

Mr. MCHENRY. Mr. Speaker, I have no additional speakers and am prepared to close.

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

H.R. 6245 would direct the President to create a public report of Iranian leaders and their assets, helping Congress ensure that the U.S. Government is appropriately sanctioning those officials. Although this bill would not do anything to protect Israel from another attack, nor would it support our allies like Ukraine and Taiwan, who are either being attacked or threatened by an authoritarian regime, it may help identify targets for additional sanctions.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this bill, and I yield back the balance of my time.

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

I commend the bipartisan vote out of the House Financial Services Committee. I also commend the author of this bill, Mr. HILL, for his work in building consensus here and the important work that we do as a nation-state with our economic capacity to support friends and allies, to support the rule of law, free speech rights, human rights, human dignity, and economic freedom globally through our relationships in standing against regimes that do not respect those rights; and, especially, most firmly opposing corrupt regimes and corrupt regimes that commit terrorist acts.

I think this is an important vote, especially in light of the events of the weekend in the Middle East and the attack by the Iranian regime against the people of Israel.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. HUIZENGA). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. MCHENRY) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 6245, as amended.

The question was taken.

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

Mr. MCHENRY. 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 motion will be postponed.

IRAN SANCTIONS ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2023

Mr. MCHENRY. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 6015) to require the President to prevent the abuse of financial sanctions exemptions by Iran, and for other purposes, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 6015

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

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Iran Sanctions Accountability Act of 2023”.

SEC. 2. REGULATIONS REQUIRED.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this section, the President shall issue regulations to ensure that each transaction described under section 1244(e) or 1247(c) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013 (22 U.S.C. 8803(e) or 8806(c)) or section 1245(d)(2) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012 (22 U.S.C. 8513a(d)(2)) does not facilitate, directly or indirectly—

(1) support for acts of international terrorism; or

(2) the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction.

(b) REPORT.—Beginning on the date that is 1 year after the date on which the President issues regulations pursuant to subsection (a), and every 2 years thereafter for 6 years, the President shall submit to the Congress a report that evaluates the efficacy of the regulations issued by the President pursuant to subsection (a).

(c) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in section 1244(e) or 1247(c) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013 (22 U.S.C. 8803(e) or 8806(c)) or section 1245(d)(2) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012 (22 U.S.C. 8513a(d)(2)) may be construed to prohibit the imposition of sanctions with respect to a transaction if the President finds, consistent with the regulations issued pursuant to subsection (a), that such transaction would facilitate, directly or indirectly—

(1) support for acts of international terrorism; or

(2) the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction.

(d) VOICE AND VOTE.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Treasury shall instruct the United States Executive Director at the World Bank to use the voice and vote of the United States to oppose the provision of financial assistance to the government of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

(2) SUNSET.—This subsection shall have no force or effect on the date that is the earlier of—

(A) the date that is 7 years after the date of the enactment of this section;

(B) the date that is 30 days after the date that the Secretary of the Treasury reports to Congress that reasonable grounds do not exist for concluding that the Islamic Republic of Iran is a jurisdiction of primary money laundering concern; or

(C) the date that is 30 days after the date that the President finds and reports to the Congress that the government of Iran has ceased to provide support for acts of international terrorism.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. MCHENRY) and the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. CLEAVER) each will control 20 minutes. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from North Carolina.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. MCHENRY. 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 the bill.

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

There was no objection.

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

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 6015, the Iran Sanctions Accountability Act, sponsored by the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. LUETKEMEYER). Mr. LUETKEMEYER is the chair of the National Security, Illicit Finance, and International Financial Institutions Subcommittee of the Financial Services Committee but could not be here today to articulate his support and the bill that he has constructed.

The United States’ sanctions regime for Iran is designed to deprive Tehran of the resources it needs to pursue international terrorism, weapons of mass destruction, and other objects that undermine our national security and global stability.

