

of our Nation by naming one of our oldest institutions, a microcosm of what America is, the Postal Service.

To name a post office after Luke is to honor not just his family and his wife, our colleague, JULIA, but it is to honor all American families.

I thank my brothers and sisters of this august body for allowing this moment where we cherish what it is to be an American, to serve our country and our fellow man, to be part of a family, and to remember those that we have lost.

Mr. LATURNER. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Louisiana for his comments. I have no further speakers, and I am prepared to close.

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I have no further speakers, and I urge the passage of H.R. 7423, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. LATURNER. Mr. Speaker, I encourage my colleagues to support this bill, which rightly honors the life and legacy of a great man, Congressman-elect Luke Letlow.

I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Kansas (Mr. LATURNER) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 7423.

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. LATURNER. 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 5 o'clock and 52 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1830

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. VALADAO) at 6 o'clock and 30 minutes p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, proceedings will resume on questions previously postponed.

Votes will be taken in the following order:

Motions to suspend the rules and pass:

H.R. 7219, as amended; and

H.R. 7525.

The first electronic vote will be conducted as a 15-minute vote. Pursuant

to clause 9 of rule XX, the second electronic vote will be conducted as a 5-minute vote.

INFORMATION QUALITY ASSURANCE ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 7219) to ensure that Federal agencies rely on the best reasonably available scientific, technical, demographic, economic, and statistical information and evidence to develop, issue or inform the public of the nature and bases of Federal agency rules and guidance, and for other purposes, as amended, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Kansas (Mr. LATURNER) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 377, nays 4, not voting 48, as follows:

[Roll No. 177]

YEAS—377

Adams	Cherfilus-	Fletcher
Aderholt	McCormick	Flood
Aguilar	Chu	Foster
Alford	Ciscomani	Foxx
Allen	Clark (MA)	Frankel, Lois
Allred	Clarke (NY)	Franklin, Scott
Amo	Cline	Frost
Amodei	Cloud	Fry
Armstrong	Clyburn	Fulcher
Arrington	Clyde	Gaetz
Auchincloss	Cohen	Garamendi
Babin	Cole	Garbarino
Bacon	Collins	Garcia (IL)
Balderson	Comer	Garcia, Mike
Balint	Connolly	Garcia, Robert
Barr	Correa	Gimenez
Barragán	Costa	Golden (ME)
Bean (FL)	Courtney	Gonzales, Tony
Beatty	Craig	Gonzalez,
Bentz	Crane	Vicente
Bera	Crawford	Good (VA)
Bergman	Crockett	Gooden (TX)
Beyer	Curtis	Gosar
Bice	D'Esposito	Gottheimer
Biggs	Davids (KS)	Graves (MO)
Bilirakis	Davidson	Green (TN)
Bishop (GA)	Davis (NC)	Green, Al (TX)
Bishop (NC)	De La Cruz	Greene (GA)
Blumenauer	Dean (PA)	Griffith
Boebert	DeGette	Grothman
Bonamici	DeLauro	Guthrie
Bost	DeBene	Harder (CA)
Bowman	Deluzio	Harshbarger
Boyle (PA)	DeSaulnier	Hayes
Brown	DesJarlais	Hern
Brownley	Diaz-Balart	Higgins (LA)
Bucshon	Dingell	Hill
Budzinski	Doggett	Himes
Burchett	Donalds	Hinson
Burgess	Duarte	Horsford
Burlison	Duncan	Houchin
Bush	Dunn (FL)	Houlahan
Calvert	Edwards	Hoyle (OR)
Cammack	Ellzey	Hudson
Caraveo	Emmer	Huffman
Carbajal	Escobar	Huizenga
Cárdenas	Eshoo	Issa
Carey	Espallat	Ivey
Carl	Evans	Jackson (IL)
Carter (GA)	Ezell	Jackson (NC)
Cartwright	Fallon	Jackson (TX)
Casar	Feenstra	Jacobs
Case	Finstad	James
Casten	Fischbach	Jayapal
Castor (FL)	Fitzgerald	Jeffries
Castro (TX)	Fitzpatrick	Johnson (GA)
Chavez-DeRemer	Fleischmann	

