

Now in Your eternal home, may Representative Grijalva lay down the burdens of this life and rejoice in the hope he strove to give to so many.

In Your eternal name we pray.
Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House the approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1 of rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentlewoman from North Carolina (Ms. FOXX) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. FOXX led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

CELEBRATING PERSIAN HOLIDAY OF NOWRUZ

(Ms. FOXX asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the beginning of Nowruz, an exuberant occasion for the Persian people across the entire world that marks the beginning of the Persian New Year and spring.

During this time, many pause to reflect upon and recognize the blessings of the previous year. Many also take this time to look forward to the coming spring with optimism and gratitude.

Persian culture, and the contributions made to broader civil society through it, deserve to be celebrated by all.

I wish members of the Persian community, both within the United States and across the world, a joyous and memorable holiday.

RECOGNIZING SEYMOUR JOHNSON AIR FORCE BASE

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

Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the remarkable servicemembers of Seymour Johnson Air Force Base in Goldsboro, North Carolina.

During a recent base visit, I toured the child development center, the fitness center, and the dorms.

Quality of life remains essential to readiness, along with the CATM upgrades. Aircraft maintenance remains vital, as well as addressing the challenges with delivery of parts and the supply chain.

Seymour Johnson Air Force Base plays a huge role in eastern North Carolina's economy and our national defense.

As an Air Force veteran, I am so proud to represent Seymour Johnson and Wayne County. I will not stop advocating for the base, our warfighters, and eastern North Carolina.

WATER RATE INCREASE

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

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, water is a human right. We can't live without it, but far too often our government treats it as just another product to be sold.

In Michigan, the Great Lakes Water Authority voted to increase water rates by 5.9 percent and sewage rates by 4.5 percent. They approved these unaffordable increases despite unanimous and passionate public opposition, Mr. Speaker.

I want folks to imagine how it feels for many of our residents in Detroit who have been living out of hotels for weeks after a massive water main break flooded their neighborhood, their homes, and even their vehicles. Now they are going to have to be paying more for their water.

The Trump administration is already slashing every critical support program that the most vulnerable in our communities, especially our seniors, rely on to pay their bills. This will mean more water shutoffs and more stories of families melting snow and harvesting rainwater to shower and cook with.

Our policy has to meet our principles. Water must be a human right in the United States of America.

CELEBRATING PERSIAN NEW YEAR

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

Ms. ANSARI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the contributions of the Iranian-American community and all those who celebrate Nowruz, the Persian New Year.

Alongside Congresswoman LOFGREN, I am proud to introduce two pieces of legislation today, one which designates March as Iranian-American Heritage Month and the other to provide congressional recognition of Nowruz.

At the same time, I recognize the fear and pain in many communities about the Trump administration's war on immigrants and refugees. I was proud to lead a letter of over 30 Democrats to the President urging him to reconsider an immoral and harmful potential travel ban.

Each year, millions of people around the world join together in celebration of the Persian New Year. The roots lie

in ancient, secular Persian traditions and an annual celebration of rebirth, renewal, and community.

I am proud to host perhaps the first Haft Seen table in the Halls of Congress outside of my office, and I thank the many individuals who helped put it together, especially Mitra Ghahramani and Parisa Bahadoran of Designs by Mitra.

This is such a meaningful time for me, as the daughter of Iranian immigrants, and I am honored to be celebrating our community in this special way.

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.

COST-SHARE ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2025

Mr. BABIN. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 359) to Amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to require reporting relating to certain cost-share requirements, and for other purposes.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 359

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 "Cost-Share Accountability Act of 2025".

SEC. 2. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.

Section 988 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (42 U.S.C. 16352) is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

"(g) REPORTING.—Not later than 120 days after the date of the enactment of this subsection and at least quarterly thereafter, the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology and Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources and the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate, and shall make publicly available, a report on the use by the Department during the period covered by the report of the authority to reduce or eliminate cost-sharing requirements provided by subsection (b)(3) or (c)(2)."

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. BABIN) and the gentlewoman from Michigan (Ms. STEVENS) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Texas.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. BABIN. 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. 359, the bill now under consideration.

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

There was no objection.

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

H.R. 359, the Cost-Share Accountability Act of 2025, is a good government bill that does exactly what it says: It improves accountability.

Led by Mr. OBERNOLTE, this bill requires the Department of Energy (DOE) to submit a quarterly report to Congress describing instances where it has modified or waived cost-share requirements and make these reports publicly available.

DOE is subject to cost-share requirements when making awards for research, development, demonstration, and commercial application activities. This means that each project must have a certain funding percentage, usually at least 50 percent, contributed by the award recipient. However, DOE can modify or eliminate those requirements, when necessary, which is an authority that can be critical to supporting early-stage technologies.

