

economic, housing, and infrastructure goals, all dependent on the Department of the Interior's ability to complete land transactions promptly.

My bipartisan AACE Act would help alleviate and prevent appraisal bottlenecks by building upon a decades-old precedent of limited license reciprocity for appraisers established under the Bush-Quayle administration.

It would enable the Department of the Interior to contract with private appraisers who are appropriately credentialed in one State to perform appraisal valuation services on the Department of the Interior's behalf in any State.

Importantly, it would also require the Department of the Interior to continue to prioritize working with local appraisers, unlocking the enhanced flexibility provided by the bill only when no assignment-qualified or cost-competitive local appraisers are available.

In short, this legislation would maximize DOI's efficiency without spending a single additional dollar of taxpayers' money. It better positions America's principal land management agency to complete land transactions of all kinds more effectively and efficiently, ensuring that the Federal Government can deliver on these critical projects without getting in its own way.

That is why the bill has the support of Republican and Democratic Members of Congress, Senators, and Governors. It is also supported by the DOI and organizations ranging from Conservation Lands Foundation to Trout Unlimited to the Nevada Housing Coalition and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. It benefits everyone, from conservationists to developers, who all find themselves waiting at the back of the same Federal appraisals line.

□ 1645

I thank my colleague and good friend, Representative DAVE JOYCE, for writing this much-needed legislation with me to provide a simple, bipartisan solution to a simple, bipartisan problem.

I thank Senator CATHERINE CORTEZ MASTO for championing this common-sense legislation in the Senate. It is essential that we pass the bill in this Congress so we can get it to the President's desk without delay and deliver as soon as possible on the lands projects that Americans need.

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

Mr. WESTERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I am prepared to close. I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. LEE of Nevada. Mr. Speaker, in closing, I urge my colleagues to support my legislation, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. WESTERMAN. Mr. Speaker, in a previous career having been licensed to do appraisals and having studied the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice and been tested on

that, I am glad to say that this legislation doesn't exempt appraisers from having to abide by those standards. It just streamlines the process on Federal land so that appraisals can happen in a more timely manner.

This bipartisan bill will improve the management of hundreds of millions of acres of land and is a commonsense solution to make government more efficient. We need that.

Mr. Speaker, I urge adoption of the 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 Arkansas (Mr. WESTERMAN) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 5443, as amended.

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

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

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 4 o'clock and 46 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. LATURNER) 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. 897; and

H.R. 5441.

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

ALABAMA UNDERWATER FOREST NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY AND PROTECTION 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. 897) to provide for the establishment of the Alabama Underwater Forest National Marine Sanctuary, 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 Arkansas (Mr. WESTERMAN) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 349, nays 19, not voting 64, as follows:

[Roll No. 336]

