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

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,

December 20, 2024. I hereby appoint the Honorable CELESTE MALOY to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

> MIKE JOHNSON, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

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

Lord, if You can do anything, have compassion on us and help us.

Would that we show the maturity of faith that our lives would reflect our belief in You and that in You, we would believe all things are possible. Lord, we believe. Help our unbelief.

For you, O God, rule all things in wisdom and righteousness. You have called each one of us to serve You and be obedient to Your will. In Your providence, You lay before us the ability to trust in our present and hope for our future. Lord, we hope. Help our uncertainty.

You, O God, who are love, and in love created each one of us, and in love still cherish every person where they are and just as they are, call us to share that love with our colleagues, our family and friends, and even our enemies. Lord, we love You. Help us in our inability to love our neighbor.

In our belief, may we find the patience to hope. And in hoping may we become more loving. And in hoping and loving, may we grow stronger in our faith and closer in our walk with You.

In the name of the one who showed us how to love, we pray. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House the approval thereof.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Mr. QUIGLEY 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.

SYRIA LIBERATED

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

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, the murderous Assad regime in Syria, backed by war criminal Putin, and the Tehran terrorist regime and its Hezbollah puppet, caused the worst refugee crisis since World War II. With 12 million citizens, over one-half of Syria has been displaced. Now murderous Assad escapes to Moscow while one million citizens will be returning in the next 6 months. Helping Syrians return home should be a priority. This can best promote reconstruction. American policies should reduce sanctions on Syria to help Syrians stay in their homes or return home. It would be positive to see the building of a new Trump Tower in Damascus.

Success for democracy in Moldova and Romania this month, with courageous Ukrainian resistance, and Syria expelling Putin, is an inspiration for patriots in Georgia defeating war criminal Putin puppets.

In conclusion, God bless our troops as the global war on terrorism continues. Open borders for dictators put all Americans at risk of more 9/11 attacks imminent as warned by the FBI. Trump will reinstitute existing laws to protect American families with peace through strength.

Wishing Chaplain Margaret Kibben a merry Christmas.

ATTACKS ON TRANSGENDER COMMUNITY

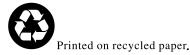
(Mr. QUIGLEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. QUIGLEY. Madam Speaker, today, as in every day, we open the House with the Pledge of Allegiance and the words "with liberty and justice for all."

However, some of our Nation's greatest ills have come from moments when we have chosen to make exceptions to "all." Right now there are those who, once again, make exceptions, this time by carving out the transgender community by targeting them for discriminatory policies.

To those crafting these policies, every economic challenge, shift in culture, and electoral loss can be blamed on one small, minority population or another. To them, every problem is someone else's fault, and if only that

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group didn't exist or if they were more like the majority, then perhaps our country's challenges would be solved.

Let us remind ourselves that never have our Nation's problems been solved by creating a scapegoat. In light of Supreme Court cases and derogatory posts, we need to remind ourselves that these are real people whom we are talking about. Just because you may not understand someone's experience, Madam Speaker, does not make them any less valid.

À lack of understanding does not give anyone the liberty to attack someone's existence. Let us lead with empathy and strive to learn from our neighbors.

CELEBRATING THE RETIREMENT OF MIKE VESTA

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

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the retirement of the chief information officer of the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, FLETC, Mike Vesta.

Mr. Vesta was appointed as the assistant director and chief information officer of FLETC in August of 2016, and he will retire on December 31.

Mr. Vesta has an extensive background in providing training resources to State, local, campus, Tribal, and international law enforcement. He held a crucial role in Federal law enforcement training, as FLETC serves as a law enforcement training agency for over 90 Federal agencies and other partner organizations.

Mr. Vesta began his career in the Federal Government in 1986 where he spent 4 years enlisted in the U.S. Air Force. He also held many roles within the National Weather Service beginning in 1991.

In 2002, Mr. Vesta became the CIO of the Overton Brooks VA Medical Center where he influenced change with information technology in the healthcare world before joining FLETC in 2006.

I celebrate Mr. Vesta's impressive knowledge and impactful career that has supported the U.S. Air Force and advancements in information technology and Federal law enforcement training.

I congratulate Mr. Vesta on his retirement.

BIPARTISAN SPENDING AGREEMENT

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

Mrs. LEE CARTER. Madam Speaker, I did not expect to be here today. We had a bipartisan agreement, and we were set to vote on Wednesday. It was bipartisan and bicameral, yet, at the eleventh hour it was pulled, doing injustice to the American people.

I call for that same agreement to come to the floor so that we can regain

the trust of the American people, keep our government open, and do what they have asked us to do, which is fund disaster relief and provide vast, important services across our Nation.

I also rise because this may be my last time in the well. It has been my honor to be a voice for the 18th Congressional District and bring an important vote back to this House in memory of my mother, the Honorable Sheila Jackson Lee, fighting for justice, freedom, access to healthcare, women's rights, human rights, and economic opportunity for all.

She always fought for it to be a more perfect union and for America to live up to her promise. I think that we should do well to remember that when we have these discussions today.

May her legacy live on in this body and live on in this Nation forever. It has been a true honor to be with my colleagues, but I ask that we do what is right in this season of giving for the American people and bring the bipartisan agreement back to the floor for a vote.

RECOGNIZING SLOAN MCPHERSON

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

Mr. ROSENDALE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Montana Grizzly defensive end Sloan McPherson from Glendive, Montana. While Sloan is a fantastic football player, I recognize him today for his lifesaving efforts off the gridiron.

Every spring, the Montana Griz football team walks the campus encouraging people to participate in the National Marrow Be the Match Program. Along with encouraging others to join the registry, many players selflessly add their own names to the list.

This past summer, Sloan got a call saying that his stem cells matched a patient with life-threatening leukemia and sickle cell anemia. Sloan made the decision to potentially pass up the opportunity to begin the season with his team and instead flew to Boise, Idaho, to donate his stem cells.

This selfless act resulted in a saved life. When Sloan is asked about his donation, he humbly says: When there is someone in need and you can help them, you have to do it. I have known Sloan since he was born. He lives next door to me. Like his parents, Craig and April, I am proud of the young man that he has grown to be.

The world can use more men like Sloan McPherson.

CELEBRATING THOMAS EYE GROUP'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

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

Mr. CLYDE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 50th anniversary

of Thomas Eye Group. For one-half century, Thomas Eye Group has provided exceptional eye care for folks throughout the north Georgia region, becoming a cornerstone of Georgia's healthcare community.

Whether it is through pediatric care, advanced surgeries, or the everyday gift of clearer sight, Thomas Eye Group has embodied what it means to serve with purpose. Their skilled doctors and staff have not only improved their patients' vision but transformed lives, restoring hope and clarity to countless Georgians.

I applaud their unwavering commitment to their patients, their integrity in practice, and their drive to embrace innovation while never losing sight of their mission.

Madam Speaker, I congratulate Thomas Eye Group on this incredible milestone. As we look ahead to the next 50 years, I am confident their topnotch team will continue leading the way in delivering exceptional eye care.

Wishes for a merry Christmas.

OUR COUNTRY'S BEST

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

Mr. LAMALFA. Madam Speaker, I appreciate the efforts of our chairman, G.T. THOMPSON, of the Ag Committee and many of our colleagues in making sure that this year-end agreement we have is going to also include the importance of agriculture.

Agriculture is in big trouble with the commodity prices and disasters they face around the country. Many of these amazing crops you see right here on this poster board, Madam Speaker, would not exist, and, without this aid that we have in this package here, they will be in big trouble and maybe not get the finances here.

Some of the finest quality crops anywhere come from California and the U.S.

