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

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
December 19, 2024.

I hereby appoint the Honorable MIKE BOST to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

MIKE THOMPSON,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

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

O Lord, our God, be in our midst, for You alone can change our harsh discourse into pure speech. Cleanse us from our pride, that we would humble ourselves before You, and appear unassuming and unpretentious in Your presence.

Call us to seek refuge and counsel in Your name, to listen for Your divine will, and not rely on our own. For we are not inclined to listen to any voice, even Yours, nor accept Your correction. We fail to trust in Your guidance, nor draw near to You, our God.

But You, O Lord, are righteous. You do no wrong. Every morning You render Your judgment, each dawn without fail.

O Lord, our God, on this morning may we acknowledge that You are with us in this place. So may our actions this day give You reason to be pleased with us.

We call on Your name in this moment and will strive to serve You throughout the day with one accord. As one body of many Members we can find refuge in You together in Your name, in which we pray this day.

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 Illinois (Mr. LAHOOD) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. LAHOOD 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 five requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

RECOGNIZING WELLSBORO VETERANS OUTPATIENT CLINIC

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

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Wellsboro veterans outpatient clinic.

Recently, the Wellsboro veterans outpatient clinic in Tioga County reopened after nearly a year of renovations.

Our veterans have faced challenges on the battlefield and, too often, at home when seeking care. Reopening this facility is a step toward elimi-

nating those barriers and providing better access to health services, mental health support, and the resources our veterans need to thrive.

The new state-of-the-art clinic has expanded to provide podiatry, telehealth, and optometry services. Additionally, the clinic will have specialty physicians who travel to Wellsboro.

Having spent nearly 30 years in the healthcare industry, I understand the vital importance of access to quality healthcare in rural communities and have become a strong advocate for increased access, affordability, and quality of care.

Mr. Speaker, our veterans deserve the utmost care, and the Wellsboro VA Clinic can provide essential services for those who fought for our freedoms.

OUR BEST WORK HERE DERIVES FROM COMPROMISE

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

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, now what?

Yesterday, this body was prepared to pass a bipartisan spending bill to carry us into the new year and the new Congress. It was imperfect, yet it met many of our country's critical needs, especially disaster relief.

Then, the agents of chaos descended, including what might just be our newly minted oligarch, Mr. Musk.

Now what? Mr. Speaker, we are about to swear in a new group of Members. It reminds me of my first day in this body when my Republican friend, Mark Kirk, advised me that our best work here derives from compromise.

I can only hope his advice is heeded here today and that we don't sink into "if I don't get all that I want, I will take my ball and go home," or, worse yet, "shut our government down."

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HONORING THE SERVICE OF LYLE ROCK

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

Mr. STAUBER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service of my friend, Lieutenant Colonel Lyle Rock.

Lyle is a childhood friend of mine, and I have known him for over 50 years. We grew up in the same neighborhood and played hockey together.

Service to our Nation is a proud tradition in the Rock family. Lyle's father honorably served at the 148th Fighter Wing in Duluth, Minnesota, and Lyle followed in his footsteps, joining the Minnesota Air National Guard.

In 2009, Lyle volunteered to deploy to Iraq, where he served as the chief of logistics and Iraqi adviser at the Multi-National Security Transition Command—Iraq. He happened to serve in Iraq at the same time as my wife, Jodi, and even though they served at different locations, it always gave me comfort to know that he was over there with her.

During his career, Lyle has served at both the 148th Fighter Wing and the 133rd Airlift Wing, and he is currently posted at the Joint Force Headquarters, where he works as a director of plans and policy.

At this time, Lyle Rock is the longest serving Air National Guard officer, with 38 years and 11 months under his belt.

I find it especially impressive that throughout his entire service, he has only missed 2 days of drill.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to call Lieutenant Colonel Lyle Rock my good friend, and the State of Minnesota is proud of his decades of service.

MY SHERO, CONGRESSWOMAN BARBARA LEE

(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 send a message to my colleague, my dearest Sigma Gamma Rho sorority sister, and my shero, BARBARA LEE. She will always be an inspiration to me and many others.

When BARBARA LEE started her political career, she couldn't have known that she would become such a role model for so many people, especially Black women. She is an inspiration, and it has been my deepest honor to call her a friend and mentor.

I continue to look up to BARBARA LEE as a strong voice for civil rights, health equity, poverty elimination, and actually so much more. She was the driving force in establishing PEPFAR in 2003, a critical program that has saved over 25 million lives from HIV and AIDS all over the world.

I am honored to carry her legacy into the next Congress to reauthorize PEPFAR, one of the world's most suc-

cessful health programs. We must continue to fund this critical program until we end the HIV and AIDS pandemic.

I thank BARBARA LEE for all the work she has done and all the work she continues to accomplish in the future.

I love you, BARBARA LEE.

RECOGNIZING CONGRESSMAN PATRICK MCHENRY

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

Mr. EMMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my friend, Congressman, and chairperson of the House of Representatives Financial Services Committee, PATRICK MCHENRY, as he retires from Congress after 20 years of service.

Throughout his time here in Washington, Chairman MCHENRY has been a champion of innovation and always worked to ensure that American capital markets remain the envy of the world.

Chairman MCHENRY has been my personal mentor since I came to Congress, and I can't thank him enough for his counsel and guidance and his two decades of leadership, hard work, and dedication in the financial services space and beyond. His retirement is going to leave enormous shoes to fill and a legacy that will be felt by this institution for years to come.

Mr. Speaker, if it was physically possible to walk in PATRICK's shoes, I would. It has been a pleasure learning from him and serving alongside him. While we will miss having PATRICK here in these Halls, we wish him and his family the very best in the days to come.

RECOGNIZING CHRIS PACHOLEC

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

Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an extraordinary member of my team who joined our office 1 year ago as a Brookings Congressional Fellow and will, sadly, be returning to his previous role at the Department of Defense in the new year.

Chris Pacholec is a native of New Jersey, which we have forgiven him for. He has now earned the title of honorary Pennsylvanian.

A Renaissance man, Chris brings his joyful spirit, hardworking dedication, banking skills, Legos, and corgi, Dexter, to our office, faithfully and tirelessly serving Pennsylvania's Fourth Congressional District.

Chris took on the Foreign Affairs Committee work for my office during extraordinarily heavy times. He became an integral part of our legislative team right away, meeting with constituents, advocacy organizations, and fellow Hill staff.

In just under a year, Chris has become a de facto foreign policy expert and a valued member of our team.

We will miss his calm demeanor and wealth of knowledge, along with his infectious, positive attitude.

I speak for my whole team when I say: Thank you, Chris. We are sorry to see you go, and we hope that you will be back soon. Feel free to bring the cupcakes. We wish you the best.

HONORING DALE MURDEN, 2024 TEXAS FARM BUREAU PIONEER AWARD WINNER

(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 honor Dale Murden, a dedicated leader in south Texas agriculture, for winning the 2024 Texas Farm Bureau Pioneer Award.

As president of the Texas Citrus Mutual, Dale is a steadfast advocate for the State of Texas' citrus industry, championing legislative priorities such as the 1944 water treaty issue, pest and disease management, and leading innovation that strengthens our agricultural community.

Dale's work supports thousands of farmers and helps preserve the rich farming heritage of south Texas.

On behalf of the 15th Congressional District of Texas, I congratulate Dale on this well-deserved recognition, and I thank him for his service to our farmers and to the great State of Texas.

HONORING DONALD MCLEOD

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

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the career of Donald McLeod, an Orange County airman.

In 1945, Mr. McLeod joined the Army before transferring to the newly created U.S. Air Force.

From the excitement of the Berlin airlift to the isolation of Greenland, Mr. McLeod faithfully served his country at every post.

When he returned to civilian life, Mr. McLeod used his aircraft expertise to land a job with McDonnell Douglas, where he worked for almost 10 years. In 1985, Mr. McLeod retired and began a career with his newly minted wedded wife as a Catholic missionary.

Mr. McLeod retired for a second time in 2010 and currently lives in my district in Anaheim, where he enjoys the events put on by the American Veterans Assistance Group. His dedication to serving others is unmatched, and I am happy that he is enjoying his well-deserved second retirement.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Mr. McLeod for serving his country and for his dedication to our community. He is a valued member of our community.

HONORING AND CONGRATULATING
OMER OSMAN

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

Mr. LAHOOD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate my fellow Peorian, Omer Osman, on his retirement as secretary of the Illinois Department of Transportation.

Omer comes from very humble beginnings. Born in the country of Sudan the fourth of 11 children, he learned English by watching American Westerns and soap operas on television. He moved to the United States as a young man for college and graduated from Southern University, where he studied civil engineering before beginning a career in Peoria, Illinois.

Osman began at IDOT, the Illinois Department of Transportation, as a civil engineer in 1989 and worked his way up the ranks, becoming, in 2019, Illinois' 13th transportation secretary. In 2021, he was the first person of color to be confirmed in the role.

Along the way, he became a proud graduate of Bradley University, located in my district, with a master's degree in civil engineering in 1995.

In his role as transportation secretary, Omer oversaw over 80 airports, an expansive waterway infrastructure system, and 300,000 miles of roads, bridges, and railroads that transport 25 percent of the country's freight, which passes through Illinois.

The bottom line is that Secretary Osman has lived the American Dream and has been an integral part of preserving and growing the infrastructure we have today in Illinois. His legacy will last for years to come.

It is my privilege to congratulate my good friend on his retirement and wish him and his lovely wife, Magda, and their three children all the best.

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 9 o'clock and 15 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. MOLINARO) at 5 o'clock and 25 minutes p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER
PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 4 of rule I, the following enrolled bill was signed by the Speaker on Thursday, December 19, 2024:

H.R. 5009, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2025 for military activi-

ties of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.

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, December 19, 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 December 19, 2024, at 2:49 p.m.

That the Senate agrees to the House amendment to the bill S. 709.

That the Senate agrees to the House amendment to the bill S. 3791.

That the Senate agrees to the House amendment to the bill S. 4367.

That the Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 46.

That the Senate passed S. 432.

That the Senate passed S. 608.

That the Senate passed S. 961.

That the Senate passed S. 1059.

That the Senate passed S. 1088.

That the Senate passed S. 1760.

That the Senate passed S. 2018.

That the Senate passed S. 2042.

That the Senate passed S. 2151.

That the Senate passed S. 2615.

Appointment: National Commission on the Future of the Navy.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

KEVIN F. MCCUMBER,
Acting Clerk.

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, December 19, 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 December 19, 2024, at 2:49 p.m.

That the Senate passed S. 2620.

That the Senate passed S. 2742.

That the Senate passed S. 3123.

That the Senate passed S. 4129.

That the Senate passed S. 4209.

That the Senate passed S. 4511.

That the Senate passed S. 4607.

That the Senate passed S. 4994.

That the Senate passed S. 5000.

That the Senate passed S. 5125.

That the Senate passed S. 5136.

That the Senate passed S. 5595.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 5443.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 6062.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 8666.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

KEVIN F. MCCUMBER,
Acting Clerk.

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.

FURTHER CONTINUING APPRO-
PRIATIONS AND DISASTER RELIEF
SUPPLEMENTAL APPRO-
PRIATIONS ACT, 2025

Mr. COLE. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 10515) making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025, and for other purposes.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 10515

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

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "American Relief Act, 2025".

SEC. 2. TABLE OF CONTENTS.

The table of contents of this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title.

Sec. 2. Table of contents.

Sec. 3. References.

DIVISION A—FURTHER CONTINUING
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MENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2025

DIVISION C—HEALTH

Sec. 3001. Short title; table of contents.

TITLE I—PUBLIC HEALTH EXTENDERS

Sec. 3101. Extension for community health centers, National Health Service Corps, and teaching health centers that operate GME programs.

Sec. 3102. Extension of special diabetes programs.

Sec. 3103. National health security extensions.

TITLE II—MEDICARE

Sec. 3201. Extension of increased inpatient hospital payment adjustment for certain low-volume hospitals.

Sec. 3202. Extension of the Medicare-dependent hospital (MDH) program.

Sec. 3203. Extension of add-on payments for ambulance services.

Sec. 3204. Extension of funding for quality measure endorsement, input, and selection.

Sec. 3205. Extension of funding outreach and assistance for low-income programs.

Sec. 3206. Extension of the work geographic index floor.

Sec. 3207. Extension of certain telehealth flexibilities.

- Sec. 3208. Extending acute hospital care at home waiver authorities.
- Sec. 3209. Extension of temporary inclusion of authorized oral antiviral drugs as covered part D drugs.
- Sec. 3210. Medicare improvement fund.

TITLE III—HUMAN SERVICES

- Sec. 3301. Extension of child and family services programs.
- Sec. 3302. Sexual risk avoidance education extension.
- Sec. 3303. Personal responsibility education extension.
- Sec. 3304. Extension of funding for family-to-family health information centers.

TITLE IV—MEDICAID

- Sec. 3401. Eliminating certain disproportionate share hospital payment cuts.

DIVISION D—EXTENSION OF AGRICULTURAL PROGRAMS

- Sec. 4101. Extension of agricultural programs.

DIVISION E—OTHER MATTERS

- Sec. 5101. Commodity futures trading commission whistleblower program.
- Sec. 5102. Protection of certain facilities and assets from unmanned aircraft.
- Sec. 5103. Additional special assessment.
- Sec. 5104. National cybersecurity protection system authorization.
- Sec. 5105. Extension of temporary order for fentanyl-related substances.
- Sec. 5106. Temporary extension of public debt limit.

SEC. 3. REFERENCES.

Except as expressly provided otherwise, any reference to “this Act” contained in any division of this Act shall be treated as referring only to the provisions of that division.

DIVISION A—FURTHER CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2025

SEC. 101. The Continuing Appropriations Act, 2025 (division A of Public Law 118-83) is amended—

(1) by striking the date specified in section 106(3) and inserting “March 14, 2025”;

(2) in section 126 to read as follows:

“SEC. 126. Notwithstanding section 101, amounts are provided for ‘District of Columbia—Federal Payment for Emergency Planning and Security Costs in the District of Columbia’ at a rate for operations of \$90,000,000, of which not less than \$50,000,000 shall be for costs associated with the Presidential Inauguration to be held in January 2025: *Provided*, That such amounts may be apportioned up to the rate for operations necessary to maintain emergency planning and security activities.”; and

(3) by adding after section 152 the following new sections:

“SEC. 153. Amounts made available by section 101 for ‘Department of Commerce—National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration—Procurement, Acquisition and Construction’ may be apportioned up to the rate for operations necessary to maintain the acquisition schedule for Geostationary Earth Orbit in an amount not to exceed \$625,000,000.

“SEC. 154. Amounts made available by section 101 for ‘Department of Justice—Justice Operations, Management and Accountability—Justice Information Sharing Technology’ may be apportioned up to the rate for operations necessary to carry out proactive vulnerability detection and penetration testing activities.

“SEC. 155. In addition to amounts otherwise provided by section 101, there is appropriated to the Department of Justice for ‘Federal Bureau of Investigation—Salaries and Expenses’, \$16,668,000, for an additional amount for fiscal year 2025, to remain avail-

able until September 30, 2026, to conduct risk reduction and modification of National Security Systems: *Provided*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

“SEC. 156. (a) Amounts made available by section 101 to the Department of Defense for ‘Procurement—Shipbuilding and Conversion, Navy’, may be apportioned up to the rate for operations necessary for ‘Columbia Class Submarine (AP)’ in an amount not to exceed \$5,996,130,000.

“(b) Amounts made available by section 101 to the Department of Defense for ‘Procurement—Shipbuilding and Conversion, Navy’ may be apportioned up to the rate for operations necessary for ‘Columbia Class Submarine’ in an amount not to exceed \$2,922,300,000.

“SEC. 157. (a) In addition to amounts otherwise provided by section 101, there is appropriated to the Department of Defense for ‘Procurement—Shipbuilding and Conversion, Navy’, \$5,691,000,000, for an additional amount for fiscal year 2025, to remain available until September 30, 2029, for the Virginia Class Submarine program and for workforce wage and non-executive salary improvements for other nuclear-powered vessel programs: *Provided*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

“(b) Amounts appropriated by subsection (a) may be used to incrementally fund contract obligations for the improvement of workforce wages and non-executive level salaries on new or existing contracts pertaining to the Virginia Class Submarine program or to other nuclear-powered vessel programs.

“SEC. 158. In addition to amounts otherwise provided by section 101, there is appropriated to the Department of Defense for ‘Operation and Maintenance—Defense-Wide’, \$913,440,000, for an additional amount for fiscal year 2025, to remain available until September 30, 2026, to conduct risk reduction and modification of National Security Systems: *Provided*, That the amount provided by this section may be transferred to accounts under the headings ‘Operation and Maintenance’, ‘Procurement’, and ‘Research, Development, Test and Evaluation’: *Provided further*, That funds transferred pursuant to the preceding proviso shall be merged with and available for the same purpose and for the same time period as the appropriations to which the funds are transferred: *Provided further*, That any transfer authority provided herein is in addition to any other transfer authority provided by law: *Provided further*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

“SEC. 159. (a) Amounts made available by section 101 for ‘Department of Energy—Atomic Energy Defense Activities—Environmental and Other Defense Activities—Other Defense Activities’ may be apportioned up to the rate for operations necessary to sustain specialized security activities.

“(b) The Director of the Office of Management and Budget and the Secretary of Energy shall notify the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate not later than 3 days after each use of the authority provided in subsection (a).

“SEC. 160. In addition to amounts otherwise provided by section 101, there is appropriated to the Department of Energy for ‘Atomic Energy Defense Activities—Environmental and Other Defense Activities—

Other Defense Activities’, \$1,750,000, for an additional amount for fiscal year 2025, to remain available until September 30, 2026, to conduct risk reduction and modification of National Security Systems: *Provided*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

“SEC. 161. During the period covered by this Act, section 10609(a) of the Northwestern New Mexico Rural Water Projects Act (sub-title B of title X of Public Law 111-11) shall be applied by substituting ‘\$1,640,000,000’ for ‘\$870,000,000’ and ‘2025’ for ‘2024’.

“SEC. 162. In addition to amounts otherwise provided by section 101, there is appropriated to the Department of the Treasury for ‘Departmental Offices—Office of Terrorism and Financial Intelligence—Salaries and Expenses’, \$908,000, for an additional amount for fiscal year 2025, to remain available until September 30, 2026, to conduct risk reduction and modification of National Security Systems: *Provided*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

“SEC. 163. Section 302 of title III of Public Law 108-494 shall be applied by substituting the date specified in section 106(3) of this Act for ‘December 31, 2024’ each place it appears.

“SEC. 164. (a) Notwithstanding section 101, section 747 of title VII of division B of Public Law 118-47 shall be applied through the date specified in section 106(3) of this Act by—

“(1) substituting ‘2024’ for ‘2023’ each place it appears;

“(2) substituting ‘2025’ for ‘2024’ each place it appears;

“(3) substituting ‘2026’ for ‘2025’; and

“(4) substituting ‘section 747 of division B of Public Law 118-47, as in effect on September 30, 2024’ for ‘section 747 of division E of Public Law 117-328’ each place it appears.

“(b) Subsection (a) shall not take effect until the first day of the first applicable pay period beginning on or after January 1, 2025.

“SEC. 165. Amounts made available by section 101 for ‘Department of Education—Student Aid Administration’ may be apportioned up to the rate for operations necessary to ensure the continuation of student loan servicing activities and student aid application and eligibility determination processes.

“SEC. 166. During the period covered by this Act, section 123 of division A of Public Law 118-42 and the provisions carrying the same restriction in prior Acts making appropriations to the Department of Defense for military construction shall not apply to unobligated balances from prior year appropriations made available under the heading ‘Department of Defense—Military Construction, Army’ and such balances may be obligated for an access road project at Arlington National Cemetery.

“SEC. 167. (a) Notwithstanding section 101, the second proviso under the heading ‘Department of Veterans Affairs—Veterans Health Administration—Medical Services’ shall not apply during the period covered by this Act.

“(b) Notwithstanding section 101, the second proviso under the heading ‘Department of Veterans Affairs—Veterans Health Administration—Medical Community Care’ shall not apply during the period covered by this Act.

“(c) Notwithstanding section 101, the second proviso under the heading ‘Department of Veterans Affairs—Veterans Health Administration—Medical Support and Compliance’ shall not apply during the period covered by this Act.

“SEC. 168. Notwithstanding section 101, the fifth and sixth provisos under the heading ‘Millennium Challenge Corporation’ in division F of Public Law 118–47 shall be applied by substituting ‘December 31, 2025’ for ‘December 31, 2024’ each place it appears.

“SEC. 169. Amounts made available by section 101 for ‘Department of Transportation—Federal Aviation Administration—Operations’ may be apportioned up to the rate for operations necessary to fund mandatory pay increases and other inflationary adjustments, to maintain and improve air traffic services, to hire and train air traffic controllers, and to continue aviation safety oversight, while avoiding service reductions.”.

This division may be cited as the “Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2025”.

