

the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent to the *Federal Register* for publication the enclosed notice stating that the national emergency with respect to Iran that was declared on March 15, 1995, is to continue in effect beyond March 15, 2024.

The actions and policies of the Government of Iran continue to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security, foreign policy, and economy of the United States. Therefore, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency declared in Executive Order 12957 with respect to Iran and to maintain in force comprehensive sanctions against Iran to respond to this threat.

JOSEPH R. BIDEN, Jr.

THE WHITE HOUSE, March 12, 2024.

**PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 6276, UTILIZING SPACE EFFICIENTLY AND IMPROVING TECHNOLOGIES ACT OF 2023, AND PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H. RES. 1065, DENOUNCING THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION'S IMMIGRATION POLICIES**

Mr. MASSIE. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 1071 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

**H. RES. 1071**

*Resolved*, That at any time after adoption of this resolution the Speaker may, pursuant to clause 2(b) of rule XVIII, declare the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for consideration of the bill (H.R. 6276) to direct the Administrator of General Services and the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to identify the utilization rate of certain public buildings and federally-leased space, and for other purposes. The first reading of the bill shall be dispensed with. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived. General debate shall be confined to the bill and shall not exceed one hour equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure or their respective designees. After general debate the bill shall be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule. The amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole. The bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. All points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended, are waived. No further amendment to the bill, as amended, shall be in order except those printed in the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution. Each such further amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the

Committee of the Whole. All points of order against such further amendments are waived. At the conclusion of consideration of the bill for amendment the Committee shall rise and report the bill, as amended, to the House with such further amendments as may have been adopted. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill, as amended, and on any further amendment thereto to final passage without intervening motion except one motion to recommit.

SEC. 2. Upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order without intervention of any point of order to consider in the House the resolution (H. Res. 1065) denouncing the Biden administration's immigration policies. The resolution shall be considered as read. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the resolution and preamble to adoption without intervening motion or demand for division of the question except one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary or their respective designees.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Kentucky is recognized for 1 hour.

Mr. MASSIE. Mr. Speaker, for the purpose of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. MCGOVERN), pending which I yield myself such time as I may consume. During consideration of this resolution, all time yielded is for the purpose of debate only.

**GENERAL LEAVE**

Mr. MASSIE. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. MASSIE. Mr. Speaker, the committee granted by a recorded vote of 9–3 a rule providing for consideration of H.R. 6276, the Utilizing Space Efficiently and Improving Technologies Act of 2023, and H. Res. 1065, Denouncing the Biden Administration's Immigration Policies.

The rule provides for consideration of H.R. 6276, the Utilizing Space Efficiently and Improving Technologies Act of 2023, under a structured rule.

The rule further provides for consideration of H. Res. 1065, Denouncing the Biden Administration's Immigration Policies, under a closed rule.

The rule provides that upon adoption of the resolution, it shall be in order, without intervention of any point of order, to consider H. Res. 1065.

Finally, the rule provides 1 hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary or their respective designees.

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

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Kentucky for yielding me the customary half hour, and I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, another week, another round of trivial messaging bills. That is all this Republican majority can do.

It has been one pointless messaging bill after another that will never, ever become law. In fact, we haven't passed a single bill out of the Rules Committee that has become law in 9 months—9 months.

First, let's talk about H.R. 6276, a bill that is supposed to help measure and evaluate Federal building utilization. This bill seems to do with the Republican belief that working from home is always bad no matter what.

Don't get me wrong. I hate Teams meetings, and I hate Zoom calls as much as everyone else, but can Republicans please acknowledge that it is 2024, and people can work from home?

Basically, this bill says that if a Federal employee works from home 1 day a week, they are no longer counted as being in the office. Ignore the 4 days a week that they are in the office. If they work from home once, then they are not in the office. Oh, and by the way, we are going to get rid of their desks because they worked from home once. Come on. It is just a silly solution.

This bill fails to capture even the fundamental nature of some of our most vital jobs in the Federal workforce. For example, Mr. Speaker, if you are a food inspector who spends 4 days a week ensuring that our food supply is safe and secure, this bill would not count them for occupancy, which could eventually lead to eliminating their office space. Or if you are a Federal firefighter protecting the lives and property of countless Americans week after week after week but not sitting at a desk for 40 hours, then this bill would say: No, you won't be counted, and you won't need to have a desk.

Now, if we want our Federal workforce to be the best in the world, then we need to compete. We need to give people the flexibility to work from home, just like other employers do in the private sector, which is something that this bill discourages. For those reasons, I believe it is a bad bill, and I will be voting "no."

Mr. Speaker, next we have H. Res. 1065. The actual resolution calls on the President to detain and remove specific individuals from the United States.

I have news for you, Mr. Speaker. Republicans are in charge of this body. They are barely in charge, but they are in charge, nonetheless. They don't have to call on the President to do anything. This isn't a debate club for God's sake. Pass a bill and change the damn policy if you don't like it, Mr. Speaker.

Oh, wait. Republicans don't want to do anything about immigration or the border. They just want to complain and talk about their feelings.

Let me talk to my friends as if I am talking to one of the sixth-grade classes from my district that comes down and tours Washington every year:

If you want a bill to become a law, then you have to pass a bill. There is a difference between a bill, which starts with the abbreviation H.R., and a resolution, which starts with the abbreviation H. Res. I will spell it out for you. That is H, period; R-E-S, period.

Now, some people think H.R. stands for House resolution. It actually stands for House of Representatives, and H. Res. stands for House resolution. Be that as it may, let's move on because I only have 30 minutes.

The Constitution gives Congress the power to legislate, and we do that by passing bills. Bills can change policy. Bills can change taxes, fund programs, and regulate interstate commerce. Hell, bills can even force the President of the United States to do something. They go to the Senate, and then the Senate can pass it and send it to the President. The President can either veto it and send it back to us or sign it into law.

That is how a bill becomes a law.

My Republican friends might have forgotten this, so it is helpful to remind them.

This resolution on the border cannot become law because it is not a bill. It is a resolution, H. Res. 1065. See, it is right here, Mr. Speaker.

If this resolution passes the House, then it will go nowhere. It will just be put on a website and sent out as a press release. This resolution just tells people how you feel about the border.

Mr. Speaker, it is a way for Republicans to talk about their feelings, and I know Republicans have a lot of big feelings on the border.

Now, Democrats care about the border too, but the difference is we actually want to do something about it.

Now, don't get me wrong. There is a time and place for nonbinding resolutions, but this isn't it. We are not going to reform our broken immigration system with a nonbinding resolution. We are just not.

We had a bipartisan deal on border security that Republicans initially supported until Donald Trump called, and then they changed their minds. They killed it. Republicans killed a bipartisan border security deal, a bill that was negotiated by the second most conservative Republican in the United States Senate. They killed it.

So what do they bring up instead?

Not a bill, but a resolution, a meaningless resolution, this resolution, H. Res. 1065 which changes no law, which will not go to the Senate, and which is literally a press release talking about their feelings.

Now, here is the kicker: This resolution, H. Res. 1065, is almost identical to a similar resolution that we dealt with only 3 months ago. So not only does it do nothing, but it is a repeat. They are so bad at legislating that they are even bad at not legislating.

