

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### AUTHORIZING THE SPEAKER TO APPOINT A COMMITTEE TO NOTIFY THE PRESIDENT OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CONGRESS

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I offer a privileged resolution and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

##### H. RES. 3

*Resolved*, That a committee of two Members be appointed by the Speaker on the part of the House of Representatives to join with a committee on the part of the Senate to notify the President of the United States that a quorum of each House has assembled and Congress is ready to receive any communication that he may be pleased to make.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO COMMITTEE TO NOTIFY THE PRESIDENT, PURSUANT TO HOUSE RESOLUTION 3

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, pursuant to House Resolution 3, the Chair appoints the following Members to the committee on the part of the House to join a committee on the part of the Senate to notify the President of the United States that a quorum of each House has assembled and that Congress is ready to receive any communication that he may be pleased to make:

The gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HOYER) and

The gentleman from California (Mr. MCCARTHY).

There was no objection.

#### AUTHORIZING THE CLERK TO INFORM THE PRESIDENT OF THE ELECTION OF THE SPEAKER AND THE CLERK

Mr. YOUNG. Mr. Speaker, I offer a privileged resolution and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

##### H. RES. 4

*Resolved*, That the Clerk be instructed to inform the President of the United States that the House of Representatives has elected Nancy Pelosi, a Representative from the State of California as Speaker, and Karen L. Haas, a citizen of the State of Maryland as Clerk, of the House of Representatives of the One Hundred Sixteenth Congress.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### RULES OF THE HOUSE

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I offer a privileged resolution and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

##### H. RES. 5

*Resolved*, That upon the adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to consider in the House the resolution (H. Res. 6) adopting the Rules of the House of Representatives for the One Hundred Sixteenth Congress. The resolution shall be considered as read. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the resolution to its adoption without intervening motion or demand for division of the question except as specified in sections 2 and 3 of this resolution.

SEC. 2. The question of adopting the resolution shall be divided among each of its three titles. The portion of the divided question comprising title I shall be debatable for 30 minutes, equally divided and controlled by the Majority Leader and the Minority Leader or their respective designees. The portion of the divided question comprising title II shall be debatable for one hour, equally divided and controlled by the Majority Leader and the Minority Leader or their respective designees. The portion of the divided question comprising title III shall be debatable for one hour, equally divided and controlled by the Majority Leader and the Minority Leader or their respective designees. Each portion of the divided question shall be disposed of in the order stated.

SEC. 3. During consideration of House Resolution 6 pursuant to this resolution, notwithstanding the operation of the previous question, the Chair may postpone further consideration of the resolution to a time designated by the Speaker.

SEC. 4. Upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to consider in the House the bill (H.R. 21) making appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, and for other purposes. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived. The bill shall be considered as read. All points of order against provisions in the bill are waived. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill and on any amendment thereto to final passage without intervening motion 1 except: (1) one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by Representative Lowey of New York and Representative Granger of Texas or their respective designees; and (2) one motion to recommit.

SEC. 5. Upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to consider in the House the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 1) making further continuing appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for fiscal year 2019, and for other purposes. All points of order against consideration of the joint resolution are waived. The joint resolution shall be considered as read. All points of order against provisions in the joint resolution are waived. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the joint resolution and on any amendment thereto to final passage without intervening motion except: (1) 30 minutes of debate equally divided and controlled by Representative Lowey of New York and Representative Granger of Texas or their respective designees; and (2) one motion to recommit.

#### MOTION TO REFER

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I have a motion at the desk.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will report the motion.

The Clerk read as follows:

Mr. Brady of Texas moves to refer the resolution to a select committee composed of the Majority Leader and the Minority Leader with instructions to report it forthwith back to the House with the following amendment:

At the end of the resolution, add the following new sections:

SEC. 6. Not later than January 1, 2019, the Speaker shall, pursuant to clause 2(b) of rule XVIII, declare the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for consideration of the bill (H.R. 22) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the increase in the standard deduction, the increase in and modifications of the child tax credit, and the repeal of the deduction for personal exemptions contained in Public Law 115-97. The first reading of the bill shall be dispensed with. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived. General debate shall be confined to the bill and shall not exceed one hour equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means. After general debate the bill shall be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule. All points of order against provisions in the bill are waived. At the conclusion of consideration of the bill for amendment the Committee shall rise and report the bill to the House with such amendments as may have been adopted. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill and amendments thereto to final passage without intervening motion except one motion to recommit with or without instructions. If the Committee of the Whole rises and reports that it has come to no resolution on the bill, then on the next legislative day the House shall, immediately after the third daily order of business under clause 1 of rule XIV, resolve into the Committee of the Whole for further consideration of the bill.

SEC. 7. Clause 1(c) of rule XIX shall not apply to the consideration of H.R. 22.

#### MOTION TO TABLE

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I have a motion at the desk.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will report the motion.

The Clerk read as follows:

Mr. MCGOVERN moves to lay on the table the motion to refer.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion to table.

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

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 230, nays 197, not voting 5, as follows:

[Roll No. 3]

YEAS—230

Adams	Castro (TX)	Dean
Aguilar	Chu, Judy	DeFazio
Allred	Ciциlline	DeGette
Axne	Cisneros	DeLauro
Barragán	Clark (MA)	DeBene
Beatty	Clarke (NY)	Delgado
Bera	Clay	Demings
Beyer	Cleaver	DeSaulnier
Bishop (GA)	Clyburn	Deutch
Blumenauer	Cohen	Dingell
Blunt Rochester	Connolly	Doggett
Bonamici	Cooper	Doyle, Michael
Boyle, Brendan	Correa	F.
F.	Costa	Engel
Brindisi	Courtney	Escobar
Brown (MD)	Cox (CA)	Eshoo
Brownley (CA)	Craig	Espallat
Bustos	Crist	Evans
Butterfield	Crow	Finkenauer
Carbajal	Cuellar	Fletcher
Carson (IN)	Cummings	Foster
Cartwright	Cunningham	Frankel
Case	Davids (KS)	Fudge
Casten (IL)	Davis (CA)	Gabbard
Castor (FL)	Davis, Danny K.	Gallego

Garamendi	Lowenthal	Rush
Garcia (IL)	Lowey	Ryan
Garcia (TX)	Luján, Ben Ray	Sánchez
Golden	Luria	Sarbanes
Gomez	Lynch	Scanlon
Gonzalez (TX)	Malinowski	Schakowsky
Gottheimer	Maloney	Schiff
Green (TX)	Carolyn B.	Schneider
Grijalva	Maloney, Sean	Schrader
Haaland	Matsui	Schrier
Harder (CA)	McAdams	Scott (VA)
Hastings	McBath	Scott, David
Hayes	McCollum	Serrano
Heck	McEachin	Sewell (AL)
Higgins (NY)	McGovern	Shalala
Hill (CA)	McNerney	Sherman
Himes	Meeks	Sherrill
Horn, Kendra S.	Meng	Sires
Horsford	Moore	Slotkin
Houlahan	Morelle	Smith (WA)
Hoyer	Moulton	Soto
Huffman	Mucarsel-Powell	Spanberger
Jackson Lee	Murphy	Speier
Jayapal	Nadler	Stanton
Jeffries	Napolitano	Stevens
Johnson (GA)	Neal	Suozi
Johnson (TX)	Neguse	Swalwell (CA)
Kaptur	Norcross	Takano
Keating	O'Halleran	Thompson (CA)
Kelly (IL)	Ocasio-Cortez	Thompson (MS)
Kennedy	Omar	Titus
Khanna	Pallone	Tlaib
Kildee	Panetta	Tonko
Kilmer	Pappas	Torres (CA)
Kim	Pascrell	Torres Small
Kind	Payne	(NM)
Kirkpatrick	Perlmutter	Trahan
Krishnamoorthi	Peters	Trone
Kuster (NH)	Peterson	Underwood
Lamb	Phillips	Van Drew
Langevin	Pingree	Vargas
Larsen (WA)	Pocan	Veasey
Larson (CT)	Porter	Vela
Lawrence	Pressley	Velázquez
Lawson (FL)	Price (NC)	Visclosky
Lee (CA)	Quigley	Wasserman
Lee (NV)	Raskin	Schultz
Levin (CA)	Rice (NY)	Waters
Levin (MI)	Richmond	Watson Coleman
Lewis	Rose (NY)	Welch
Lieu, Ted	Rouda	Wexton
Lipinski	Roybal-Allard	Yarmuth
Loeb sack	Ruiz	
Lofgren	Ruppersberger	