DIVISION B—DISASTER RELIEF SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2025

The following sums are appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025, and for other purposes, namely:

TITLE I

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AGRICULTURAL PROGRAMS PROCESSING, RESEARCH, AND MARKETING OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

For an additional amount for “Office of the Secretary”, \$30,780,000,000, to remain available until expended, for necessary expenses related to losses of revenue, quality or production of crops (including milk, on-farm stored commodities, crops prevented from planting, and harvested adulterated wine grapes), trees, bushes, and vines, as a consequence of droughts, wildfires, hurricanes, floods, derechos, excessive heat, tornadoes, winter storms, freeze, including a polar vortex, smoke exposure, and excessive moisture occurring in calendar years 2023 and 2024 under such terms and conditions as determined by the Secretary of Agriculture (referred to in this title as “Secretary”): *Provided*, That of the amounts provided in this paragraph under this heading in this Act, the Secretary shall use up to \$2,000,000,000 to provide assistance to producers of livestock, as determined by the Secretary, for losses incurred during calendar years 2023 and 2024 due to drought, wildfires, or floods: *Provided further*, That the Secretary may provide assistance for such losses in the form of block grants to eligible States and territories and such assistance may include compensation to producers, as determined by the Secretary, for timber (including payments to non-Federal forest landowners), citrus, pecan, and poultry (including infrastructure) losses, and for agricultural producers who have suffered losses due to the failure of Mexico to deliver water to the United States in accordance with the 1944 Water Treaty: *Provided further*, That of the amounts provided under this heading in this Act, the Secretary shall offer individualized technical assistance to interested non-insured producers to help them apply for assistance made available under this heading: *Provided further*, That of the amounts made available under this paragraph under this heading in this Act, the Secretary may use up to \$30,000,000, for reimbursement for administrative and operating expenses available for crop insurance contracts for 2022 and 2023 reinsurance years in a manner consistent with Section 771 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023 (Public Law 117–328): *Provided further*, That of the amounts made available under this paragraph under this heading in this Act, and without regard to 44 U.S.C. 3501 et. seq., the Secretary shall use \$3,000,000 to carry out regular testing for the purposes of verifying and validating the methodology

and protocols of the inspection of molasses at any United States ports of entry, including whether the molasses meets each statutory requirement without the use of additives or blending, relevant definitional explanatory notes, and each property typical of molasses in the United States as directed in Senate Report 118–193: *Provided further*, That at the election of a processor eligible for a loan under section 156 of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 (7 U.S.C. 7272) or a cooperative processor of dairy, the Secretary shall make payments for losses in 2023 and 2024 to such processors (to be paid to producers, as determined by such processors) in lieu of payments to producers and under the same terms and conditions as payments made to processors pursuant to title I of the Additional Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Act, 2019 (Public Law 116–20) under the heading “Department of Agriculture—Agricultural Programs—Processing, Research and Marketing—Office of the Secretary”, as last amended by section 791(c) of title VII of division B of the Further Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2020 (Public Law 116–94): *Provided further*, That notwithstanding section 760.1503(j) of title 7, Code of Federal Regulations, in the event that a processor described in the preceding proviso does not elect to receive payments under such clause, the Secretary shall make direct payments to producers under this heading in this Act: *Provided further*, That the total amount of payments received under this paragraph under this heading in this Act for producers who did not obtain a policy or plan of insurance for an insurable commodity for the applicable crop year under the Federal Crop Insurance Act (7 U.S.C. 1501 et seq.) for the crop incurring the losses or did not file the required paperwork and pay the service fee by the applicable State filing deadline for a noninsurable commodity for the applicable crop year under Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program for the crop incurring the losses shall not exceed 70 percent of the loss as determined by the Secretary, except the Secretary shall provide payments not to exceed 90 percent of the producer’s revenue losses as determined by the Secretary if the Secretary determines a de minimis amount of a producer’s revenue loss is attributable to crops for which the producer did not insure or obtain Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program coverage: *Provided further*, That the amount provided in this paragraph under this heading in this Act shall be subject to the terms and conditions set forth in the first, second, sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth, tenth, and 12th provisos under this heading in title I of the Disaster Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2022 (division B of Public Law 117–43), except that such ninth proviso under such heading shall be applied by substituting “2023 and 2024” for “2020 and 2021” and the Secretary shall apply a separate payment limit for economic assistance payments: *Provided further*, That not later than 120 days after the enactment of this Act, and for each fiscal quarter thereafter until the amounts provided under this heading in this Act are expended, the Secretary shall report to the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate on the implementation of any programs provided for under this heading in this Act specifying the type, amount, and method of such assistance by State and territory: *Provided further*, That of the amounts provided in this paragraph, \$10,000,000,000 shall be made available for the Secretary to make economic assistance available pursuant to section 2102 of this title in this Act: *Provided further*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursu-

ant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

For an additional amount for “Office of the Secretary”, \$220,000,000, to remain available until expended, for the Secretary to provide assistance in the form of block grants to eligible States to provide compensation to producers for necessary expenses related to crop, timber, and livestock losses, including on-farm infrastructure, as a consequence of any weather event in 2023 or 2024 that a State, in its sole discretion, determines warrants such relief: *Provided*, That eligible States are those States with a net farm income for 2023 of less than \$250,000,000, as recorded in the data in the Economic Research Service publication “Farm Income and Wealth Statistics” as of December 3, 2024, and fewer than eight thousand farms and an average farm size of fewer than one thousand acres per farm, as recorded in the National Agricultural Statistics Service publication “Farms and Land in Farms 2023 Summary (February, 2024)”: *Provided further*, That the Secretary shall work with eligible States on any necessary terms and conditions of the block grants, fully taking in account the needs of each State: *Provided further*, That any such terms and conditions may not impose additional costs on producers: *Provided further*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

For an additional amount for “Office of Inspector General”, \$7,500,000, to remain available until expended, for audits, investigations, and other oversight of projects and activities carried out with funds made available to the Department of Agriculture in this Act: *Provided*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH SERVICE

BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES

For an additional amount for “Buildings and Facilities”, \$42,500,000, to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

FARM PRODUCTION AND CONSERVATION PROGRAMS

FARM SERVICE AGENCY

EMERGENCY FOREST RESTORATION PROGRAM

For an additional amount for “Emergency Forest Restoration Program”, \$356,535,000, to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

EMERGENCY CONSERVATION PROGRAM

For an additional amount for “Emergency Conservation Program”, \$828,000,000, to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE EMERGENCY WATERSHED PROTECTION PROGRAM

For an additional amount for “Emergency Watershed Protection Program” for necessary expenses for the Emergency Watershed Protection Program, \$920,000,000, to remain available until expended: *Provided*,

That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

RURAL DEVELOPMENT DISASTER ASSISTANCE FUND

For an additional amount for the “Rural Development Disaster Assistance Fund” as authorized under section 6945 of title 7, United States Code, as amended by this Act, \$362,500,000, to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That section 6945(b) of title 7, United States Code, shall apply to amounts provided under this heading in this Act: *Provided further*, That amounts provided under this heading in this Act may not be transferred pursuant to section 2257 of title 7, United States Code: *Provided further*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

DOMESTIC FOOD PROGRAMS

FOOD AND NUTRITION SERVICE COMMODITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

For an additional amount for “Commodity Assistance Program” for the emergency food assistance program as authorized by section 27(a) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2036(a)) and section 204(a)(1) of the Emergency Food Assistance Act of 1983 (7 U.S.C. 7508(a)(1)), \$25,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2026: *Provided*, That such funds shall be for infrastructure needs related to the consequences of a major disaster declaration pursuant to the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq.) in calendar years 2023 and 2024: *Provided further*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

GENERAL PROVISIONS—THIS TITLE

SEC. 2101. Section 10101 of the Disaster Relief and Recovery Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2008 (division B of Public Law 110-329; 7 U.S.C. 6945) is amended—

(1) in subsection (b)—

(A) in the first sentence—

(i) by striking “for authorized activities” and inserting “, in the form of loans, grants, loan guarantees, or cooperative agreements, for any authorized activity”;

(ii) by striking “or” between “President” and “the Secretary of Agriculture” and inserting a comma; and

(iii) by inserting after “the Secretary of Agriculture” the following: “, or the Governor of a State or Territory”;

(B) in the second sentence, inserting after “to carry out the activity”, the following: “, but shall not be limited to the original form of assistance, if any”;

(C) by inserting after the first sentence, as so amended, the following: “The cost of such direct and guaranteed loans, including the cost of modifying loans, shall be as defined in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974.”; and

(2) in subsection (c), to read as follows—

“(c) WAIVER OF ACTIVITY OR PROJECT LIMITATIONS.—For any activity or project for which amounts in the Rural Development Disaster Assistance Fund will be obligated under subsection (b)—

“(1) the Secretary of Agriculture may waive any limits on population, income, age, and duplication with respect to replacement of damaged or destroyed utilities, or cost-sharing otherwise applicable, except that, if

the amounts proposed to be obligated in connection with the disaster would exceed the amount specified in subsection (h), the notification required by that subsection shall include information and justification with regard to any waivers to be granted under this subsection;

“(2) the Secretary of Agriculture may use alternative sources of income data provided by local, regional, State, or Federal government sources to determine program eligibility; and

“(3) with respect to grants authorized by 7 U.S.C. 1926(a)(19), the Secretary of Agriculture shall not require the applicant to demonstrate that it is unable to finance the proposed project from its own resources, or through commercial credit at reasonable rates and terms, or other funding sources without grant assistance.”.

(3) Amounts provided by this section are designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

SEC. 2102. (a)(1) With respect to the 2024 crop year, if the Secretary determines that the expected gross return per acre for an eligible commodity determined under paragraph (2) is less than the expected cost of production per acre for that eligible commodity determined under paragraph (3), the Secretary shall, not later than 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act, make a 1-time economic assistance payment to each producer of that eligible commodity during that crop year.

(2) The expected gross return per acre for an eligible commodity referred to in paragraph (1) shall be equal to—

(A) in the case of wheat, corn, grain sorghum, barley, oats, cotton, rice, and soybeans, the product obtained by multiplying—

(i) the projected average farm price for the applicable eligible commodity for the 2024–2025 marketing year contained in the most recent World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates published before the date of enactment of this Act by the World Agricultural Outlook Board; and

(ii) the national average harvested yield per acre for the applicable eligible commodity for the most recent 10 crop years, as determined by the Secretary; and

(B) in the case of each eligible commodity not specified in subparagraph (A), a comparable estimate of gross returns, as determined by the Secretary.

(3) The expected cost of production per acre for an eligible commodity referred to in paragraph (1) shall be equal to—

(A) in the case of wheat, corn, grain sorghum, barley, oats, cotton, rice, and soybeans, the total costs listed for the 2024 crop year with respect to the applicable eligible commodity contained in the most recent data product entitled “national average cost-of-production forecasts for major U.S. field crops” published by the Economic Research Service; and

(B) in the case of each eligible commodity not specified in subparagraph (A), a comparable total estimated cost-of-production, as determined by the Secretary.

(4)(A) The amount of an economic assistance payment to a producer for an eligible commodity under paragraph (1) shall be equal to 26 percent of the product obtained by multiplying—

(i) the economic loss for that eligible commodity determined under subparagraph (B); and

(ii) the eligible acres of that eligible commodity on the farm determined under subparagraph (C).

(B) For purposes of subparagraph (A)(i), the economic loss for an eligible commodity shall be equal to the difference between—

(i) the expected cost of production per acre for that eligible commodity, as determined under paragraph (3); and

(ii) the expected gross return per acre for that eligible commodity, as determined under paragraph (2).

(C) For purposes of subparagraph (A)(ii), the eligible acres of an eligible commodity on a farm shall be equal to the sum obtained by adding—

(i) the acreage planted on the farm to that eligible commodity for harvest, grazing, haying, silage, or other similar purposes for the 2024 crop year; and

(ii) an amount equal to 50 percent of the acreage on the farm that was prevented from being planted during the 2024 crop year to that eligible commodity because of drought, flood, or other natural disaster, or other condition beyond the control of the producers on the farm, as determined by the Secretary.

(D) For purposes of subparagraph (C)(i), the Secretary shall consider acreage planted to include any land devoted to planted acres for accepted skip-row planting patterns, as determined by the Secretary.

(E) If the Secretary determines there is insufficient data to determine the comparable estimate of gross returns with respect to an eligible commodity under paragraph (2)(B) or a comparable total estimated cost-of-production with respect to an eligible commodity under paragraph (3)(B), the Secretary shall use data related to a similarly situated commodity for purposes of determining the payment amount under this paragraph.

(5) In no case shall the amount of an economic assistance payment to a producer for an eligible commodity under paragraph (1) be equal to less than the product obtained by multiplying—

(A) 8 percent of the reference price for the eligible commodity described in section 1111(19) of the Agricultural Act of 2014 (7 U.S.C. 9011(19));

(B) the national average payment yield for the eligible commodity described in section 1111(15) of that Act (7 U.S.C. 9011(15)); and

(C) the number of eligible acres for the eligible commodity described in paragraph (4)(C).

(b)(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), sections 1001, 1001A, 1001B, and 1001C of the Food Security Act of 1985 (7 U.S.C. 1308, 1308-1, 1308-2, 1308-3) shall apply with respect to assistance provided under this section.

(2) The total amount of payments received, directly or indirectly, by a person or legal entity (except a joint venture or general partnership) under this section may not exceed—

(A) \$125,000, if less than 75 percent of the average gross income of the person or legal entity for the 2020, 2021, and 2022 tax years is derived from farming, ranching, or silviculture activities; and

(B) \$250,000, if not less than 75 percent of the average gross income of the person or legal entity for the 2020, 2021, and 2022 tax years is derived from farming, ranching, or silviculture activities.

(3) The payment limitations under paragraph (2) shall be separate from annual payment limitations under any other program.

(c) In this section:

(1) The terms “extra-long staple cotton” and “producer” have the meanings given those terms in section 1111 of the Agricultural Act of 2014 (7 U.S.C. 9011).

(2) The term “cotton” means extra-long staple cotton and upland cotton.

(3)(A) The term “eligible commodity” means a loan commodity (as defined in section 1201(a) of the Agricultural Act of 2014 (7 U.S.C. 9031(a))).

(B) The term “eligible commodity” does not include graded wool, nongraded wool, mohair, or honey.

(4) The terms “legal entity” and “person” have the meanings given those terms in section 1001(a) of the Food Security Act of 1985 (7 U.S.C. 1308(a)).

(5) The term “rice” means long grain rice and medium grain rice.

(6) The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of Agriculture.

(d) Amounts provided by this section are designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

TITLE II

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

(INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

For an additional amount for “Economic Development Assistance Programs”, \$1,510,000,000, to remain available until expended, pursuant to sections 209 and 703 of the Public Works and Economic Development Act (42 U.S.C. 3149 and 3233), for economic adjustment assistance related to flood mitigation, disaster relief, long-term recovery, and restoration of infrastructure in areas that received a major disaster designation as a result of hurricanes, wildfires, severe storms and flooding, tornadoes, and other natural disasters occurring in calendar years 2023 and 2024 under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq.): *Provided*, That within the amount appropriated under this heading in this Act, up to 3 percent of funds may be transferred to “Salaries and Expenses” for administration and oversight activities: *Provided further*, That within the amount appropriated under this heading in this Act, \$10,000,000 shall be transferred to the Delta Regional Authority (7 U.S.C. 2009aa et seq.): *Provided further*, That the Delta Regional Authority shall notify the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate 15 days prior to the obligation of the amounts made available under the preceding proviso: *Provided further*, That the Secretary of Commerce is authorized to appoint and fix the compensation of such temporary personnel as may be necessary to implement the requirements under this heading in this Act, without regard to the provisions of title 5, United States Code, governing appointments in the competitive service: *Provided further*, That within the amount appropriated under this heading in this Act, \$7,000,000 shall be transferred to “Departmental Management—Office of Inspector General” for carrying out investigations and audits related to the funding provided under this heading in this Act: *Provided further*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION

OPERATIONS, RESEARCH, AND FACILITIES

For an additional amount for “Operations, Research, and Facilities” for necessary expenses related to the consequences of hurricanes, typhoons, flooding, wildfires, and other disasters in calendar years 2023 and 2024, \$244,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2026, as follows:

(1) \$144,000,000 for repair and replacement of observing assets, real property, and equipment; for marine debris assessment and removal; and for mapping, charting, and geodesy services; and

(2) \$100,000,000 for necessary expenses related to the consequences of tornadoes, hur-

ricanes, typhoons, flooding, and wildfires in calendar year 2024;

Provided, That the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration shall submit a spending plan to the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate not later than 45 days after the date of enactment of this Act: *Provided further*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

PROCUREMENT, ACQUISITION AND CONSTRUCTION

For an additional amount for “Procurement, Acquisition and Construction” for necessary expenses related to the consequences of hurricanes, typhoons, wildfires, volcanoes, and other disasters in calendar years 2022, 2023 and 2024, \$499,000,000, to remain available until expended, as follows:

(1) \$100,000,000 for repair and replacement of observing assets, real property, and equipment; and

(2) \$399,000,000 for the acquisition of hurricane hunter aircraft and related expenses as authorized under section 11708 of division K of Public Law 117-263:

Provided, That the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration shall submit a spending plan to the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate not later than 45 days after the date of enactment of this Act: *Provided further*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

FISHERIES DISASTER ASSISTANCE

For an additional amount for “Fisheries Disaster Assistance” for necessary expenses associated with fishery resource disaster relief as authorized by law, \$300,000,000, to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That notwithstanding section 312(a)(3)(A) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (18 U.S.C. 1861a(a)(3)(A)), any request for a fishery resource disaster determination in Tribal salmon and urchin fisheries received by the Secretary prior to September 30, 2025, may be evaluated by the Secretary: *Provided further*, That a portion of the amounts provided under this heading in this Act shall be used to provide additional assistance up to the historical percentage for positively determined disasters announced in calendar year 2024 that were partially funded: *Provided further*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

UNITED STATES MARSHALS SERVICE

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For an additional amount for “Salaries and Expenses”, \$12,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2027, for necessary expenses related to the protection of the residences of the Supreme Court Justices: *Provided*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

FEDERAL PRISON SYSTEM

BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES

For an additional amount for “Buildings and Facilities”, \$64,795,500, to remain available until expended, for necessary expenses related to the consequences of major disasters: *Provided*, That such amount is des-

ignated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

SCIENCE

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

CONSTRUCTION AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE AND RESTORATION

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

For an additional amount for “Construction and Environmental Compliance and Restoration” for repair and replacement of National Aeronautics and Space Administration facilities damaged by hurricanes, tropical storms, typhoons, and tornadoes in calendar years 2023 and 2024, \$740,200,000, to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That up to 20 percent of such amount may be transferred to “Space Operations” for necessary expenses related to communications facilities and equipment, required remediation, and alternative operations caused by Typhoon Mawar: *Provided further*, That except as provided in the preceding proviso, the amounts appropriated under this heading in this Act shall not be available for transfer under any transfer authority provided for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration in an appropriation Act for fiscal year 2025: *Provided further*, That the National Aeronautics and Space Administration shall submit a spending plan to the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate not later than 45 days after the date of enactment of this Act: *Provided further*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

TITLE III

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, ARMY

For an additional amount for “Operation and Maintenance, Army”, \$451,894,000, to remain available until September 30, 2025, for necessary expenses related to the consequences of severe storms, straight-line winds, tornadoes, microbursts, and hurricanes in calendar years 2023 and 2024: *Provided*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, NAVY

For an additional amount for “Operation and Maintenance, Navy”, \$1,454,153,000, to remain available until September 30, 2025, for necessary expenses related to the consequences of Hurricanes Ian, Nicole, Idalia, Helene, and Milton, Typhoon Mawar, and severe storms in calendar year 2023: *Provided*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, MARINE CORPS

For an additional amount for “Operation and Maintenance, Marine Corps”, \$8,900,000, to remain available until September 30, 2025, for necessary expenses related to the consequences of Hurricanes Helene and Milton: *Provided*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, AIR FORCE

For an additional amount for “Operation and Maintenance, Air Force”, \$912,778,000, to

remain available until September 30, 2025, for necessary expenses related to the consequences of Hurricanes Helene and Milton and Typhoon Mawar: *Provided*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, SPACE FORCE

For an additional amount for “Operation and Maintenance, Space Force”, \$90,230,000, to remain available until September 30, 2025, for necessary expenses related to the consequences of Hurricanes Helene and Milton and Typhoon Mawar: *Provided*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, DEFENSE-WIDE

For an additional amount for “Operation and Maintenance, Defense-Wide”, \$1,208,000, for necessary expenses related to the consequences of Hurricanes Helene and Milton: *Provided*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, ARMY RESERVE

For an additional amount for “Operation and Maintenance, Army Reserve”, \$19,594,000, to remain available until September 30, 2025, for necessary expenses related to the consequences of Hurricanes Helene and Milton and microbursts in calendar year 2024: *Provided*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, AIR FORCE RESERVE

For an additional amount for “Operation and Maintenance, Air Force Reserve”, \$1,319,000, to remain available until September 30, 2025, for necessary expenses related to the consequences of Hurricanes Helene and Milton and Typhoon Mawar: *Provided*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

For an additional amount for “Operation and Maintenance, Army National Guard”, \$26,065,000, to remain available until September 30, 2025, for necessary expenses related to the consequences of Hurricanes Helene and Milton, Typhoon Mawar, and severe storms in calendar years 2023 and 2024: *Provided*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, AIR NATIONAL GUARD

For an additional amount for “Operation and Maintenance, Air National Guard”, \$2,209,000, to remain available until September 30, 2025, for necessary expenses related to the consequences of Hurricane Helene and Typhoon Mawar: *Provided*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

PROCUREMENT

PROCUREMENT OF AMMUNITION, ARMY

For an additional amount for “Procurement of Ammunition, Army”, \$125,100,000, to remain available until September 30, 2027, for necessary expenses related to the consequences of Hurricane Helene: *Provided*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

OTHER PROCUREMENT, AIR FORCE

For an additional amount for “Other Procurement, Air Force”, \$129,722,000, to remain available until September 30, 2027, for necessary expenses related to the consequences of Typhoon Mawar: *Provided*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

PROCUREMENT, SPACE FORCE

For an additional amount for “Procurement, Space Force”, \$37,994,000, to remain available until September 30, 2027, for necessary expenses related to the consequences of Typhoon Mawar: *Provided*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST AND EVALUATION

RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST AND EVALUATION, ARMY

For an additional amount for “Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Army”, \$41,400,000, to remain available until September 30, 2026, for necessary expenses related to the consequences of severe storms and wave overwash: *Provided*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST AND EVALUATION, AIR FORCE

For an additional amount for “Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Air Force”, \$69,278,000, to remain available until September 30, 2026, for necessary expenses related to the consequences of Typhoon Mawar: *Provided*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

OTHER DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE PROGRAMS

DEFENSE HEALTH PROGRAM

For an additional amount for “Defense Health Program”, \$17,362,000, to remain available until September 30, 2025, for necessary expenses related to the consequences of Hurricanes Helene and Milton: *Provided*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

TITLE IV

CORPS OF ENGINEERS—CIVIL DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

CORPS OF ENGINEERS—CIVIL

INVESTIGATIONS

For an additional amount for “Investigations”, \$20,000,000, to remain available until expended, for necessary expenses related to the completion, or initiation and comple-

tion, of flood and storm damage reduction, including shore protection, studies that are currently authorized, to reduce risks from future floods and hurricanes, at full Federal expense: *Provided*, That amounts made available under this heading in this Act shall be for high-priority studies of projects in States and insular areas with a major disaster, including for glacial lake outbursts, in calendar year 2022, 2023, or 2024: *Provided further*, That not later than 60 days after the date of enactment of this Act and not less than three business days prior to public release, the Chief of Engineers shall submit directly to the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate a detailed work plan for the funds provided under this heading in this Act, including a list of study locations, new studies selected to be initiated, the total cost for each study selected for funding, the remaining cost for each ongoing study selected for funding, and a schedule by fiscal year of the proposed use of such funds: *Provided further*, That the Secretary of the Army shall not deviate from the work plan, once the plan has been submitted to such Committees: *Provided further*, That funds included in a submitted work plan shall be deemed allocated to specific projects and subject to the reprogramming requirements specified in section 101(6) of the Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2024: *Provided further*, That beginning not later than 60 days after the date of enactment of this Act and until all amounts provided under this heading in this Act have been expended, the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works shall provide a quarterly report directly to such Committees detailing the allocation, obligation, and expenditure of the funds provided under this heading in this Act: *Provided further*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

CONSTRUCTION

For an additional amount for “Construction”, \$700,000,000, to remain available until expended, for necessary expenses to address emergency situations at Corps of Engineers projects, construct Corps of Engineers projects, and rehabilitate and repair damages caused by natural disasters to Corps of Engineers projects: *Provided*, That of the amount provided under this heading in this Act, \$100,000,000 shall be used for continuing authorities projects to reduce the risk of flooding and storm damage, notwithstanding project number or program cost limitations: *Provided further*, That of the amount provided under this heading in this Act, \$300,000,000 shall be to complete, or initiate and complete, without regard to new start or new investment decision considerations, a useful increment of work for water-related environmental infrastructure assistance in States and insular areas that were impacted by disasters occurring in or prior to calendar year 2024: *Provided further*, That of the amount provided under this heading in this Act, \$300,000,000 shall be for projects that have previously received funds under this heading in chapter 4 of title X of the Disaster Relief Appropriations Act, 2013 (division A of Public Law 113–2), title IV of division B of the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018 (Public Law 115–123), or title IV of the Disaster Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2022 (division B of Public Law 117–43), and for which non-Federal interests have entered into binding agreements with the Secretary as of the date of enactment of this

