 Baird DesJarlais  
 Balderson Donalds  
 Banks Duarte  
 Barr Duncan  
 Bean (FL) Dunn (FL)  
 Bentz Emmer  
 Bergman Estes  
 Biggs Ezell  
 Bilirakis Fallon  
 Boebert Feenstra  
 Bost Finstad  
 Brecheen Fischbach  
 Buchanan Fitzgerald  
 Burchett Fong  
 Burgess Foxx  
 Burlison Franklin, Scott  
 Cammack Fry  
 Carl Fulcher  
 Carter (GA) Gaetz  
 Cline Gonzales, Tony  
 Cloud Good (VA)  
 Clyde Gooden (TX)  
 Collins Gosar  
 Comer Graves (LA)  
 Crane Graves (MO)  
 Green (TN)  
 Greene (GA)  
 Grothman  
 Guest  
 Guthrie  
 Hageman  
 Harris  
 Harshbarger  
 Hern  
 Hill  
 Houchin  
 Huizenga  
 Hunt  
 Issa  
 Jackson (TX)  
 Johnson (SD)  
 Jordan  
 Joyce (PA)  
 Kelly (MS)  
 Kustoff  
 LaHood  
 LaLota  
 LaMalfa  
 Lamborn  
 Langworthy  
 Latta  
 LaTurner  
 Lee (FL)  
 Lesko  
 Letlow

Lopez Norman  
Loudermilk Ogles  
Luetkemeyer Owens  
Luna Palmer  
Luttrell Perry  
Malliotakis Pfluger  
Maloy Posey  
Mann Reschenthaler  
Massie Rodgers (WA)  
Mast Rogers (AL)  
McCaul Rose  
McClain Rosendale  
Meuser Rouzer  
Miller (IL) Roy  
Miller (OH) Rutherford  
Miller (WV) Scalise  
Miller-Meeks Self  
Mills Sessions  
Moolenaar Smith (MO)  
Mooney Smith (NE)  
Moore (AL) Smith (NJ)  
Moran Smucker  
Nehls Spartz  
Newhouse Stauber

NOES—256

Adams Espallat  
Aguilar Ferguson  
Allred Fitzpatrick  
Amo Fleischmann  
Amodoi Fletcher  
Armstrong Flood  
Auchincloss Foster  
Bacon Foushee  
Balint Frankel, Lois  
Barragán Frost  
Beatty Gallego  
Bera Garbarino  
Beyer Garcia (IL)  
Bice Garcia (TX)  
Bishop (GA) Garcia, Mike  
Blumenauer Garcia, Robert  
Blunt Rochester Gimenez  
Bonamici Golden (ME)  
Bowman Goldman (NY)  
Boyle (PA) Gomez  
Brown Gonzalez,  
Brownley Vicente  
Bucshon Gonzalez-Colón  
Budzinski Gottheimer  
Calvert Green, Al (TX)  
Caraveo Harder (CA)  
Carbajal Hayes  
Cárdenas Himes  
Carey Hinson  
Carson Horsford  
Carter (LA) Houlahan  
Carter (TX) Hoyer  
Cartwright Hoyle (OR)  
Casar Huffman  
Case Ivey  
Casten Jackson (IL)  
Castor (FL) Jackson (NC)  
Chavez-DeRemer Jacobs  
Cherfilus- James  
McCormick Jayapal  
Chu Jeffries  
Ciscomani Johnson (GA)  
Clark (MA) Joyce (OH)  
Clarke (NY) Kamlager-Dove  
Cleaver Kaptur  
Clyburn Kean (NJ)  
Cohen Keating  
Cole Kelly (IL)  
Connolly Kelly (PA)  
Correa Kennedy  
Costa Khanna  
Courtney Kiggans (VA)  
Craig Kildee  
Crockett Kiley  
Crow Kilmer  
Cuellar Kim (CA)  
D'Esposito Kim (NJ)  
Davids (KS) Krishnamoorthi  
Davis (IL) Kuster  
Davis (NC) Landsman  
Dean (PA) Larsen (WA)  
DeGette Larson (CT)  
DeLauro Lawler  
DelBene Lee (CA)  
Deluzio Lee (NV)  
DeSaulnier Lee (PA)  
Diaz-Balart Leger Fernandez  
Dingell Levin  
Doggett Lieu  
Edwards Lofgren  
Ellzey Lucas  
Escobar Lynch  
Eshoo Mace

Stefanik Steil  
Steube  
Strong  
Tenney  
Tiffany  
Timmons  
Van Drew  
Van Dyne  
Van Orden  
Walberg  
Waltz  
Weber (TX)  
Webster (FL)  
Wenstrup  
Westerman  
Williams (NY)  
Williams (TX)  
Wilson (SC)  
Wittman  
Yakym  
Zinke

Slotkin  
Smith (WA)  
Sorensen  
Soto  
Spanberger  
Stansbury  
Stanton  
Steel  
Stevens  
Strickland  
Suozzi  
Swalwell  
Sykes  
Takano

ANSWERED "PRESENT"—1  
Griffith

NOT VOTING—20

Bishop (NC)  
Bush  
Castro (TX)  
Evans  
Garamendi  
Granger  
Grijalva  
Higgins (LA)  
Hudson  
McHenry  
Moylan  
Pascrell  
Porter  
Quigley

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE ACTING CHAIR  
The Acting CHAIR (during the vote).  
There is 1 minute remaining.

□ 2140

So the amendment was rejected.  
The result of the vote was announced  
as above recorded.

The Acting CHAIR (Mr. LALOTA).  
There being no further amendments,  
under the rule, the Committee rises.

Accordingly, the Committee rose;  
and the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. FER-  
GUSON) having assumed the chair, Mr.  
LALOTA, Acting Chair of the Com-  
mittee of the Whole House on the state  
of the Union, reported that that Com-  
mittee, having had under consideration  
the bill (H.R. 8998) making appropri-  
ations for the Department of the Inte-  
rior, environment, and related agencies  
for the fiscal year ending September 30,  
2025, and for other purposes, and, pur-  
suant to House Resolution 1370, he re-  
ported the bill, as amended by that res-  
olution, back to the House with sundry  
further amendments adopted in the  
Committee of the Whole.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under  
the rule, the previous question is or-  
dered.

Is a separate vote demanded on any  
amendment reported from the Com-  
mittee of the Whole? If not, the Chair  
will put them en gros.

The amendments were agreed to.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The  
question is on the engrossment and  
third reading of the bill.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed  
and read a third time, and was read the  
third time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The  
question is on the passage of the bill.

Under clause 10 of rule XX, the yeas  
and nays ordered.

