

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfinished business is the vote on ordering the previous question on the resolution (H. Res. 1071) providing 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; and providing for consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 1065) denouncing the Biden administration's immigration policies, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 209, nays 205, not voting 18, as follows:

[Roll No. 81]

YEAS—209

Aderholt	Ellzey	Kelly (PA)
Alford	Emmer	Kiggans (VA)
Allen	Estes	Kiley
Amodei	Ezell	Kim (CA)
Armstrong	Fallon	Kustoff
Arrington	Feenstra	LaHood
Babin	Ferguson	LaLota
Bacon	Finstad	LaMalfa
Baird	Fischbach	Lamborn
Balderson	Fitzgerald	Langworthy
Banks	Fitzpatrick	Latta
Barr	Fleischmann	LaTurner
Bean (FL)	Flood	Lawler
Bentz	Fox	Lee (FL)
Bergman	Franklin, Scott	Lesko
Bice	Fry	Letlow
Biggs	Fulcher	Loudermilk
Bilirakis	Gaetz	Lucas
Bishop (NC)	Gallagher	Luetkemeyer
Boebert	Garbarino	Luna
Bost	Garcia, Mike	Luttrell
Brecheen	Gimenez	Mace
Buchanan	Gonzales, Tony	Malliotakis
Bucshon	Good (VA)	Maloy
Burchett	Gooden (TX)	Mann
Burgess	Granger	Massie
Burlison	Graves (LA)	Mast
Calvert	Graves (MO)	McCauley
Cammack	Green (TN)	McClain
Carey	Griffith	McClintock
Carl	Grothman	McCormick
Carter (GA)	Guest	McHenry
Carter (TX)	Guthrie	Meuser
Chavez-DeRemer	Hageman	Miller (IL)
Ciscomani	Harris	Miller (OH)
Cline	Harshbarger	Miller (WV)
Cloud	Hern	Miller-Meeks
Clyde	Higgins (LA)	Molinaro
Cole	Hill	Moolenaar
Collins	Hinson	Mooney
Comer	Houchin	Moore (AL)
Crane	Hudson	Moore (UT)
Crawford	Huizenga	Moran
Crenshaw	Hunt	Murphy
Curtis	Issa	Nehls
D'Esposito	Jackson (TX)	Newhouse
Davidson	James	Norman
De La Cruz	Johnson (LA)	Nunn (IA)
DesJarlais	Johnson (SD)	Oberholte
Diaz-Balart	Jordan	Ogles
Duarte	Joyce (OH)	Owens
Duncan	Joyce (PA)	Palmer
Dunn (FL)	Kean (NJ)	Pence
Edwards	Kelly (MS)	Perry

Pfluger	Sessions
Posey	Smith (MO)
Reschenthaler	Smith (NE)
Rodgers (WA)	Smith (NJ)
Rogers (AL)	Smucker
Rogers (KY)	Stauber
Rose	Steel
Rosendale	Stefanik
Rouzer	Steil
Roy	Steube
Rutherford	Strong
Salazar	Tenney
Scalise	Thompson (PA)
Schweikert	Tiffany
Scott, Austin	Timmons
Self	Turner