This is all they have to offer Mr. Speaker, half-baked, empty resolutions that don't address any of the fundamental concerns at our southern border.

Oh, sure, they like to pretend that they care about border security on rightwing TV so that Trump and Republican candidates can use it as a campaign slogan in November. They are really good at that. They go on

FOX News and say, secure the border, secure the border, but then they kill bills that try to do anything about the border.

They killed the bipartisan border security bill that came out of the United States Senate. It was a bill that would have provided more funding so we could have more people at the border patrolling our border. It was a bill that would provide more money for judges to accelerate consideration of asylum claims. It was a bill, by the way, that was supported by the Border Patrol union that is at the border.

Now, the only thing that they say they will agree to is their grossly partisan H.R. 2, seemingly ignoring the fact that H.R. 2 has lost in the Senate already. It failed bigly. It only got 32 votes.

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In fact, the gentleman across the aisle from Kentucky even voted against H.R. 2, but even if it were to pass the Senate, President Biden would never sign it into law because it is a crappy bill.

Furthermore, I got a little whiplash, Mr. Speaker, because on one hand, I hear from my Republican friends, H.R. 2 or nothing, H.R. 2 or nothing. Then we had a gentleman on the Republican side come and do a 1-minute speech and say, we don't need any legislation at all to do anything. We don't have to pass anything. They need to pick one or the other.

Any way you square it, Republicans now own the border crisis. Democrats have given them every opportunity to work together, and we have been turned down by a Republican Party that does not want to solve problems or govern.

So guess what? They own the border. They own the fentanyl crisis. They own all of it. This is their issue. They continue to pass meaningless resolutions like this which do nothing. They continue to scream and yell in committees and on the House floor. They continue to use victims of crimes as props, but when push comes to shove, they don't do a damn thing.

They vote against more funding for border security. They reject serious proposals for border security. They don't want to solve this problem; they want a crisis because they think it helps them in November. What a rotten, cynical, awful way to treat the people of this country. What a terrible way to govern.

This isn't serious legislation. It is a press release. It is embarrassing. House Republicans have no new ideas, so they are just going to keep passing the same meaningless resolution every week until they lose in November.

Maybe then they will realize that this is a bad strategy; that it is a bad idea to treat the American people like they are idiots because the American people are smart, Mr. Speaker. They see what Republicans are doing—obstructing, obstructing, obstructing,

and then blaming Democrats for the obstruction they created, passing silly, nonbinding resolutions that do nothing instead of actually working with us to get stuff done.

Democrats actually want to get something done on the border. We want to stop the fentanyl from coming into our country. We want to fix the broken immigration system. And Republicans own this issue now because they rejected a bipartisan deal, and they refuse to work together. They refuse to put people over politics and work with us to address our problems at the border.

Let me just conclude, Mr. Speaker, by, again, reminding my friends on the other side of the aisle—and I would say this to a sixth-grade class if they came to visit Washington—that we now have divided government.

We have, again, a House of Representatives barely controlled by Republicans, a United States Senate barely controlled by Democrats, and a Democrat in the White House.

This notion of "my way or the highway" for either side is a nonstarter. If you want to get something done, you have got to work together. For heaven's sake, I would think that you don't have to agree on everything to agree on something. We ought to be able to agree on something, like more support for border security along both our southern and our northern border.

We ought to be able to agree that we need to have more judges to evaluate asylum claims so people aren't here for months and months and months or years; that we can resolve these claims efficiently and effectively in a matter of weeks.

We ought to also, rather than doing nonbinding resolutions, be addressing the situation in Ukraine. Ukraine is out of equipment. I don't know why my friends on the other side of the aisle seem so dedicated to giving Putin a victory; Ukraine is running out of time.

Why haven't you scheduled a vote on a bill to provide Ukraine the military assistance that they need so that they can repel the Russians and stop Putin? They are out of time. And if Ukraine falls, my friends own that, too.

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

Mr. MASSIE. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume. The first step in solving a problem is to acknowledge that it exists. The other side of the aisle is having a problem with that because that is what this resolution does. It describes the problem.

The second part of solving a problem is to look at what the source of the problem is. That is what this resolution does. The other side of the aisle is having a problem with that.

In fact, today, they opened the debate by simply complaining that this is a House Resolution and not a House bill, but this is a House Resolution full of facts, inconvenient facts to this administration.

This administration, since the beginning, has passed 94 executive orders repealing border security measures that were in place and that has attracted 9.3 million illegal immigrants to our borders.

This is a problem that exists. The other side of the aisle needs to quit denying that it exists, and they need to quit trying to change the topic to Ukraine.

The topic today is these two bills. First among them is the resolution that draws attention to the problem at the border and lists specifically the things that this President could do to fix it.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. SELF), my good friend.

Mr. SELF. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the rule to allow consideration of H. Res. 1065, denouncing the Biden administration's immigration policies.

Every day we see a new horror story in the news, a new headline about some violent crime committed by an illegal alien: 22-year-old nursing student, Laken Riley, brutally murdered by a Venezuelan illegal immigrant; Travis Wolf, one day away from celebrating his 12th birthday, killed by an illegal immigrant driving the wrong way; 16-year-old Texas teen, Lizbeth Medina, stabbed to death by an illegal immigrant from Mexico with a criminal background.

Laken Riley, Travis Wolf, and Lizbeth Medina should still be here today.

Every crime committed by an illegal alien is preventable. Every murder, every rape, every robbery is preventable.

Criminal violence is the current outcome that we are seeing every day due to Biden's open-border policies. What about the risk of terrorism?

In my 25 years in the Army, if I learned anything, it is that evil still stalks the world. We are importing part of that evil to the United States today.

We have seen an escalation of the horrors inflicted on American families by the invasion on our southern border. How many horrific headlines must we endure before Biden closes the border and stops the carnage against Americans?

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, let me just say to the gentleman from Kentucky, we have acknowledged the problem. Maybe the gentleman wasn't listening to my eloquent oratory here, but I acknowledged and identified the problem at least 13 times in my speech.

I think what I and people on my side of the aisle have a problem with is that you have been acknowledging the problem like we did 3 months ago with a nonbinding resolution a lot of times, and we don't think nonbinding resolutions and acknowledging the problem or expressing our feelings is enough. We have to actually do something.

Mr. Speaker, to the other gentleman who just spoke, we are horrified by the

crimes that have been committed by undocumented immigrants who have come to this country who have criminal records. We pray for their families. We want to do everything we can to make sure that these things never happen again. I have a hard time when we gather and we hear this from my colleagues when we have shootings that are happening in this country almost on a daily basis.

Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to insert an AP article dated June 3, 2023, listing the names of the 19 children and two teachers killed in Uvalde.

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

There was no objection.

[From Associated Press, June 3, 2022]

THE NAMES: 19 CHILDREN, 2 TEACHERS KILLED IN UVALDE SCHOOL

Uvalde, TX (AP).—Nineteen children were looking forward to a summer filled with Girl Scouts and soccer and video games. Two teachers were closing out a school year that they started with joy and that had held such promise. They're the 21 people who were killed Tuesday when an 18-year-old gunman barricaded himself in a fourth-grade classroom at Robb Elementary School in the southwestern Texas town of Uvalde. Some families have been willing to share their stories with The Associated Press and other media. Others asked for privacy. Here are their names.