This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic de-  
vice, and there were—yeas 210, nays  
205, not voting 17, as follows:

[Roll No. 399]

YEAS—210

Aderholt Arrington  
Alford Babin  
Allen Bacon  
Amodei Baird  
Armstrong Balderson

Vargas  
Vasquez  
Veasey  
Wagner  
Wasserman  
Schultz  
Waters  
Wexton  
Wild  
Williams (GA)  
Wilson (FL)  
Womack

Bice  
Biggs  
Billirakis  
Boebert  
Bost  
Brecheen  
Buchanan  
Bucshon  
Burchett  
Burgess  
Burlison  
Calvert  
Cammack  
Carey  
Carl  
Carter (GA)  
Carter (TX)  
Chavez-DeRemer  
Ciscomani  
Cline  
Cloud  
Clyde  
Cole  
Collins  
Comer  
Crane  
Crawford  
Crenshaw  
Curtis  
D'Esposito  
Davidson  
De La Cruz  
DesJarlais  
Diaz-Balart  
Donalds  
Duarte  
Duncan  
Dunn (FL)  
Edwards  
Ellzey  
Emmer  
Estes  
Ezell  
Fallon  
Feenstra  
Ferguson  
Finstad  
Fischbach  
Fitzgerald  
Fleischmann  
Flood  
Fong  
Fox  
Franklin, Scott  
Fry  
Fulcher  
Gaetz  
Garbarino  
Garcia, Mike  
Gimenez  
Gonzales, Tony  
Gonzalez, Vicente  
Good (VA)  
Gooden (TX)  
Gosar

NAYS—205

Chu  
Clark (MA)  
Clarke (NY)  
Cleaver  
Clyburn  
Cohen  
Connolly  
Correa  
Costa  
Courtney  
Craig  
Crockett  
Crow  
Cuellar  
Davids (KS)  
Davis (IL)  
Davis (NC)  
Dean (PA)  
DeGette  
DeLauro  
DelBene  
Deluzio  
DeSaulnier  
Dingell  
Doggett  
Escobar  
Eshoo  
Espallat  
Fitzpatrick  
Fletcher  
Foster

Graves (LA)  
Graves (MO)  
Green (TN)  
Greene (GA)  
Griffith  
Grothman  
Guest  
Guthrie  
Hageman  
Harris  
Harshbarger  
Hern  
Hill  
Hinson  
Houchin  
Huizenga  
Hunt  
Issa  
Jackson (TX)  
James  
Johnson (LA)  
Johnson (SD)  
Jordan  
Joyce (OH)  
Joyce (PA)  
Kean (NJ)  
Kelly (MS)  
Kelly (PA)  
Kiggans (VA)  
Kiley  
Kim (CA)  
Kustoff  
LaHood  
LaLota  
LaMalfa  
Lamborn  
Langworthy  
Latta  
LaTurner  
Lawler  
Lee (FL)  
Lesko  
Letlow  
Lopez  
Loudermilk  
Lucas  
Luetkemeyer  
Luna  
Luttrell  
Mace  
Malliotakis  
Maloy  
Mann  
Mast  
McCaul  
McClain  
McCormick  
Meuser  
Miller (IL)  
Miller (OH)  
Miller (WV)  
Miller-Meeks  
Mills  
Moolenaar  
Mooney  
Moore (AL)

Foushee  
Frankel, Lois  
Frost  
Gallego  
Garcia (IL)  
Garcia (TX)  
Garcia, Robert  
Golden (ME)  
Goldman (NY)  
Gomez  
Gottheimer  
Green, Al (TX)  
Harder (CA)  
Hayes  
Himes  
Horsford  
Houlahan  
Hoyer  
Hoyle (OR)  
Huffman  
Ivey  
Jackson (IL)  
Jackson (NC)  
Jacobs  
Jayapal  
Jeffries  
Johnson (GA)  
Kamlager-Dove  
Kaptur  
Keating  
Kelly (IL)

Moore (UT)  
Moran  
Murphy  
Nehls  
Newhouse  
Norman  
Nunn (IA)  
Obernolte  
Ogles  
Owens  
Palmer  
Pence  
Perry  
Pfluger  
Posey  
Reschenthaler  
Rodgers (WA)  
Rogers (AL)  
Rogers (KY)  
Rose  
Rosendale  
Rouzer  
Roy  
Rulli  
Rutherford  
Salazar  
Scalise  
Scott, Austin  
Self  
Sessions  
Simpson  
Smith (MO)  
Smith (NE)  
Smith (NJ)  
Smucker  
Spartz  
Stauber  
Steel  
Stefanik  
Steil  
Steube  
Strong  
Tenney  
Thompson (PA)  
Timmons  
Valadao  
Van Drew  
Van Dyne  
Van Orden  
Wagner  
Walberg  
Waltz  
Weber (TX)  
Webster (FL)  
Wenstrup  
Westerman  
Williams (NY)  
Williams (TX)  
Wilson (SC)  
Wittman  
Womack  
Yakym  
Zinke

Kennedy	Mullin	Sewell
Khanna	Nadler	Sherman
Kildee	Napolitano	Sherrill
Kilmer	Neal	Slotkin
Kim (NJ)	Neguse	Smith (WA)
Krishnamoorthi	Nickel	Sorensen
Kuster	Norcross	Soto
Landsman	Ocasio-Cortez	Spanberger
Larsen (WA)	Omar	Stansbury
Larson (CT)	Pallone	Stanton
Lee (CA)	Panetta	Stevens
Lee (NV)	Pappas	Strickland
Lee (PA)	Pelosi	Suozi
Leger Fernandez	Peltola	Swalwell
Levin	Perez	Sykes
Lieu	Peters	Takano
Lofgren	Petterson	Thanedar
Lynch	Phillips	Thompson (CA)
Magaziner	Pingree	Thompson (MS)
Manning	Pocan	Titus
Massie	Pressley	Tlaib
Matsui	Ramirez	Tokuda
McBath	Raskin	Tonko
McClellan	Ross	Torres (CA)
McClintock	Ruiz	Torres (NY)
McCollum	Ryan	Trahan
McGarvey	Salinas	Trone
McGovern	Sánchez	Underwood
Meeks	Sarbanes	Vargas
Menendez	Scanlon	Vasquez
Meng	Schakowsky	Veasey
Mfume	Schiff	Wasserman
Molinaro	Schneider	Schultz
Moore (WI)	Scholten	Waters
Morelle	Schrier	Wexton
Moskowitz	Schweikert	Wild
Moulton	Scott (VA)	Williams (GA)
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NOT VOTING—17

Bishop (NC)	Grijalva	Quigley
Bush	Higgins (LA)	Ruppersberger
Castro (TX)	Hudson	Turner
Evans	McHenry	Velázquez
Garamendi	Pascrell	Watson Coleman
Granger	Porter	

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

□ 2149

So the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Ms. BUSH. Mr. Speaker, I was not present during today's first and second vote series. Had I been present, I would have voted:

- NAY on Roll Call No. 387,
- NAY on Roll Call No. 388,
- NAY on Roll Call No. 389,
- NAY on Roll Call No. 390,
- NAY on Roll Call No. 391,
- NAY on Roll Call No. 392,
- YEA on Roll Call No. 393,
- NAY on Roll Call No. 394,
- NAY on Roll Call No. 395,
- NAY on Roll Call No. 396,
- NAY on Roll Call No. 397,
- NAY on Roll Call No. 398, and
- NAY on Roll Call No. 399.