As with other sanctions programs, our measures against Iran include commonsense exemptions for humanitarian aid and humanitarian trade. To be clear, it is the country’s dictatorship that we seek to punish, not the ordinary Iranian folks forced to suffer under the ayatollahs. At the same time, we must ensure that humanitarian trade involving Iran isn’t misused for illicit purposes. There is bipartisan support here for that.

For example, last September, the Biden administration issued a waiver authorizing the transfer of \$6 billion in frozen Iranian funds. While the President offered assurances that proceeds could only be used for humanitarian purchases, Members on both sides of the aisle have questioned whether this would actually be the case. These concerns are understandable, and Mr. LUETKEMEYER’s legislation addresses that concern head-on.

Under this bill, the President will be required to issue regulations ensuring that humanitarian funds are not diverted to support terrorism or weapons proliferation. This may include an array of conditions, including specific transaction limits, enhanced due diligence procedures, and transparency requirements for Iranian counterparties.

Additionally, this bill would require these regulations to be evaluated. The President will have to report to Congress on their effectiveness in preventing funds from facilitating Iran’s illicit activities.

I applaud Mr. LUETKEMEYER’s thoughtful approach to this legislation, which is based on the idea that well-designed sanctions rely on well-designed exceptions.

Mr. Speaker, this bill received unanimous support in the Financial Services Committee. I look forward to its passage today. I urge my colleagues to support H.R. 6015, and I reserve the balance of my time.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON FINANCIAL SERVICES,
Washington, DC, April 14, 2024.

Hon. MICHAEL MCCAUL,
Chairman, Committee on Foreign Affairs,
House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN MCCAUL: Thank you for agreeing to be discharged from further consideration of H.R. 6015, the Iran Sanctions Accountability Act of 2023, so that it may proceed expeditiously to the House Floor. I

agree that by foregoing consideration of H.R. 6015 at this time, you do not waive any jurisdiction over the subject matter contained in this or similar legislation, and that you will be appropriately consulted and involved on this or similar legislation as it moves forward.

As discussed, I will seek to place a copy of our exchange of letters on this bill in the Congressional Record during floor consideration thereof.

Sincerely,

PATRICK MCHENRY,
Chairman, Committee on Financial Services.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS,
Washington, DC, April 14, 2024.

Hon. PATRICK MCHENRY,
Chairman, Committee on Financial Services,
Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN MCHENRY: Thank you for consulting with the Foreign Affairs Committee on H.R. 6015, the Iran Sanctions Accountability Act of 2023. I agree that the Foreign Affairs Committee may be discharged from further consideration so that the measure may proceed expeditiously to the House floor, subject to the understanding that this does not in any way diminish or alter the primary jurisdiction of the Foreign Affairs Committee over this measure, or affect the committee's jurisdictional prerogatives on similar legislation in the future.

I respectfully request that our letters on this bill be placed into the Congressional Record during floor consideration. I appreciate your cooperation regarding this legislation and look forward to continuing to work together as this measure moves through the legislative process.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL T. MCCAUL,
Chairman.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON FINANCIAL SERVICES,
Washington, DC, April 14, 2024.

Hon. JASON SMITH,
Chairman, Committee on Ways and Means, U.S.
House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN SMITH: Thank you for agreeing to be discharged from further consideration of H.R. 6015, the Iran Sanctions Accountability Act of 2023, so that it may proceed expeditiously to the House floor. I agree that by foregoing consideration of H.R. 6015 at this time, you do not waive any jurisdiction over the subject matter contained in this or similar legislation, and that you will be appropriately consulted and involved on this or similar legislation as it moves forward.

As discussed, I will seek to place a copy of our exchange of letters on this bill in the Congressional Record during floor consideration thereof.

Sincerely,

PATRICK MCHENRY,
Chairman.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS,
Washington, DC, April 15, 2024.

Hon. PATRICK MCHENRY,
Chairman, Committee on Financial Services,
Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN MCHENRY: I am writing with respect to H.R. 6015, the "Iran Sanctions Accountability Act of 2023." As you noted, the Committee on Ways and Means was granted an additional referral on this bill. I agree to forego action on this bill so that it may proceed expeditiously to the House floor for consideration.