## NAYS—197

Abraham	Curtis	Hollingsworth
Aderholt	Davidson (OH)	Hudson
Allen	Davis, Rodney	Huizenga
Amash	DesJarlais	Hunter
Amodei	Diaz-Balart	Hurd (TX)
Armstrong	Duffy	Johnson (LA)
Arrington	Duncan	Johnson (OH)
Babin	Dunn	Johnson (SD)
Bacon	Emmer	Jordan
Baird	Estes	Joyce (OH)
Balderson	Ferguson	Joyce (PA)
Banks	Fitzpatrick	Katko
Barr	Fleischmann	Kelly (MS)
Bergman	Flores	Kelly (PA)
Biggs	Fortenberry	King (IA)
Bilirakis	Foxx (NC)	King (NY)
Bishop (UT)	Fulcher	Kinzing
Bost	Gaetz	Kustoff (TN)
Brady	Gallagher	LaHood
Brooks (AL)	Gianforte	LaMalfa
Brooks (IN)	Gibbs	Lamborn
Buchanan	Gohmert	Latta
Buck	Gonzalez (OH)	Lesko
Bucshon	Gooden	Long
Budd	Gosar	Loudermilk
Burchett	Granger	Lucas
Burgess	Graves (GA)	Luetkemeyer
Byrne	Graves (LA)	Marchant
Calvert	Graves (MO)	Marino
Carter (GA)	Green (TN)	Marshall
Carter (TX)	Griffith	Massie
Chabot	Grothman	Mast
Cheney	Guest	McCarthy
Cline	Guthrie	McCaul
Cloud	Hagedorn	McClintock
Cole	Harris	McHenry
Collins (GA)	Hartzler	McKinley
Collins (NY)	Hern, Kevin	McMorris
Comer	Herrera Beutler	Rodgers
Conaway	Hice (GA)	Meadows
Cook	Higgins (LA)	Meuser
Crawford	Hill (AR)	Miller
Crenshaw	Holding	Mitchell

Moolenaar	Rouzer	Tipton
Mooney (WV)	Roy	Turner
Mullin	Rutherford	Upton
Newhouse	Scalise	Wagner
Norman	Schweikert	Walberg
Nunes	Scott, Austin	Walden
Olson	Sensenbrenner	Walker
Palazzo	Shimkus	Walorski
Palmer	Simpson	Waltz
Pence	Smith (MO)	Watkins
Perry	Smith (NE)	Weber (TX)
Posey	Smith (NJ)	Webster (FL)
Ratcliffe	Spano	Wenstrup
Reed	Stauber	Westerman
Reschenthaler	Stefanik	Williams
Rice (SC)	Steil	Wilson (SC)
Riggleman	Steube	Wittman
Roby	Stewart	Womack
Roe, David P.	Stivers	Woodall
Rogers (AL)	Taylor	Wright
Rogers (KY)	Thompson (PA)	Yoho
Rooney (FL)	Thornberry	Young
Rose, John W.	Timmons	Zeldin

## NOT VOTING—5

Bass	Smucker	Wilson (FL)
Cárdenas	Wild	

□ 1606

Messrs. KING of New York and ADERHOLT changed their vote from “yea” to “nay.”

So the motion to table was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

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

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, for the purpose of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the minority leader or his designee—in this case, Mr. COLE—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. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members be given 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks on H. Res. 5 and H. Res. 6.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, by a 10-million-vote margin, the American people entrusted Democrats to run this body. So it is finally a new day for this Congress, and this rules package is our first opportunity to chart a new course.

In a sign that we intend to run this place differently, these ideas were developed from the bottom up, not the top down. We asked every Member for their ideas, from the longest serving to the newly elected, Democrats and Republicans alike.

We spoke to experts, inside and outside this Congress, from every House committee, from offices like the Parliamentarian and the General Counsel, from the Progressive Caucus and the Black Caucus to the Hispanic Caucus, the Blue Dog Coalition and the bipartisan Problem Solvers Caucus, and from outside groups engaged on these issues.

We spent months vetting suggestions and came up with a final package that

reflects all corners of the Democratic Caucus and this Congress.

Never before has a rules package been developed like this. Our collaborative process made the final product a much stronger one. It modernizes this Chamber in five key ways.

First, it restores the people's voice by aligning Congress' agenda with the priorities of the American people. That includes enabling this House to defend the Affordable Care Act's preexisting conditions coverage; setting up consideration of H.R. 1, a historic set of reforms to reduce money in politics; creating a Select Committee on the Climate Crisis so we no longer ignore the defining issues we all face; ending the Holman rule to protect Federal workers; strengthening representation by giving rights to Delegates and the Resident Commissioner in the Committee of the Whole and ensuring they can be appointed to joint committees; and honoring our commitment to workers by putting “labor” back in the Committee on Education and Labor.

Second, it restores the legislative process by returning to regular order and abiding by the principle that good ideas should finally be debated and voted on again. That includes establishing a real 72-hour rule so Members of Congress have time to actually read the major bills they are voting on, requiring bills to have a hearing and a markup before they go through the Rules Committee and to the floor, and creating a truly bipartisan select committee to modernize Congress and keep ourselves accountable so that this place actually works for the American people.

Third, it restores oversight and ethics by cleaning up Washington, and it subjects the Trump administration to something it has never had: real oversight. That means making commonsense changes like prohibiting Members of Congress and staff from serving on boards of publicly traded companies, making sure non-disclosure agreements aren't used to prevent people here from speaking out about possible wrongdoing, providing assistance and training to help congressional offices properly protect whistleblowers, and setting a policy that Members indicted for serious crimes should resign from leadership roles and committee assignments.

Fourth, it restores budget rules by preventing Members from using the debt ceiling as a political weapon, ending the sham budgetary policy of CutGo that pretends that tax cuts somehow pay for themselves, and preventing our Federal lands from being given away for free.

Fifth, it restores inclusion to ensure Congress reflects the diversity of the American people, people of all backgrounds, including women and the LGBTQ community. That includes banning discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity, creating a first-ever diversity office so the workers here are as diverse as the

real world, clarifying the rules so that Members and staff are finally allowed to wear religious headwear on the House floor and requiring Members to reimburse taxpayers for discrimination settlements.

Those are just some of the many rules changes that are included here, and I am especially proud that we have also included language that ensures the direct vote on privileged war powers resolutions and directs the House Office of General Counsel to explore all possible legal options for responding to the administration's attempt to circumvent Congress and limit access to SNAP for hundreds of thousands of hungry Americans, because this majority will not sit idly by as the Trump administration beats up on poor people.

Each change is the result of a real exchange of ideas, an honest attempt at unrigging the rules so that the people's House actually works for the people again.

Now, Mr. Speaker, this rules package isn't some panacea that will fix all our problems. As important as it is, there is something that is even more important, and that is how we conduct ourselves day to day, week after week, and year after year, because you can't legislate civility.

As chairman of the Rules Committee, I am ready to do my part to institute a more accommodating process, one that gives all Members a voice and brings the committee back to the days where big ideas were actually debated, where Members were treated with respect, and where the discourse wasn't so coarse.

I am not naive, Mr. Speaker. I know that, even if this House elevates the discourse here, we cannot control the other branches of government. The Senate will work its will, and the President may still reach for his phone to tweet insults and to name-call. But we can and we should be the example of how Congress should operate, and I am proud that this Democratic majority has developed a historic rules package that will immediately help restore integrity to this institution.

I would like to thank the Office of the Parliamentarian and the Office of the Legislative Counsel for their technical assistance in drafting this package. Their hard work and their professionalism is a credit to this House.

I also want to thank the incredible staff of the Rules Committee, which spent countless hours trying to help assemble all these ideas, vet these ideas, and put this package together.

This rule also includes language that will allow us to finally vote on reopening the government on day one of this new Congress.

□ 1615

Bills were negotiated in a bipartisan way with the Senate that would bring an end to the President's unnecessary and costly shutdown. Not a single penny is included for any border wall. It is that simple.

Both sides should agree on this. No part of our government should be shut down over the President's obsession with a border wall.

Mr. Speaker, we can rebuild this place and restore integrity again, and that starts with voting in favor of this rule, the underlying rules package, and the legislation to finally end the Trump shutdown. Let's get this done so we can get to work on behalf of the American people.

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

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

Mr. Speaker, I rise as the designee of the Republican leader, and I thank Chairman MCGOVERN for yielding me 30 minutes.

First and foremost, I welcome my good friend, Mr. MCGOVERN, and congratulate him on being named the chairman of the Rules Committee. While he and I have been on opposite sides of the Rules Committee dais for years, I know him as a passionate advocate for his beliefs and as a good friend. He and his staff have already been great to work with as we start the new Congress, and I am very much looking forward to working with him in our new roles at the Rules Committee this Congress.

However, it is unfortunate that I rise today to oppose the first measure to be put forth by my friend. I know the gentleman from Massachusetts cares deeply about this institution and wants nothing more than to foster an open and fair process.

Over the years, he has called for more open rules, more amendments, and more debate time, so it is a little surprising that this resolution and the resolution we will consider later provide for limited debate in some instances, closed rules, and what Democrats in the past have so fondly referred to as martial law. I understand there are justifications for these decisions, but I find it noteworthy that the first measures out of the gate under the majority include these provisions.

