

from the President of the United States; which was read and referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed:

*To the Congress of the United States:*

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, within 90 days prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent to the *Federal Register* for publication the enclosed notice stating that the national emergency with respect to persons who commit, threaten to commit, or support terrorism declared in Executive Order 13224 of September 23, 2001, as amended, is to continue in effect beyond September 23, 2024.

The crisis constituted by the grave acts of terrorism and threats of terrorism committed by foreign terrorists, including the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001, in New York and Pennsylvania and against the Pentagon, and the continuing and immediate threat of further attacks on United States nationals or the United States that led to the declaration of a national emergency on September 23, 2001, has not been resolved. This crisis continues to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security, foreign policy, and economy of the United States. Therefore, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13224, as amended, with respect to persons who commit, threaten to commit, or support terrorism.

JOSEPH R. BIDEN, JR.

THE WHITE HOUSE, September 18, 2024.

#### RESIGNATION AS MEMBER OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCIAL SERVICES

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following resignation as a member of the Committee on Financial Services:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC.

DEAR SPEAKER JOHNSON AND MINORITY LEADER JEFFRIES: I hereby resign from the Committee on Financial Services. Thank you.

STEVEN HORSFORD,

Member of Congress, Nevada's 4th District.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the resignation is accepted. There was no objection.

#### VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN BY ILLEGAL ALIENS ACT

Mr. McCLINTOCK. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to House Resolution 1455, I call up the bill (H.R. 7909) to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide that aliens who have been con-

victed of or who have committed sex offenses or domestic violence are inadmissible and deportable, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 1455, in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary, printed in the bill, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 118-47 shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, is considered read.

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

H.R. 7909

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

#### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

*This Act may be cited as the "Violence Against Women by Illegal Aliens Act".*

#### SEC. 2. INADMISSIBILITY AND DEPORTABILITY RELATED TO SEX OFFENSES, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, STALKING, CHILD ABUSE, OR VIOLATION OF PROTECTION ORDER.

(a) INADMISSIBILITY.—Section 212(a)(2) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1182(a)(2)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(J) SEX OFFENSES.—Any alien who has been convicted of, who admits having committed, or who admits committing acts which constitute the essential elements of a sex offense (as such term is defined in section 111(5) of the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006 (34 U.S.C. 20911(5))), or a conspiracy to commit such an offense, is inadmissible.

“(K) DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, STALKING, CHILD ABUSE, OR VIOLATION OF PROTECTION ORDER.—Any alien who has been convicted of, who admits having committed, or who admits committing acts which constitute the essential elements of—

“(i) a crime of domestic violence (as such term is defined in section 237(a)(2)(E));

“(ii) a crime of stalking;

“(iii) a crime of child abuse, child neglect, or child abandonment; or

“(iv) a crime of violating the portion of a protection order (as such term is defined in section 237(a)(2)(E)) that involves protection against credible threats of violence, repeated harassment, or bodily injury to the person or persons for whom the protection order was issued, is inadmissible.”.

(b) DEPORTABILITY.—Section 237(a)(2) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1227(a)(2)) is amended—

(1) in subparagraph (E)—

(A) in the heading, by striking “CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN AND” and inserting “AND CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN”; and

(B) in clause (i), by inserting before the period at the end the following “, and includes any crime that constitutes domestic violence, as such term is defined in section 40002(a) of the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994 (34 U.S.C. 12291(a), regardless of whether the jurisdiction receives grant funding under that Act”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

“(G) SEX OFFENSES.—Any alien who has been convicted of a sex offense (as such term is defined in section 111(5) of the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006 (34 U.S.C. 20911(5))) or a conspiracy to commit such an offense, is deportable.”.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The bill, as amended, shall be debatable for 1 hour, equally divided and controlled by

the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary, or their respective designees.

The gentleman from California (Mr. McCLINTOCK) and the gentleman from New York (Mr. NADLER) each will control 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California (Mr. McCLINTOCK).

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. McCLINTOCK. 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.R. 7909.

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

There was no objection.

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

Mr. Speaker, just last week, the Judiciary Committee heard from moms whose daughters were brutally assaulted and murdered by illegal aliens who have been welcomed into our country by President Biden and Vice President HARRIS.

