

Mr. BOST. 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.

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DELIVER FOR VETERANS ACT

Mr. BOST. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 877) to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand the authority of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide or assist in providing a vehicle adapted for operation by a disabled individual to certain eligible persons, by paying expenses associated with the delivery of such vehicle, and for other purposes, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 877

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 "Deliver for Veterans Act".

SEC. 2. AUTHORITY OF THE SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS TO PAY COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE DELIVERY OF AN ADAPTIVE VEHICLE TO AN ELIGIBLE PERSON.

Section 3902(a) of title 38, United States Code, is amended by striking "by paying the total purchase price of the automobile or other conveyance" and inserting "by paying the total purchase price of the automobile or other conveyance, and the total shipping price to deliver the automobile or other conveyance to the veteran".

SEC. 3. EXTENSION OF CERTAIN LIMITATION OF PENSION PAYMENTS.

Section 5503(d)(7) of title 38, United States Code, is amended by striking "November 30, 2031" and inserting "March 31, 2032".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. BOST) and the gentleman from California (Mr. TAKANO) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Illinois.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. BOST. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks on H.R. 877, as amended.

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

There was no objection.

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

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 877, as amended, offered by my friend and colleague, the delegate from Guam (Mr. MOYLAN).

H.R. 877, as amended, would allow the VA to pay for the shipping price of specially adapted vehicles for disabled veterans. Currently, service-connected disabled veterans who are unable to drive due to their disability can work with the VA to get a vehicle that is adapted for their use.

This is an important program and helps disabled veterans in their daily lives by allowing them to drive to medical appointments, to the grocery store, and to work. Unfortunately, shipping costs are not currently covered, creating a financial burden on veterans who want to make their lives better.

While this might not be an issue for some veterans, other veterans are unable to get a vehicle adapted for them because there are no resources capable of making the vital modifications nearby.

Delegate MOYLAN's bill would correct this issue by including shipping costs in the \$24,000 the VA provides to support veterans who are having trouble accessing the resources they need for any adapted vehicle.

In a time when bureaucracy is getting in the way of doing what is best for our veterans, Congress must intervene to eliminate the red tape and provide the necessary assistance our veterans deserve.

This bill would do just that and would save hundreds of dollars for disabled veterans across the country. It would also ensure that the disabled veterans have the ability to get to a job and earn money to support themselves and their families.

I thank the DAV and the VFW for supporting this bill last Congress and for their tireless work on the Hill advocating for this legislation.

Mr. Speaker, I urge all my colleagues to support H.R. 877, as amended, and I reserve the balance of my time.

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

Mr. Speaker, I rise to express my support for H.R. 877, the Deliver for Veterans Act. This bill would make it easier for disabled veterans to obtain the adaptive automobiles they are entitled to through their service-connected disability. If signed into law, this bill could save veterans tens of thousands of dollars on shipping costs of vehicles.

Two Congresses ago, we passed the Veterans Auto and Education Improvement Act, a bill authored by Ranking Member MIKE LEVIN and Representative LIZZIE FLETCHER, which expanded the adaptive auto benefit for veterans, allowing them to get a new vehicle if 10 years have passed since last using the benefit.

This bill from Representative MOYLAN builds upon that work by simplifying the process for veterans who require their adaptive vehicle to be shipped. This includes veterans who live in areas such as Guam, Puerto Rico, and the Northern Mariana Islands.

Again, I support the substance of this bill, but I think we should have a very serious conversation about the majority's choice to perpetuate cutting veterans' pensions. I believe that we should include this item in any negotiations with the Senate before this bill becomes law.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues in the House and Senate to support this

bill, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. BOST. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the delegate from Guam (Mr. MOYLAN).

Mr. MOYLAN. Mr. Speaker, I thank the chairman for yielding time.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of my bill, H.R. 877, the Deliver for Veterans Act, a critical piece of legislation addressing challenges faced by veterans in remote areas, including Guam.

As the Representative of a region where the unavailability of adaptive vehicles poses a significant barrier to our veterans, I urge my colleagues to support this essential measure.

Veterans in remote districts across our Nation face immense challenges because of the lack of access to adaptive vehicles. These vehicles are essential for veterans with disabilities to lead independent and fulfilling lives.

