

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

Mrs. TORRES. Mr. Speaker, does the gentleman from Texas have any more speakers?

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I do not.

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

Mr. Speaker, it is just about time to finish up here and return home for the holidays, time to see our loved ones and give them a hug. But for Savanna's family and the countless other Native American families destroyed because of this violence, there will be no return home for them, and we will have failed these families by not passing Savanna's Act today.

Instead, we are here because of a wall—not the wall that you are assuming, not talking about our southern wall. I am talking about the wall of debt, a massive wall of debt that this Republican Congress has built, trillions—trillions—of dollars of debt towering over our children and grandchildren's future. This rule will build it even higher. That is why I urge my colleagues to oppose the previous question and the rule.

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

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

Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the distinguished gentlewoman from California, not only her comments and her ideas—I know they are well represented by the Democratic Party.

I would say to her that the people who vote against this bill will turn their back on the people who had the wildfires in California, the tornadoes in Georgia, the opportunities to help provide proper instructive help on their taxes this year as they enter next year. After all, it did happen this year.

But perhaps, more than that, Mr. Speaker, we recognize now more about shifting the blame for 8 years and \$9 trillion worth of spending. They called it investment.

This Republican Congress, 1 year ago, almost to the day, passed a tax bill that has created the greatest economy in the history of this country. More revenue is coming in today than has ever come in in the history of the country. More people are working today because of that tax bill done 1 year ago. More people, more African Americans, more women, more families have an opportunity to enjoy the benefits of a job and the creation therein that they come home at night a little bit more satisfied, and their children, in the next generation, see work as a positive attribute, and communities are turning the corner.

Mr. Speaker, gas is \$1.82 in Dallas, Texas. What a far cry from when it was almost \$5 at the same time in President Obama's administration when the Democrats were running the place: the House, the Senate, and the Presidency. Oh, Mr. Speaker, we have not forgotten what a difference it makes, but the finger-pointing still continues.

Mr. Speaker, let the RECORD reflect, itself, that we have more revenue than ever coming in, more people working than ever, more opportunity for people, and part of that success has been because Republicans chose not to have a healthcare tax, a medical device tax, a Cadillac tax, choose not to make in order H.R. 676, Medicare for All, that would outlaw all employer-provided healthcare in this country.

Mr. Speaker, the differences between our ideas really find themselves at the center point of what we do today.

Last night in the Rules Committee, the distinguished gentleman from Lewisville, Texas, Dr. MICHAEL BURGESS, a retired physician who has delivered more than 3,000 babies, said that he had sat through, for years, these arguments at the Energy and Commerce Committee, and he lamented how the story really is not told about some 3 million people who now have jobs in this country, that a number of them that is undefined also got employer-provided healthcare; and that while there may be 1 million out of that 3 million who went to a larger company, it is their families that benefited because there was maybe a spouse behind that and a child or two who had previously been without employer-provided healthcare.

Now we are going to find out that Grinch showed up at Christmas, this rush to get out the door where we failed to secure the door, where we were so eager to get home rather than do our work.

Mr. Speaker, I can't imagine that somebody would just want to say, "It is okay; it is Christmastime; let's get home," and then stick coal in each of the stockings of the American people who have healthcare, stick coal in the stockings of the medical device employees and employers, stick coal into the stockings of the medical community for doctors who had been providing these leading-edge ideas in medical devices, stick coal in the stockings of the workers of America who might have great healthcare only to find out that somebody who had voted for it for years turned their back. So that is why we are here.

Mr. Speaker, here is the bill right here, pretty easy to do. We have seen it a number of times. Nobody complained they didn't have time to read the bill. They actually know what is in it this time.

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They actually know what they would not be supporting. They are going to put their vote and be on the line, and we are going to find out where people really are.

So, Mr. Speaker, that is the debate, whether we are going to step up and do our job; whether we are willing to complete the task; whether we are willing to be consistent for the things that we have stood for; or whether we are willing to make excuses about, well, it is just Christmastime, and we have got to get home.

