

submit a report to the inspector general of each respective agency on buildings under the agency's jurisdiction that has capacity for 500 or more employees that has a 20 percent utilization rate or less.

Upon receipt of the report, the relevant inspector general is to investigate evidence of fraud, abuse, or mismanagement.

Now, I will say this, I don't know why this amendment is necessary. I understand the Federal real estate has been on the General Accounting Office's High-Risk list for years, but nowhere in GAO's reporting were there claims of fraud, abuse, or mismanagement. Even though this is only a reporting requirement, requiring the inspector general of every Federal agency to investigate could be a waste of time and resources.

This amendment seems to be a solution chasing a problem, but I will not oppose it.

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

Mr. ROSE. Mr. Chair, I have no further speakers, and I yield myself the balance of my time to close.

Mr. Chair, thankfully, the worst effects of the COVID-19 pandemic are passed us. However, most Federal agencies have not adjusted to this post-pandemic period, which is reflected in the deserted Federal office buildings throughout our country.

I hope all Members will support this effort to bring greater transparency and accountability to large Federal buildings and federally leased spaces with low utilization rates by supporting my amendment and the underlying bill.

In closing, I urge my colleagues to vote "yes" on my amendment, "yes" on the underlying bill, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. LARSEN of Washington. Mr. Chair, I will close on this amendment by briefly speaking to the broader bill. The goal that we share in Congress is to ensure that Congress, the General Services Administration, the agencies all adjust to the post-COVID life that we have in Federal real estate, that we are rightsizing Federal real estate, and that we get rid of the office space we don't need and use the office space that we do need.

This amendment is an attempt to do that. I certainly will not oppose it, but I do ask folks to consider it.

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

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

The amendment was agreed to.

The Acting CHAIR. There being no further amendments, under the rule, the Committee rises.

Accordingly, the Committee rose; and the Speaker pro tempore (Ms. DE LA CRUZ) having assumed the chair, Mr. MOYLAN, Acting Chair of the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, reported that that Com-

mittee, having had under consideration 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, pursuant to House Resolution 1071, he reported the bill, as amended by that resolution, back to the House with sundry further amendments adopted in the Committee of the Whole.

Under the rule, the previous question is ordered.

Is a separate vote demanded on any further amendment reported from the Committee of the Whole? If not, the Chair will put them en gros.

The amendments were agreed to.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the engrossment and third reading of the bill.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, and was read the third time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 1(c) of rule XIX, further consideration of H.R. 6276 is postponed.

DENOUNCING THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION'S IMMIGRATION POLICIES

Mr. FRY. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to House Resolution 1071, I call up the resolution (H. Res. 1065) denouncing the Biden administration's immigration policies, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 1071, the resolution is considered read.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 1065

Whereas President Joe Biden and Secretary of Homeland Security Alejandro Mayorkas have created the worst border security crisis in the Nation's history;

Whereas President Biden, beginning on day one of his administration, systematically dismantled effective border security measures and interior immigration enforcement;

Whereas the Biden administration's open-borders policies have incentivized nearly 9,300,000 illegal aliens from all around the world, including criminal aliens and suspected terrorists, to arrive at the southwest border;

Whereas the Biden administration has allowed at least 6,300,000 illegal aliens from the southwest border to travel to American communities;

Whereas current immigration law allows for the United States to enter into asylum cooperative agreements with other countries to allow for the removal of certain aliens seeking asylum in the United States;

Whereas asylum cooperative agreements provide the United States with another tool to reduce the incentives for illegal immigration;

Whereas asylum cooperative agreements increase cooperation with United States allies in the Western Hemisphere and around the world and promote shared responsibility;

Whereas the previous administration announced asylum cooperative agreements with El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras;

Whereas the Biden administration suspended and terminated these asylum cooperative agreements as part of its open-borders agenda that has encouraged mass illegal immigration to the southwest border;

Whereas the Biden administration retains the ability to negotiate asylum cooperative agreements with those countries but has refused to do so, despite historic illegal immigration at the southwest border;

Whereas the Immigration and Nationality Act mandates that the Secretary of Homeland Security detain inadmissible aliens arriving at the border who express an intention to apply for asylum or fear of persecution;

