

We will stand up for our values. We will stand up for the people in this country who now feel threatened because of the election results. We will stand up, as Ms. PETTERSEN just talked about in her remarks, for women's reproductive freedoms. Women should decide what is best for them, not Members of this Chamber, and not the President of the United States.

Again, we have a lot of challenges ahead, but I will tell my friends on the other side of the aisle, we are ready. We are ready to come together when we can find common ground.

This is just a promise, but we will fight you with every ounce of energy we have if you bring up policies that we have strong disagreements with. We will not rally or roll over in the face of policies that we deplore.

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

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time.

Madam Speaker, prior to coming to Congress, I was a medical doctor. In fact, I still have an active medical license. I feel like I should go back and seek a designation as a specialist in treating Trump derangement syndrome, because after 10 years on the Rules Committee, I really feel that I have earned that.

Several years ago, the columnist George Will opined that—this was in the Clinton administration. I was just a regular guy. I wasn't in political office, had no aspirations to be in political office. George Will opined that the country was evenly divided, he said, but fortunately it is not sharply divided.

Now, since then, we have seen a country that has evolved and become more and more and more sharply divided. That is too bad. That is a shame. It robs us of some of the ability we have to get things done when our divisions are so deep and divisive that we simply cannot overcome them.

Last week, I felt as if the national fever had broken. It broke because President-elect Donald Trump won the election. He won it decisively. There is no further contest that is to be had over the Presidential election because it is done. The American people spoke and they spoke clearly.

Why did they speak clearly? They spoke clearly because they felt they had not been listened to and they had not been heard. I mean, the gentleman brought up that the country had been hurt by the policies. Oh, my gosh, your own Democratic economic expert said don't do the American Rescue Plan, don't do the Inflation Reduction Act, you are going to kill people with crippling inflation, Steve Rattner, the former Secretary of the Treasury, when you were doing your reconciliation bills last Congress, and it all fell on deaf ears.

Then what happened? Inflation shot up to 9 percent. Although in recent months you say, oh, well, it is back down to 2 percent, I am sorry, eggs are

still at their peak that they were at the time of that 9 percent inflation. You don't get to walk the prices back down just because you have kept the inflation rate down for a particular month.

Madam Speaker, the American people did speak, and they spoke the need for a new direction, a direction for this country where economic prosperity, limited government, and opportunity are once again the three cornerstones of the American Dream.

Today begins a new chapter by considering measures that thoughtfully solve the very real challenges created by the Federal bureaucracy.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this rule and the underlying legislation. Let's get back to work on improving the lives of the American people. Our long national fever has broken. Let's get to work. Let's get on with the future.

The material previously referred to by Mr. MCGOVERN is as follows:

AN AMENDMENT TO H. RES. 1568 OFFERED BY
MR. MCGOVERN OF MASSACHUSETTS

At the end of the resolution, add the following:

SEC. 4. Immediately upon adoption of this resolution, the House shall proceed to the consideration in the House of the bill (H.R. 12) to protect a person's ability to determine whether to continue or end a pregnancy, and to protect a health care provider's ability to provide abortion services. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived. The bill shall be considered as read. All points of order against provisions in the bill are waived. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill and on any amendment thereto, to final passage without intervening motion except: (1) one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce or their respective designees; and (2) one motion to recommit.

SEC. 5. Clause 1(c) of rule XIX shall not apply to the consideration of H.R. 12.

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time, and I move the previous question on the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on ordering the previous question.

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

Mr. MCGOVERN. Madam 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 are postponed.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 39 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1330

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. LATURNER) at 1 o'clock and 30 minutes p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Proceedings will resume on questions previously postponed.

Votes will be taken in the following order:

Ordering the previous question on House Resolution 1568; and

Adoption of House Resolution 1568, if ordered.

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

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 8932, FAFSA DEADLINE ACT; PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 7409, HARNESSING ENERGY AT THERMAL SOURCES ACT; AND PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 8446, CRITICAL MINERAL CONSISTENCY ACT OF 2024

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfinished business is the vote on ordering the previous question on the resolution (H. Res. 1568) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 8932) to establish an earlier application processing cycle for the FAFSA; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 7409) to amend the Geothermal Steam Act of 1970 to waive the requirement for a Federal drilling permit for certain activities, to exempt certain activities from the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, and for other purposes; and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 8446) to amend the Energy Act of 2020 to include critical materials in the definition of critical mineral, and for other purposes, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on ordering the previous question on the resolution.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 211, nays 201, not voting 22, as follows:

[Roll No. 459]