The statistics tell us how broad this threat has become, but the individual cases tell us how deep and painful it is. It seems that every few days we learn of little girls and young teens or moms abducted by illegals, raped by illegals, and murdered by illegals, none of whom have any right to be here, and all of whom have been trafficked into our country by this administration's policies. These entirely preventable tragedies will continue as long as these policies continue.

The Democrats often talk about the war on women over abortion or employment policy, but it seems my colleagues couldn't care less about allowing into our country a flood of sexual offenders, domestic violence offenders, and child abusers, and allowing them to stay indefinitely, free from any fear of deportation.

When these monsters commit these ghastly acts and their grief-stricken moms appear before our committee, the Democrats put on their best long faces, assure everyone how much my colleagues on the other side of the aisle grieve with the families, and then argue to continue precisely the same policies that have produced this nightmare in the first place.

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 7909, the Violence Against Women by Illegal Aliens Act, removes any loopholes in current law and requires that illegal aliens who commit sex offenses or domestic violence are not to be allowed into this country anymore and must be immediately removed from our country when they are found, period.

The Democrats say this is duplicative of existing law. If that is true, why do they oppose it? The Democrats say it is unnecessary. Tell that to the growing number of families who are paying the butcher's bill for these open-border policies.

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

□ 1600

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

Mr. Speaker, here we are again debating a bill that is another attempt by the majority to scapegoat and fearmonger about immigrants. This legislation purports to add new grounds of inadmissibility and deportability for sexual offenses, adds a new ground of inadmissibility for domestic violence and other related offenses, and expands the current grounds for deportability for domestic violence.

Sexual offenses and domestic violence are serious crimes, and if this bill fixed some gap in current law, I would have no problem supporting this legislation, but that is not the case here.

In reality, the redundancies in this bill all but ensure that no additional dangerous individuals would face immigration consequences if it were to become law. Instead, the overly broad definition and lack of any waiver authority in this bill would result in extremely harsh and unintended consequences, including the removal of survivors of domestic violence.

Let's be very clear: All serious sexual offenses are already grounds for deportability and inadmissibility. For example, an individual is rendered deportable if they are convicted of an aggravated felony, which includes rape, sexual abuse of a minor, or a crime of violence, which is defined as any "offense that has as an element the use, attempted use, or threatened use of physical force against the person."

Individuals who are convicted, or admit committing the act, of a crime involving moral turpitude, or a CIMT, are already subject to inadmissibility. Crimes in which there is intent to cause bodily harm have long been considered CIMTs. As such, people who are convicted or admit committing an act of any crime where there is an intent to cause bodily harm like sexual assaults are already inadmissible.

Where this bill has serious problems is in the sections relating to domestic violence. Under current law, people are rendered deportable if they are convicted of domestic violence and other related crimes and can be deemed inadmissible if they commit the acts or are convicted of a crime involving moral turpitude, where the domestic violence or related offense has intent to cause bodily harm. The crime of domestic violence is already well covered by current law.

However, this bill attempts to significantly expand the definition of domestic violence to include the Violence Against Women Act definition that is used for grants and funding. This is a much broader definition that was never meant to be used in criminal law. We know that because the definition explicitly says it covers conduct "that may or may not constitute criminal behavior."

The definition for domestic violence under Federal criminal law focuses on physical force. This broader VAWA-based definition sweeps in a wider range of behaviors that domestic violence organizations say will implicate survivors who have used violence in self-defense or who were accused by their abusers and were either unable to defend themselves or pled guilty to avoid having to go through the court process.

The bill would also make it less likely that immigrant communities will report incidents of domestic violence.

We recently celebrated the 30th anniversary of the passage of VAWA, and we should continue our work to combat domestic violence, but this legislation would actually set back our efforts to protect survivors.

That is why over 200 national and local groups, as part of the National Task Force to End Sexual and Domestic Violence, the experts in the field, oppose this legislation. I think we ought to listen to them. We need to work together to solve our immigration problems, but this bill takes us in the wrong direction.

It attempts to fearmonger and demonize immigrants, just like the disgusting and absurd comments by former President Trump and many of his colleagues related to Haitians eating pets in Springfield, Ohio, a claim that has been thoroughly debunked, including by the Republican mayor of Springfield and Republican Governor DeWine of Ohio. Those comments have led to Springfield City Hall and several of its schools being evacuated and closed and multiple hospitals being locked down due to bomb threats.