Whereas the Immigration and Nationality Act mandates that the Secretary of Homeland Security detain, during removal proceedings, aliens who arrive at the border and are found to be inadmissible;

Whereas the Biden administration has purposely violated United States immigration law by refusing to detain inadmissible aliens arriving at the border;

Whereas, the Biden administration could comply with the mandatory detention statutes of the Immigration and Nationality Act;

Whereas the Biden administration's purposeful violation of the mandatory detention statutes of the Immigration and Nationality Act has resulted in the mass release of millions of illegal aliens into United States communities;

Whereas current immigration law allows for inadmissible aliens to be expeditiously removed from the United States once encountered at the border unless they establish a credible fear of persecution;

Whereas the Biden administration has released millions of illegal aliens into the United States without even processing them for expedited removal to be screened for asylum eligibility;

Whereas, of the 5,600,000 illegal alien encounters from January 20, 2021, through August 31, 2023, the Department of Homeland Security placed only 6.8 percent of those illegal aliens into expedited removal proceedings to even be screened for asylum eligibility;

Whereas, of the illegal aliens who were not found to have a credible fear of persecution, roughly 40 percent were not removed and remained in the United States as of August 31, 2023;

Whereas, of the illegal aliens who were processed for expedited removal and who did not even attempt to make a claim for asylum, the Biden administration cannot confirm removal or return from the United States for nearly a third of those illegal aliens;

Whereas the Biden administration could expand expedited removal to more quickly remove illegal aliens at the border and screen more illegal aliens for asylum eligibility instead of mass releasing them into the United States;

Whereas the Biden administration's limited use of expedited removal only incentivizes illegal immigration and worsens the border crisis;

Whereas, despite its effectiveness, the Biden administration terminated the Migrant Protection Protocols;

Whereas the Biden administration has purposely violated United States immigration law by abusing discretionary case-by-case and other parole authorities to mass parole illegal aliens who would otherwise have no legal basis to enter and remain in the United States;

Whereas the Biden administration's proposed solution to the border crisis failed to address catch-and-release valves such as the Flores Settlement Agreement and the Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization

Act that incentivize surges of unaccompanied alien children and adults arriving with children to come to the southwest border putting children's lives at risk;

Whereas the Biden administration could end its catch-and-release policies;

Whereas the Biden administration's proposed solutions to the border crisis did nothing to end catch-and-release but instead mandated mass releases of illegal aliens at the southwest border;

Whereas parks, schools, police stations, recreation centers, hotels, and airports have been repurposed for use as shelters for illegal aliens;

Whereas the Biden administration's open-borders policies have strained State and local social services resources as the millions of illegal aliens who have entered since January 20, 2021, compete with Americans and legal immigrants for those resources;

Whereas current immigration law empowers the President to "suspend the entry of all aliens or any class of aliens . . . or impose on the entry of aliens any restrictions he may deem to be appropriate" "[w]henver the President finds that the entry of any aliens or of any class of aliens into the United States would be detrimental to the interests of the United States";

Whereas the Supreme Court has described the President's suspension of entry authority as an authority that "exudes deference to the President in every clause";

Whereas President Biden has cited his suspension of entry authority in other instances but has refused to use that authority to address the border crisis;

Whereas President Biden retains the power to use his suspension of entry authority to address the border crisis;

Whereas President Biden's refusal to use his suspension of entry authority ensures that the border stays open, endangers the homeland, and encourages illegal immigration; and

Whereas President Biden has claimed he is powerless to address the border crisis through executive action: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) affirms that, in order to help control the crisis at the border that it has created, the Biden Administration has the authority to—

(A) end the catch-and-release policy;

(B) reinstate the Migrant Protection Protocols;

(C) enter into asylum cooperative agreements;

(D) end abuses of parole authority;

(E) detain inadmissible aliens;

(F) use expedited removal authority; and

(G) rein in taxpayer-funded benefits for illegal aliens;

(2) affirms that the Biden Administration is refusing to use such authorities; and

(3) urges the Biden Administration to immediately begin using such authorities.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. FRY) and the gentlewoman from Washington (Ms. JAYAPAL) each will control 30 minutes.

The Chair now recognizes the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. FRY).

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. FRY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and to insert extraneous material on House Resolution 1065.

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

There was no objection.

