

straight. The Democrats had the opportunity to do whatever they wanted to on SALT. They complained about it for years. They could have fixed it. They choose not to. They deliberately chose not to in a vehicle that only required a simple majority.

So this is about fairness.

Mr. Speaker, when we passed that in the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act—one of the greatest stimuli to the American economy ever—we, interestingly, chose not to inflation index that \$10,000. Now, thanks to Bidenflation, it should be around \$15,000.

So our decision is that even just to make it fair for inflation caused by President Biden and his policies, we could have chosen to just raise it \$15,000, but, no, we did, I think, what was the right thing to do, which is to say that there is no penalty to a family, because on this side of the aisle we actually think the idea of family is pretty good for this country. We don't want to disincentivize it.

We decided we would take and just remove what I would call the marriage penalty from this. I think it is the right decision.

One of the gentlemen who supports this mentioned that this goes far beyond blue States. This goes into States where, because of Bidenflation, housing prices have gone up, and, Mr. Speaker, I guarantee you, those property taxes are going to go up for a variety of reasons.

The time to do this is now, it is appropriate, and I fully support the rule.

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

Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, we just have to keep saying it over and over again: How dare the majority scold us for not fixing a problem that they created. How dare they scold us, and how dare they actually even think about it when they don't want to fix the problem.

The majority's fix needs fixing. Let's move on.

I was flabbergasted when I heard my colleagues say that the Trump tax cuts, which benefited the wealthy, the superwealthy, the millionaires, and the billionaires, were the greatest stimulus ever. They were actually not.

Mr. Speaker, I call Members' attention to a report titled: "The Biden Tax Proposals Would Correct Inequities Created By Trump Tax Cuts and Raise Additional Revenues."

Mr. Speaker, what this report shows is that it wasn't the greatest stimulus, indeed, that with the Trump tax cuts, revenue plummeted from the expected.

Those Trump tax cuts are the reason we have the deficits, which is what they always usually complain about.

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

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

Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time to close.

Mr. Speaker, it is clear that today's legislative calendar highlights the very distinct differences in priorities and values between Democrats and Republicans.

Democrats are committed to putting people over politics. We are dedicated to lowering costs for everyday Americans, to raising the middle class, to growing that middle class, and to investing in our communities.

On the other hand, the Republicans don't have much of an agenda other than chaos and trying to win the next election.

The SALT Marriage Penalty Elimination Act is a Band-Aid on a wound Republicans inflicted on the American people when they passed the Trump tax cuts. It is not the kind of emergency that should be taking up our time when we don't have a budget, when we can't pay our bills in a couple of weeks, and when we have Putin possibly winning the war in Ukraine.

Be that as it may, here we are taking that up and taking up a nonbinding resolution about the President's energy policies that ignore how much we have invested in clean energy, how many jobs we have created in the energy sector, and how we are lowering prices.

That is putting people and our planet first.

Their nonbinding resolution does nothing. Republicans keep taking up our time doing nothing on this House floor. We should be on the House floor this week talking about funding the government.

The American people deserve more than the political stunts and the partisan gridlock that comes out of this wonderful, beautiful people's House. It was in this people's House last Congress that we got so much done.

We invested in our infrastructure, we invested in our communities, and we saved America from the economic catastrophe that we were facing coming out of a pandemic. We did so much then, and we have done so little now. What a contrast.

Be that as it may, in the face of chaos and dysfunction, I and everybody in my Democratic Caucus remain steadfast in our commitment to progress and prosperity for all Americans.

The bills that we will be taking up if this rule passes—if this rule passes, they keep defeating their rules—they won't be doing that. This is a teeny, tiny, little Band-Aid on a big, open wound. This rule is all about politics and not about people.

Let's reject the rule and put people over politics.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to oppose the previous question and the rule, and I yield back the balance of my time.

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

Today, we have heard plenty of arguments and weak accusations pushing back on a necessary piece of legislation

that provides relief for hardworking, middle-class Americans crushed by an economy racked with inflation and gouged by the failed tax-and-spend policies of State governments like my own State of New York.

These aren't the richest of Americans we are talking about here, these are everyday families who just want to achieve the American Dream in an economy ravaged by skyrocketing costs and State and local governments that play to the whims of the radical left. Congress has an opportunity today to make a straightforward, reasonable fix that will make an enormous difference in the finances and futures of these hardworking Americans in States across this great country.

Mr. Speaker, we also have the opportunity to send a powerful message from this Chamber today to the Biden administration and to the world that Congress does not endorse and, in fact, condemns the President's decision to bring our Nation's LNG exports to a screeching halt.

Mr. Speaker, I strongly urge the passage of this rule.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. MOOLENAAR). 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.

Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ. 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.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 7176, UNLOCKING OUR DOMESTIC LNG POTENTIAL ACT OF 2024

Mr. RESCHENTHALER. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 1009 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 1009

Resolved, That upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to consider in the House the bill (H.R. 7176) to repeal restrictions on the export and import of natural gas. 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.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Pennsylvania is recognized for 1 hour.

Mr. RESCHENTHALER. Mr. Speaker, for the purpose of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. MCGOVERN), who is my good friend, pending which I yield myself such time as I may consume. During consideration of this resolution, all time yielded is for the purpose of debate only.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. RESCHENTHALER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. RESCHENTHALER. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of this rule and in support of the underlying legislation.

House Resolution 1009 provides for consideration of H.R. 7176, which is the Unlocking our Domestic LNG Potential Act of 2024, under a closed rule with 1 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. It provides one motion to recommit.

Mr. Speaker, since President Biden took office, he has waged a war on American energy independence while supporting policies that have emboldened Vladimir Putin, the Ayatollah of Iran, and the dictator in Communist China, Chairman Xi.

Mr. Speaker, if you don't believe me, then let's go through some of the facts.

President Biden green-lit the Nord Stream 2 pipeline to provide Russian gas to Europe at the same time that he blocked the Keystone XL pipeline here at home. He has proposed and enacted rules that have devastated clean, coal-fired power plants while China approves two coal power plants a week.