YEAS—211

Aderholt	Bentz	Burlison
Alford	Bergman	Calvert
Allen	Bice	Cammack
Amodei	Biggs	Carey
Arrington	Bilirakis	Carl
Babin	Bishop (NC)	Carter (GA)
Bacon	Boebert	Carter (TX)
Baird	Bost	Chavez-DeRemer
Balderson	Brecheen	Ciscomani
Banks	Buchanan	Cline
Barr	Burchett	Cloud
Bean (FL)	Burgess	Clyde

Cole	James	Owens	McCollum	Phillips	Stanton	Fallon	Kim (CA)	Posey
Collins	Johnson (LA)	Palmer	McGarvey	Pingree	Stevens	Feenstra	Kustoff	Reschenthaler
Comer	Johnson (SD)	Pence	McGovern	Pocan	Strickland	Ferguson	LaHood	Rodgers (WA)
Crane	Jordan	Perry	McIver	Porter	Suoizzi	Finstad	LaLota	Rogers (AL)
Crawford	Joyce (OH)	Pfluger	Meeks	Pressley	Swalwell	Fischbach	LaMalfa	Rogers (KY)
Curtis	Joyce (PA)	Posey	Menendez	Quigley	Sykes	Fitzgerald	Lamborn	Rose
D'Esposito	Kean (NJ)	Reschenthaler	Meng	Ramirez	Takano	Fitzpatrick	Langworthy	Rosendale
Davidson	Kelly (MS)	Rodgers (WA)	Mfume	Raskin	Thanedar	Fleischmann	Latta	Rouzer
De La Cruz	Kelly (PA)	Rogers (AL)	Moore (WI)	Ross	Thompson (CA)	Flood	LaTurner	Roy
DesJarlais	Kiggans (VA)	Rogers (KY)	Morelle	Ruiz	Thompson (MS)	Fong	Lawler	Rulli
Diaz-Balart	Kiley	Rose	Moskowitz	Ruppersberger	Titus	Foxx	Lee (FL)	Rutherford
Duarte	Kim (CA)	Rosendale	Moulton	Ryan	Tlaib	Franklin, Scott	Lesko	Salazar
Duncan	Kustoff	Rouzer	Mrvan	Salinas	Tokuda	Fry	Letlow	Scalise
Dunn (FL)	LaHood	Roy	Mullin	Sánchez	Tonko	Fulcher	Lopez	Schweikert
Edwards	LaLota	Rulli	Nadler	Sarbanes	Torres (CA)	Garbarino	Loudermilk	Scott, Austin
Ellzey	LaMalfa	Rutherford	Napolitano	Scanlon	Torres (NY)	Garcia, Mike	Lucas	Self
Emmer	Lamborn	Salazar	Neal	Schakowsky	Trahan	Jimenez	Luetkemeyer	Sessions
Estes	Langworthy	Scalise	Neguse	Schneider	Trone	Gonzales, Tony	Luna	Simpson
Ezell	Latta	Schweikert	Nickel	Scholten	Underwood	Good (VA)	Luttrell	Smith (MO)
Fallon	LaTurner	Scott, Austin	Norcross	Schrier	Vargas	Gooden (TX)	Mace	Smith (NE)
Feenstra	Lawler	Self	Ocasio-Cortez	Scott (VA)	Vasquez	Gosar	Malliotakis	Smith (NJ)
Ferguson	Lee (FL)	Sessions	Omar	Sewell	Veasey	Graves (LA)	Maloy	Smucker
Finstad	Lesko	Simpson	Pallone	Sherman	Velazquez	Graves (MO)	Mann	Spartz
Fischbach	Letlow	Smith (MO)	Panetta	Sherrill	Green (TN)	Massie	Mast	Staubert