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

Mr. Speaker, just over 3 years ago, Joe Biden took office as President of the United States and he immediately began upholding his campaign promises to reverse the Trump administration's immigration policies.

On day one, this President issued executive orders that sent the world a message that America's borders are open. He used his executive authority to stop border wall construction, rescind the remain in Mexico policy, prevent the removal of any illegal aliens, and block ICE and CBP from enforcing immigration laws.

In the weeks and months that followed, President Biden terminated Trump-era policies aimed at preventing fraudulent asylum claims, ending catch and release, increasing criminal alien removals, and preventing illegal immigration.

After all, if Trump did it, it must be bad.

Madam Speaker, what was the result of Biden's radical and dangerous systematic dismantling of policies that worked to reduce and prevent illegal immigration?

The biggest mass illegal immigration in the history of the United States.

Nearly 7.5 million illegal aliens have been encountered by the Customs and Border Patrol on the southwest border. There have been 37 straight months of 100,000 southwest border CBP encounters.

The Biden administration has released more than 4.5 million illegal aliens into American communities, in addition to at least 1.8 million known got-aways avoiding apprehension.

At least 340 illegal aliens on the terrorist watch list have been encountered by Border Patrol along the southwest border, and that is just the ones we know about.

I haven't even mentioned the northern border, where historically high numbers of illegal aliens are encountered by CBP every single day.

Who could have predicted those results?

Well, for starters, the Trump administration officials did. House Republicans did. The American people did. Sheriffs, CBP, DHS employees did; ranchers, farmers, families, they all did.

They warned the Biden transition team not to rescind policies like the migrant protection protocols in title 42, but politics trumped common sense, and the American people are left with a national security, public safety, and financial disaster that is the Biden administration's immigration agenda.

After 3 years of chaos, the Biden administration seems to have finally gotten the message that Americans get uneasy when they see mobs of illegal aliens beating up New York City police

officers, watch endless numbers of illegal aliens stream across the southwest border, and hear the heart-wrenching details of murders, like that of 22-year-old nursing student Laken Riley, by illegal aliens who should not have been here in the first place.

With an election on the horizon, President Biden's handlers have decided that now is the time to finally admit that what is happening on the southwest border is a crisis. Instead of correcting, they are blaming Congress.

The American people are not stupid. They know that if President Trump was able to establish the most secure border in American history, despite the open-border groups rushing to get his immigration policies enjoined in activist courts at every turn, then President Biden, too, could use his executive authority to help secure the border and restore those policies.

They know that President Biden simply refuses to do it. President Biden refuses to implement the migrant protection protocols, to stop abusing discretionary case-by-case and other parole authority, and to re-implement President Trump's asylum cooperative agreements so we can remove illegal aliens seeking asylum to third countries.

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President Biden refuses to expand the use of expedited removal, refuses to use 212(f) authority to suspend the entry of aliens to secure the border, and refuses to end catch and release.

President Biden refuses to comply with the mandatory detention status of the Immigration and Nationality Act for inadmissible aliens. He refuses to rein in the use of taxpayer-funded benefits for illegal aliens.

This stands in stark contrast to President Trump, who only refused to give up on securing the border.

To everyday Americans, the answer to the border crisis is simple: Secure the border and enforce the law. That is what the Trump administration did; that is what America needs; and that is what President Biden refuses to do.

H. Res. 1065 affirms that President Biden has the executive authority to help control the border, affirms that the Biden administration is refusing to use that authority, and urges President Biden to immediately begin using that executive authority as has been done before.

H.R. 2, the Secure the Border Act, passed this House last spring. It would enhance our current law and help ensure the border is controlled. Senate Democrats have refused to bring that bill to the Senate floor for almost a year now.

In the meantime, and while we wait, President Biden should use his executive authority to ensure the national security and public safety of Americans is paramount. He should use it to secure our border, and he should do so today.

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

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

For the second time in less than 2 months, with another shutdown looming, we are wasting our time on a meaningless immigration resolution full of empty rhetoric whose sole purpose seems to be to justify Republicans' lack of desire to address solutions for our broken immigration system.

