

H.R. 274 is a commonsense, good government bill, and I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting it.

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

Mr. CHAFFETZ. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. HURD), the cosponsor of this bill and someone who has been very involved in this subject.

Mr. HURD. Mr. Speaker, it is way past time that our government reconsiders the way that it views technology. Adherence to decades-old policy regarding technology costs our taxpayers billions of dollars, stifles creativity, and needlessly prevents our government from utilizing private sector technologies.

This bill, the Modernizing Government Travel Act, is simple. It will allow Federal employees to utilize the services of innovative companies while on official travel. Last Congress, as the chairman alluded to, this bill passed the House with overwhelming bipartisan support, 415-0.

Private sector companies have had a tremendous impact on the way that people travel, and we should allow our government to recognize these changes. By widening the scope of reimbursable forms of transportation, we are encouraging the adoption of innovative technologies and promoting competition.

The bill also requires agencies to report what type of transportation their employees are taking while on official travel, and this data will be publicly available, thus increasing transparency and accountability in how taxpayer dollars are being spent.

□ 1645

H.R. 274, as amended, is a sensible piece of legislation that can help modernize our government and ensure that the United States is moving seamlessly into the 21st century.

I want to thank my colleague, Representative MOULTON, for his leadership on this important issue, as well as Representatives MEADOWS, BUSTOS, and SWALWELL for their support for this bill. I ask my colleagues to join me in the support of H.R. 274.

Mr. DESAULNIER. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to my colleague from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (Mr. MOULTON).

Mr. MOULTON. Mr. Speaker, I want to thank my colleague from California for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H.R. 274, the Modernizing Government Travel Act. This legislation is a bipartisan effort that demonstrates a consensus amongst all of us that the Federal Government has failed to keep pace with the technological advances and innovation that have come to define the 21st century.

Despite the emergence of new technologies designed to improve the way we travel, today, some Federal employees are unable to be reimbursed for using more cost-effective, innovative

modes of transportation when traveling on official business.

Innovative ridesharing services supported by mobile apps have dramatically changed how we get from one place to another. Now, with just a few taps on a phone, we can access a variety of new transportation options like rideshare, carshare, and bikeshare that complement rapid transit, take more cars off our congested roads, and reduce fuel emissions. According to a recent study, 52 percent of people using transit for work-related travel chose to use ride-hailing services and other innovative technologies.

While the General Services Administration allows agencies to authorize the use of these transportation options by Federal employees, it has not nor is it required by law to issue comprehensive guidance across the Federal Government.

H.R. 274 would require the General Services Administration to implement regulations to allow Federal employees to use transportation options like rideshare and bikeshare for official travel. The GSA Administrator would be required to submit annual reports to Congress on the implementation of these regulations and the resulting amount of government savings.

I want to thank my friend and colleague, Representative HURD, for working with me on this legislation, as well as Representatives SWALWELL, ISSA, MEADOWS, and BUSTOS for their support. This is truly a bipartisan effort that will increase the Federal Government's engagement in the sharing economy while saving taxpayer dollars.

I urge all of my colleagues to support this legislation.

Mr. DESAULNIER. Mr. Speaker, I have no further speakers, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. CHAFFETZ. Mr. Speaker, I want to thank Mr. MOULTON, first and foremost, for his service to our country, serving in the armed services. We really do appreciate that. I can't thank him enough for that service. But I also appreciate him bringing forward this bill and his working with the gentleman from Texas (Mr. HURD) and the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. MEADOWS).

I appreciate what Mr. DESAULNIER and our ranking member on our committee, Mr. CUMMINGS, have done, too, to help move this bill forward.

So there was good, broad, bipartisan support, strong support in the 114th Congress, passing unanimously, with 415 votes. I think it is worthy to bring this up early in the Congress and get on with the idea of saving money and taking advantage of technology, as Mr. HURD said and as Mr. MOULTON talked about as well, save some money and tap into the technology that is available to save money for the government and, ultimately, for the taxpayers. It is their money indeed. So I would urge its passage.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Utah (Mr. CHAFFETZ) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 274, 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.

## 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 4 o'clock and 50 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1720

## AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. JENKINS of West Virginia) at 5 o'clock and 20 minutes p.m.

## HELPING ANGELS LEAD OUR STARTUPS ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 33 and rule XVIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the further consideration of the bill, H.R. 79.