My Republican colleagues may think that their words and lack of care have no impact, but sadly, we have seen that they can set off a deadly chain reaction.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SCOTT FRANKLIN of Florida). The Chair would remind Members to refrain from engaging in personalities toward nominees for the Office of the President.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the gentlewoman from Florida (Ms. LEE) will control the balance of time of the majority.

There was no objection.

Ms. LEE of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 7909, the Violence Against Women by Illegal Aliens Act.

In 3½ years, President Joe Biden and border czar Vice President KAMALA HARRIS have allowed more than 7.5 million unvetted illegal aliens into the United States.

At the same time that they facilitated the collapse of our southwest border, President Biden and Vice President HARRIS have abandoned any semblance of interior immigration enforcement.

In a September 2021 memo, the Biden-Harris administration made en-

forcement more difficult for Immigration and Customs Enforcement officers. In training materials obtained by the Judiciary Committee and published in a staff report earlier this year, DHS failed to answer seemingly clear-cut questions, such as whether an alien who served a 20-year drug-related prison sentence or an alien who discharged a firearm outside of a police station should be priorities for arrest and deportation.

Those are the training materials required for all of ICE's enforcement personnel nationwide. Instead of making clear that ICE officers should carry out their duties to remove criminal aliens from American streets, the Biden-Harris administration instructs ICE officers to develop a full profile of a criminal alien before deciding whether to arrest someone who is in the country illegally.

In the training examples, that includes determining whether an alien has high blood pressure or is a caregiver, rather than focusing on appropriate considerations such as criminal history and whether the illegal alien is a danger to the community.

In a transcribed interview with the Judiciary Committee, a former top ICE official admitted that the Biden-Harris administration's policies have made immigration enforcement more dangerous for ICE officers, more difficult to carry out, and less efficient overall.

The ICE official even acknowledged that because of the border crisis, fewer ICE officers are available to track down public safety and national security threats because they are left to do border-related tasks, but this shouldn't be a surprise.

In 2019, KAMALA HARRIS told the ACLU she would slash funding for immigration detention, close private immigration detention centers, and even use taxpayer funding to provide transgender surgeries for illegal aliens detained in the United States.

Here is how her policies are working out.

In fiscal year 2019, the Trump administration arrested aliens who accounted for 5,435 convictions and charges for family offenses. That number dropped to a mere 3,439 in fiscal year 2023, a 36.7 percent decrease.

In fiscal year 2019, ICE arrested aliens who were responsible for 6,650 sex offenses and 5,061 sexual assault offenses. Under the Biden administration in fiscal year 2023, ICE arrested aliens responsible for only 5,746 sex offenses and 4,390 sexual assault offenses, drops of 13 percent in each category.

These aren't just hypotheticals or just numbers. They are a reality for families across America who need these offenders to be arrested and prosecuted and, more importantly, need them to be prevented from entering the United States of America in the first place.

They are emblematic of the Biden-Harris administration's war on women. Just last week, the Judiciary Committee heard from three moms whose

daughters were brutally assaulted and murdered by illegal aliens welcomed into the country by President Biden and Vice President HARRIS.

Tammy Nobles recounted how Joe Biden and KAMALA HARRIS released into the country the MS-13 gang member who went on to murder and sexually assault her daughter, Kayla Hamilton. The killer later admitted to four additional murders and two additional rapes.

Patty Morin told how an illegal alien raped and strangled her daughter, Rachel, and then stuffed her body into a drainpipe. The alleged murderer entered the country through border czar KAMALA HARRIS' wide-open southern border.

Alexis Nungaray spoke about how Joe Biden and KAMALA HARRIS released at the border the two illegal aliens who went on to viciously assault and murder her 12-year-old daughter, Jocelyn. Ms. Nungaray said: "She had no clothing from the waist down. Her hands and her ankles were tied and thrown under the bridge of water like she was nothing but garbage."

Victim advocate April Aguirre also told the tragic story of 11-year-old Maria Gonzalez. The Biden-Harris administration released her alleged murderer into the United States. Just 7 months earlier, the illegal alien assaulted and killed Maria, wrapped her body in a trash bag, and stuffed her in a laundry basket that he placed under her bed.