Neveah Alyssa Bravo, 10—Her aunt noted that Neveah's first name is heaven spelled backward. In a Facebook posting, Yvonne White described Neveah and her friend Jailah Silguero as "Our Angels."

Jacklyn Cazares, 9—Javier Cazares said his daughter was someone who would give the "shirt off her back" to help someone. "She had a voice," he said. "She didn't like bullies, she didn't like kids being picked on. All in all, full of love. She had a big heart." Annabell Rodriguez, also a victim, was Jacklyn's second cousin.

Makenna Lee Elrod, 10—Makenna's father asked on Tuesday if he could go to the local funeral home to search for his daughter because he feared "she may not be alive," TV station KTRK reported. Her family later asked for privacy.

Jose Manuel Flores Jr., 10—Jose's parents told CNN that the 10-year-old was helpful around the house and loved his younger siblings. "He was just very good with babies," his mother said. His father told CNN that Jose loved baseball and video games and "was always full of energy." A photo taken at school Tuesday shows him smiling and proudly holding a certificate to show he made the honor roll.

Eliahna Garcia, 9—Eliahna's relatives recalled her love of family. "She was very happy and very outgoing," said her aunt, Siria Arizmendi, a fifth-grade teacher at Flores Elementary School in the same district. "She loved to dance and play sports. She was big into family, enjoyed being with the family."

Irma Garcia, 48—Irma Garcia was finishing up her 23rd year as a teacher at Robb Elementary School. In a letter posted on the school's website at the beginning of the school year, Garcia told her students that she had been married for nearly a quarter of a century and that she and her husband, Joe, had four children—a Marine, a college student, a high school student and a seventh grader. She told the students that she loved barbeque, listening to music and taking country cruises with her husband. On Thurs-

day, Joe Garcia died of a heart attack, according to a nephew.

Uziyah Garcia, 10—Uziyah's grandfather called him "the sweetest little boy that I've ever known." Manny Renfro said he last saw Uziyah when the boy came to his home over spring break. "We started throwing the football together and I was teaching him pass patterns. Such a fast little boy and he could catch a ball so good," Renfro said. "There were certain plays that I would call that he would remember and he would do it exactly like we practiced."

Amerie Jo Garza, 10—Amerie loved to paint, draw and work in clay. "She was very creative," said her grandmother Dora Mendoza. "She was my baby. Whenever she saw flowers she would draw them." For her 10th birthday, Amerie was given her first cellphone. Her stepfather, Angel Garza, recalled that her face "just lit up with the happiest expression." Garza said that Amerie's friend told him that Amerie had tried to call the police on her phone before she was shot.

Xavier Lopez, 10—Xavier had been eagerly awaiting a summer of swimming. "He was just a loving . . . little boy, just enjoying life, not knowing that this tragedy was going to happen," said his cousin, Liza Garza. "He was very bubbly, loved to dance with his brothers, his mom. This has just taken a toll on all of us."

Jayce Carmelo Luevanos, 10—Carmelo Quiroz's grandson had begged to be allowed to join his grandmother on Tuesday as she accompanied her great-granddaughter's kindergarten class to the San Antonio Zoo. But, he said, the family told Jayce it didn't make sense to skip school so close to the end of the year. Besides, Jayce liked school. "That's why my wife is hurting so much, because he wanted to go to San Antonio," Quiroz told USA Today. "He was so sad he couldn't go. Maybe if he would have gone, he'd be here." He died with his cousin, Jailah Nicole Silguero.

Tess Mata, 10—Faith Mata told The Washington Post that her sister loved TikTok dance videos, Ariana Grande, the Houston Astros, and having her hair curled.

Maranda Mathis, 11—The mother of a close friend described Maranda as "very loving and very talkative." She told the Austin American-Statesman that her daughter and Maranda had been in the same classes and that Maranda would ask to have her hair done like her daughter's.

Eva Mireles, 44—In a post on the school's website at the start of the year, the fourth-grade teacher said she had been teaching for 17 years. Mireles loved running and hiking. She said she and her husband, a school district police officer, had an adult daughter and three pets.

Alithia Ramirez, 10—Alithia Ramirez loved soccer and she really loved to draw. Her father Ryan Ramirez's Facebook page includes a photo, now shown around the world, of the little girl wearing the multi-colored T-shirt that announced she was out of "single digits" after turning 10 years old. The same photo was posted again Wednesday with no words, but with Alithia wearing angel wings.

Annabell Rodriguez, 10—Polly Flores told the New York Times that her great-niece Annabell Rodriguez was an honor roll student and close to her second cousin Jacklyn Cazares.

Maite Rodriguez, 10—After a rough time with Zoom classes during the pandemic, Maite Rodriguez made the honor roll for straight As and Bs this year and was recognized at an assembly on Tuesday, said her mother, Ana Rodriwez. Maite especially liked physical education, and after she died, her teacher texted Ana Rodriguez to say she was highly competitive at kickball and ran

faster than all the boys. Her mother described Make as “focused, competitive, smart, bright, beautiful, happy.” Maite wanted to be a marine biologist and after researching a program at Texas A&M University in Corpus Christi she told her mother she wanted to study there.

Alexandria “Lexi” Rubio, 10—Lexi’s mother, Kimberly Rubio, posted on Facebook that her daughter was honored for earning all A grades and received a good citizen award in ceremonies at the school shortly before the shooting. The fourth-grader was a softball and basketball player who wanted to be a lawyer. Lexi’s father, Felix Rubio, is a deputy with the Uvalde County Sheriff’s Office. The couple told CNN that he was among the law enforcement officers who responded to the shooting.

Layla Salazar, 11—Layla’s father said she loved to run and swim, dance to TikTok videos and play games including Minecraft and Roblox with friends. He said she won all six of her dashes and hurdles races at the school’s past three annual field days. He said each morning as he drove her to school in his pickup, he would play “Sweet Child O’ Mine” by Guns N’ Roses and they would sing along.

Jailah Nicole Silguero, 10—Jailah’s mother tearfully told Univision that her daughter did not want to go to school the day of the shooting, and thought that maybe she sensed something was going to happen. Jailah and her cousin, Jayce Luevanos, died in the classroom.

Eliahna Torres, 10—Adolfo Torres told the Associated Press that his granddaughter, Eliahna, died in the shooting. Television station KIII reported that Eliahna was set to play the last softball game of her season that day. The team members kneeled for a moment of silence to remember Eliahna and the other victims.

Rojelio Torres, 10—Rojelio Torres’ mother, Evadulia Orta, told ABC News her son was a very smart and loving child. “I lost a piece of my heart,” she said.

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to insert the names of all 58 Las Vegas shooting victims that were released by the coroner.

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

There was no objection.

