

Sonya Massey should be alive today. Breonna Taylor should be alive today, and Trayvon Martin, Eric Garner, Ahmaud Arbery, and so many more.

We need transformational police reform now in our country. This officer should have never been on the job.

As a Black man, every time I see another Black person, particularly a Black woman, killed by law enforcement, it takes a piece of my soul.

We have a Black woman running to be President while Black women are being shot and killed in our communities. Enough is enough.

CUTTING WASTE FROM FOOD PRODUCTION

(Mr. LAMALFA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, in the United States, over one-third of all food produced is never consumed, including a significant portion of livestock and animal products.

Think about that for a minute. For the amount that is consumed, half of it is not. That is the equivalent of 143 billion meals, enough to feed every American three times over for a year.

This waste comes at an enormous financial cost. Over \$473 billion worth of food is thrown away annually. Beyond that monetary loss, this waste results in unnecessary consumption of resources, water, and energy.

The production of animal resources demands significant amounts of water and energy. When food is wasted, so too are these critical resources. When meat is discarded, all the water used in its production is wasted as well, which is a high water use.

Energy expended in raising, processing, and transporting these products is lost and wasted, contributing to inefficiencies and waste of resources.

Farmers—I am one—invest countless hours, labor, and resources into growing crops and raising livestock. It drives us crazy to see it wasted.

Transportation also plays a crucial role. We lose that energy.

We must do better so our kids don't go hungry.

ABDUCTIONS OF JAPANESE CITIZENS BY DPRK

(Ms. TOKUDA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. TOKUDA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to address the abductions of Japanese citizens by North Korea since the 1970s and call for resolution and closure for affected families who have waited for over four decades for answers.

Japan has officially recognized 17 missing people as victims of North Korean abductions. Most of them were in their twenties, but Megumi Yokota was just 13.

While North Korea admitted to these abductions and released five victims in

the early 2000s, the fates of the remaining 12 are unknown.

North Korea claims without concrete evidence that eight victims died of unnatural causes, such as traffic accidents and gas poisoning, while four never entered the territory. Glaring contradictions in North Korea's reports raise doubts about the fate of these abductees.

Meanwhile, relatives of the abductees have passed away waiting for resolution. I met family members and felt their pain as they held decades-old pictures of their loved ones.

These unresolved abductions are grave injustices that undermine international law and human rights.

We must support Japan in demanding justice and end decades of grief and uncertainty for these families. We must hold North Korea accountable, bring the abductees home, and give aging loved ones the peace they deserve.

APPOINTMENT OF INDIVIDUAL TO SERVE ON JOHN C. STENNIS CENTER FOR PUBLIC SERVICE TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces the Speaker's appointment, pursuant to section 114(b) of the John C. Stennis Center for Public Service Training and Development Act (2 U.S.C. 1103), and the order of the House of January 9, 2023, of the following individual on the part of the House to the Board of Trustees for the John C. Stennis Center for Public Service Training and Development for a term of 6 years:

Mr. Michael Joseph Sommers, Alexandria, Virginia

APPOINTMENT OF INDIVIDUAL TO LIBRARY OF CONGRESS TRUST FUND BOARD

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces the Speaker's appointment, pursuant to section 1 of the Library of Congress Trust Fund Board Act (2 U.S.C. 154), and the order of the House of January 9, 2023, of the following individual on the part of the House to the Library of Congress Trust Fund Board for a 5-year term:

Mr. Saul Aaron Fox, Miami Beach, Florida

STRONGLY CONDEMNING THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION AND ITS BORDER CZAR, KAMALA HARRIS'S, FAILURE TO SECURE THE UNITED STATES BORDER

Mr. GREEN of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to House Resolution 1376, I call up the resolution (H. Res. 1371) strongly condemning the Biden Administration and its Border Czar, KAMALA HARRIS's, failure to secure the United States border, 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 1376, the resolution, as amended, is considered read.

The text of the resolution, as amended, is as follows:

H. RES. 1371

Whereas, on March 24, 2021, President Biden tasked Vice President Kamala Harris with working to address illegal immigration into the United States, including "root causes", and came to be known colloquially as the Biden administration's "border czar";

Whereas it took Vice President Kamala Harris 93 days as the border czar before finally visiting the southern border on June 25, 2021;

Whereas when Vice President Kamala Harris traveled near the southern border for the first time on June 25, 2021, she decided to travel to El Paso, Texas, 800 miles away from the lower Rio Grande;

Whereas former United States Border Patrol Chief Raul Ortiz stated that during his two years in the position, "I've never had one conversation with the president [Biden] or the vice president [Harris], for that matter. I was the Chief of the Border Patrol, I commanded 21,000 people. That's a problem.";

Whereas current United States Border Patrol Chief Jason Owens stated that Vice President Kamala Harris has not spoken with him since he was appointed in July 2023;

Whereas, since Joe Biden and Kamala Harris took office, there have been over 9.7 million illegal immigrant encounters nationwide;

Whereas, since Joe Biden and Kamala Harris took office, there have been over 7.9 million illegal immigrant encounters at the United States southern border;

Whereas, since Joe Biden and Kamala Harris took office, there have been roughly 2 million known gotaways who evaded the United States Border Patrol;

Whereas this number represents more known gotaways than in the previous decade combined;

Whereas, in May 2024, there were 170,723 illegal immigrant encounters at the United States southern border, a 185 percent increase from the average May encounter total under President Trump;

Whereas May 2024 was the 39th straight month where monthly illegal immigrant encounters have been higher than even the highest month seen under President Trump;

Whereas illegal immigrants with violent criminal histories who have murdered innocent Americans like Laken Riley, Jocelyn Nungary, Rachel Morin, and others throughout the United States, pose an existential threat to the safety and security of the American people;

Whereas, in June 2024, NBC News reported that over 400 illegal immigrants with ties to an ISIS-affiliated smuggling network entered the United States under Border Czar Harris's leadership, and that the whereabouts of over 50 of these individuals were unknown;

Whereas, under Border Czar Harris's leadership, multiple illegal aliens with terrorist ties have been released into the United States;

Whereas, to date in fiscal year 2024, there have been a record-breaking 31,077 Chinese nationals encountered at the southwest border;

Whereas the Biden border crisis is costing the United States approximately \$150.7 billion each year and each taxpayer \$1,156 each year;

Whereas, in April 2024, Republicans on the House Committee on Homeland Security released documents showing the Biden administration, under Border Czar Harris, flew at

least 400,000 illegal immigrants into the country through the abuse of parole programs; and

Whereas President Biden's and Border Czar Harris's far left Democrat open border policies are to blame for this historic crisis, and in August 2022, Biden and his administration decided to make the border crisis significantly worse by formally ending former President Trump's successful Remain in Mexico program: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) strongly condemns the Biden Administration and its Border Czar, Kamala Harris's, failure to secure the United States border;

(2) affirms that the American people deserve elected officials who understand the gravity of the crisis at the border and who will execute the policies to fix the border crisis; and

(3) clearly and firmly states that the continuation of the Biden, Harris border policies would be disastrous for both the United States and the American people.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The resolution, as amended, shall be debatable for 1 hour, equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee of Homeland Security or their respective designees.

The gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. GREEN) and the gentleman from Mississippi (Mr. THOMPSON) each will control 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. GREEN).

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. GREEN of Tennessee. 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 H. Res. 1371.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. GREEN of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, on March 24, 2021, President Joe Biden announced to the American people that he tasked Vice President KAMALA HARRIS to "lead our efforts" to address the "root causes" of the border by working with Mexico and Central America to stem the flow of illegal border crossings at the Southwest border.

However, since President Biden and Vice President HARRIS took office, CBP has recorded more than 9.6 million encounters nationwide, and this number continues to rapidly increase.

Over 200,000 Americans have died from the fentanyl flooding across our open border. Precious lives like those of Laken Riley, Rachel Morin, and Jocelyn Nungaray have been brutally taken by illegal aliens who have been released.

We have been told that Vice President HARRIS' job was to find the root causes of the crisis. Turns out to do so, she could have just looked in the mirror.

Now, it would be charitable to say that Vice President HARRIS is com-

pletely out of her depth when it comes to securing the border. The fact is, she has a long track record of opposing border security and immigration enforcement, whether as a Senator, a Presidential candidate, or as Joe Biden's "border czar."

For example, then-Senator HARRIS advocated abolishing Immigration and Customs Enforcement. She proudly boasted that she would introduce legislation to reduce the number of ICE detention beds, and she also advocated for doing away with private detention facilities. She called construction of the new border wall system "a stupid use of money." She opposed the use of title 42 during the COVID-19 pandemic. She even once compared ICE to the KKK.

In her short-lived campaign for President in 2019, Vice President HARRIS declared during one debate that she supported decriminalizing illegal border crossings. According to her campaign website, longstanding, bipartisan border security policies were "cruel and out of control."

As Vice President, her track record has been just as dismal. Let's first recognize that many of the very policies she supported as a Senator, including cutting ICE beds, ending border wall construction, and ending title 42, became a reality after she took office.

Further, despite being President Biden's border czar, after saying border visits were just grand gestures, she has only made one trip to the Southwest border, all the way back in June 2021, in what Texas Democratic Representative HENRY CUELLAR called a politically safe, check-the-box visit. She has not been back since.

Just this week, it was reported that she has never spoken with current Border Patrol Chief Jason Owens or his predecessor, Chief Raul Ortiz. This belies absolute dereliction of her responsibility to secure the border.

This longtime extremist has run point on ending the Biden administration's self-inflicted border crisis, and it shows.

Vice President HARRIS has also lied to the American people repeatedly about the crisis she helped to create. In June 2022, she falsely claimed on national television: "The border is secure. . . . We have a secure border, in that that is a priority for any nation, including ours, and our administration." She also helped spread the vicious lies about mounted Border Patrol agents in Del Rio, Texas, slandering and maligning them for just doing their jobs.