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He has deleted the Strategic Petroleum Reserve to its lowest levels since 1983 and sent millions of barrels of oil to where? Communist China.

Mr. Speaker, on the 22nd anniversary of 9/11, almost as if he was trolling patriotic Americans and the families of victims of 9/11, on that same day, he turned around and unfroze \$6 billion in oil sanctions to Iran. Just days later, the Iranians turned around and helped fund a horrific, medieval, barbaric attack on our number one ally, the State of Israel.

The Biden administration's policies have truly embodied the slogan, America last. That is not all. You might be thinking there can't be more that he has done to devastate energy production and harm ourselves and our allies, but wait, there is more. We are going to talk about it right now.

Last month, this administration announced an indefinite pause in new approvals of liquefied natural gas exports. This deeply concerning decision puts American family-sustaining jobs and the security of not only ourselves

but our allies and other partners around the globe at risk.

In the wake of Vladimir Putin's invasion of Ukraine, our European allies have nearly tripled their import of U.S. LNG while significantly reducing their reliance on Russian natural gas.

Studies have shown that LNG exports can provide upward of \$73 billion to the U.S. economy by 2040, create an additional 450,000 jobs, and help reduce global greenhouse gas emissions. Yet, Biden and his administration have tried to put a stop to all that.

This administration's actions will undoubtedly cause significant disruptions to the United States and global economies.

Let me be clear about one thing. The only people who stand to benefit from this decision are people based in Beijing, Tehran, and Moscow, and maybe White, affluent suburbs that vote for Joe Biden and want to feel good about themselves. Other than that, no one else benefits from this decision.

That is why House Republicans are bringing to the floor this week the bipartisan Unlocking our Domestic LNG Potential Act of 2024, which ends the Biden administration's ban on LNG exports and streamlines the permitting process by removing the Department of Energy from the approval process.

This week's vote will be very clear. Do you support American workers and American energy, or do you support authoritarian and Communist regimes abroad?

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this rule, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Pennsylvania for yielding me the customary 30 minutes, and I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I would say to my Republican friends, enough with the lectures. I just spent the last hour listening to the debate on the previous rule where the Republicans basically were saying the Democrats had an obligation to fix what the Republicans screwed up to begin with, that we basically have to clean up their mess.

I just heard the gentleman talk about our obligation to our allies as the basis for this crummy piece of legislation that we are now talking about. Really, to get a lecture from Republicans about our obligation to our allies while they are blocking aid to Ukraine as we speak? The Senate, with a 70-vote margin, passed in a bipartisan way aid, to provide essential aid to Ukraine so that Putin will not have a victory, will not invade Ukraine.

When I hear my friend talk about an obligation to our allies, I urge him to ask his Speaker to please let the House work its will to bring this bill to the floor. Let us have a vote. What we are talking about here today is ridiculous.

Mr. Speaker, this will be the fourth time this Congress that language either identical or nearly identical to this bill has been reported out of the

Rules Committee. First, it passed as part of Republicans' destructive H.R. 1 energy package. Then, Republicans tried to pass it as a standalone bill but had to pull the rule for the bill from the floor because they didn't have the votes. The third time, the bill was put on the floor, but it failed to pass because the MAGA clown show threw a fit after not getting what they wanted. Here we are again, for the fourth time.

I don't know if my Republican friends have looked at the calendar recently, but Groundhog Day was actually last week. Maybe they think this is Nick at Nite, and they want to start airing more reruns.

This is Congress. This is Congress—Congress. The American people vote for us and pay us because they expect us to work together to get things done.

The only real difference this fourth time around is that Republicans—and you really can't make this stuff up—Republicans blocked Democratic amendments that were made in order the last two times. The last two times this bill came through the committee, they made two Democratic amendments in order. Now, they have been blocked because this is a completely closed rule.

Last night, I asked my colleagues across the aisle why. Why did you block two Democratic amendments that were germane and made in order the previous times we looked at this bill? Nobody could answer. My Republican friends kind of just looked at each other and shrugged.

I am assuming it must have been a directive of the Speaker. Maybe Speaker Johnson decided that he doesn't even want to pretend to care about bipartisanship anymore, and that is why he told Republicans to block Democratic amendments that were made in order in previous rules. We are dealing with a completely closed rule. The worst part is that this whole circus is for a garbage LNG bill.

Mr. Speaker, do you know who is happy about this Republican LNG bill? Big Oil CEOs, and fossil fuel tycoons. China is thrilled with what my Republican friends are doing today. Wall Street is applauding them.

This bill is awful for hardworking families. It is awful for people who are worried about high energy prices. It is awful for our climate.

The American people are worried about climate change. They say we need action. I don't know if my Republican colleagues got the memo, but climate change is real. Thankfully, President Biden is doing something about it.

Republicans still can't answer another simple question from us. Why do they want to turn LNG into a Wild West that mimics the oil market? For people who are sick of OPEC and Russia fixing the prices that we pay at the pump every day like I am, just know that this bill makes it easier for that to happen with LNG.

Republicans talk a big game on China. Their bill helps China and other

adversaries who rely on American LNG imports.

The truth is this is just another handout to the GOP's best friends. They want to make sure that Big Energy CEOs and corporations can pad their pockets while raising prices on all of us. Follow the money. Look who contributes to them. That tells you all you need to know about why we are dealing with this bill today.

This entire week is just a master class in Republican incompetence. My friend across the aisle tells us routinely how crucial their bills are and how important they are, and then the bills are defeated not by Democrats but by Republicans.

Republicans just wasted time debating a rule that would bring to the floor a 1-year, limited fix to the SALT problem that they created with their Trump tax scam. They caused the problem. Now, we are debating a rule that they didn't have the votes for last week, and it is likely to fail on the floor today.

Last night, they impeached Secretary Mayorkas by one vote. They had to rush and redo that one before TOM SUOZZI was sworn in.

The Rules Committee is supposed to meet on a new FISA bill later today, our third attempt this Congress. Maybe this one will pass. Who knows?