Act: *Provided further*, That each project receiving funds pursuant to the preceding proviso shall be subject to the terms and conditions of such chapter 4 of title X of the Disaster Relief Appropriations Act, 2013 (division A of Public Law 113-2), title IV of division B of the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018 (Public Law 115-123), or title IV of the Disaster Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2022 (division B of Public Law 117-43), and as specifically modified by section 111 of the Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2024 (division D of Public Law 118-42), as applicable: *Provided further*, That of the amount provided under this heading in this Act, such sums as are necessary to cover the Federal share of eligible construction costs for coastal harbors and channels, and for inland harbors eligible to be derived from the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund under section 101 or section 104 of the Water Resources and Development Act of 2020 shall be derived from the general fund of the Treasury: *Provided further*, That for projects receiving funding under this heading in this Act, the limitation concerning total project costs in section 902 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1986 (Public Law 99-662) shall not apply to funds provided under this heading in this Act: *Provided further*, That for any projects using funding provided under this heading in this Act, the non-Federal cash contribution for projects shall be financed in accordance with the provisions of section 103(k) of Public Law 99-662 over a period of 30 years from the date of completion of the project, separable element, or useful increment: *Provided further*, That any projects initiated using funds provided under this heading in this Act shall be initiated only after non-Federal interests have entered into binding agreements with the Secretary requiring, where applicable, the non-Federal interests to pay 100 percent of the operation, maintenance, repair, replacement, and rehabilitation costs of the project and to hold and save the United States free from damages due to the construction or operation and maintenance of the project, except for damages due to the fault or negligence of the United States or its contractors: *Provided further*, That not later than 60 days after the date of enactment of this Act and not less than three business days prior to public release, the Chief of Engineers shall submit directly to the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate a detailed work plan for the funds provided under this heading in this Act, including a list of project locations, the total cost for all projects, and a schedule by fiscal year of proposed use of such funds: *Provided further*, That the Secretary shall not deviate from the work plan, once the plan has been submitted to such Committees: *Provided further*, That funds included in a submitted work plan shall be deemed allocated to specific projects and subject to the reprogramming requirements specified in section 101(7) of the Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2024: *Provided further*, That beginning not later than 60 days after the date of enactment of this Act and until all amounts provided under this heading in this Act have been expended, the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works shall provide a quarterly report directly to such Committees detailing the allocation, obligation, and expenditure of the funds provided under this heading in this Act: *Provided further*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

MISSISSIPPI RIVER AND TRIBUTARIES

For an additional amount for “Mississippi River and Tributaries”, \$50,000,000, to remain

available until expended, for necessary expenses to address emergency situations at Corps of Engineers projects, and to construct, and rehabilitate and repair damages to Corps of Engineers projects, caused by natural disasters: *Provided*, That beginning not later than 60 days after the date of enactment of this Act and until all amounts provided under this heading in this Act have been expended, the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works shall provide a quarterly report directly to the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate detailing the allocation, obligation, and expenditure of the funds provided under this heading in this Act: *Provided further*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

FLOOD CONTROL AND COASTAL EMERGENCIES

For an additional amount for “Flood Control and Coastal Emergencies”, as authorized by section 5 of the Act of August 18, 1941 (33 U.S.C. 701n), \$745,000,000, to remain available until expended, for necessary expenses to prepare for flood, hurricane, and other natural disasters and support emergency operations, repairs, and other activities in response to such disasters, as authorized by law: *Provided*, That funding provided under this heading in this Act utilized to repair authorized shore protection projects shall restore such projects to their full project profile at full Federal expense: *Provided further*, That beginning not later than 60 days after the date of enactment of this Act and until all amounts provided under this heading in this Act have been expended, the Chief of Engineers shall provide a quarterly report directly to the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate detailing the allocation, obligation, and expenditure of the funds provided under this heading in this Act: *Provided further*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

BUREAU OF RECLAMATION

WATER AND RELATED RESOURCES

For an additional amount for “Water and Related Resources”, \$74,464,000, to remain available until expended, of which \$27,930,000 shall be for necessary expenses related to the consequences of natural disasters that occurring in or prior to calendar year 2024: *Provided*, That \$46,534,000 shall be available for deposit into the Aging Infrastructure Account established by section 9603(d)(1) of the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 (43 U.S.C. 510b(d)(1)), and shall be made available for reserved or transferred works that have suffered a critical failure, in accordance with section 40901(2)(A) of division D of Public Law 117-58: *Provided further*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

ENERGY PROGRAMS

STRATEGIC PETROLEUM RESERVE

For an additional amount for “Strategic Petroleum Reserve”, \$60,000,000, to remain available until expended, for necessary expenses related to damages caused by natural disasters: *Provided*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

ATOMIC ENERGY DEFENSE ACTIVITIES

NATIONAL NUCLEAR SECURITY

ADMINISTRATION

WEAPONS ACTIVITIES

For an additional amount for “Weapons Activities”, \$1,884,000, to remain available until expended, for necessary expenses related to damages caused by Hurricanes Helene and Milton: *Provided*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

ENVIRONMENTAL AND OTHER DEFENSE ACTIVITIES

DEFENSE ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANUP

For an additional amount for “Defense Environmental Cleanup”, \$2,415,000, to remain available until expended, for necessary expenses related to damages caused by Hurricanes Helene and Milton: *Provided*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

TITLE V

THE JUDICIARY

SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For an additional amount for “Salaries and Expenses”, \$13,597,000, to remain available until expended, for protection of the residences of the Supreme Court Justices: *Provided*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

INDEPENDENT AGENCIES

SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

DISASTER LOANS PROGRAM ACCOUNT

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

For an additional amount for “Disaster Loans Program Account” for the cost of direct loans authorized by section 7(b) of the Small Business Act, \$2,249,000,000, to remain available until expended, of which \$50,000,000 shall be transferred to “Small Business Administration—Office of Inspector General” for audits and reviews of disaster loans and the disaster loans programs, and of which \$613,000,000 may be transferred to “Small Business Administration—Salaries and Expenses” for administrative expenses to carry out the disaster loan program authorized by section 7(b) of the Small Business Act: *Provided*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

TITLE VI

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

SECURITY, ENFORCEMENT, AND

INVESTIGATIONS

COAST GUARD

OPERATIONS AND SUPPORT

For an additional amount for “Operations and Support”, \$102,500,000, to remain available until September 30, 2027, for necessary expenses related to the consequences of the Francis Scott Key Bridge collapse and other disasters, including for minor repairs, maintenance, and environmental remediation costs: *Provided*, That the Commandant of the Coast Guard shall provide to the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate an expenditure plan and quarterly updates for the expenditure of such funds: *Provided further*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as

being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

PROCUREMENT, CONSTRUCTION, AND IMPROVEMENTS

For an additional amount for “Procurement, Construction, and Improvements”, \$210,200,000, to remain available until September 30, 2029, for necessary expenses related to the consequences of disasters: *Provided*, That the Commandant of the Coast Guard shall provide to the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate an expenditure plan and quarterly updates for the expenditure of such funds: *Provided further*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

PROTECTION, PREPAREDNESS, RESPONSE, AND RECOVERY

FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY
DISASTER RELIEF FUND
(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

For an additional amount for “Disaster Relief Fund”, \$29,000,000,000, to remain available until expended, of which \$28,000,000,000 shall be for major disasters declared pursuant to the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq.): *Provided*, That \$4,000,000 shall be transferred to “Office of Inspector General—Operations and Support” for audits and investigations funded under “Federal Emergency Management Agency—Disaster Relief Fund”: *Provided further*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

HERMIT’S PEAK/CALF CANYON FIRE ASSISTANCE ACCOUNT
(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

For an additional amount for “Hermit’s Peak/Calf Canyon Fire Assistance Account”, \$1,500,000,000, to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That \$1,000,000 shall be transferred to “Office of Inspector General—Operations and Support” for oversight of activities authorized by the Hermit’s Peak/Calf Canyon Fire Assistance Act: *Provided further*, That the amounts provided under this heading in this Act shall be subject to the reporting requirement in the third proviso of section 136 of the Continuing Appropriations Act, 2023 (division A of Public Law 117-180): *Provided further*, That amounts provided under this heading in this Act shall be subject to the same authorities and conditions as if such amounts were provided by title III of the Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2024 (division C of Public Law 118-47): *Provided further*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TRAINING, AND SERVICES

FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING CENTERS
PROCUREMENT, CONSTRUCTION, AND IMPROVEMENTS

For an additional amount for “Procurement, Construction, and Improvements”, \$14,020,000, to remain available until September 30, 2029, for necessary expenses relating to the consequences of disasters: *Provided*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of

the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

TITLE VII

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
MANAGEMENT OF LANDS AND RESOURCES

For an additional amount for “Management of Lands and Resources”, \$58,115,000, to remain available until expended, for necessary expenses related to the consequences of natural disasters occurring in and prior to calendar year 2024: *Provided*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

UNITED STATES FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE
CONSTRUCTION

For an additional amount for “Construction”, \$500,000,000, to remain available until expended, for necessary expenses related to the consequences of natural disasters occurring in and prior to calendar year 2024: *Provided*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
HISTORIC PRESERVATION FUND

For an additional amount for “Historic Preservation Fund”, \$50,000,000, to remain available until expended, for necessary expenses related to the consequences of natural disasters occurring in and prior to calendar year 2024, including costs to States, Tribes, and territories necessary to complete compliance activities required by section 306108 of title 54, United States Code, and costs needed to administer the program: *Provided*, That funds appropriated under this heading in this Act shall be used for historic and cultural resource preservation work that meets the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards and Guidelines as published in the Federal Register (Vol. 48, No. 190, September 29, 1983), to include Reconstruction of National Register listed or eligible sites: *Provided further*, That grants using funds appropriated under this heading in this Act shall only be available for areas that have received a major disaster declaration pursuant to the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq.): *Provided further*, That such grants shall not be subject to a non-Federal matching requirement: *Provided further*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

CONSTRUCTION

For an additional amount for “Construction”, \$2,262,871,000, to remain available until expended, for necessary expenses related to the consequences of disasters, including hurricanes, tropical storms, tornadoes, and other severe storms, wildfire, fire, and flooding occurring in and prior to calendar year 2024: *Provided*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

UNITED STATES GEOLOGICAL SURVEY
SURVEYS, INVESTIGATIONS, AND RESEARCH

For an additional amount for “Surveys, Investigations, and Research”, \$2,743,000, to remain available until expended, for necessary expenses related to the consequences of natural disasters occurring in and prior to calendar year 2024: *Provided*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an

emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

INDIAN AFFAIRS

BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
OPERATION OF INDIAN PROGRAMS

For an additional amount for “Operation of Indian Programs”, \$17,765,000, to remain available until expended, for necessary expenses related to the consequences of natural disasters occurring in and prior to calendar year 2024: *Provided*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

BUREAU OF INDIAN EDUCATION
EDUCATION CONSTRUCTION

For an additional amount for “Education Construction”, \$153,000,000, to remain available until expended, for necessary expenses related to the consequences of natural disasters occurring in and prior to calendar year 2024: *Provided*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For an additional amount for “Salaries and Expenses”, \$8,000,000, to remain available until expended, for oversight of the Department of the Interior activities funded by this Act: *Provided*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
LEAKING UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK TRUST FUND PROGRAM

For an additional amount for “Leaking Underground Storage Tank Trust Fund Program”, \$17,000,000, to remain available until expended, for necessary expenses related to the consequences of Hurricanes Helene and Hilary: *Provided*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

STATE AND TRIBAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS

For an additional amount for “State and Tribal Assistance Grants”, \$3,000,000,000 to remain available until expended, of which \$1,230,000,000 shall be for capitalization grants for the Clean Water State Revolving Funds under title VI of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, and of which \$1,770,000,000 shall be for capitalization grants under section 1452 of the Safe Drinking Water Act: *Provided*, That notwithstanding section 604(a) of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act and section 1452(a)(1)(D) of the Safe Drinking Water Act, funds appropriated under this paragraph in this Act shall be provided to States or territories in EPA Regions 3, 4, and 9 in amounts determined by the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency for wastewater treatment works and drinking water facilities impacted by Hurricanes Helene and Milton and Hawaii wildfires: *Provided further*, That notwithstanding the requirements of section 603(i) of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act and section 1452(d) of the Safe Drinking Water Act, for the funds appropriated under this paragraph in this Act, each State shall use not less than 30 percent of the amount of its capitalization grants to provide additional subsidization to eligible recipients in the form of forgiveness of principal, negative interest loans or grants, or

any combination of these: *Provided further*, That the funds appropriated under this paragraph in this Act shall be used for eligible projects whose purpose is to reduce flood or fire damage risk and vulnerability or to enhance resiliency to rapid hydrologic change or natural disaster at treatment works, as defined by section 212 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, or any eligible facilities under section 1452 of the Safe Drinking Water Act, and for other eligible tasks at such treatment works or facilities necessary to further such purposes: *Provided further*, That the funds provided under this paragraph in this Act shall not be subject to the matching or cost share requirements of section 1452(e) of the Safe Drinking Water Act: *Provided further*, That funds provided under this paragraph in this Act shall not be subject to the matching or cost share requirements of sections 602(b)(2), 602(b)(3), or 202 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act: *Provided further*, That the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency may retain up to \$5,000,000 of the funds appropriated under this paragraph in this Act for management and oversight: *Provided further*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

For an additional amount for “State and Tribal Assistance Grants”, \$85,000,000, to remain available until expended, for capitalization grants for the Clean Water State Revolving Funds under title VI of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act: *Provided*, That notwithstanding section 604(a) of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, funds appropriated under this paragraph in this Act shall be provided to States or territories in EPA Regions 3 and 4 impacted by Hurricanes Helene and Milton in amounts determined by the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to improve the resilience of decentralized wastewater treatment systems to flooding, to assess the potential to connect homes served by decentralized wastewater treatment systems to centralized wastewater systems, and to fund such connections: *Provided further*, That notwithstanding the requirements of section 603(i) of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, for the funds appropriated under this paragraph in this Act, each State shall use 100 percent of the amount of its capitalization grants to provide additional subsidization to eligible recipients in the form of forgiveness of principal, grants, negative interest loans, other loan forgiveness, and through buying, refinancing, or restructuring debt or any combination thereof: *Provided further*, That funds appropriated under this paragraph in this Act shall not be subject to the matching or cost share requirements of sections 602(b)(2), 602(b)(3), or 202 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act: *Provided further*, That the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency may retain up to \$3,000,000 of the funds appropriated under this paragraph in this Act for management and oversight: *Provided further*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

For an additional amount for “State and Tribal Assistance Grants”, \$60,000,000, to remain available until expended, for necessary expenses to address water emergencies under section 1442(b) of the Safe Drinking Water Act (42 U.S.C. 300j-1(b)) or section 504(a) of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1364) in States or territories in EPA Regions 3 and 4 impacted by Hurricanes Helene and Milton: *Provided*, That notwithstanding section 1442(b) of the Safe Drinking

Water Act, funds appropriated under this paragraph in this Act may be used to provide technical assistance and grants regardless of whether the emergency situation presents a substantial danger to public health: *Provided further*, That notwithstanding section 1442(b) of the Safe Drinking Water Act, funds appropriated under this paragraph in this Act may be used to provide grants regardless of whether such grants will be used to support actions that would not otherwise be taken without emergency assistance: *Provided further*, That funds appropriated under this paragraph in this Act may be used to provide technical assistance and grants under section 1442(b) of the Safe Drinking Water Act to any appropriate recipient, as determined by the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, to assist in responding to and alleviating an emergency situation affecting a privately owned water system: *Provided further*, That funds appropriated under this paragraph in this Act may be used to take actions authorized under section 504(a) of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act that the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency deems necessary to protect the health or welfare of persons affected by a water emergency, including other necessary actions and for providing technical assistance and grants to address such water emergency: *Provided further*, That the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency may retain up to \$1,000,000 of the funds appropriated under this paragraph in this Act for management and oversight: *Provided further*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

For an additional amount for “State and Tribal Assistance Grants”, \$10,000,000, to remain available until expended, for grants and other activities authorized by subsections (a) through (c) of section 103 of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7403) or section 105 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 7405) for necessary expenses related to the consequences of Hurricanes Milton and Helene, including repair or replacement of damaged air monitoring equipment: *Provided*, That funds appropriated under this paragraph in this Act may be awarded noncompetitively: *Provided further*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

For an additional amount for “State and Tribal Assistance Grants”, \$95,000,000, to remain available until expended, for the hazardous waste financial assistance grants program and other solid waste management activities for necessary expenses related to the consequences of Hurricanes Helene and Milton: *Provided*, That none of the funds appropriated under this paragraph in this Act shall be subject to section 3011(b) of the Solid Waste Disposal Act: *Provided further*, That the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency may retain up to \$500,000 of the funds appropriated under this paragraph in this Act for management and oversight: *Provided further*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

FOREST SERVICE

FOREST SERVICE OPERATIONS

For an additional amount for “Forest Service Operations”, \$68,100,000, to remain available until expended, for necessary expenses related to the consequences of cal-

endar year 2022, 2023, and 2024 wildfires, hurricanes, and other natural disasters: *Provided*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

FOREST AND RANGELAND RESEARCH

For an additional amount for “Forest and Rangeland Research”, \$26,000,000, to remain available until expended, for necessary expenses related to the consequences of calendar year 2022, 2023, and 2024 wildfires, hurricanes, and other natural disasters: *Provided*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

STATE, PRIVATE, AND TRIBAL FORESTRY

For an additional amount for “State, Private, and Tribal Forestry”, \$208,000,000, to remain available until expended, for necessary expenses related to the consequences of calendar year 2022, 2023, and 2024 wildfires, hurricanes, and other natural disasters: *Provided*, That of the amounts made available under this heading in this Act, \$14,000,000 shall be to provide Forest Health Protection assistance to States for an emerging eastern spruce budworm outbreak approaching the northeastern U.S. border: *Provided further*, That with respect to the preceding proviso, an award of financial assistance from the Forest Service will not be subject to a non-Federal cost-share requirement: *Provided further*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

NATIONAL FOREST SYSTEM

For an additional amount for “National Forest System”, \$2,523,000,000, to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That of the amounts made available under this heading in this Act, \$2,448,000,000 shall be for necessary expenses related to the consequences of calendar year 2022, 2023, and 2024 wildfires, hurricanes, and other natural disasters: *Provided further*, That of the amounts made available under this heading in this Act, \$75,000,000 shall be for the construction or maintenance of shaded fuel breaks in the Pacific Regions: *Provided further*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND MAINTENANCE

For an additional amount for “Capital Improvement and Maintenance”, \$3,525,000,000, to remain available until expended, for necessary expenses related to the consequences of calendar year 2022, 2023, and 2024 wildfires, hurricanes, and other natural disasters: *Provided*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

GENERAL PROVISIONS—THIS TITLE

SEC. 2701. Notwithstanding section 3304 of title 5, United States Code, and without regard to the provisions of sections 3309 through 3318 of such title 5, the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture, acting through the Chief of the Forest Service, may recruit and directly appoint highly qualified individuals into the competitive service to address critical hiring needs for the planning and execution of the projects and activities funded in this title: *Provided*, That such authority shall not

apply to positions in the Excepted Service or the Senior Executive Service: *Provided further*, That any action authorized herein shall be consistent with the merit principles of section 2301 of such title 5, and the Department of the Interior and the Department of Agriculture shall comply with the public notice requirements of section 3327 of such title 5: *Provided further*, That the authority under this section shall terminate on September 30, 2029: *Provided further*, That amounts provided by this section are designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

SEC. 2702. Not later than 45 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the agencies receiving funds appropriated by this title shall provide a detailed operating plan of anticipated uses of funds made available in this title by State and Territory, and by program, project, and activity, to the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate: *Provided*, That no such funds shall be obligated before the operating plans are provided to such Committees: *Provided further*, That such plans shall be updated, including obligations and expenditures to date, and submitted to such Committees on Appropriations every 60 days until all such funds are expended.

TITLE VIII

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES PAYMENTS TO STATES FOR THE CHILD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT

For an additional amount for “Payments to States for the Child Care and Development Block Grant”, \$250,000,000, to remain available through September 30, 2026, for necessary expenses directly related to the consequences of major disasters and emergencies declared pursuant to the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq.) occurring in 2023 and 2024 (referred to under this heading in this Act as “covered disaster or emergency”), including activities authorized under section 319(a) of the Public Health Service Act: *Provided*, That the Secretary of Health and Human Services shall allocate such funds to States, territories, and Tribes based on assessed need notwithstanding sections 658J and 658O of the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990: *Provided further*, That not to exceed 2 percent of funds appropriated in this paragraph may be reserved, to remain available until expended, for Federal administration costs: *Provided further*, That such funds may be used for alteration, renovation, construction, equipment, and other capital improvement costs, including for child care facilities without regard to section 658F(b) of such Act, and for other expenditures related to child care, as necessary to meet the needs of areas affected by a covered disaster or emergency: *Provided further*, That funds made available in this paragraph may be used without regard to section 658G of such Act and with amounts allocated for such purposes excluded from the calculation of percentages under subsection 658E(c)(3) of such Act: *Provided further*, That notwithstanding section 658J(c) of such Act, funds allotted to a State may be obligated by the State in that fiscal year or the succeeding three fiscal years: *Provided further*, That Federal interest provisions will not apply to the renovation or construction of privately-owned family child care homes, and the Secretary of Health and Human Services shall develop parameters on the use of funds for family child care homes: *Provided further*, That the Secretary shall not

retain Federal interest after a period of 10 years (from the date on which the funds are made available to purchase or improve the property) in any facility renovated or constructed with funds made available in this paragraph: *Provided further*, That funds made available in this paragraph shall not be available for costs that are reimbursed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, under a contract for insurance, or by self-insurance: *Provided further*, That funds appropriated in this paragraph may be made available to restore amounts, either directly or through reimbursement, for obligations incurred for such purposes, prior to the date of enactment of this Act: *Provided further*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

For an additional amount for “Payments to States for the Child Care and Development Block Grant”, \$250,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2025: *Provided*, That amounts made available in this paragraph shall be available without regard to requirements in sections 658E(c)(3)(E) or 658G of the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act: *Provided further*, That payments made to States, territories, Indian Tribes, and Tribal organizations from amounts made available in this paragraph shall be obligated in this fiscal year or the succeeding two fiscal years: *Provided further*, That amounts made available in this paragraph shall be used to supplement and not supplant other Federal, State, and local public funds expended to provide child care services for eligible individuals: *Provided further*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

GENERAL PROVISION—THIS TITLE

SEC. 2801. Not later than 45 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the agencies receiving funds appropriated by this title in this Act shall provide a detailed operating plan of anticipated uses of funds made available in this title in this Act by State and territory, and by program, project, and activity, to the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate: *Provided*, That no such funds shall be obligated before the operating plans are provided to such Committees: *Provided further*, That such plans shall be updated, including obligations to date and anticipated use of funds made available in this title in this Act, and submitted to such Committees quarterly until all such funds expire.