Unfortunately, the high cost of shipping to remote areas has created an insurmountable obstacle for many of our veterans. They are forced to cover the expensive shipping fee, a cost that should not be borne by those who have already sacrificed so much for our country.

Whether it is for medical appointments, running errands, or simply visiting family and friends, adaptive vehicles are a lifeline for veterans in Guam. H.R. 877 will provide much-needed relief to our veterans, ensuring that they can access the support and services they rightfully deserve without facing financial hardships.

Let us stand together in solidarity with our veterans in Guam and all areas around the world and ensure that they receive the support they need and deserve.

Mr. Speaker, I implore each and every one of my esteemed colleagues to join me in supporting H.R. 877, the Deliver for Veterans Act.

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

Mr. Speaker, I ask all my colleagues to join me in passing H.R. 877, the Deliver for Veterans Act, and I yield back the balance of my time.

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

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BARRETT). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. BOST) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 877, as amended.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

FAIRNESS FOR SERVICEMEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES ACT OF 2025

Mr. BOST. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill

(H.R. 970) to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to periodically review the automatic maximum coverage under the Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance program and the Veterans' Group Life Insurance program, and for other purposes.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 970

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 "Fairness for Servicemembers and their Families Act of 2025".

SEC. 2. PERIODIC REVIEW OF AUTOMATIC MAXIMUM COVERAGE UNDER SERVICEMEMBERS' GROUP LIFE INSURANCE AND VETERANS' GROUP LIFE INSURANCE.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter III of chapter 19 of title 38, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new section:

"§ 1980B. Periodic review of automatic maximum coverage

"(a) IN GENERAL.—On January 1, 2026, and every five years thereafter, the Secretary shall—

"(1) complete a review of how the amount specified in section 1967(a)(3)(A)(i) compares to the amount described in subsection (b); and

"(2) submit to the Committees on Veterans' Affairs of the House of Representatives and the Senate the results of the review, which may serve as a guide for coverage increases within the existing administrative incremental structure.

"(b) AMOUNT DESCRIBED.—The amount described in this subsection is the amount equal to—

"(1) \$500,000; multiplied by

"(2) the average percentage by which the Consumer Price Index changed during the five fiscal years preceding the review under subsection (a).

"(c) CONSUMER PRICE INDEX DEFINED.—In this section, the term 'Consumer Price Index' means the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the Department of Labor."

(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections at the beginning of chapter 19 of such title is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 1980A the following new item:

"1980B. Periodic review of automatic maximum coverage."

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. BOST) and the gentleman from California (Mr. TAKANO) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Illinois.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. BOST. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks on H.R. 970.

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

There was no objection.

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

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 970 offered by my colleague from Washington (Ms. STRICKLAND).

H.R. 970 would require the VA to regularly review and compare the maximum coverage for VA life insurance programs to keep them in line with the average cost-of-living changes.

The maximum coverage of these programs is provided by law and under current law does not automatically adjust for changes in cost of living. Any increases in the maximum coverage for these programs require congressional action.

We must ensure that we have all the data we need to make an informed decision on whether the maximum coverage has kept pace with the cost of living. The bill would help us do that by ensuring that the VA sends Congress the results of the VA review so that we can decide whether to adjust the maximum coverage for VA life insurance programs.

We are duty bound to ensure that the families of our veterans are taken care of after their loved one passes away. This commonsense bill would provide us with the data to help Congress do just that.

Mr. Speaker, I urge all my colleagues to support H.R. 970, and I reserve the balance of my time.

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

Mr. Speaker, I rise to express my support for H.R. 970, the Fairness for Servicemembers and their Families Act of 2025.

Mr. Speaker, just a few short years ago we increased the maximum coverage amount under the Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance (SGLI) program and the Veterans' Group Life Insurance (VGLI) program from \$400,000 to \$500,000. Prior to that, however, those maximum coverage amounts had not been increased since 2005, clearly failing to keep pace with inflation.

To ensure that we are not waiting another decade or more to improve this benefit for our servicemembers and veterans, my good friend Representative MARILYN STRICKLAND has introduced this bill which requires the VA to periodically review coverage amounts every 5 years and report to Congress what the level of benefits would be if adjusted for inflation over that period. This will allow Congress to regularly make a more informed decision about whether or not these maximum coverage amounts should be increased.