AUTHORIZING THE CLERK TO MAKE CORRECTIONS IN EN-GROSSMENT OF H.R. 8998, DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2025

Mr. SIMPSON. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Clerk be authorized to make technical corrections in the engrossment of H.R. 8998,

to include corrections in spelling, punctuation, section numbering and cross-referencing, and the insertion of appropriate headings.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. NUNN of Iowa). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Idaho?

There was no objection.

PERMISSION FOR MEMBER TO BE CONSIDERED AS FIRST SPONSOR OF H.R. 3954

Mr. LOPEZ. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that I may hereafter be considered to be the first sponsor of H.R. 3954, a bill originally introduced by Representative BUCK of Colorado, for the purpose of adding cosponsors and requesting reprintings pursuant to clause 7 of rule XII.

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

There was no objection.

PERMISSION FOR MEMBER TO BE CONSIDERED AS FIRST SPONSOR OF H.R. 2989

Mr. FONG. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that I may hereafter be considered to be the first sponsor of H.R. 2989, a bill originally introduced by Representative McCarthy of California, for the purpose of adding cosponsors and requesting reprintings pursuant to clause 7 of rule XII.

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

There was no objection.

PERMISSION FOR MEMBER TO BE CONSIDERED AS FIRST SPONSOR OF H.R. 5617

Mr. FONG. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that I may hereafter be considered to be the first sponsor of H.R. 5617, a bill originally introduced by Representative Mr. McCarthy of California, for the purpose of adding cosponsors and requesting reprintings pursuant to clause 7 of rule XII.

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

There was no objection.

HOOR OF MEETING ON TOMORROW

Mr. FONG. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow.

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

There was no objection.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE RETIREMENT OF SCOTT SEWELL

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

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize an exemplary North Carolinian and someone who is a visible active leader in his community, Scott Sewell.

At the end of August, Scott will be retiring from Cook Medical, a company where he has built a distinguished career spanning nearly 40 years.

He has previously served as the chairman of the Winston-Salem Chamber of Commerce, as president of the Winston-Salem Police Foundation, and represented Cook Medical on the boards of NC Bio and the North Carolina Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Speaker, Scott is a workhorse, and everyone who is fortunate to know him can attest to this simple fact. I congratulate Scott on his well-deserved retirement. His work has left an indelible mark upon the lives of many across the Tar Heel State.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE RETIREMENT OF SERGEANT IRWIN ROSENBERG

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

Mr. CÁRDENAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my friend, Sergeant Irwin Rosenberg of the San Fernando Police Department as he prepares to retire with a distinguished and honorable career as police commander next month.

Sergeant Rosenberg is a staple in our community, and he has dedicated his life to public service for more than 40 years. He has served as a board member and advocate for many charitable and professional organizations, such as the Special Olympics of Southern California.

He has brought joy to children for many years, as he played Santa Clause for local organizations.

Sergeant Rosenberg will say it was his childhood dream to become a police officer, and he did that and achieved it in his late forties.

At the age of 49, he graduated first in his class from the Rio Hondo Police Academy, and he joined the San Fernando Police Department.

He wears his passion for public safety and service on his sleeve. He spearheaded the reestablishment of the Neighborhood and Business Watch programs and the city of San Fernando's National Night Out.

In his exemplary career, he has come to benefit many in the Northeast San Fernando Valley and throughout the entire State. Today, we celebrate his 20 years of service in the city of San Fernando.

I thank Sergeant Rosenberg for his leadership and dedication to our community, and I wish him enjoyment of his family in his retirement.

□ 2200

CONGRATULATING EDWARD H. ZIPPERER ON HIS 93RD BIRTHDAY

(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 congratulate Ed Zipperer on his 93rd birthday.

A local legend, Ed was born in Savannah, Georgia, in 1931. He grew up working on his family farm along U.S. 17. He attended Savannah High School before earning an agricultural engineering degree from the University of Georgia.

He went on to coach basketball in 1965, forming one of the few racially integrated teams in the State. Well liked by all, he was persuaded to run for the State Senate, ultimately winning the seat and serving in the State Senate from 1967 to 1975.

Serving on 13 committees, he was instrumental in building the Skidaway Island State Park, Fort McAllister State Park, and Kings Ferry Ogeechee River public recreational area. He was dedicated to protecting and preserving land in south Georgia.

In addition, Ed served as president of the Chatham County Farm Bureau for 40 years. Ed has dedicated his life to serving those around him and continues to do that going on 93 years strong.

Mr. Speaker, we are thankful for great Americans such as Ed Zipperer.

#### MOURNING THE LOSS OF JULIANA TURCHETTI

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

Ms. BUDZINSKI. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise today to honor the life of a local hero, Juliana Turchetti, who lost her life fighting the Horse Gulch wildfire in Montana.

Many central Illinoisans know Juliana as the owner of Aviatori Coffee House in Springfield and will remember her for her warm smile, but she was also a skilled and passionate pilot and an admired figure in our aviation community.

With over 6,000 flight hours, she has been flying airplanes for 17 years, from agricultural dusting planes to her favorite, the Fire Boss.

A few months ago when she took the next step to become a full-time aerial firefighter, Juliana said that it was a dream job and that she was proud to be part of a mission.

She answered the call to service, stepping up to help protect communities and save lives.

Juliana will be remembered for her bravery and passion, her devotion to her son, and her love of good coffee.

Mr. Speaker, as we mourn her loss, let us send our thoughts and prayers to her loved ones and everyone who has been touched and inspired by her life.

#### WISHING OAKLEY FARRIS A HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY

(Mr. MASSIE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MASSIE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to wish a very special 100th birthday to my friend and constituent, Mr. Oakley Farris.

Mr. Farris grew up near Lexington, Kentucky. After graduating from high school, he enlisted in the United States Army and fought heroically in World War II. After returning from his tour of duty in Europe, Mr. Farris settled in Covington, Kentucky, and began working as a salesman, traveling up and down the East Coast.

It was on a sales trip to Miami that Mr. Farris met his future wife, Eva. An immigrant from Havana, Cuba, Eva went on to study at Columbia University. Together, the Farris built a very successful business.

Mr. Farris and his late wife made countless charitable investments in our community. I am grateful for all that Mr. Farris has done for my constituents, and I am honored to represent him in Washington, D.C.

Mr. Speaker, I wish a happy birthday to Oakley. May he have many more years of good health and happiness.

#### CONDEMNING THE HIGHLY PARTISAN BORDER RESOLUTION CRITICIZING VICE PRESIDENT HARRIS

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

Mr. NICKEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong opposition to the highly partisan resolution criticizing Vice President KAMALA HARRIS' work on the border.

Like so many Americans, my constituents are sick and tired and they are worried that immigration and border security are being used as political talking points instead of a policy priority.