Will the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. WOODALL) kindly take the chair.

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## IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Accordingly, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 79) to clarify the definition of general solicitation under Federal securities law, with Mr. WOODALL (Acting Chair) in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The Acting CHAIR. When the Committee of the Whole rose earlier today, a request for a recorded vote on amendment No. 2 printed in part B of House Report 115-2 offered by the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. CLAY) had been postponed.

## ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE ACTING CHAIR

The Acting CHAIR. Pursuant to clause 6 of rule XVIII, proceedings will now resume on those amendments printed in part B of House Report 115-2 on which further proceedings were postponed in the following order:

Amendment No. 1 by Ms. VELÁZQUEZ of New York.

Amendment No. 2 by Mr. CLAY of Missouri.

The Chair will reduce to 2 minutes the minimum time for any electronic vote after the first vote in this series.

## AMENDMENT NO. 1 OFFERED BY MS. VELÁZQUEZ

The Acting CHAIR. The unfinished business is the demand for a recorded

vote on the amendment offered by the gentlewoman from New York (Ms. VELÁZQUEZ) on which further proceedings were postponed and on which the noes prevailed by voice vote.

The Clerk will redesignate the amendment.

The Clerk redesignated the amendment.

## RECORDED VOTE

The Acting CHAIR. A recorded vote has been demanded.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 167, noes 249, not voting 18, as follows:

[Roll No. 29]

AYES—167

Adams	Frankel (FL)	Murphy (FL)
Aguilar	Fudge	Nadler
Barragán	Gabbard	Napolitano
Bass	Gallego	Neal
Beatty	Garamendi	Nolan
Beyer	Gonzalez (TX)	Norcross
Bishop (GA)	Gottheimer	O'Rourke
Blumenauer	Green, Al	Pallone
Blunt Rochester	Green, Gene	Panetta
Bonamici	Grijalva	Pascrell
Boyle, Brendan	Gutiérrez	Payne
F.	Hanabusa	Pelosi
Brady (PA)	Hastings	Peterson
Brown (MD)	Heck	Pingree
Brownley (CA)	Higgins (NY)	Pocan
Bustos	Hoyer	Price (NC)
Butterfield	Huffman	Quigley
Capuano	Jayapal	Raskin
Carbajal	Jeffries	Richmond
Carson (IN)	Johnson, E. B.	Roybal-Allard
Cartwright	Jones	Ruiz
Castor (FL)	Kaptur	Ruppersberger
Castro (TX)	Keating	Sánchez
Chu, Judy	Kennedy	Sarbanes
Cicilline	Khanna	Schiff
Clark (MA)	Kihuen	Schrader
Clarke (NY)	Kildee	Scott (VA)
Clay	Kilmer	Scott, David
Cleaver	Krishnamoorthi	Serrano
Clyburn	Kuster (NH)	Shea-Porter
Cohen	Langevin	Sherman
Connolly	Larsen (WA)	Sires
Conyers	Larson (CT)	Slaughter
Correa	Lawrence	Smith (WA)
Courtney	Lawson (FL)	Soto
Crist	Levin	Speier
Crowley	Lewis (GA)	Suozi
Cuellar	Lieu, Ted	Thompson (CA)
Cummings	Lipinski	Thompson (MS)
Davis (CA)	Loeb sack	Titus
DeFazio	Loftgren	Tonko
DeGette	Lowenthal	Torres
Delaney	Lowe y	Tsongas
DeLauro	Lujan Grisham,	Vargas
DeBene	M.	Veasey
Demings	Luján, Ben Ray	Vela
DeSaulnier	Lynch	Velázquez
Deutch	Maloney,	Visclosky
Doggett	Carolyn B.	Walz
Doyle, Michael	Maloney, Sean	Wasserman
F.	Matsui	Schultz
Ellison	McCollum	Waters, Maxine
Engel	McEachin	Watson Coleman
Eshoo	McGovern	Welch
Espallat	McNerney	Wilson (FL)
Esty	Meeks	Yarmuth
Evans	Meng	
Foster	Moore	