Now, given how bad the border is for them politically, our friends on the left are suddenly aghast that we are again referring to the Vice President as the border czar. However, back in March 2021, even the corporate media were describing her role with this title, which, as we all remember from the Obama years, simply means a government official tasked with the responsibility for a particular policy issue.

Now that Vice President HARRIS is the presumptive Democratic nominee for President, we have watched our colleagues on the other side of the aisle get defensive about it because they know they cannot possibly defend her disastrous handling of the border crisis she was supposed to end.

Vice President HARRIS is an extreme, dishonest, open-borders radical. That is why President Biden entrusted her with this role. She owns all of his failed border policies and the horrific consequences that have resulted from them. Americans know it, and I am glad that this Congress will acknowledge it, too.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to refrain from engaging in personalities toward the Vice President.

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong opposition to this unserious and politically motivated resolution.

It is sad that today we are wasting time on this pointless resolution, which is nothing more than a campaign press release, rather than addressing real problems facing the American people, but a do-anything resolution is right in line with this do-nothing Congress.

The House is about to go on vacation for 6 weeks, having delivered only political resolutions, not solutions, for the American people.

In fact, my Republican colleagues are so eager to campaign, they are starting the August recess a week early and rushing to the floor with this press release disguised as a resolution before they head for the exits.

Let's make no mistake: This resolution is only before this body because Vice President HARRIS will be the Democratic nominee for President.

Testing new campaign messaging, though, is not a good use of the House's time, yet that is all this resolution offers. It changes absolutely nothing. It does not even pretend to change anything.

I am sure the American people would rather us use our time to fund the government, but my Republican colleagues can't seem to agree among themselves about that.

Instead, here we are, debating H. Res. 1371, a second-rate attempt at election interference. Perhaps it is also an ethics violation since my Republican colleagues are blatantly using House resources for campaign purposes, and like so much other campaign literature, this political resolution is premised on falsehoods and supported by cherry-picked statistics.

The resolution would have you believe President Biden and Vice President HARRIS inherited an impenetrable southern border from the former administration. This is just not true. The cruel and inhumane policies of the

Trump administration did not deter irregular migration.

It took a worldwide shutdown caused by the COVID-19 pandemic to temporarily reduce the ever-increasing numbers of desperate people seeking freedom, safety, and opportunity in the United States. When global pandemic-era restrictions eased, worldwide migration increased. The United States is far from alone in facing this challenge.

When President Biden and Vice President HARRIS took office, they reversed terrible Trump-era policies that separated children from their parents and put children in cages.

The Biden-Harris administration has also increased enforcement, deployed more border surveillance equipment, and sped up immigration processing. The administration is removing and returning more people and implementing tough new policies that have cut the number of border crossers by more than half over the last 7 weeks alone.

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Vice President HARRIS, in particular, has worked to address the root causes of migration, especially from El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras. Improving conditions in Northern Triangle countries means fewer people feel compelled to make the journey to the U.S.

We have seen results. Since Vice President HARRIS was given this task, Customs and Border Protection's encounters with Central American migrants have declined by more than 70 percent.

Furthermore, under Vice President HARRIS' leadership, the administration has also reinforced partnerships with countries in the region, and even around the world, to increase enforcement and share information.

Mexico, for the first time ever, has agreed to accept the return of Venezuelans and Cubans. Under the former President, we struggled to remove migrants from these countries from the United States.

There are also more visa requirements to enter the Western Hemisphere now, making the journey that much more difficult. This administration has recognized that migration is no longer regional but global and has taken action.

Mr. Speaker, you will notice that nowhere in my remarks have I referred to the Vice President as a so-called border czar like this flawed resolution does. That is because such a position does not exist.

The authors of this resolution cannot point to a single administration document that names the Vice President the "border czar." That is because such documents do not exist.

Even news organizations, like Axios, that referred to Vice President HARRIS as a so-called border czar have posted corrections and clarifications. That is because border czar is simply not her role.

I would like to read from President Biden's March 2021 remarks describing

Vice President HARRIS' duties. "The Vice President has agreed, among the multiple other things that I have her leading—and I appreciate it—agreed to lead our diplomatic effort and work with those nations to accept the returnees and enhanced migration enforcement at their borders."

The Vice President's role is diplomatic. It is about leading partnerships with foreign countries. It is not about overseeing the Border Patrol or ICE. That is Secretary Mayorkas' job, and he said as much in testimony before the Homeland Security Committee.

The border czar title is a work of fiction created by overactive Republican imaginations and the media, and this resolution is premised on that fiction.

Furthermore, this resolution is incredibly petty because Republicans struggle to quick squeeze anything of substance into it. It criticizes the Vice President, who was directed to focus on diplomatic engagements, for waiting 3 months to visit the southern border. Republicans then take issue with where she chose to go along the southern border. Vice President HARRIS went to Texas, just not the part of Texas Republicans thought she should go.

The resolution also criticizes the Vice President for failing to make direct outreach to U.S. Border Patrol chiefs. Again, she was not tasked with overseeing the Border Patrol. Secretary Mayorkas, their actual boss, speaks to the U.S. Border Patrol regularly.

Furthermore, H. Res. 1371 only includes border encounter statistics through May of this year, conveniently failing to include a nearly 30 percent decrease in encounters between ports of entry in June.

The resolution also conveniently fails to mention that since early last month, DHS has removed or returned more than 65,000 border crossers to more than 125 countries. In the past year, DHS has removed or returned the most people since 2010. That includes more removals to countries other than Mexico than in any other prior year ever.

Mr. Speaker, the House has better things to do than adopt pointless, false, and politically driven, nonbinding resolutions. Perhaps, for example, it could legislate on border security in a bipartisan fashion as the Senate tried to do; that is, before former President Trump told his MAGA allies to run away from the negotiating table so he could run on border security on the campaign trail.

As much as my Republican colleagues talk about the threats from our border, they don't want to seem to do anything about it. Taking action is bad politics for them, so we get political resolutions rather than solutions.

In fact, under Republican control, the 118th Congress has little to show for itself. Indeed, it is among the least productive in history. Maybe House Republicans are simply biding their time because they think they can imple-

ment their Project 2025 agenda next year.

This do-nothing resolution is out to test-drive political talking points rather than change the sorry trajectory of this do-nothing Congress.

Before I reserve, Mr. Speaker, I want to note that this is the first time the Homeland Security Committee has come to the floor since the passing of my dear friend, Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee, who was a senior member of the committee. Congresswoman Jackson Lee cared passionately about border security and a humane immigration system that reflected American values. We will miss her bold, distinctive voice during today's debate, which we all know that she would have participated in with trademark tenacity.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to oppose this thinly veiled attempt as a political attack, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. GREEN of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time she may consume to the gentlewoman from New York (Ms. STEFANIK), the esteemed Republican Conference Chair and the author of this resolution.

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to condemn Vice President KAMALA HARRIS for her failed and dangerous policies as Joe Biden's border czar that caused the most catastrophic border crisis in modern history.

No matter what congressional district you go to, the number one issue facing Americans is KAMALA HARRIS' open-border crisis. By every metric, KAMALA HARRIS has failed to secure our borders and has been instead advancing far-left Democrats' failed open-border policies and the needs of illegal immigrants over the safety of Americans.

This resolution condemns KAMALA HARRIS' role as Joe Biden's open-border czar and affirms that the American people deserve elected officials who understand the gravity of the crisis at the border and who will work to secure the border.

Now, Democrats will try to run from this record, but they cannot hide. Joe Biden's open-border czar KAMALA HARRIS, and every elected Democrat, is responsible for this border crisis, along with every other aspect of Joe Biden's failed and feckless record which brought not only the border crisis but skyrocketing Bidenflation, surging violent crimes, chaos, and weakness around the world.

We all remember the widely publicized delegation that Vice President KAMALA HARRIS conducted and led, saying: "Do not come. Do not come." Millions of illegals poured into our country since then because of KAMALA HARRIS' and Joe Biden's administration's unconstitutional, illegal executive actions wiping away President Trump's effective border security policies which created the most secure border in modern history. The American people know that.

In fact, just last month, the U.S. Customs and Border Protection announced there were over 130,000 illegal immigrant encounters at our southern border in June. This is roughly 4,300 illegal encounters at our southern border a day, which is four times more than the definition of a crisis set by Obama's DHS Secretary Jeh Johnson.

So far this fiscal year, there have been 93 individuals whose names appear on the terrorist watch list who were stopped trying to enter the U.S. illegally between ports of entry at the southern border. That is over 500 since KAMALA HARRIS was assigned the border-czar role.

On our northern border, in the Swanton Sector, which I represent, I have seen firsthand, with the Border Patrol, the disastrous consequences of KAMALA HARRIS' and Joe Biden's administration's failed, far-left open-border agenda which caused a historic surge in illegal crossings the likes of which we have never seen on our northern border before, including individuals on the terrorist watch list.

This is not just a national security crisis. It is a humanitarian crisis. Under KAMALA HARRIS' role as Joe Biden's border czar, nearly 80,000 minors have been lost, left, slipped through the cracks. This is also part of the violent crime crisis surge concerning every single American.

Look in upstate New York. A 21-year-old, innocent girl was killed by an illegal and buried in a Syracuse public park and a 15-year-old, innocent girl was raped by an illegal in Albany County, all because of KAMALA HARRIS' failed policies as open-border czar.

Make no mistake: Joe Biden and KAMALA HARRIS are to blame for this historic crisis. Their policies stopped the construction of the border wall, ended President Trump's remain in Mexico program, and released the largest number of illegals into the United States in history.

Since KAMALA HARRIS became the open-border czar, monthly encounters have surpassed even the highest month under President Trump and the number of illegals released into the country have skyrocketed.