Also, some of the finest quality staff we have, our Ella, a staff member who works on this floor, will be leaving us pretty soon and heading over to a different building to work in a new Member's office. We will still miss her and her high-quality work and her thumbsup like an empress up there in front.

Madam Speaker, I wish Ella best wishes and good luck. God bless Ella.

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 12 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 4 o'clock and 53 minutes p.m.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

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

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, Washington, DC, December 20, 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 20, 2024, at 1:55 p.m.

- That the Senate passed S. 623. That the Senate passed S. 2020.
- That the Senate passed S. 2160.
- That the Senate passed S. 2784.
- That the Senate passed S. 3617.
- That the Senate passed S. 3790. That the Senate passed S. 4404.
- That the Senate passed S. 4451.
- That the Senate passed S. 4640.
- That the Senate passed S. 4634.
- That the Senate passed S. 4803.
- That the Senate passed S. 4851.
- That the Senate passed S. 4974. That the Senate passed S. 5062.
- That the Senate passed without amend-
- ment H.R. 1555. That the Senate passed without amend-
- ment H.R. 1823.
- That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 3354.
- That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 5867.
- That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 6116. That the Senate passed without amend-
- ment H.R. 6162.
- That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 6188.
- That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 6244.
- That the Senate passed without amend-
- ment H.R. 6492. That the Senate passed without amend-
- ment H.R. 6633.
- That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 6750. That the Senate passed without amend-
- ment H.R. 6810.
- That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 6983.
- That the Senate passed without amend-
- ment H.B. 7158 That the Senate passed without amend-
- ment H.R. 7180. That the Senate passed without amend-
- ment H.R. 7365.
- That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 7385.
- That the Senate passed without amend-
- ment H.R. 7417. That the Senate passed without amend-
- ment H.R. 7507. That the Senate passed without amend-
- ment H.R. 7508. That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 7606.
- That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 7607.
- That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 7893.
- That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 7938. That the Senate passed without amend-
- ment H.R. 8057.

- That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 8641. That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 8717. That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 8909. That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 8841. That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 8868. That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 8919.
- That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 8976. That the Senate passed without amend-
- ment H.B. 9285. That the Senate passed without amend-
- ment H.R. 9322. That the Senate passed without amend-
- ment H.R. 9421. That the Senate passed without amend-
- ment H.R. 9487. That the Senate passed without amend-
- ment H.R. 9544. That the Senate passed without amend-
- ment H.R. 9549. That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 9580.
- That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 9592.
- That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 9600.
- That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 9775.
- That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 10065.
- Appointment: United States Commission on International Religious Freedom.

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 postpone further proceedings will 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.

AMERICAN RELIEF ACT, 2025

Mr. COLE. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 10545) 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. 10545

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 APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2025

DIVISION B-DISASTER RELIEF SUPPLE-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.

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- 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

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SEC. 3. REFERENCES.

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amended-

Sec. 3301. Sexual risk avoidance education extension. Sec. 3302. Personal responsibility education

Sec. 3303. Extension of funding for family-

TITLE IV-MEDICAID

Sec. 3401. Eliminating certain dispropor-

DIVISION D-EXTENSION OF

AGRICULTURAL PROGRAMS

Sec. 4101. Extension of agricultural pro-

DIVISION E-OTHER MATTERS

Sec. 5101. Commodity futures trading com-

Sec. 5102. Protection of certain facilities and

Sec. 5104. National cybersecurity protection

Sec. 5105. Extension of temporary order for

Except as expressly provided otherwise,

any reference to "this Act" contained in any

division of this Act shall be treated as refer-

ring only to the provisions of that division.

DIVISION A-FURTHER CONTINUING

APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2025

Act, 2025 (division A of Public Law 118-83) is

(1) by striking the date specified in section

"SEC. 126. Notwithstanding section 101,

amounts are provided for 'District of Colum-

bia-Federal Payment for Emergency Plan-

ning 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 Presi-

dential Inauguration to be held in January

2025: Provided, That such amounts may be ap-

portioned up to the rate for operations nec-

essary to maintain emergency planning and

security activities."; and

106(3) and inserting "March 14, 2025";

(2) in section 126 to read as follows:

101. The Continuing Appropriations

system authorization.

fentanyl-related substances.

Sec. 5103. Additional special assessment.

tionate share hospital payment

mission whistleblower program.

assets from unmanned aircraft.

health information

(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 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. 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, \$5.691.000.000. Navy'. 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 (subtitle 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 SUPPLE-MENTAL 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

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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 Mar-keting—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(i) 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

a separate payment limit for economic as-

sistance payments: Provided further. That not

later than 120 days after the enactment of

this Act. and for each fiscal quarter there-

after until the amounts provided under this

heading in this Act are expended, the Sec-

retary shall report to the Committees on Ap-

propriations of the House of Representatives

and the Senate on the implementation of

any programs provided for under this head-

ing in this Act specifying the type, amount,

and method of such assistance by State and

territory: Provided further, That of the

\$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

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 eli-

gible States to provide compensation to pro-

ducers 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 war-

rants such relief: Provided, That eligible

States are those States with a net farm in-

come for 2023 of less than \$250,000,000, as re-

corded 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 im-

pose additional costs on producers: Provided

further, That such amount is designated by

the Congress as being for an emergency re-

quirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i)

of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Def-

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

spector General", \$7,500,000, to remain avail-

able until expended, for audits, investiga-

tions, and other oversight of projects and ac-

tivities carried out with funds made avail-

able to the Department of Agriculture in

this Act: 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

AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH SERVICE

BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES

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 pursu-

ant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced

Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act

For an additional amount for "Buildings

Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

For an additional amount for "Office of In-

icit Control Act of 1985.

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provided in this

FARM PRODUCTION AND CONSERVATION PROGRAMS plied by substituting "2023 and 2024" for FARM SERVICE AGENCY "2020 and 2021" and the Secretary shall apply 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"; and

(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 LIMI-TATIONS.—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 costsharing 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 1time 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 conndition 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)

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For an additional amount for "Economic Development Programs", Assistance \$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 recoverv, 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 vears 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, hurricanes, 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 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.

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, 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, 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

OTHER PROCUREMENT, AIR FORCE

Act of 1985.

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)(1) 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)(1) 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 completion, 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

\$1,230,000,000 shall be for capitalization

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: Pro-

vided 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

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 Control Act and Pollution 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 subiect 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. 300i-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 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.

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 selfinsurance: 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: *Pro-* vided 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

TRUCTION

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)(1) 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 Devel-

opment 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)(1) 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 succeeding 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 EF-FECTS.—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.
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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.
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- measure endorsement, input, and selection.
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- Sec. 3207. Extension of certain telehealth flexibilities.
- Sec. 3208. Extending acute hospital care at home waiver authorities.
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 - drugs as covered part D drugs.
- Sec. 3210. Medicare improvement fund. TITLE III—HUMAN SERVICES
- Sec. 3301. Sexual risk avoidance education
- extension. Sec. 3302. Personal responsibility education
- extension. Sec. 3303. 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 SERV-ICE CORPS, AND TEACHING HEALTH CENTERS THAT OPERATE GME PRO-GRAMS.

(a) EXTENSION FOR COMMUNITY HEALTH CEN-TERS.—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:

 $^{\prime\prime}(J)$ 885,068,493 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;

 $^{\prime\prime}(B)$ \$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 PRO-GRAMS 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 DIABE-TES 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 $^{\prime\prime};$ and $^{\prime\prime};$ 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 EXTEN-SIONS.

(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 HOS-PITALS.

(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";

(2) in subparagraph (C)(i)-

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

(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

IMPLEMENTATION.-Notwithstanding (b) 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-DE-PENDENT HOSPITAL (MDH) PRO-GRAM.