Mr. Speaker, this is commonsense legislation that allows Congress to better do our job to support servicemembers, veterans, and their families. This legislation passed the House last Congress, and I encourage my colleagues to support it once again.

Mr. Speaker, I now yield 3 minutes to the gentlewoman from the State of Washington (Ms. STRICKLAND), my good friend and author of this bill. She currently serves on the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and the House Committee on Armed Services.

Ms. STRICKLAND. Mr. Speaker, I thank Representative TAKANO for yielding time.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to express my support for my bill, H.R. 970, the Fairness for Servicemembers and their Families Act of 2025.

I first thank Chairmen BOST and LUTTRELL and Ranking Members TAKANO and MCGARVEY for working with me to get this bill to the floor. I also thank my partners in this effort, Congressman KEITH SELF and Senator JOHN CORNYN.

The Fairness for Servicemembers and their Families Act will help ensure that life insurance benefits for servicemembers and veterans account for changes in the economy.

This bill will require the Department of Veterans Affairs to periodically review and report on the maximum coverage available under the Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance and Veterans' Group Life Insurance. Accurate and reliable data will allow the VA to make necessary policy adjustments to ensure accurate payments.

I have the honor of representing Joint Base Lewis-McChord, home to tens of thousands of servicemembers and their families. Our servicemembers courageously put their lives on the line for our country, and we must secure the well-being of their families and loved ones in the event of a tragedy.

Servicemembers' life insurance plans must keep pace with economic demands. A robust life insurance policy can provide a grieving family with the financial security they need to navigate the loss of their loved ones and do so with dignity.

The brave men and women who sacrifice their lives deserve peace of mind, knowing their families will be taken care of. For nearly two decades, the maximum coverage of the Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance and Veterans' Group Life Insurance programs has been stagnant, even as the costs of housing, goods, and services have risen over the past 20 years.

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This bill ensures that these programs are reviewed periodically to verify their value sufficiently and to make sure they are updated to the current CPI or Consumer Price Index.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this bill. I thank my colleagues for their unwavering commitment to supporting veterans. I look forward to it being passed and signed into law.

Mr. TAKANO. Mr. Speaker, I have no further speakers. I yield myself the balance of my time for the purpose of closing.

Mr. Speaker, I ask all my colleagues to join me in passing H.R. 970, the Fairness for Servicemembers and Their Families Act, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. BOST. Mr. Speaker, I urge all my colleagues to support H.R. 970, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. BOST) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 970.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

REGULATING IMPORTS WITH A RECIPROCAL TARIFF TO RECTIFY TRADE PRACTICES THAT CONTRIBUTE TO LARGE AND PERSISTENT ANNUAL UNITED STATES GOODS TRADE DEFICITS—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (H. DOC. NO. 119-37)

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following message from the President of the United States; which was read and, together with the accompanying papers, referred to the Committees on Foreign Affairs and Ways and Means and ordered to be printed:

To the Congress of the United States:

Consistent with applicable law, including the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1601 *et seq.*) (NEA) and the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701 *et seq.*) (IEEPA), I am providing notice of certain actions I have taken to deal with the unusual and extraordinary threat to the United States' economy and national security posed by the underlying conditions of our trade with foreign nations, including a lack of reciprocity in our bilateral trade relationships, disparate tariff rates and non-tariff barriers, and foreign economic policies that suppress domestic wages and consumption, as indicated by large and persistent annual U.S. goods trade deficits. That threat has its source in whole or substantial part outside the United States in the domestic economic policies of key trading partners and structural imbalances in the global trading system. In my judgement, action under the NEA and IEEPA is necessary and appropriate to deal with the unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and economy of the United States.

Executive Order 14257 of April 2, 2025 (Regulating Imports with a Reciprocal Tariff to Rectify Trade Practices that Contribute to Large and Persistent Annual United States Goods Trade Deficits) (the "Executive Order"), declares a national emergency arising from non-reciprocal trade as evidenced by large and persistent annual U.S. goods trade deficits. Such trade deficits have led to the hollowing out of our manufacturing base; inhibited our ability to scale advanced domestic manufacturing capacity; undermined critical supply chains; and rendered our defense-industrial base dependent on foreign adversaries.