This measure, House Resolution 5, makes in order both the Democrat rules package to govern the 116th Congress and separate appropriations measures to fund the government. The rules package to start a new Congress is always an opportunity to start fresh and improve the institution.

While I applaud certain ideas in this rules package, as a whole, the package does not rise to that lofty goal. There are some good bipartisan ideas in this package for improving the institution, but, on the whole, the package reflects only Democrat priorities. For that reason, I will be opposing it.

In the spirit of bipartisanship, I will first point out areas of agreement. As I said previously, there are some good ideas in this package, and my friend from Massachusetts should be applauded for including them. Indeed, many of these ideas are ones Republicans had previously utilized in Congresses past.

In the last Congress, we maintained the practice of requiring committees to hold a Member Day hearing, where members who were not on a specific committee could come before the committee to talk about their pieces of legislation falling under that committee's jurisdiction. I am gratified my Democrat friends are seeking to continue that practice.

We are also gratified to see that the standard for committee markup notices will be 3 business days. This has been the practice, and I am happy to see my friends making it official in the rules.

We also support the idea of a Select Committee on the Modernization of Congress. This new select committee will have 12 members, evenly divided among Republicans and Democrats, and will be charged with investigating, studying, and making recommendations on modernizing Congress.

While this provision is not perfect and would have been better had it included the Senate, this will give the House a chance to develop and improve our processes and modernize the institution. I will have more to say on this idea tomorrow, but, for now, I think many of my Republican colleagues will certainly be inclined to support it.

I would also like to point out a few additional good ideas that my friends have included that we approach with a tone of skeptical optimism.

First, the majority is requiring that every bill that comes to the Rules Committee have been the subject of a hearing or a markup. I genuinely hope this produces thoughtful legislation. I would point out that the hearing requirement is met merely by a committee of jurisdiction including a list of hearings that were used to develop that bill in the committee report. I am hopeful that committees take this requirement seriously and hold hearings this Congress directly related to the measures, as opposed to hearings loosely connected to the legislation or subject matter.

Second, I believe many Members on both sides of the aisle support the spirit behind the Consensus Calendar. Under this provision, bills that receive 290 cosponsors and that have not been reported out by the committee of jurisdiction can receive a floor vote. In general, Republicans think this is a good idea, but we will be interested to see how it will work in practice and if it will yield the desired results.

Third, my friends are seeking to replace the existing 3-day notice with a 72-hour notice rule. Under this rule, they must post the text of any legislation to be considered on the floor 72 hours before it comes to a vote.

Of course, as my friend knows, legislation is sometimes posted late at night or in the early hours of the morning, and I am hopeful that this will not mean a lot of late-night legislating or attempts to pass bills right as the 72 hours expires. In situations where the 72 hours lands us at midnight, I am hopeful the majority will

view the 72 hours as a minimum and will wait to hold votes until the light of day, as the American people deserve.

As my friend also knows, he and I have had discussions off the floor about the impact of this provision in the rule that could impact the inclusion of minority views, and I appreciate him working with me on legislative history clarifying that provision and ensuring that the rule is in no way intended to suppress minority or dissenting views. As with the consensus calendar, we are interested to see how these provisions will work in practice.

Mr. Speaker, now that I have let my good friend know what he got right, it is time for me to let him know where we think he went wrong.

First and foremost, the Democratic rules package repeals a lot of the critical fiscal responsibility measures that Republicans have adhered to in years past. The repeal of these measures is undoubtedly intended to make it easier to do what Democrats have so often promised to do: spend more money, raise taxes to cover it, and repeat the cycle.

This is a recipe for driving our Nation deeper and deeper into debt. If we fail to keep our fiscal house in order, it will threaten the stability of our economy, our national security, and the American way of life. Unfortunately, I believe these rules changes are a threat to that.

Mr. Speaker, I think this point is so important that I want to list out the fiscal responsibility measures that Democrats are eliminating.

First, Democrats are repealing what we call the CutGo under Republican majorities, which meant, in order to spend money, we had to cut money. Democrats are replacing it with a paygo rule, which allows them to offset the cost of measures by raising revenue or taxing Americans.

They are eliminating the requirement that the House agree by at least a three-fifths supermajority to raise revenue through additional Federal income taxes. This will make it easier for Democrats to tax Americans to pay for their expensive policies.

The rules package brings back the so-called Gephardt rule and creates a provision that says that when the House passes a budget resolution—not both Chambers—a separate joint resolution suspending the Federal debt ceiling through September 30 of that year is also deemed to have passed the House.

Unfortunately, Mr. Speaker, I think this is emblematic of what the Democrats wish to accomplish. The Gephardt rule sweeps the national debt ceiling under a rug and ensures that Democrats will be able to spend with impunity, without worrying about hitting the limit on the national credit card. I, for one, think this is a bad practice and bad policy and will lead only to more and more unnecessary deficit spending.

The rules package we are considering today also authorizes the House to in-

tervene in the Texas v. United States lawsuit over the legality of the Affordable Care Act. I cannot think of a single member on the Republican side who wants to give the Speaker this authority.

The same can be said for the provision authorizing the Office of Legal Counsel to explore options for responding to a Department of Agriculture proposed rulemaking over SNAP benefits for able-bodied adults. Inconceivably, this provision in the rules is also hopelessly vague and represents a blanket grant of authority to simply do something without saying what.

Finally, and most notably, the Democrats are choosing to respond to the demands of one wing of their caucus by establishing a Select Committee on the Climate Crisis to study and make recommendations on climate change.

This committee is ill-conceived from the start. It takes away jurisdiction from standing committees in the House and gives it to a brand new panel rigged with a supermajority of Democrats. Indeed, we do not know where exactly the jurisdiction of this panel begins and ends, since it is conceivable it could dig into all kinds of areas.

Unlike most other committees in the House, this one does not adhere to the negotiated ratio of membership, and, instead, it calls for nine Democrats and six Republicans. The Democrats have also failed to tell us how this new panel will be funded, where the money for it will come from, or how it will be used.

Again, I cannot think of a single Republican who thinks this new panel is a good idea. Earlier in my statement, I used the phrase “skeptical optimism” to describe how I would approach some of the rules changes my friends are proposing. With this proposal, I can approach it with merely skepticism.

Mr. Speaker, as a member of the Appropriations Committee, I would be remiss if I did not shift gears and address the other major proposal covered by the rule. My Democratic friends are seeking to make in order on the floor an appropriations package to reopen the government agencies that are currently affected by the shutdown.

While I applaud them for seeking to fully fund the government, which is the single highest priority of any Member of Congress, they have done so in the worst way possible, and I will be opposing the package.

To start, Mr. Speaker, the Democrats are proposing a package of six bills covering the bulk of the closed agencies and are proposing to fund them for the full fiscal year. Unfortunately, what the Democrats have done is put up a package of six bills produced by the Senate. If the House chooses to pass these bills, we will be abrogating any and all ability for the House to affect the final spending package. None of these six bills reflect any work done by the House Appropriations Committee or the House at large, and I, for one, do not think it wise to surrender all ability to produce a final product like that.

Our own priorities as a coequal house of Congress will not be represented in this bill, and, instead, we merely are being given only the opportunity to vote on what the Senate has produced.

Second, the Democrats are proposing a continuing resolution to fund the Department of Homeland Security through February 8. This, again, is an ill-conceived idea. It simply will kick the can down the road on fully funding the department through the fiscal year. It does not provide any additional money for border security, which Americans have told us time and time again that they want and need.

Most notably, this bill is part of a package that the Senate will not pass and the President will not sign. Why would we surrender our authority and our ability to produce a legislative product on a quixotic effort that is going nowhere?

While I appreciate the attempt by my Democratic colleagues to reopen the government, I do not think the package is an appropriate way to do so, and I would encourage all of my colleagues to oppose it.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, I want to say again how gratified I am that I will be working closely with my friend from Massachusetts during this Congress. I have said some critical things about the rule he is placing on the floor, but let no one think that my disagreements with him over matters of policy or procedure reflect how I feel about him as a person.

As he so kindly noted last week, we can disagree without being disagreeable. I look forward to attempting to live up to those words as we work together in the coming 2 years. With that, I urge opposition to the rule.

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

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

Mr. Speaker, I thank my colleague from Oklahoma for his kind words. My mother and father are up in the gallery, so they are very impressed that you said nice things about me.

I am going to say nice things about you, too, but I was saving it until the end to see the tone of your speech. But I appreciate very much what you said.

Let me just make a couple of statements in response.

The gentleman made mention about martial law, and, yes, there is limited martial law or same-day authority in this package. I am going to say to the gentleman that there should be. If there ever was a time to move legislation quickly, it is while nearly 800,000 Federal employees, including our law enforcement officers, like FBI and DEA and CBP agents, are going without a paycheck.

