

introduction of diseases and parasites that threaten humans, livestock, and pets.

These actions pose severe threats to our national wetlands, which are essential habitats for waterfowl and other wildlife and act as buffers for extreme weather events.

According to estimates, if measures had not been adopted to control and eradicate nutria in Maryland's Chesapeake Bay, nutria could have destroyed 17 percent of the bay's marshes in just a few years.

In 2003, the Nutria Eradication and Control Act authorized the Secretary of the Interior to provide financial assistance to Maryland and Louisiana for a program to eradicate or control nutria and restore marshland damaged by nutria.

In 2020, Congress passed Representative HARDER's bill to amend the Nutria Eradication and Control Act to include California, which faced a rapidly expanding breeding population of nutria in the San Joaquin Valley and adjacent areas. That bill also gave the Secretary of the Interior discretion to provide funding to States adversely affected by growing nutria populations through fiscal year 2025. This bill before us today would extend that authority to fiscal year 2030.

The Nutria Eradication and Control Act has significantly reduced nutria populations in all three States. In Maryland, nutria were entirely eradicated from Chesapeake Bay in 2022. In California, captures peaked in 2020 and have been steadily declining, but they are not yet fully eradicated.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this bill so this important work can continue, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. WESTERMAN. Madam Speaker, I commend Representative HARDER for his bipartisan work and his hard work to bring this important bill to the floor.

Madam Speaker, I have no further requests for time. I am prepared to close, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. ANSARI. Madam Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from California (Mr. HARDER), the sponsor of the bill.

Mr. HARDER of California. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of my bill, the Nutria Eradication and Control Reauthorization Act of 2025, because communities in California and across the country are in a war right now against these giant swamp rats.

My bill would reauthorize funding to strengthen eradication efforts for the invasive swamp rats, nutria, which are destroying our levees, harming local farmland, and infecting our very drinking water.

These 40-pound monsters are larger than the average dog. They eat 25 percent of their body weight every day and can reproduce 200 offspring every single year.

In 2023 alone, 78 percent of the nutria found in California were in newly in-

festated areas, threatening our entire way of life. The only way to stop their spreading invasion is to support local eradication and control efforts.

In 2020, I was proud to work with President Trump to bring nutria eradication funding to California for the first time ever. Now, the funding is set to expire at the end of this fiscal year, right when we need it most. This comes at a time when our district is at a breaking point with nutria control efforts.

Last year, more than 1,300 nutria were captured in California, which is a record-breaking year for takings in the State.

We must reauthorize the Nutria Eradication and Control Act of 2003 to ensure States like California, Louisiana, and Florida are able to effectively curb the spread of this swamp rat once and for all.

We know that following wildlife management techniques to control and eradicate nutria is effective. For instance, the Chesapeake Bay region successfully eradicated nutria from their communities in 2018 after almost two decades of infestation.

We can't afford to let our foot off of the gas in California now. It is up to us to reauthorize this program to ensure that nutria is not only eradicated in the Chesapeake Bay region but in the United States.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to pass my bill to stop this infestation from poisoning our waterways and damaging our communities. I also want to take the time to thank my colleague, Mr. VALADAO, for his tireless support of this legislation.

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Ms. ANSARI. Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this bill, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. WESTERMAN. Madam Speaker, H.R. 776 would reauthorize a program that has proven very effective in protecting our country's vital wetlands and marshes from destructive invasive species. While great work has been accomplished in controlling these invasive pests, or swamp rats, as my colleague called them, continuing the nutria eradication program is crucial to ensuring our native species of plants and animals can recover.

Madam Speaker, I note that if gators and Cajuns can't eradicate these things from south Louisiana, we know our friends in the Central Valley need help, as well. I thank my colleagues for their diligent work on this bill, and I urge all Members to support this common-sense, bipartisan legislation.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Arkansas (Mr. WESTERMAN) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 776.

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. WESTERMAN. 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 motion will be postponed.

## 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.

Accordingly (at 4 o'clock and 46 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. WEBER of Texas) 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. 43, and

H.R. 776.

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.

## ALASKA NATIVE VILLAGE MUNICIPAL LANDS RESTORATION ACT OF 2025

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. 43) to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act to provide that Village Corporations shall not be required to convey land in trust to the State of Alaska for the establishment of Municipal Corporations, and for other purposes, 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 Arkansas (Mr. WESTERMAN) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 412, nays 1, not voting 20, as follows:

[Roll No. 28]

YEAS—412

Adams	Arrington	Barragán
Aderholt	Auchincloss	Barrett
Aguilar	Babin	Baumgartner
Alford	Bacon	Bean (FL)
Allen	Baird	Beatty
Amo	Balderson	Begich
Amodei (NV)	Balint	Bell
Ansari	Barr	Bentz