I agree, but facts are facts. It has been over 100 days since congressional Republicans walked away from the table on the most comprehensive, bipartisan border security deal in decades because former President Trump wants to politicize the issue rather than to find an actual solution.

Let's be clear: Trump killed the deal.

Mr. Speaker, the best way to restore order at the border and fix our broken immigration system is passing a bill through Congress. That is exactly what the Biden-Harris administration wanted to do. I know we can get this done, but only if we work together, not as Democrats and Republicans, but as Americans.

#### HONORING AN EXTRAORDINARY PUBLIC SERVANT, DAVID WILFONG

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

Mr. LANGWORTHY. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to honor my dear friend and an extraordinary citizen of New York's 23rd Congressional District and a devoted public servant, David Wilfong.

David has been a pillar of the Jamestown community, serving as county legislator and a former chairman of the Chautauqua County Republican committee.

He is also a U.S. Army veteran and the director of maintenance at the Rehabilitation Center in Olean. His life and his remarkable achievements can teach us all a lot about public service.

His work on projects like the Juneteenth festival and the Northside Community and Chadakoin Park projects shows his continued commitment to making Jamestown a better place to live, work, and raise a family.

Dave never fails to reach across the aisle to get things done, and he always, always puts people above politics.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to call David a friend, and his support over the years means the world to me. He has built a legacy of service and kindness that will continue to inspire our community for years to come.

#### HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF CEDRIC HUNTLEY

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

Mr. MAGAZINER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Cedric Huntley, a community leader who dedicated his life to improving the lives of young people and making Rhode Island a safer place to live.

Cedric, known by many as "Mr. Ced," was a powerful force for good. He served as site director of the South Providence Recreation Center, located right where he grew up on the south side of Providence and wore many hats as counselor, mentor, and listener to members of the community.

It was through his life experience and empathy for others that he connected with Rhode Islanders from all walks of life to build relationships for positive change.

He came out of retirement to lead the Nonviolence Institute as executive director to break cycles of violence that plague too many neighborhoods.

The Nonviolence Institute does crucial work in greater Providence to serve as a bridge between community members at risk from violence, social service agencies, and law enforcement to reduce crime and support victims.

When I served as Rhode Island's general treasurer, I ran the State's crime victims compensation program and had the privilege of working with Cedric and his team to help hundreds of Rhode Islanders who were victims of violent crimes get the compensation that they needed to get back on their feet.

During this time, I saw firsthand the work he did as a peacemaker and how

he worked to prevent acts of violence before they occurred.

Mr. Speaker, it was an honor and a privilege to work with him. His legacy will live on for a long time through the lives that he touched.

#### WE MUST STAND WITH ISRAEL

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

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, the situation facing Israel is critical and it is escalating. The nation is under attack, not just from isolated factions, but from a coordinated effort orchestrated by Iran.

Rockets have rained down on Israel from Lebanon, the Gaza Strip, and Yemen, forcing Israel to defend its citizens and its sovereignty from these relentless threats.

It is crucial to understand that these attacks are not random acts of violence but are part of a larger, more coordinated plan.

In each of these regions, there exists a militia backed by Iran. In the Gaza Strip, it is Hamas. In Yemen, it is the Houthis. In Lebanon, it is Hezbollah.

These groups are not acting independently. They are funded, supplied, and directed by Iran as part of a calculated strategy to encircle and weaken Israel.

The current situation is exacerbated by the policies of previous U.S. administrations and currently the Biden administration that has only encouraged Iran.

Secretary Blinken recently warned that Iran is potentially within weeks of nuclear weapon capabilities. This is not hyperbole; it is a dire reality.

I appreciate greatly Israel's Prime Minister Netanyahu speaking to us today to underline how important our alliance is with Israel and that victory is the only acceptable outcome over the vile acts of Hamas.

Mr. Speaker, we must stand with Israel.

#### MOURNING THE LOSS OF CEDRIC PAUL HUNTLEY

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

Mr. AMO. Mr. Speaker, like Mr. MAGAZINER previously, I recognize and stand with Rhode Islanders who are in mourning for a giant in our community, Mr. Cedric Paul Huntley.

Cedric, or Mr. Ced, as he was known, was a convener of communities and a staunch advocate for peace.

As the executive director of the Non-violence Institute and throughout all of his youth development work, he led with heart and he led with compassion, striving to end the cycles of violence that tear families and neighborhoods apart.

In this effort, he lived by example. You could always find Mr. Ced spread-

ing the gospel of kindness, whether it was strangers he had just met or loved ones he had known for years.

Above all, Cedric believed in service to others. His legacy lives on through his work in State government and our school systems and through his work as a small business owner and as a champion for Rhode Island's charitable causes.

Last week, we came together for Cedric's memorial service and procession.

Today, it is my privilege to speak his name into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on the House floor, the people's House, so that his legacy may live on for generations to come.

□ 2210

#### 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF SPANGLER DUM DUMS

(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, this past Saturday, I joined the community of Bryan, Ohio, and people from across our region to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Spangler Candy Company's famous Dum Dums.

These lollipops and Spangler itself are true Williams County institutions that have made northwest Ohio proud for generations.

It was great to see so many friendly faces, both young and old, including local officials, community members, families, children, and members of the namesake Spangler family themselves.

Dum Dums are so synonymous with Bryan, Ohio, their town water tower is made to look like a bundle of these famous suckers.

I don't miss an opportunity to share these homegrown gems. Earlier this month, I brought a bunch of lollipops to each of my colleagues on the House Appropriations Committee to keep them sweet and kind.

I invite all my colleagues to stop by my office to grab a Dum Dum or come out to Bryan to tour Spangler's magnificent facility.

Cheers to many more years of these sweet treats and delightful people of all ages across the globe. Onward, Dum Dums. Onward, Spangler. Onward, Bryan, Ohio. We are so proud of you.

#### RECOGNIZING KAREN TAMLEY AND MICHELLE GARCIA

(Mrs. RAMIREZ asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. RAMIREZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend two of my incredible constituents for Disability Pride Month: Karen Tamley and Michelle Garcia.

Karen and Michelle are both leaders in the disability community and serve Chicago through their work at Access Living.

Karen serves as the CEO of Access Living and prior to that served three Chicago mayors as commissioner of the mayor's office for people with disabilities. She has served on a wide variety of government and nonprofit boards and has made a lifetime of contributions to disability advocacy locally and nationally. I commend Karen.

As their Latine community organizer, through her exceptional leadership, relationship building, and advocacy, Michelle has increased the number of Latine people with disabilities, leading the work and organizing on issues like immigration and healthcare.

On behalf of Illinois' Third Congressional District, it is my great honor to commend Karen Tamley and Michelle Garcia for making Chicago a more inclusive and accessible city for all of its residents. I congratulate them.

#### RECOGNIZING VIRGINIA OLYMPIANS

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

Ms. SPANBERGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Virginia athletes who will soon compete in the 2024 Olympic Games in Paris.