(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, ' and inserting "April 1, 2025"; and 2025'

(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 Social Security the 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 "December 31, 2024" and inserting "March 31, 2025"

(2) PERMITTING HOSPITALS TO DECLINE RE-CLASSIFICATION.—Section 13501(e)(2) of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993 (42 U.S.C. 1395ww note) is amended by strik-"December 31, 2024" and inserting ing "March 31, 2025"

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

Section 1834(1) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395m(1)) 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 CEN--Subsection (c)(1)(B)(xiv) of such sec-TERS. tion 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 AVAIL-ABLE 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 GEO-GRAPHIC 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 TELE-HEALTH 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 SERV-ICES FURNISHED THROUGH TELEHEALTH AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY -

(1) DELAY IN REQUIREMENTS FOR MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FURNISHED THROUGH TELE-HEALTH.—Section 1834(m)(7)(B)(i) of the So-Security Act (42)U.S.C. cial 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 Social Security Act (42 USC 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 CON-DUCT FACE-TO-FACE ENCOUNTER PRIOR TO RE-CERTIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY FOR HOSPICE CARE.—Section 1814(a)(7)(D)(i)(II) of the So-(42 cial Security Act USC 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 INCLU-SION 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. 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. 3302. PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY EDU-CATION 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. 3303. 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 "\$3,000,000"; and

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

TITLE IV—MEDICAID

SEC. 3401. ELIMINATING CERTAIN DISPROPOR-SHARE HOSPITAL PAY-TIONATE MENT 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 (ii), by striking "January 1" and inserting "April 1"

DIVISION D-EXTENSION OF AGRICULTURAL PROGRAMS

SEC. 4101. EXTENSION OF AGRICULTURAL PRO-GRAMS.

(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 authorities (including any limitations on such authorities)

provided by each provision of the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 (Public Law 115-334; 132 Stat. 4490) and each provision of law amended by that Act (and for mandatory programs at such funding levels) as in effect (including pursuant to section 102 of division B of the Further Continuing Appropriations and Other Extensions Act, 2024 (Public Law 118-22)) on September 30, 2024, shall continue and be carried out until the date specified in paragraph (2).

(2) DATE SPECIFIED.—With respect to an authority described in paragraph (1), the date specified in this paragraph is the later of— (A) September 30, 2025;

(B) the date specified with respect to such authority in the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 (Public Law 115-334; 132 Stat. 4490) or a provision of law amended by that Act (Public Law 115-334; 132 Stat. 4490); or

(C) the date in effect with respect to such authority pursuant to section 102 of division B of the Further Continuing Appropriations and Other Extensions Act, 2024 (Public Law 118-22)).

(b) DISCRETIONARY PROGRAMS.—Programs carried out using the authorities described in 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.), each amendment made by subtitle C of title I of the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 (Public Law 115-334; 132 Stat. 4511), and section 102 of division B of the Further Continuing Appropriations and Other Extensions Act, 2024 (Public Law 118-22) shall be applicable to the 2025 crop year for that covered commodity, loan commodity, sugarcane, or sugar beets.

(2) EXTRA LONG STAPLE COTTON.—Section 1208(a) of the Agricultural Act of 2014 (7 U.S.C. 9038 (a)) is amended by striking "2024" and inserting "2026".

(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) DAIRY.—

(A) DAIRY MARGIN COVERAGE.

(i) DURATION.—Section 1409 of the Agricultural Act of 2014 (7 U.S.C. 9059) is amended by striking "December 31, 2024" and inserting "December 31, 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 applied to such participating dairy operation pursuant to section 102(c)(2)(B)(ii) of division B of the Further Continuing Appropriations and Other Extensions Act, 2024 (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".

(5) SUSPENSION OF PERMANENT PRICE SUP-PORT 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 "September 30, 2024" and inserting "September 30, 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) is amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 7502. GRAZINGLANDS RESEARCH LABORA-TORY.

"Except as otherwise specifically authorized by law and notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Federal land and facilities at El Reno, Oklahoma, administered by the Secretary (as of the date of enactment of this Act) as the Grazinglands Research Laboratory, shall not at any time, in whole or in part, be declared to be excess or surplus Federal property under chapter 5 of subtitle I of title 40, United States Code, or otherwise be conveyed or transferred in whole or in part, for the period beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act and ending on September 30, 2025.".

(3) ENERGY.—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".

(e) EXCEPTIONS.—

(1) COMMODITIES.—Subsection (a) does 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) Section 12314(h) of the Agricultural Act of 2014 (7 U.S.C. 2101 note; Public Law 113–79).(C) Section 12315(f) of the Agricultural Act

(D) Section 12316(a) of the Agricultural Act

of 2014 (7 U.S.C. 7101 note; Public Law 113–79). (2) CONSERVATION.—

(A) MANDATORY FUNDING.—Subsection (a) does not apply with respect to mandatory funding under the following provisions of law for fiscal years 2024 and 2025:

(i) Section 1240O(b)(3) of the Food Security Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3839bb-2(b)(3)).

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

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

(iv) Section 2408(g)(1) of the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 (7 U.S.C. 8351 note).

(B) LIMITATIONS.—Subsection (a) does not apply with respect to limitations under the

following provisions of law:(i) Section 1240G of the Food Security Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3839aa-7).

(ii) Section 1240L(f) of the Food Security Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3839aa-24(f)).

(3) NUTRITION.—Subsection (a) does not apply with respect to the mandatory funding in section 203D(d)(5) of the Emergency Food Assistance Act of 1983 (7 U.S.C. 7507(d)(5)).

(4) RURAL DEVELOPMENT.—Subsection (a) does not apply with respect to the mandatory funding in section 313B(e)(2) of the Rural Electrification Act of 1936 (7 U.S.C. 940c-2(e)(2)).

(5) RESEARCH.—Subsection (a) does not apply with respect to mandatory funding under the following provisions of law:

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

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

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

(6) ENERGY.—Subsection (a) does not apply with respect to mandatory funding under the following provisions of law:

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

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

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

(7) HORTICULTURE.—Subsection (a) does not apply with respect to mandatory funding under the following provisions of law:

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

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

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

(D) Section $10109({\rm c})(1)$ of the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 (Public Law 115–334).

(8) MISCELLANEOUS.—Subsection (a) does not apply with respect to mandatory funding under the following provisions of law:

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

(B) Section 12605(d) of the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 (7 U.S.C. 7632 note).

(f) REPORTS.-

(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2), any requirement under a provision of law described in paragraph (1) of subsection (a) 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 paragraph (2) of that subsection.

(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.

(g) 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 COM-MISSION WHISTLEBLOWER PRO-GRAM.

(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 AIR-CRAFT.

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

SEC. 5104. NATIONAL CYBERSECURITY PROTEC-TION 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 SUB-STANCES.

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".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Oklahoma (Mr. COLE) and the gentlewoman 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 may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on H.R. 10545.

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.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 10545, the American Relief Act of 2025. This bill provides continuing appropriations to keep the government open and operating through March 14, 2025.

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 committee and succeeded in passing five of them across the floor of the House by the end of July.

Unfortunately, the House does not act on its own, and I am sorry to say that, whether we like it or not, our colleagues in the Senate have input into the process. To date, the Senate has yet to pass a single fiscal year 2025 appropriations bill across the floor.

As time has gone on, we have reached the deadline of December 20, meaning another extension is necessary.

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Today's bill extends government funding through March 14, which will grant Congress the needed time to reach a final agreement on our FY25 spending bills. It will also give President-elect Trump an opportunity to participate in the process.

Governing by continuing resolution, Mr. Speaker, is never ideal, but Congress has a responsibility to keep the government open and operating for the American people. The alternative, a government shutdown, would be devastating to our national defense and our constituents, and would be a grave mistake.