Everything we are doing this week is a rerun: another impeachment vote, the FISA bill, the SALT bill, and this LNG bill. This is all because Republican leadership keeps bringing half-baked ideas to the floor without knowing where their own Conference stands. It didn't work the first time or even the second or third time. I guess we have to do it again.

Look at what is going on in this country. My Republican friends are barely hanging on to this majority by their fingernails.

Mr. Speaker, you would think that Republicans would look at the results of last night's election and have a come to Jesus moment. The American people are rejecting Republican extremism. They are voting against Republicans' cynical move to tank the bipartisan border deal.

I don't know if you looked at some of the exit polls and some of the commentary about people who were voting yesterday. People are puzzled why my Republican friends made such a big deal about the border crisis. Then, you have a bipartisan border deal that is negotiated in the Senate, and then the Speaker of the House says it will never see the light of day and that we don't need any legislation. People are seeing through this cynicism.

People are against the sham impeachment of Secretary Mayorkas. What an offensive waste of time that was yesterday. I don't know, maybe MAGA-based donors are impressed by that kind of behavior, but it does nothing about anything at the border. It is more grandstanding. People are sick of that.

Here is the deal. People actually want Republicans to work with Democrats to get stuff done. What a radical idea that, in Congress, people would try to work together to pass legislation to help improve the lives of the people we represent.

That is not what this is today. That is not what we have been seeing the last several months.

Mr. Speaker, I pointed this out the other day, but I think it is worth repeating. The Rules Committee is kind of the traffic cop of Congress. Almost every major piece of legislation that comes to the floor goes to the Rules Committee, certainly legislation of consequence.

The last time the Rules Committee brought a bill to the House floor that actually became law, that passed the Senate and was signed by the President, was 9 months ago. All this time, bringing these messaging bills to the floor, the impeachment of Mayorkas, all this garbage that is being brought to the floor, none of it becomes law.

Why are you here? Mr. Speaker, we are here today considering the same old bills over and over again because the Republican Party has nothing to offer but chaos, confusion, and disarray.

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

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

Mr. Speaker, there is a lot to rebut there, but let's start with the notion that we are here passing the same bill over and over again. That is simply not true. We are here for one reason and one reason only. Last month, Biden and the far-left radical Democrats catered to their base and put an indefinite ban on LNG exports.

Again, as I said in my opening, this is going to hurt American workers. This is going to hurt our allies and partners around the world. If you are worried about carbon emissions, it is going to be bad for the environment. Who benefits from this?

The people who benefit from this are Putin; the dictator in Communist China, Xi; and the Ayatollah in Iran. They are the only three that benefit from this. The loser, again, is the American worker and our allies abroad.

If you support dirty Russian and Iranian oil and gas, then go ahead and vote against this bill, but know that your vote supports them. If you support American energy and the American worker, then vote for this bill. That is why we are here today.

To talk about this being a handout to Wall Street and big corporations, I tell my colleague across the aisle that the early 2000s want their Democratic Party back because, the last time I checked, we are now the party that supports the people who shower after work, not before. They are the party of Wall Street, and we are the party of Main Street.

When President Biden took office, you can look at what he did. What he

did was detrimental to Main Street, detrimental to the American workers, very beneficial to corporate America, and very beneficial to Wall Street.

When President Biden took office, inflation was at 1.4 percent. Since then, prices have risen 17.9 percent. That includes a 28.6 percent increase in electricity, a 20 percent increase in food prices, and an 18 percent increase in rent prices.

If you factor in inflation, wages have actually fallen 4 percent since Biden took office. For 26 straight months, inflation has outpaced wage growth. Last October, mortgage rates hit a 23-year high.

Today, Americans are spending just about \$12,000 more per year just to buy the basics. That is like coming and saying we are going to take \$1,000 out of your paycheck every month just to keep up with Bidenomics.

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Who does that hurt? It doesn't hurt the executive working at BlackRock that sends money to the Democratic Party. It doesn't hurt the fat cats running corporations. It hurts the supporters and the American workers. The base of the Republican Party is who pays the price for this.

Mr. Speaker, for the Democrats to say that we are somehow concerned with Wall Street, that is their party. We are worried about Main Street on this side of the aisle.

Now, talking about Republicans not wanting to support our allies abroad, maybe I was asleep last week when the Democrats voted down a clean Israel aid package, because that aid package would have helped our allies abroad. I am not sure who my friend is talking about when he is saying we don't want to help our allies abroad.

It is very clear that we are the party who wants to support democracy abroad because the LNG issue is one of the most beneficial things we can do for our allies in Europe, in particular. Despite disaster after disaster on the foreign stage, this could actually help alleviate it.

Let's talk about Biden's disasters on the international stage. Biden's foreign policy has led to—and I will list it: a disastrous withdrawal from Afghanistan that killed 13 Americans.

By the way, my friends across the aisle claim they care about women and children, but do you know who is paying the price for Biden's disaster in Afghanistan right now? It is all the women who had rights when we were there, and all the children that now have to grow up under the medieval-style rule of the Taliban.

Biden's disaster just didn't stop with Afghanistan. He also emboldened Iran to unleash a proxy network that killed American troops in the Middle East, along with three brave servicemembers lost in Jordan from Iran's aggression. Also, the Biden administration has had a failure to protect commercial shipping in the Red Sea from ragtag Houthis

rebels, which Biden delisted from the terrorist organization list.

This shouldn't be surprising, though. Former President Obama's own Defense Secretary commented that Joe Biden has been wrong on every single foreign policy decision he has ever made. I would submit to you that this LNG export ban is in that list of decisions that Biden has made for foreign policy that is simply wrong.

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

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

Mr. Speaker, the gentleman from Pennsylvania just kind of regurgitated a whole bunch of statistics. I am not going to rebut every single one of them. He went through a whole litany of things that are wrong with our country.

Here is a novel idea for Republicans: rather than just complain, maybe actually try and find some solutions. If all the things the gentleman says are problems that we need to deal with, then my suggestion is to get about the business of passing legislation in a divided Congress to fix them.