This year, nearly 600 athletes will compete for Team USA, including 15 talented individuals from the Commonwealth of Virginia.

As we look forward to Friday's opening ceremony and prepare to cheer on our Olympians, we have to recognize the incredible achievement of having been bestowed the honor and privilege that they have in representing our country on the world stage.

Their success is a testament to their relentless pursuit of greatness—the years of rigorous training, the sacrifice, and the instrumental support of their families, their friends, their coaches, and their communities.

Today, I commend these Americans, these Virginians, for their exceptional talents, for the challenges they have overcome, and for the countless hours they have dedicated to mastering their sport.

These athletes carry with them the pride and encouragement of every Virginian, and I wish them the best of luck as they make our Commonwealth and our country proud.

#### WHERE DO YOU STAND?

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

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, and still I rise. I rise today to remind us of the words of Dr. Martin Luther King: The truest measure of the person is not where you stand in times of comfort and convenience but where you stand in times of great challenge and controversy.

Where do you stand when children in Gaza are being killed by the thousands?

Where do you stand when the infrastructure of Gaza is being destroyed—schools, hospitals, homes?

Where do you stand?

I cannot in good conscience stand with Mr. Netanyahu. I will not be in this facility today when he speaks. I will not, if it is a standalone bill, vote to send another dime to Mr. Netanyahu's administration.

It is not just Hamas that he wants to destroy. He is destroying Gaza, and he would, if he could, take all of Palestine.

Mr. Speaker, I cannot in good conscience stand in this House today and say that I will attend the Netanyahu address to Congress for the same rationale that caused me to vote against the Israel Security Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2024. I include in the RECORD the entirety of my rationale, which was published in a Houston Chronicle full-page ad on April 25, 2024.

Re Why I voted no on The Israel Security Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2024

Israel suffered a tragic loss on October 7, 2023. The people of Israel are in mourning. The lives of innocent civilian Israeli men, women, and especially children matter. They must be protected. This includes the hostages, all of whom must be immediately returned in tandem with a lasting ceasefire as the genesis of a two-state solution.

After the horrific human rights violations committed by Hamas on October 7, 2023, the Netanyahu administration had just cause catalyzing a de jure right to pursue justice as it did by declaring war on Hamas, not hundreds of thousands of innocent civilian Palestinian men, women, and especially children.

To the contrary, and shamefully, Prime Minister Netanyahu has engaged in an unjust, revengeful, might-makes-right offense, creating more enemies than have been killed. He has engaged in lethal atrocities wherein the ends of destroying Hamas justifies:

Killing thousands of innocent civilian Palestinian children;

Collectively harming thousands upon thousands of innocent civilian Palestinian men, women, and especially children;

Failing to properly aid hundreds of thousands of food-deprived Palestinians; and

Committing homicide by destroying approximately 62 percent of Palestinian homes in Gaza, as well as damaging at least 84 percent of Gaza's health facilities, together with over 275 schools.

It has become intuitively and painfully obvious to me that Prime Minister Netanyahu's definition of "the right to defend" embraces an invidious ends-justifies-the-means strategy. This imprudent and unjust strategy of homicide, collective harm, and failure to feed the hungry, in tandem with the killing of thousands of innocent Palestinian children, cannot in good conscience receive a blind eye.

No one, no political entity, no country can commit such atrocious injustices in the name of justice and expect the blessings of people of good will. Injustice in the name of justice is still an injustice. Israel's de jure right (in the hands of Prime Minister Netanyahu) to defend itself in the name of justice has metamorphosed into unconscionable de facto human rights violations that offend the conscience and grievously tar-

nishes Israel's global image. In truth, Prime Minister Netanyahu's might makes right, by any means necessary—war—is making Israel an existential threat to Palestinians living in Gaza.

I cannot in good conscience oppose the above-cited atrocious transgressions and contemporaneously provide the munitions which can beget more of these God-awful inhumanities. Sadly, but righteously, I cannot vote to send the pending billions of supplemental funds to the opprobrious administration of Prime Minister Netanyahu. To do so would allow those funds, or free up other funds in their treasury, to purchase the lethality to kill more innocent civilian Palestinian men, women, and especially children, which I oppose.

Palestinians (like Israelis) are in mourning, and the lives of innocent civilian Palestinian men, women, and especially children matter. They too must be protected.

For the reasons enumerated above, I voted no on The Israel Security Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2024.

Sincerely,

AL GREEN,  
Member of Congress.

#### ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 15 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, July 25, 2024, at 9 a.m.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

EC-4994. A letter from the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting the Department's final rule — Third-Party Attendance at Appointments for Passport, Consular Report of Birth Abroad (CRBA), and Certain Other Services [Public Notice: 12387] (RIN: 1400-AF54) received July 23, 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-4995. A letter from the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Department Notification Number: RSAT case 21-8096, pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 3(d) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-4996. A letter from the Chair, Administrative Conference of the United States, transmitting recommendations adopted by the Assembly of the Administrative Conference of the United States at its 81st Plenary Session; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

#### 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. ARRINGTON:

H.R. 9115. A bill to prohibit the Department of Defense from transporting Palestinian refugees to the United States; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. ARRINGTON:

H.R. 9116. A bill to make ineligible for asylum any alien who commits certain actions against the National Guard, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BANKS:

H.R. 9117. A bill to subject aliens convicted of certain crimes to expedited removal from the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. BARRAGÁN (for herself, Mr. GRIJALVA, Ms. TLAIB, Ms. NORTON, Mr. CARSON, Ms. TITUS, Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ, Mr. MULLIN, Ms. LEE of California, Ms. OMAR, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, and Mr. HUFFMAN):

H.R. 9118. A bill to cancel Federal oil and gas leases held by entities that manipulate the market price of oil or gas in violation of certain Federal law, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. BUCHANAN (for himself and Ms. BARRAGÁN):

H.R. 9119. A bill to direct the Director of the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services of the Department of Justice to establish a training course relating to Alzheimer's disease and similar forms of dementia; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CARTWRIGHT (for himself, Mr. CONNOLLY, Mr. PANETTA, Ms. BROWNLEY, Ms. SCANLON, Mrs. DINGELL, Mr. HUFFMAN, and Mr. LYNCH):

H.R. 9120. A bill to establish an integrated national approach to respond to ongoing and expected effects of extreme weather and climate change by protecting, managing, and conserving the fish, wildlife, and plants of the United States, and to maximize Government efficiency and reduce costs, in cooperation with State and local governments, Indian Tribes, Native Hawaiians, and other entities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas:

H.R. 9121. A bill to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to allow Indian Tribal Governments to directly request fire management assistance declarations and grants, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Ms. DELBENE (for herself and Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER):

H.R. 9122. A bill to amend the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 so that procedures relating to termination of electric service provide that such service may not be terminated during any extreme heat weather event or extreme cold weather event, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. KEATING (for himself, Mr. LAMBORN, and Mr. GOLDMAN of New York):

H.R. 9123. A bill to encourage increased trade and investment between the United States and the countries in the Western Balkans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, 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 Mr. KILEY (for himself, Mr. LAMALFA, Mr. HARDER of California, Mr. DESAULNIER, Ms. LEE of California, Mr. DUARTE, Mr. MULLIN, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. PANETTA, Mr. FONG, Mr. COSTA, Mr. VALADAO, Mr. OBERNOLTE, Mr. CARBAJAL, Mr. RUIZ, Mr. MIKE GARCIA of California, Ms. CHU, Mr. SCHIFF, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mr. SHERMAN, Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE, Mr. TAKANO, Mrs. KIM of California, Mr. ROBERT GARCIA of California, Mr.