Today's bill, Mr. Speaker, avoids such a self-inflicted error. Today's bill will also provide much-needed relief to Americans struggling to recover from recent natural disasters.

This includes destruction in my own district, which faced tornados that ripped through Oklahoma, and it will especially provide support for communities ravaged by Hurricanes Helene and Milton.

The devastation caused by these storms and other disasters is heartbreaking. Congress must act. In this bill, we provide \$100 billion in supplemental emergency disaster funding. This will provide the necessary disaster recovery aid for States and communities as our fellow citizens rebuild and restore.

Finally, the bill also provides \$10 billion in economic assistance for our farmers and ranchers. In the wake of many natural disasters and a difficult farm economy, our farmers and ranchers are in dire need of economic assistance.

While there is still a long road ahead for recovery efforts and rebuilding, this aid will mark a vital step forward and will help preserve family farms and ranches across the country while also continuing to ensure food and agricultural security for our Nation.

For these reasons, Mr. Speaker, I urge all my colleagues to vote in support of H.R. 10545 today.

Mr. Speaker, 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 opposition to this continuing resolution. We had a strong bipartisan and 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 full-year funding bills for fiscal year 2025, which is our responsibility.

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

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

We are on the cusp of an agreement to move this country forward. Then 2 days ago, a multibillionaire with apparently no working knowledge of our

government or of appropriations, someone who is 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.

House Republicans are responsible for any harm and uncertainty brought upon the American people. Should some get their wish for a month-long government shutdown, they will be responsible for cleaning up their mess come Inauguration Day.

Indeed, we are in completely unprecedented times when someone who has no knowledge of government, who has no knowledge of an appropriations process, and who is external to the House of Representatives can make his weight felt here in turning what was a bill that was on its way—a bipartisan bill, a bicameral bill was on its way to achieving its goal of keeping the U.S. Government open. The goal, actually, is providing services to American citizens, to working families, middle-class families, vulnerable families, where our responsibility lies.

The world's richest man, reaping billions in government contracts, is calling the shots in the Republican Party. At the behest of the world's richest man who no one voted for, the United States Congress has been thrown into pandemonium.

It leads you to the question of who is in charge. I thought that there was a Republican majority in this body, not a president Musk majority.

We had a bill on Tuesday that was the result of a year and a half of work and which had the input, as I have said, of Republicans and Democrats. It represented their interests, the interests of their constituents, their concerns, and the needs of their constituents. This bill that we are discussing right now has no such bipartisan input.

This was no deal or no agreement, except for among a small group of House Republicans. The bill removes key provisions to limit the power of pharmaceutical companies, which means our prescription drug prices and what happens to the rising prescription drug prices which families can't get to in order to be able to deal with any illness they have or to save their lives.

It removes a provision to protect SNAP recipients, people at risk of hunger, from the theft of their benefits. It struck a provision from our colleague, Congresswoman WEXTON, to support research into treatments and cures for childhood cancer.

I am a cancer survivor. I know what it means to have a cancer diagnosis. I know what it means when parents are told your child has cancer. We want to remove the provision that supports research into treatments and cures for childhood cancer?

It drops necessary pandemic preparedness and response programs, including the strategic national stockpile. I know that is something that my colleagues on the other side of the aisle are very concerned about and always work to protect what we do with the strategic national stockpile.

It also drops the necessary efforts for our hospital preparedness programs. That is for hospitals all over the country. I might add, that is really a big problem for rural American hospitals, which are clamoring for these efforts.

It also shortchanges programs to prepare for future public health emergencies, like bird flu, which we now know is striking people on the West Coast of this country in California.

This bill also abandons our bipartisan efforts to ensure American dollars and intellectual property are reinvested in American businesses and workers instead of fueling the China Communist Party's technology and capabilities.

I am deeply disappointed that this bipartisan priority was abandoned after president Elon Musk bullied Republicans into going back on their word. This is Musk, who got rich off of \$20 billion in Federal contracts for his companies.

He now makes half of his company's cars at Tesla's \$7 billion plant in Shanghai. He clearly does not want to have to answer any questions about how much he plans to expand his business and businesses in China and how many American technologies he plans to sell to the highest bidder. It is chapter and verse. There are

It is chapter and verse. There are many more pieces of fact about his relationship with China, and he has spent the last few years cozying up to the Chinese Communist Party to protect his own business interests.

The fight is not over. This is something that simply must be done to safeguard our supply chains and our critical capabilities. American policy should be set on behalf of America's workers, not billionaires who cozy up to Communist China.

We must immediately return to considering the bipartisan, bicameral compromise legislation that Speaker JOHN-SON, Leader SCHUMER, Leader JEFFRIES, Leader MCCONNELL, and, I might add, the four corners of the Committee on Appropriations, which are the chair of the House Committee on Appropriations, myself as ranking member, the chair of the Senate Committee on Appropriations, Senator MURRAY, and the ranking member on the Senate side of appropriations, Senator SUSAN COL-LINS. This is the group that constructed the deal on behalf of the American public, and those services are now being shortchanged.

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 2 minutes to the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. MEUSER).

Mr. MEUSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the agreement reached between the two houses, the incoming Trump White House and the Republican-led United States House of Representatives.

Mr. Speaker, CRs are not ideal. They are not preferred, but come the New Year, we will begin a new era of regular order. As well, I expect we will be working in a concerted manner for the next 4 years to, borrowing a phrase, "Make America Great Again."

As we are all aware, the vacuum of leadership from the current White House has been filled already by the incoming White House. The Trump DOGE team also proved to be consequential, Mr. Speaker, rooting out unnecessary provisions throughout this government-funding process, streamlining bloated legislation, and exposing it to the American people, which resulted in a better, leaner deal and a reduction of pages in the bill from 1,547 to 118, a huge reduction, all done in Trump time.

This legislation delivers responsible disaster relief, targets spending reductions, includes an agreement to address the debt ceiling, and avoids a government shutdown.

Our work will reflect the will of the people to carry out the America First agenda. We must deliver results to show the American people that we are serious about correcting the course of our Nation, and this bill is the first step in that direction.

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

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I heard my colleague on the Republican side talk about the reduction in the number of pages in the bill. What I want to point out is by reducing the number of pages, which is not the issue, they reduced the help for the American people that is in this bill. That is what the Republicans have done.

At the beginning of the week, we had a bipartisan bill that provided critical relief for the American people. From my perspective on the Committee on Energy and Commerce, what we have done over the last year was hear from our constituents. We had hearings to hear about what was necessary to lower costs, to provide relief for people that, as you know, feel very strongly that prices are too high, that there are all kinds of problems with corporate interests and websites that are not protecting their interests, not protecting their privacy, and soliciting all kinds of things with misinformation. We are the committee that deals primarily with healthcare, with consumer protec-

tion, with environmental concern. What we did is worked on a bipartisan basis to put together in this legislation proposals that would really make a difference from what we heard from our constituents around the country.

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Now, that is what has been taken out of this bill, and it has been taken out because one man, a billionaire, decided to tell my Republican colleagues that he did not want this bill. I am not going to try to figure out why he doesn't want it, but obviously, you know, the types of things that I am talking about are not the things that he would want in the bill.

What are we talking about here? What was taken out of this bill?

Well, first, my colleague, the ranking member of the Appropriations Committee, mentioned pediatric cancer and rare disease therapies, research for cancer for kids that are facing cancer problems; community health centers; teaching health centers to provide for more primary care doctors were extended for 2 years and then for 5 years with more funding for that purpose; and prescription drug reforms.