Johnson (LA)	Moore (UT)	Sherrill
Johnson (SD)	Moore (WI)	Simpson
Jordan	Moran	Slotkin
Joyce (OH)	Morelle	Smith (MO)
Joyce (PA)	Moskowitz	Smith (NE)
Kamlager-Dove	Mrvan	Smith (NJ)
Kaptur	Mullin	Smith (WA)
Kean (NJ)	Murphy	Smucker
Keating	Nadler	Sorensen
Kelly (IL)	Napolitano	Soto
Kelly (MS)	Neal	Spanberger
Kelly (PA)	Neguse	Stansbury
Khanna	Nehls	Stanton
Kiggans (VA)	Newhouse	Stauber
Kildee	Nickel	Steel
Kiley	Norcross	Stefanik
Kilmer	Norman	Steil
Kim (CA)	Nunn (IA)	Steube
Krishnamoorthi	Obenolte	Stevens
Kuster	Ocasio-Cortez	Strickland
Kustoff	Ogles	Strong
LaHood	Omar	Suozi
LaLota	Owens	Swalwell
Langworthy	Pallone	Sykes
Larsen (WA)	Palmer	Takano
Larson (CT)	Panetta	Tenney
Latta	Pappas	Thanedar
LaTurner	Pascrell	Thompson (MS)
Lawler	Pelosi	Thompson (PA)
Lee (FL)	Peltola	Tiffany
Lee (NV)	Perez	Timmons
Lee (PA)	Perry	Tlaib
Leger Fernandez	Peters	Tokuda
Lesko	Pettersen	Tonko
Letlow	Pfleger	Torres (CA)
Levin	Pingree	Torres (NY)
Lieu	Pocan	Trahan
Lofgren	Porter	Trone
Loudermilk	Posey	Turner
Lucas	Pressley	Underwood
Luetkemeyer	Quigley	Valadao
Luna	Ramirez	Van Drew
Mace	Raskin	Van Dwyne
Malliotakis	Reschenthaler	Van Orden
Maloy	Rodgers (WA)	Vargas
Mann	Rogers (AL)	Vasquez
Manning	Rogers (KY)	Veasey
Massie	Rose	Velázquez
Mast	Ross	Wagner
Matsui	Rouzer	Walberg
McBath	Ruiz	Waltz
McCaul	Ruppersberger	Wasserman
McClain	Rutherford	Schultz
McClellan	Ryan	Waters
McClintock	Salazar	Watson Coleman
McCollum	Salinas	Weber (TX)
McCormick	Sánchez	Webster (FL)
McGarvey	Scalise	Wenstrup
McGovern	Scanlon	Westerman
Meeks	Schakowsky	Wexton
Menendez	Schneider	Wild
Meuser	Scholten	Williams (GA)
Miller (IL)	Schrier	Williams (NY)
Miller (OH)	Schweikert	Williams (TX)
Miller (WV)	Scott (VA)	Wilson (FL)
Miller-Meeks	Scott, Austin	Wittman
Mills	Scott, David	Womack
Molinaro	Sessions	Yakym
Moolenaar	Sewell	Zinke
Moore (AL)	Sherman	

NAYS—4

Brecheen	Roy
Rosendale	Self

NOT VOTING—48

Baird	Garcia (TX)	Luttrell
Banks	Goldman (NY)	Lynch
Blunt Rochester	Gomez	Magaziner
Buchanan	Granger	McHenry
Carson	Graves (LA)	Meng
Carter (LA)	Grijalva	Mfume
Carter (TX)	Hagaman	Mooney
Cleaver	Harris	Moulton
Crenshaw	Hoyer	Pence
Crow	Hunt	Phillips
Cuellar	Jackson Lee	Sarbanes
Davis (IL)	Kim (NJ)	Schiff
Estes	LaMalfa	Spartz
Ferguson	Lamborn	Thompson (CA)
Foushee	Landsman	Titus
Galleo	Lee (CA)	Wilson (SC)

□ 1859

Mr. BURLISON changed his vote from "nay" to "yea."

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

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

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

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, May 1, 2024.

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

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: I have the honor to transmit herewith a copy of a letter received from Ms. Kristen Zebrowski Stavisky and Mr. Raymond J. Riley, III, Co-Executive Directors, New York State Board of Elections, indicating that, according to the unofficial results for the Special Election held on April 30, 2024, the Honorable Timothy M. Kennedy was elected for Representative to Congress for the Twenty-Sixth Congressional District of New York.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

KEVIN F. MCCUMBER,
Acting Clerk.

Enclosure.

NEW YORK STATE
BOARD OF ELECTIONS
Albany, NY, May 1, 2024.

Hon. Kevin F. McCumber,
Acting Clerk, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC

DEAR MR. MCCUMBER: This is to advise you that the unofficial results of the Special Election held on Tuesday, April 30, 2024, for Representative in Congress from the Twenty-Sixth Congressional District of New York, show that Timothy M. Kennedy received 46,527 or 68.04% of the total number of votes cast for that office.

It would appear from these unofficial results that Timothy M. Kennedy was elected as Representative in Congress from the Twenty-Sixth Congressional District of New York.

To the best of our knowledge and belief at this time, there is no contest to this election.