These are not isolated incidents.

In February, an illegal alien was arrested in Alabama for allegedly raping a 14-year-old girl who could not consent to the intercourse as she was physically helpless or mentally incapacitated.

In April, an illegal alien was arrested in Indiana for allegedly breaking into a Michigan mobile home park and sexually assaulting two young girls.

In May, authorities arrested a 20-year-old illegal alien for allegedly snatching an 11-year-old girl off the street in front of her Lake Worth, Florida, home and sexually assaulting her. According to local officials, the Guatemalan national crossed the U.S.-Mexico border in early January, made his way to Florida shortly afterward, and does not have an immigration court date until 2027.

That is Joe Biden and KAMALA HARRIS' immigration legacy: more unvetted aliens released into American communities, more criminal aliens on American streets, and more Americans endangered by radical, reckless policies.

KAMALA HARRIS' war on women is fueled by her open-border policies, which allow more sexual offenders, domestic violence offenders, and child abusers not only into the country but also to remain in the country indefinitely, free from fear of deportation.

The American people can end this nightmare in just 2 months. If voters choose to end this crisis, Republicans

have proposed new laws that will allow the next President to secure the border and increase interior immigration enforcement on day one.

H.R. 7909 is just one of many of those bills. H.R. 7909, the Violence Against Women by Illegal Aliens Act, makes crystal clear that illegal aliens who commit sex offenses are inadmissible to and removable from the United States.

The bill also fixes a discrepancy in current immigration law by creating a ground of inadmissibility for domestic violence to mirror the existing ground of removability for the same offenses. In addition, the bill expands the current ground of inadmissibility for domestic violence by cross-referencing the existing statutory definition for sex offenses.

Although many aliens can already be found inadmissible to and removable from the United States for certain sex offenses and domestic violence offenses, H.R. 7909 expands and clarifies the conduct for which an alien can be found removable from the country.

The time is now to take seriously the danger of criminal aliens in the United States. Anything that makes it easier for adjudicators and officials to ensure a criminal alien's arrest and removal should receive overwhelming bipartisan support, particularly when it comes to sex offenses and domestic violence.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support the Violence Against Women by Illegal Aliens Act, and I reserve the balance of my time.

□ 1615

Mr. NADLER. Mr. Speaker, I must say I find the gentlewoman's references to the Harris or the Biden-Harris war on women ironic coming from the Representative of a political party, the Republican Party, whose abortion policies have caused countless women to die, to bleed out while the doctors wait to operate, fearing felonies because of the anti-abortion laws in various States.

I yield 5 minutes to the gentlewoman from Washington (Ms. JAYAPAL), a distinguished member of the Judiciary Committee.

Ms. JAYAPAL. Mr. Speaker, here we are again, debating another partisan bill that promotes fearmongering about immigrants, instead of working together to fix the immigration system.

I probably shouldn't be too surprised. Scapegoating immigrants and attempting to weaponize the crime of domestic violence is appearing to be a time-honored tradition for Republicans.

The Trump administration reversed protections for asylum seekers who were fleeing unspeakable domestic violence in their home countries, and that is exactly what will happen again under another Trump Presidency as described in Trump's Project 2025.

Aminta Cifuentes is emblematic of the many survivors of gender-based violence who would be harmed by this legislation.

For over 10 years, Aminta Cifuentes' husband beat, raped, and tormented her. He tried to set her on fire. It resulted in her permanent hearing loss. He once hit her so hard that she gave birth prematurely, and she still has difficulty breathing and speaking.

Ms. Cifuentes tried to get protection from Guatemalan law enforcement multiple times, but the police dismissed her complaints as marital problems.

When she tried to leave her husband, he hunted her down. She finally fled to the United States where even here, her husband's threats still followed her.

This is exactly the kind of person that apparently my Republican colleagues do not think deserves protection.

Back in 2013 when the Senate passed its bipartisan comprehensive immigration reform legislation with 68 votes, it was then blocked by the Republican Speaker of the House because he knew that it would pass if it were to come to a vote.

That legislation would have legalized 10 million people, updated the legal immigration system, and added significant amounts of new enforcement.