CORREA, Ms. JACOBS, and Mr. VARGAS):

H.R. 9124. A bill to name the Department of Veterans Affairs community-based outpatient clinic in Auburn, California, as the "Louis A. Conter VA Clinic"; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mrs. MILLER of West Virginia (for herself, Ms. VAN DUYN, Mr. SMUCKER, Mr. SMITH of Nebraska, and Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania):

H.R. 9125. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve the accuracy and predictability of Medicare payments to long-term care hospitals; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Ms. PORTER:

H.R. 9126. A bill to require digital social companies to adopt terms of service that meet certain minimum requirements; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. SABLAN (for himself and Mr. MOYLAN):

H.R. 9127. A bill to amend title III of the Public Health Service Act to include territorial disproportionate share hospitals as covered entities under the 340B drug discount program; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. SABLAN (for himself and Mr. MOYLAN):

H.R. 9128. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to establish a designation for territorial safety net hospitals, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, and the Budget, 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 Mr. VASQUEZ (for himself, Mr. HORSFORD, Mr. RUIZ, Mr. THANEDAR, Ms. SCHRIER, and Ms. BARRAGÁN):

H.R. 9129. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to establish certain standards and requirements with respect to financial assistance and medical debt collection for hospitals participating in the Medicare program, and to amend title III of the Public Health Service Act to establish a grant program for purposes of medical debt relief; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, 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 Mr. MORELLE (for himself, Mr. BOYLE of Pennsylvania, Ms. BROWN, Ms. BROWNLEY, Ms. BUSH, Mr. CARSON, Mr. CASTEN, Ms. CHU, Mr. CONNOLLY, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. DOGGETT, Ms. ESCOBAR, Mr. ROBERT GARCIA of California, Ms. HOYLE of Oregon, Mr. HUFFMAN, Ms. JAYAPAL, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KILDEE, Mr. KILMER, Mr. KIM of New Jersey, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Ms. LEE of California, Ms. LEE of Pennsylvania, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. MAGAZINER, Ms. MATSUI, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Ms. MENG, Mr. MULLIN, Ms. NORTON, Mr. PANETTA, Ms. PINGREE, Mr. POCAN, Mrs. RAMIREZ, Mr. RASKIN, Mr. SABLAN, Mr. SARBANES, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Ms. SEWELL, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Ms. STEVENS, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Ms. TLAIB, Ms. TOKUDA, Mr. TONKO, Mrs. TORRES of California, Mr. TORRES of New York, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, and Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia):

H.J. Res. 193. A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States providing that there is no im-

munity from criminal prosecution for an act on the grounds that such act was within the constitutional authority or official duties of an individual, and providing that the President may not grant a pardon to himself or herself; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. DEGETTE (for herself, Mr. CURTIS, Mr. LIEU, Ms. STEFANIK, Ms. BROWNLEY, Mr. ARMSTRONG, Ms. PETTERSEN, Mr. WILLIAMS of New York, Mr. SHERMAN, Mrs. STEEL, Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE, Mrs. HINSON, Ms. PRESSLEY, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY, Mr. VARGAS, Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia, Mr. VEASEY, Mr. ROBERT GARCIA of California, Mrs. RAMIREZ, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Ms. ADAMS, Ms. LEE of California, Ms. TITUS, Mr. TAKANO, Mr. MOULTON, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. BOYLE of Pennsylvania, Mr. GUEST, Mr. CARSON, Mr. CISCOMANI, Mr. TRONE, Mr. CLEAVER, Mr. COSTA, Mr. THANEDAR, Ms. SPANBERGER, Mrs. HAYES, Mr. GREEN of Texas, Mr. GOTTHEIMER, Mr. POCAN, Mr. SWALWELL, Mr. EVANS, Ms. SALINAS, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Ms. CROCKETT, Mr. LAMBORN, Ms. GARCIA of Texas, Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia, and Ms. PORTER):

H. Res. 1381. A resolution commemorating the past success of the United States Olympic and Paralympic Teams and supporting the United States Olympic and Paralympic Teams in the 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Summer Games; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability, 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 Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY (for himself and Mr. WENSTRUP):

H. Res. 1382. A resolution expressing the need of all Americans, even when they care most deeply or disagree most strongly, to settle their political differences without resorting to threats or violence of any kind; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MOORE of Alabama (for himself and Mr. BRECHEEN):

H. Res. 1383. A resolution condemning the International Criminal Court's request to issue arrest warrants for the Israeli Prime Minister and Defense Minister; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia (for himself, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mrs. GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. BACON, Mrs. BICE, Ms. CHU, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mr. CONNOLLY, Ms. HOULAHAN, Mr. KIM of New Jersey, Mr. LIEU, Mr. LYNCH, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Mr. MCGOVERN, Ms. MENG, Mr. MULLIN, Ms. PINGREE, Mr. POCAN, Ms. SEWELL, Ms. TLAIB, Mr. TONKO, Mr. VARGAS, Mr. VEASEY, and Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia):

H. Res. 1384. A resolution recognizing the seriousness of polycystic ovary syndrome (PCOS) and expressing support for the designation of the month of September 2024 as "PCOS Awareness Month"; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. VALADAO (for himself and Ms. PINGREE):

H. Res. 1385. A resolution designating the week of August 4 through August 10, 2024, as "National Farmers Market Week"; to the Committee on Agriculture.

Mrs. GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN introduced a bill (H.R. 9130) for the relief of Diego Montoya Bedoya; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on the Budget, 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.

## 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. ARRINGTON:

H.R. 9115.

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

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 18

The single subject of this legislation is: immigration

By Mr. ARRINGTON:

H.R. 9116.

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

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 18

The single subject of this legislation is: immigration

By Mr. BANKS:

H.R. 9117.

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

The constitutional authority of Congress to enact this legislation is provided by Article I, section 8 of the United States Constitution, specifically clause 18 (relating to the power to make all laws necessary and proper for carrying out the powers vested in Congress).

The single subject of this legislation is: Crime

By Ms. BARRAGÁN:

H.R. 9118.

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

Article 1 Section 8 of the United States Constitution

The single subject of this legislation is:

Prevents bids on new federal oil and gas leases for energy companies that are found by the Federal Trade Commission to collude with OPEC, and ends existing leases for those colluding companies.

