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ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE ACTING CHAIR The Acting CHAIR (during the vote). There is 1 minute remaining.

#### $\Box$ 1745

So the amendment was agreed to. The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

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

Accordingly, the Committee rose; and the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. ELLZEY) having assumed the chair. Ms. Foxx, Acting Chair of the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, reported that that Committee, having had under consideration the bill (H.R. 8997) making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025, and for other purposes, and, pursuant to House Resolution 1370, she reported the bill, as amended by that resolution, back to the House with sundry further amendments in the Committee of the Whole.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under House Resolution 1370, the previous question is ordered.

Pursuant to clause 1(c) of rule XIX, further consideration of H.R. 8997 is postponed.

#### ALLOWING CONTRACTORS TO CHOOSE EMPLOYEES FOR SE-LECT SKILLS 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. 7887) to amend title 41, United States Code, to prohibit minimum experience or educational requirements for proposed contractor personnel in certain contract solicitations, and for other purposes, as amended, on which the year 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 gentlewoman from South Carolina (Ms. MACE) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.

This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 178, nays 234, not voting 19, as follows:

# [Roll No. 380]

### YEAS-178

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ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). There are 2 minutes remaining.

#### □ 1752

So (two-thirds not being in the affirmative) the motion was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I regrettably missed 22 roll call votes. Had I been present, I would have voted:

Nay on Roll Call No. 359 on Ordering the Previous Question;

No on Roll Call No. 360 on Agreeing to H. Res. 1370:

YEA on Roll Call No. 361 on S. 3706;

YEA on Roll Call No. 362 on S. 227;

No on Roll Call No. 363 on Ogles 36;

No on Roll Call No. 364, Perry 42;

No on Roll Call No. 365, Perry 43;

No on Roll Call No. 366, Perry 44;

No on Roll Call No. 367, Perry 45;

No on Roll Call No. 368, Perry 46;

No on Roll Call No. 369, Perry 47;

No on Roll Call No. 370, Perry 48;

No on Roll Call No. 371, Perry 49;

No on Roll Call No. 372, Perry 50; No on Roll Call No. 373, Perry 51;

No on Roll Call No. 374, Rosendale 53;

No on Roll Call No. 375, Roy 54;

No on Roll Call No. 376, Roy 56;

No on Roll Call No. 377, Van Drew 62;

No on Roll Call No. 378, Van Drew 63;

No on Roll Call No. 379, Van Drew 64; and No on Roll Call No. 380 on H.R. 7887.

AUTHORIZING THE USE OF EMAN-CIPATION HALL IN THE CAPITOL VISITOR CENTER FOR A CERE-MONY AS PART OF THE UNVEIL-ING OF THE STATUE OF JOHNNY CASH, PROVIDED BY THE STATE OF ARKANSAS

Mr. STEIL. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on House Administration be discharged from further consideration of H. Con. Res. 120, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the concurrent resolution.

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

There was no objection.

The text of the concurrent resolution is as follows:

#### H. CON. RES. 120

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring),

# SECTION 1. USE OF EMANCIPATION HALL FOR A CEREMONY AS PART OF THE UN-VEILING OF THE STATUE OF JOHNNY CASH.

(a) AUTHORIZATION.—Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center is authorized to be used on September 24, 2024, for a ceremony as part of the unveiling of the statue of Johnny Cash, provided by the State of Arkansas.

(b) PREPARATIONS.—Physical preparations for the ceremony described in subsection (a) shall be carried out in accordance with such conditions as the Architect of the Capitol may prescribe.

The concurrent resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2025

## GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. SIMPSON. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on H.R. 8998 and that I may include tabular material on the same

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

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 1370 and rule XVIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the consideration of the bill, H.R. 8998.

The Chair appoints the gentlewoman from North Carolina (Ms. Foxx) to preside over the Committee of the Whole.

# $\square$ 1758

# IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Accordingly, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the consideration of the bill (H.R. 8998) making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year end-

ing September 30, 2025, and for other purposes, with Ms. Foxx in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The CHAIR. Pursuant to the rule, the bill is considered read the first time. General debate shall be confined to the bill and shall not exceed 1 hour, equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations or their respective designees.

The gentleman from Idaho (Mr. SIMP-SON) and the gentlewoman from Maine (Ms. PINGREE) each will control 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Idaho.

#### □ 1800

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

Madam Chair, I am pleased to begin consideration of H.R. 8998, Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2025.

First, I commend Chairman Cole for his leadership of the Appropriations Committee and for his continued support of the Department of the Interior bill. I also thank Ranking Member PINGREE for her partnership as well as Ranking Member Delauro of the full committee and the subcommittee Members for their work on this bill.

H.R. 8998 provides \$38.4 billion in new non-defense discretionary spending, which is \$72 million below the fiscal year 2024 level and \$4.4 billion below the President's budget request. The bill also rescinds \$55 million provided to the Presidio Trust through the Inflation Reduction Act.

Cutting funding is never easy, but with the national debt of nearly \$35 trillion and inflation at an unacceptable level, we had to make tough choices in this bill to rein in unnecessary discretionary spending.

This legislation prioritizes critical needs and addresses specific interests and concerns brought to our attention through more than 8,800 Member requests.

H.R. 8998 fully funds the payment in lieu of taxes program, estimated at \$600 million, which includes over \$330 million to permanently address Federal wildland firefighter pay and capacity. The permanent pay fix included in this bill would improve firefighter recruitment and retention and provide financial certainty to the men and women protecting our communities from catastrophic wildfires.

I will say that, last Wednesday, I was up at what is called the Bench fire in Idaho. I talked to the firefighters and the fire incident commanders up there and spent a day with them. I can tell you they do tremendous work at great risk to themselves. This is something that has to be done.

It also signals our commitment to upholding the Federal Government's trust and treaty responsibilities, providing \$2.81 billion for the Bureau of Indian Affairs, a 14.5 percent increase,