#### CORONER RELEASES NAMES OF ALL 58 LAS VEGAS SHOOTING VICTIMS

Here’s the complete list of fatalities:

1. Charleston Hartfield, 34, Las Vegas, Nevada
2. Brett Schwanbeck, 61, Bullhead City, Arizona
3. Austin Meyer, 24, Reno, Nevada
4. Pati Mestas, 67, Menifee, California
5. Nicol Kimura, 38, Placentia, California
6. Christopher Hazencomb, 44, Camarillo, California
7. Andrea Castilla, 28, Huntington Beach, California
8. Carly Kreibaum, 33, Sutherland, Iowa
9. Steve Berger, 44, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
10. Brian Fraser, 39, Walnut, California
11. Derrick “Bo” Taylor, 56, Oxnard, California
12. Denise Cohen, 58, Carpinteria, California
13. Christiana Duarte, 22, Torrance, California
14. Candice Bowers, 40, Garden Grove, California
15. Lisa Patterson, 46, Rancho Palos Verdes, California
16. Rocio Guillen Rocha, 40, Eastvale, California
17. Jordyn Rivera, 21, San Bernardino, California

18. Austin Davis, 29, Riverside, California

19. Laura Shipp, 50, Thousand Oaks, California

20. Keri Galvan, 51, Thousand Oaks, California

21. Tara Roe Smith, 34, Okotoks, Alberta, Canada

22. Calla Medig, 28, Jasper, Alberta, Canada

23. Carrie Parsons, 31, Seattle, Washington

24. Cameron Robinson, 28, St. George, Utah

25. Michelle Vo, 32, Los Angeles, California

26. Brennan Stewart, 30, Las Vegas, Nevada

27. Erick Silva, 21, Las Vegas, Nevada

28. Dorene Anderson, 49, Anchorage, Alaska

29. Heather Alvarado, 35, Enoch, Utah

30. Hannah Ahlers, 34, Beaumont, California

31. Stacey Etcheber, 50, Novato, California

32. Christopher Roybal, 28, Denver, Colorado

33. Victor Link, 55, San Clemente, California

34. Melissa Ramirez, 26, Bakersfield, California

35. Kelsey Meadows, 28, Taft, California

36. Dana Gardner, 52, Grand Terrace, California

37. Bill Wolfe, Jr., 42, Shippensburg, Pennsylvania

38. Carrie Barnette, 34, Garden Grove, California

39. Thomas Day, Jr., 54, Corona, California

40. Jennifer Parks, 36, Lancaster, California

41. Kurt Von Tillow, 55, Cameron Park, California

42. Jack Beaton, 54, Bakersfield, California

43. Denise Burditus, 50, Martinsburg, West Virginia

44. Sandy Casey, 35, Redondo Beach, California

45. Angie Gomez, 20, Riverside, California

46. Jennifer Irvine, 42, San Diego, California

47. Jessica Klymchuk, 34, Valleyview, Alberta, Canada

48. Rhonda LeRocque, 42, Tewksbury, Massachusetts

49. Jordan McIlloodon, 23, Maple Ridge, British Columbia, Canada

50. Sonny Melton, 29, Paris, Tennessee

51. Adrian Murfitt, 35, Anchorage, Alaska

52. Rachel Parker, 33, Manhattan Beach, California

53. John Phippen, 57, Valencia, California

54. Quintin Robbins, 20, Henderson, Nevada

55. Lisa Romero-Muniz, 48, Gallup, New Mexico

56. Bailey Schweitzer, 20, Bakersfield, California

57. Susan Smith, 53, Simi Valley, California

58. Neysa Tonks, 46, Las Vegas, Nevada

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I could go on and on and on. We can do something about that, but the NRA provides lots of money so my friends don’t want to deal with it. I mean, come on.

Mr. Speaker, I am going to urge that we defeat the previous question. If we do, I will offer an amendment to the rule to bring up H.R. 16, the American Dream and Promise Act of 2023.

Mr. Speaker, the bipartisan American Dream and Promise Act provides a pathway to citizenship for people who only know America as their home. They contribute to society as taxpayers, small business owners, educators, and more. Dreamers were brought to the United States as children through no-fault of their own. It is past time to open the doors and empower these talented individuals by

granting them access to citizenship that they rightfully deserve.

Mr. Speaker, let me be clear: There is a lot of work that needs to be done to fix our broken immigration system and to secure our border. H.R. 16 won’t solve every issue, but it will address a long, outstanding one in our failing immigration system. It is the right thing to do, and we should start doing the right thing around here.

It has the added benefit of being a bill that actually does something. It is not an expression of our feelings. It does something.

Instead of considering the do-nothing Republican nonbinding resolution before us today which just restates the Republican position from a nonbinding resolution we already passed 2 months ago, let’s consider actual legislation to start fixing these issues. Let’s bring up H.R. 16.

Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to insert the text of my amendment in the RECORD along with any extraneous material immediately prior to the vote on the previous question.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2½ minutes to the gentlewoman from Illinois (Mrs. RAMIREZ) to discuss our proposal.

Mrs. RAMIREZ. Mr. Speaker, for the past year, we have endured attack after attack after attack on immigrant communities, which, by the way, some of us are first generation. Many people here are second, third, and fourth, but we tend to forget that we, too, are immigrants.

We have suffered harmful legislation, an impeachment of Secretary Mayorkas, and inflammatory rhetoric criminalizing and scapegoating immigrant communities.

Mr. Speaker, I got here about a year and a half ago as a freshman Member. As I look around, I understand why the American people are so frustrated with Congress.

They are fed up that we don’t have the courage, the moral clarity, and the political will as a body to see through these theatrics for cheap political points and actually do our job.

I stand here today as a daughter of immigrants, but also as the wife of Boris Hernandez. I am the only Member of Congress in a mixed-status family. My husband is a Dreamer, and he has been here since the age of 14.

I represent a district proud of immigrants who call it home. I represent the essential workers that kept us alive during the pandemic and the same people that you go to on Cinco de Mayo when you celebrate a meal and drink your margaritas.

Today, I am here proudly standing as co-lead of the Dream and Promise Act. The Dream and Promise Act is an actual immigration policy solution, not a cheap political stunt. It gives Dreamers and immigrants in America an

earned pathway to citizenship that reflects our values as a Nation, a multicultural democracy of diversity and inclusion.

Today, I rise to denounce my colleagues' lack of meaningful action on immigration policy, nothing since 1986. We can't treat people who have built our communities and invested in our Nation and public institutions without the promise of citizenship. We can't treat them as disposable.

Their commitment to us and to our Nation have already demonstrated a promise to address our historic labor shortage: 9 million jobs open right now and to grow our GDP by \$1.7 trillion over the next decade.

We must demonstrate our commitment to them and to the solutions that will deliver real, effective immigration reform.

I affirm that it is this body who refuses to use its authority to enact policy if it fails to take up any of the bipartisan immigration policies filed in this Chamber.

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

Mr. McGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I yield an additional 30 seconds to the gentlewoman from Illinois.

Mrs. RAMIREZ. Mr. Speaker, we must embrace our values as a Nation without questioning the dignity of our neighbors lives and claims. There are toddlers who have been here their entire life and are now 30 years old.

Let's stop acting like we are powerless and pass H.R. 16 today.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SELF). Members are reminded to direct their remarks to the Chair.

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Mr. MASSIE. Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. NORMAN), my friend and colleague on the Rules Committee.

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

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to speak on H. Res. 1065, denouncing the Biden administration's immigration policies.