One of the biggest problems that we face right now. Is called PBMs, pharmaceutical benefit managers. Theoretically what they are supposed to do is work between the insurer or the individual and the drug companies to reduce prices, but because there is no transparency, what they actually do is pocket the money that they have negotiated, the savings that they have negotiated for themselves, rather than give it back to the consumer.

What we did on the Energy and Commerce Committee is we said, no, we want reform of PBMs. That basically is sort of a way of saying that if they negotiate savings, that has to go back to the consumer to lower costs, to lower the costs for prescription drugs, which is one of the biggest things that people are concerned about now, it is one of the biggest costs they have in healthcare.

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

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, I yield the gentleman an additional 30 seconds.

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, these are the types of things that have been taken out of this bill: healthcare protections, consumer protections, environmental protections, safety protections. These are the types of things that have been taken out of this bill because some billionaire, the richest man on Earth, decided that he didn't want those things.

This has now become a bill that has taken out anything that is essentially important for consumer or health protection or for relief to lower costs for the American people.

Mr. COLE. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the distinguished gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. STAUBER), my very good friend.

Mr. STAUBER. Mr. Speaker, tonight let's put the politics aside. We are here right now discussing a bill that has very good things in it. As my good friend Mr. COLE says, let's not fight about what is not in it at this moment.

We know that Democrats had priorities in it earlier, and Republicans had priorities in this bill earlier. We are going to break the fever here in Washington and stop putting the Christmas tree gifts in at the last minute that cost American taxpayers millions and millions of dollars.

Let's talk about what is in this bill. For the small family farmer, for that dairy farmer from Minnesota that was in my office 48 hours ago begging me for assistance, this bill will help that farmer and many other farmers across this great country.

For the victims of the hurricanes, Helene and Milton, the victims tonight who are sleeping in tents, Mr. Speaker, because they don't have a house, there is American rescue. Taxpayers are going to come and help you tonight. Through no fault of your own you suffered through a hurricane, and the U.S. Congress tonight, the House of Representatives, are going to vote to support you.

This is a clean resolution with the debt ceiling. This is what my good friends and colleagues on the other side of the aisle wanted just yesterday.

Let's talk about the good things that are in it. To our farmers, we will support you, both Republicans and Democrats. To our victims of natural disasters, we will support you tonight. This is a clean CR, and I support this resolution.

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

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

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

Mr. Speaker, 'twas 5 days before Christmas, and all through this House, not a lawmaker was resting, not even their spouse.

The CR was stalled, the debates full of heat, while a shutdown shadow loomed over our streets.

My friends, it is time to fund our defense and aid for our farms and disaster relief to protect our very own citizens from harm.

Our farmers work hard. They deserve every chance to grow and to prosper, advance, and enhance.

Mr. Speaker, this Christmas, this Christmas let's give we the people their due, a funded government from leaders who are true.

So as we vote on this CR, let's keep this in sight: America First, and to all a good night.

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

Mr. COLE. Mr. Speaker, I advise my friend I am prepared to close whenever she is, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, if the gentleman would understand that I am waiting for someone else who was coming, but I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. COLE. Mr. Speaker, I would inquire as to how much time is remaining on each side.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Oklahoma has 12½ minutes remaining. The gentlewoman from Connecticut has 7 minutes remaining.

Mr. COLE. Mr. Speaker, I just want to take a moment to address something the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. PALLONE), my very good friend, had to say about what is not in the bill. Again, as another speaker referenced, I always believe you look at legislation according to what is in the bill and don't worry about what is not in it. Make the judgment on what is there.

The reality is, in this bill we keep the government open. My friends favor that. I hope they vote that way tonight. In this bill we provide badly needed aid to Americans that are suffering in a disaster. I know my friends favor doing that. I hope they vote accordingly tonight.

As several speakers have mentioned, we provide much-needed assistance to America's rural economy. I hope my friends actually support that as well with a positive vote tonight.

I also want to point out, and I speak now not as a Republican or a Democrat but as an appropriator: I for one think these very good ideas that people have ought to generally move to the floor as separate bills. One of the reasons people distrust this institution is because we quite often pile things on bills that are totally unrelated.

Everything that my friends on the other side and I negotiated in the appropriations area is actually in this bill and actually as negotiated. I think it is unfortunate-and we do this on both sides, so I am not trying to score political points, but as I said, I am speaking as an appropriator. I hope we get back to doing what we should do and that is move legislation through this body appropriately, as narrowly focused as possible, and these end-ofthe-year or end-of-the-session or just before breaks massive bills I don't think serve the American people well. I don't think they serve this institution well.

I know many of my friends on the other side actually agree with that. Let's look at this as an opportunity to step back and actually focus on what our job here is. We have no more important job than funding the government, helping Americans in disaster, assisting folks over a long-term crisis in rural America and then closing down our business and going home. These other matters can and should be dealt with next year, and as has been indicated if they are generally bipartisan in nature, they ought to move through on their own. That is just my thought, my reflection.

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

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

I would like to take a moment of my time that I have to highlight that we did come to an agreement and acknowledge there are things in this bill that reflect the bipartisan and bicameral agreement on disaster relief. I also might add, as the ranking member on Appropriations, we came to agreement on moving forward on appropriations bills. The supplemental, by the way, includes substantial Democratic wins.

Since the summer of 2023, we have been pushing Republicans for a com-

prehensive disaster supplemental. I am pleased that we have an agreement on \$100 billion in disaster aid, and that includes \$8 billion for emergency highway funds, including paying the full 100 percent cost to replace the Key Bridge in Maryland; \$2.3 billion for disaster loans for small businesses: more than \$3 billion for water infrastructure grants from the EPA; and \$1.5 billion for the Army Corps of Engineer projects; \$12 billion for community development block grants to assist with long-term housing, infrastructure, and economic recovery needs; and \$21 billion in disaster assistance to farmers, to producers. This, by the way, is separate from the agreement on an additional \$10 billion for farm aid.

I might add that at the outset of the negotiations I think it is important to know that there were those on the other side of the aisle who wanted to really cut the disaster effort even to have to provide offsets for the disaster. That was very real. Democrats held the line and said, no, no, that we would get \$100 billion for disaster aid because of how critically important it is.

I might add, there was agreement, as well as what Democrats talked about on disaster relief. There was also agreement on pediatric cancer and rare disease research, community health centers, teaching health centers, prescription drug reform, pediatric therapies. This was all agreed to. It wasn't that we were saying we don't want disaster relief, you don't want this. We came to a conclusion that these were all of the pieces that were needed to move forward.

I also might add because I am very concerned about our supply chain and what happens with regard to what we transmit and provide for the Communist Party for China, and while I support all of disaster pieces and I supported all the health pieces, it is maddening that the Republicans walked away from that bipartisan priority, the outbound investment to ensure American dollars and intellectual property are reinvested in America's businesses and workers instead of fueling the Chinese Communist Party's technology and their capabilities; and that, again, which can be documented is something that is critically important that it not be there to Elon Musk because of all of his efforts and contracts that he has and the work that he has in China. That should not enter into how we craft a bill that serves the American people and American workers.

It is unfortunate the way that this process has worked out.

You know, we want to and we really need to rely on each other. We need to rely on each other to keep our word that when we have an agreement that we keep that agreement. I said this, as well, yesterday. I think all of us know here in the Congress that the only thing that we have is our credibility and our word. That is what allows us to move forward to trust one another, to move forward on legislation that helps and serves the American people.

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

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Mr. COLE. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself the balance my time.

Mr. Speaker, I want to begin and reiterate a point that I made earlier. I know my good friend from Connecticut (Ms. DELAURO) and I may disagree tonight on this particular instance, but I think as a broad principle we probably do agree that it is much better, honestly, that as appropriators, we are not carrying everybody else's weight. Sometimes the mule finally breaks down.