How did we get here, Mr. Speaker? Earlier this Congress, House Republicans passed their cruel, inhumane, and unworkable border bill, H.R. 2. Republicans continue to say that H.R. 2 is the only way to secure the border, and they continue to say that Democrats have refused to bring H.R. 2 up in the Senate. In fact, that bill has since failed twice to pass the United States Senate, receiving just 32 votes a few weeks ago. That means there are a lot of Republicans over there in the Senate who didn't vote for H.R. 2.

After insisting that the only way to address the border was through harsh border security legislation and holding Ukraine aid hostage, Republicans even managed to get some Democrats to agree to a border bill in the Senate that was written largely by the Senate's second-most conservative Republican Senator, a bill that Minority Leader MITCH MCCONNELL called the toughest border bill in 30 years.

What happened to that bill? Donald Trump said he didn't want to do anything to help the border in an election year because he wants immigration to be out there as a campaign issue. Other Republicans said it out loud as well, saying they didn't want "to do too damn much . . . to help a Democrat."

Folding to the cult of Donald Trump, and just hours after the 370-page text of the bill was released, Speaker JOHNSON declared the bill "dead on arrival" in the House. The rank and file fell in line, and the Senate bill died before the metaphorical ink was even dry.

Republicans showed clearly what we Democrats have been saying over and over again, that they don't want to do anything that would help address the issues of a broken immigration system that we face. Instead of solving the problem, my colleagues on the other side want to continue to weaponize the border as a political issue for this election year.

The truth, Mr. Speaker, is that the situation at the border is directly linked to the fact that our legal immigration system has been left in chaos because it has not been modernized in 30 years to meet the needs of our country, our economy, and our families.

When the legal process is so backed up that it takes decades for legal residents to get their children into the country, when employers simply can't get people they need to hire approved because there is a backlog of 2 million people who haven't been processed, or when we have so few immigration judges that asylum seekers wait over 8 years to get their cases heard, then

people give in to unscrupulous actors, including the cartels, which promise them that if they pay them a boatload of money, they can get them in by going to the border.

Until you fix the legal immigration system so that it works and update the caps and the quotas, you will continue to see large numbers of migrants at the border. You cannot fix the border without fixing the underlying system, and you certainly cannot fix it with only harsh immigration policy.

Speaker JOHNSON and others have been caught in their own trap. They refuse to give President Biden the resources that we need to process people more quickly. They voted against more money to secure the border with more technology and equipment that Border Patrol agents have told us that they need. They even voted against more money for more agents at the border.

To hide their hypocrisy, they are now claiming that the President can just "secure the border" through harsh executive actions alone, no action by Congress necessary.

Today's resolution is just another ham-fisted attempt to weaponize the issue at the border, and it is filled with misinformation.

The resolution alleges that the Biden administration is not removing people fast enough, yet in the 8 months since ending title 42, despite some of our due process concerns, this administration has removed or returned over half a million people, roughly equivalent to the number of people removed and returned by the Trump administration in all of fiscal year 2019.

The resolution states that the administration "could comply with the mandatory detention statutes of the Immigration and Nationality Act," which no administration, including the Trump administration, has ever complied with because no Congress has ever appropriated the extraordinary levels of funding that such compliance would require.

The resolution complains that the President isn't using the suspension of entry authority in section 212(f) of the INA, but Republicans want to forget that President Trump tried to do exactly that in November 2018 and was stopped by the courts. Even the Supreme Court refused to intervene and lift the lower court injunction.

Enforcement-only policies do not stop people from crossing the border. In fact, when former President Trump implemented the remain in Mexico policy early in 2019, that summer, we saw some of the highest levels of migration of the entire Trump administration.

When President Trump used title 42 to turn back all border crossers, encounters between the ports of entry actually shot up, not down. Cartels made money hand over fist by providing people with multiple entry attempt packages.

One individual was apprehended over 40 times alone, just one individual. In fact, from February 1, 2017, to Decem-

ber 31, 2020, the duration of Donald Trump's Presidency, illegal border crossings went up by over 300 percent.

People do not make the arduous, dangerous journey here on a whim. They do it because they are often fleeing for their lives or are desperate to escape an unlivable situation in their home country. Because of that, they will continue to come, no matter how many draconian policies they may have to face once they arrive.