Former U.S. Border Patrol Chief Raul Ortiz stated that during his 2 years in the position, he had never once spoken to Vice President HARRIS. Even worse, Vice President HARRIS has never even spoken with the current Border Patrol chief since he was appointed in July of 2023. This is unacceptable.

The American people have had enough. They know that the only way to fix this historic crisis is by returning to President Trump's effective border security policies. That is why House Republicans passed H.R. 2, the strongest border security bill in history, the Secure the Border Act of 2023, that will put an end to this catastrophic border crisis caused by Joe Biden and his open-border czar, KAMALA HARRIS.

KAMALA HARRIS has failed in over-seeing American safety by refusing to secure the border. She has proved that she is unfit to lead, and I strongly urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this resolution.

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I yield 4 minutes to the gentlewoman from Washington (Ms. JAYAPAL).

Ms. JAYAPAL. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong opposition to this resolution.

Here we go again. The Republican majority made their appropriations bills so extreme that they can't pass the vast majority of them with votes from their own party. Instead, we are going to come here to the floor and waste our time as they politicize the work that we are doing here in Congress and use this time to attack the Vice President.

They can't pursue their impeachment claims, their fake impeachment claims of Joe Biden, or any other number of people that they have targeted, because Joe Biden is no longer running for President. Now, they have got to quickly shift and instead use their time on this floor, where we are supposed to be doing official business, to attack Vice President HARRIS days after she is clearly going to be our Democratic nominee for President.

KAMALA HARRIS was never the border czar. She was never asked to address the situation at the border. She was asked to do something that MAGA extremists, who want quick fixes that they can give to FOX News, never want to focus on, and that is a real solution.

She was narrowly tasked with developing agreements that could help bring government and private-sector investments to those countries that are sending migrants to the United States, so that those countries could help strengthen the conditions in those countries. She did so, most significantly in Mexico, Guatemala, El Salvador, and Honduras.

She brought in billions from private-sector investments to support government funding for entrepreneurs, to ensure labor rights, to strengthen food security, and launch projects across those countries that invested in financial inclusion, healthcare, climate finance, and affordable housing. Those are the things that will keep migrants in their home countries.

The only reason that Republicans are doing this today is to distract the American people from the fact that they still can't get anything done here on the House floor that will actually benefit the American people. It is no wonder. The leader of their party has been convicted on 34 felony counts and has a Trump Project 2025 agenda that will take total control over people's lives.

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That agenda includes plans for mass deportations, including spouses and children of U.S. citizens, Dreamers, and essential workers and farm workers.

Let's not forget that roughly 22 million people in America live in mixed-status families where at least one person is undocumented. When Donald Trump and Republicans are talking about mass deportations, they are talking about tearing apart American families.

It doesn't end there. Trump's Project 2025 calls for the end of protections for Dreamers and family-based immigration. Attacking family unity comes as no surprise from the party that cruelly tore over 5,000 kids from their moms and dads. Trump's Project 2025 also eliminates due process in the immigration system. It would deny people their day in court to make their case for protection under U.S. laws. Republicans have made it clear over and over again that they do not want to modernize our immigration system.

Even the bill that was written by the second-most conservative Republican Senator in the U.S. Senate, Trump told them not to vote for it, so they didn't because they wanted to keep it out there as an election issue.

Mr. Speaker, Republicans want to distract you from the fact that the Biden-Harris administration has been the most effective administration in my lifetime, investing in infrastructure and green jobs, taking on climate change, bringing down the cost of prescription drugs, and canceling student loan debt so people have more money in their pockets instead of allowing billionaires to profit off your pain.

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

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I yield an additional 30 seconds to the gentlewoman from Washington.

Ms. JAYAPAL. Just today we heard that the economy grew by 2.8 percent in the second quarter showing extraordinary strength because of the policies that President Biden and Vice President HARRIS have put into place for this country.

Don't be distracted, Mr. Speaker. Democrats want to protect your freedoms, uphold democracy, and give every American a real chance to succeed.

Vote "no" on this resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair reminds Members to refrain from engaging in personalities toward nominees for the Office of the President.

Mr. GREEN of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. MORAN).

Mr. MORAN. Mr. Speaker, I thank Chairman GREEN for yielding.

Today, I rise in strong support of H.J. Res. 1371 introduced by Congresswoman ELISE STEFANIK.

Each day, the failed policies of this administration become more glaring, and those who implemented the disastrous agenda leading to the current crisis at our border must absolutely be held accountable.

Today, I give my strongest support to this resolution to ensure that Vice

President KAMALA HARRIS is held responsible for her role in the administration's far-left open-border policies.

As border czar, Vice President HARRIS has overseen the most catastrophic border crisis in our Nation's history. As we all know, the failed policies of the Biden-Harris administration have turned every State in the United States into a border State and led to a record level of illegal immigration, including from individuals on the terrorist watch list.

We cannot stand by and allow this to happen. These failed policies are a direct assault on the sovereignty, the security, and the strength of the United States.

Under HARRIS' watch and with her consent and her support, President Biden has issued more than 70 executive orders and policy changes that have brought about this border crisis, something unlike anything we have ever seen in our Nation's history.

Illegal immigrants have had free run to abuse our system. Drugs like fentanyl have poured into our communities across our entire country, and individuals with ties to terrorism and to known adversaries of our great Republic have been turned loose inside the United States, including a record level number of Chinese Communist nationals. Because of that, Americans are suffering, and we are in danger.

Despite this, KAMALA HARRIS has visited our southern border just once since becoming border czar, and for that reason this resolution is important to hold her accountable for her role in this mess.

Mr. Speaker, this resolution is an important part of that accountability, and, as such, I urge passage, and I urge all colleagues to lend it support.

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentleman from New York (Mr. GOLDMAN).

Mr. GOLDMAN of New York. Mr. Speaker, I thank the ranking member for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to address the Republicans' desperate attempt to, yet again, use the official business of the House of Representatives to do the partisan, political bidding of Donald Trump.

My colleagues on the other side of the aisle have spent most of this Congress wasting our time and taxpayer money on a bogus sham impeachment investigation of President Biden that yielded no evidence of wrongdoing, much less any high crime or misdemeanor.

It was obvious that that phony effort was solely designed to provide election fodder for Trump in advance of November's election, and recently the chairman of the committee overseeing that investigation even admitted as much.

Now that President Biden has selflessly and patriotically passed the torch to Vice President KAMALA HARRIS, my colleagues on the other side of the aisle are scrambling to help Donald Trump's electoral chances by using our

time here today on a blatantly false resolution about Vice President HARRIS.

The title of this resolution is "Strongly condemning the Biden administration and its Border Czar, Kamala Harris's, failure to secure the United States border."

There is one problem. There is no such thing as a border czar, nor was Vice President HARRIS ever named the border czar. The entire premise of this resolution is simply false.

Not surprisingly, the resolution makes no mention of the border security bill that the Biden-Harris administration negotiated with Senate Republicans that would have comprehensively addressed the problems at the border, nor does it say anything about Donald Trump's decision to sabotage and kill that bipartisan bill because it would have solved the problems that this resolution complains about.

Now, why did he do that?

It is precisely because he wanted his minions in the House to introduce useless and deceptive resolutions like this one to help his campaign. While Republicans continue to play politics with the border, the Biden-Harris administration did not stop trying to solve the problems facing the administration. They used what limited authority they have to control the border, and it is working.

This resolution cites statistics from May of 2024 that there were 170,723 encounters at the border; however, the resolution does not include numbers from the next month, June of 2024, which cut encounters by more than one-half, to 83,536.

While my Republican colleagues continue to put politics over solutions, this administration and House Democrats will continue to put people over politics to address the issues facing the American people.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to reject this false, inaccurate, and deceptive resolution.

Mr. GREEN of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentlewoman from Texas (Ms. DE LA CRUZ).

Ms. DE LA CRUZ. Mr. Speaker, this is a subject that is very, very close to me and my community. I am on the border of Texas, over 80 percent of my district being Hispanic.

This is a resolution that I strongly support. In fact, in listening to my colleagues on the other side of the aisle where they say this is campaigning and politically motivated, not only am I deeply offended, but the American people are deeply offended by those comments.

Why?

It is because we are not rushing to recess to campaign. We are rushing to our districts to calm our communities down that very soon—very soon—there will be a change in administration, there will be a change in political thought, and that we will have a President come January who will care about our borders and who will care about our national security.

It is an insult to the American people that KAMALA HARRIS and the Biden administration have not cared about our national security and that they have allowed millions of illegal immigrants to come to our border.

Perhaps my colleague from Mississippi has not been to Eagle Pass, Texas, or Del Rio, Texas, and seen the kids. Let's talk about false claims here.

Kids in cages?

No, sir, there are no kids in cages.

Let's talk about the kids who are missing in America who are sex trafficked. Let's talk about those kids under the Biden-Harris administration, but we forget about those thoughts.

It is an insult of what I am hearing across the aisle about our border and the lack of national security that has been caused by the Biden-Harris administration.

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentlewoman from California (Ms. BARRAGÁN).

Ms. BARRAGÁN. Mr. Speaker, I thank Ranking Member THOMPSON for yielding.

We should be offended at the lies. We should be offended that the American people are being lied to.

We should be offended that kids were separated from their parents and their families under the Republican Party and the Republican leadership. That is what the American people and they should be offended about.

House Republicans are living in a land of make-believe when it comes to the record of Vice President HARRIS. We keep hearing the term over and over again, the lie that she was the border czar. Vice President HARRIS was never the administration's border czar. As a matter of fact, Republicans even know that because they had to change the resolution. There has never been such a position. It was invented by Republicans.

Border security is the responsibility of Homeland Security Secretary Mayorkas. He has been to the border. He has met with the border chief. Republicans tried to impeach him, and they failed in the Senate. Now they have a desperate resolution to blame Vice President HARRIS for the border.

Again, this was not the responsibility President Biden gave her. President Biden tasked the Vice President to address the root causes in the Northern Triangle countries of Central America that caused migrants to flee their home countries.