I woke up this morning to a picture of a policeman who was killed in a car accident driven by an illegal alien who was drunk and on drugs.

Mr. Speaker, this resolution shouldn't be needed, but it is because the Biden administration, for 3 years, has violated the oath that he took to protect and defend the United States of America.

What they don't want out is anything meaningful that would curb it because they know they have a rogue President who will not. It is intentional.

What cannot be denied is the 9.3 million illegals now in this country. What cannot be denied is the 94 executive actions that this President took the day he took office. He started a relentless stream of executive orders to open our borders up to over 160 countries.

What he can't deny is the 1.8 million known got-aways who evaded the United States Border Patrol.

What he can't deny, for all you listeners in the balcony, is the 20,000 Communist Chinese nationals now in this country that pose a severe threat to every American who walks every street in every city in the United States.

They cannot deny the crime statistics. The Venezuelan, Daniel Martinez, in New York City, on June 27, 2023, committed 14 crimes leading to 6 arrests, including the day he grabbed a stranger by the hair on the streets and dragged her and kicked her across the floor.

On February 24, 2024, a Venezuelan national was arrested in Virginia for sexual offenses against a minor. He first crossed illegally in September 2023 and was released.

In August 2023, a police officer in Virginia was struck by a Nigerian who was driving under the influence. He had only been in the country for 7 months. The police officer suffered a skull fracture.

Additionally, one of many, but in May 2023, a Honduran raped a teenage girl in Alabama.

Mr. Speaker, this is going to continue until this rogue administration determines they are going to shut the border.

In the Rules Committee, I asked about the wall, and Ms. JAYAPAL mentioned the fact she didn't believe in a wall, which has been paid for by the Trump administration during his 4 years.

I mentioned: What is the difference between the wall that has designated points of entry and the wall that was around the Capitol to hear the President of the United States talk?

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

Mr. MASSIE. Mr. Speaker, I yield an additional 30 seconds to the gentleman from South Carolina.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to refrain from references to occupants of the gallery.

Mr. NORMAN. Mr. Speaker, the bottom line is this administration has no desire to end the immigration. They want it for two things: power and change the Censuses of the States that are transporting them all over this country.

It is an abomination, and support by a meaningful, new President will close the border down.

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

Mr. Speaker, I kind of feel like I am in an episode of "The Twilight Zone." I can't figure my colleagues on the other side of the aisle out.

The bottom line is, I hear they want to be tough on the border, and every time we try to pass a tough border security bill, they say no.

What we have here is a nonbinding resolution that does nothing. It does nothing. It doesn't even go to the Senate. It can never become law. It is nothing. It is just a press release.

What they turned down was \$440 million for more judges to accelerate the

asylum claims so we are not waiting years and can do this in weeks and months. \$23 million to destruct Mexican cartels, they said no to that. \$6.7 billion for Customs and Border Protection, they said no to that. Fifty thousand ICE detention beds, they said no to that. \$4 billion for USCIS, they said no to that.

Why? Because the former President of the United States called up and said: I want the issue.

This is the former President of the United States, by the way, who says that immigrants poison the blood of our country.

Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to include this article in the RECORD. This is from Salon. The title is: "He said, Hitler did some good things": Ex-chief of staff says Trump praised Hitler in White House."

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

There was no objection.

[From Salon, Mar. 11, 2024]

"HE SAID, HITLER DID SOME GOOD THINGS": EX-CHIEF OF STAFF SAYS TRUMP PRAISED HITLER IN WHITE HOUSE

(By Igor Derysh, Managing Editor)

Former President Donald Trump praised German dictator Adolf Hitler while in the White House, former chief of staff John Kelly told CNN.

Trump repeatedly praised authoritarian leaders while serving as president, Kelly and other former senior advisers told CNN's Jim Sciutto. Trump praised Chinese leader Xi Jinping, North Korean leader Kim Jong Un and Russian President Vladimir Putin, the former aides said. But his most unnerving praise was for Hitler.

"He said, 'Well, but Hitler did some good things.' I said, 'Well, what?' And he said, 'Well, [Hitler] rebuilt the economy.' But what did he do with that rebuilt economy? He turned it against his own people and against the world. And I said, 'Sir, you can never say anything good about the guy. Nothing.'" Kelly recalled, according to Sciutto. "I mean, Mussolini was a great guy in comparison."

"It's pretty hard to believe he missed the Holocaust, though, and pretty hard to understand how he missed the 400,000 American GIs that were killed in the European theater," Kelly added. "But I think it's more, again, the tough guy thing."

It wasn't just Hitler's economic policies, Kelly said. Trump also expressed admiration for Hitler's hold on senior Nazi officers as he lamented his own lack of staff "loyalty."

"He would ask about the loyalty issues and about how, when I pointed out to him the German generals as a group were not loyal to him, and in fact tried to assassinate him a few times, and he didn't know that," Kelly recounted. "He truly believed, when he brought us generals in, that we would be loyal—that we would do anything he wanted us to do," Kelly added.

Former Trump national security adviser John Bolton added that Trump "views himself as a big guy."

"He likes dealing with other big guys, and big guys like Erdogan in Turkey get to put people in jail and you don't have to ask anybody's permission. He kind of likes that," Bolton told Sciutto.

A Trump spokeswoman in 2021 denied that he had praised Hitler. Trump campaign spokesman Steve Cheung told the outlet,

"John Kelly and John Bolton have completely beclowned themselves and are suffering from a severe case of Trump Derangement Syndrome. They need to seek professional help because their hatred is consuming their empty lives."

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, let that sink in.

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

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

Mr. Speaker, I note my colleagues on the other side of the aisle said, when the majority recites the names of the victims of illegal immigration and illegal immigrants and the criminals who are coming across our border, that those victims are props.

I resent that. I really do because the other side of the aisle then proceeded in the next measure of the debate to enter names of victims who had been killed by criminals using guns.

Let's just agree today that when we honor the names of people who have suffered at the hands of criminals, whether they be domestic or illegal immigrants—sadly, as so many are now—we don't call them props.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. ROY), a fellow member of the Rules Committee.

Mr. ROY. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Kentucky for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, I know he is probably as surprised as I am to be accused of taking orders from the former President and following whatever the former President says.

If the gentleman from Massachusetts wants to take a flight down to Mar-a-Lago, he is welcome to tell the former President that the gentleman from Texas and the gentleman from Kentucky take orders.

The reason that matters is because I had the President's former ICE Director, Tom Homan, under oath in the House Judiciary Committee, and I asked him that question.

I said: Were we articulating the massive problems in the Senate bill prior to the former President having commented publicly?

The answer under oath, of course, from Mr. Homan was: Yes.

That is because we all knew that the bill was a failed bill. We all knew that it was a prop.

The gentleman from Massachusetts makes crystal clear what the actual game is. The gentleman from Massachusetts gives up the game today. The gentleman comes to the floor of the House and says: "Republicans own this issue now." That is an important phrase: "Republicans own this issue now."

What is really happening is my radical progressive Democratic colleagues who believe in wide-open borders, allowing mass release of immigrants into the United States that resulted in the death of thousands of Americans through fentanyl or through the danger of what we saw happen to Laken Riley, those radical progressive Democrats

are realizing the American people are caught up to them. They recognize the reality that it is their policies that are resulting in the death and destruction of the American people.