This is the least productive Congress, I think, in decades or maybe even since the Great Depression. My friends have done nothing. They have done nothing.

They come to the floor and they complain. This is not just a do-nothing Congress, this is a do-nothing Congress over and over and over again. We are doing reruns this week. We have dealt with this legislation. This is the fourth time we are dealing with it, and I predict we will probably deal with it a fifth, a sixth, a seventh, and an eighth time before the end of the year when, hopefully, your majority comes to an end.

I don't want to be lectured about jobs from somebody who supported Donald Trump, who when he was President, had the worst jobs record since the Great Depression. I don't want to be lectured about blue-collar workers. I come from an area in Massachusetts where we actually stand proudly with our unions, something that my Republican colleagues fight against every single day in this Chamber.

I will just give some friendly advice to the gentleman based on the results of last night's election, which my Republican friends were predicting a victory, but I am saying that the reason why you did not win last night is because people think that what you are doing is not the right thing.

Your ideas are unpopular, and they are sick of the incompetence and the inaction. They are sick of the complaining and no solutions. You complain about the border. Democrats and Republicans work together in the Senate to come up with a bill. Maybe it is not everything you want, but it was negotiated by some pretty conservative, rightwing Republicans. Rather than bring it to the House floor so we can have a debate and a vote, the Speaker and Republican leadership says it is

not allowed to be considered on the House floor.

Again, the gentleman talks about national security. None of us can understand the game the Republicans are playing with Ukraine. How can you do this to the Ukrainian people, playing into the hands of Vladimir Putin? Are Republicans cheering a Putin victory against Ukraine? If so, that is sick.

The Senate passed this in an overwhelmingly bipartisan manner, and the Speaker said it is dead on arrival. We can't even consider it here. I just want to also say, because I think it is important for the record, that last night in the Rules Committee, Ms. SCANLON of Pennsylvania offered an amendment to the rule to make in order amendment No. 2 to H.R. 7176, offered by Representative HOULAHAN, which requires the commission to deny applications with regard to covered foreign countries including China, North Korea, Russia, and Iran, as well as foreign entities owned by, controlled by, or subject to the jurisdiction or direction of the government of those countries.

Do you know what happened, Mr. Speaker? It was defeated 4-9. Mr. BURGESS, Mr. RESCHENTHALER, Mrs. FISCHBACH, Mr. MASSIE, Mr. NORMAN, Mr. ROY, Mrs. HOUCHIN, Mr. LANGWORTHY, and Chairman COLE all voted "no." They all voted against making that amendment in order, which would have made sure that none of these countries that I just mentioned would benefit in any way, shape, or form.

Sometimes we come to the floor to debate these issues, and I am not quite sure whether we are dealing in reality or an alternate universe. The bottom line is, if the gentleman cared about the things he just said, why couldn't we make this amendment in order and have an up-or-down vote on it? Why was this such a radical idea? Why was this such a bad thing to do?

Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from New York (Mr. RYAN), a great colleague.

Mr. RYAN. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Massachusetts for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, I don't get up very often and speak much on the floor, to be honest. What I heard in the few minutes here from my colleagues is, as the gentleman from Massachusetts said, the greatest hits, the recurring talking points over and over and over that are completely disconnected from where constituents in my district, in the Hudson Valley of New York, are on a whole host of issues.

These are people who want us to actually fix problems. Specifically, they are people who want us to stand up for freedom and democracy in the face of rising authoritarian access around the world. Instead of doing any of that, we are debating these same bills over and over and over.

We should be voting right now to stand strong with our democratic, small d, allies around the world from

Europe to the Middle East to the Indo-Pacific. I am not going to read this letter, but as I was walking here, I received a letter from one of my constituents, an 18-year-old young man—I am not going to say his name and embarrass him without his permission—from Warwick, New York, who I had the incredible honor to nominate to the United States Military Academy at West Point, my alma mater. All of us have been giving these nominations to great American young men and women who, even in the time of incredible risk and danger around the world, are willing to stand up.

He said: I now fully realize why I want to serve my country; why I need to serve my country.

How are we going to send our young men and women in uniform into harm's way without looking them in the eye and saying: We stand for something. We stand for democracy. We stand for freedom. That is why I signed up and raised my right hand and took the oath as a commissioned officer in the United States Army.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania). The time of the gentleman has expired.

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I yield an additional 2 minutes to the gentleman from New York.

Mr. RYAN. Mr. Speaker, by ignoring the bipartisan Senate bill to provide support to our allies, instead of keeping faith with our allies in Ukraine, who have stood proudly and strongly against all odds and against all expectations, and who continue to do so, instead of voting to send them the support they need, to have our allies' back, we are debating this same stuff over and over.

We all know why. It is at the direction of one former President for political, selfish reasons, the same person who called my brothers and sisters in arms suckers and losers. He is now the puppet master as Putin gets every single thing he wants.

How can I look this young man and all the people who we are sending to all of our service academies in the eye, when we can't even have a vote? If you don't want to vote for democracy and freedom, fine, but at least be proud enough and brave enough to stand on the floor of the House of Representatives and let your constituents know that.

Mr. Speaker, I won't use the full balance of the time that the gentleman yielded. I just strongly urge all of my colleagues, not as partisans, not as politicians, but as patriots, demand a vote on this bill and stand and be counted.

Let us stand with our allies in Europe. Let us stand with our allies in the Middle East against Iran. Let us stand with our allies in the Indo-Pacific. That is what we owe the American people.

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

Mr. Speaker, again, there is a lot to rebut there.

If the gentleman wants to talk about Trump and foreign policy, let's talk about it.

It is not a coincidence that under the Obama administration, you had an aggressive Russia moving into Crimea. Then you have 4 years where Russia does not invade any of their neighbors. Then enter Joe Biden and the radical Democrats, and Vladimir Putin senses the weakness of Joe Biden and invades Ukraine.