While a lot of work remains, Vice President HARRIS got results. She announced an additional \$310 million for humanitarian relief to address food insecurity for El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras. She led efforts on a private-public partnership that has secured commitments from the private sector to invest over \$5 billion in the region to improve peoples' lives.

She worked with the Department of Justice to launch the Task Force

Alpha to combat migrant smuggling and human trafficking from the Northern Triangle countries. This task force led to over 220 convictions of members of human trafficking organizations.

Border crossings from migrants from Guatemala, Honduras, and El Salvador, the countries in Vice President HARRIS' root causes portfolio, have also decreased in recent years. In fiscal year 2023 the crossings from these Northern Triangle countries made up 22 percent of all crossings, down from 41 percent in 2021 when she started.

This resolution also criticizes the administration for the number of border crossings and the encounters.

Guess what, Mr. Speaker?

Border crossings are lower today than when the Trump administration left office.

Let me say that again: Border crossings are down at a lower level than when even the Trump administration left office, but that is not convenient for my colleagues across the aisle.

Mr. Speaker, Republicans also fail to tell you the Republicans have refused to vote even on a border supplemental bill because former President Trump told them: Don't do it, we need this for an election year issue. Here we are on the House floor talking about this as a political issue.

What Republicans also fail to tell you, Mr. Speaker, is that more Democrats have actually voted for funding for DHS and border security than Republicans.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The time of the gentlewoman has expired.

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I yield an additional 30 seconds to the gentlewoman from California.

Ms. BARRAGÁN. This resolution does nothing to address the challenges at our southern border, and Republicans know that. They are not serious in addressing border security. This resolution is not about solutions, it is about politics.

Democrats, including Vice President HARRIS, will continue our work to address the challenges everyday Americans face.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to reject these desperate tactics and this dishonest resolution.

Mr. GREEN of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from California (Mr. ISSA).

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Res. 1371, and I stand before you for the fourth time requesting that my State's former attorney general, former U.S. Senator, and now Vice President and candidate for President come to the border.

Mr. Speaker, the other side will tell you she wasn't a border czar. I am going to tell you they didn't say she didn't have the border responsibility given to her by the President and dealing with the root causes, so to speak, when it happened. They are now revising history. You can't unring the bell. She was assigned it. She said she was

going to do it, and she didn't come to the border.

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I represent the district that has the most border crossings in America over the last two quarters. We had over 250,000 encounters just in the last year. Most importantly, 90 percent of the over 52,000 of what my colleagues call special interest aliens crossing the border since October 2023 entered from my district.

These are Chinese. These are Russians. These are people who have come from countries where we cannot verify and cannot return.

They are not just being encountered, but they are being brought into the country. They are being sent to New York. They are staying where they want to stay and doing what they want to do.

That is what this administration has done for 4 years. In 4 years, our country has absorbed 10 million or more people as a result. Some were getaways, 500,000 at a crack, per year. Some simply presented themselves and were automatically allowed in.

This administration has not used the tools they claim to use. Now, in an election year, they want to unclaim their border czar, and they want to unclaim responsibility for an un-American activity, letting people into the country outside the intent of the law.

Mr. Speaker, I urge support for the resolution.

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, if my Republican colleagues are worried about migrant children, I encourage them to look at policy solutions and to engage on a bipartisan bill, such as the Senate bipartisan border bill, where we can make real change. I encourage the majority to support this administration's effort to crack down on the employers who take advantage of these children.

I encourage Republicans to take real action. This partisan resolution achieves nothing.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentleman from New York (Mr. KENNEDY).

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding time.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to discuss the border crisis, an issue my Republican colleagues are quick to pontificate on but refuse to address.

At the heart of the matter are real people escaping extreme poverty, violence, natural disasters, and persecution. They are leaving their homes, their families, their culture, and their countries to do what many of our own ancestors did in order to seek a better life.

What they experience in pursuit of the American Dream is nothing short of a nightmare. On their journey to the United States, they risk their lives traveling through treacherous terrain. They are vulnerable to everything from drug cartels to disease.

Throughout our country and especially in border communities, the

inpouring of migrants seeking asylum and immigrants is overwhelming hospitals, schools, and other social service providers.

Instead of advancing solutions, Republicans in this House have resorted to blatantly obvious politics. Unfortunately, because this body has failed to deliver resources to our borders, tens of thousands of personnel have had to do more with less as the crisis worsens.

In my district and other northern border communities, our Border Patrol officers and agents are being sent away from their posts in the north to meet the demands at the southern border, even as migration and illegal drug smuggling rises back home.

The need to act could not be more dire.

Earlier this year, a bipartisan coalition of United States Senators came together for the first time in decades to provide meaningful immigration reform. The bipartisan bill would invest in law enforcement with more than 2,000 new Border Patrol officers and other personnel to secure the border, speed up the processing of those seeking asylum, crack down on illegal drugs by investing in cutting-edge inspection machines for ports of entry, and improve the immigration system with 4,300 new asylum officers and 100 more immigration judges.

We have the solution. Extreme MAGA Republicans in this body declared it dead on arrival before even reading the bill. Instead of solving real problems, my colleagues on the other side of the aisle chose politics over people.

We were sent here to do the opposite. We could be using this time to advance a bill that would improve the lives of Americans, those seeking asylum, and immigrants while strengthening security at the border and boosting our economy. Instead, we are wasting our time on this political stunt.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The time of the gentleman has expired.

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I yield an additional 30 seconds to the gentleman from New York.

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. Speaker, we are wasting our time on this political stunt, one that is both entirely transparent and, frankly, desperate. This is simply an attack on Vice President KAMALA HARRIS for one reason: Her career is advancing, and extreme MAGA Republicans are shuddering.

Since Democrats have rallied behind our nominee for President, extreme MAGA Republicans, fearful of a candidate running on the issues instead of a cult of personality, have rushed this emergency resolution to the floor of the House. It has no basis in fact or reality. That doesn't appear to bother my colleagues across the aisle.

What they should be doing is bringing the bipartisan border bill to the floor for a vote. That is what the American public wants. That is what I urge my colleagues to do.

Mr. GREEN of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. YAKYM).

Mr. YAKYM. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of this resolution introduced by my colleague, Representative STEFANIK.

In March 2021, an Axios headline declared: "Biden puts Harris in charge of border crisis."

According to this article: "The first goal will be stemming the flow of illegal migrants to the U.S."

The chart next to me shows cumulative Southwest border encounters for the first 42 months of the last six Presidential terms. The red line represents the Biden-Harris administration. Look at the chart and ask yourself: How did Vice President HARRIS do as the person in charge of the border?

In June 2021, Vice President HARRIS said: "If you come to our border, you will be turned back."

Look at that chart and ask yourself if anyone took her warning seriously.

In September 2022, Vice President HARRIS said: "The border is secure."

Look at that chart and ask yourself if it was then or if it is now.

Mr. Speaker, the Venn diagram of border security and the Biden-Harris administration are two separate circles.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to vote "yes."

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

Mr. GREEN of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Florida (Mr. GIMENEZ).

Mr. GIMENEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H. Res. 1371.

Mr. Speaker, in March 2021, President Biden proclaimed Vice President KAMALA HARRIS as our Nation's border czar. Yet, over the last 3½ years, it is unclear what work she has done, if any, to secure our borders.

As a member of the Homeland Security Committee, I traveled to the Darien Gap in Panama to witness the migrant crisis firsthand. I have also been to our southern border.

This is a picture of me at the Darien Gap. Those folks there, that is thousands of migrants coming to the United States. This is 2 years after she was named the border czar.

According to the CBP, before the Biden-Harris administration, there were less than 1 million encounters at the southern border annually. Since the border czar, HARRIS, has taken over, there have been nearly 8 million illegal encounters at the southern border and nearly 2 million known got-aways. That is a total of almost 10 million people who have entered our country.

The growing crisis has a direct impact on our border districts, like mine. Illegal migrant landings have increased in our State, particularly in our beloved Florida Keys. We have seen an increase in encounters of Chinese and other nationals.

Our adversaries know that they can take advantage and exploit the open-

border policies of the Biden-Harris administration. FBI Director Christopher Wray has testified that suspected terrorists have crossed the southern border and are unaccounted for in our country.

The Biden-Harris open-border policies are a risk to every man, woman, and child living in America.

Vice President HARRIS has proven herself incapable as border czar, and I know that the country cannot afford 4 more years of these disastrous policies.

Mr. Speaker, I urge passage of this resolution.

Mr. GREEN of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, may I inquire as to how much time is remaining.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Tennessee has 11½ minutes remaining. The gentleman from Mississippi has 4½ minutes remaining.

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

Mr. GREEN of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Texas (Ms. VAN DUYNE).

Ms. VAN DUYNE. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of this necessary rebuke of Vice President KAMALA HARRIS' abject failure to do anything meaningful to secure the southern border and protect American citizens in her responsibility as border czar of the Biden-Harris administration.

Since HARRIS was given this critically important national security role, control of our southern border has been handed over to ruthless and deadly Mexican cartels that were aided by policies and spending from this administration to engage in the most massive government-sanctioned human-trafficking effort we have seen in American history.

Indeed, because of the Vice President's staggering negligence and outright contempt of actually protecting our Nation, we have seen the largest amount of human slavery in America since before the Civil War. Children are sold as sex slaves. Others are forced to work at gunpoint in illegal marijuana farms. Tens of thousands of other illegal immigrants have simply gone missing because, once Biden and HARRIS traffic them to destinations across the country, they are dropped with people who are part of cartel human-trafficking rings.

To make this worse, cartels operate gangs in virtually every part of America, which has led to increased domestic violence, rapes, murders, and more than 100,000 dead Americans because of fentanyl poisoning.