What are they doing? They are putting forward bills that have no chance of succeeding and legislation that would not solve the problem; would codify mass releases; would not deal with unaccompanied alien children; would not deal with any of the issues with parole that the President is using to violate current law, which requires case-by-case analysis to process people in the United States; mass releases under parole; and violation of law that resulted directly in the death of Laken Riley.

My colleagues on the other side of the aisle know this, so they are trying to use a bill that they put forward, which won't solve the problem and will make it worse, to deflect and push blame politically to Republicans.

That is why the gentleman from Massachusetts on the floor of the House today said, "Republicans own this issue now," because they are purposely trying to obfuscate the truth. The truth is Laken Riley is dead because the President of the United States, Joe Biden, who stood at that dais last week and lectured the American people, made the decision, with the full support and execution by Alejandro Mayorkas, to mass release people into the United States that they know contained mass numbers of criminals, terrorists. People from all over the world, including the Chinese Communist Party, have been released into the United States.

Laken Riley is now dead. Aiden Clark is now dead. Kayla Hamilton is now dead, beaten to death in her own home. Lizbeth Medina, a Texan, is now dead, beaten to death and murdered in her own home, found in a bathroom by her mom instead of seeing her perform her cheerleading in a parade.

That is the truth. My colleagues on the other side of the aisle know it, and they are now trying to deflect.

Mr. Speaker, I support this resolution.

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

Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to include in the RECORD an article from Axios titled: "Trump, House Republicans plot to kill border deal."

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

There was no objection.

[From AXIOS, Jan. 29, 2024]

TRUMP, HOUSE REPUBLICANS PLOT TO KILL BORDER DEAL

(By Stef W. Kight)

Republican and Democratic senators are taking to the airwaves, scrambling to pass severe restrictions on migrants flooding across the U.S.-Mexico border. There's just one thing: Their plan is all but dead.

Why it matters: The Senate might pass the plan, which would be one of the harshest immigration bills of the century. President

Biden is ready to sign it. But House Republicans—egged on by former President Trump—already are planning to shut it down.

State of play: Illegal immigration has rocketed to the top of voters' concerns, and Biden has become increasingly desperate for a solution. Trump and conservative Republicans see a political opportunity to squeeze Biden and Democrats on the issue.

Trump, whose front-runner status in the Republican presidential race has solidified his leadership of the GOP, has loudly vowed to kill the bipartisan border deal.

It's not going to happen, and I'll fight it all the way," Trump said Saturday in Nevada.

Zoom in: House Speaker Mike Johnson (R-La.) has fallen in line. He called the deal "dead on arrival" on Friday, then doubled down over the weekend, claiming it wouldn't do enough to stop illegal border crossings.

He has said he talks frequently with Trump about the border.

Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) warned senators last week that Trump's opposition would make it difficult to get a border plan through Congress.

A sign of Trump's influence: Oklahoma's GOP voted Saturday to censure Sen. James Lankford (R-Okla.) for being a lead negotiator in the border policy discussions.

The details: The text of the border bill is expected to drop soon. It will include a measure that effectively would block illegal border crossers from asylum once the number of migrant encounters hits a daily average of 5,000 in a week or 8,500 on a single day, as Axios has reported.

Those restrictions would remain until illegal crossings drop and remain low for an extended period of time.

The deal also would expedite the asylum process and limit the use of parole to release migrants into the U.S.

The big picture: The migrant crisis at the border and in major U.S. cities is one of the most jeopardizing issues for Biden and Democrats this November.

It's also Trump's marquee political issue. He has every incentive to keep it front and center as he heads toward a likely rematch against Biden.

Biden has doubled down on a tougher border image in recent months, and has signaled his willingness to "shut down the border" if he's given new authority under the Senate agreement.

What they're saying: The White House is accusing Republicans of flip-flopping for politics—first supporting their own strict immigration bill and now saying Biden already has the authority to close the border.

"If Speaker Johnson continues to believe—as President Biden and Republicans and Democrats in Congress do—that we have an imperative to act immediately on the border, he should give this administration the authority and funding we're requesting," White House press secretary Karine Jean-Pierre said in a statement.

"Right now [the plan's critics] are functioning off of internet rumors of what's in the bill, and many of them are false," Lankford said on "Face the Nation," defending the plan he has been negotiating.

"I want to know how house R's square their support for H.R. 2 with their position now that we should do nothing," one senior GOP Senate aide told Axios, referring to a sweeping border bill passed by House Republicans last year.

Republicans "are redefining the terms of any debate for the future," one former Biden official told Axios. "A very extreme, enforcement-heavy package is now being rejected as not tough enough."

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I would say to the gentleman who was



just yelling that the proposal that we are talking about, the bipartisan border security deal, is not something that we wrote over here: It was written in a bipartisan way in the Senate, led by the second most conservative Republican in the United States Senate.

He said it doesn't have a chance of passing. I will bet him anything that if he brought the bill to the floor, actually let it be brought before the full House, it would pass.

That is why Trump intervened to make sure that it never got a chance to go to the floor, because he knows it would pass.

Also, to the gentleman from Kentucky, I certainly didn't call the victims of—

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

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I did not refer to the victims of violence and who were killed by undocumented immigrants as props. I said that my Republican friends are using them as props, and I included in the RECORD the names of people who were killed by gun violence because I am tired of the selective outrage.

The bottom line is that countless people in this country are killed every week from gun violence, and my Republican friends do not want to do anything about it because the NRA owns the Republican Party in this country, and they are afraid to lose the money. That is what this is about.

Our complaint here is that we are talking about border security issues, and our frustration is that what we are dealing with, this tough bill—my Republican colleagues are so tough on the border. The tough bill that they are bringing before the House of Representatives is a nonbinding resolution that can never become law, that won't even be sent to the Senate, that is just a press release.

That is just a colossal waste of time. Surely, there has to be common ground where Democrats and Republicans can come together and actually pass things to better secure our border and to protect people like Laken Riley and others in the future.

However, I guess that is too much to ask.

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

Mr. MASSIE. Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. ALFORD).

Mr. ALFORD. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Kentucky for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to share my support for the Utilizing Space Efficiently and Improving Technologies Act of 2023, otherwise known as the USE IT Act.

Mr. Speaker, it is time for Federal employees to get back into the office. Use it or lose it.

The Government Accountability Office, GAO, found that, on average, 17 of the 24 CFO agency headquarters were at least 25 percent or less utilization in 2023.

There are two examples that I have direct oversight over through the Com-

mittee on Small Business and the Committee on Agriculture. The Small Business Administration has 270,000 square feet. Only 9 percent of the people who work there show up for work. In the USDA's 2 million square feet of beautiful buildings just down the street here, only 11 percent of those buildings are occupied.

Are these agencies trying to hide the low numbers of workers actually showing up to work for the American people? The majority of workers aren't at their desks. They are not answering the phones. That is why our congressional offices are having to do their job.

Mr. Speaker, I don't mind helping our constituents. That is what we get paid to do. I have a card here. Most Members of Congress carry their schedules around in their pockets. We have 16 appointments today.

Mr. Speaker, you show up for work every day that you are supposed to be here. The ranking member shows up for work. He is not phoning it in. People in these agencies should not be phoning it in, either.