By Mr. BUCHANAN:

H.R. 9119.

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

Article I Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:

To direct the Director of the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services of the Department of Justice to establish a training course relating to Alzheimers disease

By Mr. CARTWRIGHT:

H.R. 9120.

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

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 3 of the U.S. Constitution, which states that the United States Congress shall have power "to regulate Commerce with foreign Nations, and among the several States, and with the Indian Tribes."

The single subject of this legislation is:

This bill establishes an integrated national approach to respond to ongoing and expected effects of extreme weather and climate change.

## PRIVATE BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 3 of rule XII,

By Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas:  
H.R. 9121.  
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:  
This bill is enacted pursuant to the power granted to Congress under Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution.

The single subject of this legislation is:  
To amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to allow Indian Tribal Governments to directly request fire management assistance declarations and grants, and for other purposes.

By Ms. DELBENE:  
H.R. 9122.  
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:  
Article I, Section 8  
The single subject of this legislation is:  
Addressing utility disconnections during extreme heat and cold under PURPA

By Mr. KEATING:  
H.R. 9123.  
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:  
Article I, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution  
The single subject of this legislation is:  
This is a bill to encourage increased trade and investment between the United States and the countries in the Western Balkans, and for other purposes.

By Mr. KILEY:  
H.R. 9124.  
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:  
Article 1, Section 8  
The single subject of this legislation is:  
To name the Department of Veterans Affairs community-based outpatient clinic in Auburn, California, as the "Louis A. Conter VA Clinic"

By Mrs. MILLER of West Virginia:  
H.R. 9125.  
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:  
Article I, Section 8  
The single subject of this legislation is:  
Health Care

By Ms. PORTER:  
H.R. 9126.  
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:  
Article 1, Section 8  
The single subject of this legislation is:  
To require digital social companies to adopt terms of service that meet certain minimum requirements.

By Mr. SABLAN:  
H.R. 9127.  
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:  
Article 1, Section 8 of the United States Constitution  
The single subject of this legislation is:  
340B Program

By Mr. SABLAN:  
H.R. 9128.  
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:  
Article 1, Section 8 of the United States Constitution  
The single subject of this legislation is:  
Safety Net Hospitals

By Mr. VASQUEZ:  
H.R. 9129.  
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:  
Article 1, section 8, Clauses 1 and 18 of the United State 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:  
Medical Debt

By Mrs. GONZÁLES-COLÓN:  
H.R. 9130.  
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section I of the U.S. Constitution  
"All legislative Powers herein granted shall be vested in a Congress of the United States, which shall consist of a Senate and a House of Representatives."

The single subject of this legislation is:  
Provides for the relief for Diego Montoya Bedoya.

By Mr. MORELLE:  
H.J. Res. 193.  
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:  
Pursuant to the power granted Congress by Article V of the Constitution.  
The single subject of this legislation is:  
Immunity

#### ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

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

H.R. 34: Ms. CHU.  
H.R. 51: Mrs. SYKES.  
H.R. 549: Ms. LEE of California.  
H.R. 700: Mr. KEAN of New Jersey.  
H.R. 773: Mr. FITZPATRICK.  
H.R. 976: Mr. CLYDE.  
H.R. 1002: Mr. GOLDMAN of New York.  
H.R. 1088: Mrs. STEEL, Mr. NEWHOUSE, Mr. SIMPSON, and Mr. LEVIN.  
H.R. 1293: Mr. HARDER of California.  
H.R. 1406: Mr. HUIZENGA.  
H.R. 1440: Mr. KEAN of New Jersey and Mr. CUELLAR.  
H.R. 1462: Ms. PINGREE and Mr. VASQUEZ.  
H.R. 1638: Ms. BUDZINSKI.  
H.R. 1716: Mr. HARDER of California.  
H.R. 1737: Mr. LAWLER and Ms. STANSBURY.  
H.R. 1764: Mr. NUNN of Iowa.  
H.R. 1831: Mrs. SYKES, Mr. FONG, Mr. MORAN, Mr. LAMBORN, Mr. ALFORD, Ms. MALOY, Mr. TIMMONS, Mr. EZELL, Mr. WENSTRUP, Mr. FITZGERALD, Mr. VICENTE GONZALEZ of Texas, Mr. LANDSMAN, Mr. KELLY of Mississippi, Mr. DOGGETT, Mr. FLOOD, Mr. CLYBURN, and Mr. SCHWEIKERT.  
H.R. 2407: Mr. HUIZENGA.  
H.R. 2413: Mr. NICKEL.  
H.R. 2451: Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia.  
H.R. 2662: Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi.  
H.R. 2742: Ms. BROWNLEY.  
H.R. 2802: Mr. SOTO, Mr. VASQUEZ, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, and Mrs. PELTOLA.  
H.R. 2828: Mr. HOYER.  
H.R. 2923: Mr. CISCOMANI.  
H.R. 2998: Ms. SANCHEZ.  
H.R. 3005: Ms. KAPTUR.  
H.R. 3036: Mr. SOTO.  
H.R. 3161: Mr. LAHOOD.  
H.R. 3270: Mr. LAHOOD.  
H.R. 3366: Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas.  
H.R. 3387: Mr. COLE.  
H.R. 3413: Ms. LEE of Florida.  
H.R. 3442: Mr. THANEDAR, Ms. CRAIG, Mr. PETERS, Ms. HOULAHAN, Mr. HORSFORD, Mrs. RAMIREZ, Mr. GOLDMAN of New York, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Ms. CROCKETT, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia, Ms. WILD, and Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina.  
H.R. 3489: Ms. BROWNLEY.  
H.R. 3611: Mr. MCCORMICK and Mr. LIEU.  
H.R. 3677: Mr. KENNEDY.  
H.R. 3826: Mr. FLOOD.  
H.R. 3894: Mr. STANTON, Ms. LOFGREN, Ms. KUSTER, and Ms. BROWNLEY.  
H.R. 3962: Mr. HORSFORD.  
H.R. 4157: Mr. TURNER, Mr. CASTEN, Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ, and Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY.  
H.R. 4184: Mr. PHILLIPS, Ms. ESHOO, Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois, Mr. KILDEE, Ms. DELAURO, Mr. LANDSMAN, Mr. COHEN, Mr. NICKEL, Mr. PANETTA, Ms. SEWELL, and Mr. CARTER of Louisiana.  
H.R. 4274: Mr. IVEY and Mr. KILDEE.