The Committee on Ways and Means takes this action with the mutual understanding that we do not waive any jurisdiction over

the subject matter contained in this or similar legislation, and the Committee will be appropriately consulted and involved as the bill or similar legislation moves forward so that we may address any remaining issues that fall within our jurisdiction. The Committee also reserves the right to seek appointment of an appropriate number of conferees to any House-Senate conference involving this or similar legislation, and requests your support for such request.

Finally, I would appreciate your response to this letter confirming this understanding and would ask that a copy of our exchange of letters on this matter be included in the Congressional Record during floor consideration of H.R. 6015.

Sincerely,

JASON SMITH,
Chairman.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON FINANCIAL SERVICES,
Washington, DC, April 14, 2024.

Hon. JAMES COMER,
Chairman, Committee on Oversight and Accountability,
House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN COMER: Thank you for agreeing to be discharged from further consideration of H.R. 6015, the Iran Sanctions Accountability Act of 2023, so that it may proceed expeditiously to the House Floor. I agree that by foregoing consideration of H.R. 6015 at this time, you do not waive any jurisdiction over the subject matter contained in this or similar legislation, and that you will be appropriately consulted and involved on this or similar legislation as it moves forward.

As discussed, I will seek to place a copy of our exchange of letters on this bill in the Congressional Record during floor consideration thereof.

Sincerely,

PATRICK MCHENRY,
Chairman, Committee on Financial Services.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, COM-
MITTEE ON OVERSIGHT AND AC-
COUNTABILITY,
Washington, DC, April 15, 2024.

Hon. PATRICK MCHENRY,
Chairman, Committee on Financial Services,
Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN MCHENRY: Thank you for consulting with the Committee on Oversight and Accountability. The Committee on Oversight and Accountability agrees to be discharged from further consideration of H.R. 6015, the Iran Sanctions Accountability Act of 2023, so that it may proceed expeditiously to the House floor.

I agree that by foregoing consideration of H.R. 6015 at this time, the Committee on Oversight and Accountability does not waive any jurisdiction over the subject matter contained in this or similar legislation. The Committee on Oversight and Accountability should be appropriately consulted and involved on this or similar legislation as it moves forward. I support your effort to represent the House Committee on Oversight and Accountability on the conference committee if a conference on the bill becomes necessary.

As discussed, I appreciate your inclusion of a copy of our exchange of letters on this bill in the bill report filed by the Committee on Financial Services and in the Congressional Record during House floor consideration thereof. I appreciate your cooperation regarding this bill and look forward to future opportunities to work together on matters of shared jurisdiction.

Sincerely,

JAMES COMER,
Chairman, Committee on Oversight
and Accountability.

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

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 6015, the Iran Sanctions Accountability Act of 2023 sponsored by Representative LUETKEMEYER from the great State of Missouri, of which Kansas City is a part, and it also houses the Chiefs Kingdom.

Mr. Speaker, this bill would require the President to issue regulations that ensure that humanitarian waivers to economic and trade sanctions on Iran do not facilitate sanctions evasion, acts of international terrorism, or the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction.

Currently, in order for nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) and others who avail themselves of the license and waiver processes available under comprehensive sanctions regimes, they must undertake extensive efforts to prevent the diversion of goods, services, and funds to the targets of sanctions. Humanitarian groups have shared details with the Financial Services Committee about their stringent process for preventing sanction evasion and terror financing. These standards are imposed internally by the NGOs themselves, for example, through their anticorruption policies, and also externally as seen in the U.S. Government contracting requirements or the anti-money laundering and sanctions compliance measures imposed by their corresponding banking partners.

This bill goes a step further, by requiring the Office of Foreign Assets Control, OFAC, to develop a set of formal rules by which humanitarian exceptions to sanctions will not facilitate, directly or indirectly, support sanctions evasion, acts of international terrorism, or the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction.