One of the provisions that was forced in by Senate Republicans actually included a section making the crime of domestic violence a new inadmissibility ground.

We supported that provision because it also contained important exceptions to protect survivors of domestic violence. There are absolutely no such protections in this legislation.

This misguided bill would take the Violence Against Women Act definition of domestic violence and weaponize it into grounds for deportation.

Let me be clear: VAWA, or the Violence Against Women Act, is landmark legislation, and it is actually a testament to a time when Democrats and Republicans could come together and legislate on issues of fundamental importance to this Nation, despite our differences.

The initial iteration of VAWA passed the House by voice vote. It was a significant law. It reshaped how we as a country talk about gender-based violence and how we treat survivors.

Now, we have to fight tooth and nail to reauthorize it, and Republicans regularly let it languish, expired now for 3 years.

While VAWA is a great law, its definition was never meant to capture criminal conduct. In fact, it explicitly says in the definition itself that it intends to capture conduct that may or may not be criminal.

There is a reason that advocacy organizations for domestic violence survivors are coming out in droves to oppose this legislation.

They know how this expanded definition will harm survivors and create a chilling effect for reporting future crimes.

There are so many reasons why individuals in domestic violence situations

are forced into the criminal legal system.

Too often, survivors are arrested alongside their abuser, and they are charged and even convicted of crimes involving violence. Using this definition makes it more likely that we harm the very people that we want to protect.

In that same vein, this bill also has no waivers or exceptions. Under current law, any crime involving moral turpitude, which would cover much of the conduct in this bill, is eligible for a waiver if the individual can meet very strict criteria.

Current law also has specific and important options for waivers for survivors when dealing with a conviction for domestic violence or stalking.

These allow the government to waive a conviction if certain criteria are met, including showing that the individual was not the primary perpetrator, and that the crime was committed in self-defense.

Unfortunately, the Republican majority is attempting to add a new inadmissibility ground, and they don't even require a conviction or include any waivers. This makes absolutely no sense.

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

Mr. NADLER. Mr. Speaker, I yield an additional 1 minute to the gentlewoman from Washington.

Ms. JAYAPAL. As it is, domestic violence survivors say that these waivers are not as strong as they could be, but to not include them at all shows a shocking lack of empathy and understanding of what survivors of domestic violence experience.

I guess I shouldn't be surprised considering that this is the same party supporting a man who was found liable for sexual assault and bragged about grabbing and forcibly kissing women without their consent.

Last week, we celebrated the 30th anniversary of VAWA's enactment, and now, as Trump's Project 2025 threatens to decimate key protections enshrined in VAWA, congressional Republicans are attempting to contort the law to hurt the very people it was designed to protect. What a disgrace.

I urge my colleagues to oppose this misleading bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The chair would remind Members to refrain from engaging in personalities toward nominees for the Office of President.

Ms. LEE of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I yield 5 minutes to the gentlewoman from South Carolina (Ms. MACE).

Ms. MACE. Mr. Speaker, I thank Chairman JIM JORDAN for his leadership.

I find the debate on my bill, the Violence Against Women by Illegal Aliens Act, shameful. I, myself, am a survivor of rape. I understand the lifelong trauma as someone who has survived rape, as someone who has been in a domestic violence situation where I was also the victim.

I don't want to hear it. If you are here illegally at all, you should be gone. Today, we are only dealing with a very limited number of issues, meaning the worst of the worst, the criminal illegal aliens who are here illegally, committing some of the worst crimes against women and underage girls.

Joe Biden and border czar KAMALA HARRIS have opened the floodgates, welcoming countless criminal illegal aliens into our country to prey upon American women and American girls.

Thanks to the policies of Joe Biden and KAMALA HARRIS, these criminal illegal aliens who have no business, they have no right to step foot into our country now roam the streets of our communities, inflicting senseless acts of sexual and domestic violence and murder while they hurt American women and girls.

These Biden-Harris criminal illegal aliens have molested American children, battered and bruised American spouses, and violently raped American women and girls.

In April 2022, an illegal alien was arrested in my home State of South Carolina for sexually abusing an 11-year-old girl, after being previously deported not once but twice.

