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Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, July 15, 2019, at 3 p.m.

House of Representatives

FRIDAY, JULY 12, 2019

The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer: Loving God, we give You thanks for giving us another day.

In these most important days and debates here in the people's House, we beg You to send Your spirit of wisdom as the Members struggle to do the work that has been entrusted to them. Inspire them to work together with charity, and join their efforts to accomplish what our Nation needs to live into a prosperous and secure future.

Please keep all the Members of this Congress and all who work for the people's House in good health, that they might faithfully fulfill the great responsibility given them by the people of this great Nation.

Bless us this day and every day. May all that is done here be for Your greater honor and glory.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House her approval thereof.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. STAUBER) come

forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. STAUBER led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain up to five requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

PROVIDING HEALTHCARE IN INSULAR AREAS

(Mr. SABLAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SABLAN. Madam Speaker, good news for the Northern Mariana Islands and all the insular areas: The Territories Health Care Improvement Act was introduced on Tuesday, addressing the Medicaid cliff our areas face when special ObamaCare funding ends this year.

Thursday, the Energy and Commerce Health Subcommittee reported the bill without dissent. "Let's keep it moving," Chair ESHOO said. I believe full committee Chairman PALLONE intends to do so as well.

I thank them both and Ranking Members BURGESS and WALDEN for understanding the urgency of the Medicaid crisis in the insular areas. I also thank Mr. SOTO and Mr. BILIRAKIS, who led the bill along with myself and seven bipartisan cosponsors.

It provides exactly what the Northern Mariana Islands Medicaid director testified she needed: \$60 million per year. No local match is required as we recover from last year's typhoons. After 6 years, we will get the FMAP any State is offered.

There are new program integrity requirements that I support because every Federal dollar should go to those intended, without fraud or waste.

So, healthcare in the insular areas can be as good as healthcare anywhere in America. That is good news.

RECOGNIZING INDEPENDENCE DAY AND PRESERVATION OF FREEDOM

(Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, last week, my wife, Penny, and I honored those who make Independence Day possible by attending our son Logan's reenlistment and promotion to Army sergeant first class at Fort Drum, New York.

This occasion reminded me that our independence relies upon the vigilance of our citizens and those who have fought to defend our freedoms.

Regarding Independence Day, John Adams wrote to his wife, Abigail: "It ought to be commemorated as the day of deliverance by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with pomp and parade, with shews, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires, and illuminations from one end

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of this continent to the other from this time forward forevermore.”

Following the Constitutional Convention, Benjamin Franklin was asked what sort of government the delegates had created. Without hesitation, he responded, “A republic, if you can keep it.”

President Reagan aptly stated that freedom isn’t something passed to our children in the bloodstream.

Preserving our freedom is certainly a responsibility of this generation as any past.

Madam Speaker, I commend those who continue to make these freedoms possible, and I look forward to a future where these freedoms will be defended for generations to come.

DEFEND AGAINST ATTEMPTS TO OVERTURN ACA PROTECTIONS

(Ms. UNDERWOOD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. UNDERWOOD. Madam Speaker, currently, 20 Republican-led States are suing to overturn the Affordable Care Act and the protections that it provides.

Rather than defend the law, the Trump administration is siding with these States and arguing the entire law should be overturned. This is an attack on every single American with a pre-existing condition, including 300,000 people in Illinois’ 14th Congressional District.

If the ACA is overturned, insurers will, once again, have the power to refuse coverage to people with pre-existing conditions, like cancer, asthma, heart conditions, and diabetes.

This is a fear for many of my constituents, including Mike DeBow of Shorewood, Illinois, who was diagnosed with type 1 diabetes at a young age. Mike wrote to me because he is “deathly afraid”—his words—of losing his insurance.

Under the ACA, Mike doesn’t have to worry about being denied coverage for his preexisting condition. He can even stay on his parents’ plan until he turns 26. But if the Republicans’ lawsuit succeeds, 130 million Americans with pre-existing conditions, including Mike, won’t have that peace of mind.

I am proud that my first vote in Congress was to protect the ACA by defending it in court so that Americans like Mike can focus on leading fulfilling lives, not whether their healthcare needs are covered.

TRIBUTE TO ROSS PEROT

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

Mr. WILLIAMS. Madam Speaker, this week, Texas lost a son and America lost one of our finest patriots. Ross Perot was a leader, risk-taker, and a businessman who embodied the meaning of the American Dream.

Growing up in east Texas in what could be described as extreme poverty, Perot sought to make a difference in the lives of many, and he did just that. He was a leading example of the great things that can happen in this great country.

He left his home to serve our country in the U.S. Navy and later returned to grow his family and build his business empire. He was a self-made man who always remembered his humble beginnings, graciously giving time and resources to causes in both our Texas community and around the world.

He especially loved our men and women in uniform and was one of the first to speak out and do something about the treatment of our POWs.

Perot also long warned us about the dangers of our growing national debt and sought to make politics and the economy less complicated.

Remember that he would say, “It’s just that simple.”

Throughout his life, he prioritized love of his family and his country. We will all remember his service to our Nation and his fun and feisty spirit.

May we all say a prayer for his wife, children, and grandchildren and celebrate the life of this amazing man.

God bless Ross Perot. God bless his family. And God bless our country.

INVESTING IN NATIONAL SECURITY

(Mrs. BUSTOS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of the National Defense Authorization Act.

Just this week, I returned from a bipartisan congressional mission to the Middle East that underscored the importance of investing in our national security and, of course, in our men and women in uniform.

This year’s bill is the most robust military authorization in the history of our country and includes a much-needed pay raise for our troops.

I was also proud to add support for the Rock Island Arsenal, which is in my district and has supported our men and women in the military going all the way back to the days of the Civil War.

My amendment would allow Army arsenals to approve leases for underused space and would require the Army to study how they can better market available space on military installations.

The House also approved my amendment to expand important leasing protections for Gold Star spouses and injured servicemembers.

Finally, I amended this bill to recognize cadet nurses as honorary veterans for their patriotic service in World War II.

That is why today I will proudly cast a “yes” vote for this National Defense Authorization Act.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF MARIAN SPENCER

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

Mr. CHABOT. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the life and legacy of a Cincinnati legend and civil rights icon, Marian Spencer.

Ms. Spencer passed away Tuesday at the age of 99. She dedicated her life to shaping the community that she loved, Cincinnati, for the better.

Among her many accomplishments, in 1961, she successfully led the effort to integrate Coney Island, Cincinnati’s premier amusement park at the time. She was also a pioneer in Cincinnati politics, becoming the first woman to lead the local NAACP and the first African American woman elected to the Cincinnati City Council.

Over the years, I had the good fortune to get to know Marian Spencer and learn from her experiences. We both served on the city council back in the 1980s, and she was never shy about sharing her opinions with me. I grew to respect her toughness, her honesty, and her conviction.

Madam Speaker, Cincinnati lost an exceptional leader on Tuesday, but Marian Spencer’s legacy will endure for generations to come.

SUPPORT DEMOCRATS’ AGENDA TO LOWER HEALTHCARE COSTS

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

Mr. KILDEE. Madam Speaker, this week, the Trump administration is in court, arguing before the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals to strike down the Affordable Care Act, including taking away coverage for people with pre-existing health conditions. If the President gets his way, tens of millions of Americans lose their health insurance, including a lot of people I represent in Michigan.

For the 130 million Americans with preexisting conditions, insurance companies would then again be able to discriminate against them and deny them coverage.

That is what happens if the Trump administration prevails. If they gut the ACA, caps on annual and lifetime coverage could come back again, and 800,000 Michiganders will lose coverage.

While the President and his followers seek to roll back to those days when people could be denied coverage because they are sick—think about that, denied coverage because you are sick—we are fighting to continue to bring down the cost of healthcare. We have an agenda that is for the people to reduce the cost of healthcare and make sure no American has that fear.

□ 0915

CONCERN ABOUT NDAA

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

Mr. SPANO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to express grave concern with the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020.

Every year, Congress is tasked with funding our military. These funds do everything from feeding our troops to equipping them for combat, to giving them and their families medical care.

Because this funding is of such vital importance for our troops and our national security, these bills normally pass through Congress with wide bipartisan support.

However, despite the President, senior military officials, and a bipartisan Senate all agreeing on a funding level, House leadership has proposed a bill \$15 billion less than what experts say is required.

This bill represents one of the worst political games I have seen in this House. It puts our servicemembers at risk and leaves our entire Nation vulnerable by underfunding personnel accounts, vital modernization initiatives, and deterrence against foreign aggression.

I call upon this House to follow us in this lead to set aside our differences and authorize these programs at the levels needed to protect our troops and our Nation.

EQUAL PAY FOR THE WOMEN'S NATIONAL SOCCER TEAM

(Ms. HAALAND asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. HAALAND. Madam Speaker, I stand in support of equal pay for equal work and in celebration of the women's national soccer team.

The team's World Cup victory highlighted a stark reality: There is still work to be done to ensure equal pay for the same work.

Last week, my colleagues and I in the Democratic Women's Caucus wrote to the U.S. Soccer Federation with a simple argument: Our most successful U.S. soccer team in history deserves equal pay.

The work of the women soccer players, coaches, and staff should not be worth less simply because they are women.

The women's soccer team is inspiring young girls everywhere to dream big. We must make sure those girls don't have to worry about equal pay. You shouldn't have to be a record-breaking world champion to get the same pay as your male counterparts.

As Megan Rapinoe said at the victory parade on Wednesday, "We have to be better."

IN REMEMBRANCE OF TIMOTHY McDONALD AND DEB SCHOTT

(Mr. STAUBER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. STAUBER. Madam Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of Timothy

McDonald and Deb Schott, who both tragically perished in a helicopter crash at the Brainerd airport last month.

Both Timothy and Deb dedicated their lives to helping others. Timothy was a medical pilot for North Memorial's Air Care Unit and had previously served in the United States Army. He did two tours in Iraq. Deb was an emergency flight nurse for North Memorial's Air Care Unit. She had worked in the medical field since she was 19 years old.

Timothy and Deb both had outstanding reputations in their respective fields and were both beloved by their coworkers. My thoughts and prayers are with their loved ones.

Madam Speaker, our first responders are often the first on the scene, ready to help in times of crisis. We must never take the work they do or the sacrifices they make for granted.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and insert extraneous material on H.R. 2500.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. KILDEE). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Washington?

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 476 and rule XVIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the further consideration of the bill, H.R. 2500.

Will the gentlewoman from Minnesota (Ms. MCCOLLUM) kindly take the chair.

□ 0919

IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Accordingly, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 2500) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2020 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes, with Ms. MCCOLLUM (Acting Chair) in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The Acting CHAIR. When the Committee of the Whole House rose on Thursday, July 11, 2019, a request for a recorded vote on amendment No. 430 printed in part B of House Report 116-143 offered by the gentlewoman from New York (Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ) had been postponed.

AMENDMENT NO. 437 OFFERED BY MR. THOMPSON OF MISSISSIPPI

The Acting CHAIR. It is now in order to consider amendment No. 437 printed in part B of House Report 116-143.

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Chair, I have an amendment at the desk.

The Acting CHAIR. The Clerk will designate the amendment.

The text of the amendment is as follows:

At the end of subtitle E of title X, insert the following:

SEC. 10. PROHIBITION ON USE OF DOD EQUIPMENT, PERSONNEL, AND FACILITIES FOR ICE DETENTION.

No facilities, equipment, or personnel of the Department of Defense may be used to house or construct any housing for any foreign nationals who are in the custody of and detained by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

The Acting CHAIR. Pursuant to House Resolution 476, the gentleman from Mississippi (Mr. THOMPSON) and a Member opposed each will control 5 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Mississippi.

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Chair, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

My amendment, Madam Chair, would prohibit any Department of Defense resources from being used to allow Immigration and Customs Enforcement to expand its detention capacity.

The fiscal year 2019 appropriations bill for the Department of Homeland Security allows for 40,520 detention beds for ICE, which is the highest amount Congress has ever provided. Despite this historic capacity, ICE continues to exceed this detention capacity and currently has more than 52,000 migrants in detention—a record high. In fact, ICE has exceeded its detention bed capacity for multiple fiscal years in a row.

