So I have very serious concerns about the danger posed in the Energy and Water portion of this bill. It cuts vital clean energy initiatives, even as gas prices surge because of the President’s reckless policies. It attacks job-creating investments in transformational energy technologies and slashes funding for critical nuclear nonproliferation priorities.

In terms of the children of whom I spoke earlier, this GOP bill also includes unacceptable poison pill riders that permit deadly firearms to be carried on public land, assaults the clean water our children drink, encourages pollution of our oceans, and pushes our Nation’s already endangered species toward extinction.

This bad bill is a first step in the Republicans’ plan to choke off funding—and this is really the critical part of it for me—for vital Democratic priorities for America’s families later in the appropriations process. It paves the way for their plan to starve key investments in health, education, and good-paying jobs for communities across the country.

Mr. Chairman, the Republicans are wasting everyone’s time when we should be focusing on meeting the urgent needs of the American people. The majority has spent this entire Congress stacking the deck for special interests, as they do in these poison pills in this bill, while undermining the interests of families.

The Democrats are focusing on what matters in the lives of the American people. We are committed to giving the American people A Better Deal: Better Jobs, Better Pay, Better Future; and for our children, not to promote air pollution, which is what this bill would do, but to eliminate it. I urge my colleagues to join in voting “no” on this bill for our economy. You know what the sad part of it is: It is so close to doing a better job for the American people. The poison pills take it in a bad direction. The process under which it was put forth is harmful to our plan to starve key investments in transformational energy technologies and slashes funding for America’s families later in the appropriations process. It paves the way for America’s families.

Chairman, I move that the Committee do now rise.

The motion was agreed to.

Accordingly, the Committee rose; and the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. ZELDIN) having assumed the chair, Mr. BYRNE, 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. 5895) making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, and for other purposes, had come to no resolution thereon.

RECESS

The Speaker pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess for a period of less than 15 minutes.

Accordingly (at 10 o’clock and 31 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1030

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Chairman, I move that the Committee do now rise.

The motion was agreed to.

Accordingly, the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, reported that that Committee, having had under consideration the bill (H.R. 5895) making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, and for other purposes, had come to no resolution thereon.

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. BYRNE) at 10 o’clock and 45 minutes a.m.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2019

The Speaker pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 923 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. 5895.

Will the gentleman from Iowa (Mr. YOUNG) kindly take the chair.

□ 1045

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. 5895) making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, and for other purposes, with Mr. Young of Iowa (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, amendment No. 38 printed in part B of House Report 115-712 offered by the gentleman from Texas (Mr. RATCLIFFE) had been disposed of.

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 115-712 on which further proceedings were postponed, in the following order:

Amendment No. 10 by Mr. GOHMET of Texas.

Amendment No. 15 by Mr. MEADOWS of North Carolina.

Amendment No. 16 by Mr. TAKANO of California.

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

AMENDMENT NO. 10 OFFERED BY MR. GOHMET

The Acting Chair (Mr. BYRNE). The unfinished business is the demand for a recorded vote on the amendment offered by the gentleman from Texas (Mr. GOHMET) on which further proceedings were postponed and on which the ayes 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 212, noes 201, not voting 14, as follows:

(Ay N) 253

Davis, Rodney

Huizenga

Rokita

Bucshon

Buck

Burgess

Byrne

Calvert

Carter (GA)

Carter (TX)

Chabot

Collins (GA)

Collins (NY)

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Worley

Wright

Zeldin
Mr. RICE of South Carolina changed his vote from "aye" to "no."

Messrs. WOMACK, SANFORD, CRAMER, BACON, and HILL changed their vote from "no" to "aye."

So the amendment was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

AMENDMENT NO. 15 OFFERED BY MR. MEADOWS

Mr. MEADOWS moved to reconsider the vote of the House on the amendment offered by Mr. Meadows to the amendment offered by Mr. Meadows.

The Acting CHAIR. The unfinished business is the demand for a recorded vote on the amendment offered by the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. MEADOWS) on which further proceedings were postponed and on which the ayes prevailed by voice vote.

The Clerk will redesignate the amendment.

RECORDED VOTE

The Acting CHAIR. A recorded vote has been demanded.

A recorded vote was ordered.

Mr. MEADOWS moved to reconsider the vote of the House on the amendment offered by Mr. Meadows to the amendment offered by Mr. Meadows.

The Acting CHAIR. This is a 2-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—aye 207, noes 201, not voting 19, as follows:

[Roll No. 254]

AYES—207

Abraham
Aderholt
Aden
Aiken
Allen
Amash
Amodei
Armstrong
Ashburn
Ayotte
Bachman
Bacus
Baldwin
Ball
Barker
Barrett
Barnes
Bart
Baucus
Beatty
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Biggs
Bilirakis
Bishop (MI)
Bishop (UT)
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Blackburn
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Blake
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Brad (AL)
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Brewer
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Buchanan
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Carter (GA)
Carter (TX)
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Coffman
Cole
Collins (GA)
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Cutler
Dalrymple
Davila
DeFazio
DeGette
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Desaulnier
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Dingell
Doggett
Doyle, Michael
Elison
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Everett
Eyke
Evans
Fox
Fitzpatrick
Frankel (FL)
Fudge
Franks
Garriott
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Giglio
Gillum
Gooch
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RECORDED VOTE
The Acting CHAIR. A recorded vote has been demanded.
A recorded vote was ordered.
The Acting CHAIR. This is a 2-minute vote.
The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 195, noes 217, not voting 15, as follows:

(Roll No. 255)
AYES—195

Adams
Aguiar
Amash
Barragán
Bass
Bera
Beyer
Bishop (GA)
Blumenauer
Blunt
Bosse
Brooks (IN)
Brown (MD)
Brownley (CA)
Brown (MD)
Brady (PA)
Bustos
Butler (FL)
Capuano
Capito
Chaffetz
Clark (NY)
Clark (NC)
Clay
Clyburn
Collins (GA)
Collins (NY)
Connolly
Cooper
Costa
Courtesty
Crist
Crowley
Cuellar

McNerney
Meeks
Meng
Morse
Moulton
Murphy (FL)
Nadler
Napolitano
Narciso
O’Halleran
O’Rourke
Pallone
Panetta
Pascrell
Payne
Pelosi
Perlmutter
Peterson
Pingree
Pocan
Price (NC)
Quigley
Raskin

McDonald
Meehan
Meng
Moulton
Murphy (FL)
Nadler
Napolitano
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Panetta
Pascrell
Payne
Pelosi
Perlmutter
Peterson
Pingree
Pocan
Price (NC)
Quigley
Raskin

NOLAS—217

Cowley
Crowley
Crist
Costa
Connolly
Cohen
Collins (GA)
Collins (NY)
Connolly
Cooper
Costa
Courtesty
Crist

Woodall
Yoder
Young (IA)
Zeldin

NOT VOTING—15

Beatty
Brady (TX)
Collins (GA)
Collins (NY)

So the amendment was agreed to.
The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

The Acting CHAIR (Mr. MARSHALL). There being no further amendments under House Resolution 923, the Committee rises.
Accordingly, the Committee rose; and the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. BYRNE) having assumed the chair, Mr. MARSHALL, Acting Chair of the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, reported that the Committee, having had under consideration the bill (H.R. 5895) making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, and for other purposes, and, pursuant to House Resolution 923, he reported the bill, as amended by that resolution and by House Resolution 918, back to the House with sundry further amendments adopted in the Committee of the Whole.
The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the rule, the previous question is ordered.
Is a separate vote demanded on any further amendment reported from the Committee of the Whole? If not, the Chair will put them en Gross.
The amendments were agreed to.
The SPEAKER pro tempore. 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 that time.

MOTION TO RECOMMIT
Ms. Kuster of New Hampshire, Speaker. I have a motion to recommit at the desk.
The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is the gentlemanwoman opposed to the bill? Ms. Kuster of New Hampshire. I oppose the bill in its current form.
The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Speaker will report the motion to recommit.
The Clerk read as follows:
Ms. Kuster of New Hampshire moves to recommit the bill H.R. 5895 to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith, with the following amendment:
Page 135, line 12, after the dollar amount, insert "reduced by $10,200,000'. "Page 131, line 9, after "September 30, 2020" insert " and $10,000,000 shall become available on October 1, 2018."
The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentlemanwoman from New Hampshire is recognized for 5 minutes in support of her motion.
Ms. Kuster of New Hampshire. Speaker, this is the final amendment to the bill, which will not kill the bill nor send it back to committee.
adopted, the bill will immediately proceed to final passage as amended.

As a member of the House Veterans’ Affairs Committee, I have made robust funding for veterans’ healthcare and benefits a top priority.

New Hampshire is one of only three States without a full-service VA Hospital, which creates unique challenges for Granite State veterans’ access to care, particularly in the rural parts of my State.

Thankfully for the veterans of New Hampshire and the Nation, this Congress came together to pass historic bipartisan reform for the VA Community Care program, known as the Veterans Choice Program.

That program provided veterans a choice to see their preferred healthcare provider within their community. However, in the wake of the Phoenix VA scandal, the implementation of this program fragmented veterans’ care, according to GAO reports, and even extended wait times for veterans using the Choice program.

Reform was much needed, and I was proud to cosponsor the bill known as the VA MISSION Act, which creates unique challenges for Granite State veterans’ access to care, particularly in the rural parts of my State.

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**The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). There are 2 minutes remaining.**

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**ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE**

Mr. BRADY of Texas, Mr. Speaker, due to an unavoidable scheduling conflict, was unable to cast my votes on time.

Had I been present, I would have voted "Yea" on rollcall No. 253, "Yea" on rollcall No. 254, "Nay" on rollcall No. 255, "Nay" on rollcall No. 256, and "Yea" on rollcall No. 257.

**PERSONAL EXPLANATION**

Mr. HUFFMAN of Texas, Mr. Speaker, on the day of June 8, 2018, I was unavoidably detained and as a result, I was absent for rollcall votes 254–257.

Had I been present for the rollcall vote, 254, on Agreeing to the Amendment, I would have voted "nay".

Had I been present for the rollcall vote, 254, on motion to recommence with instructions, I would have voted "aye".

Had I been present for the rollcall vote, 257, on passage of H.R. 5895, I would have voted "no".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the question on agreeing to the Speaker’s approval of the Journal, which the Chair will put de novo.

The question is on the Speaker’s approval of the Journal.

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

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**REPORT ON HOUSE RESOLUTION 886 DIRECTING SECRETARY OF HOME LAND SECURITY TO TRANSMIT CERTAIN DOCUMENTS**

Mr. KATKO, from the Committee on Homeland Security, submitted an adverse privileged report (Rept. No. 115-