TITLE IX

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For an additional amount for “Salaries and Expenses”, \$10,000,000, to remain available until expended, for audits and investigations related to Hurricanes Helene and Milton, and other disasters declared pursuant to the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq.) in calendar years 2023 and 2024: *Provided*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

TITLE X

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, NAVY AND MARINE CORPS

For an additional amount for “Military Construction, Navy and Marine Corps”,

\$1,127,281,000, to remain available until September 30, 2029, for necessary expenses related to the consequences of Typhoon Mawar: *Provided*, That not later than 60 days after enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Navy, or their designee, shall submit to the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate form 1391 for each specific project and an expenditure plan for funds provided under this heading in this Act: *Provided further*, That such funds may be obligated or expended for design and military construction projects not otherwise authorized by law: *Provided further*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, AIR FORCE

For an additional amount for “Military Construction, Air Force”, \$487,300,000, to remain available until September 30, 2029, for necessary expenses related to the consequences of Typhoon Mawar: *Provided*, That not later than 60 days after enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Air Force, or their designee, shall submit to the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate form 1391 for each specific project and an expenditure plan for funds provided under this heading in this Act: *Provided further*, That such funds may be obligated or expended for design and military construction projects not otherwise authorized by law: *Provided further*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

For an additional amount for “Military Construction, Army National Guard”, \$21,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2029, for necessary expenses related to the consequences of Typhoon Mawar and severe storms in calendar year 2023: *Provided*, That not later than 60 days after enactment of this Act, the Director of the Army National Guard, or their designee, shall submit to the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate form 1391 for each specific project and an expenditure plan for funds provided under this heading in this Act: *Provided further*, That such funds may be obligated or expended for design and military construction projects not otherwise authorized by law: *Provided further*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

FAMILY HOUSING CONSTRUCTION, NAVY AND MARINE CORPS

For an additional amount for “Family Housing Construction, Navy and Marine Corps”, \$27,399,000, to remain available until September 30, 2029, for necessary expenses related to the consequences of Typhoon Mawar: *Provided*, That not later than 60 days after enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Navy, or their designee, shall submit to the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate an expenditure plan for funds provided under this heading in this Act: *Provided further*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

FAMILY HOUSING OPERATION AND
MAINTENANCE, NAVY AND MARINE CORPS

For an additional amount for “Family Housing Operation and Maintenance, Navy and Marine Corps”, \$102,168,000, to remain available until September 30, 2026, for necessary expenses related to the consequences of Typhoon Mawar: *Provided*, That not later than 60 days after enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Navy, or their designee, shall submit to the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate an expenditure plan for funds provided under this heading in this Act: *Provided further*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
VETERANS HEALTH ADMINISTRATION
MEDICAL SERVICES

For an additional amount for “Medical Services”, \$19,258,000, to remain available until September 30, 2027, for necessary expenses related to the consequences of Hurricanes Milton and Helene: *Provided*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

MEDICAL SUPPORT AND COMPLIANCE

For an additional amount for “Medical Support and Compliance”, \$330,000, to remain available until September 30, 2027, for necessary expenses related to the consequences of Hurricanes Milton and Helene: *Provided*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

MEDICAL FACILITIES

For an additional amount for “Medical Facilities”, \$41,660,000, to remain available until September 30, 2029, for necessary expenses related to the consequences of Hurricanes Milton and Helene and other Federally declared disasters occurring in 2023 and 2024: *Provided*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

NATIONAL CEMETERY ADMINISTRATION

For an additional amount for “National Cemetery Administration” for necessary expenses related to the consequences of Hurricanes Milton and Helene, \$693,000, to remain available until September 30, 2029: *Provided*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATION
CONSTRUCTION, MAJOR PROJECTS

For an additional amount for “Construction, Major Projects”, \$4,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2029, for necessary expenses related to the consequences of Hurricanes Milton and Helene: *Provided*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

CONSTRUCTION, MINOR PROJECTS

For an additional amount for “Construction, Minor Projects”, \$2,020,000, to remain available until September 30, 2029, for necessary expenses related to the consequences of Hurricanes Milton and Helene: *Provided*,

That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

TITLE XI

DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND RELATED
AGENCY

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

INTERNATIONAL COMMISSIONS

INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY AND WATER
COMMISSION, UNITED STATES AND MEXICO
CONSTRUCTION

For an additional amount for “Construction”, \$250,000,000, to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That funds provided under this heading in this Act shall be subject to prior consultation with, and the regular notification procedures of, the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate: *Provided further*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

TITLE XII

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION

EMERGENCY RELIEF PROGRAM

For an additional amount for the “Emergency Relief Program” as authorized under section 125 of title 23, United States Code, \$8,086,020,000, to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That notwithstanding subsection (e) of section 120 of title 23, United States Code, for any obligations made on or after March 26, 2024, for fiscal year 2024, this fiscal year, and hereafter, the Federal share for Emergency Relief funds made available under section 125 of such title to respond to damage caused by the cargo ship Dali to the Francis Scott Key Bridge located in Baltimore City and Baltimore and Anne Arundel Counties, Maryland, including reconstruction of that bridge and its approaches, shall be 100 percent: *Provided further*, That consistent with section 668.105(e) of title 23, Code of Federal Regulations (or a successor regulation), any insurance proceeds, judgments, settlements, penalties, fines, or other compensation for damages, including interest, from whatever source derived, recovered by a State, a political subdivision of a State, or a toll authority for repair, including reconstruction, of the Francis Scott Key Bridge located in Baltimore City and Baltimore and Anne Arundel Counties, Maryland, in response to, or as a result of, the damage caused by the cargo ship Dali to that bridge and its approaches, shall be used upon receipt to reduce liability on the repair, including reconstruction, of such bridge and its approaches from the emergency fund authorized under section 125 of title 23, United States Code: *Provided further*, That any funds recovered and used to reduce liability pursuant to the preceding proviso shall not exceed the total amount of liability on the repair, including reconstruction, of the Francis Scott Key Bridge located in Baltimore City and Baltimore and Anne Arundel Counties, Maryland, and its approaches, from the emergency fund authorized under section 125 of title 23, United States Code: *Provided further*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN
DEVELOPMENT

COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND
(INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

For an additional amount for “Community Development Fund”, \$12,039,000,000, to remain available until expended, for the same purposes and under the same terms and conditions as funds appropriated under such heading in title VIII of the Disaster Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2022 (Public Law 117-43), except that such amounts shall be for major disasters that occurred in 2023 or 2024 and the fourth, tenth, 15th, 16th, 20th, and 21st provisos under such heading in such Act shall not apply: *Provided*, That the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development shall allocate all funds provided under this heading in this Act for the total estimate for unmet needs including additional mitigation for qualifying disasters and publish such allocations in the Federal Register no later than January 15, 2025: *Provided further*, That the amount obligated for each qualifying disaster area shall be no less than the amounts specified in such Federal Register publication, unless such allocation is rejected by the grantee: *Provided further*, That a grantee shall submit a plan to the Secretary for approval detailing the proposed use of all funds, including criteria for eligibility and how the use of these funds will address long-term recovery and restoration of infrastructure and housing, economic revitalization, and mitigation in the most impacted and distressed areas: *Provided further*, That unobligated balances remaining as of the date of enactment of this Act included under Treasury Appropriation Fund Symbol 86 X 0162 from Public Laws 108-324, 109-148, 109-234, 110-252, 110-329, 111-212, 112-55, and 113-2 shall also be available for the purposes authorized under this heading in this Act (except that the amount for each set-aside provided herein shall not be exceeded), notwithstanding the purposes for which such amounts were appropriated: *Provided further*, That of the amounts made available under this heading in this Act, \$45,000,000 shall be transferred to “Department of Housing and Urban Development—Management and Administration—Program Offices” for salaries and expenses of the Office of Community Planning and Development for necessary costs, including information technology costs, of administering and overseeing the obligation and expenditure of amounts made available for activities authorized under title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5301 et seq.) related to disaster relief, long-term recovery, restoration of infrastructure and housing, economic revitalization, and mitigation in the most impacted and distressed areas resulting from a major disaster in this, prior, or future Acts (“this, prior, or future disaster Acts”): *Provided further*, That of the amounts made available under this heading in this Act, \$1,850,000 shall be transferred to “Department of Housing and Urban Development—Information Technology Fund” for the disaster recovery data portal: *Provided further*, That of the amounts made available under this heading in this Act, \$7,000,000 shall be transferred to “Department of Housing and Urban Development—Office of Inspector General” for necessary costs of overseeing and auditing amounts made available in this, prior, or future disaster Acts: *Provided further*, That of the amounts made available under this heading in this Act, \$25,000,000 shall be made available for capacity building and technical assistance, including assistance on contracting and procurement processes, to support recipients of allocations from this, prior, or future disaster

Acts: *Provided further*, That amounts made available under this heading in this Act may be used by a grantee to assist utilities as part of a disaster-related eligible activity under section 105(a) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5305(a)): *Provided further*, That recipients of funds made available in this, prior, or future disaster Acts that use such funds to supplement other Federal assistance may adopt, without review or public comment, any environmental review, approval, or permit performed by a Federal agency, and such adoption shall satisfy the responsibilities of the recipient with respect to such environmental review, approval or permit, so long as the actions covered by the existing environmental review, approval, or permit and the actions proposed for these supplemental funds are substantially the same: *Provided further*, That the Secretary or a State may, upon receipt of a request for release of funds and certification, immediately approve the release of funds for any activity or project if the recipient has adopted an environmental review, approval or permit under the previous proviso or if the activity or project is categorically excluded from review under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.), notwithstanding section 104(g)(2) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5304(g)(2)): *Provided further*, That such amount and amounts repurposed under this heading that were previously designated by the Congress as an emergency requirement pursuant to a concurrent resolution on the budget or the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 are designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

TITLE XIII

GENERAL PROVISIONS

SEC. 21301. Each amount appropriated or made available by this Act is in addition to amounts otherwise appropriated for the fiscal year involved.

SEC. 21302. No part of any appropriation contained in this Act shall remain available for obligation beyond the current fiscal year unless expressly so provided herein.

SEC. 21303. Unless otherwise provided for by this Act, the additional amounts appropriated by this Act to appropriations accounts shall be available under the authorities and conditions applicable to such appropriations accounts for fiscal year 2025.

SEC. 21304. Each amount designated in divisions A or B by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 shall be available (or repurposed, rescinded, or transferred, if applicable) only if the President subsequently so designates all such amounts and transmits such designations to the Congress.

SEC. 21305. Any amount appropriated by divisions A or B, designated by the Congress as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, and subsequently so designated by the President, and transferred pursuant to transfer authorities provided by this division shall retain such designation.

SEC. 21306. Budgetary Effects.—

(1) **STATUTORY PAYGO SCORECARDS.**—The budgetary effects of division C and each succeeding division shall not be entered on either PAYGO scorecard maintained pursuant to section 4(d) of the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010.

(2) **SENATE PAYGO SCORECARDS.**—The budgetary effects of division C and each suc-

ceeding division shall not be entered on any PAYGO scorecard maintained for purposes of section 4106 of H. Con. Res. 71 (115th Congress).

(3) **CLASSIFICATION OF BUDGETARY EFFECTS.**—Notwithstanding Rule 3 of the Budget Scorekeeping Guidelines set forth in the joint explanatory statement of the committee of conference accompanying Conference Report 105–217 and section 250(c)(8) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, the budgetary effects of division C and each succeeding division shall not be estimated—

(A) for purposes of section 251 of such Act;

(B) for purposes of an allocation to the Committee on Appropriations pursuant to section 302(a) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974; and

(C) for purposes of paragraph (4)(C) of section 3 of the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010 as being included in an appropriation Act.

(4) **BALANCES ON THE PAYGO SCORECARDS.**—Effective on the date of the adjournment of the second session of the 118th Congress, and for the purposes of the annual report issued pursuant to section 5 of the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010 (2 U.S.C. 934) after such adjournment and for determining whether a sequestration order is necessary under such section, the balances on the PAYGO scorecards established pursuant to paragraphs (4) and (5) of section 4(d) of such Act shall be zero.

This division may be cited as the “Disaster Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2025”.

DIVISION C—HEALTH

SEC. 3001. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.

(a) **SHORT TITLE.**—This division may be cited as the “Health Extensions and Other Matters Act, 2025”.

(b) **TABLE OF CONTENTS.**—The table of contents for this division is as follows:

Sec. 3001. Short title; table of contents.

TITLE I—PUBLIC HEALTH EXTENDERS

Sec. 3101. Extension for community health centers, National Health Service Corps, and teaching health centers that operate GME programs.

Sec. 3102. Extension of special diabetes programs.

Sec. 3103. National health security extensions.

TITLE II—MEDICARE

Sec. 3201. Extension of increased inpatient hospital payment adjustment for certain low-volume hospitals.

Sec. 3202. Extension of the Medicare-dependent hospital (MDH) program.

Sec. 3203. Extension of add-on payments for ambulance services.

Sec. 3204. Extension of funding for quality measure endorsement, input, and selection.

Sec. 3205. Extension of funding outreach and assistance for low-income programs.

Sec. 3206. Extension of the work geographic index floor.

Sec. 3207. Extension of certain telehealth flexibilities.

Sec. 3208. Extending acute hospital care at home waiver authorities.

Sec. 3209. Extension of temporary inclusion of authorized oral antiviral drugs as covered part D drugs.

Sec. 3210. Medicare improvement fund.

TITLE III—HUMAN SERVICES

Sec. 3301. Extension of child and family services programs.

Sec. 3302. Sexual risk avoidance education extension.

Sec. 3303. Personal responsibility education extension.

Sec. 3304. Extension of funding for family-to-family health information centers.

TITLE IV—MEDICAID

Sec. 3401. Eliminating certain disproportionate share hospital payment cuts.

TITLE I—PUBLIC HEALTH EXTENDERS

SEC. 3101. EXTENSION FOR COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS, NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE CORPS, AND TEACHING HEALTH CENTERS THAT OPERATE GME PROGRAMS.

(a) **EXTENSION FOR COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS.**—Section 10503(b)(1) of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (42 U.S.C. 254b–2(b)(1)) is amended—

(1) in subparagraph (E), by striking “and” at the end;

(2) in subparagraph (F), by striking “, \$4,000,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2019 through 2023” and all that follows through “and ending on December 31, 2024; and” and inserting a semicolon; and

(3) by adding at the end the following:

“(G) \$4,000,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2019 through 2023;

“(H) \$526,027,397 for the period beginning on October 1, 2023, and ending on November 17, 2023, \$690,410,959 for the period beginning on November 18, 2023, and ending on January 19, 2024, \$536,986,301 for the period beginning on January 20, 2024, and ending on March 8, 2024, and \$3,592,328,767 for the period beginning on October 1, 2023, and ending on December 31, 2024; and

“(I) \$1,050,410,959 for the period beginning on January 1, 2025, and ending on March 31, 2025.”

(b) **EXTENSION FOR THE NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE CORPS.**—Section 10503(b)(2) of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (42 U.S.C. 254b–2(b)(2)) is amended—

(1) in subparagraph (H), by striking “and” at the end;

(2) in subparagraph (I), by striking the period at the end and inserting “; and”; and

(3) by adding at the end the following:

“(J) \$85,068,493 for the period beginning on January 1, 2025, and ending on March 31, 2025.”

(c) **TEACHING HEALTH CENTERS THAT OPERATE GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS.**—Section 340H(g)(1) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 256h(g)(1)) is amended—

(1) by striking “not to exceed \$230,000,000” and all that follows through “and ending on December 31, 2024,”; and

(2) by striking the period at the end and inserting the following: “, not to exceed—

“(A) \$230,000,000, for the period of fiscal years 2011 through 2015;

“(B) \$60,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2016 and 2017;

“(C) \$126,500,000 for each of fiscal years 2018 through 2023;

“(D) \$16,635,616 for the period beginning on October 1, 2023, and ending on November 17, 2023, \$21,834,247 for the period beginning on November 18, 2023, and ending on January 19, 2024, \$16,982,192 for the period beginning on January 20, 2024, and ending on March 8, 2024, and \$164,136,986 for the period beginning on October 1, 2023, and ending on December 31, 2024; and

“(E) \$43,150,685 for the period beginning on January 1, 2025, and ending on March 31, 2025.”

(d) **APPLICATION OF PROVISIONS.**—Amounts appropriated pursuant to the amendments made by this section shall be subject to the requirements contained in Public Law 117–328 for funds for programs authorized under sections 330 through 340 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 254b et seq.).

(e) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Section 3014(h) of title 18, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1), by striking “under subparagraphs (E) and (F) of section 10503(b)(1) of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (42 U.S.C. 254b–2(b)(1))” and inserting “under section 10503(b)(1) of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (42 U.S.C. 254b–2(b)(1) for fiscal year 2015 and each subsequent fiscal year (or period thereof)); and

(2) in paragraph (4), by striking “and section 101(d) of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2024” and inserting “section 101(d) of division G of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2024, and section 3101(d) of the Health Extensions and Other Matters Act, 2025”.

SEC. 3102. EXTENSION OF SPECIAL DIABETES PROGRAMS.

(a) EXTENSION OF SPECIAL DIABETES PROGRAMS FOR TYPE I DIABETES.—Section 330B(b)(2) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 254c–2(b)(2)) is amended—

(1) in subparagraph (D), by striking “and” at the end;

(2) in subparagraph (E), by striking the period at the end and inserting “; and”; and

(3) by adding at the end the following: “(F) \$39,261,745 for the period beginning on January 1, 2025, and ending on March 31, 2025, to remain available until expended.”.

(b) EXTENDING FUNDING FOR SPECIAL DIABETES PROGRAMS FOR INDIANS.—Section 330C(c)(2) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 254c–3(c)(2)) is amended—

(1) in subparagraph (D), by striking “and” at the end;

(2) in subparagraph (E), by striking the period at the end and inserting “; and”; and

(3) by adding at the end the following: “(F) \$39,261,745 for the period beginning on January 1, 2025, and ending on March 31, 2025, to remain available until expended.”.

SEC. 3103. NATIONAL HEALTH SECURITY EXTENSIONS.

(a) Section 319(e)(8) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247d(e)(8)) is amended by striking “December 31, 2024” and inserting “March 31, 2025”.

(b) Section 319L(e)(1)(D) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247d–7e(e)(1)(D)) is amended by striking “December 31, 2024” and inserting “March 31, 2025”.

(c) Section 319L–1(b) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247d–7f(b)) is amended by striking “December 31, 2024” and inserting “March 31, 2025”.

(d)(1) Section 2811A(g) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300hh–10b(g)) is amended by striking “December 31, 2024” and inserting “March 31, 2025”.

(2) Section 2811B(g)(1) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300hh–10c(g)(1)) is amended by striking “December 31, 2024” and inserting “March 31, 2025”.

(3) Section 2811C(g)(1) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300hh–10d(g)(1)) is amended by striking “December 31, 2024” and inserting “March 31, 2025”.

(e) Section 2812(c)(4)(B) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300hh–11(c)(4)(B)) is amended by striking “December 31, 2024” and inserting “March 31, 2025”.

TITLE II—MEDICARE

SEC. 3201. EXTENSION OF INCREASED INPATIENT HOSPITAL PAYMENT ADJUSTMENT FOR CERTAIN LOW-VOLUME HOSPITALS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1886(d)(12) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395ww(d)(12)) is amended—

(1) in subparagraph (B), in the matter preceding clause (i), by striking “January 1, 2025” and inserting “April 1, 2025”; and

(2) in subparagraph (C)(i)—

(A) in the matter preceding subclause (I), by striking “December 31, 2024” and inserting “March 31, 2025”; and

(B) in subclause (III), by striking “December 31, 2024” and inserting “March 31, 2025”; and

(C) in subclause (IV), by striking “January 1, 2025” and inserting “April 1, 2025”; and

(3) in subparagraph (D)—

(A) in the matter preceding clause (i), by striking “December 31, 2024” and inserting “March 31, 2025”; and

(B) in clause (ii), by striking “December 31, 2024” and inserting “March 31, 2025”.

(b) IMPLEMENTATION.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary of Health and Human Services may implement the amendments made by this section by program instruction or otherwise.

SEC. 3202. EXTENSION OF THE MEDICARE-DEPENDENT HOSPITAL (MDH) PROGRAM.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1886(d)(5)(G) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395ww(d)(5)(G)) is amended—

(1) in clause (i), by striking “January 1, 2025” and inserting “April 1, 2025”; and

(2) in clause (ii)(II), by striking “January 1, 2025” and inserting “April 1, 2025”.

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 1886(b)(3)(D) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395ww(b)(3)(D)) is amended—

(A) in the matter preceding clause (i), by striking “January 1, 2025” and inserting “April 1, 2025”; and

(B) in clause (iv), by striking “January 1, 2025” and inserting “March 31, 2025”.

(2) PERMITTING HOSPITALS TO DECLINE RECLASSIFICATION.—Section 13501(e)(2) of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993 (42 U.S.C. 1395ww note) is amended by striking “December 31, 2024” and inserting “March 31, 2025”.

SEC. 3203. EXTENSION OF ADD-ON PAYMENTS FOR AMBULANCE SERVICES.

Section 1834(l) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395m(l)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (12)(A), by striking “January 1, 2025” and inserting “April 1, 2025”; and

(2) in paragraph (13), by striking “January 1, 2025” each place it appears and inserting “April 1, 2025” in each such place.

SEC. 3204. EXTENSION OF FUNDING FOR QUALITY MEASURE ENDORSEMENT, INPUT, AND SELECTION.

Section 1890(d)(2) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395aaa(d)(2)) is amended—

(1) in the first sentence—

(A) by striking “\$9,000,000” and inserting “\$11,030,000”; and

(B) by striking “December 31, 2024” and inserting “March 31, 2025”; and

(2) in the third sentence, by striking “December 31, 2024” and inserting “March 31, 2025”.

SEC. 3205. EXTENSION OF FUNDING OUTREACH AND ASSISTANCE FOR LOW-INCOME PROGRAMS.

(a) STATE HEALTH INSURANCE ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS.—Subsection (a)(1)(B)(xiv) of section 119 of the Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act of 2008 (42 U.S.C. 1395b–3 note) is amended by striking “December 31, 2024, \$18,750,000” and inserting “March 31, 2025, \$22,500,000”.

(b) AREA AGENCIES ON AGING.—Subsection (b)(1)(B)(xiv) of such section 119 is amended by striking “December 31, 2024, \$18,750,000” and inserting “March 31, 2025, \$22,500,000”.

(c) AGING AND DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTERS.—Subsection (c)(1)(B)(xiv) of such section 119 is amended by striking “December 31, 2024, \$6,250,000” and inserting “March 31, 2025, \$8,500,000”.

(d) COORDINATION OF EFFORTS TO INFORM OLDER AMERICANS ABOUT BENEFITS AVAILABLE UNDER FEDERAL AND STATE PRO-

GRAMS.—Subsection (d)(2)(xiv) of such section 119 is amended by striking “December 31, 2024, \$18,750,000” and inserting “March 31, 2025, \$22,500,000”.

SEC. 3206. EXTENSION OF THE WORK GEOGRAPHIC INDEX FLOOR.

Section 1848(e)(1)(E) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395w–4(e)(1)(E)) is amended by striking “January 1, 2025” and inserting “April 1, 2025”.

SEC. 3207. EXTENSION OF CERTAIN TELEHEALTH FLEXIBILITIES.

(a) REMOVING GEOGRAPHIC REQUIREMENTS AND EXPANDING ORIGINATING SITES FOR TELEHEALTH SERVICES.—Section 1834(m) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395m(m)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (2)(B)(iii), by striking “ending December 31, 2024” and inserting “ending March 31, 2025”; and

(2) in paragraph (4)(C)(iii), by striking “ending on December 31, 2024” and inserting “ending on March 31, 2025”.

(b) EXPANDING PRACTITIONERS ELIGIBLE TO FURNISH TELEHEALTH SERVICES.—Section 1834(m)(4)(E) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395m(m)(4)(E)) is amended by striking “ending on December 31, 2024” and inserting “ending on March 31, 2025”.

(c) EXTENDING TELEHEALTH SERVICES FOR FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTERS AND RURAL HEALTH CLINICS.—Section 1834(m)(8)(A) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395m(m)(8)(A)) is amended by striking “ending on December 31, 2024” and inserting “ending on March 31, 2025”.

(d) DELAYING THE IN-PERSON REQUIREMENTS UNDER MEDICARE FOR MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FURNISHED THROUGH TELEHEALTH AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY.—

(1) DELAY IN REQUIREMENTS FOR MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FURNISHED THROUGH TELEHEALTH.—Section 1834(m)(7)(B)(i) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395m(m)(7)(B)(i)) is amended, in the matter preceding subclause (I), by striking “on or after” and all that follows through “described in section 1135(g)(1)(B))” and inserting “on or after April 1, 2025”.