H.R. 359 does not prevent DOE from waiving cost-share requirements. It simply ensures that any changes are reported to Congress and are made public. Transparency and accountability are important because they allow us to track how taxpayer dollars are spent once appropriated to DOE.

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

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

I join the chairman of the committee to rise in support of the Cost-Share Accountability Act of 2025.

I thank the gentleman from California (Mr. OBERNOLTE) and the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. FOSTER) for reintroducing this bipartisan, commonsense bill.

The Department of Energy spends billions of dollars every year supporting research, development, demonstration, and commercialization activities. Per the Energy Policy Act of 2005, the Department of Energy requires not less than 20 percent for research and development and not less than 50 percent for demonstration or commercial application activities to be provided from a non-Federal source so that all stakeholders have some skin in the game and to control costs for taxpayers.

To ensure that the cost-match requirement is not a barrier to entry, the Secretary of Energy has the discretion to reduce or eliminate this cost-share requirement if the Secretary determines that it is necessary or appropriate to do so.

While it is important that the Secretary has this flexibility, current law contains no permanent requirement for the Department of Energy to notify Congress of the use of this flexible au-

thority to reduce or eliminate such requirements.

Thus, H.R. 359, the Cost-Share Accountability Act of 2025, will direct the Department of Energy to provide quarterly reporting requirements to Congress on the use of the Secretary of Energy's cost-share waiver authority. This bill would ensure that Congress is able to perform its oversight responsibilities and help inform future potential legislation to modify the cost-share requirements.

Mr. Speaker, I again thank our colleagues from both sides of the aisle for introducing and reintroducing this bipartisan bill. I urge everyone to vote "yes" on H.R. 359, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. BABIN. Mr. Speaker, I yield as much time as he may consume to the gentleman from California (Mr. OBERNOLTE) to speak on his bill.

Mr. OBERNOLTE. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to rise in support of my bill, H.R. 359, the Cost-Share Accountability Act of 2025. I thank my colleague and my friend from Illinois, Congressman BILL FOSTER, for leading this bipartisan piece of legislation with me.

Mr. Speaker, cutting-edge research and development and energy technology is often catalyzed through grants awarded by the Department of Energy. Normally those grants come with a cost-sharing requirement usually of around 50 percent. That is important because it makes sure that the entity that the grant is awarded to has some skin in the game, and it also ensures the taxpayers get the best value for their dollar when that grant is performed. However, the Department of Energy has the ability under Federal law to waive or reduce that grant amount.

It has become clear in recent years that it is not transparent when the DOE uses that authority. It is hampering our ability as Members of Congress to provide the oversight necessary into the activities of the DOE.

This bill will impose a quarterly reporting requirement on the Department of Energy during which they must report to Congress and the public occasions under which in the last 90 days they have utilized the ability to reduce or eliminate the cost-share requirement. This will provide us in Congress the information we need to do our job of oversight, and it will also make sure that the ability to reduce or eliminate the cost sharing is used appropriately and in appropriate circumstances.

Mr. Speaker, this is transparent, bipartisan, good government legislation, and I urge my colleagues to vote "yes."

Ms. STEVENS. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time.

Mr. Speaker, it is a thing of beauty to watch Mr. OBERNOLTE and Mr. FOSTER legislate together. I have seen it for a number of years on the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology. It is one of the reasons

why I am so excited for H.R. 359 and to see its passage here in the House of Representatives.

Mr. Speaker, I thank my colleagues for introducing this bill and for their work. I urge a very strong "yes" vote on H.R. 359, and I yield back the balance of my time.

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

Mr. Speaker, this bill passed the House with unanimous support in the 118th Congress and is a prime example of the bipartisan backing for Congress' role in overseeing transparent and efficient spending by Federal agencies. I thank Representative OBERNOLTE for leading this legislation again in the 119th Congress and Representative FOSTER for cosponsoring it.

Mr. Speaker, I urge all my colleagues to join me in support of this bill, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Texas (Mr. BABIN) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 359.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the ayes have it.

Mr. BABIN. 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 motion will be postponed.

MATHEMATICAL AND STATISTICAL MODELING EDUCATION ACT

Mr. BABIN. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 730) to coordinate Federal research and development efforts focused on modernizing mathematics in STEM education through mathematical and statistical modeling, including data-driven and computational thinking, problem, project, and performance-based learning and assessment, interdisciplinary exploration, and career connections, and for other purposes, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 730

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 "Mathematical and Statistical Modeling Education Act".

SEC. 2. MATHEMATICAL AND STATISTICAL MODELING EDUCATION.

(a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

(1) The mathematics taught in schools, including statistical problem solving and data science, is not keeping pace with the rapidly evolving needs of the public and private sector, resulting in a STEM skills shortage and employers needing to expend resources to train and upskill employees.

(2) According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the United States will need 1,000,000