We need to look at our constituents as clients, the American taxpayer.

When I first came to D.C. 14 months ago, I wanted to visit the very agencies over which we had oversight, the Small Business Administration, the Pentagon, the USDA. We went to the Pentagon, but the other agencies would not let us in the door.

Why is that? A sitting Member of Congress could not get into the door of these agencies.

That is why we filed the Congressional Access to Bureaucratic Offices Act, which more or less complements this resolution. Sitting Members of Congress should be able to get into these agencies. They are not because they have been hiding the low numbers of people who are actually at their desks.

This bill would require the agencies to submit a report to Congress that includes the actual utilization rate.

Mr. Speaker, as a former news anchor for 35 years in America, I have breaking news for you. COVID is over. Get back to work for the American people. Start doing your job. Quit putting the pressure on constituents to have to call their Congress Member, their Congressman or Congresswoman, to get the job done that they should be doing in the first place.

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

Mr. Speaker, if I could just respond to the gentleman who just spoke, not all jobs are the same. I mean, food inspectors, Federal food inspectors, for example, don't sit at a desk 5 days a week. Sometimes they have to go out and do inspections to make sure that the food that we provide people is safe.

Federal firefighters are not behind a desk 5 days a week. It doesn't mean they aren't working.

Our Border Patrol agents are patrolling the border. That doesn't mean they don't need a desk at some point.

Heck, Members of Congress, I mean, we are not in Washington behind our desks 5 days a week. Sometimes we are in our districts, sometimes we are in other places, but because we don't show up physically to work a day or 2 or 5 days in a particular month, somehow we should have our desks taken away?

This is the problem: With some better bipartisan cooperation, with more thoughtful consideration of these matters, we could have had a bill that would have sailed out of here unanimously; but, again, my friends can't help themselves, it is either their way or the highway. In any event, the way the bill is currently written ignores the realities of the workers that I just mentioned.

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

Mr. MASSIE. Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentleman from New York (Mr. LANGWORTHY), my friend and fellow colleague on the Rules Committee.

Mr. LANGWORTHY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the rule which provides for consideration of H. Res. 1065, a resolution denouncing the Biden administration's disastrous border policies.

The Biden administration's utter failure to maintain operational control of our southern border has led to a crisis so extensive that it has spilled across my home State of New York and our Nation's northern border as well.

According to the latest data, since October 1, 2023, the northern border has seen a record number of illegal immigrants and drug seizures, most notably fentanyl, by Border Patrol. That is just what has been caught.

According to Border Patrol, the number of apprehensions of illegal aliens has more than doubled from this time last year, leading to a crisis that is overwhelming our brave Border Patrol agents who are trying, in spite of this administration, to maintain some semblance of security at our borders.

Let me be clear. The Biden administration's self-imposed border crisis has permeated every port of entry and nearly our entire land border, southern and northern. This administration has refused to do the right thing, the humane thing, and step in to stop the flow of trafficked migrants and lethal fentanyl.

We have lost so many Americans to the crime and the drugs that the Biden administration is allowing to come across our wide-open border. How many American lives do we need to lose before Biden takes any meaningful action to secure the border?

Now, my colleagues on the other side of the aisle have once again claimed that the resolution before us today is not serious and does not address the crisis. I remind my colleagues that the House of Representatives and House

Republicans passed historic funding levels to support our Nation's Border Patrol over the robust opposition of many House Democrats.

Republicans have also passed H.R. 2, a bill that would have serious and positive impact on the security of our Nation's borders. All of this was done while my colleagues on the other side of the aisle and the Biden administration doggedly refused to even admit that a crisis existed on our Nation's borders.

Make no mistake. Biden inherited an operationally secure southern border. As soon as he was sworn in, he immediately began reversing the policies that kept Americans safe. His administration has taken over 90 actions to undermine border security. On behalf of the American people, House Republicans are telling President Biden to end this madness now.

If it is not already clear, I strongly support this rule before us today, as well as the underlying legislation that denounces this administration for allowing the crisis at our borders to unfold.

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

Mr. Speaker, I have heard the gentleman from New York repeatedly brag about this Homeland Security appropriations bill that the Republicans passed last year as a demonstration of their commitment to securing our border, but here is what he left out: My Republican friends still—still, still—have not sent it over to the Senate. They have not sent it over to the Senate. I don't know why.

By the way, H.R. 2 is dead. It only got 32 votes in the Senate. That is a pretty strong message that it is going nowhere.

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

Mr. MASSIE. Mr. Speaker, may I inquire as to how much time remains on both sides?

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. ALFORD). The gentleman from Kentucky has 13½ minutes remaining.

The gentleman from Massachusetts has 7 minutes remaining.

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

Mr. Speaker, during his first 100 days in office, President Biden took 94 executive actions on immigration, including halting construction of the border wall.

In August of 2022, the Biden administration formally halted President Trump's successful remain in Mexico program.

In May of 2023, the administration announced that it would allow for the release of some migrants into the U.S. with no way to track them.

The Biden administration also ended title 42, the CDC order that allowed the Department of Homeland Security to remove noncitizens who did not have proper travel documentation, whose entry was otherwise contrary to law, or who were apprehended at or near the

border seeking unlawful entry into the United States without regard to asylum claims or proceedings.

Shortly after taking office, President Biden terminated the asylum cooperative agreements with Guatemala, El Salvador, and Honduras to facilitate cooperation in resolving the migration crisis.

The Biden administration has also abused its authority under the Immigration and Nationality Act to grant parole on a case-by-case basis and has instead used this authority to grant mass parole to over 1 million migrants.

The Biden administration has also failed to detain migrants encountered at the southern border and has failed to use its authority to perform expedited removal of individuals illegally present in the United States.

As a result, since President Biden took office, 9.3 million illegal aliens from all over the world have arrived at the southern border. The Biden administration has allowed at least 6.3 million illegal aliens to travel from the southern border to enter American communities.

This is a tragedy. We need to call attention to it.

President Biden says there is nothing he can do. Well, I have just listed a number of things that he has done to create this crisis, and further in this debate I will talk about some of the things that he can do, that we know he can do, things that are stated in the resolution contained in this rule to end this national security, legal, and humanitarian crisis at our border.

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

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

Mr. MASSIE. Mr. Speaker, I yield 4 minutes to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. FALLON), my good friend.

Mr. FALLON. Mr. Speaker, we have myths and then we have facts. Let's go over some myths for a second, particularly when you talk about the border.

Myth one I heard was, the GOP doesn't have any solutions and doesn't want to solve this border crisis. We are not just having a crisis anymore. I would say it is a calamity. Then somehow Donald Trump calls, and a bipartisan deal that would solve the border crisis is scuttled; and that H.R. 2, which was the omnibus border security bill, was somehow radical.

Let's talk about facts now. First of all, Donald Trump didn't call and scuttle anything. We want to solve this crisis because we took an oath to the Constitution. In solving the crisis, we need a bill that will do that. The so-called bipartisan bill coming out of the Senate no House Republican even had any input on those discussions at all. There were major flaws in that legislation, and there were loopholes.