NAYS—205

Adams	Goldman (NY)	Payne
Aguilar	Gomez	Pelosi
Allred	Gonzalez,	Peltola
Amo	Vicente	Perez
Auchincloss	Gottheimer	Peters
Balint	Green, Al (TX)	Pettersen
Barragan	Hayes	Phillips
Beatty	Himes	Pingree
Bera	Horsford	Pocan
Beyer	Houlahan	Porter
Bishop (GA)	Hoyer	Pressley
Blumenauer	Hoyle (OR)	Quigley
Blunt Rochester	Huffman	Ramirez
Bonamici	Ivey	Raskin
Bowman	Jackson (IL)	Ross
Boyle (PA)	Jackson (NC)	Ruiz
Brown	Jackson Lee	Ruppersberger
Brownley	Jacobs	Ryan
Budzinski	Jayapal	Salinas
Bush	Jeffries	Sanchez
Caraveo	Johnson (GA)	Sarbanes
Carbajal	Kamllager-Dove	Scanlon
Cardenas	Kaptur	Schakowsky
Carson	Keating	Schiff
Carter (LA)	Kelly (IL)	Schneider
Cartwright	Khanna	Scholten
Casas	Kildee	Schrier
Case	Kilmer	Scott (VA)
Casten	Krishnamoorthi	Scott, David
Castor (FL)	Kuster	Sewell
Castro (TX)	Landsman	Sherman
Cherfilus-	Larsen (WA)	Sherrill
McCormick	Larson (CT)	Slotkin
Chu	Lee (CA)	Smith (WA)
Clark (MA)	Lee (NV)	Sorensen
Clarke (NY)	Lee (PA)	Soto
Cleaver	Leger Fernandez	Spanberger
Clyburn	Levin	Stansbury
Cohen	Lieu	Stanton
Connolly	Lynch	Stevens
Correa	Magaziner	Strickland
Costa	Manning	Suozzi
Courtney	Matsui	Swalwell
Craig	McBath	Sykes
Crockett	McClellan	Takano
Cuellar	McCollum	Thanedar
Davids (KS)	McGarvey	Thompson (CA)
Davis (NC)	McGovern	Thompson (MS)
Dean (PA)	Meeks	Titus
DeGette	Menendez	Tokuda
DeLauro	Meng	Tonko
DeBene	Mfume	Torres (CA)
Deluzio	Moore (WI)	Torres (NY)
DeSaulnier	Morelle	Trahan
Dingell	Moskowitz	Trone
Doggett	Moulton	Underwood
Escobar	Mryan	Vargas
Eshoo	Mullin	Vasquez
Espallat	Nadler	Veasey
Evans	Napolitano	Velazquez
Fletcher	Neal	Wasserman
Foster	Neguse	Schultz
Foushee	Nickel	Waters
Frost	Norcross	Watson Coleman
Gallego	Ocasio-Cortez	Wexton
Garamendi	Omar	Wild
Garcia (IL)	Pallone	Williams (GA)
Garcia (TX)	Panetta	Wilson (FL)
Garcia, Robert	Pappas	
Goldan (ME)	Pascrell	

NOT VOTING—18

Buck	Greene (GA)	Simpson
Crow	Grijalva	Spartz
Davis (IL)	Harder (CA)	Tlaib
Donalds	Kim (NJ)	Wagner
Frankel, Lois	Lofgren	Waltz
Gosar	Mills	Williams (TX)

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Ms. CARAVEO, Messrs. MOSKOWITZ, LARSON of Connecticut, RUIZ, and Ms. DELAUNO changed their vote from “yea to ‘nay.’”

Mrs. FISCHBACH changed her vote from “nay” to “yea.”

So the previous question was ordered.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the resolution.

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

RECORDED VOTE

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I demand a recorded vote.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. This is a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 209, noes 206, not voting 17, as follows:

[Roll No. 82]

AYES—209

Aderholt	Fleischmann	Mace
Alford	Flood	Malliotakis
Allen	Fox	Maloy
Amodei	Franklin, Scott	Mann
Armstrong	Fry	Massie
Arrington	Fulcher	Mast
Babin	Gaetz	McCauley
Bacon	Gallagher	McClain
Baird	Garbarino	McClintock
Balderson	Garcia, Mike	McCormick
Banks	Gimenez	McHenry
Barr	Gonzales, Tony	Meuser
Bean (FL)	Good (VA)	Miller (IL)
Bentz	Gooden (TX)	Miller (OH)
Bergman	Graves (LA)	Miller (WV)
Bice	Graves (MO)	Miller-Meeks
Biggs	Green (TN)	Molinaro
Bilirakis	Greene (GA)	Moolenaar
Bishop (NC)	Griffith	Mooney
Boebert	Grothman	Moore (AL)
Bost	Guest	Moore (UT)
Brecheen	Guthrie	Moran
Buchanan	Hageman	Murphy
Bucshon	Harris	Nehls
Burchett	Harshbarger	Newhouse
Burgess	Hern	Norman
Burlison	Higgins (LA)	Nunn (IA)
Calvert	Hill	Oberholte
Cammack	Hinson	Ogles
Carey	Houchin	Palmer
Carl	Hudson	Pence
Carter (GA)	Huizenga	Perry
Carter (TX)	Hunt	Pfluger
Chavez-DeRemer	Issa	Posey
Ciscomani	Jackson (TX)	Reschenthaler
Cline	James	Rodgers (WA)
Cloud	Johnson (LA)	Rogers (AL)
Clyde	Johnson (SD)	Rogers (KY)
Cole	Jordan	Rose
Collins	Joyce (OH)	Rosendale
Comer	Joyce (PA)	Rouzer
Crane	Kean (NJ)	Roy
Crawford	Kelly (MS)	Rutherford
Crenshaw	Kelly (PA)	Salazar
Curtis	Kiggans (VA)	Scalise
D'Esposito	Kiley	Schweikert
Davidson	Kim (CA)	Scott, Austin
De La Cruz	Kustoff	Self
DesJarlais	LaHood	Sessions
Diaz-Balart	LaLota	Smith (MO)
Duarte	LaMalfa	Smith (NE)
Duncan	Lamborn	Smith (NJ)
Dunn (FL)	Langworthy	Smucker
Edwards	Latta	Spartz
	LaTurner	Stauber
	Lawler	Steel
	Lee (FL)	Stefanik
	Lesko	Steil
	Letlow	Steube
	Ferguson	Loudermilk
	Finstad	Lucas
	Fischbach	Luetkemeyer
	Fitzgerald	Luna
	Fitzpatrick	Luttrell