To pay for this excess, ICE has, in the past, turned to Congress for more funding or siphoned off funds from other components in DHS. In 2018, when ICE went beyond its detention bed limit, it took almost \$200 million from U.S. Customs and Border Protection, the Coast Guard, TSA, FEMA, and ICE criminal investigations.

ICE continually expands beyond its means and then expects to be bailed out. This cannot go on.

ICE needs to operate within its appropriated limits and make more strategic decisions about whom to detain. ICE should prioritize detaining migrants who pose a serious threat to our society as well as those who will not be deported unless they are detained.

ICE cannot be given a blank check. Madam Chair, my amendment restricts defense resources from being used for ICE detention.

We have already seen President Trump defy the will of Congress on border wall funding. When Congress refused to fund this ineffective and wasteful border wall, he decided to take money away from other departments to build his wall, and his prime funder was the Department of Defense.

Madam Chair, I hope you will join me in preventing the Department of Defense's funding from being used as President Trump's personal piggy bank to circumvent the will of Congress. I urge my House colleagues to support

this amendment, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. THORNBERRY. Madam Chair, I claim the time in opposition to the amendment.

The Acting CHAIR. The gentleman from Texas is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. THORNBERRY. Madam Chair, I have only myself to speak, so I reserve the balance of time to close.

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Chair, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

ICE continually overspends on detention and doesn't face any consequences. Not only are they holding on to more people than ever before, they are doing so when there are alternatives to detention that have proven to be reliable and effective.

On average, it has cost \$130 for ICE to detain an adult a day. One person in family detention costs \$319 a day. Alternatives to detention cost less than \$20 a day, and that includes services to help them understand our immigration system and show up for court hearings.

I would note that Congress recently appropriated more money for ICE to use these alternatives to detention for migrants who do not pose a threat or have criminal backgrounds.

ICE needs to operate responsibly, and that includes following a budget. The Trump administration cannot be allowed to turn to the Department of Defense every time it has a new demand.

Madam Chair, I urge my colleagues to support my amendment, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. THORNBERRY. Madam Chair, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Madam Chair, we had a number of these debates last night as far as DOD resources in supporting the ICE mission at the border.

I might note, parenthetically, no Republican amendments on this issue were made in order under the rule, only Democratic amendments.

But, on the substance of the matter, I completely agree with, I think, the sentiments of the gentleman from Mississippi (Mr. THOMPSON) in that I would prefer not one dollar—or one person—from DOD have to be sent to the border to support the ICE mission. We ought to fully fund border security on its own, because we have enough issues with broader national security for the Pentagon and the military to deal with.

Unfortunately, that is not possible when we don't fully fund ICE and when we have an unprecedented situation at the border. Border Patrol stations are at a breaking point. They have been over capacity for nearly all of 2019. DHS has already apprehended more than 390,000 illegal immigrant members in 2019, which is more than triple the amount of the year before.

So we have triple the number of migrants, we don't fully fund border security and ICE, and now this amendment says we also can't use DOD resources to back up.

So what is the result? The result is either one of two things: You have this humanitarian crisis that appalls us all because the resources have not been put on the border to take care of these people and process them appropriately, or you just give up border security and you just have open borders and let anything and anybody who wants to come in, come in.

Those are the alternatives if you don't provide the resources at the border that are needed.

Again, my preference is DOD doesn't do any of this. DOD has its hands full. But if you don't fully fund ICE commensurate with the number of people, the situation they have got to deal with on the ground, triple the number of migrants, if you don't fund them to deal with that situation, then that is where DOD gets called in as backup and support.

As Ranking Member ROGERS mentioned last night, there are no ICE detainees in DOD facilities right now. I hope that there are not. Again, DOD has its own mission.

But you create the problem if you don't fund ICE. If you say you can't use DOD or anything else, then what happens? You have a humanitarian crisis.

I think that we need to do better. This Congress needs to do better on the whole issue of border security. That will benefit the migrants that we are talking about; that will benefit DOD; and that will benefit the country.

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

The Acting CHAIR. The question is on the amendment offered by the gentleman from Mississippi (Mr. THOMPSON).

The question was taken; and the Acting Chair announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. THORNBERRY. Madam Chair, I demand a recorded vote.

The Acting CHAIR. Pursuant to clause 6 of rule XVIII, further proceedings on the amendment offered by the gentleman from Mississippi will be postponed.

□ 0930

AMENDMENT NO. 438 OFFERED BY MR. MALINOWSKI

The Acting CHAIR. It is now in order to consider amendment No. 438 printed in part B of House Report 116-143.

Mr. MALINOWSKI. Madam Chair, I have an amendment at the desk.

The Acting CHAIR. The Clerk will designate the amendment.

The text of the amendment is as follows:

At the end of subtitle H of title X, add the following new section:

SEC. — PROHIBITION ON EXPORT OF AIR TO GROUND MUNITIONS, RELATED COMPONENTS AND PARTS OF SUCH MUNITIONS, AND RELATED SERVICES TO SAUDI ARABIA AND THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—For the one-year period beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act, the President may not issue any license, and shall suspend any license or other approval that was issued before the date of

the enactment of this Act, for the export to the Government of Saudi Arabia or the Government of the United Arab Emirates of any air to ground munitions, related components and parts of such munitions, and related services.

(b) WAIVER.—The President may waive the prohibition in subsection (a) for any instance of license denial or suspension that shall result in a cost to the Federal Government.

The Acting CHAIR. Pursuant to House Resolution 476, the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. MALINOWSKI) and a Member opposed each will control 5 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New Jersey.

Mr. MALINOWSKI. Madam Chair, let me begin by saying what this amendment will not do.

It will not end our security relationship with Saudi Arabia. It will not prevent us from helping the Saudis defend themselves against the Houthis or Iran or anybody else. It won't prevent us from working with them to deal with maritime threats in the Persian Gulf or from sharing intelligence about terrorism.

It will not, in other words, preclude us from doing anything that is in America's national security interest.

All it will do is stop something that is categorically harmful to our national interest: the provision of offensive weapons that enable Saudi Arabia to keep defying our advice by bombing Yemen and prolonging the war there.

There is a reason why people say that this war has caused the world's worst humanitarian crisis. More than 200,000 civilians have been killed or died of starvation.

While the Houthis are to blame for much of this, Saudi and UAE airstrikes are responsible for two-thirds of Yemeni civilian casualties.

There was a strike on a funeral where more than 150 civilians were killed, a strike on a school bus that killed 40 kids, on a Save the Children Hospital, on a wedding.

These were not mistakes. These were deliberate and precise attacks. And everybody in Yemen knows that the bombs causing the suffering are made in the United States.

Who benefits from this? Certainly not us. From a strategic perspective, the only winner is Iran. By making a relatively small investment in Yemen, the Iranians have drawn the Saudis into this quagmire which tarnishes them and the United States and pushes Yemenis into Iranian hands.

Over two administrations, the U.S. Government has tried to use its influence to change how Saudi Arabia fights this war. I know about this effort because I was in charge of it in 2015 and 2016 at the State Department. It was worth a try then, but the Saudis did not listen to us.

Under both the Obama and Trump administrations, we have given the Saudis specific lists of targets not to strike. We have told them: Do not hit this specific hospital or this port facility or that bridge. And then, repeatedly, they have gone ahead and hit the

precise coordinates on our no-strike list.

And then we just keep on selling them the bombs.

What does that say to the people of Yemen? What does it say to the leadership of Saudi Arabia?

Now, I know some have argued that, if we want to protect civilians in Yemen, it is better to at least make sure the Saudis have precision munitions to help them avoid collateral damage. This argument does not make sense. The Saudis are using our precision weapons to precisely hit the wrong targets.

Others have said that, if we don't help the Saudis, the Russians or the Chinese will. That is nonsense. The Saudis use American aircraft. Last I checked, you cannot service an F-15 with MIG parts. They are, for the foreseeable future, utterly dependent on us.

The question we have to decide is: What kind of relationship are we going to have with Saudi Arabia? Is it one in which the Saudis can do whatever they please, contrary to our advice, contrary to our interests, knowing that, whatever they do to us, we will take it on ourselves to save the relationship? Or will we finally recognize that, while we benefit from working with Saudi Arabia, the Saudis need us far more?

This is a measured amendment, Madam Chair, that deals with precisely the Saudi conduct that we most oppose, without undermining our ability to cooperate with Saudi Arabia on other issues. I urge my colleagues to support it, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mrs. WAGNER. Madam Chair, I rise in opposition to the amendment.

The Acting CHAIR. The gentlewoman from Missouri is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mrs. WAGNER. Madam Chair, I rise in opposition to the gentleman from New Jersey's amendment, which would ban sales of all air-to-ground munitions to Saudi Arabia and UAE for a period of 1 year.

The gentleman and I have worked together on many human rights issues, including on legislation that would hold Saudi Arabia accountable for the killing of Jamal Khashoggi, and I share the gentleman's concern for the Saudi-led coalition's record on human rights.

But, while I understand the gentleman's amendment is intended to address concerns about the Yemen conflict, which I share, this amendment is not the correct approach to do so.

Rather than provide clear conditions and benchmarks regarding our strategic partners' wartime conduct, the effect of this amendment would simply slam the door.

Disengaging will not help us end the war in Yemen, nor will it help us contain Iran's malign influence.

Iran is backing Houthi rebels in Yemen, who toppled the internationally recognized government in Yemen and began a bloody civil war that has roiled the region since 2015.

Iran has helped the Houthis target civilian infrastructure in Saudi Arabia, and on June 6, Iran-backed Houthi rebels in Yemen shot down a U.S. MQ-9 Reaper drone using an Iranian—an Iranian—surface-to-air missile.

U.S. Central Command said the attack was "enabled by Iranian assistance."

Iran's increasingly reckless and aggressive behavior is deeply concerning. Saudi Arabia and the UAE are on the front lines of the struggle to contain Iran.

As partners like Saudi Arabia continue to endure Houthi attacks on civilian targets, we need a tailored approach that helps our partners protect their national security while minimizing casualties.

This amendment is not tailored, and it will not make the Arabian peninsula safer.

Madam Chair, I urge Members to oppose this amendment, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. MALINOWSKI. Madam Chair, I yield 1½ minutes to the gentleman from Washington (Mr. SMITH).

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Madam Chair, I thank the gentleman for offering this amendment.

I do agree with the opponent on this issue, that we have tried to hold Saudi Arabia accountable. As the gentleman mentioned, we have countless times shown them how to better target.

We have tried various things legislatively. We have introduced legislation. We have done a bunch of different things to try to say we don't like what Saudi Arabia is doing.

But we have never actually done any of it, because the Trump administration has decided—and, as the gentleman points out, it wasn't just the Trump administration—that we are basically all in on Saudi Arabia. We are simply going to support them no matter what.

The murder of Jamal Khashoggi was appalling, and the fact that Saudi Arabia felt that they could do it and get away with it is the most alarming thing. Well, it is not the most alarming thing. The thing that is more alarming is they were right.

They figured that this administration would do nothing, just like as they bombed the schoolbus, as they bombed the funeral, as they bombed all of those civilian targets. As many times as we told them that we didn't want them to do that, they knew there would be no consequences, that, at the end of the day, the U.S. was not going to hold them accountable for that.

And the consequences are grave. As the gentleman points out, it actually empowers Iran because it sends a message to the world that we are willing to bomb and kill civilians and participate, however good intentioned, in what has become the largest humanitarian crisis in the world.

And it drives people into terrorists' arms because, yes, Iran is a problem, but ISIS and al-Qaida, I would submit to you, are a larger problem.

And they use this. They use our blind support for Saudi Arabia and for this war in Yemen against us.

Madam Chair, this is a good amendment, and I urge its adoption.

Mr. MALINOWSKI. Madam Chair, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mrs. WAGNER. Madam Chair, the last few months has seen Iran perpetrate a series of provocative actions against the U.S. and its regional partners:

On May 15, armed drones struck two Saudi oilfields, resulting in the ordered departure of nonessential personnel from U.S. Embassy Baghdad and the General Consulate Erbil;

On May 16, the head of the Quds Force called on the terror groups to prepare for a proxy war;

Armed drones launched by the Houthis have repeatedly attacked a civilian airport in Saudi Arabia;

On June 19, Iran shot down U.S. military assets over international waters;

And, just yesterday, the British Navy prevented three Iranian parliamentary vessels from impeding the passage of a British oil tanker transiting the Strait of Hormuz.