The way we can deal with that is to have a system that actually works inside the United States, legal pathways for people to come to this country. The way to fix the border is to modernize our current immigration system so that it works to provide people with different opportunities and abilities to apply to be with their families or come here to work or flee war or torture and have their applications and claims processed in a timely way.

We have already seen that when we provide workable ways for people to seek entry and refuge, they will use them, and encounters between ports of entry fall dramatically.

This resolution shows once again that Republicans don't want to do anything to fix the border. This is a resolution that literally does absolutely nothing, changes not one single policy that is on the books.

Mr. Speaker, I urge all of my colleagues to oppose this resolution, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. FRY. Mr. Speaker, I yield 5 minutes to the gentlewoman from Texas (Ms. DE LA CRUZ), my friend and colleague who is the author of this resolution.

Ms. De La CRUZ. Mr. Speaker, I thank my friend for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H. Res. 1065, which is critical to addressing one of the most pressing challenges of our time: the unprecedented crisis at our southern border.

This resolution is not just a condemnation of this administration's policies but a call to action, a plea for a return to responsibility, security, and the rule of law.

The Biden administration's approach to border security, marked by its relentless pursuit of political correctness at the expense of common sense and American lives, has reached a point of abject failure.

This was made painfully clear by the President's abhorrent recent statements where he felt compelled to apologize for accurately identifying a murderer as an illegal immigrant.

Let me be very clear: As the granddaughter of Mexican immigrants myself, I am very proud of our heritage. In fact, the community where my family and I live is over 90 percent Hispanic, and I have yet to encounter anyone, outside of three or four activists here in Washington, D.C., who are offended by calling Laken Riley's killer exactly what he is, an illegal immigrant who is a murderer. In fact, where I am from, being called an illegal immigrant is

perhaps the kindest thing we would say about such a despicable individual who is a murderer.

The outrage seems reserved for those who are out of touch with the realities of everyday Americans, including the vast majority of Hispanics who are sick and tired of extremists using our culture as a shield for their radical open-borders agenda.

President Biden's apology is emblematic of a broader issue. Our border policy, just like everything else with this administration, is not dictated by the needs of Americans but by the whims of D.C. insiders and elites who do not care about working Americans. Their policies have jeopardized the safety and well-being of both American families and the migrants and children who are being exploited by the ruthless cartels.

This resolution, once again, brings to light the harrowing reality that under President Biden's and Secretary Mayorkas' watch, our Nation has witnessed the worst border crisis in American history.

The resolution is clear on its demands. It is time for this administration to uphold its responsibilities. We must initiate asylum cooperative agreements with safe partner countries, employ expedited removal authority judiciously, and ensure that those not admissible are detained, as Federal law requires.

This is not merely a question of immigration policy but of national security, public safety, and basic human dignity.

Mr. Speaker, I respectfully implore my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to support H. Res. 1065. Let us send a resounding message that the safety and security of American citizens are non-negotiable. We deserve a sensible, secure, and humane immigration system. For the sake of our Nation, for the protection of our citizens, and for the integrity of our borders, I urge my colleagues to support this resolution.

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

Ms. JAYAPAL. Mr. Speaker, I would just remind my colleagues that no President has ever been able to detain everybody that is required by law because we have never appropriated that amount of money.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentlewoman from New York (Ms. VELÁZQUEZ).

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, if Republicans were really interested in fixing our broken immigration system, why are we wasting our time debating this nonbinding resolution?

Republicans claim that all President Biden needs to do to fix our immigration system is to unconstitutionally shut down the border and return to the draconian policies of the Trump administration.

Immigration in our country has been broken for decades, and enforcement-only immigration solutions do not work, and they know that.

We must also recognize the positive benefits of immigration. According to the CBO, increased immigration will help bolster our economy by about \$7 trillion over the next decade.

If Republicans really cared about addressing the problems of our immigration system, they would join with Democrats to pass thoughtful and bipartisan legislation to actually address the problem at the border.

Nonetheless, Mr. Speaker, they are not interested in doing that. All they need is a political talking point.

Instead, we are debating a resolution that will do nothing and help no one.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to oppose this resolution.

Mr. FRY. Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentleman from California (Mr. MCCLINTOCK).

Mr. MCCLINTOCK. Mr. Speaker, this resolution reflects the testimony that the Immigration, Integrity, Security, and Enforcement Subcommittee of the House Judiciary Committee recently received from experts and former ICE officials that the President has full authority in existing law to secure our borders. He simply refuses to do so.