Enough is enough. We need to open the government, and same-day authority for appropriations bills only lets us do that as quickly as we are able to.

I just want to remind my friends on the other side of the aisle that you had blanket martial law authority before

the holidays. I even voted for the rule providing for it. We did that so that we could move quickly to make sure hard-working Americans weren't left without a paycheck over Christmas.

But what did you do instead of utilizing that same-day authority to consider a bill to keep the government open? That is not what you did. You held an emergency Rules Committee meeting on a bill to define natural cheese. That was the priority, apparently, in the Rules Committee. I mean, seriously. This may seem like a novel concept to my Republican friends, but this is exactly what responsible governance looks like.

Not having the ability to fund government as expeditiously as possible and to clean up this Republican mess would be an abdication of our duty as a new Democratic House majority to keep the lights on for the American people's government. I don't recall—maybe you can correct me—in history, when we have ever started a new Congress in a shutdown that was caused by the previous Congress.

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I mean, I would have thought that my friends would have wanted to kind of clean things up before they left town, but they didn't do that. I was here. I was on the floor trying to get the attention of the presiding Speaker to allow us to bring up a continuing resolution to keep the government running, and I was routinely not recognized.

I mean, this is crazy. The bills that we are talking about were approved overwhelmingly by either the Senate Appropriations Committee or the entire Senate. There is, like, no controversy on these bills. And most of these bills have nothing to do with border security, quite frankly. Yet, the President of the United States is holding a big chunk of our government hostage because he is having a temper tantrum, and it just has to stop.

So we are going to do what the American people want us to do. We are going to expeditiously bring before this Congress legislation to reopen the government, and we hope to do that. I hope my friends on the other side of the aisle will join with us.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentlewoman from Florida (Ms. CASTOR), the distinguished chairwoman of the new Select Committee on the Climate Crisis.

Ms. CASTOR of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I thank my colleague, the House Rules Chairman, JIM MCGOVERN, for crafting a transformative rules package that we hope will re-instill confidence of the American people in this Congress; confidence that we can address the challenges that our country faces, whether it is opening the government, or it is protecting our neighbors who have preexisting health conditions, and making a statement about ethics in government as a priority.

But I want to thank Chairman MCGOVERN and Speaker PELOSI espe-

cially for re-instituting the Select Committee on the Climate Crisis.

A few years ago, in 2007, Speaker PELOSI instituted the Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming. When the Republicans took over in 2010, they dismissed the committee. They wouldn't have hearings. Meanwhile, the cost of the changing climate escalated.

I come from the State of Florida where we are seeing enormous cost, not even counting the extreme weather events. This is the challenge of our time.

So, in this rules package, the Democrats will re-institute a climate change committee called the Select Committee on the Climate Crisis. In doing so, we intend to press for urgent action in defense of America and our way of life.

We want dramatic reductions in carbon pollution. We want to make clean energy a pillar of our economy and create the green jobs of today and the future. You see, we have a moral obligation to our children and future generations to do this.

So, again, Chairman MCGOVERN, my Democratic colleagues, Speaker PELOSI, thank you for listening, heeding the calls of the American people. We will tackle this challenge, and we need your help, America.

Mr. COLE. Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentlewoman from North Carolina (Ms. FOXX).

Ms. FOXX of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I thank my colleague for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the students and workers of today and tomorrow, I rise in opposition to this rules package.

It has become tradition in the House that when Republicans are in the majority, we have the Committee on Education and the Workforce, and when the Democrats are in the majority we have the Committee on Education and Labor.

Some assign political motivations to these names. They point out the old traditional bond between organized labor and the establishment Democrat Party, but it is far more serious than that. Reverting to the committee's old name is choosing to live in the past.

Republicans value traditions. We value institutions, but we know we cannot afford to go back.

Changing the committee's name from workforce to labor has not only political ramifications but also reflects how we view our fellow citizens. It sends a message to the people we represent that we are interested only in serving some professions. If they don't consider themselves laborers, if they choose to identify as part of another demographic or class, or if they pursue career changes, they need not look to us.

Mr. Speaker, that should not be the case.

Republicans on the Education and Workforce Committee have stayed true to key principles in this regard. We be-

lieve all education is career education. We believe every American has God-given talents which they should have the freedom and opportunity to pursue, and we believe that all work is valuable.

The word "labor" harkens back to a time when work was little more than a burden to carry, not a means to a brighter future, not a manifestation of a woman or man's talents and skills.

No one wants to move backward. We may have different ideas about how to move forward, but no one should want to turn back the clock, at least no one on this side of the aisle.

Words matter. The name of such a vitally important body as the Committee on Education and the Workforce matters very much. We must govern with an eye toward the future and not be bound to an unhealthy allegiance to those who would keep us in the past. For that reason, among many others, we must oppose this rules package.

And I, too, want to give my congratulations to the gentleman from Massachusetts, and tell him I admire him very much for his passion and commitment, and look forward to working with him in his new capacity.

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

I want to thank the gentlewoman for her kind comments, and I agree with her that words matter. And I would hope that she and others on the other side of the aisle would remember that the name of our party is the Democratic Party, not the Democrat Party, and we would appreciate the respect of calling us by what our real name is.

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

Mr. COLE. Mr. Speaker, when we defeat the previous question, I will offer an amendment to the resolution.

I ask unanimous consent to insert the text of my amendment, along with extraneous material, in the RECORD immediately prior to the vote on the previous question.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. COLE. Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentleman from Oregon (Mr. WALDEN) to explain the amendment.

Mr. WALDEN. Mr. Speaker, I come here today with a very simple request and in the spirit of this new Congress and a fresh start.

Let us come together and make sure that those Americans with preexisting health conditions are protected, period.

Republicans have language to protect people with preexisting health conditions which we believe should be included in this rules package. But that can only happen if the new Democratic majority allows it.

Let me explain why it is needed at this time. Last year, 20 State attorneys general filed a lawsuit against ObamaCare arguing that the law's individual mandate is unconstitutional

and, therefore, the entire law is unconstitutional.

On December 14 of last year, a Federal judge in Texas agreed with the plaintiffs and issued a summary judgment stating: “The individual mandate is essential to and inseparable from the other provisions of the ACA” therefore, the judge has ruled the entire Affordable Care Act is unconstitutional.

It is important to note that the judge’s decision does not immediately end ObamaCare and will not affect the insurance coverage or premiums for 2019. And, in fact, the judge has ordered a stay of his earlier ruling pending appeal.

Additionally, the ruling is already being appealed by other attorneys general from States that had intervened in the lawsuit to defend ObamaCare, and that means several legal steps remain before the courts reach a final conclusion where the ruling could be reversed.

Even though these State AGs are already intervening in the case, the Democratic rules package includes a provision authorizing the House General Counsel to also intervene in the case. That effort does not preserve preexisting condition protections. The Republican proposal would.

Put simply, the Texas court ruled that ObamaCare’s individual mandate is unconstitutional.

Now, we also know it didn’t work. The individual mandate didn’t live up to its promise. We were told that the individual mandate would encourage enrollment. In fact, the Congressional Budget Office argued 24 million Americans would enroll in ObamaCare by 2018, but less than half that number actually enrolled and paid for their coverage. Twelve million others paid the penalty or claimed an exemption.

Moreover, those that have signed up have seen skyrocketing premiums and thousands of dollars in deductibles. Preexisting condition protections are greatly diminished when you cannot afford your premiums or your deductible.

Republicans have long supported preexisting condition protection for Americans. In fact, in 2016, our healthcare agenda, A Better Way: Our Vision for a Confident America, we clearly stated: “No American should ever be denied coverage or face a coverage exclusion on the basis of a preexisting condition. Our plan ensures every American, healthy or sick, will have the comfort of knowing they can never be denied a plan from a health insurer.”

It was also one of my first bills as chairman of the Energy and Commerce Committee that I introduced in February of 2017. It required health insurers to allow every eligible applicant to enroll in their plans, regardless of factors like health status, age, or income, and it also prohibited benefit exclusions and banned health status underwriting.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The time of the gentleman has expired.

Mr. COLE. Mr. Speaker, I yield the gentleman an additional 30 seconds.

Mr. WALDEN. Effectively, that would ensure these important patient protections if ObamaCare were no longer the law. During the floor debate on the AHCA, the leaders of our party made clear we supported protections for those with preexisting conditions. That is our position, period.

So today, we, once again, reinforce our support of people with preexisting conditions. Our language simply says Congress should produce legislation that guarantees no American citizen can be denied health insurance coverage as a result of a previous illness or health status, and it guarantees no American citizen can be charged higher premiums or cost sharing as a result of a previous illness or health status; thus, ensuring affordable health coverage for those with preexisting conditions.

But we can only offer that if the Democratic majority allows it, and we would do so if the previous question is defeated.