Fitzgerald	Lopez	Smith (NE)	Pappas	Slotkin	Wasserman	Greene (GA)	McCauley	Steel
Fitzpatrick	Loudermilk	Smith (NJ)	Pelosi	Smith (WA)	Schultz	Griffith	McClain	Stefanik
Fleischmann	Lucas	Smucker	Petola	Sorensen	Waters	Grothman	McClintock	Steil
Flood	Luetkemeyer	Spartz	Perez	Soto	Watson Coleman	Guest	McCormick	Steube
Fong	Luna	Stauber	Peters	Spanberger	Wexton	Guthrie	Meuser	Strong
Foxx	Luttrell	Steel	Pettersen	Stansbury	Williams (GA)	Hageman	Miller (IL)	Tenney
Franklin, Scott	Mace	Stefanik				Harris	Miller (OH)	Thompson (PA)
Fry	Malliotakis	Steil	Armstrong	Evans	McHenry	Harshbarger	Miller (WV)	Tiffany
Fulcher	Maloy	Steube	Blunt Rochester	Gaetz	Schiff	Hern	Miller-Meeks	Timmons
Garbarino	Mann	Strong	Bowman	Galleo	Scott, David	Higgins (LA)	Mills	Turner
Garcia, Mike	Massie	Tenney	Bucshon	Granger	Waltz	Hill	Molinaro	Valadao
Jimenez	Mast	Thompson (PA)	Cartwright	Grijalva	Wild	Hinson	Moolenaar	Van Drew
Gonzales, Tony	McCauley	Tiffany	Connolly	Harris	Wilson (FL)	Houchin	Mooney	Van Dyne
Good (VA)	McClain	Timmons	Crenshaw	Hern		Hudson	Moore (AL)	Van Orden
Gooden (TX)	McClintock	Turner	Donalds	Kim (NJ)		Huizenga	Moore (UT)	Wagner
Gosar	McCormick	Valadao				Hunt	Moran	Walberg
Graves (LA)	Meuser	Van Drew				Issa	Murphy	Weber (TX)
Graves (MO)	Miller (IL)	Van Duyn				Jackson (TX)	Nehls	Webster (FL)
Green (TN)	Miller (OH)	Van Orden				James	Newhouse	Wenstrup
Greene (GA)	Miller (WV)	Wagner				Johnson (LA)	Norman	Westerman
Griffith	Miller-Meeks	Walberg				Johnson (SD)	Nunn (IA)	Wied
Grothman	Mills	Weber (TX)				Jordan	Obernolte	Williams (NY)
Guest	Molinaro	Webster (FL)				Joyce (OH)	Ogles	Williams (TX)
Guthrie	Moolenaar	Wenstrup				Joyce (PA)	Owens	Wilson (SC)
Hageman	Mooney	Westerman				Kean (NJ)	Palmer	Wittman
Harshbarger	Moore (AL)	Wied				Kelly (MS)	Pence	Womack
Higgins (LA)	Moore (UT)	Williams (NY)				Kelly (PA)	Perry	Yakym
Hill	Moran	Williams (TX)				Kiggans (VA)	Pfluger	Zinke
Hinson	Murphy	Wilson (SC)				Kiley		
Houchin	Nehls	Wittman						
Hudson	Newhouse	Womack						
Huizenga	Norman	Yakym						
Hunt	Nunn (IA)	Zinke						
Issa	Obernolte							
Jackson (TX)	Ogles							