This is not the time to walk away from our strategic allies. We share a common threat. We must be certain that they are equipped with the tools they need to defend their national security and to work with us in countering common threats that destabilize this region.

I firmly believe the United States can support our strategic allies while also insisting that they prosecute the war in Yemen more responsibly.

Madam Chair, I urge my colleagues to oppose this amendment, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The Acting CHAIR. The question is on the amendment offered by the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. MALINOWSKI).

The question was taken; and the Acting Chair announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mrs. WAGNER. Madam Chair, I demand a recorded vote.

The Acting CHAIR. Pursuant to clause 6 of rule XVIII, further proceedings on the amendment offered by the gentleman from New Jersey will be postponed.

AMENDMENT NO. 440 OFFERED BY MRS. DINGELL

The Acting CHAIR. It is now in order to consider amendment No. 440 printed in part B of House Report 116-143.

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Chair, I have an amendment at the desk.

The Acting CHAIR. The Clerk will designate the amendment.

The text of the amendment is as follows:

At the end of subtitle B of title III, insert the following:

SEC. 3. DESIGNATION AS HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES.

Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency shall designate all per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances as hazardous substances under section 102(a) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (42 U.S.C. 9602(a)).

The Acting CHAIR. Pursuant to House Resolution 476, the gentlewoman from Michigan (Mrs. DINGELL) and a Member opposed each will control 5 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Michigan.

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Chair, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Madam Chair, I would like to first thank Chairman SMITH and the House Armed Services Committee for all their good work crafting the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020.

This is a strong bill. It includes many top priorities that will care for our servicemembers and keep the United States well defended, including serious provisions to address PFAS chemical contamination, which is a serious threat at too many of our military bases. PFAS chemicals are manmade and harmful to human health and our environment.

Developed in the 1940s, PFAS can be found across multiple industries and all around us in many of our communities. PFAS contamination is widespread. It is in red States; it is in blue States, in small water systems, in large ones, on military sites, and in residential communities.

Recently, experts with the Environmental Working Group have identified 712 sites in 49 States that have some level of PFAS contamination, and most are not being cleaned up. These sites are associated with drinking water systems serving about 19 million people, and the number of sites is expected to grow across the country because States are just beginning to test for these chemicals.

The Environmental Working Group has also identified 219 military-specific sites that have PFAS contamination because—and, at the time, it is what existed—PFAS firefighting foams were used. Yet, in many States—my home State of Michigan included—cleanup of these sites is not happening.

Unfortunately, the military is part of that problem. They are arguing that, in these communities, they don't have to clean up the PFAS contamination because the Superfund law does not require them to do so.

In May of 2018, the then-EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt proudly announced that EPA would propose designating PFOA and PFOS as hazardous substances under the Superfund law. Under EPA Administrator Wheeler's leadership, EPA hasn't even issued a proposed rulemaking, let alone finalized an action. At this rate, it will be at least another year—at least—and probably longer before this vital step is taken.

Americans deserve better. Congress needs to act, and this amendment would be a meaningful step forward.

It is clear. PFAS chemicals are hazardous, and it is time these chemicals are properly designated as hazardous substances.

Our amendment would simply require the EPA to list PFAS chemicals—in-

cluding PFOA, PFOS, GenX, and many other harmful chemicals—as hazardous substances under the EPA's Superfund cleanup program within 1 year.

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Designating this will jump-start the cleanup process at military facilities, which is needed, and in communities across this country; and that is why it is imperative that this amendment be included.

I am proud to have offered this amendment, and I thank all who have supported this approach and make this possible for us to consider today.

Today, we have a real opportunity to help accelerate the cleanup process wherever PFAS contamination exists and protect the health of all Americans, and our servicemen and women, and the environment, now and for future generations. I urge all of my colleagues to support this amendment.

Madam Chair, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. KILDEE), who I have been proud to work with on this.

Mr. KILDEE. Madam Chair, I thank my colleague for her leadership on this issue, and for yielding.

This amendment is really simple. It requires polluters who have contaminated drinking water with PFAS chemicals to clean it up. The amendment has the support of the Armed Services Committee and the Energy and Commerce Committee, and I thank the chairs of those committees for their help.

It also has the support of the International Association of Firefighters and the National Farmers Union because they know how important it is to clean up PFAS.

Communities like the community of Oscoda, in the northern part of my district, have waited too long for the Defense Department to act. This is a step toward getting these dangerous chemicals out of the ground and out of our groundwater.

I do understand that some groups are concerned about this amendment, utilities and airports. We pledge to work with them as this legislation moves through conference to make sure that we deal with the concerns that they raise.

But this is simple. This says that we are going to protect public health. Every day that we fail to act, the cost of PFAS cleanup just gets more expensive.

I encourage my colleagues to support this important amendment and to support the underlying bill.

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Chair, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. SHIMKUS. Madam Chair, I claim time in opposition.

The Acting CHAIR. The gentleman from Illinois is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. SHIMKUS. Madam Chair, this amendment is anything but simple. It is highly complex. Per- and polyfluorinated compounds, there are

probably 5,000 different permutations, and my colleagues act like it is one formulation; and it is multiple.

So what they want to do is, in essence, do a de facto ban by claiming a class of 5,000 chemicals as qualified for toxic and in the Superfund; and that is a de facto ban of all these applications.

We are all going to fly home tonight. We are going to close the door to the plane. We are going to have this seal, and this seal is what is used to protect—the seal around the airplane door—us, so we don't get sucked out. Banned, toxic Superfund.

No one disputes our colleagues' concerns and maybe my concern about former installations, current installations, and water in ditches from firefighting foam. So let's deal with that issue.

Let's not do what this amendment and other amendments will do which is throw the proverbial baby out with the bathwater.

So what do we use some of these formulations of per- and polyfluorinated compounds—again, some 5,000—for? We use it to save the lives of people.

Here is a stent, which are in millions of people. PFAS banned, de facto banned, because it falls under a Superfund. No one is going to make them because they don't want to be held legally liable if this stent eventually goes into a landfill. So we don't need that anymore.

More kids than I know are born with a hole in their heart. So what is the chemical compound that helps plug the hole, so these children can grow and mature? Oh, it is a PFAS-formulated compound. So let's have a de facto ban on this device.

Remember, these medical devices are approved by our Food and Drug Administration. They say they are safe to be inserted into the human body. So why would we then say, if it is safe to be inserted into the human body, these medical devices are now going to be unsafe in a landfill, and then you have a Superfund act and, again, a de facto ban?

This shouldn't be in this debate. I have great respect for the chairman and the ranking member, but this is a National Defense Authorization Act. It is not an Energy and Commerce Environment and Climate Change Subcommittee act; and I hope we will take that up.

EPA deals with toxicologists, analytical chemists, organic chemists, epidemiologists, chemical biologists, material scientists, theoretical chemists. Those are the ones who are going to help us decide which of the 5,000 permutations of PFAS are actually good and which ones are actually harmful.

But this says they are all bad. It is like—my folks don't want me to use this example. It is like saying, an orange is bad. Let's ban all fruit.

Okay. No, we are going to take the peeling of a banana and throw it in a dump. Oh, no, that is going to be a toxic dump under Superfund, and no

one is going to have and harvest bananas anymore. That is just ridiculous.

It is moved by emotion. We understand that. It is moved by real problems and groundwater contamination. We are not against that.

My plea is, let's use the committee process, and help you and help me and these other communities affect change and provide safe drinking water to our communities.

We have got the water communities who are afraid of this amendment. They are afraid of this amendment because of previous practices, and then them falling under Superfund liability, and then having to raise rates based upon providing sludge to farmers who put it on their ground, and then they get held up in this Superfund trap.

So I have all the waterway councils, all the water works, the municipal utilities that are saying, this is not the way to go to ban a whole class, and this is going to put us on the hook, and it is going to raise water rates.

I also have a list of 20 or so manufacturing sectors. They said, let's clean up the water. Let's not ban a whole class.

JULY 11, 2019.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES: We, the undersigned associations, believe that Congress should act to address contamination associated with per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in a manner that prioritizes cleanups over bureaucracy. For this reason, we oppose Amendment 440 offered by Reps. Kildee and Dingell, and Amendment 48, offered by Rep. Pappas, to H.R. 2500, the "National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020."

PFAS are a large and diverse class of chemicals with unique properties that have been used in a broad number of beneficial applications for decades. Heightened attention to potential health effects of certain PFAS chemicals has understandably led to increased public concern and interest in new regulatory protections in this area.

We support action to address these concerns, and are committed to proactively working with Congress, regulators, and other stakeholders to establish risk-based standards for PFAS that protect human health and the environment.

We applaud the leadership of Reps. Kildee, Dingell, and Pappas for pushing Congress to address PFAS contamination. Amendments 440 and 48, however well-intentioned, are unproductive approaches to expeditiously address PFAS contamination.

Amendment 440 would require the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to designate all PFAS as hazardous substances under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), or Superfund, within one year. Similarly, Amendment 48 would require EPA to add all PFAS to the list of toxic pollutants regulated by the Clean Water Act and establish effluent and pretreatment standards, which could trigger "back door" CERCLA designations.

CERCLA listing decisions are not political questions that Congress is best positioned to address. EPA should retain its traditional authority to study potentially hazardous substances and to ascertain whether they should be designated under CERCLA. The Superfund program has a strong track record, and EPA's career scientists have the requisite expertise to examine PFAS.

Moreover, Amendments 440 and 48 would likely lead to slower cleanups because of an

overwhelmed EPA and the potentially needless reopening of vast amounts of remediated sites. Such an approach could also undermine the nascent progress towards clean up at some of the prevalent, known contaminated sites.

We are disappointed that an amendment proposed by Rep. Fitzpatrick, with Reps. Boyle, Upton, McKinley, Rouda, and Blunt Rochester, will not come up for a vote in the House. The approach of this bipartisan amendment, which mirrors provisions of the defense authorization bill passed by the full Senate, would have encouraged the development of a consistent approach and clear timelines for assessing and regulating specific PFAS across all relevant federal agencies to ensure that government regulations, actions, and communications are consistent and coordinated for maximum effectiveness.

Congress's goal should be to create conditions for cleanups to occur as expeditiously as practicable. While we oppose Amendments 440 and 48, we applaud the work of the amendments' sponsors and the other leaders of PFAS issues in both parties for their important contributions. We look forward to working with you on this important matter as the legislative process continues.

Sincerely,

Airlines for America; Airports Council International—North America; Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers; American Chemistry Council; American Forest & Paper Association; Council of Industrial Boiler Owners; Flexible Packaging Association; International Liquid Terminals Association; National Association of Chemical Distributors; Plastics Industry Association; Petroleum Marketers Association of America; Society of Chemical Manufacturers and Affiliates; TRSA, the Linen, Uniform, and Facility Services Association; U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. SHIMKUS. Madam Chair, I yield back the balance of my time.

The Acting CHAIR. The question is on the amendment offered by the gentlewoman from Michigan (Mrs. DINGELL).

The amendment was agreed to.

AMENDMENT NO. 441 OFFERED BY MS. JAYAPAL

The Acting CHAIR. It is now in order to consider amendment No. 441 printed in part B of House Report 116-143.

Ms. JAYAPAL. Madam Chair, I have an amendment at the desk.

The Acting CHAIR. The Clerk will designate the amendment.

The text of the amendment is as follows:

At the end of subtitle H of title X, add the following new section:

SEC. 10. INDEPENDENT STUDIES REGARDING POTENTIAL COST SAVINGS WITH RESPECT TO THE NUCLEAR SECURITY ENTERPRISE AND FORCE STRUCTURE.

(a) COMPTROLLER GENERAL REPORT.—

(1) REQUIREMENT.—Not later than December 1, 2020, the Comptroller General of the United States shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report containing cost analyses with respect to each of the following:

(A) Options for reducing the nuclear security enterprise (as defined by section 4002 of the Atomic Energy Defense Act (50 U.S.C. 2501)).