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

I have to be honest with you, I am almost speechless. I mean, the gentleman from Oregon takes my breath away with his previous question amendment.

I want to remind the gentleman that it was the Democrats that actually put in protections for people with preexisting conditions. We did so over the objections of the Republicans and, for almost a decade now, while my friends were in charge, they, time and time and time again tried to take away people’s healthcare protections, including protections for people with preexisting conditions.

This lawsuit, this judgment in Texas that recently came about that threatens people’s healthcare protections was filed by the Republicans. I mean, they have been in charge of the House and the Senate and the White House, and they have done nothing to protect people with preexisting conditions. They have just tried to take these protections away.

Now, I get it. We heard loud and clear in the last election that people don’t agree with you. They don’t agree with you. And we are going to do everything we can to protect people with preexisting conditions and to expand healthcare protections for everybody in this country because we believe that healthcare is a right and not a privilege.

So when I hear my friends come here with a procedural motion, you know, that somehow they want to be the champions for people who are worried about their healthcare coverage, it is laughable.

Mr. WALDEN. Will the gentleman yield?

Mr. MCGOVERN. I yield to the gentleman from Oregon.

Mr. WALDEN. Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the gentleman’s comments. I don’t agree with them, obviously, but I

haven’t heard the gentleman’s objections to the language we proposed to offer to your rules package that already has different healthcare provisions in it. Is there anything here the gentleman objects to allowing us to offer?

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, reclaiming my time, we are going to do something that my friends on the other side of the aisle did not do. We are going to legislate in a professional and proper manner. And as we debate healthcare in the future, it is going to go through regular order. We are going to take on, immediately right now, some of these court cases that we think present a danger to the American people.

But the idea that the Republican friends are coming to the floor saying let’s protect people with preexisting conditions, you know what? The American people don’t believe it. That was the message in the last election. That was the message, because they know that dozens and dozens and dozens of times, Republicans came to this floor, used every trick in the book to try to undo the Affordable Care Act and, thankfully, you failed. And we put these protections in place and we will make sure they stay in place.

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

Mr. COLE. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from the great State of Arizona (Mr. SCHWEIKERT).

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Mr. SCHWEIKERT. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman, Mr. COLE, for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, I will try to do this quickly. We are removing, in the Democratic Party rules package, macroeconomic analysis.

Now, we all know right now the methodology used at Joint Tax, CBO. They actually do some of it no matter what, and they have long before it was put into the rules years ago.

My great concern is, by the removal, I actually think we are sort of being a bit antimath, antiscience, antiopenness, antifacts, because walk through a couple examples with me.

Tomorrow we double the tax on cigarettes. Do you get double the tax revenue? Of course not. People stop smoking.

If there is a green agenda or when we are going to see paygo numbers, are we allowed to do macroeconomic analysis on that to tell us the economic effects?

In other words, policy matters, and if we are going to engage in policy around here that changes the economic growth rates, that also changes tax revenues for the positive or the negative. Should we be honest about that?

The rules package here strips the requirement that, on important legislation, we get a macroeconomic analysis, and that is my concern.

For all of us who make public policy, we should have honest math, and we



should have math to understand the cascade effect: What are the effects in the economy? It is just that if we are going to make public policy, let's actually have the math that backs it up.

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

Mr. Speaker, I will respond to the gentleman.

I appreciate his point, but I just want to remind him that, while his party was in power, time and time and time again, I think I have lost count of how many bills came to this floor without a CBO score, never mind a dynamic score.

Serving on the Rules Committee, I know of at least 68 bills in this last Congress that came to the Rules Committee that never had a hearing in a committee or a markup in a committee of jurisdiction.

So we are going to go back to the committee process. We are going to make committees do their work. We are going to require that there be hearings on bills and markups on bills and have this place behave in the manner in which the American people expect it to.

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

Mr. COLE. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. CONAWAY), a distinguished gentleman and my good friend.

Mr. CONAWAY. Mr. Speaker, both the chairman and ranking member of the Rules Committee have addressed, literally, a rule tucked away on page 31 with respect to going after the Secretary of Agriculture's attempts to change the rules with respect to SNAP. My good colleague from Massachusetts is a master at cloaking this issue, any change to SNAP, as if Republicans are beating up on poor people.

Mr. Speaker, this rule that the Secretary of Agriculture is proposing mirrors the House requirements with respect to changing waivers on SNAP that this House passed back in June, the House version of the farm bill.

Throughout the entire conversation I had with our Senate colleagues on negotiating the conference report, both the Senate Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry chairman as well as the ranking member, and particularly the ranking member, the Democrat, reminded me over and over and over that Secretary Perdue had, in fact, all of the authority he needed to do what we wanted to do on the House bill; therefore, the House version was unnecessary and Secretary Perdue could move this forward.

This rule addresses a-bods, able-bodied adults, people between the ages of 18 and 49 without dependents. Most folks would look at them and say that is a worker.

Well, there is waiver abuse. Waiving the 20-hour-a-week work requirement has been abused by the system. I want to point out, until last September, the entire State of California was under work waiver, and we have, yet, a 4 per-

cent unemployment rate across this Nation. It makes no sense.

So what Secretary Perdue does is say, look, if you are willing to help yourself by working 20 hours a week, then you will, as an a-bod, be able to stay on food stamps, unlimited. If you are unwilling to help yourself, demonstrate that you can help yourself, then your SNAP requirements will be limited to 3 months out of every 36.

The impact it would have is this: With the now famous YouTube show, or wherever I saw it, we have a 27-year-old surfer from California who loves to surf—fantastic—but he doesn't like to work, but he is on food stamps. The waiver of the work requirement in California allows him to stay on food stamps an unlimited amount of time, and yet he doesn't have to work.

My colleagues on the other side of the aisle as well as my colleagues in the Senate would voraciously defend the work requirement that is currently in law, 20 hours a week; they just don't want to defend it. This rule will allow them to try to supercede and intervene on behalf of requiring able-bodied adults to work.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to oppose this rule and oppose the underlying rule package.

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

Mr. Speaker, I want to assure the gentleman from Texas, the now ranking member of the Agriculture Committee, this provision wasn't tucked away. In fact, we did a press release on it. We want everybody to know that we are going to hold this administration accountable if they go against what the Congress passed in the farm bill.

The Congress didn't pass what the gentleman just said. In fact, my friend from Texas said in an interview last year that the Secretary of Agriculture doesn't have the authority to fix waivers. Maybe he has changed his mind.

But here is the deal, and if the Secretary is watching, I want to be very, very clear: If, in fact, he or this administration go after poor people, if they try to take away their food, if they try to undercut their food security, we are coming after them. We are going to hold them accountable. The days of turning a blind eye to attacks on poor people are over, plain and simple.

So this is not a provision that was tucked away. It was not a provision that was hidden. In fact, we did a press release on it. I want everybody to know about it.

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

Mr. COLE. Mr. Speaker, I am prepared to close if my friend is.

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I am prepared to close.

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

Mr. Speaker, in closing, I want to begin again by congratulating my good friend on assuming this very important position of responsibility as chairman of the House Rules Committee.

It is particularly, I think, notable that he began his career of public service as a staff member on this very committee. So I think moving from staff member to ranking member and to chairman is something my friend should be very proud of and all of us in the House should be proud of as well. It says wonderful things about him.

Now, while the rules package includes some very good ideas, I am going to urge all Members to oppose the rule. Some of the provisions, obviously, that I mentioned in my remarks Republicans certainly can support. It, unfortunately, however, includes too many measures that we cannot.

The rule today removes important fiscal responsibility measures from the House rules, establishes a partisan Select Committee on the Climate Crisis, and grants the Speaker the power to intervene in a lawsuit over the legality of the ACA.

It also makes in order an appropriations package, frankly, as an appropriator, I cannot support. The idea that the House would simply yield to the Senate and accept, without change, bills that the Senate has passed even though, frankly, there had been ongoing conferences and many changes have been agreed to is something that I think we should never do in this particular body.

For these and the reasons I have discussed here, I urge a "no" vote on the rule.

Mr. Speaker, I urge a "no" on the previous question, a "no" on the underlying measure, and I yield back the balance of my time.

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

Mr. Speaker, I want to congratulate the new ranking member of the Rules Committee, Mr. COLE. It has been a pleasure to be down here debating with him here today.

It is kind of strange to close debate. I kind of like it. I haven't been able to do it for a long time.

We have worked side by side on this committee for many years. We have also worked in Congress on a lot of important issues that we both care about, like the Authorization for Use of Military Force. I appreciate his work on the Appropriations Committee. I think nobody knows more about the appropriations process or respects that process more than the gentleman from Oklahoma.