NOES—249

Abraham	Biggs	Budd
Aderholt	Bilirakis	Burgess
Allen	Bishop (MI)	Byrne
Amash	Bishop (UT)	Calvert
Amodei	Blackburn	Cárdenas
Arrington	Blum	Carter (GA)
Babin	Bost	Carter (TX)
Bacon	Brady (TX)	Chabot
Banks (IN)	Brat	Chaffetz
Barletta	Bridenstine	Cheney
Barr	Brooks (AL)	Coffman
Barton	Brooks (IN)	Cole
Bera	Buchanan	Collins (GA)
Bergman	Buck	Collins (NY)
Beutler	Bucshon	Comer

Comstock	Joyce (OH)
Conaway	Katko
Cook	Kelly (MS)
Cooper	Kelly (PA)
Costa	Kind
Costello (PA)	King (IA)
Cramer	King (NY)
Crawford	Kinzinger
Culberson	Knight
Curbelo (FL)	Kustoff (TN)
Davidson	Labrador
Davis, Rodney	LaHood
Denham	LaMalfa
Dent	Lamborn
DeSantis	Lance
DesJarlais	Lance
Diaz-Balart	Latta
Donovan	Lewis (MN)
Duffy	LoBiondo
Duncan (TN)	Long
Dunn	Loudermilk
Emmer	Love
Farenthold	Lucas
Faso	Luetkemeyer
Ferguson	MacArthur
Fitzpatrick	Marchant
Fleischmann	Marino
Flores	Marshall
Fortenberry	Massie
Fox	Mast
Franks (AZ)	McCarthy
Frelinghuysen	McCaul
Gaetz	McClintock
Gallagher	McHenry
Garrett	McKinley
Gibbs	McMorris
Gohmert	Rodgers
Goodlatte	McSally
Gosar	Meadows
Gowdy	Meehan
Granger	Messer
Graves (GA)	Mitchell
Graves (LA)	Mo lenaar
Graves (MO)	Mooney (WV)
Griffith	Moulton
Grothman	Mullin
Guthrie	Mulvaney
Harper	Murphy (PA)
Harris	Newhouse
Hartzler	Noem
Hensarling	Nunes
Hice, Jody B.	O'Halleran
Higgins (LA)	Olson
Hill	Palazzo
Himes	Palmer
Holding	Paulsen
Hollingsworth	Pearce
Hudson	Perry
Huizenga	Peters
Hultgren	Pittenger
Hunter	Poe (TX)
Hurd	Poliquin
Issa	Polis
Jenkins (KS)	Posey
Jenkins (WV)	Ratcliffe
Johnson (LA)	Reed
Johnson (OH)	Reichert
Johnson, Sam	Renacci
Jordan	Rice (NY)
	Rice (SC)

NOT VOTING—18

Becerra  
Black  
Davis, Danny  
Dingell  
Duncan (SC)  
Jackson Lee

Johnson (GA)  
Kelly (IL)  
Lee  
Perlmutter  
Pompeo  
Price, Tom (GA)

Rush  
Ryan (OH)  
Schakowsky  
Sewell (AL)  
Takano  
Zinke

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Messrs. WITTMAN, BILIRAKIS, BERA, LUETKEMEYER, WEBSTER of Florida, MOULTON, and BISHOP of Utah changed their vote from “aye” to “no.”

Mr. CROWLEY, Ms. DELAURO and WASSERMAN SCHULTZ changed their vote from “no” to “aye.”

So the amendment was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

AMENDMENT NO. 2 OFFERED BY MR. CLAY

The Acting CHAIR. The unfinished business is the demand for a recorded vote on the amendment offered by the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. CLAY) on

which further proceedings were postponed and on which the noes prevailed by voice vote.

The Clerk will redesignate the amendment.

The Clerk redesignated the amendment.