NOT VOTING—22

Armstrong
Blunt Rochester
Bowman
Bucshon
Cartwright
Connolly
Crenshaw
Donalds
Evans
Gaetz
Galleo
Granger
Grijalva
Harris
Hern
Kim (NJ)

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

□ 1357

Mses. JAYAPAL, CHU, Messrs. VICENTE GONZALEZ of Texas, CARDENAS, and CLEAVER changed their vote from “yea” to “nay.”

Mrs. FISCHBACH changed her vote from “nay” to “yea.”

So the previous question was ordered. The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the resolution.

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

RECORDED VOTE

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I demand a recorded vote.

A recorded vote was ordered. The SPEAKER pro tempore. This is a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 212, noes 201, not voting 21, as follows:

[Roll No. 460]

AYES—212

NAYS—201			The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the resolution.			Auchincloss			DeLauro			Khanna		
Adams	Courtney	Houlahan	The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.			Balint			DelBene			Kildee		
Aguilar	Craig	Hoyer				Beatty			DeSaulnier			Krishnamoorthi		
Allred	Crockett	Hoyle (OR)	RECORDED VOTE			Berra			Dingell			Kuster		
Amo	Crow	Huffman				Beyer			Doggett			Landsman		
Auchincloss	Cuellar	Ivey	Mr. McGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I demand a recorded vote.			Bishop (GA)			Escobar			Larsen (WA)		
Balint	Davids (KS)	Jackson (IL)				Blumenauer			Eshoo			Larson (CT)		
Barragán	Davis (IL)	Jackson (NC)	A recorded vote was ordered.			Bonamici			Espallat			Lee (CA)		
Beatty	Davis (NC)	Jacobs				Boyle (PA)			Fletcher			Lee (NV)		
Bera	Dean (PA)	Jayapal	The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 212, noes 201, not voting 21, as follows:			Brown			Foster			Lee (PA)		
Beyer	DeGette	Jeffries				Brownley			Foushee			Lee Carter		
Bishop (GA)	DeLauro	Johnson (GA)	The SPEAKER pro tempore. This is a 5-minute vote.			Budzinski			Frankel, Lois			Leger Fernandez		
Blumenauer	DelBene	Kamlager-Dove				Bush			Frost			Levin		
Bonamici	Deluzio	Kaptur	The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 212, noes 201, not voting 21, as follows:			Caraveo			Garamendi			Lieu		
Boyle (PA)	DeSaulnier	Keating				Carbajal			Garcia (IL)			Lofgren		
Brown	Dingell	Kelly (IL)	[Roll No. 460]			Cárdenas			Garcia (TX)			Lynch		
Brownley	Doggett	Kennedy				Carson			Garcia, Robert			Magaziner		
Budzinski	Escobar	Khanna	AYES—212			Carter (LA)			Golden (ME)			Manning		
Bush	Eshoo	Kildee				Casar			Goldman (NY)			Matsui		
Caraveo	Espallat	Kilmer	Aderholt			Case			Gomez			McBath		
Carbajal	Fletcher	Krishnamoorthi				Casten			Gonzalez, V.			McClellan		
Cárdenas	Foster	Kuster	Alford			Castor (FL)			Gottheimer			McCollum		
Carson	Foushee	Landsman				Castro (TX)			Green, Al (TX)			McGarvey		
Carter (LA)	Frankel, Lois	Larsen (WA)	Allen			Cherfilus-			Harder (CA)			McGovern		
Casar	Frost	Larson (CT)				Crane			Hayes			McIver		
Case	Garamendi	Lee (CA)	Burchett			Crawford			Himes			Meeks		
Casten	Garcia (IL)	Lee (NV)				Curtis			Clark (MA)			Horsford		
Castor (FL)	Garcia (TX)	Lee (PA)	Burgess			D'Esposito			Clarke (NY)			Houlihan		
Castro (TX)	Garcia, Robert	Lee Carter				Davidson			Cleaver			Hoyer		
Cherfilus-	Golden (ME)	Leger Fernandez	Baird			De La Cruz			Clyburn			Hoyle (OR)		
McCormick	Goldman (NY)	Levin				DesJarlais			Cohen			Huffman		
Chu	Gomez	Lieu	Balderson			Diaz-Balart			Correa			Ivey		
Clark (MA)	Gonzalez, V.	Lofgren				Duarte			Costa			Jackson (IL)		
Clarke (NY)	Gottheimer	Lynch	Barr			Duncan			Courtney			Mrvan		
Cleaver	Green, Al (TX)	Magaziner				Chavez-DeRemer			Dunn (FL)			Jacobs		
Clyburn	Harder (CA)	Manning	Bice			Ciscomani			Craig			Jayapal		
Cohen	Hayes	Matsui				Cline			Crockett			Jeffries		
Correa	Himes	McBath	Biggs			Cloud			Crow			Napolitano		
Costa	Horsford	McClellan				Boebert			Cuellar			Johnson (GA)		
			Boest			Clyde			Davids (KS)			Neguse		
						Cole			Ezell					

Nickel	Salinas	Takano
Norcross	Sánchez	Thanedar
Ocasio-Cortez	Sarbanes	Thompson (CA)
Omar	Scanlon	Thompson (MS)
Pallone	Schakowsky	Titus
Panetta	Schneider	Tlaib
Pappas	Scholten	Tokuda
Pelosi	Schrier	Tonko
Peltola	Scott (VA)	Torres (CA)
Perez	Sewell	Torres (NY)
Peters	Sherman	Trahan
Pettersen	Sherrill	Trone
Phillips	Slotkin	Underwood
Pingree	Smith (WA)	Vargas
Pocan	Sorensen	Vasquez
Porter	Soto	Veasey
Pressley	Spanberger	Velázquez
Quigley	Stansbury	Wasserman
Ramirez	Stanton	Schultz
Raskin	Stevens	Waters
Ross	Strickland	Watson Coleman
Ruiz	Suozzi	Wexton
Ruppersberger	Swalwell	Williams (GA)
Ryan	Sykes	

NOT VOTING—21

Armstrong	Crenshaw	Kim (NJ)
Banks	Donalds	McHenry
Bishop (NC)	Evans	Schiff
Blunt Rochester	Gaetz	Scott, David
Bowman	Gallego	Waltz
Cartwright	Granger	Wild
Connolly	Grijalva	Wilson (FL)

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

□ 1405

So the resolution was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

REMEMBERING LIEUTENANT GENERAL ELLIE GIVAN "BUCK" SHULER, JR.