Turner
Valadao
Van Drew
Van Dwyne
Van Orden
Walberg

Waltz
Weber (TX)
Webster (FL)
Wenstrup
Westerman
Williams (NY)

Wilson (SC)
Wittman
Womack
Yakym
Zinke

NOES—206

Adams
Aguilar
Allred
Amo
Auchincloss
Balint
Barragán
Beatty
Bera
Beyer
Bishop (GA)
Blumenauer
Blunt Rochester
Bonamici
Bowman
Boyle (PA)
Brown
Brownley
Budzinski
Bush
Caraveo
Carbajal
Cárdenas
Carson
Carter (LA)
Cartwright
Casar
Case
Casten
Castor (FL)
Castro (TX)
Cherfilus-
McCormick
Chu
Clark (MA)
Clarke (NY)
Cleaver
Clyburn
Cohen
Connolly
Correa
Costa
Courtney
Craig
Crockett
Cuellar
Davids (KS)
Davis (NC)
Dean (PA)
DeGette
DeLauro
DelBene
Deluzio
DeSaulnier
Dingell
Doggett
Escobar
Eshoo
Español
Evans
Fletcher
Foster
Foushee
Frost
Gallego
Garamendi
Garcia (IL)
Garcia (TX)
Garcia, Robert
Golden (ME)

Goldman (NY)
Gomez
Gonzalez,
Vicente
Gottheimer
Green, Al (TX)
Hayes
Himes
Horsford
Houlahan
Hoyer
Hoyle (OR)
Huffman
Ivey
Jackson (IL)
Jackson (NC)
Jackson Lee
Jacobs
Jayapal
Jeffries
Johnson (GA)
Kamlager-Dove
Kaptur
Keating
Kelly (IL)
Khanna
Kildee
Kilmer
Krishnamoorthi
Kuster
Landsman
Larsen (WA)
Larson (CT)
Lee (CA)
Lee (NV)
Lee (PA)
Leger Fernandez
Levin
Lieu
Lofgren
Lynch
Magaziner
Manning
Matsui
McBath
McClellan
McCollum
McGarvey
McGovern
Meeks
Menendez
Meng
Mfume
Moore (WI)
Morelle
Moskowitz
Moulton
Mrvan
Mullin
Nadler
Napolitano
Neal
Neguse
Nickel
Norcross
Ocasio-Cortez
Omar
Pallone
Pannetta
Pappas

Pascrell
Payne
Pelosi
Peltola
Perez
Peters
Pettersen
Phillips
Pingree
Pocan
Porter
Pressley
Quigley
Ramirez
Raskin
Ross
Ruiz
Ruppersberger
Ryan
Salinas
Sánchez
Sarbanes
Scanlon
Schakowsky
Schiff
Schneider
Scholten
Schrier
Scott (VA)
Scott, David
Sewell
Sherman
Sherrill
Slotkin
Smith (WA)
Sorensen
Soto
Spanberger
Stansbury
Stanton
Stevens
Strickland
Suozi
Swalwell
Sykes
Thanedar
Thompson (CA)
Thompson (MS)
Titus
Tlaib
Tokuda
Tonko
Torres (CA)
Torres (NY)
Trahan
Trone
Underwood
Vargas
Vasquez
Veasey
Velázquez
Wasserman
Schultz
Waters
Watson Coleman
Wexton
Wild
Williams (GA)
Wilson (FL)