## RECORDED VOTE

The Acting CHAIR. A recorded vote has been demanded.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The Acting CHAIR. This will be a 2-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 163, noes 253, not voting 18, as follows:

[Roll No. 30]

AYES—163

Adams	Esty	Meng
Aguilar	Evans	Moore
Barragán	Foster	Nadler
Bass	Frankel (FL)	Napolitano
Beatty	Fudge	Neal
Bera	Gabbard	Nolan
Beyer	Gallego	Norcross
Bishop (GA)	Garamendi	O'Rourke
Blumenauer	Gonzalez (TX)	Pallone
Blunt Rochester	Gottheimer	Pascrell
Bonamici	Green, Al	Payne
Boyle, Brendan	Green, Gene	Pelosi
F.	Grijalva	Peterson
Brady (PA)	Hanabusa	Pingree
Brown (MD)	Hastings	Pocan
Brownley (CA)	Heck	Price (NC)
Bustos	Higgins (NY)	Quigley
Butterfield	Hoyer	Raskin
Capuano	Huffman	Richmond
Carbajal	Jayapal	Rosen
Cárdenas	Jeffries	Roybal-Allard
Carson (IN)	Johnson, E. B.	Ruiz
Cartwright	Kaptur	Ruppersberger
Castor (FL)	Keating	Sánchez
Castro (TX)	Kennedy	Sarbanes
Chu, Judy	Khanna	Schiff
Cicilline	Kihuen	Scott (VA)
Clark (MA)	Kildee	Scott, David
Clarke (NY)	Kilmer	Serrano
Clay	Krishnamoorthi	Shea-Porter
Cleaver	Kuster (NH)	Sherman
Clyburn	Langevin	Sires
Cohen	Larsen (WA)	Slaughter
Connolly	Larson (CT)	Smith (WA)
Conyers	Lawrence	Soto
Correa	Levin	Speier
Courtney	Lewis (GA)	Suozi
Crist	Lieu, Ted	Thompson (CA)
Crowley	Lipinski	Thompson (MS)
Cuellar	Loeb sack	Titus
Cummings	Loftgren	Tonko
Davis (CA)	Lowenthal	Torres
DeFazio	Lowe y	Tsongas
DeGette	Lujan Grisham,	Vargas
Delaney	M.	Veasey
DeLauro	Luján, Ben Ray	Vela
DeBene	Lynch	Velázquez
Demings	Maloney,	Visclosky
DeSaulnier	Carolyn B.	Walz
Deutch	Maloney, Sean	Wasserman
Doggett	Matsui	Schultz
Doyle, Michael	McCollum	Waters, Maxine
F.	McEachin	Watson Coleman
Ellison	McGovern	Welch
Engel	McNerney	Wilson (FL)
Espallat	Meeks	Yarmuth

NOES—253

Abraham	Bishop (UT)	Carter (GA)
Aderholt	Black	Carter (TX)
Allen	Blackburn	Chabot
Amash	Blum	Chaffetz
Amodei	Bost	Cheney
Arrington	Brady (TX)	Coffman
Babin	Brat	Cole
Bacon	Bridenstine	Collins (GA)
Banks (IN)	Brooks (AL)	Collins (NY)
Barletta	Brooks (IN)	Comer
Barr	Buchanan	Comstock
Barton	Buck	Conaway
Bergman	Bucshon	Cook
Beutler	Budd	Cooper
Biggs	Burgess	Costa
Bilirakis	Byrne	Costello (PA)
Bishop (MI)	Calvert	Cramer

Crawford Kind  
Culberson King (IA)  
Curbelo (FL) King (NY)  
Davidson Kinzinger  
Davis, Rodney Knight  
Denham Kustoff (TN)  
Dent Labrador  
DeSantis LaHood  
DesJarlais LaMalfa  
Diaz-Balart Lamborn  
Donovan Lance  
Duffy Latta  
Duncan (TN) Lawson (FL)  
Dunn Lewis (MN)  
Emmer LoBiondo  
Eshoo Long  
Farenthold Loudermilk  
Faso Love  
Ferguson Lucas  
Fitzpatrick Luetkemeyer  
Fleischmann MacArthur  
Flores Marchant  
Fortenberry Marino  
Foxy Marshall  
Franks (AZ) Massie  
Frelinghuysen Mast  
Gaetz McCarthy  
Gallagher McCaul  
Garrett McClintock  
Gibbs McHenry  
Gohmert McKinley  
Goodlatte McMorris  
Gosar Rodgers  
Gowdy McCally  
Granger Meadows  
Graves (GA) Meehan  
Graves (LA) Messer  
Graves (MO) Mitchell  
Griffith Moolenaar  
Grothman Mooney (WV)  
Guthrie Moulton  
Harper Mullin  
Harris Mulvaney  
Hartzler Murphy (FL)  
Hensarling Murphy (PA)  
Hice, Jody B. Newhouse  
Higgins (LA) Noem  
Hill Nunes  
Himes O'Halleran  
Holding Olson  
Hollingsworth Palazzo  
Hudson Palmer  
Huizenga Panetta  
Hultgren Paulsen  
Hunter Pearce  
Hurd Perry  
Issa Peters  
Jenkins (KS) Pittenger  
Jenkins (WV) Poe (TX)  
Johnson (LA) Poliquin  
Johnson (OH) Polis  
Johnson, Sam Posey  
Jones Ratcliffe  
Jordan Reed  
Joyce (OH) Reichert  
Katko Renacci  
Kelly (MS) Rice (NY)  
Kelly (PA) Rice (SC)