Mr. Speaker, I want to say that my party believes that we should not have a white flag in our backpack, that we should not yield and just say, well, the timing was difficult. We should stand on our two feet, not beg on our knees.

We should move forward and do our job for the American people, and that is what I am proud to say my party and myself and the Rules Committee stand for. We are men and women who can stay to get the job done, not want to get home and not have performed our duties.

So that is the story. That is the story that we are going to tell. So I urge my colleagues to support this rule.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time, and I move the previous question on the resolution.

The previous question was ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the resolution.

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

Mr. SESSIONS. 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 question will be postponed.

WAIVING A REQUIREMENT OF CLAUSE 6(A) OF RULE XIII WITH RESPECT TO CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN RESOLUTIONS REPORTED FROM THE COMMITTEE ON RULES, AND PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS TO SUSPEND THE RULES

Mr. COLE. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 1181 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 1181

*Resolved*, That the requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII for a two-thirds vote to consider a report from the Committee on Rules on the same day it is presented to the House is waived with respect to any resolution reported through the legislative day of December 24, 2018.

SEC. 2. It shall be in order at any time through the calendar day of December 23, 2018, for the Speaker to entertain motions that the House suspend the rules as though under clause 1 of rule XV. The Speaker or his designee shall consult with the Minority Leader or her designee on the designation of any matter for consideration pursuant to this section.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Oklahoma is recognized for 1 hour.

Mr. COLE. Mr. Speaker, for the purpose of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. MCGOVERN), my good friend, pending which I yield myself such time as I may consume. During consideration of this resolution, all time yielded is for the purpose of debate only.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. COLE. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5

legislative days to revise and extend their remarks.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. COLE. Mr. Speaker, the resolution before us is a very simple one. It provides the House with the maximum flexibility to expeditiously move important legislation before the end of Congress.

The resolution allows the House to suspend the rules to consider bipartisan pieces of legislation, including the Senate-passed criminal justice reform legislation, which we will consider later today. It also allows for the House to quickly consider measures to fund the government. As we are up against a deadline, it is important that we have the ability to quickly ensure that the government does not shut down.

Mr. Speaker, I urge support of the rule and the underlying legislation, and I reserve the balance of my time.

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

(Mr. MCGOVERN asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the gentleman from Oklahoma (Mr. COLE), my good friend, for the customary 30 minutes.

Mr. Speaker, the gentleman from Oklahoma made such a compelling argument for this rule—I can't believe I am saying this—I am going to vote for this martial law rule.

It is a shame that we are at this point, rushing to meet deadlines that have been staring us in the face for weeks and hurrying to finish up important legislative business in the waning days of this Congress. But we are where we are, and we need to be responsible.

When it comes to something like funding the government, it is appropriate to use all the tools in our toolbox to keep the lights on. So, while I think rules granting same-day authority should be avoided whenever possible, times like this are why they exist.

There is also suspension authority in this rule that would allow this House an opportunity to take up criminal justice reform, a bipartisan first step that our Republican President has already promised to sign.

With so much work in front of us today, I am not going to waste time on process. I won't belabor the President for his words and tweets, which made completing our business tougher than it needed to be. And I will even spare my friends in the majority further conversation about how I wish we weren't, once again, standing on the brink of another shutdown. Consider it my gift to them for this holiday.

This House needs to move quickly and responsibly. Everyone understands that, so I will simply say that I will be voting for this rule. I urge my colleagues to do the same, so we can fin-

ish our business and prevent another government shutdown.

Mr. Speaker, I have nothing else to say, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. COLE. Mr. Speaker, I want to thank my friend. I am going to certainly accept the gracious gift that he has offered me. I learned a long time ago, when you win an argument, you shut up and sit down. So I want to applaud my colleagues for their work.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time, and I move the previous question on the resolution.

The previous question was ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the resolution.

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

Mr. MCGOVERN. 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 question will be postponed.

#### 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 9 o'clock and 52 minutes a.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. YODER) at 10 o'clock and 15 minutes a.m.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, proceedings will resume on questions previously postponed.

Votes will be taken in the following order:

Adoption of House Resolution 1180;

Adoption of House Resolution 1181; and

Agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal, if ordered.