Young women and children have been slaughtered in every State as a direct result of Vice President HARRIS' dereliction of duty, but we should not at all be surprised that the end goal for Vice President HARRIS was to drive this invasion, regardless of the chaos, pain, and loss of life on American citizens. After all, then-Presidential candidate

HARRIS plainly stated that she wanted to decriminalize illegal immigration. She wanted to give free taxpayer-funded healthcare to illegal immigrants. She serves in a party that has openly stated that they want vast illegal immigration to help them with Census data, populating congressional districts, and holding on to electoral college power for failing liberal States.

The long-term damage done and that is being done to America could be tracked directly back to Vice President HARRIS, and it is time that this House spoke clearly and definitively against her willful acts.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to refrain from engaging in personalities toward the Vice President.

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

Mr. GREEN of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Georgia (Ms. GREENE).

Ms. GREENE of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, since being appointed as border czar by President Joe Biden, KAMALA HARRIS has undoubtedly been a complete failure in her job and has destroyed our country by releasing a record-setting level of criminals, rapists, and terrorists into our communities.

Despite the attempts of the fake news media to whitewash her appointment as border czar, as Axios correctly reported and are now lying and saying they never did, she was, in fact, labeled a border czar by nearly every major news outlet across the country.

Border czar KAMALA HARRIS said, "Do not come," yet proudly welcomed 11.5 million illegals from over 160 countries, including over 2 million known got-aways, who completely evaded U.S. authorities.

She stood by and allowed these people to come in and idly watched our children and women being raped by illegal alien criminals.

She is not just allowing them to come. The policies of the administration allowed the CBP One app to import over 400,000 illegals into American communities. Under her watch as border czar, this has happened.

She can fake it for the photo ops, but we know that KAMALA HARRIS wholeheartedly supports the chaos at our border, the chaos in our streets, and the chaos in the families who have been victims of her open-border policies.

Border czar HARRIS outlandishly compared ICE to KKK and radically called for ICE to be abolished. She also posted the Minnesota Freedom Fund to bail out violent Black Lives Matter terrorists who burned down cities, looted stores, destroyed communities, and caused over \$2 billion in damage to communities all over America.

KAMALA HARRIS is not only the border czar, but she is also the czar of chaos, and her policies have destroyed America.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to refrain from engaging in personalities toward the Vice President.

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Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentlewoman from Illinois (Mrs. RAMIREZ).

Mrs. RAMIREZ. Mr. Speaker, as I walked in here, all I heard was what I hear in my committee, constant criminalizing of immigrant communities.

Let me tell you, I rise in strong opposition to H. Res. 1371.

What this is, is more lies, more misrepresentations, and more inaccuracies.

When the majority cannot pass bills, what do they do? They introduce blatantly political resolutions that consistently target powerful women of color.

Mr. Speaker, you can always tell when we are getting closer to an election because these extreme members of the Republican Party literally turn up the volume on their xenophobia, and they are doing it again with H.R. 1371.

They lie about immigration and public safety. When you look at studies, it shows that immigration is actually associated with lower crime rates.

They fearmonger, they dehumanize, while they are also quoting Scripture, which is kind of hypocritical, and they scapegoat asylum seekers, people who, just like my parents, want to seek a life of dignity and hope and who have faithfully contributed to their community and to our collective economy.

They are willing to vilify and misrepresent the sitting Vice President of the United States for her diplomatic work to address the root cause of migration from Central America.

If my Republican colleagues actually cared about immigration or border security, they would address the conditions that drive people to the southern border. They would pass spending bills and invest in foreign humanitarian assistance and international development programs and would participate in cooperative efforts to realize a world where people can build the life they want back at home. They have done none of that.

Just this week, I didn't see any of my Republican colleagues at my Congressional Caucus on Global Migration. Instead, they want us to waste our time on legislative gimmicks and sham resolutions to score cheap political points. It is enough. Seriously, enough.

We have been here. We have done this. It is *deja vu*. It is so tired.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The time of the gentlewoman has expired.

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I yield an additional 30 seconds to the gentlewoman from Illinois.

Mrs. RAMIREZ. Mr. Speaker, they should shelve their mass deportation BS; I am so tired of it.

Let's get to solutions. We should be talking about appropriations. We should be talking about how we make

sure that things are working for the American people, instead of criminalizing people that are helping us with our economy.

Mr. Speaker, let's vote "no" on H. Res. 1371 and let's be done with this waste of time.

Mr. GREEN of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. PFLUGER).

Mr. PFLUGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to offer support for H. Res. 1371, Strongly Condemning the Biden Administration and Its Border Czar, Kamala Harris's, Failure to Secure the United States Southern Border, and in fact, all of our borders.

This administration's failure to secure the border has been so significant, so catastrophic, that Congress must use its power to provide accountability.

On day one, the Biden-Harris administration issued 64 executive orders to open the border to human traffickers, terrorists, and foreign adversaries.

In fact, over 300 known or suspected terrorists have crossed the border illegally that we know about and 50 migrants with ties to ISIS are currently on the loose inside the United States.

What are we hearing from our colleagues on the other side of the aisle with regards to that? Don't they care? They don't want to do anything about it. They just want to defend an open-border policy because that is what they are doing.

The American people are paying the real cost of this border crisis. It is people like Laken Riley, like Jocelyn Nungaray, like Rachel Morin, who were assaulted and killed by violent criminals who crossed the southern border illegally.

I have even lost constituents in my own district to this border crisis. The Tambunga family lost 78-year-old Maria and 7-year-old Emilia to a human trafficker who was here illegally, evading law enforcement, doing over 100 miles an hour.

What is being done? Where is the compassion that I just heard from my colleague toward that family?

Law and order is compassionate. Americans deserve accountability for this crisis that has wreaked havoc on our communities.

Unfortunately, Vice President HARRIS does not take it seriously, has not done anything positively to shut down the border, to restore law and order, and her complacency and complete disregard to secure the border is unprecedented.

This isn't about politics. In fact, for the first 2 years of the administration, we didn't have a single hearing on border security, not a single one, on the Committee of Homeland Security.

This resolution simply calls for accountability. How many more hearings do we have to have under our current chairman to call for accountability on this because our colleagues on the other side of the aisle are not willing to actually call out President Biden

and Vice President HARRIS? How many more times do we have to call out for help in our communities?

This was led by the border czar. This open-border policy was led by the border czar, and it doesn't matter what we hear, it doesn't matter what excuses are said, and it doesn't matter what else is said from the other side of the aisle.

The facts are clear: 8½ million people plus have entered this country illegally, 300 plus on the terrorist watch list. Thousands of people who are associated with gangs, who are associated with criminal activities, and who are associated with delivering fentanyl that has killed over 100,000 people in this country.

I don't think it is funny. I personally don't think it is funny.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The time of the gentleman has expired.

Mr. GREEN of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, I yield an additional 1 minute to the gentleman from Texas.

Mr. PFLUGER. Mr. Speaker, I personally don't think it is funny. For those laughing on the other side of the aisle, shame on them. The Tambunga family deserves better in my district. In fact, every American deserves better.

How many more classified hearings, Mr. Speaker, are we going to have where the FBI comes in and where other intelligence agencies come in and say we have got a problem? How many more classified hearings are we going to have to have where they come into Congress to tell us that we have known and suspected terrorists inside our country?

The post-9/11 Commission said the system was flashing red. We need to wake up. The system is flashing red right now, and it is due to President Biden and Vice President HARRIS' inability to secure the border and do something to secure our country. Shame on those who won't stand up and do the right thing.

Mr. Speaker, I strongly urge my colleagues to support H.R. 1371 and to bring accountability back to the southern border.

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

Mr. Speaker, this resolution is a last-ditch, unserious effort by extreme MAGA Republicans to scapegoat Vice President HARRIS for longstanding challenges at the border.

H. Res. 1371 is premised on the false claim that the Vice President was made a "border czar," a fake title made up by Republicans and the media. This is a political stunt on the American taxpayers' dime. I wish they would put the same effort into immigration reform or passing budget bills.

Let me reiterate: This resolution does absolutely nothing to improve the quality of life for Americans. If Republicans truly saw the challenges at the border as a crisis, they would have worked with Democrats on the bipartisan Senate border legislation, but

they abandoned the bipartisan bill to please their Presidential candidate who wanted a campaign issue instead.

We get political resolutions rather than solutions. The American people deserve better.

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

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

Mr. Speaker, as we conclude this debate, I will quote the Vice President one more time.

In 2015, she said: "An undocumented immigrant is not a criminal."

Well, actually, under title 8 of the United States Code, illegally crossing the southwest border is a Federal misdemeanor with up to 6 months in prison as the penalty for a first offense and a felony for repeated offenses.

Vice President HARRIS brought that mentality to her role as border czar. What we have witnessed today from congressional Democrats confirms that they know it. They have demonstrated that they have no concrete defense for the Biden administration or Vice President HARRIS' disastrous handling of the unprecedented border crisis, which the Vice President was supposed to help resolve.

They are more upset about colloquial titles for the Vice President than the deadly chaos she has blatantly ignored. They think 1 month of slightly less disastrous border crossing numbers compared to the numbers of the past 3½ years is their get-out-of-jail-free card on this issue.

The American people are not so easily fooled, however. It is time to pass H. Res. 1371 to call out Vice President HARRIS' abysmal failure and for the Senate to move on the mountain of border security bills we have sent them this Congress as well.

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

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD a July 23 article from CBS News stating that the "border czar" title is incorrect and the Vice President's work is often mischaracterized.

Notably, the article includes the following quote: "Harris was not asked to be the administration's 'border czar' or to oversee immigration policy and enforcement at the U.S.-Mexico border."

[From CBS News, July 23, 2024]

THE FACTS ABOUT KAMALA HARRIS' ROLE ON IMMIGRATION IN THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION

(By Camilo Montoya-Galvez)

Following President Biden's decision to abandon his reelection campaign and endorse Vice President Kamala Harris to be the Democratic nominee for president, Harris' role on immigration has come under scrutiny.