## NOT VOTING—18

Becerra Johnson (GA) Rush  
Davis, Danny Kelly (IL) Ryan (OH)  
Dingell Lee Schakowsky  
Duncan (SC) Perlmutter Sewell (AL)  
Gutiérrez Pompeo Takano  
Jackson Lee Price, Tom (GA) Zinke

## ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE ACTING CHAIR

The Acting CHAIR (during the vote).  
There is 1 minute remaining.

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So the amendment was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

The Acting CHAIR. There being no further amendments, under the rule, the Committee rises.

Accordingly, the Committee rose; and the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. STEWART) having assumed the chair, Mr. WOODALL, Acting Chair of the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, reported that that Committee, having had under consideration

the bill (H.R. 79) to clarify the definition of general solicitation under Federal securities law, and, pursuant to House Resolution 33, he reported the bill back to the House.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the rule, the previous question is ordered.

The question is on the engrossment and third reading of the bill.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, and was read the third time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the passage of the bill.

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

Mr. HUIZENGA. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. This is a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 344, nays 73, not voting 17, as follows:

[Roll No. 31]

## YEAS—344

Abraham Comstock  
Adams Conaway  
Aderholt Connolly  
Cook  
Allen Cooper  
Amash Correa  
Amodei Costa  
Arrington Costello (PA)  
Babin Courtney  
Bacon Cramer  
Banks (IN) Crawford  
Barletta Crist  
Barr Crowley  
Barton Cuellar  
Beatty Culberson  
Bera Curbelo (FL)  
Bergman Davidson  
Beutler Davis (CA)  
Beyer Davis, Rodney  
Biggs DeFazio  
Billirakis DeGette  
Bishop (GA) Delaney  
Bishop (MI) DelBene  
Bishop (UT) Demings  
Black Denham  
Blackburn Dent  
Blum DeSantis  
Blunt DesJarlais  
Rochester Deutch  
Bost Diaz-Balart  
Boyle, Brendan Donovan  
F. Johnson, Sam  
Brady (TX) Doyle, Michael  
Brat F.  
Bridenstine Duffy  
Brooks (AL) Duncan (TN)  
Brooks (IN) Dunn  
Brown (MD) Emmer  
Brownley (CA) Engel  
Buchanan Eshoo  
Buck Esty  
Bucshon Evans  
Budd Farenthold  
Burgess Faso  
Bustos Ferguson  
Butterfield Fitzpatrick  
Byrne Fleischmann  
Calvert Flores  
Carbajal Fortenberry  
Cárdenas Foster  
Carter (GA) Foxx  
Carter (TX) Franks (AZ)  
Castor (FL) Frelinghuysen  
Castro (TX) Gaetz  
Chabot Gallagher  
Chaffetz Garamendi  
Cheney Garrett  
Chu, Judy Gibbs  
Clarke (NY) Gohmert  
Coffman Gonzalez (TX)  
Cole Goodlatte  
Collins (GA) Gosar  
Collins (NY) Gottheimer  
Comer Gowdy