I will take President Trump's record on the foreign stage over Joe Biden's record any day of the week. Furthermore, to suggest that President Trump doesn't care about the military and about advancing American interests abroad, I would remind the gentleman—maybe he forgot—that it was President Trump who took out Soleimani. It was President Trump who took out al-Baghdadi. It was President Trump that debilitated and destroyed ISIS. It was President Trump who brought forward the Abraham Accords that actually brought the promise of peace and stability to the Middle East.

I will take President Trump's foreign policy any day of the week, as would probably the Ukrainians, the Israelis, and the Taiwanese people.

Now, the comment about this bill benefiting authoritarian regimes, it is completely the opposite. If we limit our export of LNGs, the demand for LNGs abroad is not going to go away. That is fantasy land.

Our allies will still need liquefied natural gas, but instead of having the benefit of buying it from places like Pennsylvania and Oklahoma, our allies will have to buy it from places like Russia, Tehran, and Venezuela, for example.

So who are you supporting when you ban the export of LNG? I would submit to you that you are supporting the authoritarian regimes that you proclaim to despise.

Now, my friend and colleague—and I do consider him a friend—from Massachusetts made a comment that we are operating under a different set of facts. It is like we are looking at two different fact patterns. That might be right, but I think we are looking at two different decades.

Again, this is no longer 2006. This is a new Democratic Party. This is a Democratic Party made up of radical extremists, leftists, and the Republican Party has also shifted.

There was a comment about union jobs. It is pretty clear where the Democrats stand on union jobs when literally on day one of the Biden administration, right out of the gate, he cancels the Keystone XL Pipeline.

Do you know how many union jobs were lost? There were over 60,000 union jobs lost.

So the guy that is driving the EV to the yoga class, he might be happy that the Keystone XL Pipeline went down,

but that is the guy that has the "Ridin' with Biden" bumper sticker on his car.

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The guy that is actually driving to work in a truck, that is the guy who is voting Republican, so a different set of facts. I suggest a different decade. It is a new Republican Party, and it is a new Democratic Party, for sure. Those union workers are voting Republican.

Let's talk about what we have done in Congress so far. It is hard to prove a negative, but in some ways we can talk about the rush to the Green New Deal and us preventing a rush to the Green New Deal. If the Democrats were in power right now, we would be all in on the disastrous policies of the Green New Deal, which does nothing but benefit China. However, because we are in the majority, we have been able to stop extreme left positions and ideas.

Again, let's go back to the Green New Deal. The path forward for the Green New Deal has been propped up by adversaries like China. Why is that? It is because we rely on China for critical minerals. We need those critical minerals to build everything from an electric vehicle to a solar panel to windmills.

Biden's administration, by the way, openly admits this. According to his own Secretary of the Interior, the administration's rush to green policies has furthered our dependence on China. She said that in a hearing, by the way, in the Appropriations Committee's Subcommittee on the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies. She is right about that. China accounts for 63 percent of the world's rare earth mining, 85 percent of rare earth processing, and 92 percent of rare earth magnet production.

While Democrats hamper our domestic energy production, China is busy emitting more greenhouse gases than the U.S., the entire EU and Japan combined. China is the one that is bringing two coal-fired power plants online every week, two a week.

It is clear when the White House and congressional Democrats push for the Green New Deal, they are actually absolutely colorblind. What they really are pushing for is a red new deal that benefits our number one adversary, China.

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

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, may I inquire how much time is remaining.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Massachusetts has 12 minutes remaining.

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

Boy, that is a lot to try to wrap my head around, listening to the gentleman from Pennsylvania. This is not just reruns week in terms of legislation. It is reruns week in terms of talking points.

The previous President, Mr. Trump, who my Republican friends are so enamored with, let me just remind you of some of what he was all about.

He called President Xi brilliant. He said he got love letters from Kim Jong-un of North Korea, and then he said: "We fell in love." Who says that?

He says Prime Minister Orban is one of the strongest leaders in the world.

He can't say enough nice things about Vladimir Putin. While he was President, Vladimir Putin was planning his invasion of Ukraine.

The other day, Donald Trump said, do you know what? If NATO doesn't do what I want, then I don't care whether or not Putin invades them. Who says that?

Biden has united the world against Putin's aggression in Ukraine. Rather than helping Ukraine stand up to Vladimir Putin, my friends on the other side of the aisle are basically giving him a gift. They are denying essential aid to help the Ukrainian people repel a violent and vicious attack by Vladimir Putin.

What is wrong with this place, Mr. Speaker, that this is where we are?

I don't know whether my friend from Pennsylvania supports the Ukrainian people in their struggle to prevent Russia from invading them or not. If he does, then he should join with us and say let's have a vote. I mean, they are literally down to bullets.

Putin is ecstatic. Putin is thrilled that the Republican leadership in this Congress is holding up aid that will prevent Ukraine from being able to repel a Russian invasion. Putin is thrilled.

Please, give me a break.

Putin is a thug. He is a dictator. He is trying to re-create an old empire. The idea that people in this Chamber are sitting by and saying, okay, do whatever you want, I never ever thought we would ever get to this point, but here we are.

We are debating a bill for the fourth time that is going nowhere, and my friends are pretending like it is some big deal. It is a nothing burger, yet we can't bring legislation to the floor to help the Ukrainian people.

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

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

Mr. Speaker, I remind my friend across the aisle that when President Trump was naming those world leaders, those world leaders were actually alive.

Let's talk about Ukraine aid. I don't know if my friend knows my record, but it is pretty hard to find someone who is more hawkish on Russia than me. The difference with my position is I am consistent. My friends across the aisle are not.

It is amazing. The same people who are calling for a blank check for Zelenskyy, saying it will take as long as it takes, those are the same people who are telling our allies in Israel who are under attack every single day from the north, south, and west that they need an off-ramp, that they need to

turn it down. They are the ones who voted against a clean Israel aid package just last week.

I am very proud to be consistent. I don't like Russians in Ukraine, and I also don't like Hamas attacking Israel. I wish that consistency were across the aisle. I think my friends, though, are too beholden to their radical, anti-Israel, far-left base.