Soon after Mr. Biden's announcement, Republicans sought to blame Harris for the Biden administration's woes at the U.S.-Mexico border, where American officials have reported record levels of illegal cross-

ings in the past three years. In a phone conversation with CBS News on Saturday, former President Donald Trump said Harris presided over the "worst border ever" as "border czar," a title her Republican detractors often give her.

Harris is all but certain to face even more criticism over the Biden administration's record on immigration, one of American voters' top concerns ahead of the election. And Harris does have an immigration-related role in the Biden White House, but her responsibilities on the issue are often mischaracterized.

WHAT EXACTLY IS HARRIS' IMMIGRATION ROLE?

In March 2021, when the Biden administration faced the early stages of an influx in illegal crossings at the U.S. southern border, Mr. Biden tasked Harris with leading the administration's diplomatic campaign to address the "root causes" of migration from Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador, including poverty, corruption and violence.

The region, known as Central America's Northern Triangle, has been one of the main sources of migration to the U.S.-Mexico border over the past decade.

Harris was not asked to be the administration's "border czar" or to oversee immigration policy and enforcement at the U.S.-Mexico border. That has mainly been the responsibility of Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas and his department, which oversees the country's main three immigration agencies, including Customs and Border Protection.

In reality, the only role close to that of a "border czar" under the Biden administration was held for only a few months by Roberta Jacobson, a longtime diplomat who served as coordinator for the Southwest border until April 2021.

In her immigration role, Harris' main line of work has focused on convincing companies to invest in Central America and promoting democracy and development there through diplomacy. In March of this year, the White House announced Harris had secured a commitment from the private sector to invest over \$5 billion to promote economic opportunities and reduce violence in the region.

Efforts to reduce migration by improving conditions in migrants' home countries have always been viewed as a long-term strategy by U.S. officials. In its "root causes" framework, the Biden administration conceded the "systemic change" it envisions for Central America "will take time to achieve."

QUESTIONS ABOUT HER WORK ON IMMIGRATION

There are some legitimate questions about Harris' work on immigration.

Before the COVID-19 pandemic, most non-Mexican migration to the U.S. southern border originated from the Northern Triangle. In 2021, it made sense for the administration to focus on the root causes of migration in those countries. But migration flows have changed dramatically in recent years. Record numbers of migrants have been coming from places outside of Central America, including from countries like Cuba, Colombia, China, Ecuador and Venezuela.

In fiscal year 2023, for example, Border Patrol apprehensions of migrants from Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador made up 22 percent of all crossings during that time period, down from 41 percent in fiscal year 2021, government statistics show. On the flip side, however, the administration could point to the fact that illegal crossings along the U.S. southern border by migrants from Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador have decreased significantly every year since 2021.

While most of her critics have been Republicans, Harris' work on immigration has also garnered some criticism from the left. During a visit to Guatemala in June 2021, Harris told those intending to migrate, "Do not come," a statement that drew ire from some progressives and advocates for migrants.

As the second-highest ranking member of the Biden administration, Harris will also likely face questions over the all-time levels of unlawful border crossings reported in 2021, 2022 and 2023. Those crossings, however, have plunged this year, reaching a three-year low in June, after Mr. Biden issued an executive order banning most migrants from asylum.

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD a July 19 article from CBS News stating that the number of migrants unlawfully crossing the southern border has continued to drop dramatically in July, thanks to Biden-Harris administration policies.

Notably, the article includes the following quote: "July is on track to see the fifth consecutive monthly drop in migrant apprehensions along the U.S.-Mexico border and the lowest level in illegal immigration there since the fall of 2020, during the Trump administration. . . ."

[From CBS News, July 19, 2024]

MIGRANT CROSSINGS CONTINUE TO PLUNGE, NEARING THE LEVEL THAT WOULD LIFT BIDEN'S BORDER CRACKDOWN

(By Camilo Montoya-Galvez)

The number of migrants unlawfully crossing the U.S. southern border has continued to drop markedly in July, nearing a threshold that would require officials to lift a partial ban on asylum claims enacted by President Biden, according to internal government data obtained by CBS News.

July is on track to see the fifth consecutive monthly drop in migrant apprehensions along the U.S.-Mexico border and the lowest level in illegal immigration there since the fall of 2020, during the Trump administration, the internal Department of Homeland Security figures show.

In early June, President Biden invoked a far-reaching presidential authority to suspend the entry of most migrants entering the U.S. illegally, effectively shutting off access to the American asylum system outside of official ports of entry.

Illegal border crossings—which were already falling before Mr. Biden's action—plunged further after the order took effect, reaching a three-year low in June.

ILLEGAL CROSSINGS ALONG U.S. SOUTHERN BORDER OVER THE PAST YEAR

The numbers denote Border Patrol apprehensions of migrants who entered the U.S. between official ports of entry along the southern border.

But the DHS regulation implementing Mr. Biden's proclamation stipulated that the asylum crackdown would be lifted if the 7-day average of daily migrant apprehensions between ports of entry fell to 1,500.

In the past week, the average of daily illegal crossings counted in the regulation's calculations reached roughly 1,650, according to the internal DHS figures. Those calculations, as dictated by the regulation, exclude crossings by unaccompanied children who are not

from Mexico. Those children are typically housed in government-run shelters until they turn 18 or are placed with a U.S.-based sponsor, as mandated by a 2008 antitrafficking law.

If the 7-day average of daily illegal crossings dips to 1,500, the regulation says, Mr. Biden's asylum proclamation would be "discontinued 14 days after" Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas makes a "factual determination" about the threshold being reached.

"The Departments have determined that the 1,500-encounter threshold is a reasonable proxy for when the border security and immigration system is no longer over capacity and the measures adopted in this rule are not necessary to deal with such circumstances," the regulation says.

ASYLUM LIMITS COULD REMAIN IN PLACE

While illegal border crossings are nearing the 1,500 deactivation threshold, it's possible that they may remain above that number, keeping the partial asylum ban in place. And even if the 1,500 trigger is reached, Mr. Biden's proclamation would be reinstated if the 7-day average of daily illegal crossings were to rebound to 2,500.

A senior U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) official said the agency does not expect the partial ban on asylum requests to be deactivated imminently, noting that illegal crossings appear to be plateauing.

"We're not in a place yet where we're a day . . . or days away from being below 1,500," the official told CBS News.

But the official acknowledged that reaching the 1,500 trigger is possible and confirmed there's been internal planning and preparations for that eventuality.

If Mr. Biden's proclamation is suspended, the official said, CBP would still strive to place migrants in expedited deportation proceedings, instead of releasing them with notices to appear in immigration court. Another Biden administration asylum restriction that applies to those who don't seek refuge in third countries before crossing into the U.S. would also remain in place.

"Noncitizens who enter the United States between ports of entry and do not have a legal basis to remain in the United States continue to be swiftly removed," DHS spokesperson Erin Heeter said in a statement.

A DRAMATIC CHANGE AT THE BORDER

With an overall average of roughly 1,800 daily migrant apprehensions so far in July, Border Patrol is on pace to record fewer than 60,000 migrant apprehensions this month, the lowest level since September 2020, according to unpublished DHS data. That average, unlike the one used in the asylum regulation's calculations, includes all unaccompanied children.

The current situation at the southern border represents a dramatic change from just late last year, when illegal crossings rose to a quarter of a million in December, an all-time monthly high. After that record-breaking influx, the Mexican government, at the request of U.S. officials, ramped up operations to stop migrants from reaching American soil.

Immigration experts credited the Mexican government's migration crackdown with playing a key role in the sustained drop in migrant crossings recorded by American officials this year. Temperatures in the southern U.S. have also soared in the summer, making the migration journey even more perilous.

But U.S. officials said Mr. Biden's move to partially shut down asylum processing has led to a more acute drop in unlawful crossings. Because it makes it easier for U.S. officials to deport more migrants, the proclama-

tion has sharply reduced the releases that authorities view as a factor that encourages migration.

Still, not everyone is being deported quickly. Some groups, such as unaccompanied children, medically vulnerable migrants and those who secure appointments to be processed at legal entry points, are exempt from the partial asylum ban. Some migrants who are disqualified from asylum under the policy are also still allowed to stay because the U.S. does not carry out regular deportations to their home countries due to diplomatic and logistical constraints.

Progressive advocacy groups have strongly decried Mr. Biden's asylum crackdown, and the American Civil Liberties Union is arguing in federal court that the policy violates U.S. and international refugee law.

Theresa Cardinal Brown, a senior adviser at the Bipartisan Policy Center and a former government immigration official under Presidents George W. Bush and Barack Obama, said the legality of Mr. Biden's actions are "still an outstanding question." But she said the drop in releases under the policy is affecting migrants' decisions, at least in the short-term.

"When a sufficient number, it doesn't necessarily have to be everybody, but a sufficient number of people are not allowed to come in, to wait and succeed in coming in, that does send a signal back," she said.

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD a fact sheet released by the Department of Homeland Security this morning that shows President Biden's Presidential Proclamation to temporarily suspend the entry of certain noncitizens across the southern border has helped reduce the number of encounters at our Southwest Border by 55 percent.

[From the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, July 24, 2024]

FACT SHEET: PRESIDENT BIDEN'S PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION AND JOINT DHS-DOJ INTERIM FINAL RULE CUT ENCOUNTERS AT SOUTHWEST BORDER BY 55 PERCENT

The Presidential Proclamation issued by President Biden to temporarily suspend the entry of certain noncitizens across the southern border—including the southwest land and southern coastal borders—and the complementary joint interim final rule (IFR) issued by DHS DOJ have now been in effect for seven weeks, helping reduce the number of encounters at our Southwest Border by 55 percent. The Border Patrol's 7-day average has decreased to below 1,800 encounters per day. In June, the Border Patrol recorded 83,536 encounters between ports of entry, the lowest number since January 2021, and below the number of encounters between ports of entry in June 2019, the last comparable year prior to the pandemic.