I would just tell my friends, working in good faith, particularly on bipartisan bills like we had in WIOA reauthorization and some of the health issues that were mentioned earlier, please bring your bills to the floor under your own time. Don't try to catch a ride with us right at the end. People hate that.

Our own Members don't get a chance to read the bills in some cases. The public doesn't get a chance to hear a full debate on the issue. It is simply not good governance. I would actually argue that this legislation is focused and easy to understand and easy to read.

The parts that are important to it are really only about 130 pages. Those are the things that the Appropriations Committee did, and we did it in a bipartisan fashion and in good-faith debate. All of those things are in this bill.

I tell my friends on both sides of the aisle, and I say this, again, not in a partisan sense at all. Remember that if you vote "no" on this bill, you are effectively voting to shut down the government.

If you vote "no" on this bill, you are effectively voting to deny assistance to Americans who suffered enormously from natural disasters.

If you vote "no" on this bill, you are effectively voting "no" to help rural America in a time of crisis on our farms and ranches all throughout the country.

The stakes are pretty clear here. I am hopeful we agree on all these things. We don't have any partisan disagreement. These are things that we agree on, and there is nothing in this bill certainly that my friends on the other side disagree with. There may certainly be some other disagreements here or there. Broadly speaking, this is something we should do.

None of us or most of us do not want to shut down the government. It is not a good thing for the country. I can go on, and we can get into a debate. I would like to be, you know, in a giveand-take of debate as much as anybody else. It is, after all, the holiday season. I know I have Members that are anxious to get home and be with their families and their friends in the holiday season

I simply want to conclude by wishing everybody a merry Christmas, a happy

Hanukkah, or whatever would be appropriate in their faith or tradition. I hope my colleagues have a wonderful and blessed New Year and that we have a great year for America in store ahead of us.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair wishes to express appreciation on behalf of the House to Members for the tone and tenor of tonight's debate and express appreciation to the staff on both sides of the House for working through these last 48 hours.

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. 10545.

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 366, nays 34, answered "present" 1, not voting 29, as follows:

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Mr. GROTHMAN changed his vote from "aye" to "no."

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

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:

Mr. ALLRED. Mr. Speaker, I was absent during the time of votes due to illness. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 517, H.R. 10545, *American Relief Act 2025*.

RESEARCH SECURITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY IN DHS ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfinished business is the question on suspending the rules and passing the bill (H.R. 9748) to require the Under Secretary of the Science and Technology Directorate of the Department of Homeland Security to develop a Department-wide policy and process to safeguard research and development from unauthorized access to or disclosure of sensitive information in research and development acquisitions, and for other purposes.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. GREEN) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill.

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

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

TSA COMMUTING FAIRNESS ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfinished business is the question on suspending the rules and passing the bill (H.R. 8662) to reduce commuting burdens on Transportation Security Administration employees, and for other purposes.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. GREEN) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill.

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

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker of the House of Representatives: December 20, 2024.

I hereby designate the period from Friday, December 20, 2024, through the remainder of the 118th Congress, as a "district work period" under section 3(z) of House Resolution 5.

CONGRESSIONAL RECORD—HOUSE

MIKE JOHNSON,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

RECOGNIZING MITCHELL ANGOVE

(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 outstanding achievement of Warren County native Mitchell Angove.

Mitchell was recently named to Forbes' "30 Under 30 List." This list is produced annually by Forbes magazine and recognizes notable individuals under the age of 30 nationwide.

A native of Pennsylvania, Mitchell attended the Eisenhower High School in Russell, Pennsylvania. He graduated in 2018 and earned his bachelor's and master's degrees throughout the following years.

Today, Mitchell is the cofounder and CEO of Feanix Biotechnologies. This company is helping transform the agriculture industry by analyzing animal genomes to predict traits such as size, milk production, and other key health factors.

As the chairman of the House Committee on Agriculture, I have seen firsthand the issues currently affecting our American farmers, and I am proud to see motivated individuals such as Mitchell continue to pursue advancements that could help farmers nationwide.

MAUI MINUTE NO. 30

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

Ms. TOKUDA. Mr. Speaker, this is my 30th Maui minute. After months of delay, three successive requests from President Biden, and unnecessary anxiety for millions of Americans courtesy of the richest man in the world, Congress will now finally send much-needed disaster recovery funding across the country.

For over a year, I have led bipartisan efforts pushing to deliver this aid to Maui. We have delivered speeches in this Chamber and we have sent letters to leadership to introduce amendments that were blocked.

Finally, we got this done. This disaster recovery package will provide a much-needed boost to meeting all our people's needs. The package will send over \$2.1 billion in Federal disaster relief to Hawaii, including about \$1.6 billion in the Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Fund, or CDBG-DR, \$350 million to rebuild drinking water and wastewater infrastructure, and \$72 million to rebuild roads and bridges. It will replenish the Small Business Administration's disaster loans program so homeowners and small businesses can continue to recover.

For my Maui constituents still recovering from the deadly fires, it has been far too long of a wait, but our work will not stop here. We will use these dollars to rebuild housing and infrastructure, restore our "'aina," "land," and bring our Maui "'ohana," "family," home.

RECOGNIZING TEAM MICHIGAN

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

Ms. STEVENS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in the concluding salvo of this Congress to thank the 118th session for allowing me to advocate for the incredible constituents and communities that comprise my district, from our robust manufacturing economy, to our amazing public schools, to the hardworking tradespeople building homes and new factories.

Most of all, I recognize my team, the staff here in Washington, D.C., and in Farmington Hills, who had sleeves rolled up and helping people each and every day. We have authored over 31 unique bills, 2 that have become signed into law, and 6 that passed this very Chamber.

Here is to the 118th session and more to come.

SEASON OF GRATITUDE

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

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Still I rise, Mr. Speaker, very honored and very proud to stand here and have this preeminent opportunity to speak for 1 minute.

Mr. Speaker, I speak tonight with an expression of gratitude because this is the season of giving and the season of being grateful for that which we have.

I thank all of the many persons who have made it possible for us to have these opportunities. I am especially grateful to the staff that I have. They have worked tirelessly over this year.

While everything did not go as I would have had it, I do appreciate the fact that there will not be a shutdown, that the American people can go on about their way, and enjoy this and make it the best holiday ever.

Mr. Speaker, my colleagues and I should thank each other for getting this done. There ought to be thanks to the 196 Democrats and to the 170 Republicans.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 3(z) of House Resolution 5, the House stands adjourned until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, December 24, 2024.

Thereupon (at 6 o'clock and 13 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Tuesday, December 24, 2024, at 10 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-6488. A letter from the Program Analyst, Agricultural Marketing Service, Specialty Crops Program, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Walnuts Grown in California; Increased Assessment Rate [Doc. No.: AMS-SC-24-0039] 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 Agriculture.

EC-6489. A letter from the Program Analyst, Agricultural Marketing Service, Specialty Crops Program, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Pears Grown in Oregon and Washington; Marketing Order Approval Requirement [Doc. No.: AMS-SC-22-0079] 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 Agriculture.