Bera  
Bergman  
Beyer  
Bice  
Biggs (AZ)  
Biggs (SC)  
Bilirakis  
Bishop  
Boebert  
Bonamici  
Bost  
Boyle (PA)  
Brecheen  
Bresnahan  
Brown  
Brownley  
Buchanan  
Budzinski  
Burchett  
Burlison  
Bynum  
Calvert  
Cammack  
Carbajal  
Carey  
Carson  
Carter (GA)  
Carter (LA)  
Carter (TX)  
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Case  
Casten  
Castor (FL)  
Castro (TX)  
Cherfilus-  
McCormick  
Chu  
Ciscomani  
Cisneros  
Clark (MA)  
Clarke (NY)  
Cleaver  
Cline  
Cloud  
Clyburn  
Clyde  
Cohen  
Cole  
Collins  
Comer  
Conaway  
Connolly  
Correa  
Costa  
Courtney  
Craig  
Crane  
Crank  
Crawford  
Crenshaw  
Crockett  
Crow  
Cuellar  
Davids (KS)  
Davidson  
Davis (IL)  
Davis (NC)  
De La Cruz  
Dean (PA)  
DeGette  
DeLauro  
DelBene  
Deluzio  
DesJarlais  
Dexter  
Diaz-Balart  
Dingell  
Doggett  
Donalds  
Downing  
Dunn (FL)  
Edwards  
Elfreth  
Ellzey  
Emmer  
Escobar  
Espallat  
Estes  
Evans (CO)  
Evans (PA)  
Ezell  
Fallon  
Fedorchak  
Feenstra  
Fields  
Figures  
Finstad  
Fischbach  
Fitzpatrick

Fleischmann  
Fletcher  
Flood  
Fong  
Foster  
Foushee  
Foxy  
Frankel, Lois  
Franklin, Scott  
Friedman  
Frost  
Fry  
Fulcher  
Garamendi  
Garbarino  
Garcia (CA)  
Garcia (IL)  
Garcia (TX)  
Gill (TX)  
Gillen  
Gimenez  
Golden (ME)  
Goldman (NY)  
Goldman (TX)  
Gomez  
Gonzales, Tony  
Gooden  
Goodlander  
Gosar  
Gray  
Green (TN)  
Green, Al (TX)  
Greene (GA)  
Griffith  
Grothman  
Guest  
Guthrie  
Hageman  
Hamadeh (AZ)  
Harder (CA)  
Haridopolos  
Harrigan  
Harris (MD)  
Harris (NC)  
Harshbarger  
Hayes  
Hern (OK)  
Hill (AR)  
Himes  
Hinson  
Horsford  
Hoyer  
Hoyle (OR)  
Hudson  
Huffman  
Huizenga  
Hunt  
Hurd (CO)  
Issa  
Ivey  
Jack  
Jackson (IL)  
Jackson (TX)  
Jacobs  
James  
Jeffries  
Johnson (GA)  
Johnson (LA)  
Johnson (SD)  
Johnson (TX)  
Jordan  
Joyce (OH)  
Joyce (PA)  
Kamlager-Dove  
Kaptur  
Kean  
Keating  
Kelly (IL)  
Kelly (MS)  
Kelly (PA)  
Kennedy (NY)  
Kennedy (UT)  
Khanna  
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Kiley (CA)  
Kim  
Knott  
Krishnamoorthi  
LaHood  
LaLota  
LaMalfa  
Landsman  
Langworthy  
Larsen (WA)  
Larson (CT)  
Latimer  
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Lawler  
Lee (FL)

Lee (NV)  
Lee (PA)  
Leger Fernandez  
Letlow  
Levin  
Liccardo  
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Loudermilk  
Lucas  
Luna  
Luttrell  
Lynch  
Mace  
Mackenzie  
Magaziner  
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Maloy  
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Massie  
Mast  
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McBath  
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McClintock  
McCollum  
McCormick  
McDonald Rivet  
McDowell  
McGarvey  
McGovern  
McGuire  
McIver  
Meeks  
Menendez  
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Messmer  
Meuser  
Miller (IL)  
Miller (OH)  
Miller-Meeks  
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Moore (AL)  
Moore (NC)  
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Moore (WI)  
Moore (WV)  
Moran  
Morelle  
Morrison  
Moskowitz  
Moulton  
Mrvan  
Nadler  
Neal  
Neguse  
Newhouse  
Norcross  
Norman  
Nunn (IA)  
Oberholte  
Ocasio-Cortez  
Ogles  
Olszewski  
Omar  
Onder  
Owens  
Pallone  
Palmer  
Panetta  
Pappas  
Pelosi  
Perez  
Perry  
Peters  
Pfluger  
Pingree  
Pocan  
Pou  
Pressley  
Quigley  
Ramirez  
Randall  
Raskin  
Reschenthaler  
Riley (NY)  
Rivas  
Rogers (AL)  
Rogers (KY)  
Rose  
Ross  
Rouzer  
Roy

Ruiz  
Rulli  
Rutherford  
Ryan  
Salazar  
Salinas  
Sánchez  
Scalise  
Scanlon  
Schakowsky  
Schmidt  
Schneider  
Scholten  
Schrier  
Schweikert  
Scott (VA)  
Scott, Austin  
Scott, David  
Self  
Sessions  
Sewell  
Sherman  
Sherrill  
Shreve  
Simon  
Smith (MO)  
Smith (NE)  
Smith (NJ)  
Smith (WA)  
Smucker  
Sorensen