While the President's action has led to significant results, our nation's immigration system requires Congressional action to provide needed resources and additional authorities. Twice now, Congress has failed to pass the bipartisan border security agreement negotiated in the U.S. Senate, which would provide the critical personnel and funding needed to further secure our Southern border. The agreement would have added 1,500 U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) Agents and Officers, added 1,200 U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) personnel, 4,300 asylum officers, invested in technology to catch illegal fantasy, and delivered sweeping reforms to the asylum system. Congress must still act.

While the Proclamation and IFR have been in effect:

DHS has removed and returned more than 65,000 individuals to more than 125 countries,

including by operating more than 200 international repatriation flights.

DHS has doubled the percentage of noncitizens processed through Expedited Removal while in CBP or ICE custody. Expedited Removal processing was already at record levels prior to the Proclamation.

DHS has decreased the number of people released pending their removal proceedings by 70

We continue to implement recently announced measures (<https://www.ice.gov/news/release/ice-announces-ongoing-work-optimize-enforcement-resources>) to increase the overall capacity of enforcement resources—including repatriation flights and detention capacity. ICE is optimizing air charter contracts to maximize the number of repatriation flights operated each week.

Over the last year, the agency has removed individuals to a range of South American and Eastern Hemisphere countries, including Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Egypt, Mauritania, Senegal, Uzbekistan, and India, and in the last few weeks, DHS conducted a removal flight to the People's Republic of China (PRC). Efforts to expand the number of removal flights continue with the expectation of additional flights added to the schedule in the coming weeks.

Under the terms of the IFR, the limitation on asylum eligibility will be discontinued when encounters fall below certain levels but will come back into effect if encounters rise again. The Proclamation and IFR enable DHS to quickly remove those without a legal basis to remain, strengthening enforcement consequences for those who fail to use lawful pathways to come to the United States. For more information on how the Proclamation and IFR work, visit the following links:

Fact Sheet: President Biden's Presidential Proclamation and Joint DHS-DOJ Interim Final Rule Cut Encounters at Southwest Border by Over 40 Percent in First Three Weeks (<https://www.dhs.gov/news/2024/06/25/fact-sheet-president-bidens-presidential-proclamation-and-joint-dhs-doj-interim>)

Fact Sheet: Presidential Proclamation to Suspend and Limit Entry and Joint DHS-DOJ Interim Final Rule to Restrict Asylum During High Encounters at the Southern Border (<https://www.dhs.gov/news/2024/06/04/fact-sheet-presidential-proclamation-suspend-and-limit-entry-and-joint-dhs-doi>)

Individuals continue to be eligible for asylum, including individuals who use the CBP One™ mobile app's appointment scheduling function. CBP makes 1,450 appointments available per day at eight land ports of entry via this functionality. Use of the app requires those seeking an appointment to submit vital information in advance, improving DHS's ability to conduct screening and vetting. CBP One is just one example of how this Administration has carried out the largest expansion of lawful pathways and orderly processes in decades.

The majority of all Southwest border encounters during the past three fiscal years resulted in a removal, return, or expulsion. DHS removed or returned over 740,000 individuals in the 12 months after the end of the Title 42 public health Order, more than any year since 2010. That included more removals to countries other than Mexico than in any prior year ever.

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD a July 22 "analysis" article from the right-wing Wall Street Journal stating that the Vice President's role was narrow—and also successful.

Notably, the article includes the following quote: "Harris's job was meant to be narrow, and over the years Harris has fulfilled it by announcing tranches of private investments."

[From WSJ, July 22, 2024]

ANALYSIS: WAS KAMALA HARRIS ACTUALLY
BIDEN'S "BORDER CZAR"?
(By Michelle Hackman)

Even before Kamala Harris became the Democrats' likely challenger to Donald Trump, Republicans have used her immigration portfolio as a line of attack against her—calling her President Biden's "border czar." But Harris's task, assigned to her in 2021 by Biden, was actually much narrower.

At the start of his presidency, Biden tasked his VP with what the administration called the "root causes" of migration from Central America—the extreme poverty, famine and gang violence that have driven so many people over the last decade to uproot their lives and head north to the U.S.

Former President Barack Obama had asked Biden to take on the same task when he was vice president. Biden successfully pushed Congress to allot several billion in aid money for Guatemala, El Salvador and Honduras.

Harris's job was meant to be narrow, and over the years Harris has fulfilled it by announcing tranches of private investments by companies like Pepsi, Cargill and Nestle in Central America.

But the assignment gave Republicans a convenient scapegoat as illegal crossings at the southern border climbed. Days after the announcement of her assignment, House Republicans appeared at a press conference brandishing a sign reading, "missing at the border: Vice President Kamala Harris."

On Monday, the RNC tweeted a video purporting to show the moment Biden anointed Harris "border czar." In the video, Biden says he is asking Harris "to lead our efforts with Mexico and the Northern Triangle, the countries that need help in stemming a movement of so many folks, of stemming the migration to our southern border."

Mr. Thompson of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD an April 5 "fact check" article from the Washington Post giving four Pinocchios to the favorite Republican claim that the Biden administration "flew at least 400,000 illegal immigrants into the country."

Notably, the article states that Republicans are Quote: "peddling a blatant falsehood her" Unquote.

[From the Washington Post, April 5, 2024]

TAXPAYER DOLLARS BEING USED TO FLY
'ILLEGAL ALIENS' INTO U.S.? NOPE.

(By Glenn Kessler)

"Do you support American taxpayer dollars being used to fly illegal immigrants from countries like Venezuela and Haiti into America to be settled in cities and towns near you? If so, then vote against me. Vote no to preserve this practice of using taxpayer dollars to charter planes that move and import thousands of illegal aliens into your states."

Sen. Bill Hagerty (R-Tenn.), in a speech on the Senate floor, March 23:

"Have you had to cancel or rethink any upcoming summer trips because of high prices? Don't worry—your taxpayer dollars will be used to pay for illegal immigrants to fly into a town near you."

Rep. Mark Green (R-Tenn.), chair of the House Homeland Security Committee, in a post on X, April 2:

Two lawmakers from Tennessee have issued misleading statements about a Biden administration program that permitted an increased use of a process known as humanitarian parole for migrants from Cuba, Haiti, Nicaragua and Venezuela. Hagerty offered an amendment to a spending bill—defeated in a party-line vote—that he said would prevent taxpayer dollars from being used to fly in migrants. Green, on X, posted a Fox News article—headlined "All Senate Dems vote against barring taxpayer funds to fly illegal migrants to U.S. towns"—and made a similar claim.

Under the Biden program, people from these countries who try to cross the border without the proper paperwork are ineligible for parole and subject to expulsion. Instead, before arriving, they must receive authoriza-

tion to travel to the United States and a statement of financial support from a sponsor.

As of the end of February, the Department of Homeland Security says, more than 386,000 people from those countries had arrived lawfully in the United States and another 19,000 were vetted and authorized to travel. In other words, they are not in the country illegally, despite the rhetoric in the statements.

And beyond the question of whether these immigrants are "illegal," if you listen to Hagerty and Green, U.S. taxpayers are footing the bill for their travel. That's wrong.

THE FACTS

The website for the program makes clear that people applying for humanitarian parole must pay for their tickets. Under a list of requirements, one is: "Provide for their own commercial travel to an air U.S. port of entry and final U.S. destination."

When we asked spokespeople for Hagerty and Green, we received different answers about why they said taxpayers' dollars were involved. Neither is convincing.

Hagerty's staff said he was referring not to plane tickets, but to the fact that the program was created and administered with taxpayer dollars. His amendment said "no funds appropriated by this Act may be used to facilitate, provide, or purchase air transportation from a foreign country to the United States"—so "facilitate" is the operative word here.

But the arm of the DHS that administers the program—U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS)—is 96 percent funded by fees paid by people seeking to come to the United States. For instance, people in the parole program must pay as much as \$520 to file an application for work authorization.

Moreover, parole applications (now totaling about 400,000) make up an even smaller part of the nearly 10 million applications handled by USCIS each year, so the number of people handling the applications would be an infinitesimal part of the USCIS workforce. On top of that, the salaries of these workers are funded by fees, not congressional appropriations ("taxpayer dollars").

In any case, as we noted, people approved for the program must book and pay for their own flights to come to the United States. There aren't any charter flights, despite what Hagerty said.

Green's staff offered a different explanation—that he was referring to nongovernmental organizations being reimbursed for transportation costs through the Shelter and Services Program (SSP), run by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, another arm of the DHS. But this is also off base.

The SSP is focused on helping pay the costs for people who cross the border between ports of entry, such as with the help of smugglers, and find themselves abandoned in the middle of a desert. The recipients are mainly border cities and charities that assist these undocumented immigrants with food, shelter and transportation. But people in the parole program arrive with authorization and a confirmed financial sponsor. In fact, the Biden administration created the parole program to reduce unauthorized border crossings that have burdened border facilities.

So the only way SSP dollars would be used by someone in the parole program is if a disaster happened and this person found themselves in a shelter that received some funding from the SSP—a highly unlikely prospect.

THE PINOCCHIO TEST

Hagerty and Green are peddling a blatant falsehood here—that the Biden administration is paying for the flights of migrants from four countries in the parole program. In reality, the migrants must pay their own way. When challenged, their offices resorted to alternative explanations about the use of taxpayer dollars that strain credulity.

FOUR PINOCCHIOS

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The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. MURPHY). All time for debate has expired.

Pursuant to House Resolution 1376, the previous question is ordered on the resolution and the preamble, as amended.