(B) Options for reductions in service contracts.

(C) Options for rebalancing force structure, including reductions in special operations

forces, the ancillary effects of such options, and the impacts of changing the force mix between active and reserve components.

(D) Options for reducing or realigning overseas military presence.

(E) Options for the use of pre-award audits to negotiate better prices for weapon systems and services.

(F) Options for replacing some military personnel with civilian employees.

(2) FORM.—The report under paragraph (1) shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may contain a classified annex with respect to the matters specified in subparagraphs (A) and (C) of such paragraph.

(b) FFRDC STUDIES.—

(1) REQUIREMENT.—The Secretary of Defense shall seek to enter into agreements with federally funded research and development centers to conduct the following studies:

(A) A study of the cost savings resulting from changes in force structure, active and reserve component balance, basing, and other impacts resulting from potential challenges to foundational planning assumptions.

(B) A study of the cost savings resulting from the adoption of alternatives to the current nuclear deterrence posture of the United States.

(C) A study of the cost savings of alternatives to current force structures.

(2) DETAIL REQUIRED.—The Secretary shall ensure that each study under paragraph (1) has a level of detail sufficient to allow the Director of the Congressional Budget Office to analyze the costs described in such studies.

(3) SUBMISSION.—Not later than December 1, 2020, the Secretary shall submit to the congressional defense committees each study under paragraph (1).

(4) FORM.—The studies under paragraph (1), and the report under paragraph (3), shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may contain a classified annex.

(c) INDEPENDENT STUDY.—

(1) REQUIREMENT.—The Secretary shall seek to enter into an agreement with an appropriate nonpartisan nongovernmental entity to conduct a study on possible alternatives to the current defense and deterrence posture of the United States, including challenges to foundational assumptions, and the impact of such postures on planning assumptions and requirements, basing, and force structure requirements.

(2) SUBMISSION.—Not later than December 1, 2020, the Secretary shall submit to the congressional defense committees the study under paragraph (1).

The Acting CHAIR. Pursuant to House Resolution 476, the gentlewoman from Washington (Ms. JAYAPAL) and a Member opposed each will control 5 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Washington.

Ms. JAYAPAL. Madam Chair, let me start by thanking the chairman of the Armed Services Committee, ADAM SMITH, my colleague, for his hard work and leadership on this bill.

My amendment requires a series of independent studies to evaluate potential cost savings with respect to our country's nuclear security enterprise and force structure.

This amendment is a measured approach to ensuring that our military spending meets our national security needs while making the best use of every taxpayer dollar. It would require the Government Accountability Office

to examine options for reducing service contracts, reducing the nuclear security enterprise, rebalancing force structure, and reducing or realigning our overseas presence.

It would also examine realistic, cost-effective ways to use pre-award audits to negotiate better prices for weapons systems and services.

Additionally, it would require an updated and comprehensive series of studies from Federally-funded research and development centers as well as a non-partisan, nongovernmental think tank. These would supplement the GAO studies and look at cost savings resulting from alternatives to current force structures and our nuclear posture.

Now, I know the other side is going to say that we have done these studies; there is plenty of information out there. But the reality is we operate in a different world, and we need an updated, comprehensive study that deals with our current situation in the world.

Madam Chair, let me be clear that while I do have strong reservations about the top-line spending level in this bill, my amendment would not cut from the top line at all. Instead, it looks at ways that we can make better policy choices; we can better allocate a limited set of resources down the line.

So, in the long term, I believe our defense spending levels are unsustainable, inefficient, and unnecessary. But we have to figure out how to cut that logically, comprehensively, with our national security in the center of that analysis.

So my amendment is a thoughtful solution to give us some of the data we need. I urge my colleagues to support the amendment.

Madam Chair, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. THORNBERRY. Madam Chair, I rise in opposition to the amendment.

The Acting CHAIR. The gentleman from Texas is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. THORNBERRY. Madam Chair, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from California (Mr. MCCARTHY), the distinguished Republican leader.

Mr. MCCARTHY. Madam Chair, the NDAA has been a bipartisan bill for the last 58 consecutive years. In those decades, control of Congress changed hands many times, with Democrats in the majority and Republicans in the majority. Both parties maintained a consistent motto: The troops come first. The troops come before politics. We are making history this week because that all changed.

But not in the Senate, where the National Defense Authorization Act, the NDAA passed with bipartisan support, not just Republicans, but CHUCK SCHUMER voted for it as well; 86 Senators.

But it is not being continued in the House, not under this majority. The NDAA was a test for this new majority. It was a test of whether they could put their radicalism aside and work across the aisle to do what was right for the country. The Democrats, or should I

say, many call themselves socialist Democrats, failed that test.

After weeks of infighting they brought yet another partisan bill to the floor. So this year's NDAA, at least the House version, will not and cannot be bipartisan.

Now, let me give you a couple of reasons why:

First, the bill is filled with poison pills and rife with flaws. Here are some of the most harmful ones.

It makes it tougher to recruit and retain effective soldiers and negatively impacts military families. This bill cuts an astonishing \$1.2 billion from the military personnel accounts.

Terrorist attacks still threaten us and threaten the homeland, but Democrats would close GTMO and, against all common sense, bring some of the world's worst and most dangerous terrorists to the United States, instead of keeping them where they belong.

Madam Chairwoman, it is going to be quite interesting history when you cast this vote, and when these terrorists come to the homeland, how you answer to your constituents that you cast that vote to make that happen.

The humanitarian crisis on the southern border continues; so does the Democrats refusal to address it. They are working to stop construction on the border and, worse, placing severe restrictions on the military's traditional mission to support border security.

Democrats have spent the last 2 years accusing President Trump of being a Russian agent and telling us how big a threat Putin is. But what does the NDAA do? It actually empowers Russia and China, gives them an advantage.

Even when we worked with our NATO allies on what we would deal with when it came to nuclear weapons, they deny it inside this bill.

When it comes to hypersonics, you cut it. When it comes to the future of this country, you just put us in a weaker position.

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Any way you look at it, this bill will not make America safer.

But the problems here go beyond bad policy ideas. The Democrats' partisan process is egregious. Let's just look at the facts.

This year, 439 amendments, a record, were made in order. You would think that would reflect bipartisan amendments. Why do you think it would reflect bipartisan? Because let's look at the last 2 years, and I can look at that because the gentleman on our side of the aisle who was chair at that time ran two NDAA bills. At the end of the day, the vote tally was way into the 300s, almost 400.

But how do you build something in bipartisanship? First, you start in committee. Then when it comes to the floor with all the other Members, you allow their amendments to come.

And those 2 years of those NDAA bills with Republicans in the majority,

do you know who had the majority of the amendments on this floor? The minority party. The minority party had the most amendments on this floor.

So of those 439, how was the minority party's voice heard in this new NDAA that now has become partisan? Fourteen percent. That is right. Fourteen percent of the amendments on this floor were allocated to the minority party, when history proves that we have done something different when somebody else was in charge.

But the most egregious of all of this was how they treated the rules that we fought for inside this House, that we had this body open. We are a country of the rule of law. We believe this House should work the same way.

So when I listened to the new Speaker talk about the changes in this body, one was a Consensus Calendar, that anybody who is elected to Congress, if they did their work, if they worked hard, if they were able to achieve more than 290 cosponsors on a bill, you should have a voice on this floor. I heard Members on both sides of the aisle say they could not vote for a Speaker unless somebody would agree to this. It was agreed to, and it was changed.

So when the moment came when a Member had done the work, when it met that threshold—and we know that threshold is hard to meet. That Member's name was Congressman JOE WILSON.

What did JOE WILSON put his effort, his sweat, and his tears in? What could he actually achieve by working on both sides of the aisle? It was the Military Surviving Spouses Equity Act. It would make it easier for spouses of servicemembers who died to receive military benefits. He did everything that the new rule said you had to do.

And what did this new majority do after they quashed any ability for amendments on the other side? They changed the rule that they just created.

My father would look at me. He would question my character if I gave somebody my word and I broke it. Not only did we give somebody our word, we actually changed the rules in this House.

JOE WILSON has 365 sponsors—not just supporters, but cosponsors. That is nearly this entire House. It qualified for the Consensus Calendar that Speaker PELOSI promised to create so the floor would be open to the best, and most of us agreed with that idea. It turns out that was just another broken promise by the majority.

I wonder if anyone on the other side will bring it up. I wonder if it will bother them that, in the moment that you told this body what the rules would be, and somebody achieved it for the military spouses, that you had actually changed the rule so it cannot be voted on.

I have seen a lot of things happen on this floor; I have seen a lot of things that embarrass me; but this is probably

one of the most shameful things I have ever seen a majority do.

The Democrat Socialists stripped the language from JOE WILSON's bill, discarded his legislation, and stuck the language into their own partisan NDAA that our Conference won't support. They put it into a bill that JOE WILSON can't even support after he did all the work, after they made promises not only to the Members of Congress, but remember what promise you made to the American public.

Our national security is not a game, but that is exactly how Democrats are treating it.

Madam Chair, this majority has reached new lows this week. They seem determined to prove to the American people week in and week out that they are incapable of governing responsibly.

They can walk out these doors; they can look down the hall; and they can see the Chamber on the other side taking up a similar bill that reaches 86 percent of the Senate voting "yes," with the leaders on the Republican and Democrat side agreeing to it, with the majority in the Senate not changing the rules that they laid out for the American public to see.

The NDAA for Fiscal Year 2020 will determine whether our military maintains its gains in readiness or languishes after years of progress.

The stakes of this year's defense budget are too high to be left to the wild fantasies to the left. It is time for them to stop the partisan games and send a message to the world that America is serious about protecting its interests, supporting our allies, and shaping the future of the international order for generations to come.

Madam Chair, I know what will happen on this floor today. History will be written about it. Fifty-eight years that this body has put troops first, this is not the history I want for this House. They will write about what happens today, but it won't be in a positive notion. What gets voted on today will not become law.

Madam Chair, I don't get into conference fights and debates. You can have differences within, but why make the troops suffer? How difficult is it to put the troops first?

There are moments for politics, and this is not one. This is not a moment to be proud. This is probably one of the lowest moments I have watched a majority use.

The Acting CHAIR. Members are reminded to address their remarks to the Chair.

Ms. JAYAPAL. Madam Chair, I yield 1½ minutes to the gentleman from Washington (Mr. SMITH), the distinguished chairman of the Armed Services Committee.

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Madam Chair, meanwhile, back to a world that actually exists.

Talking about Ms. JAYAPAL's amendment, I think it is incredibly important because there is a problem going forward from the military that we have

seen on many issues. You take it piece by piece—you look at the nuclear enterprise; you look at the Air Force; you look at how many ships we want; you look at counterterrorism—and you add up all the money over the course of the next 20 to 25 years, and we don't get there.

And this is the worst thing that we can do to our troops is to set up a group of missions that we don't have the funds to prepare them for. That is the largest problem that I see. We here in Congress decide that they ought to be able to do more than they can do, and we don't have the money to provide for it.

That is why it is so important that we don't do what the minority leader just suggested we do, which is basically shut down as a body and say whatever the Pentagon wants, we just give it to them and hope that they figure it out.

We have a role to play in that process, to make sure that the money is spent well because—I know this is news to the other side—the Pentagon hasn't always been right. They haven't always spent their money well. And that is the understatement of the morning.

So we need to know: Where are they spending the money? How can we better understand that?

Where the nuclear enterprise is concerned, we are set to spend a lot of money. I know it is only 6 percent of the defense budget, but 6 percent of the defense budget is a lot of money. We need to better understand it.

I urge support for the amendment.

Mr. THORNBERRY. Madam Chair, I reserve the balance of my time to close on this amendment.

Ms. JAYAPAL. Madam Chair, I just want to say that this amendment is a smart, thoughtful way to think about how we reduce military spending over the long term without sacrificing national security.

And, Madam Chair, I don't understand when patriotism got linked to how much money we give to defense contractors. That is not my idea of patriotism.

Patriotism, to me, and protecting the troops means that we make sure that we do not send them into harm's way unless absolutely necessary, which means that we look at the threats of the future, we assess our response to that, and we take care of our troops. This bill does that in many, many, many, many ways.