YEAS—349

Adams	DesJarlais	Kiggans (VA)
Aderholt	Dingell	Kildee
Aguilar	Donalds	Kiley
Alford	Duarte	Kilmer
Allen	Duncan	Kim (CA)
Allred	Edwards	Kim (NJ)
Amo	Ellzey	Krishnamoorthi
Amodei	Emmer	Kustoff
Armstrong	Escobar	LaHood
Arrington	Eshoo	LaLota
Auchincloss	Españillat	Lamborn
Bacon	Estes	Landsman
Baird	Ezell	Langworthy
Balderson	Fallon	Larsen (WA)
Balint	Feenstra	Larson (CT)
Banks	Ferguson	Latta
Barr	Finstad	LaTurner
Barragán	Fischbach	Lawler
Beatty	Fitzgerald	Lee (CA)
Bentz	Fitzpatrick	Lee (FL)
Bera	Fleischmann	Lee (NV)
Bergman	Flood	Lee (PA)
Beyer	Fong	Leger Fernandez
Bice	Foster	Letlow
Bilirakis	Foushee	Levin
Bishop (GA)	Fox	Lieu
Blumenauer	Frankel, Lois	Lofgren
Boebert	Franklin, Scott	Loudermilk
Bonamici	Frost	Lucas
Bost	Fry	Luetkemeyer
Boyle (PA)	Gaetz	Luna
Brown	Garbarino	Lynch
Brownley	Garcia (IL)	Mace
Bucshon	Garcia, Mike	Malliotakis
Budzinski	Garcia, Robert	Maloy
Burchett	Jimenez	Manning
Burgess	Golden (ME)	Matsui
Bush	Goldman (NY)	McBath
Calvert	Gomez	McClain
Caraveo	Gonzales, Tony	McClellan
Carbajal	Gonzalez,	McClintock
Carey	Vicente	McCollum
Carl	Gooden (TX)	McCormick
Carson	Gottheimer	McGarvey
Carter (GA)	Graves (LA)	McGovern
Carter (LA)	Green (TN)	McHenry
Carter (TX)	Grothman	Meeks
Cartwright	Guthrie	Menendez
Casar	Hageman	Meng
Case	Harder (CA)	Meuser
Casten	Harris	Mfume
Castor (FL)	Harshbarger	Miller (IL)
Castro (TX)	Hayes	Miller (OH)
Chavez-DeRemer	Hern	Miller (WV)
Cherfilus-	Higgins (LA)	Miller-Meeks
McCormick	Hill	Mills
Chu	Hinson	Molinaro
Ciscomani	Horsford	Moolenaar
Clark (MA)	Houchin	Moore (UT)
Clarke (NY)	Houlahan	Moran
Cleaver	Hoyle (OR)	Morelle
Cline	Hudson	Moulton
Cohen	Huizenga	Mrvan
Cole	Issa	Mullin
Collins	Ivey	Murphy
Comer	Jackson (IL)	Napolitano
Connolly	Jackson (NC)	Neal
Correa	Jackson (TX)	Neguse
Costa	Jacobs	Nehls
Courtney	James	Newhouse
Craig	Jayapal	Nickel
Crawford	Jeffries	Norcross
Crockett	Johnson (GA)	Nunn (IA)
Crow	Johnson (LA)	Oberholte
Cuellar	Johnson (SD)	Ocasio-Cortez
Curtis	Jordan	Omar
D'Esposito	Joyce (OH)	Pallone
Davids (KS)	Joyce (PA)	Palmer
Davidson	Kamlager-Dove	Panetta
Davis (NC)	Kaptur	Pappas
Dean (PA)	Kean (NJ)	Pascarell
DeGette	Keating	Pelosi
DeLauro	Kelly (IL)	Perez
DeBene	Kelly (MS)	Peters
Deluzio	Kelly (PA)	Pettersen
DeSaulnier	Kennedy	Pfleger

Pingree	Sherrill	Torres (NY)
Pocan	Simpson	Trahan
Porter	Slotkin	Turner
Quigley	Smith (MO)	Underwood
Ramirez	Smith (NE)	Valadao
Raskin	Smith (WA)	Van Drew
Reschenthaler	Smucker	Van Dune
Rodgers (WA)	Soto	Van Orden
Rogers (AL)	Spanberger	Vargas
Rose	Stanton	Vasquez
Ross	Stauber	Veasey
Rouzer	Steel	Velázquez
Ruiz	Stefanik	Wagner
Rulli	Steil	Walberg
Ruppersberger	Steube	Waltz
Rutherford	Stevens	Wasserman
Ryan	Strickland	Schultz
Salinas	Strong	Watson Coleman
Sánchez	Takano	Webster (FL)
Scalise	Schiff	Wenstrup
Scanlon	Schneider	Tenney
Scholten	Thandekar	Westerman
Schrier	Thompson (CA)	Williams (GA)
Schweikert	Thompson (MS)	Williams (NY)
Scott (VA)	Thompson (PA)	Williams (TX)
Scott, Austin	Tiffany	Wilson (FL)
Scott, David	Timmons	Wilson (SC)
Sessions	Titus	Wittman
Sewell	Tlaib	Womack
Sherman	Tonko	Yakym
	Torres (CA)	Zinke

NAYS—19

Biggs	Good (VA)	Perry
Bishop (NC)	Gosar	Posey
Brecheen	Greene (GA)	Rosendale
Burlison	Lesko	Roy
Clyde	Mooney	Self
Crane	Norman	
Fulcher	Ogles	