This bill also requires Treasury to instruct the U.S. Director at the World Bank to formally oppose the provision of financial assistance to the Government of Iran. I would note that the U.S. already opposes any financial assistance to the Government of Iran.

Notably, Republicans are moving this bill at the same time that they are trying to jam through the House a much more toxic version of this bill tomorrow, H.R. 6323, which would undermine the President's ability to provide waivers to sanctions for humanitarian assistance. While Mr. LUETKEMEYER's bill largely is redundant of existing U.S. policy, Mrs. KIM's bill tomorrow will harm our national interests and America's standing in the world.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this bill and I reserve the balance of my time.

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

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

H.R. 6015 would require the President to ensure that humanitarian exemptions involving U.S. sanctions on Iran do not facilitate acts of international

terrorism, transactions with sanctioned persons, or the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction.

This bill mandates that the President establish clear rules for how such sanctions waivers and licenses can be applied. Unlike many of the other bills offered by my Republican colleagues, this one seems to be largely redundant of existing U.S. policy and affirms the longstanding practice of the United States to offer humanitarian waivers to our comprehensive sanctions to ensure that innocent civilians are not the targets of our sanctions.

Mr. Speaker, I again urge my colleagues to support this bill, and I yield back the balance of my time.

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

I applaud Mr. LUETKEMEYER's thoughtful approach here. I think it is important to note this bill was passed with unanimous support out of the House Financial Services Committee, and I would expect similar unanimous support here on the House floor to make a strong statement that we want our sanctions to work, and when we say we are going to do something as a country, we follow through on that commitment.

I think this is a proper way to do that in light of the actions of the Iranian regime over the weekend. In particular, we want to make sure that all sanctions against the Iranian regime are appropriate and appropriately designed and carried out well.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to vote "yes" on this bill, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. MCHENRY) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 6015, as amended.

The question was taken.

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

Mr. MCHENRY. 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 motion will be postponed.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until approximately 6:30 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 6 o'clock and 1 minute p.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro

tempore (Mr. MOLINARO) at 6 o'clock and 31 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:

Motion to table the motion to reconsider H.R. 7888;

Motions to suspend the rules and pass:

H.R. 6408;

H.R. 5923; and

H.R. 5921.

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

MOTION TO TABLE MOTION TO RECONSIDER ON H.R. 7888, REFORMING INTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY AMERICA ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfinished business is the question on the motion to table the motion to reconsider the vote on the passage of the bill (H.R. 7888) to reform the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

RECORDED VOTE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion to table offered by the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. TURNER) on which a recorded vote was ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 259, noes 128, not voting 43, as follows:

[Roll No. 120]

AYES—259

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Aderholt
Aguilar
Allen
Allred
Amo
Amodei
Auchincloss
Babin
Bacon
Balderson
Barr
Beatty
Bera
Bergman
Beyer
Bice
Bishop (GA)
Blunt Rochester
Boyle (PA)
Brown
Brownley
Buchanan
Bucshon
Budzinski
Burgess
Calvert
Carbajal
Carey
Carl
Carson
Carter (GA)
Carter (LA)
Carter (TX)
Cartwright
Case

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Castor (FL)
Castro (TX)
Chavez-DeRemer
Cherfilus-
McCormick
Ciscomani
Clark (MA)
Clarke (NY)
Cleaver
Clyburn
Cohen
Cole
Connolly
Correa
Courtney
Craig
Crawford
Crenshaw
Crockett
Crow
Cuellar
Davids (KS)
Davis (IL)
Davis (NC)
De La Cruz
Dean (PA)
DeGette
DeLauro
Diaz-Balart
Duarte
Dunn (FL)
Edwards
Ellzey
Emmer
Escobar