(2) MENTAL HEALTH VISITS FURNISHED BY RURAL HEALTH CLINICS.—Section 1834(y)(2) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395m(y)(2)) is amended by striking “January 1, 2025” and all that follows through the period at the end and inserting “April 1, 2025”.

(3) MENTAL HEALTH VISITS FURNISHED BY FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTERS.—Section 1834(o)(4)(B) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395m(o)(4)(B)) is amended by striking “January 1, 2025” and all that follows through the period at the end and inserting “April 1, 2025”.

(e) ALLOWING FOR THE FURNISHING OF AUDIO-ONLY TELEHEALTH SERVICES.—Section 1834(m)(9) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395m(m)(9)) is amended by striking “ending on December 31, 2024” and inserting “ending on March 31, 2025”.

(f) EXTENDING USE OF TELEHEALTH TO CONDUCT FACE-TO-FACE ENCOUNTER PRIOR TO RECERTIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY FOR HOSPICE CARE.—Section 1814(a)(7)(D)(i)(II) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395f(a)(7)(D)(i)(II)) is amended by striking “ending on December 31, 2024” and inserting “ending on March 31, 2025”.

(g) PROGRAM INSTRUCTION AUTHORITY.—The Secretary of Health and Human Services may implement the amendments made by this section through program instruction or otherwise.

SEC. 3208. EXTENDING ACUTE HOSPITAL CARE AT HOME WAIVER AUTHORITIES.

Section 1866G(a)(1) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395cc–7(a)(1)) is amended by striking “December 31, 2024” and inserting “March 31, 2025”.

SEC. 3209. EXTENSION OF TEMPORARY INCLUSION OF AUTHORIZED ORAL ANTIVIRAL DRUGS AS COVERED PART D DRUGS.

Section 1860D-2(e)(1)(C) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395w-102(e)(1)(C)) is amended by striking “December 31, 2024” and inserting “March 31, 2025”.

SEC. 3210. MEDICARE IMPROVEMENT FUND.

Section 1898(b)(1) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395iii(b)(1)) is amended by striking “\$3,197,000,000” and inserting “\$1,251,000,000”.

TITLE III—HUMAN SERVICES

SEC. 3301. EXTENSION OF CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES PROGRAMS.

Activities authorized by part B of title IV of the Social Security Act shall continue through March 31, 2025, in the manner authorized for fiscal year 2024, and out of any money in the Treasury of the United States not otherwise appropriated, there are hereby appropriated such sums as may be necessary for such purpose.

SEC. 3302. SEXUAL RISK AVOIDANCE EDUCATION EXTENSION.

Section 510 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 710) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)(1), by striking “December 31, 2024” and inserting “March 31, 2025”; and

(2) in subsection (f)(1), by striking “December 31, 2024” and inserting “March 31, 2025”.

SEC. 3303. PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY EDUCATION EXTENSION.

Section 513 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 713) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)(1)—

(A) in subparagraph (A), in the matter preceding clause (i), by striking “December 31, 2024” and inserting “March 31, 2025”; and

(B) in subparagraph (B)(i), by striking “December 31, 2024” and inserting “March 31, 2025”; and

(2) in subsection (f), by striking “December 31, 2024” and inserting “March 31, 2025”.

SEC. 3304. EXTENSION OF FUNDING FOR FAMILY-TO-FAMILY HEALTH INFORMATION CENTERS.

Section 501(c)(1)(A)(viii) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 701(c)(1)(A)(viii)) is amended—

(1) by striking “\$1,500,000” and inserting “\$2,500,000”; and

(2) by striking “January 1, 2025” and inserting “April 1, 2025”.

TITLE IV—MEDICAID

SEC. 3401. ELIMINATING CERTAIN DISPROPORTIONATE SHARE HOSPITAL PAYMENT CUTS.

Section 1923(f)(7)(A) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396r-4(f)(7)(A)) is amended—

(1) in clause (i), by striking “January 1” and inserting “April 1”; and

(2) in clause (iii), by striking “January 1” and inserting “April 1”.

DIVISION D—EXTENSION OF AGRICULTURAL PROGRAMS

SEC. 4101. EXTENSION OF AGRICULTURAL PROGRAMS.

(a) EXTENSION.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as otherwise provided in this section and the amendments made by this section, notwithstanding any other provision of law, the following authorities (including any limitations on the authorities) as in effect on September 30, 2024, shall continue and be carried out until the date specified in paragraph (2):

(A) The authorities provided by each provision of the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 (Public Law 115-334; 132 Stat. 4490) (and for mandatory programs at such funding levels) and extended by section 102 of division B of the Further Continuing Appropriations and Other Extensions Act, 2024 (Public Law 118-22; 137 Stat. 114).

(B) The authorities provided by each provision of law amended by the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 (Public Law 115-334; 132 Stat. 4490) (and for mandatory programs at such funding levels) and extended by section 102 of division B of the Further Continuing Appropriations and Other Extensions Act, 2024 (Public Law 118-22; 137 Stat. 114).

(2) DATE SPECIFIED.—The date specified in this paragraph is the later of—

(A) September 30, 2025; or

(B) the date specified in the provision of the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 (Public Law 115-334; 132 Stat. 4490) or the provision of law amended by the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 (Public Law 115-334; 132 Stat. 4490) (and, if applicable, amended by section 102 of division B of the Further Continuing Appropriations and Other Extensions Act, 2024 (Public Law 118-22; 137 Stat. 4490)).

(b) DISCRETIONARY PROGRAMS.—Programs carried out using the authorities described in subparagraphs (A) and (B) of subsection (a)(1) that are funded by discretionary appropriations (as defined in section 250(c) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 (2 U.S.C. 900(c))) shall be subject to the availability of appropriations.

(c) COMMODITY PROGRAMS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The provisions of law applicable to a covered commodity (as defined in section 1111 of the Agricultural Act of 2014 (7 U.S.C. 9011)), a loan commodity (as defined in section 1201 of that Act (7 U.S.C. 9031)), sugarcane, or sugar beets for the 2024 crop year pursuant to title I of that Act (7 U.S.C. 9011 et seq.) (as extended by section 102(c)(1) of division B of the Further Continuing Appropriations and Other Extensions Act, 2024 (7 U.S.C. 9001 note; Public Law 118-22)) and each amendment made by subtitle C of title I of the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 (Public Law 115-334; 132 Stat. 4511) (as extended by that section) shall be applicable to the 2025 crop year for that covered commodity, loan commodity, sugarcane, or sugar beets.

(2) DAIRY.—

(A) DAIRY MARGIN COVERAGE.—

(i) DURATION.—Section 1409 of the Agricultural Act of 2014 (7 U.S.C. 9059) is amended by striking “2024” and inserting “2025”.

(ii) AVAILABILITY OF PREMIUM DISCOUNT.—With respect to coverage for calendar year 2025, section 1407(g) of the Agricultural Act of 2014 (7 U.S.C. 9057(g)) shall only apply to a participating dairy operation with respect to which the premium was reduced in accordance with that section (as extended by section 102(c)(2)(B)(ii) of the Further Continuing Appropriations and Other Extensions Act, 2024 (7 U.S.C. 9057 note; Public Law 118-22)) for calendar year 2024.

(B) DAIRY FORWARD PRICING PROGRAM.—Section 1502(e)(2) of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 8772(e)(2)) is amended by striking “2027” and inserting “2028”.

(3) EXTENSION OF PAYMENT AMOUNT.—Section 1116(d) of the Agricultural Act of 2014 (7 U.S.C. 9016(d)) is amended, in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by striking “2024” and inserting “2025”.

(4) SUSPENSION OF PERMANENT PRICE SUPPORT AUTHORITIES.—The provisions of law specified in—

(A) subsections (a) and (b) of section 1602 of the Agricultural Act of 2014 (7 U.S.C. 9092)—

(i) shall not be applicable to the 2025 crops of covered commodities (as defined in section 1111 of that Act (7 U.S.C. 9011)), cotton, and sugar; and

(ii) shall not be applicable to milk through December 31, 2025; and

(B) section 1602(c) of that Act (7 U.S.C. 9092(c)) shall not be applicable to the crops of wheat planted for harvest in calendar year 2025.

(d) OTHER PROGRAMS.—

(1) TRADE.—Section 302(h)(2) of the Bill Emerson Humanitarian Trust Act (7 U.S.C. 1736f-1(h)(2)) is amended by striking “2024” and inserting “2025”.

(2) GRAZINGLANDS RESEARCH LABORATORY.—Section 7502 of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (Public Law 110-246; 122 Stat. 2019; 132 Stat. 4817) shall be applied by substituting “the period beginning on the date of enactment of this Act and ending on September 30, 2025” for “the 15-year period beginning on the date of enactment of this Act”.

(3) FEEDSTOCK FLEXIBILITY PROGRAM.—Section 9010(b) of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (7 U.S.C. 8110(b)) is amended in paragraphs (1)(A) and (2)(A) by striking “2024” each place it appears and inserting “2025”.

(4) EXCEPTIONS.—Subsection (a) shall not apply with respect to mandatory funding under the following provisions of law:

(A) Section 1614(c)(4) of the Agricultural Act of 2014 (7 U.S.C. 9097(c)(4)).

(B) Subparagraphs (A) and (B) of section 1241(a)(1) of the Food Security Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3841(a)(1)).

(C) Section 12400(b)(3) of the Food Security Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3839bb-2(b)(3)).

(D) Section 1240R(f)(1) of the Food Security Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3839bb-5(f)(1)).

(E) Section 2408(g)(1) of the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 (7 U.S.C. 8351 note; Public Law 115-334).

(F) Section 1446(b)(1) of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 3222a(b)(1)).

(G) Section 1672E(d)(1) of the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990 (7 U.S.C. 5925g(d)(1)).

(H) Section 7601(g)(1)(A) of the Agricultural Act of 2014 (7 U.S.C. 5939(g)(1)(A)).

(I) Section 9002(k)(1) of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (7 U.S.C. 8102(k)(1)).

(J) Section 9003(g)(1)(A) of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (7 U.S.C. 8103(g)(1)(A)).

(K) Section 9005(g)(1) of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (7 U.S.C. 8105(g)(1)).

(L) Section 7407(d)(1) of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (7 U.S.C. 5925c(d)(1)).

(M) Section 2123(c)(4) of the Organic Foods Production Act of 1990 (7 U.S.C. 6522(c)(4)).

(N) Section 10606(d)(1) of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (7 U.S.C. 6523(d)(1)).

(O) Section 10109(c)(1) of the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 (Public Law 115-334; 132 Stat. 4907; 137 Stat. 118).

(P) Section 12314(h) of the Agricultural Act of 2014 (7 U.S.C. 2101 note; Public Law 113-79).

(Q) Section 12315(f)(1) of the Agricultural Act of 2014 (7 U.S.C. 7101 note; Public Law 113-79).

(R) Section 12316(a) of the Agricultural Act of 2014 (7 U.S.C. 7101 note; Public Law 113-79).

(S) Section 12605(d) of the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 (7 U.S.C. 7632 note; Public Law 115-334).

(T) Section 209(c) of the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1627a(c)).

(U) Section 313B(e)(2) of the Rural Electrification Act of 1936 (7 U.S.C. 940c-2(e)(2)).

(e) REPORTS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2), any requirement under a provision of law described in subsection (a)(1) to submit a report on a recurring basis, and the final report under which was required to be submitted during fiscal year 2024, shall continue, and the requirement shall be carried out, on the same recurring basis, until the later of the dates specified in subsection (a)(2).

(2) APPROPRIATIONS REQUIRED.—If discretionary appropriations (as defined in section 250(c) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 (2 U.S.C. 900(c))) are required to carry out a reporting requirement described in paragraph (1), the application of that paragraph to that reporting requirement shall be subject to the availability of appropriations.

(f) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section and the amendments made by this section shall be applied and administered as if this section and those amendments had been enacted on September 30, 2024.

DIVISION E—OTHER MATTERS

SEC. 5101. COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION WHISTLEBLOWER PROGRAM.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1(b) of Public Law 117–25 (135 Stat. 297; 136 Stat. 2133; 136 Stat. 5984) is amended, in paragraphs (3) and (4), by striking “October 1, 2024” each place it appears and inserting “March 14, 2025”.

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by subsection (a) shall take effect as if enacted on September 30, 2024.

SEC. 5102. PROTECTION OF CERTAIN FACILITIES AND ASSETS FROM UNMANNED AIRCRAFT.

Section 210G(i) of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 124n(i)) is amended by striking “December 20, 2024” and inserting “March 14, 2025”.

SEC. 5103. ADDITIONAL SPECIAL ASSESSMENT.

Section 3014 of title 18, United States Code, is amended by striking “December 23, 2024” and inserting “March 14, 2025”.

SEC. 5104. NATIONAL CYBERSECURITY PROTECTION SYSTEM AUTHORIZATION.

Section 227(a) of the Federal Cybersecurity Enhancement Act of 2015 (6 U.S.C. 1525(a)) is amended by striking “December 20, 2024” and inserting “March 14, 2025”.

SEC. 5105. EXTENSION OF TEMPORARY ORDER FOR FENTANYL-RELATED SUBSTANCES.

Effective as if included in the enactment of the Temporary Reauthorization and Study of the Emergency Scheduling of Fentanyl Analogues Act (Public Law 116–114), section 2 of such Act is amended by striking “December 31, 2024” and inserting “March 31, 2025”.

SEC. 5106. TEMPORARY EXTENSION OF PUBLIC DEBT LIMIT.

Section 401 of the Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2023 (Public Law 118–5) is amended—

(1) by striking “January 1, 2025” in subsection (a) and inserting “January 29, 2027”, and

(2) by striking “January 2, 2025” each place it appears in subsections (b) and (c) and inserting “January 30, 2027”.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Oklahoma (Mr. COLE) and the gentleman from Connecticut (Ms. DELAURO) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Oklahoma.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. COLE. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on H.R. 10515.

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

There was no objection.

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

I rise today in support of H.R. 10515, the American Relief Act of 2025.

As the 118th Congress draws to a close, it is natural to use these final

days to reflect on our work. Though we have accomplished much over the last 2 years, there is more to be done.

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Mr. Speaker, first and foremost, we need to ensure that the government remains open and operating to provide needed services for Americans. It is why I stand before my colleagues. With government funding running out, it is our duty to act.

When the House Appropriations Committee began our process of drafting bills for fiscal year 2025, we knew we had to work quickly to put the House in the best position possible.

To that end, we successfully reported all 12 of our annual appropriations bills out of the committee and succeeded in passing 5 of them across the floor.

Unfortunately, the House does not act on its own. I am sorry to say, whether we like it or not, our colleagues in the Senate have input in this process.

To date, the Senate has yet to pass a single fiscal year 2025 appropriations bill across the floor. As time went on, it became clear that we would not conclude the FY25 process by the deadline of December 20, meaning another extension is necessary.

I know there is great frustration that a second continuing resolution is necessary. Quite frankly, I share in that feeling. A government shutdown is never a good alternative.

Today’s bill funds the government through March 14. This will allow Republicans to engage President Trump as we negotiate a final funding bill of the year that fulfills the mandate of the American people and our America First agenda.

Further, this route ensures that there are no undue disruptions to our national security and the vital programs that our constituents rely on.

Today’s bill also extends out the debt limit for a further 2 years to January 20, 2027. This will allow President-elect Trump to begin his term without needing to immediately address our national debt limit, allowing us to move forward on the many other pressing concerns of the American people.

Finally, the legislation also provides much-needed relief to Americans struggling to recover from recent natural disasters. This includes destruction in my own district which faced tornadoes that ripped through Oklahoma. From floods and droughts to wildfires and other storms, communities across the United States have suffered.

These realities have been grim. I recently visited North Carolina at the invitation of my good friend and fellow Appropriations Committee member, CHUCK EDWARDS, and saw with my own eyes the devastation and damage caused by Hurricane Helene’s catastrophic flooding. Months after the storm, countless people remain without the basic necessities of life, and the region will remain affected for years to come.

My takeaway from these experiences is clear. Congress must act. We need to provide the necessary disaster recovery aid for States and communities as our fellow citizens rebuild and restore. Though relief efforts are ongoing, it will be months, if not years, before life returns to normal.

Additional investment is necessary to provide needed assistance to our fellow Americans. Today’s measure fully funds our existing relief requirements, ensuring that help and resources get to those who desperately need them.

Rural communities, particularly our farmers and ranchers, are facing a tough farm economy in the aftermath of multiple disasters. These are prioritized in this legislation. While there is still a long road ahead for recovery efforts and rebuilding, this aid will mark a vital step forward.

Mr. Speaker, for these reasons, I urge my colleagues to vote in support of H.R. 10515, and I reserve the balance of my time.

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

Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong opposition to this continuing resolution. We had a strong bipartisan, bicameral agreement among the leadership of both parties at both ends of the Capitol to avert a disastrous and pointless government shutdown, to provide desperately needed disaster aid and emergency assistance, and to provide Congress with the time required to enact a final funding bill for fiscal year 2025.

That bill was a result of a compromise. There were things in it that Democrats liked and Republicans did not. There were things in it that Republicans liked and Democrats would have preferred to leave out. That is the nature of government funding bills. They require compromise and the support of Democrats and Republicans that we in the House and Senate need to have in order to become law.

That was true throughout the 118th Congress, despite Republicans’ repeated and failed efforts to write extreme and partisan funding bills. That will be true in the 119th Congress, as well.

Yes, we were on the cusp of an agreement to move this country forward. Yesterday, a multibillionaire with apparently no working knowledge of government or of appropriations, a self-appointed president of the United States, Elon Musk, issued a marching order for House Republicans to go against their own elected leadership and shut down the government.

Soon after, Congress was on a fast track to a government shutdown. House Republicans are responsible for any harm and uncertainty brought upon the American people. Should some get their wish for a monthlong government shutdown, they will be responsible for cleaning up their mess come Inauguration Day.

We are in completely unprecedented times. The world’s richest man, an unelected contractor reaping billions

in government contracts, is calling the shots in the Republican Party. Who is in charge?

At the behest of the world's richest man, who no one voted for, the United States Congress has been thrown into pandemonium. We had a bill on Tuesday that was the result of 1½ years of work, which had the input of Republicans and Democrats, their interests, their concerns, and the needs of their constituents.

This bill has no such bipartisan input, and we are considering it in mere minutes after it was released.

It removed key provisions to limit the power of pharmaceutical companies. It abandons our bipartisan efforts to ensure American dollars and intellectual property are reinvested in American businesses and workers, instead of fueling the Chinese Communist Party's technology and capabilities.

It includes a 2-year raising of the debt limit.

What does that do?

That serves to allow Republicans to cut taxes on the ultra wealthy like Elon Musk and raise deficits on the backs of the American people.

We must immediately return to considering the bipartisan, bicameral compromise legislation that Speaker JOHNSON, Leader SCHUMER, Leader JEFFRIES, Leader MCCONNELL, and the four corners of the Appropriations Committee reached earlier this week.

We must unequivocally reject the illegitimate oligarchy that seeks to usurp the authority of the United States Congress and of the American people.

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

Mr. COLE. Mr. Speaker, I yield 5 minutes to the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. EDWARDS), a member of the Appropriations Committee and a good friend and valued colleague.

Mr. EDWARDS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of the American Relief Act. We all know the basis of this bill is a continuing resolution to fund the government and to prevent us from shutting down until sometime in the first quarter.

I admit I think we all know a continuing resolution is neither the best way to fund our government nor be responsible for our taxpayers' dollars. We have an appropriations process that should work. To the credit of Chairman COLE, that did work through the Appropriations Committee. I certainly appreciate the chairman's strong leadership in getting us through that.

It is noteworthy that he pointed out the Appropriations Committee by itself does not get to determine how we fund our government.

We have got many needs and necessary reasons to keep our government functioning. The American people are counting on us. Our military and our border guards are counting on us.

Our enemies are watching. We all know North Korea, Russia, China, and

others do not have to face issues such as a government shutdown.

Keeping the government open is critical to the district that I represent in western North Carolina.

I would like to take a moment and speak specifically to the disaster relief portion of this bill. As most of my colleagues are aware, North Carolina was hit by Hurricane Helene on September 27 of this year. We experienced unprecedented disaster and destruction.

It is going to cost North Carolina about \$58 billion to rebuild. This storm was the most deadly in North Carolina's history. We lost 126,000 homes that were either damaged or destroyed. Countless people are now homeless.

I thank Speaker JOHNSON for personally visiting western North Carolina, getting his boots muddy, and seeing what we are dealing with there. I thank Leader SCALISE for visiting western North Carolina. Chairman COLE also took time to come down. Many other Members were there.

We are going to see a number of Members on this floor argue against this bill. Mr. Speaker, I need to remind you that folks in western North Carolina have been paying their taxes for decades, taxes that have gone toward funding disasters in every other part of this country, from California to the Midwest to the Gulf Coast, without argument.

Mr. Speaker, now North Carolina needs our help. They need the help of this body. I am sure some folks are going to speak against this bill. I urge them to think about the disasters that they may have experienced and what they have seen in the news and what they are hearing from me about the need in western North Carolina.

I even heard one Member last week refer to recipients of disaster relief as "coastal elites." I represent about 783,000 people in the mountains of western North Carolina. I can promise you not one single one of those people is a coastal elite. Those are hardworking, taxpaying Americans that deserve the help of this body at this time. I urge passage of this bill.

I must also say that I am disappointed. Even though there is \$110 billion in here to help begin to rebuild my great State, there is a provision for private roads and bridges that was stripped out of this for some reason in the last moments of pulling this bill together.

The folks from FEMA in western North Carolina have told me that the most significant difference they see in this disaster versus those they have dealt with in other areas is the number of private roads and bridges that we have.

So, I am hoping, and I appreciate Chairman COLE offering to help me, to get this provision back in with some other vehicle at some other point in the future.

Mr. Speaker, I urge Members' support of this bill. North Carolina deserves and needs the respect and the help to rebuild.

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Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from New York (Mr. JEFFRIES), who is the distinguished Democratic leader.

Mr. JEFFRIES. Mr. Speaker, I thank the distinguished gentlewoman from the great State of Connecticut, who is our top Democrat on the Appropriations Committee, for yielding and for her incredibly strong and steadfast leadership during this process.

House Democrats, House Republicans, Senate Democrats, and Senate Republicans reached a bipartisan agreement to fund the government, prevent a shutdown, and meet the needs of the American people.

We reached a bipartisan agreement to provide disaster assistance to people who had their lives turned upside down by extreme weather events—hurricanes, tornadoes, floods, and wildfires—all across America.

We reached a bipartisan agreement to be there for farmers, families, children, seniors, working-class Americans all across the country, the men and women who serve this country in uniform, and our veterans.

House Republicans have abandoned that bipartisan agreement that we entered into in good faith. It was a bill that House Republicans negotiated. You gave us your word that we were going to move forward together on behalf of the American people.

It was a Republican-drafted bill that was posted by House Republicans. Then, one or two puppet masters weigh in, and the extreme MAGA Republicans decide to do the bidding of the wealthy, the well-off, and the well-connected millionaires and billionaires, not working-class people all across America.

The bill that is before us today is just part of an effort to shut down the government unless we, as Representatives of the American people, bend to the will of just a handful of millionaires and billionaires because the provisions in this bill, particularly as it relates to suspending the debt ceiling for 2 years, are designed to bring about a massive tax cut unpaid for by wealthy donors, for wealthy corporations, and for millionaires and billionaires who clearly some in this Congress are working for. This bill is validation for it.

Now, what has been interesting to me is that for decades, the Republican Party has lectured America about fiscal responsibility and about the debt and the deficit. It has always been phony. This bill proves it.