I have squabbles, as you know, with the top-line spending number because I don't believe that being patriotic means we just continue to raise the amount of money that we give. I think we need to be thoughtful and comprehensive about what our national security looks like internationally.

And, Madam Chair, I also think that national security should mean how we treat people here in this country. If we send troops overseas and yet we cut their healthcare, we take away pre-existing conditions for their family members, we refuse to provide public

education, that is not helping our troops while they are overseas to worry about their families.

So national security is a big picture conversation. It is not about how much money we give to defense contractors.

This amendment is thoughtful. It says what we know about the future.

If a private corporation lost track of hundreds of millions of dollars, its shareholders would find that completely unacceptable. The reality is that we need to make sure we are thoughtful, and we should pass this amendment.

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

Mr. THORNBERRY. Madam Chair, I yield myself the balance of my time.

Madam Chair, there is a train of thought, a political philosophy in the United States, at least since the sixties, that we are the problem, that the world would be a better place if we reduced our military, if we were weaker, if we did less; we are the problem.

In one political convention, Jeane Kirkpatrick called it the "blame America first" approach, and I think we are seeing elements of that philosophy in this amendment, because this amendment requires a bunch of studies about how we cut stuff.

Now, it doesn't really talk about, okay, what are our adversaries doing. It doesn't really talk about the challenges in meeting the security needs of our neighborhoods, how we prevent terrorists from coming to America and blowing us up, how we prevent the Russians, the Chinese from doing a variety of things, the Iranians, North Korean missiles. No, it just talks about, okay, what can we do to cut us.

And, specifically, section (a)(1)A asks for studies on options for reducing the Nuclear Security Enterprise; B, options for reducing service contracts; C, options for reducing special operations forces; D, options for reducing overseas military presence; F, options for replacing military personnel with civilian personnel. It is all about cuts.

I understand that there is that approach, but that approach has not been what has guided the broad majority of American political leadership for the last 70 years, because that approach has been that America needs to be strong. We are not perfect. Absolutely, the Pentagon is not as efficient as it should be, no question. But the idea is we should be strong and we have to pay attention to what adversaries are doing. That is not the approach that this amendment takes.

One other point, I think that Chairman SMITH made a very important point a while ago, and that is one of the worst things we can do is send men and women out on missions without providing the support, the training, all that they need to, the best equipment, all that they need to perform that mission successfully.

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We owe them that when they risk their lives. Yet, that is exactly what

this government, and I think there is blame on both sides, has done in the past.

The world did not get safer. We did not reduce the missions we asked them to do. Yet, the budget was cut by 20 percent. And what happened? More of them lost their lives. There are real consequences to cuts without taking into account a strategy and including what adversaries are doing.

The administration has, for the first time in a long time, a significant National Security Strategy. It is not perfect, but at least it is an approach to dealing with these things: Here is the strategy. Here are the resources we need to meet that strategy.

That is what they have given us. You can agree or disagree, but they have done that.

That is not what this amendment does. This amendment says cut. This amendment says, have America grow weaker and, somehow, the world will benefit. I don't think that is true.

Madam Chair, I am opposed to this amendment. I yield back the balance of my time.

The Acting CHAIR. The question is on the amendment offered by the gentlewoman from Washington (Ms. JAYAPAL).

The question was taken; and the Acting Chair announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. THORNBERRY. Madam Chair, I demand a recorded vote.

The Acting CHAIR. Pursuant to clause 6 of rule XVIII, further proceedings on the amendment offered by the gentlewoman from Washington will be postponed.

AMENDMENTS EN BLOC NO. 17 OFFERED BY MR. SMITH OF WASHINGTON

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Madam Chair, pursuant to House Resolution 476, I offer amendments en bloc.

The Acting CHAIR. The Clerk will designate the amendments en bloc.

Amendments en bloc No. 17 consisting of amendment Nos. 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, and 439, printed in part B of House Report 116-143, offered by Mr. SMITH of Washington:

AMENDMENT NO. 432 OFFERED BY MISS RICE OF NEW YORK

At the end of subtitle G of title X, insert the following:

SEC. 10. COMPTROLLER GENERAL REVIEW OF DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE SUPPORT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY OPERATIONS ON THE SOUTHWEST BORDER OF THE UNITED STATES.

(a) REVIEW REQUIRED.—The Comptroller General of the United States shall conduct a review of ongoing and planned future Department of Defense support for Department of Homeland Security operations to secure the southwest border of the United States.

(b) REPORT AND BRIEFING.—

(1) BRIEFING.—Not later than 180 days after beginning to conduct the review required under subsection (a), the Comptroller General shall provide to the Committees on Armed Services and Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate and the Committees on Armed Services and Homeland Security of the House of Representatives a briefing on the review.

(2) REPORT.—Subsequent to providing the briefing under paragraph (1), the Comptroller General shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services and Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate and the Committees on Armed Services and Homeland Security of the House of Representatives a report on the review.

AMENDMENT NO. 433 OFFERED BY MR. STANTON OF ARIZONA

At the end of subtitle G of title V, add the following new section:

SEC. 567. INCLUSION OF QUESTION REGARDING IMMIGRATION STATUS ON PREPARATION COUNSELING CHECKLIST (DD FORM 2648).

Not later than September 30, 2020, the Secretary of Defense shall modify the preparation counseling checklist for active component, active guard reserve, active reserve, full time support, and reserve program administrator service members (DD Form 2648) to include a specific block wherein a member of the Armed Forces may indicate that the member would like to receive information regarding the immigration status of that member and expedited naturalization.

AMENDMENT NO. 434 OFFERED BY MR. TAKANO OF CALIFORNIA

At the end of subtitle C of title V, add the following new section:

SEC. 530. NOTIFICATION TO SECRETARY OF HOMELAND SECURITY OF HONORABLE DISCHARGES OF NON-CITIZENS.

(a) NOTICE REQUIRED.—The Secretary of Defense shall provide the Secretary of Homeland Security with a copy of the Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 214) for each individual who is not a citizen of the United States who is honorably discharged from the Armed Forces so the Secretary of Homeland Security may note such discharge in an I-213 Record of Deportable/Inadmissible Alien for that individual.

(b) DEADLINE.—The Secretary of Defense shall provide each notice under this section not later than 30 days after the date of such discharge.

AMENDMENT NO. 435 OFFERED BY MR. AGUILAR OF CALIFORNIA

At the end of subtitle G of title V, add the following:

SEC. 567. COUNSELING TO MEMBERS WHO ARE NOT CITIZENS OF THE UNITED STATES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary concerned shall furnish to covered individuals under the jurisdiction of that Secretary counseling regarding how to apply for naturalization.

(b) COVERED INDIVIDUAL DEFINED.—In this section, the term “covered individual” means a member of the Armed Forces who is not a citizen of the United States.

AMENDMENT NO. 436 OFFERED BY MR. AGUILAR OF CALIFORNIA

At the end of subtitle C of title V, add the following:

SEC. 530. PROHIBITION ON INVOLUNTARY SEPARATION OR DEPORTATION OF MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES WHO ARE DACA RECIPIENTS OR HAVE TEMPORARY PROTECTED STATUS.

(a) DACA.—No covered person who has received deferred action under the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program of the Department of Homeland Security, established pursuant to the memorandum of the Secretary of Homeland Security dated June 15, 2012, may, solely on the basis of such deferred action, be—

(1) involuntarily separated from the Armed Forces;

(2) placed into removal proceedings; or

(3) removed from the United States.

(b) TPS.—No covered person who has temporary protected status under section 244 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1254a), may, solely on the basis of such status, be—

(1) involuntarily separated from the Armed Forces;

(2) placed into removal proceedings; or

(3) removed from the United States.

(c) COVERED PERSON DEFINED.—In this section, the term “covered person” means—

(1) a member of the Armed Forces; or

(2) an individual who was discharged from the Armed Forces under honorable conditions.

AMENDMENT NO. 439 OFFERED BY MR. POCAN OF WISCONSIN

At the end of subtitle C of title V, add the following new section:

SEC. 530. REVIEW OF DISCHARGE CHARACTERIZATION.

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This section may be cited as the “Restore Honor to Service Members Act”.

(b) IN GENERAL.—In accordance with this section, and in a manner that is consistent across the entire Department of Defense, the appropriate discharge boards shall review the discharge characterization of covered members at the request of a covered member, and shall change the discharge characterization of a covered member to honorable if such change is determined to be appropriate after a review is conducted.

(c) APPEAL.—A covered member, or the representative of the member, may appeal a decision by the appropriate discharge board to not change the discharge characterization by using the regular appeals process of the board.

(d) CHANGE OF RECORDS.—For each covered member whose discharge characterization is changed under subsection (a), or for each covered member who was honorably discharged but whose DD-214 form reflects the sexual orientation of the member, the Secretary of Defense shall reissue to the member or their representative a revised DD-214 form that does not reflect the sexual orientation of the member or reason for initial discharge.

(e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) The term “appropriate discharge board” means the boards for correction of military records under section 1552 of title 10, United States Code, or the discharge review boards under section 1553 of such title, as the case may be.

(2) The term “covered member” means any former member of the Armed Forces who was discharged from the Armed Forces because of the sexual orientation of the member.

(3) The term “discharge characterization” means the characterization under which a member of the Armed forces is discharged or released, including “dishonorable”, “general”, “other than honorable”, and “honorable”.

(4) The term “representative” means the surviving spouse, next of kin, or legal representative of a covered member.

The Acting CHAIR. Pursuant to House Resolution 476, the gentleman from Washington (Mr. SMITH) and the gentleman from Texas (Mr. THORNBERRY) each will control 10 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Washington.

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Madam Chair, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. CUNNINGHAM).

Mr. CUNNINGHAM. Madam Chair, I rise in support of my amendment to expand and improve the defense access

roads program. This critical program allows the Defense Department to construct, replace, and maintain roads that lead to military installations.

My amendment will improve the program by allowing DOD to construct and maintain flood management infrastructure, such as culverts and storm drains, and to fortify the roads that are projected to be impacted by sea level rise.

This authority is critical to bases in the Lowcountry, such as Parris Island, which is increasingly vulnerable to projected flooding.

Additionally, this measure will expand the program to include roads to airports or seaports that are deemed necessary for our national security.

Given Charleston's indispensable role in supporting the rapid deployment of our servicemembers and their equipment, it is essential that our local infrastructure is maintained and reinforced.

Madam Chair, I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this amendment.

Mr. THORNBERRY. Madam Chair, I would inform the Chair that I have only myself to speak on this amendment. I don't know if the chairman has other speakers.

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Madam Chair, it is just me. I am going to close, so I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. THORNBERRY. Madam Chair, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Madam Chair, let me start in a similar way that I started 2 days ago, and that is to express my appreciation to the staff, which has done a terrific job of wading through a ton of issues, a lot of paper, in bringing this bill to the floor.

I also want to express my particular appreciation to some unsung heroes, and those are the folks in the legislative counsel. Members and staff come up with these great ideas. Well, it takes the professionals to actually get that down on paper in legislative language in a timely way so that we can deal with it here on the floor or in committee or subcommittee, wherever it is. They do a magnificent job, and I don't think they get enough attention for the work that they do.

In addition, I want to express my appreciation to Chairman SMITH and to all the members of the Armed Services Committee for their commitment, for not just the work they put into it, but for their dedication and commitment to the country's national security.

There have been some inferences, and even more than inferences, on the floor that there is some sort of political maneuvering or games going on. I have not seen that in the Armed Services Committee. I believe, to a man and woman, every member of that committee is sincerely dedicated to doing the right thing for the troops and for the country's national security.

The truth is, together, we have done a lot of good work over the years, 58

straight years. In recent years, we have together grappled with the problem that we were discussing a few moments ago, a readiness crisis that resulted in the highest number of aviation deaths in 6 years last year and an increasing number of accidents.

Together, we grappled to turn the corner and do a better job. There is a lot of pride in what the committee together has done over the years.

There is concern, at least among the Members on my side of the aisle, that a lot of that progress we have made together stands a chance of slipping backward with this bill.