In May of 2022, an illegal alien and Guatemalan national raped and impregnated a 9-year-old girl in Ohio.

In April 2023, an illegal alien broke into a woman's house in Indiana in the middle of the night, physically assaulted her, and held a box cutter to her throat while he raped her.

In July 2023, an illegal alien and Honduran national raped a 13-year-old girl in neighboring Virginia, just 25 miles from where we stand today.

In March of this year, an illegal alien followed a woman from a train station, grabbed her, robbed her, and sexually assaulted her.

On March 25th of this year, an illegal alien was arrested and charged with raping a mentally incapacitated 14-year-old girl in Alabama.

On May 13th of this year, a serial rapist illegal alien was arrested in California for raping two women in a van which authorities referred to as his "rape dungeon on wheels."

In April of this year, an illegal alien was charged after breaking into a mobile home in Michigan and viciously sexually assaulting two young girls under the age of 13.

In May of this year, an illegal alien abducted an 11-year-old girl in Florida, forcing her into his van and brutally raping her.

On June 17th of this year, two illegal aliens raped and strangled 12-year-old Jocelyn Nungaray in Texas.

Just last month, an illegal alien was arrested after raping a 10-year-old boy in Mississippi.

Earlier this month, an illegal alien convicted of a violent assault in Massachusetts was released and went on to rape a child.

This is hardly an exhaustive list. We see more tragedies like these with

every passing week. The blood and the physical and emotional scars of these tragedies rest on the hands of Joe Biden and KAMALA HARRIS. Not only has the Biden-Harris administration caused this problem, they are actively enabling it.

Listen to this. In a September of 2021 memo, Secretary Mayorkas specifically argued domestic violence shouldn't be categorical grounds to apprehend and remove an illegal alien. How many American women and girls have been battered and bloodied due to this insanity?

Under my bill, any illegal alien who commits a sex crime or act of domestic violence is inadmissible to our country and immediately deportable.

We shouldn't let them into our country under any circumstances, and if we catch them, we send them back. They have to go.

As a survivor of rape, I know firsthand the devastating toll these heinous acts can take on a woman and the lifelong scars and the lifelong trauma that they leave behind. One woman or one child violated by an illegal alien is one too many.

Each and every sex crime or act of domestic violence committed by an illegal alien was preventable. They have no single right to be here today.

I urge my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to put politics aside and protect American women and children from being victimized by criminal illegal aliens.

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

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

Ms. LEE of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from New York (Mr. MOLINARO).

Mr. MOLINARO. Mr. Speaker, I too rise in support of the Violence Against Women by Illegal Aliens Act. Since President Biden took office, over 11 million individuals have come into this country illegally. Hundreds of thousands of these illegal immigrants have come to New York State.

Thanks to sanctuary city policies established both in the city of New York and in the State of New York, the Governor of New York allowed the mayor of the city to transport illegal immigrants to hotels and motels across upstate New York, forcing Democrats and Republicans to take executive action to block this action.

Just in the past year alone, upstate New York has seen several heinous crimes committed against women by illegal immigrants.

To name just a few, in June, a Turkish migrant raped a 14-year-old girl in Albany after attacking her inside her vehicle.

A migrant from Ecuador suffocated a woman in Syracuse on her 21st birthday and then hid her body in a community park.

In Delaware County, New York, an illegal immigrant raped and strangled a

woman. To make matters worse, this illegal immigrant was out on Governor Hochul's cashless bail for previously raping someone.

One instance of a woman being raped or assaulted should be enough and should have been enough for President Biden and Vice President HARRIS to take executive action to close the border.

The Violence Against Women by Illegal Aliens Act will ensure that these evil individuals, these criminals, are arrested and deported.

I urge my colleagues to support the bill so that we can remove any illegal immigrant who commits awful crimes against women.

Ms. LEE of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. NADLER. Mr. Speaker, I am prepared to close, and I yield myself the balance of my time.

Mr. Speaker, this bill does not close any gaps in the law, does not fix any of the myriad problems with our immigration system or the southern border, and would actually harm the very people it purports to protect.

It is another excuse for the Republican majority to play politics with immigration without doing any of the hard work involved in finding bipartisan solutions.

I urge Members to oppose this bill, and I yield back the balance of my time.