The one thing we do know is that every time a Republican President comes into office, the one thing we can count on Republicans to do is to pass a massive tax cut for wealthy Americans and, in the process, stick working-class Americans with the bill by raising the deficit and the debt.

That is what happened in the 1980s. When Ronald Reagan was President, the biggest thing that he did was pass a massive tax cut for the wealthy and

the well-off that was paid for by working families and middle-class folks all across the country. It didn't do anything for middle-class Americans. It didn't do anything to stimulate the economy.

As far as this whole notion of trickle-down economics, I have come to the conclusion that trickle-down economics simply means that middle-class families and that working-class Americans may get a trickle, but they are guaranteed to stay down. That is what your economics are all about.

Massive tax cuts for the wealthy and the well-off under President Reagan continued until President Bush. Bill Clinton came into office and inherited a significant deficit. Under his stewardship, President Clinton turned a deficit into a surplus and passed that surplus to President George W. Bush from the so-called party of fiscal responsibility.

Once again, we see the same exact playbook: Republicans inherit a surplus, and they immediately blow it to pass massive tax cuts for the wealthy, the well-off, and the well-connected; not provide relief to working-class Americans. It was a tax cut in 2001 unpaid for and then a tax cut in 2003 unpaid for. They continued to run up the debt and the deficit prosecuting two failed wars.

The so-called party of fiscal responsibility wants to lecture America when their record speaks for itself.

President Obama came in after mismanagement related to the prior administration, including helping to trigger the Great Recession, and he inherited a deficit from a Republican President of \$1.5 trillion as well as the Great Recession. Working under the leadership of President Obama, Democrats in the House and the Senate got the situation turned around and, over an 8-year period of time, reduced the deficit by \$1 trillion, from \$1.5 trillion to \$500 billion. This is progress under Democratic leadership as it relates to getting America's fiscal house in order.

Then, Donald Trump came into office and, again, followed the same exact playbook. After failing to take healthcare away from millions of Americans, the Republicans turned their attention to the GOP tax scam, where 83 percent of the benefits went to the wealthiest 1 percent. Why? It was to subsidize the lifestyles of the rich and famous.

In the process of doing that, they borrowed \$2.3 trillion that was added to our debt and exploded the deficit, the so-called party of fiscal responsibility.

In fact, this debt that we are dealing with and that Democrats are taking seriously and that Republicans have no interest in being responsible around, that is what this 2-year suspension of the debt ceiling is all about.

In our Nation's 248-year history, 25 percent of our Nation's debt was accumulated during the 4 years of the former President—25 percent.

How dare Republicans lecture America about fiscal responsibility ever.

Then, President Biden came into office and got big things done for the American people on infrastructure and on the CHIPS and Science Act. He stood up a clean energy economy, rescued America from a once-in-a-century pandemic, and got all these big things done by partnering with House Democrats and Senate Democrats. In the process, in his first 2 years, he reduced the deficit by \$1.7 trillion.

So, we see a very clear pattern. The facts speak for themselves. Democrats are the party of getting things done and fiscal responsibility. Republicans are the party of massive tax cuts for the wealthy, the well-off, and the well-connected, which brings us to this very moment.

That is because this bill is designed to set up the GOP tax scam 2.0 to stick the American people with a bill so that they can continue to cut taxes for wealthy donors and well-connected corporations and jam working-class Americans.

That is what this bill today, fundamentally, is all about. That is why Republicans are suspending the debt ceiling for 2 years, the so-called party of fiscal responsibility.

In addition to these massive tax cuts, we know how they want to pay for it. Many Republicans have said this in the public domain, that: We want to end Social Security as we know it, end Medicare as we know it, end Medicaid as we know it, end nutritional assistance as we know it, and not support our veterans.

These are all the reasons why Democrats are opposed to this legislation. It is because you are trying to jam working-class Americans again, as you have repeatedly done over and over and over again.

Those are the facts.

The other problem with this bill is that we negotiated, in a bipartisan, bicameral way, real progress for working-class Americans, for middle-class Americans, and for everyday Americans who aspire to be part of the middle class. That has been cut out of this legislation.

Why would you do that? Why would you eliminate funding for community health centers? That impacts the heartland of America, urban America, rural America, suburban America, small-town America, and Appalachia. Why would you cut out funding for community health centers?

We are fighting for those everyday Americans. That is why we are opposed to this legislation.

Why would you cut funding for nutritional assistance for children in America, for seniors in America, and for veterans in America? Why would you do that? This bill cuts funding for nutritional assistance that had previously been agreed upon, and that is why we are opposed to this legislation.

This legislation actually cuts a program that was designed to help children and their parents detect cancer. Cruelty is the point. Why would you

eliminate that program? We are going to fight for the children of America.

So, the reasons are too numerous to articulate, though with my magic minute, I could do that.

We have laid out the challenges with this bill, the phoniness in claiming that extreme MAGA Republicans are about working-class Americans and are the party of fiscal responsibility. Nothing could be further from the truth.

When you run up the debt and the deficit, middle-class families pay and working-class families pay. We are going to defend them. House Democrats are going to continue to fight for working families, middle-class families, all those who aspire to be part of the middle class, for the children of America, for the seniors of America, for the unions in America, for the veterans of America, and for the least, the lost, the left behind, for the poor, the sick, and the afflicted.

We are going to continue to fight for everyday Americans. That is why we are voting "no" on this bill.

Mr. Speaker, to stop this reckless, aggressive, and reactionary Republican shutdown, vote "no."

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to direct their comments to the Chair.

Mr. COLE. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the distinguished gentleman from Missouri (Mr. ALFORD), who is my very good friend.

Mr. ALFORD. Mr. Speaker, I did not bring any fancy signs with me today. Those take hours to prepare.

I will tell you, Mr. Speaker, that if a shutdown occurs because we do not pass this continuing resolution today, it will not be a Republican shutdown. It will be a Democrat shutdown.

When it goes over to the Senate, it will be the Schumer shutdown.

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Mr. Speaker, this is not about millionaires. This is not about billionaires. This is about our farmers. This is about our military getting the pay that they deserve through Christmas and the New Year. This is about the future of this Nation.

Mr. Speaker, this continuing resolution before us is not a perfect solution, but it is a bridge that will allow us to continue the critical work of funding our troops, securing our borders, supporting our farmers, caring for our veterans, and procuring disaster relief for those in the Carolinas who we visited just last month. They are living in tents in freezing temperatures while illegal aliens are living at The Roosevelt Hotel in New York City.

Mr. Speaker, Missouri has 87,000 farms. We are losing 1,000 farms in America each month. Our food security is national security, and the Democrats do not want to support our farmers. Due to the high inflationary costs that this administration has brought about and low commodity prices, farmers are going out of business.

I don't understand this consolidation of farming in America and why the

Democrats are in favor of that. We have to support our farmers through this bill. We have to support our disaster victims through this bill. Most of all, we must support America.

We are not here for ourselves. We are here for those who we represent, the hardworking Americans who depend on us to set aside our differences and act with courage and responsibility. They deserve a government that works for them and not against them.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair would remind Members to allow speakers to be heard.

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, I remind the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. ALFORD), my colleague and friend, that the compromise bill had overwhelming support for farmers and for American families, as well.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. NEAL), the distinguished ranking member of the Ways and Means Committee.

(Mr. NEAL asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. NEAL. Mr. Speaker, we are in favor of every request that you asked for. These were modest agreements that were reached and rendered by both parties in an honest and public agreement.

The Speaker of the House broke his word. That is why we are here.

To the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. ALFORD), who just spoke: I have been here for a long time. You have never won a government shutdown, and you won't win this one, either.

Your currency in this institution is your word. We reached an agreement. We came to modest achievements, and a tweet changed all of it?

Can you imagine what the next 2 years are going to be like if every time the Congress works its will and then there is a tweet from an individual, who has no official portfolio, threatening Members on the Republican side with a primary, and they succumb?

This institution has a separate responsibility based upon the separation of powers. Members of Congress don't serve under Presidents of the United States. It is called the national principle.

I am in favor of aid to North Carolina. I am in support of aid to the farmers in Missouri. We come to the aid of the American family at moments like this.

You walked away from your word. You walked away from an agreement. That is what we are bothered by: a simple suggestion from the President-elect that you ought to abandon that principle.

This is what this is about. This is about trying to raise the debt ceiling to disguise a big tax cut that they want to offer later on.

In December of 2017, the TCJA was rendered, and my friends, particularly the ones who have been here for a while, know what I am about to say is true. You borrowed the money, \$2.3

trillion, for a tax cut for wealthy people. When you see the distribution tables, you know who got what.

We are trying to avert a government shutdown, but we are also trying to subscribe to the basic principle as outlined earlier. We reached an agreement. It was honorable. It came to the aid of everything you have asked for, and then you walk away from it?

What about your word going forward here? What about the currency that I noted a moment ago?

I tell you: You cannot win a government shutdown, and you won't win this one either.

We need to return to the original agreement and stick with it.

The last word here I am going to offer: The Speaker of the House needed to keep his word on this legislation and stick with it.

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

Members are reminded to direct their comments to the Chair.

Mr. COLE. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentlewoman from Florida (Mrs. LUNA).

Mrs. LUNA. Mr. Speaker, I have never actually voted for a CR, but I am here today because I realize that the plan that is on the table currently to keep our government open, but also the promise from the only President in my lifetime who has ever followed through on all of his campaign promises to the American people—excuse me, I am not done talking. Give me the same respect we give you guys.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentlewoman will suspend.

My colleagues are reminded that the gentlewoman has the floor. She has the right to be heard. The gentlewoman has the right to be heard.

The gentlewoman would be reminded to direct her comments to the Chair.

Mrs. LUNA. Mr. Speaker, the only President in my lifetime who has fulfilled all of his campaign promises to the American people has promised to cut hundreds of billions of dollars in reconciliation.

You want to talk about shutting down the government. The deal that was negotiated was largely rejected by the American people. To his credit, Speaker JOHNSON pulled it from the floor. That is why we are here today.

The deal on the table will keep the government open for the American people. If you guys so choose to shut it down, it will be on you, but not the Republican Party.

We will not be going back to the table. This deal stands as it is. So you can go back home on Christmas and explain to your people why you shut the government down because we won't be doing it.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentlewoman is reminded to direct her comments to the Chair.

My colleagues are reminded that the gentlewoman from Florida deserves to be heard.

Mrs. LUNA. Furthermore, Mr. Speaker, the former bill had items in it in-

cluding random pandemic policies, and biocontaminant research that were not in the best interest of the American people, so the deal on the table is as-is. You either vote for it or you vote for the shutdown, but it will be not on the Republican Party. It will be on Democrats as it stands.

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, a deal is a deal.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. PALLONE), the distinguished ranking member of the Energy and Commerce Committee.

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, have the Republicans forgotten that they are in the majority? The bill that was supposed to come up was posted and negotiated by the Republican Speaker. He posted it. He negotiated it.

You know that the bill that you are bringing up instead tonight will not pass. We will leave here tonight. This bill will not pass, and so you are the ones who are creating the shutdown.

You have the power to decide what bills come to the floor. You are putting a bill on this floor that you know will not pass and will lead to a Republican shutdown. It is on you because you have the majority.

Mr. Speaker, I mention this other bill that was supposed to come up and that you refused to bring up. This bill was negotiated because we realized in the Energy and Commerce Committee that people were suffering.

They were suffering from high drug prices because of pharmaceutical benefit plans, PBPs, and so we put in a bill on a bipartisan basis, a way of trying to bring prices down with PBP reform.

We knew that consumers were being screwed all over the place with shady things on websites when they buy things, junk fees, and all kinds of deceptive practices.

We put in on a bipartisan basis that we were going to get rid of junk fees, that we were going to get rid of deceptive practices, whether it went to a concert or a hotel or whatever it happened to be, because we cared on a bipartisan basis to try to bring prices down, to try to make things more fair for the consumer, for the American people.

You took all of that out because a billionaire, Elon Musk, decided that the Republicans were supposed to act in favor of corporate interests, in favor of billionaires, and in favor of special interests. That is what is going on here.

You jettisoned all of the things that we worked on, on a bipartisan basis, to try to bring prices down, be fair to the American people, protect the consumer, protect the environment, protect safety. Instead, you decided to simply go ahead with something that you know will not pass and that will shut the government down.

Don't tell me that this is on our watch. This is on your watch. You are the majority. You are responsible. This is not going to pass. The government is

going to shut down, and the American people are going to suffer because of you, as Republicans.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to direct their comments to the Chair.

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

Mr. Speaker, we have had a lot of talk about what is not in this bill. Maybe we ought to talk a little bit about what is in this bill.

It keeps the government open, which my friends say they want to do, and I think they are sincere in that. This bill does that.

It provides relief to people in the various disaster areas around the country, in an amount that they agreed to and that we agreed to. We share that in common.

It provides aid for farmers who suffered through several years of droughts and disaster and the systemic prices that, as the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. ALFORD) mentioned, is costing us farms.

It extends important healthcare provisions into the next year.

There is nothing in here you are against. There is not a single thing in this bill that you oppose. If you can't vote for what you are for, please don't lecture us about, if I had this and this, you would vote for it.

If you vote "no," you are voting to shut down the government. If you vote "no," you are voting to deny aid to people who suffered through a disaster. If you vote "no," you are voting against helping American farmers and ranchers at a difficult time. If you vote "no," you are voting to strip important provisions that are being extended into next year.

Why? It is because you don't want to give the next President enough time to get organized and you want to use the debt as leverage.

The extension of the debt ceiling is what we have done for the last 2 years. It is what you supported 2 years ago. There is no change in that whatsoever.

If you want to fight about other things and other battles, that is great. I welcome that debate. I think it is a legitimate debate, but you are voting against a bill that everything in it you support, every single thing. You are doing that for political purposes.

Please don't lecture us about that. We presented something that keeps the government open, that provides aid to people, that provides support for farmers, and that extends important provisions, and you are not opposed to any of that. Yet, you are going to oppose the bill.

If a government shutdown comes, and I sincerely hope it does not, please don't tell those of us who voted to keep the government open, while you voted to let it close, that we are somehow responsible. That is just not the case.

I have a rule as a legislator. I never vote against a bill because of what is not in it. I vote on the basis of the bill that comes here, and then I fight for

the other things that I think are important.

Extending a debt ceiling, which we have done for 2 years in a bipartisan fashion, so you can use it as leverage against a new President is something you ought to reconsider as a political tactic.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to direct their comments to the Chair.

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from Florida (Mr. MOSKOWITZ).

Mr. MOSKOWITZ. Mr. Speaker, denial is not just a river in Egypt.

Let's talk about the last 2 years. It was the Democrats who raised the debt ceiling, not the Republicans last time. Many of you voted against it.

It was the Democrats who kept the government open. Not once, not twice, but every single time we needed to keep the government open, it was the Democrats who kept the government open. More of us voted for it than you.

All I have heard for the last couple of weeks is about this giant mandate, landslide, and trifecta. Put on your big-boy pants. Pass your own bill.

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We are only here because Republicans can't agree amongst themselves. Now, hold on a second.

Democrats will keep the government open for the American people. We will mediate the disagreements between that side of the room and that side of the room. We will do that for them, but they will have to at least invite us to that meeting. If Republicans want us to solve their problem because they can't agree amongst themselves, reach out.

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

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. ROY).

Mr. ROY. Mr. Speaker, when I ran for Congress in 2018, the debt was \$21 trillion.

I was just texting with my son back home in Austin, who I haven't seen in quite a long time because I am here trying to fight for him.

When I got through cancer about 12 years ago, I made a promise to my kids that I would do everything I can to save this country, and what we are doing right now is continuing to double down on the things that are destroying the Republic.

We are going to increase the debt ceiling, not just \$4 trillion. That is false. We have spent \$4.7 trillion in additional debt in the last 19 months. We are going to increase the debt by \$5 trillion. That is what is going to happen right here by Republicans. We are increasing the debt by \$5 trillion.

What are you doing in the same bill? Mr. Speaker, \$110 billion is unpaid for because you never have an ounce of self-respect to go out and campaign,

saying you are going to balance the budget, and then you come in here and pass \$110 billion unpaid for, on top of the \$200 billion you did for WEP. My colleagues won't agree with that, but the fact of the matter is, they have added \$330 billion to the debt since you were given the majority again on November 5.

It is embarrassing. It is shameful. Yes, I think this bill is better than it was yesterday in certain respects, but to take this bill yesterday and congratulate themselves because it is shorter in pages but increases the debt by \$5 trillion is asinine, and that is precisely what Republicans are doing.

I am absolutely sickened by a party that campaigns on fiscal responsibility and has the temerity to go forward to the American people and say they think this is fiscally responsible. It is absolutely ridiculous.

It also turns off paygo. It turns off the \$1.7 trillion in automatic cuts under paygo because this side of the aisle is profoundly unserious about actually reducing deficits just as my colleagues on the other side of the aisle are profoundly unserious about reducing deficits.

The entire body has been racking up debt for my entire life. We are now at \$36 trillion with a trillion dollars of interest. We rack up a trillion dollars every 100 days.

What are we going to do about it? We are going to run around and talk about cutting taxes, but not doing what is necessary to cut the spending along with the cut taxes.

On the other side of the aisle, my colleagues will say: Oh, no, we have got to increase taxes but won't do anything to cut spending. So here we sit in the same mess. I have to be honest, and I will remind people, this is Article I.

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

Mr. Speaker, this is a great debate. It is nice to have the discussion, but we are here to consider a specific piece of legislation.

This keeps the government open. What my friends want to do by voting "no" is effectively to shut it down. This provides relief to people in need. What my friends want to do by voting "no" is to keep that from happening.

This provides aid to farmers and ranchers. What my friends want to do—and they actually favor the amounts and what have you. There has been no change in that regard—ends that. This extends important protections for the American people.

If a bill has got something in it and you support everything that is in it and we continue the debt ceiling that we have had the last 2 years, then I am mystified as to how you can go home and explain that as I wanted to keep the government open, so I voted to keep it open. It is amazing to me.

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

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, I am prepared to close, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. COLE. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. JORDAN), my very good friend and distinguished chairman of the Judiciary Committee.

Mr. JORDAN. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, this bill is real simple. This bill helps the people who grow our food. This bill helps people who were devastated by hurricanes this past fall. This bill funds the government at levels the Democrats agreed to, to keep the government open over the holidays.

Why the Democrats oppose this, I have no idea. I have no idea.

Let's vote "yes" and spend at the levels everyone agreed to. Then in 3 months, we can have the debate and figure out where we are going from there, but this is a "yes" vote.

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, I yield 30 seconds to the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. COHEN).

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, there are a lot of things in here that were taken out of the compromised bill that were good for the American people and one of the things was DSH payments. We give money to hospitals to treat the least among us, the poorest people that need healthcare, and that was taken out of the bill.

That is cruel, inhuman, and anti-Judeo-Christian. That is one of the main reasons why I opposed this bill because the hospitals that take care of those people are doing God's work and they need to be given the moneys they have been given in the past, a 1-year extension, and Republicans took that out. That is wrong.

Mr. Speaker, I oppose the bill.

Mr. COLE. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the distinguished gentleman from New York (Mr. LAWLER), my good friend.

Mr. LAWLER. Mr. Speaker, we are approaching Christmas and Hanukkah, and Americans all across this country care about this debate. They care about the specifics, but what they won't understand is when you vote "no" to continue funding the government to provide the services that they rely on.

This is a clean CR. If you don't like it because it doesn't have a whole list of ornaments on the Christmas tree, I am sorry, but the fact is that we are keeping the government funded.

By the way, I would remind my Democratic colleagues, we could actually do our appropriations work if my senior Senator from New York passed a single, solitary appropriations bill on the Senate floor. He passed exactly zero. The fact is, we have to keep the government funded. That is our responsibility.

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

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

Mr. LAWLER. Mr. Speaker, we have to keep the government funded. Live to fight another day.

The fact is that we are not shutting the government down before Christmas. I think everyone here has a responsibility to keep the government open and funded, and it requires a "yes" vote on this CR. It requires a "yes" vote on disaster relief. It requires a "yes" vote on providing our farmers the support that they need to put food on the table for the American people.

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

Mr. Speaker, the American public has been clamoring for this body to work together, Democrats and Republicans, across the aisle to do what is in the best interest of the American people.

To that end and to give credence to what the American people are clamoring for so they can begin to have trust in us again and what we do in this body, is that we have been working since August 2023 on a supplemental disaster relief bill.

We worked assiduously over the next several months, day in and day out. I will just say to my colleagues on the other side of the aisle, I recognize I am part of what is called the four corners of the Appropriations Committee, Mr. COLE and myself and Senator MURRAY and Senator COLLINS, who wanted to get these appropriations bills done by December 20 because we believed that we could have done it and get these bills done.

We were told no. We were told no. We were told that we had to have a continuing resolution that would carry us into next year. No government should be run by continuing resolutions. That is not good governance, but there are those in this body who don't know how to govern and don't care about governing.

We worked hard over the last several weeks, back and forth, forth and back, to say we can accept this; we can't accept that. We will do this. We worked hard.

To talk about what some of my colleagues have said, the Democrats are in the minority in this body. When you have the pen, which is what the Republicans have, they write the bill. They write the bill. They post the bill. They agreed on a bill.

You know what? They got scared because president Musk said don't do it. Don't do it. Shut the government down. What does he know about what people go through when the government shuts down? Are his employees furloughed? Hell, no. Is he furloughed? No.

When you shut the government down, people don't get paid. Maybe if none of us got paid if the government shut down, some people on the other side of the aisle would feel differently about where we are going in this effort.

We had an agreement. Mr. Speaker, this is no different from what we have experienced over the last year and a half or so. Think about it. The Biden-McCarthy deal comes together and the

next day, walk away. The Johnson-Schumer deal comes together and the next day, walk away. Now this deal comes together, and they walk away from it.

Who do we trust in this body? Above all, can the American people trust us? Can they trust us with their lives when we had a moment, when we came to agreement as Democrats and Republicans and were able to say: Let's move forward.

One of my colleagues, I think it was Congressman NEAL, said this: The only currency we have in this body is our word. That is our credibility. That is our bond with each other. When you break that bond, you break the ability to try to come together and be able to govern on behalf of the people of this country.

I understand what is in this bill, but what was left out is unconscionable, particularly in the areas of maternal mortality.

Mr. Speaker, I implore my colleagues to vote "no" on this bill, and I yield back the balance of my time.

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Mr. COLE. Mr. Speaker, may I inquire how much time I have remaining.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Oklahoma has 1½ minutes remaining.

Mr. COLE. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time for the purpose of closing.

It has been an interesting debate. It has been a good debate. There have been a lot of interesting points made, but the fact is, there is nothing in this legislation that Democrats oppose. They don't oppose keeping the government open. This keeps it open until March 14. We will be voting for that in overwhelming numbers.

Democrats support aid to people in distress. This bill does that. Democrats are going to be voting "no." We will be voting "yes."

We think the rural economy is in crisis. There is important aid in here for it, aid Democrats supported. We are going to be voting for it. Democrats are going to be voting against it.

Those are just the facts. You consider legislation one piece at a time. There is not a single thing in here that the other side opposes except maybe the debt limit extension, which is the same debt limit extension they supported 2 years ago.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to vote "yes" and keep the government open, help people in need, help the rural economy, and let us move forward with our work.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Oklahoma (Mr. COLE) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 10515.

The question was taken.