If we want to talk about Biden failures, there is more than just foreign policy. Let's talk about the border crisis. Joe Biden and Secretary Mayorkas, I would submit to you, have intentionally left the southern border open. Under President Trump's leadership, America never had a single month of over 150,000 illegal border crossings. It never crossed that threshold. Do you know what that number is under Joe Biden? Thirty-four. It is as if he is intentionally leaving the border open. This is an absolute dereliction of duty by Mayorkas and Joe Biden, and it is because they are beholden to their far-left radical extremist base.

Just how bad is this? Let's be clear. On day number one, this administration put in motion a border agenda that endangers our national security, exacerbates our fentanyl crisis, and puts our communities at risk.

Do you want to talk about more numbers? Every single day, roughly 300 Americans die of fentanyl overdoses. It happens every day. That would be like a commercial airliner once a day going down and my friends across the aisle not caring or saying anything about it. It is amazing the silence on the fentanyl issue.

It didn't have to be this way. Joe Biden could have had remain in Mexico. He could have had catch and release. He could have done numerous executive orders that President Trump did, but Joe Biden, Mayorkas, and, again, the extreme radical Democrats have refused to do anything to secure the border.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentleman from New York (Mr. LANGWORTHY), my good friend, to add more.

Mr. LANGWORTHY. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of the rule and the underlying legislation, the Unlocking our Domestic LNG Potential Act.

The decision by the Biden administration to halt the export of American LNG will only further cripple our economy by killing good-paying jobs, driving energy costs even higher for hard-working families, and inflicting more pain on American businesses.

We cannot cut off LNG exports, regulate natural gas out of existence, and lock away America's natural resources without inflicting enormous long-term pain on American families and communities.

The Department of Energy announced that this "pause" on LNG exports allows for the Department to assess the impacts of these exports on climate and consumer costs. Yet, with

this pause in exports, Americans are expected to see gas prices soar, making it more expensive than ever for hard-working families and businesses, big and small, to survive in the Biden economy.

A pause in shipping LNG to our closest friends and allies in Europe, Asia, and elsewhere further emboldens our greatest adversaries on the world stage. At a time when the President is pushing for more funding for Ukraine, it is disingenuous that he is turning around and forcing our allies to rely on Russia for natural gas.

This pause is incredibly shortsighted, and it undermines everything this country stands for. It is absolutely disgusting that President Biden has chosen to appease the woke mob that runs his party instead of doing what is right for our Nation. The American people are sick and tired of Biden's America last policies.

We must end the Biden administration's all-out war on American energy. The future of our economy depends on it. For that reason, I strongly support this legislation and the rule before us today, and I urge its adoption.

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

What the American people are sick of is all of this. I mean, the disingenuousness of what is being said here takes my breath away.

The gentleman talks about the border. When conservative Republicans negotiated a bipartisan border deal, and Donald Trump said we would rather have it as an election issue than actually do anything, the Speaker decided to pull it.

The same with our allies. The idea is that Vladimir Putin has viciously attacked Ukraine, and my Republican friends are standing by and cheering Putin on. I can't believe we are at the point we are at in this Congress.

What the American people are sick of is this do-nothing Republican majority, and they can't wait, quite frankly, to replace this current regime, as evidenced by the election last night.

Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to include in the RECORD an article from Newsweek titled: "Chip Roy Furiously Tears Into Fellow Republicans."

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

There was no objection.

[From Newsweek, Nov. 16, 2023]

CHIP ROY FURIOUSLY TEARS INTO FELLOW REPUBLICANS

Chip Roy attacked his fellow Republicans in a surprising speech on Wednesday.

Speaking on the House floor, the Texas Republican and Freedom Caucus member accused his own party of having done "nothing" with their majority in the House of Representatives. They have 221 seats to the Democrats' 213.

He said: "You know, we have had a tumultuous year of sorts, but in the eyes of the American people, they've been watching from afar wondering when this body, the people's House, will stand up in defense of the people who send us here."

"When are we going to do what we said we would do?" he continued.

His attack comes amid internal divisions in the GOP, which led to the ousting of former Speaker Kevin McCarthy in October. Mike Johnson was elected as the Speaker of the House later in the month, but it took four ballots of voting.

The House has just averted a government shutdown by passing a short-term funding bill, but 93 Republicans voted against it, in part because it did not include the spending cuts they wanted.

"For the life of me, I do not understand how you can go to the trouble of campaigning, raising money, going to events, talking to people, coming to this town as a member of a party who allegedly stands for something . . . and then do nothing about it," Roy said.

"One thing: I want my Republican colleagues to give me one thing—one—that I can go campaign on and say we did. One!" He then asked Republicans to come down to the floor and "explain to me one material, meaningful, significant thing the Republican majority has done besides, well, 'I guess it's not as bad as the Democrats.'"

Reacting to a clip of the speech on X, formerly Twitter, Matt Gaetz, a Florida representative, said Roy was "correct."

Campaign group Republicans Against Trump also shared a clip and wrote: "Republican Congressman Chip Roy just gave Democrats their best campaign ad for 2024."

Brian Williams, a surgeon and a Democrat who is running for Congress in Texas, said: "Never thought I'd say this . . . but if you agree with Chip Roy, make a contribution to our campaign to help flip Congress and put Republicans leadership out of their misery."

This is not the first time Roy has clashed with his own party. Marjorie Taylor Greene took umbrage with him and 23 other Republicans voted who voted against Greene's efforts to censure Democratic Representative Rashida Tlaib over her response to the Israel-Hamas conflict. She was later censured in another vote.

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. ROY took to the floor and said: "One thing. I want my Republican colleagues to give me one thing—one—that I can go campaign on and say we did. One. Anybody sitting in the complex, if you want to come down to the floor and come explain to me one material, meaningful, significant thing the Republican majority has done."

Frankly, it seems like my fellow colleague on the Rules Committee and I agree on something: The Republican majority has been useless. It has done nothing unless you enjoy lurching from crisis to crisis or peddling sham impeachments.