Mr. Speaker, he is not only a colleague, but I consider him a friend. We don't agree on everything, but when we disagree, Congressman COLE is always very respectful. As I said before, he disagrees without being disagreeable, and all while still fighting for the ideas and issues that he cares deeply about. Frankly, in this day and age, that is a breath of fresh air, and I look forward to continuing to work with him on the committee in this Congress. I expect that we will be able to forge a relationship and, hopefully, be able to do things differently. That is my hope.

Now, Mr. Speaker, these rules that are contained in the rules package are historic. There has never been a process like this one before, and there has never been a rules package like this before. It is unprecedented.

Our Speaker, who I am proud to have just elected, tasked me with soliciting Members' feedback for this rules package months ago, and working with the members of our committee, we did just that.

Mr. Speaker, I thank her again for the opportunity. I think her leadership on this has been extraordinary. She has empowered all of our Members to get involved, and she has led a collaborative process that gave all Members a voice.

These changes incorporate ideas from every corner of our Caucus. As I said before, there are many ideas that have come from Republicans as well, and they come from Members that represent urban areas and suburban areas and rural areas.

I am a progressive. I am a liberal. My colleagues on the other side know that. There are changes here that we have been fighting for years.

I know my Republican colleagues wouldn't have included some of these priorities, like healthcare and climate change, if they were drafting their own package, and that is okay. I get it.

The American people have entrusted Democrats to run this institution, and so this is a rules package the majority should be proud to support; but I hope some of my friends in the minority will as well, because there are major reforms to the legislative process that even they agree should be made.

There is a bipartisan agreement that we need to change how this place is run. This is our chance. On day one of this Congress, let's vote for this rule and the underlying rules package and for measures ending the Trump shutdown so we can get the American people who have been displaced back to work and get them a paycheck and give them the kind of Congress that they have demanded.

Mr. Speaker, the reason why I also think this deserves bipartisan support is because we are trying, in good faith, to have a more accommodating Rules Committee, to have a more accommodating process.

In the previous Congress, which unfortunately went down in history as the most closed Congress in American history, Members on both sides—not just Democrats, but Republicans—were routinely shut out. And I know my colleague from Oklahoma didn't always approve of that tactic, but the bottom line is that was the fact, and I think that needs to change.

We need to be willing on our side to allow ideas that we may have issues with, that we may disagree with. You don't always have to rig the rules in order to get the end product you want.

So I believe in a fair fight. We believe that important ideas, even ideas we disagree with, ought to be brought to

the floor. When we disagree with them, we are going to fight and try to defeat them on the floor. But out of respect and out of the belief that everybody in this Chamber matters, we need to change the way we have done business.

So in that spirit, I ask the Members of this House, both Democrats and Republicans, to vote on this rule and support the underlying rules package.

The material previously referred to by Mr. COLE is as follows:

AMENDMENT TO H. RES. 5 OFFERED BY MR. COLE, MR. WALDEN, AND MR. BRADY OF TEXAS  
**SEC. \_\_\_\_ . PRE-EXISTING CONDITIONS.**

Not later than January 31, 2019, the Committee on Energy and Commerce and the Committee on Ways and Means shall report to the House a joint resolution that is consistent with the United States Constitution and relevant Supreme Court cases that—

(1) guarantees no American citizen can be denied health insurance coverage as the result of a previous illness or health status; and

(2) guarantees no American citizen can be charged higher premiums or cost sharing as the result of a previous illness or health status, thus ensuring affordable health coverage for those with pre-existing conditions.

(The information contained herein was provided by Democratic Minority on multiple occasions throughout the 115th Congress. Only political affiliation has been changed.)

THE VOTE ON THE PREVIOUS QUESTION: WHAT IT REALLY MEANS

This vote, the vote on whether to order the previous question on a special rule, is not merely a procedural vote. A vote against ordering the previous question is a vote against the Democratic majority agenda and a vote to allow the opposition, at least for the moment, to offer an alternative plan. It is a vote about what the House should be debating.

Mr. Clarence Cannon's *Precedents of the House of Representatives*, (VI, 308-311) describes the vote on the previous question on the rule as "a motion to direct or control the consideration of the subject before the House being made by the Member in charge." To defeat the previous question is to give the opposition a chance to decide the subject before the House. Cannon cites the Speaker's ruling of January 13, 1920, to the effect that "the refusal of the House to sustain the demand for the previous question passes the control of the resolution to the opposition" in order to offer an amendment. On March 15, 1909, a member of the majority party offered a rule resolution. The House defeated the previous question and a member of the opposition rose to a parliamentary inquiry, asking who was entitled to recognition. Speaker Joseph G. Cannon (R-Illinois) said: "The previous question having been refused, the gentleman from New York, Mr. Fitzgerald, who had asked the gentleman to yield to him for an amendment, is entitled to the first recognition."

The Democrat majority may say "the vote on the previous question is simply a vote on whether to proceed to an immediate vote on adopting the resolution . . . [and] has no substantive legislative or policy implications whatsoever." But that is not what they have always said. Listen to the Republican Leadership Manual on the Legislative Process in the United States House of Representatives, (6th edition, page 135). Here's how the Republicans describe the previous question vote in their own manual: "Although it is generally not possible to amend the rule because the majority Member controlling the

time will not yield for the purpose of offering an amendment, the same result may be achieved by voting down the previous question on the rule . . . When the motion for the previous question is defeated, control of the time passes to the Member who led the opposition to ordering the previous question. That Member, because he then controls the time, may offer an amendment to the rule, or yield for the purpose of amendment."

In Deschler's *Procedure in the U.S. House of Representatives*, the subchapter titled "Amending Special Rules" states: "a refusal to order the previous question on such a rule [a special rule reported from the Committee on Rules] opens the resolution to amendment and further debate." (Chapter 21, section 21.2) Section 21.3 continues: Upon rejection of the motion for the previous question on a resolution reported from the Committee on Rules, control shifts to the Member leading the opposition to the previous question, who may offer a proper amendment or motion and who controls the time for debate thereon.

Clearly, the vote on the previous question on a rule does have substantive policy implications. It is one of the only available tools for those who oppose the Democratic majority's agenda and allows those with alternative views the opportunity to offer an alternative plan.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on ordering the previous question.

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

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

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 233, nays 197, not voting 2, as follows:

[Roll No. 4]

YEAS—233

Adams	Correa	Garcia (IL)
Aguilar	Costa	Garcia (TX)
Allred	Courtney	Golden
Axne	Cox (CA)	Gomez
Barragán	Craig	Gonzalez (TX)
Bass	Crist	Gottheimer
Beatty	Crow	Green (TX)
Bera	Cuellar	Grijalva
Beyer	Cummings	Haaland
Bishop (GA)	Cunningham	Harder (CA)
Blumenauer	Davidson (KS)	Hastings
Blunt Rochester	Davis (CA)	Hayes
Bonamici	Davis, Danny K.	Heck
Boyle, Brendan	Dean	Higgins (NY)
F.	DeFazio	Hill (CA)
Brindisi	DeGette	Himes
Brown (MD)	DeLauro	Horn, Kendra S.
Brownley (CA)	DelBene	Horsford
Bustos	Delgado	Houlahan
Butterfield	Demings	Hoyer
Carbajal	DeSaulnier	Huffman
Cárdenas	Deuth	Jackson Lee
Carson (IN)	Dingell	Jayapal
Cartwright	Doggett	Jeffries
Case	Doyle, Michael	Johnson (GA)
Casten (IL)	F.	Johnson (TX)
Castor (FL)	Engel	Kaptur
Castro (TX)	Escobar	Keating
Chu, Judy	Eshoo	Kelly (IL)
Cicilline	Españillat	Kennedy
Cisneros	Evans	Khanna
Clark (MA)	Finkenauer	Kildee
Clarke (NY)	Fletcher	Kilmer
Clay	Foster	Kim
Cleaver	Frankel	Kind
Clyburn	Fudge	Kirkpatrick
Cohen	Gabbard	Krishnamoorthi
Connolly	Gallego	Kuster (NH)
Cooper	Garamendi	Lamb