Estes
Evans
Ezell
Feenstra
Ferguson
Fitzpatrick
Fleischmann
Fletcher
Flood
Foster
Foxy
Franklin, Scott
Gallagher
Gallego
Garamendi
Garbarino
Garcia (TX)
Garcia, Mike
Gimenez
Golden (ME)
Goldman (NY)
Gomez
Gonzales, Tony
Gonzalez,
Vicente
Gottheimer
Graves (LA)
Graves (MO)
Green (TN)
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Harder (CA)
Hayes
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Hoyer
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Jackson (NC)
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Kelly (IL)
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Kelly (PA)
Kiggans (VA)
Kiley
Kilmer
Kim (CA)
Kim (NJ)
Krishnamoorthi
Kuster
LaHood
LaLota
Lamborn
Landsman
Larsen (WA)
Larson (CT)
Latta
LaTurner
Lawler
Lee (FL)
Lee (NV)
Leger Fernandez
Levin
Lucas
Lynch
Magaziner
Malliotakis
Manning
Matsui
McBath
McClain
McClellan
McCollum
McGarvey
McHenry
Meeks
Menendez
Meuser

Mfume
Miller (OH)
Miller (WV)
Miller-Weeks
Molinaro
Moolenaar
Moore (UT)
Moran
Morelle
Moulton
Mrvan
Mullin
Murphy
Neal
Neguse
Newhouse
Nickel
Norcross
Nunn (IA)
Oberholte
Panetta
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Pelosi
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Perez
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Reschenthaler
Rodgers (WA)
Rogers (AL)
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Ruppersberger
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Salazar
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Scholten
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Scott, Austin
Scott, David
Sessions

Sewell
Sherman
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Simpson
Slotkin
Smith (NE)
Smith (WA)
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Stevens
Strickland
Strong
Suozi
Tenney
Thanedar
Thompson (CA)
Thompson (PA)
Tokuda
Tonko
Torres (CA)
Torres (NY)
Trahan
Trone
Turner
Underwood
Valadao
Van Duyne
Vargas
Vasquez
Veasey
Wagner
Walberg
Waltz
Wasserman
Schultz
Wenstrup
Wild
Williams (GA)
Williams (NY)
Wilson (SC)
Wittman
Womack

NOES—128

Alford
Armstrong
Arrington
Baird
Balint
Banks
Bean (FL)
Bentz
Biggs
Bilirakis
Bishop (NC)
Blumenauer
Boebert
Bonamici
Bost
Bowman
Brecheen
Burchett
Burlison
Bush
Cammack
Cárdenas
Casar
Cline
Cloud
Clyde
Collins
Comer
Crane
Curtis
D'Esposito
Davidson
DelBene
Deluzio
DeSaulnier
DesJarlais
Dingell
Donalds
Duncan
Españillat
Fallon
Finstad
Fischbach

Fitzgerald
Foushee
Frost
Fry
Fulcher
Gaetz
Good (VA)
Gooden (TX)
Gosar
Greene (GA)
Griffith
Hagman
Harris
Harshbarger
Hern
Higgins (LA)
Horsford
Hoyle (OR)
Huffman
Jackson (IL)
Jacobs
Jayapal
Jordan
Joyce (PA)
Khanna
Kildee
Kustoff
Langworthy
Lee (CA)
Lee (PA)
Lesko
Lofgren
Loudermilk
Luna
Luttrell
Mace
Maloy
Mann
Massie
McClintock
McCormick
McGovern
Miller (IL)

Mills
Mooney
Moore (AL)
Nadler
Nehls
Norman
Ocasio-Cortez
Omar
Owens
Pallone
Palmer
Perry
Pingree
Pocan
Posey
Pressley
Ramirez
Rose
Rosendale
Roy
Salinas
Scanlon
Schakowsky
Schweikert
Scott (VA)
Self
Smith (MO)
Smith (NJ)
Steube
Takano
Tiffany
Timmons
Tlaib
Van Doren
Van Drew
Velázquez
Watson Coleman
Weber (TX)
Webster (FL)
Westerman
Yakym
Zinke