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

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

Mr. Speaker, let's refocus this debate on what we are here to discuss, and that is LNG exports, making sure that we are exporting clean liquefied natural gas to our allies abroad.

Let's talk about LNG export stats. In 2021, Russian gas accounted for more than 40 percent of the European Union's gas supply. Today, roughly 10 percent of the EU's natural gas supply still comes from Russia, a share that could be lowered further with U.S. LNG.

In 2022, the U.S. surged more than 800 LNG cargoes to Europe, a 141 percent increase from 2021.

In December 2023, more than 87 percent of the U.S. LNG exports went to the European Union, the United Kingdom, or Asian markets. U.S. LNG has helped reduce natural gas prices in Europe by over 83 percent from 2022 levels, following Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

American LNG has 41 percent lower lifecycle emissions than compressed natural gas from Russia. The Department of Energy estimates that LNG exports could add between \$50 billion to \$73 billion—that is “billion”—to the U.S. economy by 2040 and create between 200,000 and 500,000 jobs as well as increase downstream industries like manufacturing. The top five importers of U.S. LNG are South Korea, Japan, France, the United Kingdom, and Spain.

By standing against LNG exports, you are reversing all this good that is coming from it. You are making our allies more dependent on Russia. You are hurting the environment because you are having our allies burn Russian gas that is 40 percent dirtier than any LNG that is coming from the United States. You are standing in the way of American jobs and the American economy by the devastating impact of stopping our LNG exports.

However, don't just take my word for it. Let's go through some quotes on LNG exports. Let's look at our European allies and what they say. Here is what Eurogas said: “If additional U.S. LNG export capacities don't materialize, it would risk increasing and prolonging the global supply imbalance. This would inevitably prolong the period of price volatility in Europe and could lead to price increases with the consequent implications that would have for economic turmoil and social impact.”

Again, that is Eurogas. That is our European allies. That is not the Republican Party saying this.

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Let's talk about the Directorate-General for Energy for the European Union. The director said:

We do not have the abundance of energy sources in Europe. We need to rely on partners in the United States, and we need to become as resilient as possible within that reality.

Again, what the director of the EU is saying is if they don't have LNG from the United States, they are going to go elsewhere.

Where is that elsewhere? That elsewhere is Russia.

Let's look at industry. My good friend Toby Rice, the CEO of EQT has said: “These types of executive orders send a chilling effect through the industries and the investors.” Again, that is Toby Rice, the CEO of EQT, the largest LNG exporter in the United States.

The American Petroleum Institute, American Exploration & Production

Council, and other industry leaders have said: “Any action to halt U.S. LNG export approvals would be a major mistake that puts American jobs and allies at risk while undermining”—wait for it—“global climate goals.”

Let's end with our friends from across the aisle. What are Democrats saying about LNG exports?

Well, Secretary of State Antony Blinken says: The U.S. is “. . . now the leading supplier of LNG to Europe to help compensate for any gas or oil that it's losing as a result of Russia's aggression against Ukraine.”

It stands to reason that if you want to help Russia and do exactly the opposite of what Blinken is saying, you would stop LNG exports from the United States.

Let's look at what Secretary Granholm has said. “I believe U.S. LNG exports can have an important role to play in reducing international consumption of fuels that have greater contribution to greenhouse gas emissions.” That was Secretary Granholm, not exactly a right-winger.

Again, if you are against this bill, you are against all these individuals that are speaking up for U.S. LNG exports.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. ALFORD), my good friend, to add more to the conversation.

Mr. ALFORD. Mr. Speaker, I thank my friend from Pennsylvania for yielding me the time.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to support the rule and to address a pressing issue affecting each and every American—our energy security.

You see, Mr. Speaker, energy is not a luxury. It is the bedrock of our Nation's strength. It heats our homes, it cooks our food, and it fuels our travels.

Yet, our energy independence is threatened as domestic energy producers face unprecedented challenges. The pause on LNG export permits empowers countries like Russia and Iran and hurts our allies who depend on U.S. energy.

This is precisely why we need this legislation, Unlocking our Domestic LNG Potential Act. We have witnessed a regulatory assault that has stifled investment. It has spiked energy prices. It has hit families where it hurts the most, in their pocketbooks and purses.

Remember, American-produced LNG is cleaner with 41 percent lower lifecycle emissions than Russian gas, but now, because of a political stunt by the President of the United States, our Strategic Petroleum Reserve is at its lowest level since the 1980s.

This is just not an environmental issue. It is an economic and security crisis. The energy sector supports millions of American jobs and has been the engine of our economy, but the current policies risk these jobs and our growth.

This is not about politics. This is about our very survival as a Nation. We must act, and we must act now. We must support policies that bolster

American energy, support our American allies, and ensure our American security. By doing so, we uphold the American legacy of resilience and ensure a prosperous future for all American citizens.

Mr. RESCIENTHALER. Madam Speaker, two quick things.

Let me correct myself. I said EQT is the largest exporter. They are the largest producer in the United States.

Madam Speaker, I inform my friend across the aisle that I have no more speakers. I am prepared to close, and I reserve the balance of my time.

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

Madam Speaker, my friend from Pennsylvania talked about his good friend, some CEO of some LNG corporation that he is worried about.

You know what? I am more worried about the consumers in this country who will see their energy costs rise, potentially, if this bill were ever to become law.

I will make two quick points. This bill is going nowhere because it is written in such a way that it will not get bipartisan support in the House or in the Senate, and it certainly will not make it to the President's desk and will not be signed into law. For the fourth time, I will say that this bill is going nowhere, and this is a colossal waste of time.

The second point I make is this Congress is doing nothing not only on energy, but it is doing nothing on everything that matters to the American people.

My Republican friends have spent more time electing a Speaker and then replacing a Speaker and on useless, baseless impeachments than they have on actually legislating.

Here is a radical idea. We get elected to Congress. We should work together to try to pass legislation that becomes law, that will improve the quality of life for the people we represent. That is something that is foreign to my friends on the other side of the aisle.