EC-6490. A letter from the Senior Congressional Liaison, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, transmitting the Bureau's final rule — Truth in Lending Act (Regulation Z) Adjustment to Asset-Size Exemption Threshold received December 19, 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-6491. A letter from the Senior Congressional Liaison, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, transmitting the Bureau's final rule — Home Mortgage Disclosure (Regulation C) Adjustment to Asset-Size Exemption Threshold received December 19, 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-6492. A letter from the Regulations Coordinator, National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule — Clinical Trials Registration and Results Information Submission [Docket No.: NIH-2024-0001] (RIN: 0925-AA71) received December 5, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-6493. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Transmittal No. DDTC 24-088 Certification of Proposed Issuance of an Export License Pursuant to Sec 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-6494. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Transmittal No. DDTC 24-043 Certification of Proposed Issuance of an Export License Pursuant to Sec 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-6495. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Transmittal No. DDTC 24-060 Certification of Proposed Issuance of an Export License Pursuant to Sec 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-6496. A letter from the Regulations Coordinator, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule — Use of Federal Real Property To Assist the Homeless (RIN: 0991-AC14) received November 12, 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-6497. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Specialist, General Services Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Use of Federal Real Property To Assist the Homeless (RIN: 3090-AK46) received November 25, 2025, 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.

Oversight and Accountability. EC-6498. A letter from the Director, Office of Acquisition Policy, Office of Governmentwide Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting the Administration's summary presentation of final rules — Federal Acquisition Regulation; Federal Acquisition Circular 2025-02; Introduction [Docket No.: FAR-2024-0051, Sequence No.: 7] 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-6499. A letter from the Policy Advisor, National Wildlife Refuge System, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — National Wildlife Refuge System; 2024-2025 Station-Specific Hunting and Sport Fishing Regulations [Docket No.: FWS-HQ-NWRS-2024-0034; FXRS12610900000-245-FF09R20000] (RIN: 1018-BH17) December 3, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

EC-6500. A letter from the Chief Regulatory Officer, Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Increase of the Automatic Extension Period of Employment Authorization and Documentation for Certain Employment Authorization Document Renewal Applicants [CIS No.: 2785-24; DHS Docket No.: USCIS-2024-0002] (RIN: 1615-AC78) received December 13, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-6501. A letter from the Chief Regulatory Officer, Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Application of Certain Mandatory Bars in Fear Screenings [CIS No.: 2776-24; DHS Docket No.: USCIS-2024-0005] (RIN: 1615-AC91) 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 the Judiciary.

EC-6502. A letter from the Chief Regulatory Officer, Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Modernizing H-2 Program Requirements, Oversight, and Worker Protections [CIS No.: 2740-23; DHS Docket No.: USCIS-2023-0012] (RIN: 1615-AC76) 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 the Judiciary.

EC-6503. A letter from the Chief Regulatory Officer, Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Modernizing H-1B Requirements, Providing Flexibility in the F-1 Program, and Program Improvements Affecting Other Nonimmigrant Workers [CIS No.: 2766-24; DHS Docket No.: USCIS-2023-0005] (RIN: 1615-AC70) 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 the Judiciarv.

EC-6504. A letter from the General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Establishment of Categorical Reasonable Pe-

riod of Time for Action on Requests for Water Quality Certification Under Section 401(a)(1) of the Clean Water Act and Clarifying Types of Hydroelectric Project Proceedings That May Require Water Quality Certification [Docket No.: RM24-5-000] received December 6, 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-6505. A letter from the Adjutant General, Veterans of Foreign Wars, transmitting the proceedings of the 124th National Convention of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, held in Phoenix, Arizona, July 22-27, 2023 (H. Doc. No. 118—185); to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs and ordered to be printed.

EC-6506. A letter from the Federal Register Liaison, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Service's final rule — Taxable Income or Loss and Currency Gain or Loss With Respect to a Qualified Business Unit [TD 10016] (RIN: 1545-BO07) 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 Ways and Means.

EC-6507. A letter from the Senior Attorney, Office of the Chief Counsel for Trade Enforcement and Compliance, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department's final rule — Regulations Enhancing the Administration of the Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Trade Remedy Laws [Docket No.: 241206-0317] (RIN: 0625-AB25) received December 16, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

EC-6508. A letter from the Federal Register Liaison, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's IRB only rule — Revised Timeline Regarding Implementation of Amended Section 6050W(e) [Notice 2024-85] 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 Ways and Means.

EC-6509. A letter from the Federal Register Liaison, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's IRB only rule — Exempt organization rulings and determination letters procedures (Rev. Proc. 2025-5) 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 Ways and Means.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

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

Mr. BOST: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. House Committee on Veterans' Affairs Activities Report (Rept. 118-941). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions of the following titles were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. GARBARINO:

H.R. 10543. A bill to reauthorize the National Flood Insurance Program; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. TIMMONS (for himself and Mr. TORRES of New York):

H.R. 10544. A bill to specify the treatment of covered non-fungible tokens under the securities laws, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. COLE (for himself and Mr.

EDWARDS): H.R. 10545. A bill making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025, and for other purposes: to the Committees on Appropriations and the Budget; considered and passed.

By Mr. BEYER: H.R. 10546. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow the disclosure of certain business tax return information to the Bureau of Economic Analysis and the Bureau of Labor Statistics for certain statistical purposes: to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. COURTNEY (for himself, Mrs. HAYES, and Mr. BISHOP of Georgia):

H.R. 10547. A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act to expand the Magnet Schools Assistance Program; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce. By Ms. DELAURO:

H.R. 10548. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to protect children's health by denying any deduction for advertising and marketing directed at children to promote the consumption of food of poor nutritional quality; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee 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. HIGGINS OF LOUISIANA:

H.R. 10549. A bill to abolish the Environmental Protection Agency; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Agriculture, Transportation and Infrastructure. and Science, Space, and Technology, 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. ISSA (for himself. Mr. OBERNOLTE, and Mr. CLINE):

H.R. 10550. A bill to amend the Trademark Act of 1946 to clarify the applicability of Federal trademark law in the area of digital replicas of identifying characteristics of individuals, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. LEE OF PENNSYLVANIA:

H.R. 10551. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit a retired member of the Armed Forces to serve as a required member of the funeral honors detail for the funeral of a veteran; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Ms. LEE OF PENNSYLVANIA (for her-

self and Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin):

H.R. 10552. A bill to require the Secretary of Agriculture to cancel existing school meal debt: to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, 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. LEGER FERNANDEZ:

H.R. 10553. A bill to amend title 54, United States Code, to increase amounts deposited in the Historic Preservation Fund, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on the Budget, for a period to be subse-quently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Ms. PORTER:

H.R. 10554. A bill to direct the Secretary of Defense to submit to Congress annual reports on medical malpractice claims by members of the uniformed services; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. SMITH OF NEW JERSEY (for himself and Mr. VAN DREW):

H.R. 10555. A bill to create mechanisms by which state law enforcement can coordinate with the federal government to detect and stop drones involved in unlawful activities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure, Homeland Security, and Armed 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. VAN DUYNE (for herself and Mr. CRENSHAW):

H.R. 10556. A bill to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to promptly comply with State requests for information regarding the citizenship status of an individual: to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. VAN DUYNE:

H.R. 10557. A bill to prohibit the use of Federal funds for congressional earmarks targeted to a State or unit of local government that is a sanctuary jurisdiction; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned. By Mr. VARGAS:

H.R. 10558. A bill to amend the Housing and Community Development Act of 1980 and the Housing Act of 1949 to make financial assistance available to DACA recipients, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY AND SINGLE SUBJECT STATEMENTS

Pursuant to clause 7(c)(1) of rule XII and Section 3(c) of H. Res. 5 the following statements are submitted regarding (1) the specific powers granted to Congress in the Constitution to enact the accompanying bill or joint resolution and (2) the single subject of the bill or joint resolution.

By Mr. GARBARINO:

H.R. 10543.

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

Article 1, Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is: This bill extends the National Flood Insurance Program through September 30, 2025.

By Mr. TIMMONS:

H.R. 10544.

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:

To define non-fungible tokens and exempt consumptive NFTs, those used for private, personal, or familial use from securities law. By Mr. COLE:

H.R. 10545.