We have spent 3 days going through hundreds of amendments. A lot of times, we don't talk about the core of the bill. Let me give some examples of the concerns that I have about the reductions in authorization in the underlying bill that make a real difference.

For example, the underlying bill cut \$295 million from aircraft carrier procurement, leading to a 1-year delay in the construction of the next carrier. We need 12 carriers. We have 11. We are on a path to nine. As a result of this bill, we are going to delay by another year getting another carrier.

It cuts \$155 million from fast inshore attack craft mine countermeasures. Within the last 2 days, we have had some of these small boats in the Persian Gulf threaten British tankers, yet this bill cuts \$155 million from the sort of thing that deals with that.

A lot of us are concerned about what the Russians and the Chinese are doing in hypersonics. A number of people think they are ahead of us in a number of respects. This bill cuts \$20 million from hypersonic wind tunnels and infrastructure. It makes it harder for us to catch up.

This bill cuts \$261 million from 5G next-generation communications. These funds were supposed to go to sites across the country to kick-start domestic innovation and explore 5G applications in military depots, seaports, and defense manufacturing. 5G is a big deal for the military, and we are competing with the Chinese especially. Yet, the bill cuts \$261 million from what the administration requested.

It cuts \$123 million from F-15 spares and repair parts. Twenty-eight of these aircraft are grounded today. The average age of the fleet is 35 years. Yet, this bill cuts \$123 million from the spare parts to get those planes flying again. I think that is a mistake.

The bill cuts \$42 million for a missile defense test that was approved, on a bipartisan basis, for the SM3 Block 2A missile.

It cuts \$376 million from next-generation OPIR, which is the new satellite constellation to help warn against missile threat.

Specific, concrete things—these are not numbers out of the air. These are specific things where Members are concerned that it leads to sliding backward on readiness or not making the progress that we need to make when it comes to our adversaries.

That was the bill coming out of committee. Then, as we have heard, the bill took a disturbing turn on its way to the floor. I won't repeat the numbers about the Rules Committee. The statistic that concerns me the most, frankly, is that, of the amendments made in order that were contested—in other words, there was a debate; there was a difference of opinion; it was not agreed to—of those amendments that were made in order, one was a Republican amendment, MIKE TURNER's amendment on low-yield nukes. That was the only Republican opportunity to shift the bill in a different direction.

Then, Madam Chair, I note that the Armed Services Committee has put out a press release that is titled "Democratic Priorities in the FY20 NDAA."

The first bullet says, "This is the first time in history that HASC has cut \$17 billion from the President's budget."

"First time in history," not exactly a way to maintain a bipartisan approach to national security when the majority is boasting that, for the first time in history, they are cutting a President's request more than ever.

I turn to page 4: "Accelerates Closure of Guantanamo Bay Detention Facility. . . . Eliminates arbitrary statutory restrictions on transfer of detainees from Guantanamo Bay."

This restriction was put into law about 10 years ago under a Democratic majority and with President Obama in the White House. It prevented GTMO detainees from being transferred to the U.S. That was taken out in this bill. Not exactly the way to build a bipartisan majority.

On page 6, the headline is "Protects Against Nuclear Catastrophe." Underneath, it says, "Prohibits deployment funding for low-yield nuclear warheads," and, "Reduces requested funding for NNSA nuclear weapons programs by \$608 million." Down a little lower, it says, "Cuts \$103 million from the Ground-Based Strategic Deterrent."

So, we are going to prevent nuclear catastrophe by cutting ourselves. It doesn't talk about what the Russians, Chinese, Iranians, North Koreans, anybody else are doing. We prevent nuclear catastrophe by cutting ourselves.

That is the trend that this bill has taken as it has approached the floor.

I realize that there are various points of view within the Democratic Caucus. I note a political article that says Congressional Progressive Caucus leaders "are demanding a string of concessions from Speaker PELOSI and her top lieutenants."

That is the concern, I think, that many of us have.

Madam Chair, I would say two things.

One is, unfortunately, this year in the House, we have spent a lot of time on messaging bills that are never going to be considered by the Senate, will never get to the President. I don't want the NDAA to turn into a messaging

bill, where we can go home and brag about something we voted, but those provisions have no chance of becoming law.

Secondly, and lastly, I would say there is a lot of good in this bill. I have talked about some of the not so good, in my view. There is a lot of good in this bill. There always is in an NDAA, in a bill this big, good and bad. There is a lot of good, and a lot of Members on both sides have contributed a lot of good, but the direction it has taken is not for the good.

I would suggest that Members who do care about a strong military, about doing the right things for our troops and for our American national security, consider very carefully their vote on final passage when it comes to that time.

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

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Madam Chair, I yield myself the balance of my time.

First of all, I want to echo the comments of the ranking member and thank our staffs for the work on this.

I don't have the statistics in front of me, but there are literally thousands of proposals for this bill that are presented at the beginning of the committee process, working through to the full floor.

Both staffs, Republican and Democratic—I think we are the only committee in Congress, or in the House, at any rate, that actually shares staff. We share the budget. We don't just divide it up.

So, when I say thank you, I am thanking the Republican and Democratic members of staff. They do an enormous amount of incredible work to produce this product.

I believe, as I will mention later, that we upheld the bipartisan tradition of this bill, worked with Republicans and Democrats, and produced a very good product. But we must acknowledge the incredible hard work that is done by the people sitting behind me, a lot of people over in the building and a lot of people over there. I appreciate that.

I also appreciate the working relationship that I have with the ranking member. When I was the ranking member and he was the chair, we worked together on a lot of issues. We have continued to do so. I appreciate that leadership, and I appreciate his commitment to the defense bill.

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I think this is a good bill. I just want to mention a few things in it that are positive.

First of all, at \$733 billion—and, again, more on that later—this is the largest defense bill in the history of the country. But within this bill, we also focus on cutting waste and dramatically increasing accountability. I think the taxpayers, and, yes, the troops, want to make sure that the Pentagon doesn't just spend money, but that they spend it well.

We finally live up to the rhetoric and we give the widows the money that they have been asking for. Just about every single Republican Member of Congress is a cosponsor of this bill—JOE WILSON is the prime sponsor—that fully funds widows' benefits. After cosponsoring it for 9 years, the Republicans were in charge and doing nothing about it, we actually put it in the bill and we are going to pass it. And yet, to hear them say that it is somehow a bad thing to basically do what they have been emptily promising for 8 years, I think, is a very big positive on the bill.

We have a tenant's bill of rights to protect families and the housing that we have heard so many complaints about. We step up to try to protect those families.

We have paid family and medical leave for all Federal employees, including all DOD employees.

We have provisions to protect our military and our communities from the dangerous chemicals in PFAS that we have learned so much about.

We make sure that troops get the pay raise that they deserve: a 3.1 percent pay raise.

And, yes, we also have provisions to try to make sure that the children who are being held by DOD within the migrant community are adequately protected.

I think that is all important. And yet, for all of that, the Republicans oppose the bill, and it raises the question: Why?

Earlier on, the chairman quoted me from a few years ago when we opposed the bill. As I said, opposing the bill doesn't mean you are against our troops, and I stand by that. Now, it is interesting to note that a large number of Members on that side at the time said that much and much more: that to oppose this bill means you are against national security and against those troops.

To his credit, the then-chairman, Mr. THORBERRY, didn't say that. What he said was: Look, on the defense bill, you can always have a bunch of excuses for why you don't support it. But, at the end of the day, if you don't support it, you are not supporting funding our military and you are not supporting giving our troops what they need.

That is now what, en masse, the Republicans are going to do.

So the question is: Why? What is their list of excuses?

It starts with that top line. And this was their most brilliant political move.

It has been quoted that Chairman Dunford said that we needed to have inflation, plus 3 to 5 percent. That was in a newspaper article. I thought about that. That is not actually what they said. Secretary Mattis was very clear. Once we got the deal last year to get to \$716 billion, he said we need inflation. That is what I remember. But how do we know that is true?

Chairman Dunford and Secretary Mattis, a year ago, proposed \$733 bil-

lion. So if they believed we needed inflation, plus 3 to 5 percent, are they just bad at math? Did they not have a calculator available to figure out that \$733 billion isn't that? No. It is what they said they needed.

I think we now know why the Republicans at the last minute said: No, we have to have \$750 billion: so they can come up here and claim that we cut stuff. That is just ridiculous.

There are two great examples.

The distinguished minority leader—it is possible that he is just this stupid, but I don't think it is true—said that we cut hypersonic weapons. How much did we cut them by? We increased them by \$300 million over last year.

But, yes, we reduced them. It wasn't actually a hypersonic weapon, but we made a reduction in the \$750 billion request. So you create the \$750 billion request and then you say you are cutting. We are not cutting, we are increasing. Which is why I say, if we had come in at \$750 billion, they would have said \$800 billion and then stood up there and accused us of everything else that we cut.

And the personnel account is another great example: a \$1.2 billion cut. Last year, in their budget, they cut the personnel account by \$1.7 billion because the Pentagon frequently asks for personnel funds that are not justified. That is our job.

So only in the minds of a Republican can a \$733 billion defense budget, that is an increase over last year, be a cut. There are not cuts to this budget in that way. We fully fund the military.

And then we hear their argument about one nuclear weapon that we are not going to field. You heard what they said: it is unilateral nuclear disarmament.

To cut one weapon when we have thousands of nuclear weapons?

There was no way the Republican Party was ever going to vote for a bill put together by Democrats. And these people behind me, they worked their butts off to make this bipartisan. What the minority leader said is the biggest insult I have ever heard to the members of the staff in 23 years on this committee. To dismiss them as partisan, not interested in national security is an incredible insult to the hard work that they do, and nobody in this House, Republican or Democrat, should let a statement like that stand.

We have put together a good bill. The reason Republicans oppose it is for purely partisan reasons. And, that is, they want to be able to give speeches, like the one of the minority leader who said Democrats don't care about national security. We care about national security. In fact, I will tell you, our bill isn't just good, it is better than the ones that the Republican Party have put together.

We believe the Pentagon should be accountable. They said \$733 billion. As recently as December of this year, the ranking member put an op-ed in *The Wall Street Journal* saying we had to

have \$733 billion. And now, all of a sudden, \$733 billion isn't just not the right number, "it is socialism," "it is destroying the world as we know it," "we can't support it." That is ridiculous. It is a partisan argument. It is what the minority does. But it has never been what we have done on this bill.

I believe in the bipartisanship of this committee. And as angry as I was, sitting there listening to the minority leader insult all of the people who have worked to make this bill bipartisan—and you can oppose it, that is fine—but to say that we don't care about national security, that we are a bunch of socialists who don't want to work with Republicans, is a bald-faced lie.

And the last statistic on that is the amendment thing—and I love this—we made more amendments in order on this defense bill this year than ever. The Republicans actually submitted a lot fewer amendments than we did. We submitted 480, they submitted 201. And then we actually agreed with the overwhelming majority of their amendments and put them in en bloc packages. They didn't agree with the overwhelming majority of our amendments, so we didn't put them in en bloc packages, which gives them the statistic that only one of their amendments was debated.

So by working with them and agreeing with them to include 50 percent of their amendments—the most amendments ever offered—that is partisan. And I can't help but feel like they were setting us up. They didn't want to work with us. No matter how hard we tried, no matter how many hours we spent working with them, they wanted to come to the floor today and say that Democrats don't care about national security.

That is shameful. I am going to get over it. We are going to work past it—I think national security is too important to get petty about these things—and we are going to keep working together.

The good news is that we have a very good bill. It is accountable. It doesn't just give the Pentagon money. Yes, we eliminate senseless discrimination by stopping the ban on transgender troops.

I will say the other side is wrong. They have voted against the defense bill before. They voted against it in 2010 because we repealed Don't Ask, Don't Tell. They were wrong then and they are wrong now. Discrimination in the military doesn't make us safer. Mindless bigotry doesn't make us safer.

I believe strongly in this bill. The good news is, we got this, we are going to pass it, even if the other side is going to decide to play partisan politics.

Madam Chair, I urge support for the bill, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The Acting CHAIR. Members are reminded to address their remarks to the Chair.

Mr. POCAN. Madam Chair, I rise today in support of Amendment No. 439 which is

based upon legislation that I have introduced every Congress since I was elected in 2012, the "Restore Honor to Service Members Act".