Madam Speaker, it has become a familiar pattern by now. We have a looming government shutdown. We have urgent issues at home that require congressional action. We have pressing national security challenges and wars abroad, and Republicans are wasting time on impeachment stunts, silly censures, and MAGA messaging bills.

I mean, look. They have us here debating the same bill for the fourth time. We can pass it 4 times or 400 times. It doesn't matter because it is not written in a way that can become law in a divided government. My friends won't admit that on the floor, but we all know it is true.

Meanwhile, the Senate is sending us bipartisan bills that Speaker JOHNSON refuses to bring to the floor. The Speaker doesn't seem to think that his job is to solve problems, but rather, he thinks his job is to block bipartisan solutions.

We had a bipartisan immigration solution. It was blocked.

Well, guess what? My Republican friends now own the issue. You are responsible, solely now, for what is going on at the border. You are responsible for the fentanyl crisis in this country.

We had a bipartisan bill that was passed in the Senate to help aid our allies in Ukraine and in Israel. The Republican leadership is blocking it, can't even get a vote. You are responsible.

Madam Speaker, my friends on the other side are responsible for basically setting the world afire right now, creating all this insecurity and potentially giving Vladimir Putin a free pass to go in and invade Ukraine. I never thought we would be at this point.

The bottom line is this: Democrats want to work together with Republicans to get things done. They seem to be able to do that in the Senate.

I never thought I would ever say anything nice about the Senate, but they are working in a bipartisan way. That is why President Biden had us sit down and negotiate a bipartisan border deal.

That is why Democrats work with Republicans in the Senate to come up with a bipartisan deal to address our national security challenges.

The Speaker of the House says: The House should work its will. Then the Republicans refuse to bring bipartisan bills up for a vote on the floor because they are afraid of MAGA, they are afraid of Trump, and they are afraid that these bills will pass.

Having a campaign issue seems more important than solving a problem. It didn't work for my friends last night. This idea that my friends have about not solving problems, that somehow that is good for their election chances didn't seem to pan out last night.

What Republicans need to realize is that they control one-half of one branch of government and only barely.

They are not dictators—at least not yet. They have a two-seat majority in the House—two seats—because the American people voted against extremism last night.

This bill that we are talking about here today, the infomercials that are being delivered on the floor, they are going nowhere.

The reason why my friends keep losing is they keep following the most extreme Members of their Conference. People don't want the solutions that MARJORIE TAYLOR GREENE brings before Congress.

They don't want a deranged former President who has been indicted more times than he has been elected to be calling the shots here. They want leaders that have vision, not petulant children that have nothing to offer but division.

Madam Speaker, my Republican friends lost last night for the same reason I believe you will lose in November. You have nothing to offer, nothing at all, but division, chaos, and incompetence. This is just a continuation of that.

What is happening here is we are debating trivial issues passionately, but

important ones, not at all. There are important issues that we need to deal with and to debate and to legislate on right now that affect the people of this country, that affect people all over the world, and we are doing this—bringing back a bill for the fourth time, a bill that we all know is going nowhere because it has been written so poorly and in such a partisan fashion.

If my friends want to be serious about governing, you are going to have to learn to work with us. It is that simple. Take “yes” for an answer and work with us for the good of the American people.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. BICE). Members are reminded to direct their remarks to the Chair.

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

Madam Speaker, this administration's decision will have long-lasting impacts on the workforce, including union jobs that my Democrat friends across the aisle claim to care about.

It will also have long-term lasting impacts on our country's long-term economic growth. That is why House Republicans will pass this legislation, which removes Biden's export regulations that add uncertainty to the market and that curtail production and decrease global price volatility prices at home and abroad.

The underlying legislation lowers global emissions, strengthens energy security, and creates thousands of family-sustaining jobs.

For those reasons, I urge my colleagues to vote “yes” on the previous question and “yes” on the rule.

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 2 o'clock and 12 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. DESJARLAIS) at 3 o'clock and 45 minutes p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or votes objected to under clause 6 of rule XX.

The House will resume proceedings on postponed questions at a later time.

STRENGTHENING THE QUAD ACT

Mr. SELF. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 5375) to require a strategy for bolstering engagement and cooperation between the United States, Australia, India, and Japan and to seek to establish a Quad Intra-Parliamentary Working Group to facilitate closer cooperation on shared interests and values, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 5375

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 “Strengthening the Quad Act”.

SEC. 2. SENSE OF CONGRESS.

It is the sense of Congress that—

(1) as a Pacific power, the United States should continue to strengthen joint cooperation between the United States, Australia, India, and Japan (commonly referred to as the “Quadrilateral Dialogue” or “Quad” and referred to as such in this Act) to enhance and implement a shared vision to meet regional challenges and to promote a free, open, inclusive, resilient, and healthy Indo-Pacific, that is characterized by respect for democratic norms, rule of law, and market-driven economic growth, and is free from undue influence and coercion;

(2) the United States should expand dialogue and cooperation through the Quad with a range of partners to support peace and prosperity, the rule of law, freedom of navigation and overflight, the peaceful resolution of disputes, and democratic resilience in the Indo-Pacific;

(3) the pledge from the first-ever Quad leaders meeting on March 12, 2021, to address shared challenges, including in public health, cyberspace, critical technologies, counterterrorism, quality infrastructure investment, and humanitarian assistance and disaster relief, as well as maritime domains, laid the foundation for critical cooperation among Quad countries;

(4) the Quad countries, working through institutions, including the United States International Development Finance Corporation, the Japan International Cooperation Agency, and the Japan Bank for International Cooperation, and through partnerships with multilateral development banks such as the World Bank and the Asian Development Bank, should finance development and infrastructure projects in the Indo-Pacific region that are competitive, transparent, and sustainable;

(5) President Biden's decision to elevate the Quad to the leaders level was critical to bolstering cooperation, and all four countries should work to ensure that the Quad Leaders' Summit continues to take place regularly;

(6) the ambitious framework for ongoing cooperation laid out by the four leaders at