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. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 220, nays 196, not voting 16, as follows:

[Roll No. 400]

YEAS—220

Aderholt	Fry	Mills
Alford	Fulcher	Molinaro
Allen	Gaetz	Moolenaar
Amodei	Garbarino	Mooney
Armstrong	Garcia, Mike	Moore (AL)
Arrington	Gimenez	Moore (UT)
Babin	Golden (ME)	Moran
Bacon	Gonzales, Tony	Murphy
Baird	Good (VA)	Nehls
Balderson	Gooden (TX)	Newhouse
Banks	Gosar	Norman
Barr	Graves (LA)	Nunn (IA)
Bean (FL)	Green (TN)	Oberholte
Bentz	Greene (GA)	Ogles
Bergman	Griffith	Owens
Bice	Grothman	Palmer
Biggs	Guest	Peltola
Bilirakis	Guthrie	Pence
Bishop (NC)	Hagaman	Perez
Boebert	Harris	Perry
Bost	Harshbarger	Pfleger
Brecheen	Hern	Posey
Buchanan	Hill	Reschenthaler
Bucshon	Hinson	Rodgers (WA)
Burchett	Houchin	Rogers (AL)
Burgess	Huizenga	Rogers (KY)
Burlison	Hunt	Rose
Calvert	Issa	Rosendale
Cammack	Jackson (TX)	Rouzer
Caraveo	James	Roy
Carey	Johnson (LA)	Rulli
Carl	Johnson (SD)	Rutherford
Carter (GA)	Jordan	Salazar
Carter (TX)	Joyce (OH)	Scalise
Chavez-DeRemer	Joyce (PA)	Schweikert
Ciscomani	Kean (NJ)	Scott, Austin
Cline	Kelly (MS)	Self
Cloud	Kelly (PA)	Sessions
Clyde	Kiggans (VA)	Simpson
Cole	Kiley	Smith (MO)
Collins	Kim (CA)	Smith (NE)
Comer	Kustoff	Smith (NJ)
Crane	LaHood	Smucker
Crawford	LaLota	Spartz
Crenshaw	LaMalfa	Staubert
Cuellar	Lamborn	Steel
Curtis	Langworthy	Stefanik
D'Esposito	Latta	Steil
Davidson	LaTurner	Steube
Davis (NC)	Lawler	Strong
De La Cruz	Lee (FL)	Tenney
DesJarlais	Lesko	Thompson (PA)
Diaz-Balart	Letlow	Tiffany
Donalds	Lopez	Timmons
Duarte	Loudermilk	Valadao
Duncan	Lucas	Van Drew
Dunn (FL)	Luetkemeyer	Van Dwyne
Edwards	Luna	Van Orden
Ellzey	Luttrell	Wagner
Emmer	Mace	Walberg
Estes	Malliotakis	Waltz
Ezell	Maloy	Weber (TX)
Fallon	Mann	Webster (FL)
Feenstra	Mast	Wenstrup
Ferguson	McCauley	Westerman
Finstad	McClain	Williams (NY)
Fischbach	McClintock	Williams (TX)
Fitzgerald	McCormick	Wilson (SC)
Fitzpatrick	McHenry	Wittman
Fleischmann	Meuser	Womack
Flood	Miller (IL)	Yakym
Fong	Miller (OH)	Zinke
Foxx	Miller (WV)	
Franklin, Scott	Miller-Meeks	

NAYS—196

Adams	Gonzalez,	Pallone
Aguilar	Vicente	Panetta
Allred	Gottheimer	Pappas
Amo	Green, Al (TX)	Pelosi
Auchincloss	Harder (CA)	Peters
Balint	Hayes	Pettersen
Barragan	Himes	Phillips
Beatty	Horsford	Pingree
Bera	Houlihan	Pocan
Beyer	Hoyer	Pressley
Bishop (GA)	Hoyle (OR)	Ramirez
Blumenauer	Huffman	Raskin
Blunt Rochester	Ivey	Ross
Bonamici	Jackson (IL)	Ryan
Bowman	Jackson (NC)	Salinas
Boyle (PA)	Jacobs	Sánchez
Brown	Jayapal	Sarbanes
Brownley	Jeffries	Scanlon
Budzinski	Johnson (GA)	Schakowsky
Carbajal	Kamlager-Dove	Schiff
Cardenas	Kaptur	Schneider
Carson	Keating	Scholten
Carter (LA)	Kelly (IL)	Schrier
Cartwright	Kennedy	Scott (VA)
Casar	Khanna	Scott, David
Case	Kildee	Sewell
Casten	Kilmer	Sherman
Castor (FL)	Kim (NJ)	Sherrill
Cherfilus-	Krishnamoorthi	Slotkin
McCormick	Kuster	Smith (WA)
Chu	Landsman	Sorensen
Clark (MA)	Larsen (WA)	Soto
Clarke (NY)	Larson (CT)	Spanberger
Cleaver	Lee (CA)	Stansbury
Clyburn	Lee (NV)	Stanton
Cohen	Lee (PA)	Stevens
Connolly	Leger Fernandez	Strickland
Correa	Levin	Suozi
Costa	Lieu	Swalwell
Courtney	Lofgren	Sykes
Craig	Lynch	Takano
Crockett	Magaziner	Thanedar
Crow	Manning	Thompson (CA)
Davids (KS)	Matsui	Thompson (MS)
Davis (IL)	McBath	Titus
Dean (PA)	McClellan	Tlaib
DeGette	McCollum	Tokuda
DeLauro	McGarvey	Tonko
DelBene	McGovern	Torres (CA)
Deluzio	Meeks	Torres (NY)
DeSaulnier	Menendez	Trahan
Dingell	Meng	Trone
Doggett	Mfume	Underwood
Escobar	Moore (WI)	Vargas
Eshoo	Morelle	Vasquez
Espallat	Moskowitz	Veasey
Fletcher	Moulton	Velázquez
Foster	Mrvan	Wasserman
Foushee	Mullin	Schultz
Frankel, Lois	Nadler	Waters
Frost	Napolitano	Watson Coleman
Gallego	Neal	Wexton
Garcia (IL)	Neguse	Wild
Garcia (TX)	Nickel	Williams (GA)
Garcia, Robert	Norcross	Wilson (FL)
Goldman (NY)	Ocasio-Cortez	
Gomez	Omar	

NOT VOTING—16

Bush	Grijalva	Quigley
Castro (TX)	Higgins (LA)	Ruiz
Evans	Hudson	Ruppersberger
Garamendi	Massie	Turner
Granger	Pascarell	
Graves (MO)	Porter	

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Mr. NUNN of Iowa changed his vote from “nay” to “yea.”

So the resolution, as amended, was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I missed one Roll Call vote today. Had I been present, I would have voted “YEA” on Roll Call No. 400.

Mr. BUSH. Mr. Speaker, I was not present during today's vote series. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 400.

Ms. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to be present to cast my vote today. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 400.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. OBERNOLTE) laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

WASHINGTON, DC,
July 25, 2024.

I hereby designate the period from Thursday, July 25, 2024, through Sunday, September 8, 2024, as a “district work period” under section 3(z) of House Resolution 5.

MIKE JOHNSON,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL HIRE A VETERAN DAY

(Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor today as National Hire a Veteran Day. This day is crucial to the spirit and health of both America's veterans and our communities.

Set aside to raise awareness of the unique skills and valuable abilities of servicemembers after military service, we must use this day to recognize the sacrifice and strength of our veterans. Qualities like dedication, determination, and tenacity are highly valuable in America's private and public sectors. These features are fostered during military service and can be helpful in nonmilitary employment.

As 200,000 military members retire and become veterans each year, more and more qualified potential employees are eligible to join the greater American workforce.

As we look to hire, let us not forget the sacrifices made by our servicemembers. Each and every one of them, having defended our great country, deserve the opportunity to create a unique and positive impact in the workforce. Their dedication, determination, and tenacity are not just skills but a testament to their commitment.

CELEBRATING BENTLEY SYSTEMS

(Ms. HOULAHAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. HOULAHAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate Bentley Systems as they mark 40 years of business in southeastern Pennsylvania.

Under Greg Bentley's leadership as CEO, Bentley Systems has grown to become the industry leader with its digital twin advanced infrastructure technologies. Their tools are utilized by every State department of transportation across our Nation and by 194

countries worldwide, not only helping move forward our outdated infrastructure, but also moving us into the 21st century.

In Congress, I am proud that we have made recent bipartisan progress for the Federal Government to fully realize this kind of potential. From the Federal Aviation Administration reauthorization to the Water Resources Development Act to the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, each of these bills have contained related provisions that will help save taxpayer dollars and improve our infrastructure for years to come.

I congratulate Greg Bentley on his well-deserved retirement as CEO. His entrepreneurial leadership and vision have transformed Bentley into a cornerstone of innovation right in our own backyard of Exton, Pennsylvania.

I congratulate Bentley Systems, and here is to 40 more years.

ENSURING AI DEEPFAKES DON'T UNDERMINE ELECTIONS

(Mr. LATURNER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LATURNER. Mr. Speaker, artificial intelligence is an incredible tool that is only becoming more accessible, powerful, and impactful.

With all the good this emerging technology provides our society, AI also has its downsides. It is easier than ever before for bad actors to make AI-generated deepfakes to deceive the public and spread false information about elected officials and political candidates. Anyone with a laptop can create realistic images, videos, and audio clips depicting events that did not occur.

This poses a serious threat to our national security and could harm the integrity of our election systems.

As a member of the Subcommittee on National Security, the Border, and Foreign Affairs, I will continue to work to ensure AI-generated deepfakes are not undermining our local, State, and Federal elections.

DRAWING ATTENTION TO DESTRUCTIVE DEEPFAKES

(Mr. MORELLE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MORELLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to draw attention to the dangerous issue of deepfake pornography, which is incredibly destructive and can have life-altering impacts on its victims.

Almost 96 percent of all deepfakes online are pornographic in nature, and nearly every single one targets women. It takes no special knowledge or technical expertise to create these images, and more women are being targeted each and every day, including high school students, young girls who