H.R. 4387: Mr. TONY GONZALES of Texas.  
H.R. 4391: Mr. POCAN.  
H.R. 4422: Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. AMO, and Ms. STANSBURY.  
H.R. 4561: Mr. NICKEL.  
H.R. 4583: Mr. CORREA.  
H.R. 4690: Mr. WENSTRUP.  
H.R. 4721: Mr. FONG.  
H.R. 4771: Mrs. HAYES.  
H.R. 4787: Mr. MAGAZINER.  
H.R. 4895: Mrs. FLETCHER.  
H.R. 4897: Mr. VARGAS and Mr. BLUMENAUER.  
H.R. 5041: Mr. MOULTON.  
H.R. 5048: Mrs. SYKES.  
H.R. 5074: Mr. MOULTON.  
H.R. 5145: Mr. THANEDAR.  
H.R. 5266: Mrs. CHERFILUS-MCCORMICK.  
H.R. 5275: Mr. STEUBE.  
H.R. 5467: Mr. JACKSON of Illinois.  
H.R. 5530: Ms. TITUS.  
H.R. 5561: Mr. ISSA.  
H.R. 5741: Mr. GOTTHEIMER and Mr. BOYLE of Pennsylvania.  
H.R. 6003: Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. LYNCH, Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ, Mr. COHEN, and Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi.  
H.R. 6023: Mr. TRONE.  
H.R. 6058: Mr. NUNN of Iowa.  
H.R. 6129: Ms. MALOY and Mr. BUCSHON.  
H.R. 6131: Mr. FONG.  
H.R. 6371: Mrs. GONZÁLES-COLÓN.  
H.R. 6451: Mr. NICKEL.  
H.R. 6487: Ms. SALINAS.  
H.R. 6598: Ms. CLARKE of New York.  
H.R. 6727: Mr. PANETTA.  
H.R. 6734: Mr. EMMER.  
H.R. 6790: Mr. CRENSHAW and Mr. DUNN of Florida.  
H.R. 6887: Ms. CLARKE of New York.  
H.R. 6957: Mr. PETERS.  
H.R. 6980: Mr. FINSTAD.  
H.R. 7039: Mr. HARDER of California.  
H.R. 7056: Mr. BOWMAN.  
H.R. 7165: Mr. KILMER and Mr. VASQUEZ.  
H.R. 7438: Mr. JACKSON of Texas, Ms. MALOY, Mr. BUCSHON, Mr. MORELLE, Mr. MOOLENAAR, Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. KELLY of Mississippi, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mr. POSEY, Mr. ROGERS of Alabama, Mr. ARMSTRONG, Mr. BALDERSON, and Mr. LOUDERMILK.  
H.R. 7450: Mr. OGLES, Mr. COMER, and Mr. SESSIONS.  
H.R. 7629: Mr. CASTEN.  
H.R. 7634: Mr. LARSON of Connecticut.  
H.R. 7670: Ms. BROWNLEY.  
H.R. 7682: Mr. FITZPATRICK.  
H.R. 7764: Mr. KILMER, Mr. FERGUSON, Mr. RUTHERFORD, Ms. BROWNLEY, Mr. GREEN of Texas, and Mr. MANN.  
H.R. 7786: Ms. HOULAHAN.  
H.R. 7906: Ms. VAN DUYNE.  
H.R. 8011: Mr. FERGUSON.  
H.R. 8047: Mr. CASTEN.  
H.R. 8192: Ms. GARCIA of Texas.  
H.R. 8331: Mr. POCAN, Mr. PETERS, and Mr. CLYDE.  
H.R. 8347: Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER and Ms. NORTON.  
H.R. 8358: Mr. ALLRED.  
H.R. 8371: Mr. BARR.  
H.R. 8411: Mr. CRENSHAW and Mr. VAN DREW.  
H.R. 8420: Ms. SALINAS.  
H.R. 8426: Mr. JACKSON of North Carolina.  
H.R. 8427: Mr. AUCHINCLOSS.  
H.R. 8434: Mr. VICENTE GONZALEZ of Texas and Mr. GOODEN of Texas.  
H.R. 8437: Mr. RULL.  
H.R. 8473: Ms. TENNEY.  
H.R. 8474: Ms. TENNEY.  
H.R. 8475: Ms. TENNEY.  
H.R. 8476: Ms. TENNEY.  
H.R. 8501: Mr. NADLER.  
H.R. 8571: Ms. GRANGER.  
H.R. 8617: Mr. CONNOLLY, Mr. MOORE OF UTAH, Ms. BROWNLEY, AND Mr. SMITH OF NEBRASKA.  
H.R. 8702: Mr. VICENTE GONZALEZ of Texas, Ms. TLAIB, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. DUNCAN, Ms. SALAZAR, Mr. BAIRD, and Ms. SHERRILL.

H.R. 8706: Mr. CLYDE.  
H.R. 8716: Mr. CARTER of Louisiana.  
H.R. 8777: Ms. MALOY, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. SCHWEIKERT, Mr. CAREY, Mr. GREEN of Tennessee, Mr. SMITH of Missouri, Mr. JORDAN, Mr. TIMMONS, and Mr. MOOLENAAR.  
H.R. 8796: Mrs. FLETCHER.  
H.R. 8821: Mrs. STEEL, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. VAN DREW, and Mr. WILLIAMS of New York.  
H.R. 8859: Mr. CARSON.  
H.R. 8886: Mr. THANEDAR.  
H.R. 8887: Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia.  
H.R. 8926: Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE.  
H.R. 8977: Ms. NORTON.  
H.R. 8985: Mr. BANKS and Mr. HARRIS.  
H.R. 8989: Mr. COSTA, Ms. HOULAHAN, and Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina.

H.R. 8995: Mr. CARSON.  
H.R. 9003: Ms. SALINAS.  
H.R. 9015: Mr. PFLUGER.  
H.R. 9080: Mr. CARL and Mr. GUEST.  
H.R. 9093: Mr. BISHOP of Georgia.  
H.R. 9101: Mr. NADLER, Mr. D'ESPOSITO, and Mr. GOLDMAN of New York.  
H.R. 9106: Mr. MOSKOWITZ and Mr. GUEST.  
H.J. Res. 182: Mr. MOONEY.  
H. Con. Res. 13: Mr. RULLI.  
H. Res. 277: Ms. SCHAKOWSKY.  
H. Res. 439: Mr. COHEN.  
H. Res. 566: Mr. THANEDAR.  
H. Res. 594: Mrs. HAYES.  
H. Res. 616: Mr. TONY GONZALES of Texas, Mr. MOULTON, Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina, Mr. CARBAJAL, and Mr. WENSTRUP.

H. Res. 643: Mr. CARSON.  
H. Res. 990: Mr. NORCROSS.  
H. Res. 1131: Mr. GOTTHEIMER.  
H. Res. 1199: Mr. RYAN.  
H. Res. 1203: Mr. QUIGLEY.  
H. Res. 1367: Mr. TONY GONZALES of Texas, Mr. RUTHERFORD, Mr. ZINKE, Mr. WITTMAN, Mr. FRY, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mr. SMITH of Missouri, Mr. BACON, and Mr. FINSTAD.  
H. Res. 1369: Mr. EZELL and Mr. WENSTRUP.  
H. Res. 1371: Mr. ROSE, Mr. YAKYM, Mr. FRY, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mr. HERN, Mr. BARR, Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania, Mr. WEBSTER of Florida, and Mr. GREEN of Tennessee.