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Lawrence	Pallone	Slotkin	Taylor	Walker	Wittman	Lucas	Ratcliffe	Taylor
Lawson (FL)	Panetta	Smith (WA)	Thompson (PA)	Walorski	Womack	Luetkemeyer	Reed	Thompson (PA)
Lee (CA)	Pappas	Soto	Thornberry	Waltz	Woodall	Marchant	Reschenthaler	Thornberry
Lee (NV)	Pascrell	Spanberger	Timmons	Watkins	Wright	Marino	Rice (SC)	Timmons
Levin (CA)	Payne	Speier	Tipton	Weber (TX)	Yoho	Marshall	Riggleman	Tipton
Levin (MI)	Perlmutter	Turner	Turner	Webster (FL)	Young	Massie	Roby	Turner
Lewis	Peters	Upton	Upton	Wenstrup	Zeldin	Mast	Roe, David P.	Upton
Lieu, Ted	Peterson					McCarthy	Rogers (AL)	Wagner
Lipinski	Phillips					McCaul	Rogers (KY)	Walberg
Loeb sack	Pingree					McClintock	Rooney (FL)	Walden
Lofgren	Pocan					McHenry	Rose, John W.	Walker
Lowenthal	Porter					McKinley	Rouzer	Walorski
Lowe y	Pressley					McMorris	Roy	Waltz
Luján, Ben Ray	Price (NC)					Rodgers	Rutherford	Watkins
Luria	Quigley					Meadows	Scalise	Weber (TX)
Lynch	Raskin					Meuser	Schweikert	Webster (FL)
Malinowski	Rice (NY)					Miller	Scott, Austin	Wenstrup
Maloney,	Richmond					Mitchell	Sensenbrenner	Westerman
Carolyn B.	Rose (NY)					Moolenaar	Shimkus	Williams
Maloney, Sean	Rouda					Mooney (WV)	Simpson	Wilson (SC)
Matsui	Roybal-Allard					Mullin	Smith (MO)	Wittman
McAdams	Ruiz					Newhouse	Smith (NE)	Womack
McBath	Ruppersberger					Norman	Smith (NJ)	Woodall
McCollum	Rush					Nunes	Spano	Wright
McEachin	Ryan					Olson	Staubert	Yoho
McGovern	Sánchez					Palazzo	Stefanik	Young
McNerney	Sarbanes					Palmer	Steil	Zeldin
Meeks	Scanlon							
Meng	Schakowsky							
Moore	Schiff							
Morelle	Schneider							
Moulton	Schrader							
Mucarsel-Powell	Schrier							
Murphy	Scott (VA)							
Nadler	Scott, David							
Napolitano	Serrano							
Neal	Sewell (AL)							
Neguse	Shalala							

## NOT VOTING—2

□ 1725

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

So the previous question was ordered.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

## MOTION TO COMMIT

Mr. COLE. Mr. Speaker, I offer a motion to commit.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will report the motion to commit.

The Clerk read as follows:

Mr. Cole moves that the resolution (H. Res. 5) be committed to a select committee composed of the Majority Leader and the Minority Leader with instructions to report back the same to the House forthwith with only an amendment added at the end providing for the consideration of H. Res. 11, introduced by Mr. McCarthy of California.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the previous question is ordered on the motion to commit.

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion to commit.

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

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

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 197, nays 232, not voting 3, as follows:

[Roll No. 5]

YEAS—197

Abraham	Flores	Luetkemeyer	Abraham	Collins (GA)	Green (TN)
Aderholt	Fortenberry	Marchant	Aderholt	Collins (NY)	Griffith
Allen	Foxx (NC)	Marino	Allen	Comer	Grothman
Amash	Fulcher	Marshall	Amash	Conaway	Guest
Amodei	Gaetz	Massie	Amodei	Cook	Guthrie
Armstrong	Gallagher	Mast	Armstrong	Crawford	Hagedorn
Arrington	Gianforte	McCarthy	Arrington	Crenshaw	Harris
Babin	Gibbs	McCaul	Babin	Curtis	Hartzler
Bacon	Gohmert	McClintock	Bacon	Davidson (OH)	Hern, Kevin
Baird	Gonzalez (OH)	McHenry	Baird	Davis, Rodney	Herrera Beutler
Balderson	Gooden	McKinley	Balderson	DesJarlais	Hice (GA)
Banks	Gosar	McMorris	Banks	Diaz-Balart	Higgins (LA)
Barr	Granger	Rodgers	Barr	Duffy	Hill (AR)
Bergman	Graves (GA)	Meadows	Bergman	Duncan	Holding
Biggs	Graves (LA)	Meuser	Biggs	Dunn	Hollingsworth
Bilirakis	Graves (MO)	Miller	Bilirakis	Emmer	Hudson
Bishop (UT)	Green (TN)	Mitchell	Bishop (UT)	Estes	Huizenga
Bost	Griffith	Moolenaar	Bost	Ferguson	Hunter
Brady	Grothman	Mooney (WV)	Brady	Fitzpatrick	Hurd (TX)
Brooks (AL)	Guest	Mullin	Brooks (AL)	Fleischmann	Johnson (LA)
Brooks (IN)	Guthrie	Newhouse	Brooks (IN)	Flores	Johnson (OH)
Buchanan	Hagedorn	Norman	Buchanan	Fortenberry	Johnson (SD)
Buck	Harris	Nunes	Buck	Foxx (NC)	Jordan
Bucshon	Hartzler	Olson	Bucshon	Fulcher	Joyce (OH)
Budd	Hern, Kevin	Palazzo	Budd	Gaetz	Joyce (PA)
Burchett	Herrera Beutler	Palmer	Burchett	Gallagher	Katko
Burgess	Hice (GA)	Pence	Burgess	Gianforte	Kelly (MS)
Byrne	Higgins (LA)	Perry	Byrne	Gibbs	Kelly (PA)
Calvert	Hill (AR)	Posey	Calvert	Gohmert	King (IA)
Carter (GA)	Holding	Ratcliffe	Carter (GA)	Gonzalez (OH)	King (NY)
Carter (TX)	Hollingsworth	Reed	Carter (TX)	Gooden	Kinzing
Chabot	Hudson	Reschenthaler	Chabot	Gosar	Kustoff (TN)
Cheney	Huizenga	Rice (SC)	Cheney	Granger	LaHood
Cline	Hunter	Riggleman	Cline	Graves (GA)	LaMalfa
Cloud	Hurd (TX)	Roby	Cloud	Graves (LA)	Lamborn
Cole	Johnson (LA)	Roe, David P.	Cole	Graves (MO)	Latta
Collins (GA)	Johnson (OH)	Rogers (AL)			
Collins (NY)	Johnson (SD)	Rogers (KY)			
Comer	Jordan	Rooney (FL)			
Conaway	Joyce (OH)	Rose, John W.			
Cook	Joyce (PA)	Rouzer			
Crawford	Katko	Roy			
Crenshaw	Kelly (MS)	Rutherford			
Curtis	Kelly (PA)	Scalise			
Davidson (OH)	King (IA)	Schweikert			
Davis, Rodney	King (NY)	Scott, Austin			
DesJarlais	Kinzing	Sensenbrenner			
Diaz-Balart	Kustoff (TN)	Shimkus			
Duffy	LaHood	Simpson			
Duncan	LaMalfa	Smith (MO)			
Dunn	Lamborn	Smith (NE)			
Emmer	Latta	Smith (NJ)			
Estes	Lesko	Spano			
Ferguson	Long	Staubert			
Fitzpatrick	Loudermilk	Stefanik			
Fleischmann	Lucas	Steil			

## NAYS—232

Adams	Espallat	Lynch
Aguilar	Evans	Malinowski
Allred	Finkenauer	Maloney,
Axne	Fletcher	Carolyn B.
Barragán	Foster	Maloney, Sean
Bass	Frankel	Matsui
Beatty	Fudge	McAdams
Bera	Gabbard	McBath
Beyer	Gallego	McCollum
Bishop (GA)	Garamendi	McEachin
Blumenauer	Garcia (IL)	McGovern
Blunt Rochester	Garcia (TX)	McNerney
Bonamici	Golden	Meeks
Boyle, Brendan	Gomez	Meng
F.	Gonzalez (TX)	Moore
Brown (MD)	Gottheimer	Morelle
Brownley (CA)	Green (TX)	Moulton
Bustos	Grijalva	Mucarsel-Powell
Butterfield	Haaland	Murphy
Carbajal	Harder (CA)	Nadler
Cárdenas	Hastings	Napolitano
Carson (IN)	Hayes	Neal
Cartwright	Heck	Neguse
Case	Higgins (NY)	Norcross
Casten (IL)	Hill (CA)	O'Halleran
Castor (FL)	Himes	Ocasio-Cortez
Castro (TX)	Horn, Kendra S.	Ocasio-Cortez
Chu, Judy	Horsford	Pallone
Cicilline	Houlihan	Panetta
Cisneros	Hoyer	Pappas
Clark (MA)	Huffman	Pascrell
Clarke (NY)	Jackson Lee	Payne
Clay	Jayapal	Perlmutter
Cleaver	Jeffries	Peters
Clyburn	Johnson (GA)	Peterson
Cohen	Johnson (TX)	Phillips
Connolly	Kaptur	Pingree
Cooper	Keating	Pocan
Correa	Kelly (IL)	Porter
Costa	Kennedy	Pressley
Courtney	Khanna	Price (NC)
Cox (CA)	Kildee	Quigley
Craig	Kilmer	Raskin
Crist	Kim	Rice (NY)
Crow	Kind	Richmond
Cuellar	Kirkpatrick	Rose (NY)
Cummings	Krishnamoorthi	Rouda
Cunningham	Kuster (NH)	Roybal-Allard
Davids (KS)	Lamb	Ruiz
Davis (CA)	Langevin	Ruppersberger
Davis, Danny K.	Larsen (WA)	Rush
Dean	Larson (CT)	Ryan
DeFazio	Lawrence	Sánchez
DeGette	Lawson (FL)	Sarbanes
DeLauro	Lee (CA)	Scanlon
DeBene	Lee (NV)	Schakowsky
Delgado	Levin (CA)	Schiff
Demings	Levin (MI)	Schneider
DeSaulnier	Lewis	Schrader
Deutch	Lieu, Ted	Schrier
Dingell	Lipinski	Scott (VA)
Doggett	Loeb sack	Scott, David
Doyle, Michael	Lofgren	Serrano
F.	Lowenthal	Shalala
Engel	Luján, Ben Ray	Sherrill
Escobar	Luria	Sires
Eshoo		