LoBiondo  
Loeb sack  
Lofgren  
Long  
Loudermilk  
Love  
Lucas  
Luetkemeyer  
Lujan Grisham,  
M.  
Luján, Ben Ray  
MacArthur  
Maloney,  
Carolyn B.  
Maloney, Sean  
Marchant  
Marino  
Marshall  
Massie  
Mast  
Matsui  
McCarthy  
McCaul  
McClintock  
McCollum  
McEachin  
McHenry  
McKinley  
McMorris  
Rodgers  
McNerney  
McSally  
Meadows  
Meehan  
Meeks  
Meng  
Messer  
Mitchell  
Moolenaar  
Mooney (WV)  
Moulton  
Mullin  
Mulvaney  
Murphy (FL)  
Murphy (PA)  
Newhouse  
Noem  
Nolan  
Norcross  
Nunes  
O'Halleran  
O'Rourke  
Olson  
Palazzo

## NAYS—73

Barragán  
Bass  
Blumenauer  
Bonamici  
Brady (PA)  
Capuano  
Carson (IN)  
Cartwright  
Cicilline  
Clark (MA)  
Clay  
Cleaver  
Clyburn  
Cohen  
Conyers  
Cummings  
DeLauro  
DeSaulnier  
Doggett  
Ellison  
Españillat  
Frankel (FL)  
Fudge  
Gabbard  
Gallego

Green, Al  
Green, Gene  
Grijalva  
Gutiérrez  
Hanabusa  
Hastings  
Huffman  
Jayapal  
Johnson, E. B.  
Kaptur  
Khanna  
Kihuen  
Kildee  
Langevin  
Lewis (GA)  
Lowenthal  
Lowey  
Lynch  
McGovern  
Moore  
Nadler  
Napolitano  
Neal  
Pallone  
Pascrell

## NOT VOTING—17

Becerra Kelly (IL)  
Davis, Danny Lee  
Dingell Perlmutter  
Duncan (SC) Pompeo  
Jackson Lee Price, Tom (GA)  
Johnson (GA) Rush

□ 1757

Ms. ADAMS changed her vote from “nay” to “yea.”

So the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to attend votes on Tuesday, January 10, 2017. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows: Motion on Ordering the Previous Question on the Rule providing for consideration of both H.R. 5 and H.R. 79—Vote “no”; H. Res. 33—Rule providing for consideration of both H.R. 5 (Regulatory Accountability Act of 2017) and H.R. 79 (HALOS Act)—Vote “no”; H.R. 79—Velázquez Amendment Made in Order—Vote “yes”; H.R. 79—Clay Amendment Made in Order—Vote “yes”; H.R. 79—Final Passage—Vote “no”.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 78, SEC REGULATORY ACCOUNTABILITY ACT; PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 238, COMMODITY END-USER RELIEF ACT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Mr. NEWHOUSE, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 115-3) on the resolution (H. Res. 40) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 78) to improve the consideration by the Securities and Exchange Commission of the costs and benefits of its regulations and orders; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 238) to reauthorize the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, to better protect futures customers, to provide end-users with market certainty, to make basic reforms to ensure transparency and accountability at the Commission, to help farmers, ranchers, and end-users manage risks, to help keep consumer costs low, and for other purposes; and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

□ 1800

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 the additional motion to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or on which the vote incurs objection under clause 6 of rule XX.

Any record vote on the postponed question will be taken later.

TESTED ABILITY TO LEVERAGE EXCEPTIONAL NATIONAL TALENT ACT OF 2017

Mr. HURD. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 39) to amend title 5, United States Code, to codify the Presidential Innovation Fellows Program, and for other purposes.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.  
The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 39

*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 “Tested Ability to Leverage Exceptional National Talent Act of 2017” or the “TALENT Act of 2017”.

## SEC. 2. PRESIDENTIAL INNOVATION FELLOWS PROGRAM.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 31 of title 5, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

“SUBCHAPTER V—PRESIDENTIAL INNOVATION FELLOWS PROGRAM

“§ 3171. Presidential Innovation Fellows Program

“(a) POLICY.—It is in the national interest for the Government to attract the brightest minds skilled in technology or innovative practices to serve in the Government to work on some of the Nation’s biggest and most pressing challenges. This subchapter establishes a program to encourage successful entrepreneurs, executives, and innovators to join the Government and work in close cooperation with Government leaders, to create meaningful solutions that can help save lives and taxpayer money, fuel job creation, and significantly improve how the Government serves the American people.