Soto  
Spartz  
Stansbury  
Stanton  
Staubert  
Stefanik  
Steil  
Steube  
Stevens  
Strickland  
Strong  
Stutzman  
Subramanyam  
Suozi  
Swallow  
Sykes  
Takano  
Taylor  
Tenney  
Thanedar  
Thompson (CA)  
Thompson (MS)  
Thompson (PA)  
Tiffany  
Timmons  
Titus  
Tlaib  
Tokuda  
Tonko  
Torres (CA)  
Torres (NY)

Trahan  
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Turner (TX)  
Underwood  
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Van Dune  
Van Orden  
Vargas  
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Veasey  
Velázquez  
Vindman  
Wagner  
Walberg  
Wasserman  
Schultz  
Waters  
Watson Coleman  
Weber (TX)  
Webster (FL)  
Westerman  
Whitesides  
Wied  
Williams (GA)  
Williams (TX)  
Wilson (SC)  
Wittman  
Womack  
Yakym  
Zinke

## NAYS—1

Lofgren

## NOT VOTING—20

DeSaulnier  
Fitzgerald  
Gonzalez, V.  
Gottheimer  
Graves  
Grijalva  
Higgins (LA)

Houchin  
Houlahan  
Jayapal  
Kustoff  
Mfume  
Miller (WV)  
Mullin

Murphy  
Nehls  
Pettersen  
Simpson  
Turner (OH)  
Wilson (FL)

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Mr. FIGURES changed his vote from “nay” to “yea.”

So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

## MOMENT OF SILENCE IN REMEMBRANCE OF VICTIMS OF FLIGHT 5342

(Mr. ESTES asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. ESTES. Mr. Speaker, tonight we are gathered on the House floor to honor the men and women who tragically lost their lives on January 29. Together, we represent the districts and States impacted by the heartbreaking crash of Flight 5342 and a United States Army Black Hawk helicopter.

American Eagle Flight 5342 left my hometown of Wichita, Kansas, at 5:22 p.m. with 60 passengers and 4 crew members on board. They were young skaters, a rural Kansas couple, a college student, a group of friends returning from an annual hunting trip, and so many others who were taking a routine flight from the Air Capital to our Nation's Capital.

Their lives came to a tragic end within view of the DCA runway when a collision occurred with a Black Hawk helicopter over the Potomac River. As we know, all 64 passengers and 3 Army soldiers perished.

As we mourn the loss of these 67 individuals, there are truly no words to adequately describe the heartbreak we feel. We grieve with the families and friends they left behind and pray for those in our districts who are still in shock at the loss of their loved ones. Together, we commit to finding answers and to working to ensure another tragedy like this doesn't happen again.

In homes, churches, and community gatherings across the country, Americans have paused to honor the 67 souls who perished last week. Tonight, on this first meeting of the full House since the tragedy, we will do the same.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House observe a moment of silence to remember the lives lost and the families and friends left behind.

The SPEAKER. The Chair asks all Members in the Chamber, as well as Members and staff throughout the Capitol, to please rise for a moment of silence.

## NUTRIA ERADICATION AND CONTROL REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2025

The SPEAKER. 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. 776) to reauthorize the Nutria Eradication and Control Act of 2003, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Arkansas (Mr. WESTERMAN) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill.

This is a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 361, nays 56, not voting 16, as follows:

[Roll No. 29]

## YEAS—361

Adams  
Aderholt  
Aguilar  
Alford  
Allen  
Amo  
Amodei (NV)  
Ansari  
Auchincloss  
Bacon  
Baird  
Balderson  
Balint  
Barr  
Barragán  
Barrett  
Baumgartner  
Beatty  
Begich  
Bell  
Bentz  
Bera  
Bergman  
Beyer  
Bice  
Bilirakis  
Bishop  
Bonamici  
Bost  
Boyle (PA)  
Bresnahan  
Brown  
Brownley  
Buchanan  
Budzinski

Bynum  
Calvert  
Cammack  
Carbajal  
Carey  
Carson  
Carter (GA)  
Carter (LA)  
Carter (TX)  
Casar  
Case  
Casten  
Castor (FL)  
Castro (TX)  
Cherfilus-  
McCormick  
Chu  
Ciscomani  
Cisneros  
Clark (MA)  
Clarke (NY)  
Cleaver  
Clyburn  
Cohen  
Cole  
Collins  
Comer  
Conaway  
Connolly  
Correa  
Costa  
Courtney  
Craig  
Crawford  
Crenshaw

Crockett  
Crow  
Cuellar  
Davids (KS)  
Davis (IL)  
Davis (NC)  
De La Cruz  
Dean (PA)  
DeGette  
DeLauro  
DelBene  
Deluzio  
DesJarlais  
Dexter  
Diaz-Balart  
Dingell  
Doggett  
Donalds  
Dunn (FL)  
Edwards  
Elfreth  
Ellzey  
Emmer  
Escobar  
Espallat  
Evans (CO)  
Evans (PA)  
Ezell  
Fedorchak  
Feenstra  
Fields  
Figures  
Finstad  
Fischbach  
Fitzpatrick