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

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

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 174, nays 235, answered “present” 1, not voting 20, as follows:

[Roll No. 516]

YEAS—174

Aderholt	Franklin, Scott	Miller (IL)
Alford	Fry	Miller (OH)
Allen	Garbarino	Miller (WV)
Amodi	Gimenez	Miller-Meeks
Arrington	Gonzales, Tony	Molinaro
Bacon	Gooden (TX)	Moolenaar
Baird	Graves (LA)	Moore (AL)
Balderson	Graves (MO)	Murphy
Banks	Green (TN)	Nehls
Barr	Greene (GA)	Nunn (IA)
Bentz	Griffith	Obernolte
Bergman	Grothman	Owens
Bice	Guest	Palmer
Bilirakis	Guthrie	Pence
Bishop (NC)	Hageman	Perez
Boebert	Harshbarger	Pfluger
Bost	Hern	Reschenthaler
Buchanan	Higgins (LA)	Rogers (AL)
Buchson	Hill	Rogers (KY)
Burgess	Hinson	Rose
Calvert	Houchin	Rouzer
Carey	Hudson	Rulli
Carl	Huizenga	Rutherford
Carter (GA)	Issa	Salazar
Carter (TX)	Jackson (TX)	Scalise
Castor (FL)	James	Scott, Austin
Chavez-DeRemer	Johnson (LA)	Sessions
Ciscomani	Johnson (SD)	Simpson
Cline	Jordan	Smith (MO)
Cole	Joyce (OH)	Smith (NE)
Collins	Joyce (PA)	Smith (NJ)
Comer	Kean (NJ)	Smucker
Crawford	Kelly (MS)	Stauber
Crenshaw	Kiggans (VA)	Steel
D'Esposito	Kiley	Stefanik
Davidson	Kim (CA)	Steil
De La Cruz	Kustoff	Strong
DesJarlais	LaHood	Tenney
Diaz-Balart	LaLota	Thompson (PA)
Donalds	LaMalfa	Timmons
Duarte	Langworthy	Turner
Dunn (FL)	Latta	Valadao
Edwards	LaTurner	Van Drew
Ellzey	Lawler	Van Orden
Emmer	Lee (FL)	Wagner
Estes	Letlow	Walberg
Ezell	Loudermilk	Waltz
Fallon	Lucas	Weber (TX)
Feenstra	Luna	Webster (FL)
Ferguson	Malliotakis	Wenstrup
Finstad	Maloy	Westerman
Fischbach	Mann	Wied
Fitzgerald	Mast	Williams (NY)
Fitzpatrick	McCaul	Wilson (SC)
Fleischmann	McClain	Wittman
Flood	McClintock	Womack
Fong	McHenry	Yakym
Foxx	Meuser	Zinke

NAYS—235

Adams	Cárdenas	Curtis
Aguilar	Carson	Daids (KS)
Allred	Carter (LA)	Davis (IL)
Amo	Cartwright	Davis (NC)
Auchincloss	Casar	Dean (PA)
Balint	Case	DeGette
Barragán	Casten	DeLauro
Bean (FL)	Castro (TX)	DelBene
Beatty	Cherfilus	Deluzio
Bera	McCormick	DeSaunier
Beyer	Chu	Dingell
Biggs	Clark (MA)	Doggett
Bishop (GA)	Clarke (NY)	Duncan
Blunt Rochester	Cleaver	Escobar
Bonamici	Cloud	Eshoo
Bowman	Clyburn	Españolat
Boyle (PA)	Clyde	Foster
Brecheen	Cohen	Foushee
Brown	Connolly	Frankel, Lois
Brownley	Correa	Frost
Budzinski	Costa	Fulcher
Burchett	Courtney	Gallego
Burlison	Craig	Garamendi
Bush	Crane	García (IL)
Cammack	Crockett	García (TX)
Caraveo	Crow	García, Robert
Carbajal	Cuellar	Golden (ME)

Goldman (NY)	McBath	Sánchez
Gomez	McClellan	Sarbanes
Gonzalez, V.	McCollum	Scanlon
Good (VA)	McCormick	Schakowsky
Gosar	McGarvey	Schneider
Green, Al (TX)	McGovern	Scholten
Harder (CA)	McIver	Schrier
Harris	Meeks	Schweikert
Hayes	Menendez	Scott (VA)
Himes	Meng	Scott, David
Horsford	Mfume	Self
Houlihan	Mills	Sewell
Hoyer	Mooney	Sherman
Hoyle (OR)	Moore (UT)	Slotkin
Huffman	Moore (WI)	Smith (WA)
Hunt	Moran	Sorensen
Ivey	Morelle	Soto
Jackson (IL)	Moskowitz	Spanberger
Gooden (VA)	Moulton	Spartz
Jackson (NC)	Mrvan	Stansbury
Jacobs	Mullin	Stanton
Jayapal	Nadler	Stevens
Jeffries	Neal	Strickland
Johnson (GA)	Neguse	Swalwell
Kamlager-Dove	Nickel	Sykes
Keating	Norcross	Takano
Kelly (IL)	Norman	Thanedar
Kennedy	Ocasio-Cortez	Thompson (CA)
Khanna	Ogles	Thompson (MS)
Kildee	Omar	Tiffany
Kirmer	Pallone	Titus
Krishnamoorthi	Panetta	Tlaib
Kuster	Pappas	Tokuda
Lamborn	Peltola	Tonko
Landsman	Perry	Torres (CA)
Larsen (WA)	Peters	Torres (NY)
Larson (CT)	Pettersen	Trahan
Lee (CA)	Pingree	Trone
Lee (NV)	Pocan	Underwood
Lee (PA)	Porter	Van Duyne
Lee Carter	Posey	Vargas
Leger Fernandez	Pressley	Vasquez
Lesko	Quigley	Veasey
Levin	Ramirez	Velázquez
Lofgren	Raskin	Wasserman
Lopez	Rosendale	Schultz
Luttrell	Ross	Waters
Lynch	Roy	Watson Coleman
Mace	Ruiz	Wexton
Magaziner	Ruppersberger	Wild
Manning	Ryan	Williams (GA)
Massie	Salinas	Wilson (FL)
Matsui		

ANSWERED “PRESENT”—1

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NOT VOTING—20

Babin	Grijalva	Phillips
Blumenauer	Kelly (PA)	Rodgers (WA)
Evens	Lieu	Sherrill
Fletcher	Luetkemeyer	Steube
García, Mike	Napolitano	Suozi
Gottheimer	Newhouse	Williams (TX)
Granger	Pelosi	

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Mr. PANETTA, Mrs. SPARTZ, and Mr. HUNT changed their vote from “yea” to “nay.”

Mr. GROTHMAN changed his vote from “nay” to “yea.”

So (two-thirds not being in the affirmative) the motion was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

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 57 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. YAKYM) at 8 o'clock and 45 minutes p.m.

PROVIDING FOR CORRECTIONS IN THE ENROLLMENT OF S. 4367

Mr. WEID. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to take from the Speaker's table the concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 46), providing for corrections in the enrollment of S. 4367, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the concurrent resolution.

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

There was no objection.

The text of the concurrent resolution is as follows:

S. CON. RES. 46

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring). That in the enrollment of S. 4367, an Act to provide for improvements to the rivers and harbors of the United States, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, and for other purposes, the Secretary of the Senate shall make the following corrections:

(1) In paragraph (2) of section 203(d) of the Water Resources Development Act of 1986 (33 U.S.C. 2231(d)) (as added by section 1109(a)(3)(C)), strike “maximum Federal cost” and insert “Federal share of the cost”.

(2) In section 204(c)(1) of the Water Resources Development Act of 1986 (33 U.S.C. 2232(c)(1)) (as amended by section 1110(a)(1)), strike “United States funds” and insert “United States”.

(3) In section 1142(3), strike “in paragraph (4) and inserting the following” and insert “by striking paragraph (4) and inserting the following”.

(4) In section 1203(a)(1), strike “food” and insert “flood”.

(5) In paragraph (2) of section 1113(d) of the Water Resources Development Act of 1986 (100 Stat. 4232; 110 Stat. 3719; 136 Stat. 3781) (as added by section 1355(1)(B))—

(A) in the paragraph heading, strike “RECONNAISSANCE STUDY” and insert “PRE-DESIGN PLANNING COSTS”; and

(B) strike “a reconnaissance study carried out by the Secretary” and insert “pre-design planning costs”.

The concurrent resolution was concurred in.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

RECOGNIZING SHERIFF'S DEPUTY CHASE MASON

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

Mr. WIED. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Shawano County Sheriff's Deputy Chase Mason, who went out of his way to help a local kid in our district while on duty.

Last month, a local boy called 911 for a very important reason: to ask for assistance with his math homework. The child told the dispatcher that his family wasn't very good at math either and needed help.

Deputy Chase Mason went above and beyond to respond to the call while he himself admitted he wasn't overly proficient in math. Ultimately, Deputy Mason and the kid were able to work together to solve the problem.

Deputy Mason's assistance to this local boy shows us just how much our law enforcement cares for their community and how lucky we are to have them.

Wisconsin's Eighth Congressional District is home to some of the greatest law enforcement officers in the country, and I am proud to stand with them.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Sheriff's Deputy Mason for going out of his way and for his service to Shawano County.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Kevin F. McCumber, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly an enrolled bill of the House of the following title, which was thereupon signed by the Speaker on Thursday, December 19, 2024:

H.R. 5009. An act to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2025 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 8 o'clock and 47 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Friday, December 20, 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-6454. A letter from the Associate General Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Office of Housing — Federal Housing Commissioner, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting the Department's final rule — Updated Terminology for State Housing Agency Housing Assistance Payments Contracts [Docket No.: FR-6378-F-02] (RIN: 2502-AJ68) received December 17, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Financial Services.

EC-6455. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's Fair Hiring in Banking Act Report to Congress, pursuant to Public Law 117-263, Sec. 5705(c)(3); (136 Stat. 3411); to the Committee on Financial Services.

EC-6456. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's reports titled, "Community Services Block Grant Report to Congress for Fiscal Year 2022", and the "Community Services Block Grant Performance Measurement Report"; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

EC-6457. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting a report titled "National Plan to Address Alzheimer's Disease: 2024 Update", pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 5493(b)(3)(C); Public Law 111-203, Sec. 1013(b)(3)(C); (124 Stat. 1966); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-6458. A letter from the Regulations Coordinator, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule — Health Data, Technology, and Interoperability: Protecting Care Access (RIN: 0955-AA06) December 18, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-6459. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's 2022 Progress Report on Understanding the Long-Term Health Effects of Living Organ Donation; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-6460. A letter from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Possession, Use, and Transfer of Select Agents and Toxins; Biennial Review of the List of Select Agents and Toxins [Docket No.: CDC-2020-0024] (RIN: 0920-AA71) received December 18, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-6461. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Hazardous Waste Generator Improvements Rule, the Hazardous Waste Pharmaceuticals Rule, and the Definition of Solid Waste Rule; Technical Corrections [EPA-HQ-OLEM-2023-0081; FRL 8687-04-OLEM] (RIN: 2050-AH23) received December 4, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-6462. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Finding of Failure To Submit State Implementation Plan Submissions for the 2008 and 2015 Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards; California; San Diego County Area [EPA-R09-OAR-2024-0369; FRL-12352-01-R9] received December 4, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-6463. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Cyazofamid; Pesticide Tolerances [EPA-HQ-OPP-2023-0257; FRL-12338-01-OCSP] received December 4, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-6464. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Air Plan Revisions; Arizona; Maricopa County Air Quality Department [EPA-R09-OAR-2023-0603; FRL-11596-02-R9] received December 4, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-6465. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Air Plan Approval; ID; Revisions to Air Quality Regulations [EPA-R10-OAR-2023-0583, FRL-11575-03-R10] received December 4, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-6466. A letter from the Supervisory, Program Analyst, Media Bureau/Audio Division, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule —

Amendment of Section 74.1231(i) of the Commission's Rules on FM Broadcast Booster Stations [MB Docket No.: 20-401]; Modernization of Media Initiative [MB Docket No.: 17-105]; Amendment of Section 74.1231(i) of the Commission's Rules on FM Broadcast Booster Stations [RM-11854] received December 17, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-6467. A letter from the Supervisory, Program Analyst, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Modifying Emissions Limits for the 24.25-24.4 GHz and 24.75-25.25 GHz Bands [ET Docket No.: 21-1867] received December 17, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-6468. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting a six month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Belarus that was declared in Executive Order 13405 of June 16, 2006, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1641(c); Public Law 94-412, Sec. 401(c); (90 Stat. 1257) and 50 U.S.C. 1703(c); Public Law 95-223, Sec. 204(c); (91 Stat. 1627); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-6469. A letter from the Congressional and Public Affairs Specialist, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department's final rule — Implementation of Additional Controls on Pakistan [Docket No.: 241113-0293] (RIN: 0694-AJ63) received December 17, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-6470. A letter from the Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting the Board's Semi-annual Report to Congress by the Office of Inspector General for the Board and the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau; to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

EC-6471. A letter from the Administrator and Chief Executive Officer, Bonneville Power Administration, Department of Energy, transmitting the 2024 Annual Report of the Bonneville Power Administration, pursuant to the Third Powerplant at Grand Coulee Dam Act, 16 U.S.C. 835j; to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

EC-6472. A letter from the Regulations Coordinator, Administration for Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule — Privacy Act: Implementation [Docket Number: ACF-2024-0015] (RIN: 0970-AD15) received December 18, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

EC-6473. A letter from the Assistant Attorney General for Administration, Justice Management Division, Department of Justice, transmitting the Department's FY 2024 Agency Financial Report, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 3515(a)(1); Public Law 101-576, Sec. 303(a)(1) (as amended by Public Law 107-289, Sec. 2(a)); (116 Stat. 2049); to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

EC-6474. A letter from the Director Office of Financial Management, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's Agency Financial Report for FY 2024, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 3515(a)(1); Public Law 101-576, Sec. 303(a)(1) (as amended by Public Law 107-289, Sec. 2(a)); (116 Stat. 2049); to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

EC-6475. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's Agency Report for FY 2024; to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

EC-6476. A letter from the Archivist of the United States, National Archives and

Records Administration, transmitting the Administration's Agency Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2024, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 3515(a)(1); Public Law 101-576, Sec. 303(a)(1) (as amended by Public Law 107-289, Sec. 2(a)); (116 Stat. 2049); to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

EC-6477. A letter from the Treasurer, National Gallery of Art, transmitting the Gallery's Performance and Accountability Report for the year ended September 30, 2024; to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

EC-6478. A letter from the Chairman, Board of Governors, United States Postal Service, transmitting the Service's Office of Inspector General Semiannual Report to Congress for the period April 1, 2024 through September 30, 2024; to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

EC-6479. A letter from the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Land and Minerals Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting the "Eighth Biennial Report to Congress: Estimates of Natural Gas and Oil Reserves, Reserves Growth, and Undiscovered Resources in Outer Continental Shelf and State Waters off the Coasts of Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama", pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 16295(c); Public Law 109-58, Sec. 965(c); (119 Stat. 892); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

EC-6480. A letter from the Director, Administrative Office of the United States Courts, transmitting the fiscal year 2024 Delayed-Notice Search Warrant Report, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 3103a(d)(2); Public Law 90-351, Sec. 1401(a) (added by Public Law 109-177, Sec. 114(c)); (120 Stat. 211); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-6481. A letter from the Solicitor General, Department of Justice, transmitting a notification that the Department has determined not to file a petition for a writ of certiorari in *United States v. Connelly*, No. 23-50312 (5th Cir. Aug. 28, 2024); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-6482. A letter from the Water Resources Regulation and Policy Advisor, Corps of Engineers, Department of the Army, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Corps of Engineers Agency Specific Procedures To Implement the Principles, Requirements, and Guidelines for Federal Investments in Water Resources [Docket ID: COE-2023-0005] (RIN: 0710-AB41) received December 17, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-6483. A letter from the Legal Yeoman, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Lifejacket Approval Harmonization [Docket No.: USCG-2022-0120] (RIN: 1625-AC62) received December 17, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-6484. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting the Reports of the Cultural Property Advisory Committee in FY 2023 and FY 2024, pursuant to 19 U.S.C. 2605(f)(6); Public Law 97-446, Sec. 306(f)(6); (96 Stat. 2356); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

EC-6485. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of the Treasury, transmitting a report on the taxation of Social Security and Railroad Retirement Benefits for Calendar Years 2015 through 2020; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

EC-6486. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting a report entitled, "Risk Adjustment in Medicare Ad-

vantage 2024", pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 1395w-23 note; Public Law 114-255, Sec. 17006(f)(2)(A)(ii); (130 Stat. 1334); jointly to the Committees on Energy and Commerce and Ways and Means.

EC-6487. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the 2024 report to Congress on the activities of the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 1315a(g); Aug. 14, 1935, ch. 531, title XI, Sec. 1115A(g) (as amended by Public Law 111-148, Sec. 3021(a)); (124 Stat. 394); jointly to the Committees on Energy and Commerce and Ways and Means.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

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

Mr. STEIL: Committee on House Administration. H.R. 3196. A bill to provide for the appointment of the Architect of the Capitol, and for other purposes (Rept. 118-741, Pt. 1). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Ms. FOXX: Committee on Education and the Workforce. H.R. 4507. A bill to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to promote transparency in health coverage and reform pharmacy benefit management services with respect to group health plans, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 118-742, Pt. 1). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mrs. RODGERS of Washington: Committee on Energy and Commerce. H.R. 2666. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to codify value-based purchasing arrangements under the Medicaid program and reforms related to price reporting under such arrangements, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 118-743, Pt. 1). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. SMITH of Missouri: Committee on Ways and Means. H.R. 7513. A bill to prohibit the Secretary of Health and Human Services from finalizing a proposed rule regarding minimum staffing for nursing facilities, and to establish an advisory panel on the skilled nursing facility workforce; with amendments (Rept. 118-745, Pt. 1). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. LUCAS: Committee on Science, Space, and Technology. H.R. 7687. A bill to amend title 51, United States Code, to authorize the transfer to NASA of funds from other agencies for scientific or engineering research or education, and for other purposes (Rept. 118-746, Pt. 1). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. WESTERMAN: Committee on Natural Resources. H.R. 4377. A bill to amend the Military Lands Withdrawal Act of 1999 with respect to extensions, additions, and revisions to the Barry M. Goldwater Range in Arizona (Rept. 118-747, Pt. 1). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. WESTERMAN: Committee on Natural Resources. H.R. 200. A bill to amend the Forest and Rangeland Renewable Resources Planning Act of 1974 and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 to provide that the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior are not required to reinstate consultation on a land management plan or land use plan under certain circumstances, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 118-748, Pt. 1). Re-

ferred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. WESTERMAN: Committee on Natural Resources. H.R. 1380. A bill to require the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to issue guidance on climbing management in designated wilderness areas, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 118-749, Pt. 1). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. WESTERMAN: Committee on Natural Resources. H.R. 5665. A bill to require a comprehensive assessment of certain Federal trails, campsites, boat docks, and outdoor recreation facilities to determine the accessibility options for individuals with disabilities, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 118-751, Pt. 1). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. WESTERMAN: Committee on Natural Resources. H.R. 6070. A bill to amend the Military Lands Withdrawal Act of 1999 to clarify the authority of Department of Defense to conduct certain military activities at the Nevada test and training range, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 118-752, Pt. 1). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. WESTERMAN: Committee on Natural Resources. H.R. 8811. A bill to reauthorize the America's Conservation Enhancement Act, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 118-753, Pt. 1). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. MCHENRY: Committee on Financial Services. H.R. 5535. A bill to prohibit the Federal Insurance Office of the Department of the Treasury and other financial regulators from collecting data directly from an insurance company; with an amendment (Rept. 118-759, Pt. 1). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mrs. RODGERS of Washington: Committee on Energy and Commerce. H.R. 133. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to clarify the use of the national coverage determination process under the Medicare program; with an amendment (Rept. 118-764, Pt. 1). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. MCHENRY: Committee on Financial Services. H.R. 3244. A bill to provide authority to the Secretary of the Treasury to take special measures against certain entities outside of the United States of primary money laundering concern in connection with illicitentanyl and narcotics financing, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 118-783, Pt. 1). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. WESTERMAN: Committee on Natural Resources. H.J. Res. 96. A resolution to approve the 2023 Agreement to Amend the U.S.-FSM Compact, and related agreements, between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Federated States of Micronesia, the 2023 Agreement to Amend the U.S.-RMI Compact, and certain related agreements between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the 2023 U.S.-Palau Compact Review Agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Palau, to appropriate funds to carry out the agreements, and for other purposes (Rept. 118-785, Pt. 1). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. MCHENRY: Committee on Financial Services. H.R. 3556. A bill to amend the Federal financial laws to increase financial regulatory accountability and transparency,

and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 118-793, Pt. 1). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. MCHENRY: Committee on Financial Services. H.R. 3378. A bill to amend the Defense Production Act of 1950 to include the Secretary of Agriculture as a member of the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 118-798, Pt. 1). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. MCHENRY: Committee on Financial Services. H.R. 8302. A bill to establish a commission to review the programs of the Department of Housing and Urban Development and make recommendations for legislative reforms, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 118-800, Pt. 1). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. MCHENRY: Committee on Financial Services. H.R. 5409. A bill to amend the Defense Production Act of 1950 to require the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States to determine whether a national security review is needed for reportable agricultural land transactions referred by the Secretary of Agriculture, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 118-801, Pt. 1). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. GREEN of Tennessee: Committee on Homeland Security. H.R. 4406. A bill to require reporting regarding accreditation of basic training programs of the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes; (Rept. 118-821, Pt. 1). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Ms. FOXX: Committee on Education and the Workforce. H.R. 9457. A bill to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to prohibit increased payments under a group health plan or group health insurance coverage for telehealth services furnished by a provider located at a facility; with an amendment (Rept. 118-876, Pt. 1). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. SMITH of Missouri: Committee on Ways and Means. H.R. 8261. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to extend certain flexibilities and payment adjustments under the Medicare program, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 118-891, Pt. 1). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri: Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. H.R. 1720. A bill to modify permitting requirements with respect to the discharge of any pollutant from the Point Loma Wastewater Treatment Plant in certain circumstances, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 118-929). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri: Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. H.R. 3316. A bill to amend titles 46 and 49, United States Code, to streamline the environmental review process for major projects, and for other purposes (Rept. 118-930). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri: Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. H.R. 3356. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, with respect to employment screening for the motor carrier industry, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 118-931). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri: Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. H.R. 8616. A bill to amend the Robert T. Stafford Dis-

aster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to require the President to establish a disaster deductible for each State to offset the amount provided to such State in response to a major disaster, and for other purposes (Rept. 118-932). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri: Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. H.R. 7070. A bill to direct the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to conduct a review of the criteria for evaluating the cost-effectiveness of certain mitigation projects, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 118-933). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri: Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. H.R. 3988. A bill to provide for congressional approval of national emergency declarations; with an amendment (Rept. 118-934, Pt. 1). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri: Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. H.R. 8505. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to expand the authority of the Administrator of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration to assess penalties for violations of laws and regulations relating to the shipping of household goods, and for other purposes; with amendments (Rept. 118-935). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri: Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. H.R. 2367. A bill to amend title 23, United States Code, to establish a competitive grant program for projects for commercial motor vehicle parking, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 118-936). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri: Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. H.R. 2948. A bill to amend title 23, United States Code, with respect to the operation of certain specialized hauling vehicles on the Interstate System, and for other purposes (Rept. 118-937). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. BOST: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H.R. 1753. A bill to ensure that certain members of the Armed Forces who served in female cultural support teams receive proper credit for such service; with an amendment (Rept. 118-938, Pt. 1). Ordered to be printed.