Slotkin Titus Vela  
Smith (WA) Tlaib Velázquez  
Soto Tonko Visclosky  
Spanberger Torres (CA) Wasserman  
Speier Torres Small Schultz  
Stanton (NM) Waters  
Stevens Trahan Watson Coleman  
Suoizzi Trone Welch  
Swalwell (CA) Underwood Wexton  
Takano Van Drew Wild  
Thompson (CA) Vargas Wilson (FL)  
Thompson (MS) Veasey Yarmuth

## NOT VOTING—3

Brindisi Sewell (AL) Smucker

□ 1744

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

So the motion to commit was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

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

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 234, nays 194, not voting 4, as follows:

[Roll No. 6]

YEAS—234

Adams Delgado Krishnamoorthi  
Aguilar Demings Kuster (NH)  
Allred DeSaulnier Lamb  
Axne Deutch Langevin  
Barragán Dingell Larsen (WA)  
Bass Doggett Larson (CT)  
Beatty Doyle, Michael Lawrence  
Bera F. Lawson (FL)  
Beyer Engel Lee (CA)  
Bishop (GA) Escobar Lee (NV)  
Blumenauer Eshoo Levin (CA)  
Blunt Rochester Espallat Levin (MI)  
Bonamici Evans Lewis  
Boyle, Brendan Finkenauer Lieu, Ted  
F. Fletcher Lipinski  
Brindisi Foster Loebsack  
Brown (MD) Frankel Lofgren  
Brownley (CA) Fudge Lowenthal  
Bustos Gabbard Lowey  
Butterfield Gallego Luján, Ben Ray  
Carbajal Garamendi Luria  
Cárdenas García (IL) Lynch  
Carson (IN) García (TX) Malinowski  
Cartwright Golden Maloney,  
Case Gomez Carolyn B.  
Casten (IL) Gonzalez (TX) Maloney, Sean  
Castor (FL) Gottheimer Matsui  
Castro (TX) Green (TX) McAdams  
Chu, Judy Grijalva McBeth  
Cicilline Haaland McCollum  
Cisneros Harder (CA) McEachin  
Clark (MA) Hastings McGovern  
Clarke (NY) Hayes McNeerney  
Clay Heck Meeks  
Cleaver Higgins (NY) Meng  
Clyburn Hill (CA) Moore  
Cohen Himes Morelle  
Connolly Horn, Kendra S. Moulton  
Cooper Horsford Mucarsel-Powell  
Correa Houlihan Murphy  
Costa Hoyer Nadler  
Courtney Huffman Napolitano  
Cox (CA) Jackson Lee Neal  
Craig Jayapal Neguse  
Crist Jeffries Norcross  
Crow Johnson (GA) O'Halleran  
Cuellar Johnson (TX) Ocasio-Cortez  
Cummings Kaptur Omar  
Cunningham Keating Pallone  
Davids (KS) Kelly (IL) Panetta  
Davis (CA) Kennedy Pappas  
Davis, Danny K. Khanna Pascarell  
Dean Kildee Payne  
DeFazio Kilmer Perlmutter  
DeGette Kim Peters  
DeLauro Kind Peterson  
DeBene Kirkpatrick Phillips

Pingree  
Pocan  
Porter  
Pressley  
Price (NC)  
Schultz  
Quigley  
Raskin  
Rice (NY)  
Richmond  
Rose (NY)  
Rouda  
Roybal-Allard  
Ruiz  
Ruppersberger  
Rush  
Ryan  
Sánchez  
Sarbanes  
Scanlon  
Schakowsky  
Schiff  
Schneider  
Schrader

Abraham  
Aderholt  
Allen  
Amash  
Amodei  
Armstrong  
Arrington  
Babin  
Bacon  
Baird  
Balderson  
Banks  
Barr  
Bergman  
Biggs  
Bilirakis  
Bishop (UT)  
Bost  
Brady  
Brooks (AL)  
Brooks (IN)  
Buchanan  
Buck  
Bucshon  
Budd  
Burchett  
Burgess  
Byrne  
Calvert  
Carter (GA)  
Carter (TX)  
Chabot  
Cheney  
Cline  
Cloud  
Cole  
Collins (GA)  
Collins (NY)  
Comer  
Conaway  
Cook  
Crawford  
Crenshaw  
Curtis  
Davidson (OH)  
Davis, Rodney  
DesJarlais  
Diaz-Balart  
Duffy  
Duncan  
Dunn  
Emmer  
Estes  
Ferguson  
Fitzpatrick  
Fleischmann  
Flores  
Fortenberry  
Fox (NC)  
Gaetz  
Gallagher  
Gianforte  
Gibbs  
Gohmert  
Gonzalez (OH)

Fulcher  
Marchant

Schrier  
Scott (VA)  
Scott, David  
Serrano  
Sewell (AL)  
Shalala  
Sherman  
Sherrill  
Sires  
Slotkin  
Smith (WA)  
Soto  
Spanberger  
Speier  
Stanton  
Stevens  
Suoizzi  
Swalwell (CA)  
Takano  
Thompson (CA)  
Thompson (MS)  
Titus  
Tlaib

## NAYS—194

Gooden  
Gosar  
Granger  
Graves (GA)  
Graves (LA)  
Graves (MO)  
Green (TN)  
Griffith  
Grothman  
Guest  
Guthrie  
Hagedorn  
Harris  
Hartzler  
Hern, Kevin  
Herrera Beutler  
Hice (GA)  
Higgins (LA)  
Hill (AR)  
Holding  
Hollingsworth  
Hudson  
Huizenga  
Hunter  
Hurd (TX)  
Johnson (LA)  
Johnson (OH)  
Johnson (SD)  
Jordan  
Joyce (OH)  
Joyce (PA)  
Katko  
Kelly (MS)  
Kelly (PA)  
King (IA)  
King (NY)  
Kinzinger  
Kustoff (TN)  
LaHood  
LaMalfa  
Lamborn  
Latta  
Lesko  
Long  
Loudermilk  
Lucas  
Luetkemeyer  
Marino  
Marshall  
Massie  
Mast  
McCarthy  
McCaul  
McClintock  
McHenry  
McKinley  
McMorris  
Rodgers  
Meadows  
Meuser  
Miller  
Mitchell  
Moolenaar  
Mooney (WV)  
Mullin

## NOT VOTING—4

Smucker  
Wittman

□ 1801

Mr. RICE of South Carolina changed his vote from “yea” to “nay.”

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

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

## MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Ms. Lasky, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has agreed to the following resolutions:

## S. RES. 2

*Resolved*, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives that a quorum of the Senate is assembled and that the Senate is ready to proceed to business.

## S. RES. 5

*Resolved*, That the House of Representatives be notified of the election of the Honorable Chuck Grassley as President of the Senate pro tempore.

## RECESS

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the House stand in recess subject to the call of the chair.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the House will stand in recess subject to the call of the chair.

There was no objection.

Accordingly (at 6 o'clock and 3 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1810

## AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. CLYBURN) at 6 o'clock and 10 minutes p.m.

## ADOPTING THE RULES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE 116TH CONGRESS

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to House Resolution 5, I call up the resolution (H. Res. 6) adopting the rules of the House of Representatives for the One Hundred Sixteenth Congress, and for other purposes, and ask for immediate consideration of the resolution.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

## H. RES. 6

*Resolved*,

## TITLE I—RULES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTEENTH CONGRESS

## SEC. 101. ADOPTION OF THE RULES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTEENTH CONGRESS.

The Rules of the House of Representatives of the One Hundred Fifteenth Congress, including applicable provisions of law or concurrent resolution that constituted rules of the House at the end of the One Hundred Fifteenth Congress, are adopted as the Rules of the House of Representatives of the One Hundred Sixteenth Congress, with amendments to the standing rules as provided in this resolution.

## SEC. 102. CHANGES TO THE STANDING RULES.

(a) NOTIFICATION OF CONVENING OF THE HOUSE.—In clause 12 of rule I, insert “, Delegates, and the Resident Commissioner” after “Members” each place it appears.