“(b) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Administrator of General Services shall continue the Presidential Innovation Fellows Program (hereinafter referred to as the ‘Program’) to enable exceptional individuals with proven track records to serve time-limited appointments in executive agencies to address some of the Nation’s most significant challenges and improve existing Government efforts that would particularly benefit from expertise using innovative techniques and technology.

“(c) ADMINISTRATION.—The Program shall be administered by a Director, appointed by the Administrator under authorities of the General Services Administration. The Administrator shall provide necessary staff, resources and administrative support for the Program.

“(d) APPOINTMENT OF FELLOWS.—The Director shall appoint fellows pursuant to the Program and, in cooperation with executive agencies, shall facilitate placement of fellows to participate in projects that have the potential for significant positive effects and are consistent with the President’s goals.

“(e) APPLICATION PROCESS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Director shall prescribe the process for applications and nominations of individuals to the Program.

“(2) PROGRAM STANDARDS.—Following publication of these processes, the Director may accept for consideration applications from individuals. The Director shall establish, administer, review, and revise, if appropriate, a Governmentwide cap on the number of fellows. The Director shall establish and publish salary ranges, benefits, and standards for the Program.

“(f) SELECTION, APPOINTMENT, AND ASSIGNMENT OF FELLOWS.—

“(1) PROCEDURES.—The Director shall prescribe appropriate procedures for the selection, appointment, and assignment of fellows.

“(2) CONSULTATION.—Prior to the selection of fellows, the Director shall consult with the heads of executive agencies regarding potential projects and how best to meet those needs. Following such consultation, the Director shall select and appoint individuals to serve as fellows.

“(3) TIME LIMITATION.—Fellows selected for the Program shall serve under short-term, time-limited appointments. Such fellows shall be appointed for no less than 6 months and no longer than 2 years in the Program. The Director shall facilitate the process of placing fellows at requesting executive agencies.

“(g) RESPONSIBILITIES OF AGENCIES.—Each executive agency shall work with the Direc-

tor and the Presidential Innovation Fellows Program advisory board established under section 3172 to attempt to maximize the Program’s benefits to the agency and the Government, including by identifying initiatives that have a meaningful effect on the people served and that benefit from involvement by one or more fellows. Such agencies shall ensure that each fellow works closely with responsible senior officials for the duration of the assignment.

“§ 3172. Presidential Innovation Fellows Program advisory board

“(a) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator of General Services shall continue an advisory board to advise the Director of the Presidential Innovation Fellows Program by recommending such priorities and standards as may be beneficial to fulfill the mission of the Presidential Innovation Fellows Program and assist in identifying potential projects and placements for fellows. The advisory board may not participate in the selection process under section 3171(f).

“(b) CHAIR; MEMBERSHIP.—The Administrator shall designate a representative to serve as the Chair of the advisory board. In addition to the Chair, the membership of the advisory board shall include—

“(1) the Deputy Director for Management of the Office of Management and Budget;

“(2) the Director of the Office of Personnel Management;

“(3) the Administrator of the Office of Electronic Government of the Office of Management and Budget;

“(4) the Assistant to the President and Chief Technology Officer; and

“(5) other individuals as may be designated by the Administrator.

“(c) CONSULTATION.—The advisory board may consult with industry, academia, or nonprofits to ensure the Presidential Innovation Fellows Program is continually identifying opportunities to apply advanced skillsets and innovative practices in effective ways to address the Nation’s most significant challenges.”.

(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections for chapter 31 of title 5, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

“SUBCHAPTER V—PRESIDENTIAL INNOVATION FELLOWS PROGRAM

“3171. Presidential Innovation Fellows Program.

“3172. Presidential Innovation Fellows Program advisory board.”.

(c) TRANSITION.—The Presidential Innovation Fellows Program established pursuant to Executive Order 13704 (5 U.S.C. 3301 note) as in existence on the day before the date of enactment of this Act shall be considered the Presidential Innovation Fellows Program described in the amendments made by this Act.

(d) NO ADDITIONAL FUNDS AUTHORIZED.—No additional funds are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this Act or the amendments made by this Act. This Act and the amendments made by this Act shall be carried out using amounts otherwise authorized.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. HURD) and the gentleman from California (Mr. DESAULNIER) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Texas.

## GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. HURD. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks and to include any extraneous material on the bill under consideration.