Donald Trump enforced our laws. He used title 42 to stop millions of illegal crossings. He required the asylum claimants to remain in Mexico or other safe third countries until their cases were heard. He enforced court-ordered deportations, and it worked. Illegal immigration fell to a 46-year low.

Now, the laws haven't changed. The President changed. On Biden's first day in office, he ended the remain in Mexico policy. He ordered ICE to stop enforcing border deportations, and he ordered all construction on the border wall to cease. Since that day, this administration has deliberately released more than 4½ million illegal aliens into our country and allowed an additional 1.8 million to evade apprehension by the Border Patrol while it was overwhelmed.

That is a combined population of illegal immigrants who have entered into this country the size of the State of Missouri, our 18th largest State with eight Congressional Districts.

I repeat: The laws didn't change. The President changed.

Last year, the House passed H.R. 2 to make it harder for future Presidents to flout the law, but Senate Democrats killed it. Instead, they tout a bill that would leave a future President powerless to enforce our immigration laws until illegal crossings reached a minimum of 4,000 per day.

This crisis is exactly what the Democrats promised to unleash, and it is exactly what they have unleashed and defended every day for the last 3 years. The hard truth is that that cannot be fixed by Congress. It can only be fixed by replacing this administration with one that will secure our border, enforce

our laws, and protect our people. That can only be done by the American people at the ballot box.

Mr. FRY. Mr. Speaker, I have no more speakers. I am ready to close, and I reserve the balance of my time.

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

Mr. Speaker, while you may not know it from some of the language being used today, we are debating an immigration resolution that is non-binding.

That means it does absolutely nothing. It is full of empty rhetoric, but it makes no actual policy changes to address the outdated immigration system.

It does not a single thing other than take up time for debate on this floor when we should be working on making sure that our government doesn't shut down.

Rather than debating meaningless resolutions, we should be exploring how to meaningfully reform the broken immigration system to expand lawful immigration to the United States given the documented benefits that it brings.

In 2021 alone, DACA recipients paid \$6.5 billion in taxes, refugees paid almost \$28 billion in taxes, and TPS holders paid \$2.2 billion in taxes. Likewise, in 2021, undocumented immigrants paid approximately \$18.6 million in Federal income taxes and \$12.2 billion in State and local taxes.

Recently, the Department of Health and Human Services released a study demonstrating that refugees and asylees generated \$124 billion in fiscal benefits over 15 years. The Congressional Budget Office, a nonpartisan entity, recently released a report finding that recent immigrants who join the workforce will add \$1 trillion in revenue to our country's GDP between 2023 and 2034, and \$7 trillion overall to our GDP.

It is also estimated that putting undocumented immigrants on a roadmap to citizenship would not only increase U.S. GDP by \$1.7 trillion over the next decade, that action would also raise wages for all Americans and create hundreds of thousands of new jobs.

Unfortunately, Republicans talk a big game when it comes to immigration and border security, but instead of trying to pass thoughtful and bipartisan legislation to address the problems in our immigration system, we are wasting our time on resolutions like the one before us today.

It cannot be clearer: Republicans are simply not interested in solutions.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentlewoman from California (Ms. BARRAGÁN), who is the chair of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus.

Ms. BARRAGÁN. Mr. Speaker, I thank Congresswoman JAYAPAL for being a leader in this space.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to oppose yet another anti-immigrant resolution from House Republicans.

It is Republicans who refuse to vote for additional resources to address

challenges at the southern border and, instead, spend their time on empty messaging resolutions such as this.

Worse yet, they continue to lie. Just take a look at the resolution. This resolution says that the Biden administration suspended and terminated asylum cooperative agreements with El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras established by the previous administration.

The fact is two of these agreements were never implemented by the previous administration, and one was paused at the start of COVID, the pandemic.

The resolution says the Biden administration has refused to use its authority to detain inadmissible migrants.

The resolution claims the Biden administration is intentionally not enforcing the mandatory detention requirements of the Immigration and Nationality Act.

The fact is that no administration, including the Trump administration, has fully complied with this Act because no Congress has ever provided the funds and the previous administration never even asked for the funding that would have come close to having this mandatory detention for all. That is something I don't even agree with, yet even the prior administration didn't do that.