This amendment will require the Department of Defense to correct the military records of service members discharged solely because of their sexual orientation. Importantly, amending service members' discharge characterizations to an honorable discharge will enable impacted individuals to access the benefits they earned and to which they would otherwise be entitled. It is a significant moment for the more than 100,000 Americans estimated to have been discharged from the military since World War II due to their sexual orientation.

I thank Chairman SMITH for his strong support of this amendment, Paul Arcangeli—Staff Director of the House Armed Services Committee—for his assistance, and Leslie Zelenko of my staff who has worked tirelessly to ensure the success of the amendment before us today.

Additionally, I would like to extend my deep gratitude to the Human Rights Campaign, the Modern Military Association of America, and VoteVets, for supporting this amendment, and Representatives KATIE HILL, CHRIS PAPPAS, MARK TAKANO, SETH MOULTON, JAMIE RASKIN, CHUY GARCIA, ALAN LOWENTHAL, BARBARA LEE, BILL FOSTER, BONNIE WATSON COLEMAN, ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON, SEAN PATRICK MALONEY, BRIAN HIGGINS, ED CASE, PAUL TONKO, DENNY HECK, JAN SCHAKOWSKY, VERONICA ESCOBAR, ROBIN KELLY, JULIA BROWNLEY, KURT SCHRADER, STEVE COHEN, ILHAN OMAR, SHEILA JACKSON LEE, SUZAN DELBENE, ANTHONY BROWN, JOE KENNEDY, DONNA SHALALA, SUZANNE BONAMICI, and KATIE PORTER for cosponsoring. I would also like to recognize Senator BRIAN SCHATZ and Senator KIRSTEN GILLIBRAND for championing this legislation in the Senate. Without this outpouring of support, today would not have been possible. Again, I thank them.

Madam Chair, I urge all of my colleagues to support the Restore Honor amendment, and I urge a yes vote in favor of the en bloc amendment into which it has been packaged.

The Acting CHAIR. The question is on the amendments en bloc offered by the gentleman from Washington (Mr. SMITH).

The en bloc amendments were agreed to.

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Madam Chair, I move that the Committee do now rise.

The motion was agreed to.

Accordingly, the Committee rose; and the Speaker pro tempore (Ms. MCCOLLUM) having assumed the chair, Mrs. DEMINGS, Acting Chair of the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, reported that that Committee, having had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2500) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2020 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes, had come to no resolution thereon.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair

will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or votes objected to under clause 6 of rule XX.

The House will resume proceedings on postponed questions at a later time.

NEVER FORGET THE HEROES: JAMES ZADROGA, RAY PFEIFER, AND LUIS ALVAREZ PERMANENT AUTHORIZATION OF THE SEPTEMBER 11TH VICTIM COMPENSATION FUND ACT

Mr. NADLER. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 1327) to extend authorization for the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund of 2001 through fiscal year 2090, and for other purposes, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H. R. 1327

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Never Forget the Heroes: James Zadroga, Ray Pfeifer, and Luis Alvarez Permanent Authorization of the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund Act".

SEC. 2. SEPTEMBER 11TH VICTIM COMPENSATION FUND OF 2001.

(a) AUTHORIZATION AND FUNDING.—Section 410 of the Air Transportation Safety and System Stabilization Act (49 U.S.C. 40101 note) is amended—

(1) in subsection (c), by striking "\$4,600,000,000" and all that follows through "expended" and inserting "such sums as may be necessary for fiscal year 2019 and each fiscal year thereafter through fiscal year 2092, to remain available until expended"; and

(2) in subsection (e), by striking "Upon completion of all payments under this title" and inserting "On October 1, 2092, or at such time thereafter as all funds are expended".

(b) EXTENSION OF LIMITATION ON CLAIM FILING.—Section 405(a)(3)(B) of the Air Transportation Safety and System Stabilization Act (40 U.S.C. 40101 note) is amended by striking "the date that is 5 years after the date of enactment of the James Zadroga 9/11 Victim Compensation Fund Reauthorization Act" and inserting "October 1, 2090".

(c) COMPENSATION REDUCED BY SPECIAL MASTER DUE TO LACK OF FUNDING.—Section 406(d)(2) of the Air Transportation Safety and System Stabilization Act (49 U.S.C. 40101 note) is amended by adding at the end the following:

"(D) COMPENSATION REDUCED BY SPECIAL MASTER DUE TO INSUFFICIENT FUNDING.—

"(i) IN GENERAL.—In any claim in Group B as described in section 405(a)(3)(C)(iii) in which, prior to the enactment of the Never Forget the Heroes: James Zadroga, Ray Pfeifer, and Luis Alvarez Permanent Authorization of the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund Act, the Special Master had advised the claimant that the amount of compensation has been reduced on the basis of insufficient funding, the Special Master shall, in the first fiscal year beginning after sufficient funding becomes available under such Act, pay to the claimant an amount that is, as determined by the Special Master, equal to the difference between—

"(I) the amount the claimant would have been paid under this title if sufficient funding was available to the Special Master at

the time the Special Master determined the amount due the claimant under this title; and

“(II) the amount the claimant was paid under this title.

“(ii) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this subparagraph:

“(I) INSUFFICIENT FUNDING.—The term ‘insufficient funding’ means funding—

“(aa) that is available to the Special Master under section 410(c) on the day before the date of enactment of the Never Forget the Heroes: James Zadroga, Ray Pfeifer, and Luis Alvarez Permanent Authorization of the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund Act for purposes of compensating claims in Group B as described in section 405(a)(3)(C)(iii); and

“(bb) that the Special Master determines is insufficient for purposes of compensating all such claims and complying with subparagraph (A).

“(II) SUFFICIENT FUNDING.—The term ‘sufficient funding’ means funding—

“(aa) made available to the Special Master for purposes of compensating claims in Group B as described in section 405(a)(3)(C)(iii) through an Act of Congress that is enacted after the date on which the amount of the claim described in clause (i) has been reduced; and

“(bb) that the Special Master determines is sufficient for purposes of compensating all claims in such Group B.”.

(d) LIMITATIONS ON NONECONOMIC LOSS.—Section 405(b)(7)(A) of the of the Air Transportation Safety and System Stabilization Act (49 U.S.C. 40101 note) is amended—

(1) by redesignating clauses (i) and (ii) as subclauses (I) and (II) respectively, and adjusting the margins accordingly;

(2) by striking “With respect to” and inserting the following:

“(i) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in clause (ii), with respect to”; and

(3) by adding at the end the following:

“(ii) EXCEPTION.—The Special Master may exceed the applicable limitation in clause (i) for a claim in Group B as described in subsection (a)(3)(C)(iii) if the Special Master determines that the claim presents special circumstances.”.

(e) ADJUSTMENT OF ANNUAL GROSS INCOME LIMITATION.—Section 405(b)(7)(B)(ii) of the Air Transportation Safety and System Stabilization Act (40 U.S.C. 40101 note) is amended by striking “\$200,000.” and inserting “the annual gross income limitation. The annual gross income limitation in effect on the date of enactment of the Never Forget the Heroes: James Zadroga, Ray Pfeifer, and Luis Alvarez Permanent Authorization of the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund Act is \$200,000. The Special Master shall periodically adjust that annual gross income limitation to account for inflation.”.

SEC. 3. APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL MASTER AND DEPUTY SPECIAL MASTERS.

Section 404 of the Air Transportation Safety and System Stabilization Act (49 U.S.C. 40101 note) is amended—

(1) by redesignating subsection (b) as subsection (c); and

(2) by inserting after subsection (a) the following:

“(b) APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL MASTER AND DEPUTY SPECIAL MASTERS.—The Attorney General may appoint a Special Master and no more than two Deputy Special Masters without regard to the provisions of title 5, United States Code, governing appointments in the competitive service. Any such employee shall serve at the pleasure of the Attorney General. The Attorney General shall fix the annual salary of the Special Master and the Deputy Special Masters.”.

SEC. 4. BUDGETARY EFFECTS.

(a) STATUTORY PAYGO SCORECARDS.—The budgetary effects of this Act shall not be entered on either PAYGO scorecard maintained pursuant to section 4(d) of the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010.

(b) SENATE PAYGO SCORECARDS.—The budgetary effects of this Act shall not be entered on any PAYGO scorecard maintained for purposes of section 4106 of House Concurrent Resolution 71 (115th Congress).

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from New York (Mr. NADLER) and the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. COLLINS) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New York.

GENERAL LEAVE

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

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

There was no objection.

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

Madam Speaker, today, this body will, for what I hope is the final time, meet its moral obligation to provide for survivors and responders suffering from 9/11-related illnesses.

This obligation is two-fold.

First, on September 11, 2001, it was not just the city of New York and the Pentagon that were attacked, it was the entire country. A national attack has always required a national response. That is why responders from around the country rushed to New York to aid in the rescue and recovery effort in the immediate aftermath. Today, sick responders and survivors live in all 50 States. This is a national problem, and Congress must provide a national solution.

Second, tens of thousands of responders and survivors are sick because the Federal Government, in its rush to get Wall Street reopened, ignored the evidence and the expert opinions of scientists. The then-head of the Environmental Protection Agency repeatedly assured us that the air around the World Trade Center was “safe to breathe.” We knew it wasn’t, but the Federal Government kept insisting it was.

And, compounding the Federal Government’s culpability was its failure to conduct a comprehensive cleanup of the environmental disaster created when the World Trade Center towers collapsed. For example, the EPA administrator told the public that asbestos could be cleaned from apartments with a damp cloth and a wet mop.

Based on these false assurances, students were sent back to schools that had been contaminated with the toxic dust cloud without ventilation systems being cleaned first. People kept working to clear the pile for months with no protective equipment. Quite simply,

the Federal Government lied, and now tens of thousands of people are sick with 9/11-related illnesses. It now falls to us—in the words of Abraham Lincoln—“to care for him who shall have borne the battle and for his widow and for his orphan.”

Three times, Congress has come together to provide a health program and compensation for the victims of 9/11 through a victim compensation fund, or VCF. Most recently, in 2015, we made the World Trade Center Health Program effectively permanent, extended to 2090, but reauthorized the VCF, the victim compensation fund, for only 5 years.

As we heard in a Judiciary Committee hearing last month, a 5-year authorization was not nearly long enough. People are still getting sick as diseases, such as cancer, often emerge only after long latency periods. In fact, the Congressional Budget Office estimates that, in the coming years, cancer claims will represent 63 percent of all claims before the VCF, up from 44 percent today.

Further, as the number of sick responders and survivors continues to rise, the limited resources Congress provided to the VCF have proven inadequate and now thousands of families are facing up to 70 percent cuts in compensation.

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I refuse to accept that. Every sick responder and survivor should be treated with the same dignity and compassion, regardless of when they became sick, and no one should be forced to spend their last days walking the Halls of Congress begging us to reauthorize this program.

That is why we are here today, to pass what I hope will be the last authorization we ever need for the VCF.

This bipartisan legislation, with over 330 cosponsors, will reverse all of the cuts in compensation and make those families whole. It will extend the authorization for the VCF through 2092, substantially the same timeline as the World Trade Center Health Program, and make technical improvements to the program.

We have asked so much of our responders and survivors. It is time for us to give them the peace of mind they deserve and pass this bill once and for all.

Finally, I want to take a moment to recognize the three men after whom we named this bill.

James Zadroga, Ray Pfeifer, and Luis Alvarez passed away after battling 9/11-related illnesses. A month ago, Detective Alvarez testified before the Judiciary Committee, just 24 hours before what was supposed to be his 69th chemotherapy treatment, a treatment he, ultimately, was too sick to receive. Two weeks ago, he passed away.

Like every responder and survivor of 9/11, these three men kept fighting for this program, even when they knew it was too late for them. That is the spirit of 9/11. This bill is now their namesake, and we vote today in their name.

I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Madam Speaker, the attacks on 9/11, designed to murder as many innocent people as possible, were acts of war against the United States. It resulted in the deaths of almost 3,000 people and left a smoldering pile of toxic debris in New York. But thousands of noble and courageous first responders scaled that smoldering pile and exhumed the dead with dignity. Today, the site includes the National September 11 Memorial.