Mr. COMER: Committee on Oversight and Accountability. H.R. 4552. A bill to improve the cybersecurity of the Federal Government, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 118-939, Pt. 1). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. COMER: Committee on Oversight and Accountability. H.R. 8784. A bill to require each agency to evaluate the permitting system of the agency, to consider whether a permit by rule could replace that system, and for other purposes; with amendments (Rept. 118-940). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

DISCHARGE OF COMMITTEE

Pursuant to clause 2 of rule XIII, the Committee on Ways and Means discharged from further consideration. H.R. 133 referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Pursuant to clause 2 of rule XIII, the Committee on Agriculture discharged from further consideration. H.R. 200 referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Pursuant to clause 2 of rule XIII, the Committee on Agriculture discharged

from further consideration. H.R. 1380 referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Pursuant to clause 2 of rule XIII, the Committee on Ways and Means discharged from further consideration. H.R. 2666 referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Pursuant to clause 2 of rule XIII, the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure discharged from further consideration. H.R. 3196 referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Pursuant to clause 2 of rule XIII, the Committee on the Judiciary discharged from further consideration. H.R. 3244 referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Pursuant to clause 2 of rule XIII, the Committees on Energy and Commerce and Foreign Affairs discharged from further consideration. H.R. 3378 referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Pursuant to clause 2 of rule XIII, the Committee on Oversight and Accountability discharged from further consideration. H.R. 3556 referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Pursuant to clause 2 of rule XIII, the Committees on Foreign Affairs and Rules discharged from further consideration. H.R. 3988 referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Pursuant to clause 2 of rule XIII, the Committee on Armed Services discharged from further consideration. H.R. 4377 referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Pursuant to clause 2 of rule XIII, the Committee on the Judiciary discharged from further consideration. H.R. 4406 referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Pursuant to clause 2 of rule XIII, the Committees on Energy and Commerce and Ways and Means discharged from further consideration. H.R. 4507 referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Pursuant to clause 2 of rule XIII, the Committees on Science, Space, and Technology, Homeland Security, and Armed Services discharged from further consideration. H.R. 4552 referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Pursuant to clause 2 of rule XIII, the Committees on Foreign Affairs and Energy and Commerce discharged from further consideration. H.R. 5409 referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Pursuant to clause 2 of rule XIII, the Committee on Agriculture discharged from further consideration. H.R. 5535 referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Pursuant to clause 2 of rule XIII, the Committee on Agriculture discharged from further consideration. H.R. 5665 referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Pursuant to clause 2 of rule XIII, the Committee on Armed Services discharged from further consideration. H.R. 6070 referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Pursuant to clause 2 of rule XIII, the Committee on Energy and Commerce discharged from further consideration. H.R. 7513 referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Pursuant to clause 2 of rule XIII, the Committee on Appropriations discharged from further consideration. H.R. 7687 referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Pursuant to clause 2 of rule XIII, the Committee on Energy and Commerce discharged from further consideration. H.R. 8261 referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Pursuant to clause 2 of rule XIII, the Committee on Rules discharged from further consideration. H.R. 8302 referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Pursuant to clause 2 of rule XIII, the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure, Agriculture, and Energy and Commerce discharged from further consideration. H.R. 8811 referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Pursuant to clause 2 of rule XIII, the Committee on Energy and Commerce discharged from further consideration. H.R. 9457 referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Pursuant to clause 2 of rule XIII, the Committees on Veterans' Affairs, Oversight and Accountability, Agriculture, and Ways and Means discharged from further consideration. H.J. Res. 96 referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions of the following titles were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Ms. BONAMICI (for herself, Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania, Ms. CASTOR of Florida, and Mr. BACON):

H.R. 10512. A bill to extend the RAISE Family Caregivers Act; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. CURTIS (for himself and Mr. LEVIN):

H.R. 10513. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to co-locate renewable energy projects on certain existing Federal leased areas, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania (for himself, Mr. ALFORD, Mr. LAMALFA, Mr. BACON, Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia, Mr. CRAWFORD, Mr. ROUZER, Mr. KELLY of Mississippi, Mr. FINSTAD, Mr. VAN ORDEN, and Mr. BAIRD):

H.R. 10514. A bill to provide additional assistance to certain agricultural producers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Com-

mittee on Education and the Workforce, 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. COLE (for himself and Mr. EDWARDS):

H.R. 10515. A bill making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Appropriations, 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.

By Mr. ARRINGTON (for himself, Ms. VAN DUYN, Mr. TIFFANY, Mr. FEENSTRA, Mr. SMITH of Nebraska, Mr. ELLZEY, Mr. ESTES, Mr. FINSTAD, Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas, Ms. TENNEY, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. ROY, and Mr. BABIN):

H.R. 10516. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the credit for new clean vehicles, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. BEAN of Florida:

H.R. 10517. A bill to require the head of each Executive agency to relocate 30 percent of the employees assigned to the headquarters of the Executive agency to duty stations outside the Washington metropolitan area, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

By Mrs. BEATTY (for herself, Ms. BROWN, Mr. FOSTER, Mr. GRJALVA, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Ms. LEE of Pennsylvania, Mr. LYNCH, Mrs. MCIVER, Mr. SWALWELL, and Ms. NORTON):

H.R. 10518. A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to provide grants to local educational agencies to encourage girls and underrepresented minorities to pursue studies and careers in STEM fields; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. BURLISON:

H.R. 10519. A bill to strengthen the reliability of the United States' power grids by preventing the premature retirement of essential electric generating units by the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. CARDENAS:

H.R. 10520. A bill to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to reauthorize the Clean School Bus program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. CONNOLLY:

H.R. 10521. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a credit against income tax for qualified conservation contributions which include National Scenic Trails; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Natural Resources, 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. CONNOLLY:

H.R. 10522. A bill to establish an inter-agency task force to increase vital documents access for unaccompanied homeless youth; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Financial Services, 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. CURTIS:

H.R. 10523. A bill to establish and carry out a Federal Wildfire Relief Fund; to the Com-

mittee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. D'ESPOSITO (for himself and Mr. LALOTA):

H.R. 10524. A bill to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to prohibit the use of Federal funds for the administration of elections for Federal, State, or local office in States which do not have in effect laws to permit units of local government to hold elections for local office in odd-numbered years, and for other purposes; to the Committee on House Administration.

By Ms. DELAURO:

H.R. 10525. A bill to facilitate efficient investments and financing of infrastructure projects and new job creation through the establishment of a National Infrastructure Development Bank, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure, and Financial Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Ms. DELAURO (for herself and Ms. SCHAKOWSKY):

H.R. 10526. A bill to amend the Social Security Act to establish a Medicare for America health program to provide for comprehensive health coverage for all Americans; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, the Judiciary, Natural Resources, Education and the Workforce, and House Administration, 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 Mrs. DINGELL (for herself and Mr. LAWLER):

H.R. 10527. A bill to direct the National Park Service to pursue options for the provision of mineral-based, broad-spectrum sunscreen or other protective methods at low or no cost in national parks; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Ms. HAGEMAN:

H.R. 10528. A bill to exempt Federal actions related to energy and mineral activities on certain Federal lands from the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana:

H.R. 10529. A bill to provide for the reform and continuation of agricultural and other programs of the Department of Agriculture through fiscal year 2029, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. KHANNA (for himself, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Ms. NORTON, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Ms. TLAI, and Mr. JACKSON of Illinois):

H.R. 10530. A bill to amend the Federal Reserve Act to modify the goals of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, to eliminate class A and B directors from the board of directors of each Federal reserve bank, and to establish certain reporting requirements for the Board of Governors, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. KHANNA:

H.R. 10531. A bill to prohibit the exportation of gasoline during periods of high gasoline prices; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. KHANNA:

H.R. 10532. A bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to prohibit a candidate for election to the office or Representative in Congress or Senator from accepting contributions from any political committee other than an authorized committee of the candidate and from establishing a leadership PAC; to the Committee on House Administration.

By Mr. KILMER (for himself, Ms. SALINAS, and Mr. GUEST):

H.R. 10533. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to administratively transfer covered parcels of National Forest System land to the Secretary of the Interior to be held in trust for the benefit of Indian Tribes; to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Ms. LEE of Pennsylvania (for herself, Mr. CARSON, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, and Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia):

H.R. 10534. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to require institutions of higher education, as a condition of participating in programs under title IV of such Act, to annually conduct a survey to measure student experiences with discrimination at such institutions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Ms. LEE of Pennsylvania:

H.R. 10535. A bill to provide grants to State and local governments that enact right to counsel legislation for low-income tenants facing eviction, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MCGARVEY (for himself and Mr. LEVIN):

H.R. 10536. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish a mission of the Veterans Health Administration to innovate, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. MCGOVERN:

H.R. 10537. A bill to support and promote the human rights of Southern Mongolians in the People's Republic of China, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on the Judiciary, Financial Services, and House Administration, 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. NADLER (for himself and Mr. CORREA):

H.R. 10538. A bill to amend title 11, United States Code, to improve protections for employees and retirees in business bankruptcies; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. RAMIREZ:

H.R. 10539. A bill to amend section 222 of the Immigration and Nationality Act to prohibit the rejection of immigrant and non-immigrant applications for omissions in certain fields not required; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. SCANLON (for herself, Ms. JAYAPAL, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, and Mr. ESPAILLAT):

H.R. 10540. A bill to prohibit data brokers from selling and transferring certain sensitive data; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. SWALWELL:

H.R. 10541. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to limit the deferral of gain for officers of the executive branch of the Federal Government in the case of the sale of property to comply with conflict-of-interest requirements; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Ms. WATERS:

H.R. 10542. A bill to amend the Federal Deposit Insurance Act and the Federal Credit Union Act to authorize a temporary transaction account guarantee program, expand deposit and share insurance to cover business payment accounts, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. BURLISON:

H.J. Res. 229. A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States related to the public debt; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. ROSENDALE:

H.J. Res. 230. A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Bureau of Land Management related to the Record of Decision and Approved Resource Management Plan Amendment for the Miles City Field Office, Montana; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. AMO (for himself and Mrs. KIM of California):

H. Res. 1622. A resolution emphasizing the importance and power of distributed ledger technologies (DLT) to support democratic governance, human rights, internet freedom, and transparency; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. WENSTRUP:

H. Res. 1623. A resolution expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the rate of chronic absenteeism in American schools must urgently be reduced, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. WENSTRUP:

H. Res. 1624. A resolution expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee, as an entity of the United States Postal Service, should issue a series of forever postage stamps to honor the sacrifices of servicemembers who have been designated prisoner, missing, or unaccounted for, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

By Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia (for herself, Mr. MOORE of Utah, Mr. NEAL, Mr. CISCOMANI, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, Mr. CARSON, Mr. CARTER of Louisiana, Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK, Mr. CLEAVER, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE, Mr. STANTON, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Ms. TITUS, Mr. VEASEY, and Ms. SCHOLTEN):

H. Res. 1625. A resolution supporting the recognition of "World Basketball Day", celebrated globally on December 21 each year, and honoring the contributions of basketball to global unity, international sports diplomacy, and the transformative impact of the sport on communities across the world; to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

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 U.S. Constitution to enact the accompanying bill or joint resolution and (2) the single subject of the bill or joint resolution.

By Ms. BONAMICI:

H.R. 10512.
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:
Family caregivers

By Mr. CURTIS:

H.R. 10513.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article IV, Section 3, Clause 2
The single subject of this legislation is:
Management of federal lands.

By Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania:

H.R. 10514.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

the power to provide for the general Welfare of the United States under Article 1, Section 8, Clause 1 which includes the power to promote the economic viability of Rural America.

The single subject of this legislation is:

Economic aid for farmers, ranchers and dairy producers

By Mr. COLE:

H.R. 10515.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

The principal constitutional authority for this legislation is clause 7 of section 9 of article I of the Constitution of the United States (the appropriation power), which states: "No Money shall be drawn from the Treasury, but in Consequence of Appropriations made by Law . . ." In addition, clause 1 of section 8 of article I of the Constitution (the spending power) provides: "The Congress shall have the Power . . . to pay the Debts and provide for the common Defence and general Welfare of the United States. . . ." Together, these specific constitutional provisions establish the congressional power of the purse, granting Congress the authority to appropriate funds, to determine their purpose, amount, and period of availability, and to set forth terms and conditions governing their use.

The single subject of this legislation is:

The subject of the bill is the making of continuing appropriations and disaster relief supplemental appropriations for fiscal year 2025.

By Mr. ARRINGTON:

H.R. 10516.
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:

This bill repeals tax credits related to purchasing and charging electric vehicles.

By Mr. BEAN of Florida:

H.R. 10517.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1 Section 8 Clause 18, the Necessary and Proper Clause

[The Congress shall have Power . . .] To make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for parrying into Execution the foregoing Powers, and all Other Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States, or in any Department or Officer thereof.

The single subject of this legislation is:

To require the head of each Executive-agency to relocate 30 percent of the employees assigned to the headquarters of the Executive agency to duty stations outside the Washington metropolitan area, and for other purposes.

By Mrs. BEATTY:

H.R. 10518.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, clause 1 (Taxing and Spending Clause)

The single subject of this legislation is:
Appropriations

By Mr. BURLISON:

H.R. 10519.

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

Article I, Section VIII of the United States Constitution

The single subject of this legislation is:

This bill protects the electric grid from energy killing regulations promulgated from the Environmental Protection Agency.

By Mr. CARDENAS:

H.R. 10520.

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

Article 1, Section 1.

All legislative powers herein granted shall be vested in a Congress of the United States, which shall consist of a Senate and House of Representatives.

The single subject of this legislation is:

Clean School Bus Program.

By Mr. CONNOLLY:

H.R. 10521.

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

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a credit against income tax for qualified conservation contributions which include National Scenic Trails.

The single subject of this legislation is:

This bill aims to modify the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 by introducing a tax credit for National Scenic Trails conservation contributions.

By Mr. CONNOLLY:

H.R. 10522.

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

Article 1 Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution

The single subject of this legislation is:

To establish an interagency task force to increase vital documents access for unaccompanied homeless youth.

By Mr. CURTIS:

H.R. 10523.

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

Article 1, Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:

The President, through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), shall be required to declare a wildfire as a catastrophic wildfire for relief to be available under this Act.

By Mr. D'ESPOSITO:

H.R. 10524.

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:

To amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to prohibit the use of Federal funds for the administration of elections for Federal, State, or local office in States which do not have in effect laws to permit units of local government to hold elections for local office in odd-numbered years, and for other purposes.

By Ms. DELAURO:

H.R. 10525.

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

Section 8 of Article I of the Constitution

The single subject of this legislation is:

infrastructure

By Ms. DELAURO:

H.R. 10526.

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

Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution

The single subject of this legislation is:

This bill establishes several health insurance programs and otherwise modifies certain requirements relating to health care coverage, costs, and services.

By Mrs. DINGELL:

H.R. 10527.

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.

The single subject of this legislation is:

To direct the National Park Service to pursue options for the provision of mineral-based, broad-spectrum sunscreen or other protective methods at low or not cost in national parks.

By Ms. HAGEMAN:

H.R. 10528.

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

Article I Section VIII

The single subject of this legislation is:

Exempts Federal actions related to energy and mineral activities on certain Federal lands from the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

By Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana:

H.R. 10529.

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

Under Article 1, Section 8 of the Constitution, Congress has the power "to make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States, or any Department or Officer thereof"

The single subject of this legislation is:

To provide for the reform and continuation of agricultural and other programs of the Department of Agriculture through fiscal year 2029, and for other purposes.

By Mr. KHANNA:

H.R. 10530.

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

Article 1, Section 8 of the Constitution gives Congress the power to make laws that are necessary and proper to carry out its enumerated powers.

The single subject of this legislation is:

Employment

By Mr. KHANNA:

H.R. 10531.

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

Section 1, Article 8

The single subject of this legislation is:

To prohibit the exportation of gasoline during periods of high gasoline prices.

By Mr. KHANNA:

H.R. 10532.

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

Article 1, Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:

Finance

By Mr. KILMER:

H.R. 10533.

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:

forestry policy

By Ms. LEE of Pennsylvania:

H.R. 10534.

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

Art. I, Sec. 8

The single subject of this legislation is:

To promote more diverse and inclusive college campuses by establishing a college campus racial climate survey.

By Ms. LEE of Pennsylvania:

H.R. 10535.

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

Article 1, Section 8, clause 18 allows Congress to make all laws "which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into execution" any "other" powers vested by the Constitution in the Government of the United States.

The single subject of this legislation is:

Housing and Community Development

By Mr. MCGARVEY:

H.R. 10536.

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

Article 1 Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:

Veterans

By Mr. MCGOVERN:

H.R. 10537.

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

Article 1, Section 8, Clauses 3 and 18.

The single subject of this legislation is:

To support and promote the human rights of Southern Mongolians in the People's Republic of China, and for other purposes.

By Mr. NADLER:

H.R. 10538.

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

Article I, Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:

Judiciary

By Mrs. RAMIREZ:

H.R. 10539.

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

Article 1, Section 8 of the Constitution of the United States.

The single subject of this legislation is:

This legislation would amend section 222 of the Immigration and Nationality Act to prohibit the rejection of immigrant and non-immigrant applications for omissions in certain fields not required.

By Ms. SCANLON:

H.R. 10540.

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

Article 1 Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:

To prohibit data brokers from selling and transferring certain sensitive data.

By Mr. SWALWELL:

H.R. 10541.

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

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:

This bill amends the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to limit the deferral of gain for officers of the executive branch of the Federal Government in the case of the sale of property to comply with conflict-of-interest requirements.

By Ms. WATERS:

H.R. 10542.

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

Clause 3 of Section 8 of Article I of the Constitution, which provides Congress with the power to "regulate commerce with foreign nations, and among the several states, and with the Indian tribes."

The single subject of this legislation is:

The bill modernizes the deposit insurance framework to better protect small business payment accounts.

By Mr. BURLISON:

H.J. Res. 229.

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

Article I, Section VIII of the United States Constitution

The single subject of this legislation is:

This joint resolution proposes an amendment to the U.S. Constitution related to the public debt.

By Mr. ROSENDALE:

H.J. Res. 230.

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

Article 1, Section 8
The single subject of this legislation is:
Natural Resources

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

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

- H.R. 646: Mr. GUTHRIE.
H.R. 887: Mr. GUTHRIE.
H.R. 1378: Mr. JOYCE of Ohio.
H.R. 1477: Mr. JOYCE of Ohio.
H.R. 1645: Mr. PAPPAS.
H.R. 1788: Mr. NEGUSE.
H.R. 2604: Mr. COHEN.
H.R. 2671: Ms. HOYLE of Oregon.
H.R. 2761: Mr. PAPPAS.
H.R. 2854: Mr. CROW.
H.R. 3074: Mr. THOMPSON of California.
H.R. 3220: Mrs. RAMIREZ.
H.R. 3409: Ms. HOULAHAN and Mr. ESPAILLAT.
H.R. 3481: Mr. COSTA.
H.R. 3520: Mr. JOYCE of Ohio.
H.R. 3610: Mr. SMITH of Washington and Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois.
H.R. 3644: Mr. GUTHRIE.
H.R. 3718: Mr. STANTON.
H.R. 4074: Mr. THANEDAR and Ms. VELÁZQUEZ.
H.R. 4263: Mr. LANDSMAN.
H.R. 4303: Mr. MCGARVEY.
H.R. 4721: Mr. JOYCE of Ohio.
H.R. 4896: Mr. PAPPAS.
H.R. 5147: Mr. NEGUSE.
H.R. 5353: Mr. CORREA and Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK.
H.R. 5413: Mr. PAPPAS.
- H.R. 5864: Mr. NEGUSE.
H.R. 5940: Ms. CASTOR of Florida.
H.R. 5970: Ms. PINGREE, Mr. MOLINARO, Ms. TOKUDA, Ms. MCCOLLUM, and Ms. TLAIB.
H.R. 6053: Mr. DOGGETT.
H.R. 6145: Ms. SCANLON, Ms. GARCIA of Texas, Ms. NORTON, and Mr. LANDSMAN.
H.R. 6159: Mr. NEGUSE.
H.R. 6163: Mr. FROST.
H.R. 6199: Mr. COURTNEY.
H.R. 6337: Mr. NEGUSE.
H.R. 6373: Mr. NEGUSE.
H.R. 6430: Mr. NEGUSE.
H.R. 6445: Mr. NEGUSE.
H.R. 6455: Mr. LIEU.
H.R. 6772: Mr. NEGUSE.
H.R. 6805: Ms. CASTOR of Florida.
H.R. 6815: Mr. NEGUSE.
H.R. 6961: Ms. TLAIB.
H.R. 7025: Mr. CROW.
H.R. 7055: Mr. NEGUSE.
H.R. 7091: Mr. JOYCE of Ohio.
H.R. 7127: Mr. VASQUEZ.
H.R. 7136: Mr. JOYCE of Ohio.
H.R. 7472: Mr. GUTHRIE.
H.R. 7504: Mr. JOYCE of Ohio.
H.R. 7517: Ms. BONAMICI.
H.R. 7840: Mr. TRONE.
H.R. 7999: Mr. NEGUSE.
H.R. 8061: Mr. FROST and Mr. BILIRAKIS.
H.R. 8202: Mr. VAN DREW.
H.R. 8260: Mr. NEGUSE.
H.R. 8312: Mr. JOYCE of Ohio.
H.R. 8331: Mr. THANEDAR and Mr. GRIJALVA.
H.R. 8358: Mr. CASE.
H.R. 8370: Mr. CONNOLLY.
H.R. 8405: Mr. NEGUSE.
H.R. 8419: Mr. LARSEN of Washington.
H.R. 8565: Ms. NORTON.
H.R. 8673: Ms. BONAMICI, Mr. AMO, Mr. FOSTER, Mr. BEYER, and Ms. JACOBS.
- H.R. 8825: Mr. GREEN of Texas.
H.R. 8886: Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas.
H.R. 8996: Mr. THOMPSON of California.
H.R. 9146: Mr. VAN DREW.
H.R. 9178: Mr. JOYCE of Ohio.
H.R. 9218: Ms. LEE of Florida.
H.R. 9228: Ms. LEE of Pennsylvania.
H.R. 9243: Ms. OMAR.
H.R. 9324: Mr. JOYCE of Ohio.
H.R. 9438: Mr. JOYCE of Ohio.
H.R. 9508: Mr. NEGUSE.
H.R. 9523: Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania.
H.R. 9561: Ms. TENNEY.
H.R. 9650: Ms. CASTOR of Florida.
H.R. 9662: Ms. BARRAGÁN.
H.R. 9687: Ms. OMAR.
H.R. 9734: Mr. GOTTHEIMER and Ms. PINGREE.
H.R. 9912: Ms. DELBENE.
H.R. 9950: Mr. GROTHMAN.
H.R. 9982: Mr. DESAULNIER.
H.R. 10055: Mr. IVEY.
H.R. 10134: Mr. WEBER of Texas and Mr. NEHLS.
H.R. 10137: Ms. NORTON.
H.R. 10189: Mr. GREEN of Texas.
H.R. 10230: Mr. FROST.
H.R. 10427: Mr. WOMACK.
H.R. 10462: Mr. WEBER of Texas.
H.R. 10476: Mr. SESSIONS.
H.R. 10505: Ms. NORTON.
H.R. 10507: Ms. DELBENE and Mr. GARAMENDI.
H.J. Res. 33: Mr. JOYCE of Ohio.
H. Res. 376: Ms. HOYLE of Oregon.
H. Res. 1022: Mr. GUTHRIE.
H. Res. 1499: Mr. LARSEN of Washington.
H. Res. 1618: Mr. FROST and Mrs. RAMIREZ.