Now, this administration, the Biden administration, is actually detaining migrants. The fact is the Biden administration is detaining approximately 39,000 inadmissible migrants.

The resolution also says the Biden administration has the authority to use expedited removal and is refusing to use expedited removal. Again, that is not true.

Let's look at the facts. The Biden administration has expanded expedited removal to remove hundreds of thousands of people.

Our point today is this just goes to show you, Mr. Speaker, Republicans are not serious about the border. If they were serious, then they would stick to the facts and they would stick to solutions. This resolution is not about solutions. It is all about politics.

They have consistently opposed legislation to increase funding to address the needs at the southern border. It is Republicans who refuse to consider President Biden's \$13.6 billion funding at the border.

Let me talk about some of what is in that. Republicans refused to give \$850 million to combat fentanyl from crossing the southern border. It is Republicans who refuse to consider \$723 million to hire additional Customs and Border Protection officers and Border Patrol agents.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. NEWHOUSE). The time of the gentlewoman has expired.

Ms. JAYAPAL. Mr. Speaker, I yield an additional 1 minute to the gentlewoman from California.

Ms. BARRAGAN. Mr. Speaker, Republicans refuse even to consider \$1 bil-

lion in ICE detention beds, something I don't even agree with. They refused money to put new fentanyl detection technology at the ports of entry. It is Republicans who have said no to all of this.

Then the Biden administration helped craft a punitive, conservative, bipartisan Senate immigration bill that I don't even support.

House Republicans said no before the ink was dry.

Why?

It is because Donald Trump called and said: Don't consider it. We don't want to do anything at all. I need a campaign issue.

That is what this is about. Time and time again, Republicans have had a chance to do something. They failed to act every time. They mislead, they fearmonger, and they demonize immigrants and try to convince the American people that they are not responsible for their own failures to act. Democrats are rejecting these tactics and this dishonest resolution.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to vote "no."

Ms. JAYAPAL. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman for her remarks, and I yield back the balance of my time.

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

Mr. Speaker, unfortunately, I think my colleagues on the other side suffer from a little bit of amnesia because just as quickly as these border patrol policies were taken away with the stroke of a pen at the start of this administration, the purpose of this resolution is to remind our President, who seems to have forgotten, that he has every authority to put back the policies that worked in the first place with that same stroke of a pen.

There are steps today that this administration could unilaterally do, including: ending catch and release, reinstating the migrant protection protocols, entering back into asylum cooperative agreements with Latin American countries, ending abuses of parole authority, detaining inadmissible aliens, using expedited removing authority, and reining in taxpayer-funded benefits for illegal aliens.

The Biden administration single-handedly created this crisis at the southern border, and they can end it with the stroke of a pen.

This resolution calls out these numerous actions the Biden administration has taken to systematically open up our borders.

Mr. Speaker, I strongly urge my colleagues to support H. Res. 1065, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. All time for debate has expired.

Pursuant to House Resolution 1071, the previous question is ordered on the resolution and the preamble.

The question is on adoption of the resolution.

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

Mr. FRY. 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.

□ 1600

RESIGNATION FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, March 12, 2024.

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

SPEAKER JOHNSON, I hereby submit my resignation, effective at the end of the calendar day on March 22, 2024, as the United States Representative for the Fourth District of Colorado. Enclosed is the letter I submitted to Governor Jared Polis of Colorado. It has been an honor and privilege to serve the people of Colorado and to serve with you and other great Members of Congress.

Sincerely,

KEN BUCK,
Member of Congress.

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, March 12, 2024.

Hon. JARED POLIS,
Governor of Colorado,
Denver, CO.

GOVERNOR POLIS, I hereby submit my resignation, effective at the end of the calendar day on March 22, 2024, as the United States Representative for the Fourth District of Colorado. It has been an honor and privilege to serve the people of Colorado.

Sincerely,

KEN BUCK,
Member of Congress.

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 4 p.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1630

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. GUEST) at 4 o'clock and 30 minutes p.m.

UTILIZING SPACE EFFICIENTLY AND IMPROVING TECHNOLOGIES ACT OF 2023

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 1(c) of rule XIX, further 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