I do agree with the gentleman from Massachusetts—where I was born and raised for my first 22 years—that this is a divided government, and you do need to have some compromise if you

want to get anything done on everything. You need to strike a deal that works and gets things done. I understand that we are not going to dictate. We are in no position to. At the same time, you have to have workable solutions and not just things that are political but can solve issues.

Let's talk, again, about some inconvenient truths. In the two prior administrations—and I am talking about the Obama and Trump administrations—at this juncture in their Presidencies, there were about 1.7 million illegal border encounters. This administration has seen that number explode to 8 million. There is a problem. There is something fundamentally different now than in the past.

The last couple years of the Trump administration, there were three people who were on the terrorist watch list that were apprehended. Last fiscal year it was 169. Chinese nationals, mostly of military age, under the Trump administration's final years, it was about 450 in a given year. That ballooned to 40,000-plus. That is alarming. That is concerning. The cartels have never made more money. They are charging somewhere between \$4,000 and \$7,000 a head. The folks who are crossing the border illegally represent 170 countries.

Fentanyl deaths have doubled. Other than a couple of outlier years in, I think, the year 2000—so for the last 20-plus years—we had never had a month where we had 200,000 illegal border crossings. Under this administration, we have had 20. In December, we had 300,000 illegal crossings. In FY 2017, there were 300,000 all year.

There are things fundamentally different and wrong. The border is wide open. Republicans want to solve it because we took a sacred oath to secure the safety of American citizens because if you are not safe, then you are not free.

Here are our solutions: Wait in Mexico will reduce this flood by 70 percent. Ask anybody who deals with the border, any expert who is honest.

Border walls and other barriers actually work. You find them around the White House, you find them around people's beach houses and mansions in Malibu. Around when we had the State of the Union Address, there was a fence. For 6 months after January 6, there was a fence.

Expedited removal, punishing folks who overstay their visas, E-Verify. Those are all workable solutions, that are not radical. The American people are crying for them. If our friends across the aisle don't recognize that, they are going to rue the day come November of this year.

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time to close.

To the gentleman who just spoke, let me just say, you talk about facts. What is an undeniable fact is that the bill before us does absolutely nothing. Nothing. It doesn't add one more Border Patrol agent along our southern or northern border. It doesn't add any more



judges. It doesn't do anything to stop the Mexican cartels. It does nothing. It is just a press release.

The other fact is, H.R. 2 is going nowhere and fast, with 32 votes in the Senate. He also said they would like to work together. Every time we try to work together—that is what we tried to do in the Senate—my Republican friends here in the House, at the request of Donald Trump, say: No, we don't want to work with you. That is a problem because we have to work together in order to get real, meaningful solutions over the finish line.

The gentleman also keeps on screaming, the border is open, the border is open. That is the Republican rallying cry. It isn't, but if you say it enough times, then people might believe you and try to come here because you keep on saying that.

However, Mr. Speaker, the American people are smart. They know the difference between empty promises and real action. They know that the only way to get things done in divided government, for problems to be solved, like the border, Members of both parties have to work together. They know that come November the future of this country is in their hands.

They have seen the complete and utter disaster that this Republican majority has created in this Congress. They have witnessed the absolute chaos House Republicans have thrown the country into.

We are on the Rules Committee. All bills of consequence go to the Rules Committee before they come to the House floor. The last bill that we reported on the Rules Committee to the House floor that became law was 9 months ago. How can that happen? How can that happen without incredible dysfunction on the Republican side?

These guys have brought the Nation to the brink of default, shying away from fully funding the government, destabilizing this body by throwing fits and unseating Speakers, and taking the House floor hostage.

The American people also know that House Democrats have rescued this failing House Republican majority at nearly every turn. House Democrats carried the vote to ensure that the United States didn't default on its debt. House Democrats have kept the government running despite GOP leadership wasting time pursuing unrealistic, draconian spending cuts, and House Democrats have used every opportunity to stand against conservative legislation that would hurt average Americans.

This majority has been nothing but dysfunctional, Mr. Speaker. They have no new ideas, no tangible solutions, no drive to address pressing domestic and global challenges. The American people know that, which is why Republicans are going to lose in November.

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

□ 1315

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

Mr. Speaker, the Rules Committee resolution that we are debating today provides for the consideration of two pieces of very important legislation.

The first is a commonsense bill that says if the government is heating, lighting, renting, and maintaining empty buildings where employees don't show up for work, let's do something about that. Let's find out how bad this problem is.

We believe that there are over 17 agencies with occupancy of less than 25 percent. This isn't green. I thought the other side of the aisle was green. It is not green to heat empty buildings and to light empty buildings when nobody shows up for work.

COVID is over. Either come to work or don't come to work, but let's not keep these buildings open if nobody is in them.

That is the first bill, which was introduced by my friend from Pennsylvania (Mr. PERRY).

The second piece of legislation that is in this rule is very critical. It stands in sharp contrast to the State of the Union Address that we heard just last week in this Chamber where the President got up and said there was nothing he could do.

Well, this resolution has a lot of inconvenient facts that refute the proposition of the President that he can't do anything. Not only can he do something, the things that he has done by executive order, over 94 of them, have been hurtful to the security of this country.

We are seeing illegal immigrants drawn like a magnet to this country because of the things that President Biden has done.

The resolution begins with a bunch of statements of facts, such as the President and the Secretary of Homeland Security created this problem at the border, the worst in the Nation's history, and, beginning on day one, systematically dismantled effective border security measures and interior immigration enforcement.

This resolution closes by resolving that there are seven things the President can do to end this crisis: one, end the catch and release policy; two, reinstate the Migrant Protection Protocols; three, enter into asylum cooperative agreements; four, end abuses of parole authority; five, detain inadmissible aliens; six, use expedited removal authority; and seven, rein in taxpayer-funded benefits for illegal aliens.

He could do all of these things tomorrow, and that is why it is important to pass this resolution, to draw attention to the problem so that it can be fixed, and to state what the solutions are.

Mr. Speaker, I urge adoption of this rule, and I urge my colleagues to vote for it.

The text of the material previously referred to by Mr. MCGOVERN is as follows:

AN AMENDMENT TO H. RES. 1071 OFFERED BY  
MR. MCGOVERN OF MASSACHUSETTS

At the end of the resolution, add the following:

SEC. 3. Immediately upon adoption of this resolution, the House shall proceed to the consideration in the House of the bill (H.R. 16) to authorize the cancellation of removal and adjustment of status of certain aliens, and for other purposes. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived. The bill shall be considered as read. All points of order against provisions in the bill are waived. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill and on any amendment thereto, to final passage without intervening motion except: (1) one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary or their respective designees; and (2) one motion to recommit.

SEC. 4. Clause 1(c) of rule XIX shall not apply to the consideration of H.R. 16.

Mr. MASSIE. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time and move the previous question on the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on ordering the previous question.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

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

The yeas and nays were ordered.

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

#### RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess for a period of less than 15 minutes.

Accordingly (at 1 o'clock and 17 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1330

#### AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. VAN ORDEN) at 1 o'clock and 30 minutes p.m.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Proceedings will resume on questions previously postponed.

Votes will be taken in the following order:

Ordering the previous question on House Resolution 1071; and

Adoption of the resolution, if ordered.

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