NOT VOTING—64

Babin	Green, Al (TX)	Owens
Bean (FL)	Griffith	Peltola
Blunt Rochester	Grijalva	Pence
Bowman	Guest	Phillips
Buchanan	Himes	Pressley
Cammack	Hoyer	Rogers (KY)
Cárdenas	Huffman	Salazar
Cloud	Hunt	Sarbanes
Clyburn	Jackson Lee	Schakowsky
Crenshaw	Khanna	Smith (NJ)
Davis (IL)	Kuster	Sorensen
De La Cruz	LaMalfa	Suozi
Diaz-Balart	Luttrell	Swaile
Doggett	Magaziner	Sykes
Dunn (FL)	Mann	Tokuda
Evans	Massie	Trone
Fletcher	Mast	Waters
Galleo	McCaull	Weber (TX)
Garamendi	Moore (AL)	Wexton
Garcia (TX)	Moore (WI)	Wild
Granger	Moskowitz	
Graves (MO)	Nadler	

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Messrs. MOONEY and FULCHER changed their vote from “yea” to “nay.”

Messrs. CARBAJAL and GOMEZ changed their 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.

Stated for:

Ms. PRESSLEY. Mr. Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 336.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

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

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, July 8, 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 the Honorable Jena M. Griswold, Colorado Secretary of State, containing unofficial results of the Special Election for Representative to Congress for the Fourth Congressional District of Colorado held on June 25, 2024.

With best wishes, I am,
Sincerely,

KEVIN F. MCCUMBER,
Acting Clerk.

JENA M. GRISWOLD,
COLORADO SECRETARY OF STATE,
Wednesday, July 3, 2024.

Re Current unofficial election results for vacancy election in Colo-CD4.

Hon. KEVIN F. MCCUMBER,
Acting Clerk, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. MCCUMBER: This is to advise you that as of 5:00 p.m. (Mountain time) on July 3, 2024, the unofficial results of the Congressional Vacancy Election held on Tuesday, June 25, 2024, for the U.S. Representative in Congress from the Fourth Congressional District of Colorado, show that Greg Lopez received 98,959 votes, reflecting 58.39% of the total number of votes cast, for that office.

To the best of our knowledge and belief at this time, no contest has been filed for this election.

As soon as the official results are certified to this office by all counties in CD-4 district, an official Certificate of Election will be prepared for transmittal as required by law.

Sincerely,

JENA GRISWOLD.

SWEARING IN OF THE HONORABLE GREG LOPEZ, OF COLORADO, AS A MEMBER OF THE HOUSE

Ms. DEGETTE. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the gentleman from Colorado, the Honorable GREG LOPEZ, 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 gentlewoman from Colorado?

There was no objection.

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

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

Mr. LOPEZ 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 you 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 GREG LOPEZ TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the gentlewoman from Colorado is recognized for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

Ms. DEGETTE. Mr. Speaker, as the dean of the Colorado congressional delegation, I am so honored to welcome Representative-elect LOPEZ to this Chamber to represent Colorado's Fourth Congressional District for the next 6 months.

Representative-elect LOPEZ is an Air Force veteran, a small business owner, a husband, and a father. Born into a hardworking family in pursuit of the American Dream, Representative LOPEZ is committed to working to improve the lives of his constituents.

He met his wife, Lisa, during his military service, and they married and moved to Colorado, where they raised their two children. At the age of only 27, Representative LOPEZ was elected mayor of Parker, Colorado, which was, at the time, the fastest growing town in Douglas County.

He worked with the town to improve infrastructure, manage growth, and support families and small businesses. Following his mayoral term, he was the director of a nonprofit that provided students from low-income families with scholarships to pursue their educational dreams.

I had the honor of working with Representative LOPEZ when he was the president and CEO of the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and later as the Colorado director of the Small Business Administration.

Representative LOPEZ and his wife live in Elbert County, Colorado, where they continue to serve their community and give back to the State they call home.

I look forward to working with the Representative to support the people of Colorado with our delegation.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Colorado (Mr. LAMBORN), my friend and the senior member of our delegation.

Mr. LAMBORN. Mr. Speaker, I thank my colleague from Denver for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure and honor to rise today to welcome Representative GREG LOPEZ to Congress.

I have every faith that Representative LOPEZ will serve the people of Colorado's Fourth District well, as he has a history of serving his country and his community.

Immediately upon graduating from high school, Representative LOPEZ enlisted in the Air Force, serving honorably from 1983 to 1987. In 1992, at the age of 27, Representative LOPEZ successfully ran for mayor of Parker, Colorado, where he managed one of the fastest growing cities in America.