□ 1630

Ms. LEE of Florida. Mr. Speaker, Democrats assert today that this bill is unnecessary, but that ignores the clear reality of the crisis affecting our southern border and how it has affected those who are victims of these crimes in our country.

Take, for example, the fact that under current immigration law, there is no explicit ground for inadmissibility of illegal aliens who commit domestic violence offenses, despite a ground of removability for such aliens.

Consider that despite certain sex offenses making aliens removable from the country, there is currently not a ground of inadmissibility or removability for certain sex offenses.

The Biden-Harris administration's war on women must come to an end. H.R. 7909 is one step toward that. Making people inadmissible to and removable from the United States because they have committed a sex offense or a domestic violence offense should be something that even open-border Democrats can agree with us on.

The Violence Against Women by Illegal Aliens Act is a straightforward, commonsense bill that I urge my colleagues to support.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. All time for debate has expired.

Pursuant to House Resolution 1455, the previous question is ordered on the bill, as amended.

The question is on the engrossment and third reading of the bill.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, and was read the third time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on passage of the bill.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Ms. LEE of Florida. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

#### CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS AND OTHER MATTERS ACT, 2025

Mr. COLE. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to House Resolution 1430, I call up the bill (H.R. 9494) making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2025, and for other purposes, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 1430, the amendment printed in part D of House Report 118-656 is adopted, and the bill, as amended, is considered read.

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

H.R. 9494

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

#### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Continuing Appropriations and Other Matters Act, 2025".

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- Sec. 205. Duty of secretary of homeland security to notify election officials of naturalization.
- Sec. 206. Rule of construction regarding provisional ballots.
- Sec. 207. Rule of construction regarding effect on state exemptions from other Federal laws.
- Sec. 208. Effective date.

#### SEC. 3. REFERENCES.

Except as expressly provided otherwise, any reference to "this Act" contained in any division of this Act shall be treated as referring only to the provisions of that division.

#### DIVISION A—CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2025

The following sums are hereby appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, and out of applicable corporate or other revenues, receipts, and funds, for the several departments, agencies, corporations, and other organizational units of Government for fiscal year 2025, and for other purposes, namely:

SEC. 101. Such amounts as may be necessary, at a rate for operations as provided in the applicable appropriations Acts for fiscal year 2024 and under the authority and conditions provided in such Acts, for continuing projects or activities (including the costs of direct loans and loan guarantees) that are not otherwise specifically provided for in this Act, that were conducted in fiscal year 2024, and for which appropriations, funds, or other authority were made available in the following appropriations Acts:

(1) The Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2024 (division B of Public Law 118-42).

(2) The Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2024 (division C of Public Law 118-42).

(3) The Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2024 (division A of Public Law 118-47).

(4) The Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2024 (division D of Public Law 118-42).

(5) The Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, 2024 (division B of Public Law 118-47), except section 637.

(6) The Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2024 (division C of Public Law 118-47), except section 546(e).

(7) The Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2024 (division E of Public Law 118-42), except section 447.

(8) The Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2024 (division D of Public Law 118-47).

(9) The Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2024 (division E of Public Law 118-47), except the matter under the heading "Joint Items—Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies of 2025", and section 7 in the matter preceding division A of Public Law 118-47.

(10) The Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2024 (division A of Public Law 118-42), except section 259.

(11) The Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2024 (division F of Public Law 118-47), except section 7075(a).

(12) The Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2024 (division F of Public Law 118-42).

SEC. 102. (a) No appropriation or funds made available or authority granted pursuant to section 101 for the Department of Defense shall be used for:

(1) the new production of items not funded for production in fiscal year 2024 or prior years;

(2) the increase in production rates above those sustained with fiscal year 2024 funds; or

(3) the initiation, resumption, or continuation of any project, activity, operation, or organization (defined as any project, subproject, activity, budget activity, program element, and subprogram within a program element, and for any investment items defined as a P-1 line item in a budget activity within an appropriation account and an R-1 line item that includes a program element and subprogram element within an appropriation account) for which appropriations, funds, or other authority were not available during fiscal year 2024.

(b) No appropriation or funds made available or authority granted pursuant to section 101 for the Department of Defense shall be used to initiate multi-year procurements utilizing advance procurement funding for economic order quantity procurement unless specifically appropriated later.