As soon as the official results are certified to this office by the Erie County Board of Elections and the Niagara County Board of Elections, representing all jurisdictions involved, an official Certificate of Election will be prepared for transmittal as required by law.

Sincerely,

KRISTEN ZEBROWSKI
STAVISKY,
Co-Executive Director.
RAYMOND J. RILEY, III,
Co-Executive Director.

SWEARING IN OF THE HONORABLE TIMOTHY M. KENNEDY, OF NEW YORK, AS A MEMBER OF THE HOUSE

Mr. NADLER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the gentleman from New York, the Honorable TIMOTHY M. KENNEDY, be permitted to take the oath of office today.

His certificate of election has not arrived, but there is no contest and no question has been raised with regard to his election.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New York?

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER. Will the Representative-elect and the members of the New York delegation present themselves in the well.

All Members will rise and the Representative-elect will please raise his right hand.

Mr. KENNEDY appeared at the bar of the House and took the oath of office, as follows:

Do you solemnly swear or affirm that you will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that you will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that you take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which you are about to enter, so help you God.

The SPEAKER. Congratulations, you are now a Member of the 118th Congress.

WELCOMING THE HONORABLE TIMOTHY M. KENNEDY TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the gentleman from New York (Mr. NADLER) is recognized for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

Mr. NADLER. Mr. Speaker, as dean of the New York delegation, it is my distinct honor to rise today to introduce Congressman-elect TIM KENNEDY.

I can think of no better person to represent New York's 26th Congressional District and succeed our friend Brian Higgins than TIM KENNEDY. As a lifelong resident of Buffalo who grew up in a blue-collar family, TIM embodies the values of hard work, family, and fighting for the little guy that makes western New York so great.

As a New York State senator for over 13 years, TIM has been a formidable advocate for our region. As chair of the New York Senate Transportation Committee, he secured a historic \$100 million for the Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority, helped deliver record investment for our roads and transportation networks, and spearheaded legislation enhancing transportation safety and accountability.

Beyond transportation, TIM has been a long-time champion for western New York's workforce and economic development, which is evidenced through his support for the Northland Workforce Center and the revitalization of Buffalo's iconic Central Terminal.

As he steps into his new role, I speak on behalf of the entire New York congressional delegation, and we are confident that TIM KENNEDY will continue to fight tirelessly for the prosperity and safety of our community.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from New York (Mr. KENNEDY), our newest Member.

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. Speaker, I thank Congressman NADLER, my colleagues in the New York delegation, Mr. Speaker, and Leader JEFFRIES.

Mr. Speaker, I stand before you humbled by the opportunity God has given us to be together in this moment, this awesome and magnificent responsibility that has been granted to me by the people of western New York.

I am grateful to those who have entrusted me with their vote and their confidence to represent our beloved Buffalo-Niagara region in the United States Congress.

I want to take a moment to recognize my family, who is here with me, my wife, Katie, and our children, Connor, Eireann, and Padraic. I also want to recognize my parents, Martin and Mary Kennedy, and my in-laws, Dave and Jane Duerk. My brother, John, also made the visit down, along with many other family members and friends. I am grateful that they can all join us here today.

Looking down on us are our baby angel, Brigid, along with so many other family members and friends who have passed on and whose spirits remain with us here today on this auspicious occasion. They are no doubt toasting and celebrating in Heaven above.

Calling Buffalo, New York, and America home were the O'Briens and O'Donohues, Wilsons and Flynn, Dobmeirs and Stearns, McCarthys and Duffys. Mixed all together, the result is a Kennedy.

I hail from the City of Good Neighbors, the community of good neighbors; the original home of the Seneca Nation of Indians; the village of Buffalo, burned to the ground by the British in the War of 1812, and rebuilt and incorporated in 1832; the western terminus of the Erie Canal, helping to transform our Nation through improved commerce; a border community with our greatest ally, Canada, to the north; a region surrounded by Great Lakes; and, in between, one of the greatest wonders of the world, Niagara Falls. The grandeur of the falls is only surpassed by the people who have defined the region around us.

Today, we stand as a community of patriotic citizens who have always championed democracy and freedom, from the days of serving as a final stop on the Underground Railroad to the Niagara Movement, the precursor of the NAACP, which was formed in our community. The equality and justice these leaders strove for over a century ago has yet to be fully achieved, and there is still so much more work to be done.

In Buffalo-Niagara, we walk in the footsteps of Frederick Douglass, Harriet Tubman, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Mary Talbert, Shirley Chisholm, and so many other civil rights leaders. In their spirit, we march on.

It was Niagara Falls that made Buffalo the City of Light. While we have seen our share of darkness, Buffalo is seeing a resurgence that generations