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 making of continuing appropriations and disaster relief supplemental appropriations for fiscal year 2025.

By Mr. BEYER:

H.R. 10546.

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

Article 1, Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:

To allow the disclosure of federal business tax data to the Bureau of Economic Analysis and the Bureau of Labor Statistics for statistical purposes.

By Mr. COURTNEY:

H.R. 10547.

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

Article 1, Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is: To amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act to expand the Magnet Schools Assistance Program.

By Ms. DELAURO:

H.R. 10548.

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

Article I of the United States Constitution and its subsequent amendments, and further clarified and interpreted by the Supreme Court of the United States.

The single subject of this legislation is:

This legislation would amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to protect children's health by denying any deduction for advertising and marketing directed at children to promote the consumption of food of poor nutritional quality.

By Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana:

H.R. 10549.

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 abolish the Environmental Protection Agency.

By Mr. ISSA:

H.R. 10550.

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

Article I, Section 8, clause 8 provides Congress with the power to promote the "Progress of Science and useful Arts, by securing for limited Times to Authors and Inventors the exclusive Right to their respective Writings and Discoveries."

The single subject of this legislation is:

To amend the Trademark Act of 1946 to clarify the applicability of Federal trademark law in the area of digital replicas of identifying characteristics of individuals, and for other purposes.

By Ms. LEE of Pennsylvania:

H.R. 10551.

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

Article I, Section 8, clause 14 provides Congress with the power to make rules for the government and regulation of the land and naval forces.

The single subject of this legislation is: Veterans

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Ms. LEE of Pennsylvania: H.R. 10552.

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

Article I, 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: Agriculture and Food

By Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ:

H.R. 10553.

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

- Article 1, Section 8
- The single subject of this legislation is: Historic Preservation
- By Ms. PORTER:
- H.R. 10554.
- Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following: Article I. Section 8
- The single subject of this legislation is:
- To direct the Secretary of Defense to submit to Congress annual reports on medical malpractice claims by members of the uniformed services
- By Mr. SMITH of New Jersey: H.B. 10555.
- Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
- Article I, Section 8
- The single subject of this legislation is: Law Enforcement Authorities
 - By Ms. VAN DUYNE:
- H.R. 10556.
- Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
- Article 1 Sec. 8
- The single subject of this legislation is: Elections
- By Ms. VAN DUYNE:
- H.R. 10557.
- Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
- Article 1, Section 8
- The single subject of this legislation is:
- Appropriations
- By Mr. VARGAS:
- H.R. 10558.
- Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
- Clause 1 of Section 8 of Article 1 of the Constitution.
- The single subject of this legislation is:
- To amend the Housing and Community Development Act of 1980 and the Housing Act of

1949 to make financial assistance available to DACA recipients.

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

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

- H.R. 451: Mr. CROW.
- H.R. 472: Mr. CROW.
- H.R. 791: Mr. Gomez.
- H.R. 827: Ms. HOYLE of Oregon.
- H.R. 866: Ms. TLAIB, Mr. TAKANO, and Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina.
- H.R. 1002: Mr. POCAN, Mr. TAKANO, Ms. TLAIB, and Mr. COHEN.
- H.R. 1235: Mr. TAKANO, Mr. PAPPAS, Mr. COHEN, and Mr. SOTO.
- H.R. 1244: Mrs. LEE CARTER.
- H.R. 1406: Ms. BROWNLEY.
- H.R. 1538: Mr. DAVIS of Illinois.
- H.R. 2530: Ms. DELBENE.
- H.R. 2961: Ms. WATERS. H.R. 3036: Mr. CLINE.
- H.R. 3611: Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas.
- H.R. 3777: Mr. NEGUSE.
- H.R. 3998: Mr. NEGUSE.
- H.R. 4052: Mr. MULLIN and Mr. NICKEL.
- H.R. 4579: Ms. MENG.
- H.R. 4974: Ms. McClellan.
- H.R. 5104: Mr. NEGUSE.
- H.R. 5126: Ms. SPANBERGER.
- H.R. 5344: Ms. Spanberger.
- H.R. 5577: Ms. HAGEMAN.
- H.R. 5645: Mr. NICKEL.
- H.R. 5663: Mr. KEATING.
- H.R. 5937: Mr. NEGUSE.
- H.R. 5962: Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas, Ms. LOF-GREN, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Ms. TLAIB, Ms. NOR-
- TON, and Ms. STEVENS.
- H.R. 5976: Mr. DAVIS of Illinois.
- H.R. 6021: Ms. TITUS, Ms. NORTON, Ms.
- MCCOLLUM, Mr. MCGOVERN, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. CARTER of Louisiana, and Mr. GOTTHEIMER.
 - H.R. 6373: Mr. CROW.
 - H.R. 7039: Mrs. LEE CARTER.
 - H.R. 7062: Mr. NEGUSE.
 - H.R. 7127: Mr. TAKANO and Mr. CASTEN.
 - H.R. 7573: Mr. ROBERT GARCIA of California.
 - H.R. 7666: Ms. HAGEMAN.
 - H.R. 7670: Mr. PAPPAS.
 - H.R. 7958: Mr. KEATING.
 - H.R. 8200: Mr. CARBAJAL.
- H.R. 8331: Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas and Ms. TLAIB.
- H.R. 8370: Mr. TAKANO and Mr. SOTO.

H.R. 8540: Mr. PETERS. H.R. 8617: Ms. NORTON, Mr. CARBAJAL, Mr. TRONE, Ms. SPANBERGER, Ms. TOKUDA, and

- Mr. Frost.
- H.R. 8714: Ms. MENG. H.R. 8996: Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas.
- H.R. 9156: Ms. TLAIB.
- H.R. 9164: Mr. LAHOOD, Mr. SOTO, and Mr. SUOZZI.
- H.R. 9497: Mr. NEGUSE.
- H.R. 9564: Mr. CROW.
- H.R. 9699: Mr. HUNT, Ms. TENNEY, Mr. JOYCE of Ohio, Mr. EZELL, Mr. SCOTT FRANK-
- LIN of Florida, Mr. WITTMAN, Mrs. HINSON, and Mr. BERGMAN.
 - H.R. 9770: Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky.
 - H.R. 9792: Ms. Norton.
- H.R. 9855: Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina. H.R. 10268: Ms. MENG and Ms. LEE of Penn-
- sylvania.
- H.R. 10318: Mr. GRAVES of Louisiana.
- H.R. 10512: Mr. NEWHOUSE.
- H.R. 10514: Mr. Rose.

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tions:

H. Res. 991: Mr. DAVIS of Illinois.

PETITIONS, ETC.

PT-56. The SPEAKER presented a petition

of Mr. Gregory D. Watson, a citizen of Aus-

tin, TX, relative to requesting enactment of

Federal legislation that would prohibit Fed-

eral, State, or local taxation upon disburse-

ments from the Social Security program;

which was referred to the Committee on

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names to the following discharge peti-

Petition 18 by Mr. COHEN on House Reso-

lution 1452: Ms. DeGette, Mr. Boyle of Penn-

sylvania, Ms. Titus, Mr. Carbajal, Mr. García

of Illinois, Mr. Landsman, Ms. Velázquez,

Mrs. Fletcher, Mr. Castro of Texas, Mr. Nadler, Mr. Soto, Mr. Meeks, Mrs. Hayes, Ms. Brown, Ms. Brownley, Mr. Ruiz, Mr. Huffman, Mrs. Dingell, Ms. Sánchez, Ms. Da-

vids of Kansas, Mr. Courtney, and Mr. Crow.

Kennedy, and Mr. Allred.

Petition 20 by Mr. MOULTON on House Resolution 1560: Mr. García of Illinois, Mr.

The following Members added their

Under clause 3 of rule XII,