The first electronic vote will be conducted as a 15-minute vote. Remaining electronic votes will be conducted as 5-minute votes.

#### PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF SENATE AMENDMENT TO H.R. 88, SHILOH NATIONAL MILITARY PARK BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT AND PARKER'S CROSSROADS BATTLEFIELD DESIGNATION ACT; PROVIDING FOR THE PROCEEDINGS DURING THE PERIOD FROM DECEMBER 24, 2018, THROUGH JANUARY 3, 2019

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on adop-

tion of the resolution (H. Res. 1180) providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 88) to modify the boundary of the Shiloh National Military Park located in Tennessee and Mississippi, to establish Parker's Crossroads Battlefield as an affiliated area of the National Park System, and for other purposes; providing for the proceedings during the period from December 24, 2018, through January 3, 2019, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the resolution.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 207, nays 170, not voting 55, as follows:

[Roll No. 446]

YEAS—207

Abraham	Goodlatte	Palazzo
Aderholt	Gosar	Palmer
Allen	Gowdy	Paulsen
Amash	Granger	Pearce
Amodei	Graves (GA)	Perry
Arrington	Graves (LA)	Poe (TX)
Babin	Graves (MO)	Poliquin
Bacon	Griffith	Posey
Balderson	Grothman	Reed
Banks (IN)	Guthrie	Reichert
Barr	Handel	Renacci
Bergman	Harper	Rice (SC)
Biggs	Hartzler	Roby
Bilirakis	Hensarling	Roe (TN)
Blackburn	Hern	Rogers (AL)
Blum	Hice, Jody B.	Rogers (KY)
Bost	Higgins (LA)	Rohrabacher
Brady (TX)	Hill	Rokita
Brat	Holding	Rooney, Francis
Brooks (AL)	Hollingsworth	Rooney, Thomas J.
Brooks (IN)	Hudson	Ros-Lehtinen
Buchanan	Huizenga	Rothfus
Buck	Hunter	Rouzer
Bucshon	Hurd	Royce (CA)
Budd	Issa	Russell
Burgess	Johnson (LA)	Rutherford
Byrne	Johnson (OH)	Sanford
Calvert	Jordan	Scalise
Carter (GA)	Joyce (OH)	Schweikert
Carter (TX)	Katko	Scott, Austin
Chabot	Kelly (MS)	Sensenbrenner
Cheney	Kelly (PA)	Sessions
Cloud	King (IA)	Shimkus
Coffman	King (NY)	Simpson
Cole	Kinzinger	Smith (MO)
Collins (GA)	Kustoff (TN)	Smith (NE)
Collins (NY)	Labrador	Smith (NJ)
Comer	LaHood	Smith (TX)
Conaway	LaMalfa	Smucker
Cook	Lamborn	Stefanik
Costello (PA)	Lance	Stewart
Cramer	Latta	Stivers
Crawford	Lesko	Taylor
Culberson	Lewis (MN)	Tenney
Curbelo (FL)	LoBiondo	Thompson (PA)
Curtis	Long	Thornberry
Davidson	Lucas	Tipton
Davis, Rodney	Luetkemeyer	Trott
DesJarlais	MacArthur	Turner
Diaz-Balart	Marchant	Upton
Donovan	Marshall	Valadao
Duffy	Massie	Wagner
Duncan (TN)	Mast	Walberg
Dunn	McCarthy	Walden
Emmer	McCaul	Walker
Estes (KS)	McClintock	Walorski
Faso	McHenry	Weber (TX)
Ferguson	McKinley	Westerman
Fitzpatrick	McMorris	Williams
Fleischmann	Rodgers	Wilson (SC)
Flores	McSally	Wittman
Fortenberry	Meadows	Womack
Fox	Messer	Woodall
Frelinghuysen	Mitchell	Yoder
Gaetz	Moolenaar	Yoho
Gallagher	Mooney (WV)	Young (IA)
Garrett	Mullin	Zeldin
Gianforte	Newhouse	
Gibbs	Norman	
Gohmert	Nunes	