To deal with this national emergency, I have determined that it is necessary and appropriate to impose additional *ad valorem* duties on imports of goods from our trading partners under IEEPA. The additional *ad valorem* du-

ties shall be imposed on imports of goods from all U.S. trading partners at varying rates, subject to exceptions specified in the Executive Order. The specific foreign trading partners, and the applicable duty rate for each trading partner, are listed in Annexes I and III of the Executive Order. It is necessary to apply additional duties on the imports of goods from all U.S. trading partners to reduce the overall U.S. global goods trade deficit and incentivize trading partners to take significant steps to remedy non-reciprocal trade practices, as well as align sufficiently with the United States on economic and national security matters.

My Administration will continue to consult with the Congress on our efforts to deal with the unusual and extraordinary threat described in this report and the Executive Order. As described in the Executive Order, the United States Trade Representative, in consultation with the Secretary of State, the Secretary of the Treasury, the Secretary of Commerce, the Secretary of Homeland Security, the Assistant to the President for Economic Policy, the Senior Counselor for Trade and Manufacturing, and the Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs, is authorized to submit recurring and final reports to the Congress on this national emergency.

The Executive Order further explains the circumstances that necessitate the exercise of authority under IEEPA and the NEA; why I found that those circumstances constitute an unusual and extraordinary threat, which has its source in whole or substantial part outside the United States, to the national security and economy of the United States; the authorities exercised and the actions to be taken to deal with those circumstances; why I determined that such actions are necessary to deal with those circumstances; and the foreign countries with respect to which such actions are to be taken and why such actions are to be taken with respect to those countries.

I am enclosing a copy of the Executive Order I have issued.

DONALD J. TRUMP.
THE WHITE HOUSE, April 7, 2025.

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The SPEAKER pro tempore. Accordingly (at 5 o'clock and 34 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until approximately 6:30 p.m. today.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. NEWHOUSE) at 6 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:

Motions to suspend the rules and pass:

H.R. 586; and,
H.R. 1039.

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.

VIETNAM VETERANS LIVER FLUKE CANCER STUDY ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 586) to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to study and report on the prevalence of cholangiocarcinoma in veterans who served in the Vietnam theater of operations during the Vietnam era, and for other purposes, as amended, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. BOST) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 411, nays 0, not voting 22, as follows:

[Roll No. 89]

YEAS—411

Adams	Calvert	DeGette
Aderholt	Cammack	DeLauro
Aguilar	Carbajal	DeBene
Alford	Carey	Deluzio
Allen	Carson	DeSaulnier
Amo	Carter (GA)	DesJarlais
Amodei (NV)	Carter (LA)	Dexter
Ansari	Carter (TX)	Diaz-Balart
Arrington	Casar	Dingell
Auchincloss	Case	Doggett
Bacon	Casten	Donalds
Baird	Castor (FL)	Downing
Balderson	Castro (TX)	Dunn (FL)
Balint	Chu	Edwards
Barr	Ciscomani	Elfreth
Barragán	Cisneros	Ellzey
Barrett	Clark (MA)	Emmer
Baumgartner	Clarke (NY)	Escobar
Bean (FL)	Cleaver	Español
Beatty	Cline	Estes
Begich	Cloud	Evans (CO)
Bell	Clyburn	Evans (PA)
Bentz	Clyde	Ezell
Bera	Cohen	Fallon
Bergman	Cole	Fedorchak
Beyer	Collins	Feenstra
Bice	Conaway	Fields
Biggs (AZ)	Correa	Figures
Biggs (SC)	Costa	Fine
Bilirakis	Courtney	Finstad
Bishop	Craig	Fischbach
Boebert	Crane	Fitzgerald
Bonamici	Crank	Fitzpatrick
Bost	Crawford	Fleischmann
Boyle (PA)	Crenshaw	Fletcher
Brecheen	Crockett	Flood
Bresnahan	Crow	Foster
Brown	Cuellar	Foushee
Brownley	Davids (KS)	Fox
Buchanan	Davidson	Frankel, Lois
Budzinski	Davis (IL)	Franklin, Scott
Burchett	Davis (NC)	Friedman
Burlison	De La Cruz	Frost
Bynum	Dean (PA)	Fry