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

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to mourn the loss of Lieutenant General Ellie Givan "Buck" Shuler, Jr., who passed away at the age of 87 this past October.

General Shuler was a proud servant of our country. After graduating from the Citadel in 1959, he spent 32 years dedicating his life to the United States Air Force.

With over 7,600 flying hours and 125 combat missions in Vietnam, it is no surprise General Shuler was awarded over 20 medals and distinctions for his service, including being awarded the Order of the Palmetto by South Carolina Governor McMaster.

Besides his dedication to his country, he was a member of St. John's Episcopal Church in Columbia, South Carolina, and a previous president and chairman of the National Museum of the Mighty Eighth Air Force in Pooler, Georgia, where I served with him on the board of trustees.

General Shuler is survived by his wife, Annette Maury Shuler, and their sons, E.G. "Buck" Shuler III, Franklin, and Gray.

My thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends of the Shulers today as they celebrate and remember

the truly impactful life lived by General Shuler.

PROVIDING DISASTER AID FOR NORTH CAROLINA

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

Ms. ROSS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to discuss the urgent need to pass disaster aid for our friends and neighbors in western North Carolina.

In September, Hurricane Helene devastated towns and businesses in my home State, and we are only just beginning the long journey to full recovery. Thanks to President Biden, Federal support has surged into North Carolina, and Governor Cooper has overseen an unprecedented State response.

However, our road to fully rebuild is far from over. Congress must pass comprehensive disaster aid immediately. Western North Carolina is counting on us. We need to rush assistance to families, to small businesses, to rebuild our roads and water systems, and to rebuild communities changed forever.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to set politics aside and work together to pass a disaster aid supplemental package as soon as possible.

THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION ENERGY AGENDA

(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, I talked about energy yesterday and the prices going up in California due to a CARB rule raising prices by 47 to 65 cents per gallon, as projected.

So now what happens? The Biden administration decides to do the same thing through the EPA. Through what is called the waste emissions charge rule, EPA will raise prices on fuel for all Americans if this rule is allowed to stand.

Did they not learn anything from last Tuesday when the people across the country said we are tired of the high prices and inflation—energy is a big driver of inflation—along with profligate spending in this place?

Do they not get that people are already overburdened by the high price of energy, whether it is going directly in their car or truck fuel tank, to the cost of delivering anything, to the cost of growing crops, or to the cost of mining minerals?

All those things are related to the cost of energy, yet the EPA blindly is pushing forward, not listening to the people, not listening to the results of an election, but making even more rules that drive up the costs.

The Biden anti-energy agenda will soon end, but how much destruction will there be in the next 2 months? We have to stop this rule.

We have to stop EPA from running amok and doing things to basically chase this ghost of CO₂. Carbon dioxide is only 0.04 percent of our atmosphere. This is not a big climate change deal. It is basically a political science drill.

□ 1415

RECENT ANTI-SEMITIC INCIDENTS IN AMSTERDAM

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

Ms. STEVENS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in joint support of our Jewish community and to condemn the recent Europa League soccer match attacks that took place in Amsterdam, wreaking unbelievable violence on our Jewish community.

These attacks occurred just days before the 86th anniversary of Kristallnacht, and it is a stark reminder of the devastating consequences of unchecked hatred.

Simply put, Jews and Israelis in Amsterdam were attacked following a soccer match simply because of who they are.

We are calling on the Dutch Government to respond. We are calling on worldwide officials to invest in safety and to combat hate wherever we may see it. This has been a hateful incident that has reverberated across the world and is felt in my home State of Michigan.

NATIONAL VETERAN AND MILITARY FAMILIES MONTH

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

Mr. RUIZ. Mr. Speaker, every November, we honor military families and transitioning veterans during National Veterans and Military Families Month.

It is important to recognize the sacrifices that our veterans and families have made for our country every day so we can enjoy the freedoms they fought to protect.

Two years ago, when Democrats were in the majority, we passed the Honoring our PACT Act, a once-in-a-generation expansion for veterans' healthcare and benefits.

Earlier this year, we celebrated a major milestone of more than 1 million PACT Act-related cases being granted to over 880,000 veterans who are now finally receiving their service-connected disability benefits due to exposures to burn pits and other toxins. They are from across all 50 States and U.S. territories. These are historic numbers for a piece of legislation.

Prior to the PACT Act, the burden fell on veterans to prove the conditions and illnesses they were sick and dying from were results of their service and burn pit exposure. No longer must veterans carry that difficult burden. They