NOT VOTING—17

Buck
Comer
Crow
Davis (IL)
Donalds
Frankel, Lois

Gosar
Granger
Grijalva
Harder (CA)
Kim (NJ)
Mills

Owens
Simpson
Takano
Wagner
Williams (TX)

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So the resolution was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

UTILIZING SPACE EFFICIENTLY AND IMPROVING TECHNOLOGIES ACT OF 2023

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. PERRY. 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. 6276.

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

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 1071 and rule XVIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the consideration of the bill, H.R. 6276.

The Chair appoints the gentlewoman from Virginia (Mrs. KIGGANS) to preside over the Committee of the Whole.

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IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Accordingly, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the 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, with Mrs. KIGGANS from Virginia in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The CHAIR. Pursuant to the rule, the bill is considered read the first time.

General debate shall be confined to the bill and shall not exceed 1 hour equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, or their respective designees.

The gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. PERRY) and the gentleman from Washington (Mr. LARSEN) each will control 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. PERRY).

Mr. PERRY. Madam Chair, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Madam Chair, H.R. 6276, the USE IT Act of 2023, implements commonsense and reasonable space occupancy standards to get Federal employees back into the office or the agency will have to lose that unnecessary, unneeded, unused space.

A recent Government Accountability Office review of how agencies were actually using their headquarters space here in Washington, D.C., found that 17 of the 24 agencies GAO reviewed used 25 percent or less of their space—17 of the 24, 25 percent or less of their space.

One agency even admitted that if 100 percent of their employees showed up, they would still only use 67 percent of their own building.

Even more troubling is some agencies were using only 9 percent. They can't even make double digits of their space. To be clear, we are not just paying for space to sit empty. Throughout the whole time, we are paying for utilities

and services such as heating, cooling, lighting, regular power, maintenance, security for the entire space that no one is in.

Empty Federal buildings are not only a drain to the Federal taxpayer, they also don't produce investments needed for local economies because nobody is in the building. There is nobody there to go out to lunch.

The bottom line is agencies should bring Federal workers back to the office. The reality is underutilized space has been a chronic problem in Federal real estate and is one reason Federal property has been on the GAO's high-risk list since 2003. This problem was identified 20 years ago, and it is still in existence today.

In order to address the issue, H.R. 6276 would use similar metrics to those used by the GAO and require Federal agencies to report on their actual utilization rates, set a target utilization of not less than 60 percent, and require the General Services Administration to report to Congress if any agency fails to meet that standard.

Agencies will be given time to meet the 60 percent utilization standard, but if they fail to do so, they would have to lose or give up their excess space.

Ultimately, the results of H.R. 6276 will benefit not just the Federal taxpayer, but also allow unused Federal buildings to be put to better use for the local communities.

Madam Chair, I urge support of this bill, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Madam Chair, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Madam Chair, H.R. 6276 directs the OMB and the GSA to establish standards for measuring occupancy in Federal buildings. The bill directs the GSA and Federal tenants to use sensors to measure occupancy, requires the heads of Federal agencies to report occupancy and utilization data, and directs the GSA to notify agencies and Congress when occupancy in a Federal building falls below 60 percent, at which time GSA would be permitted to consolidate tenants.

The bill further requires OMB and GSA to develop a plan to consolidate agency headquarters buildings in the national capital region that will result in the utilization rate of 60 percent or more.

Now, I agree with Representative PERRY's goal to reduce agency costs by giving up unneeded space. I have consistently made that point to him and others on the committee.

I am opposed to this bill. The bill defines occupancy as the total number of employees physically working from their offices at least 5 days per week. Many Federal employees may not sit at their desks all day every day, including Federal firefighters, disaster responders, law enforcement officers, Border Patrol agents, food safety inspectors, TSA supervisors, National Parks Service rangers, and more.