It is fitting that Congress do more than memorialize. We must also provide. The 9/11 first responders, like all first responders, deserve to have their sacrifices recognized through programs that reasonably limit their damage to their own selves and families and the sacrifice they entailed.

This legislation would reauthorize the current September 11 Victim Compensation Fund, the medical program covering needed healthcare for those affected by the 9/11 incident, which has already been extended to the year 2090 in legislation enacted many years ago.

This legislation before us today would extend a separate program to 2090, namely, the program designed to compensate the same victims for lost earnings and other losses they suffered as a result of the 9/11 attack. The compensation will, of course, cost money, recognizing that it is not mean-spirited in any way, but simply a necessity in a responsible budgeting process where limited Federal dollars and specific funds must be allocated in a formal budget composed of specific dollar amounts divided up by a program.

Sadly, this bill comes to the floor without any provision to pay for the program, in fact, no provision at all. This bill, according to the Congressional Budget Office, will cost \$10.2 billion, and that is during the first decade of the seven decades that this bill extends.

I, like the chairman, would have preferred never to have to touch this bill again because it is in honor of those who served us, but, unfortunately, his request that he made that this will be the last time is not going to be true because of, inherently, the way the bill is being passed today. We did not sit down and get this done. The Senate will then have to do that as we go forward.

So the process is, frankly, unfulfilling, although we need to continue to move forward. So as we look forward to this, it is unfortunate that we have chosen today to put risk on this compensation, given the fact that the Senate has got to now be a part of this solution.

While the fiscal impact of this legislation will have to be addressed before it is signed into law, what is clear, though, is our collective duty to see that our first responders are treated fairly and in accordance with what they have already given of themselves to a grateful nation.

I look forward to supporting this legislation, and that is why I am a cospon-

sor of this legislation. I urge my colleagues to do so as well. But it is sad to know that we will have to touch this again. And time will pass before this happens because the Senate will have to take this up and have to do what we should have done here and find that pay-for in a bicameral and bipartisan way so that we don't have to touch this again and those who are suffering will know that this body is committed to them.

I commend my chairman, and I am glad that we are on this bill together. I just wish that we didn't have to touch it again, but we are going to have to. But that is not going to stand in the way, today, of us honoring the names on this bill and honoring every face that this bill will help for those who served us and our Nation.

I fully commend this bill to the body of this House as we move forward today, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. NADLER. Madam Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentlewoman from New York (Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY), one of the chief sponsors of the bill.

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Madam Speaker, I rise to urge my colleagues to vote "yes" on H.R. 1327, the Never Forget the Heroes Act, and to thank the 332 colleagues of mine who have cosponsored this historic, bipartisan legislation.

When the planes hit on 9/11, our first responders did not hesitate. Firefighters, police officers, medical, construction workers, and volunteers from all around the country rushed to Ground Zero, the Pentagon, and the Shanksville crash sites. It was a national response to a national terrorist attack.

We lost nearly 3,000 lives on that day, and in the nearly 18 years since the attack, the death toll continues to climb.

We, as a nation, have a moral obligation, a double moral obligation, to take care of the people who took care of us and those who take care of them now—because they cannot work—first and foremost, for their service that day and in the days and weeks and months to follow; and secondly, because of the toxic lie our government told them: that it was safe to work on the site when it, clearly, was not. Because of their exposure to toxins, many of them have cancers and are sick and dying.

In 2015, Congress passed the James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act, making the World Trade Center Health Program permanent, but it extended the Victims Compensation Fund only to 2020. Not only is the fund about to expire, but making matters worse, it is also running out of money.

In February, the special master announced that, due to more and more claims, the fund does not have enough money to make it to 2020. They have had to reduce payouts by 50 to 70 percent, and this is devastating for those

who depend on this fund. That is why we need to pass the Never Forget the Heroes Act today to fully and permanently fund the Victims Compensation Fund.

These heroes and their families cannot wait any longer, and I hope they will never have to come back to this Congress again to ask again and again for help and support for their healthcare and their families. We need to make this fund permanent.

If you remember 9/11, you remember that we as a nation vowed that we would never forget. None of us in this coalition will rest until we have turned that promise into a law to help the heroes who were there to help us.

I join my colleagues, JERRY NADLER and PETER KING, the lead sponsors of this bill. I thank them for their dedication and work. I thank my staff, and I thank the heroes who are named in our bill, Luis Alvarez, Ray Pfeifer, and James Zadroga, for their inspiration.

I urge my colleagues to stand with the heroes and vote for this bill.

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Madam Speaker, it is my privilege to yield 5 minutes to the gentleman from New York (Mr. KING).

Mr. KING of New York. Madam Speaker, I thank the ranking member for recognizing me, and let me also thank the gentleman for the support that the gentleman has given to this bill.

When the gentleman from Georgia went on the bill, it was a major turning point, so I thank the gentleman for that. It also shows that this is not a partisan or regional issue. It affects people in all parties, all districts in the United States, and all States throughout the country.

This was a major effort which the country came together on after 9/11, and as a result of that, there have been casualties and deaths from all over the country. Now, in my own district, I had 150 people killed, but I believe there are going to be even more than that by the time these illnesses run their course.

There are so many people in the prime of life who have been cut down from these 9/11 cancers, blood disorders, and the various intestinal tract illnesses. It has just been a horrible experience to go through for all of these people and their families.

But today is a major milestone on the road to full justice for all those who risked their lives both on the day of 9/11 and in the days, weeks, and months after 9/11: those who worked down at the pile of Ground Zero, those who risked their lives then and are now suffering the consequences of that and those who will suffer the consequences in the years ahead. These are late-developing cancers, and that is why it is so important that this bill be passed.

Let me stress again how bipartisan this is. I commend JERRY NADLER and CAROLYN MALONEY for the outstanding work they have done. This goes back more than 15 years that this fight has

gone on in one dimension or another. Hopefully, this will be the final struggle we have. Many details have to be worked out, but this should be it, today, as far as finally doing what has to be done for those men and women from 9/11.

Let me also thank the Speaker, NANCY PELOSI. She was instrumental in getting this passed back in 2010, and I want to thank the gentlewoman for keeping her commitment to making sure we got it done this year on a bipartisan basis.

Also, we have people here today like Jake Lemonda from the UFOA, the Uniformed Fire Officers Association, and Gerald Fitzgerald from the Uniformed Firefighters Association of Greater New York. We have people, again, on both sides.

I want to thank my colleagues, Congressman LEE ZELDIN and Congressman FITZPATRICK from Pennsylvania, for their efforts.

We have to, again, make sure that the message goes out to the American people that this is not a regional bill. This is something that involves the entire Nation. This involves the commitment of the United States to always stand with and be with those who put their lives on the line for the rest of us.

So, again, I can't emphasize enough the importance of this. The men and women out there, those people in our districts that we see, those people who we see day in and day out, week in and week out, those who are suffering, those who have had their benefits cut because of the shortage in the fund, that can never be allowed to happen. We have to go forward.

And, again, I want to emphasize that this is bipartisan. This involves the entire Nation, and it is important that we target those who are the enemies here. The terrorists who attacked on 9/11 brought this about. They are the ones who caused this.

It is the men and women who responded, who went back down to that pile day after day after day, week after week, month after month, doing what they could in the rescue and recovery effort, who showed unusual courage. The least we should do is show what is expected of us, and that is to do what has to be done to make sure that they and their families receive the compensation that they need and are entitled to. This is part of the lasting debt America has to the men and women of 9/11 and those who worked in the days, weeks, and months afterwards.

Madam Chair, I urge full support of this legislation. Hopefully, when it goes to the Senate, it will be acted on quickly. The victims of 9/11 have been waiting too long as it is. We can't allow a day to go by. I urge adoption of the bill.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will remind all persons in the gallery that they are here as guests of the House and that any manifestation of approval or disapproval of pro-

ceedings is in violation of the rules of the House.

Mr. NADLER. Madam Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to yield 1 minute to the gentlewoman from California (Ms. PELOSI), the Speaker of the House, someone who has done more for this than anyone else. Without the gentlewoman's strong support, this bill never would have passed back in 2010.

Ms. PELOSI. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding and for his kind remarks and for his tremendous leadership.

From the first minutes of the assault on our country, Chairman NADLER was there to meet the needs of our country as we protected, but also to meet the needs of those who rushed in to save lives.

I want to also salute Congresswoman CAROLYN MALONEY, who has worn a firefighters jacket through the heat of the summer now, but all spring, until this bill was brought up on the floor. I thank the gentlewoman for not only wearing the jacket, but for her relentless, persistent advocacy on behalf of our 9/11 heroes.

I am so proud that this time this bill is bipartisan, and I thank the distinguished gentleman, Mr. KING from New York, for his leadership, for his recognition of the bipartisan nature of what we are doing, what we did then and what we are doing now. I thank the gentleman, Mr. KING, for his leadership as well.

H.R. 1327 is the Never Forget the Heroes: James Zadroga, Ray Pfeifer, and Luis Alvarez Permanent Authorization of the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund Act—a big name, a tall order, and long overdue.

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When we talk about 9/11, we tread on sacred ground. On that dark day, our Nation suffered loss we could never have imagined, and we witnessed heroism that we will never forget.

Because of our heroes, 9/11 is etched in our Nation's history not only as a day of profound loss and tragedy but also a day of powerful unity and resilience. On September 11 and in its aftermath, our brave first responders were there for us. We must always be there for them.

The Never Forget the Heroes Act takes long-overdue action to provide the financial security and support that 9/11 heroes, survivors, and families deserve. Today, we are honored to take this action to ensure that all people suffering from illnesses related to 9/11 or by the debris removal and cleanup efforts in their aftermath and their families get the full awards they have been promised.

It is critically important that we restore the compensation to those hit by drastic, unfair cuts and ensure that their claims will be fully paid in the future.

One of the reasons that we have to have this additional legislation is because there are so many more diag-

noses of cancer and the rest that followed.

This bill honors the heroes after which it is named, James Zadroga, Ray Pfeifer, and Luis Alvarez. Those heroes showed courage beyond measure not only by running toward danger that day but by giving their last days to fight for all harmed on 9/11.

We are blessed by the presence of members of their families and other advocates, including first responders suffering from 9/11-related illnesses, here in the Capitol today. They have done the outside organizing as we did the inside maneuvering. They have made the complete difference.

I thank Jon Stewart for raising the profile of this issue so that when we pass the bill here today, it will be received positively by the United States Senate.

Two weeks ago, as we all know, America lost Luis Alvarez, an NYPD detective and advocate who died from 9/11-related cancer. It was a holy moment for us when he testified before Congress last month before he was scheduled to receive his 69th round of chemotherapy. He said then to Congress: "You all said you would never forget. Well, I'm here to make sure that you don't."

With this bill, we honor the sacrifice of Luis and many other heroes and say: We will never forget.

Madam Speaker, I urge a strong, overwhelming, bipartisan vote for this bill for our responders, survivors, and their families and do so with eternal gratitude to them for what they have done. I urge a "yes" vote.

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I yield 4 minutes to the gentleman from New York (Mr. ZELDIN).

Mr. ZELDIN. Madam Speaker, I thank the ranking member for his cosponsorship and his leadership with this issue.

Madam Speaker, I rise today on behalf of our 9/11 victims, first responders, and their families, urging my colleagues to vote "yes" on the Never Forget the Heroes: James Zadroga, Ray Pfeifer, and Luis Alvarez Permanent Authorization of the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund Act.

First responders who worked on the pile day and night, aiding in the search, rescue, and cleanup efforts, were breathing in toxic debris and ash that are now known to have caused over 50 different types of cancer.

In 2011, the Zadroga Act was signed into law to help them. Five years later, it was permanently reauthorized and included \$4.6 billion for the 9/11 Victim Compensation Fund, the very fund that we are here debating today.

In February, the special master of the fund reported that current funding "may be insufficient to compensate all claims," reporting that they would have to cut claims by up to 70 percent.

As was noted, in the aftermath of 9/11, the EPA told New Yorkers and these first responders that the air at Ground Zero and the surrounding area

was safe to breathe. The Federal Government was wrong.

Madam Speaker, this was not a hurricane or a flood or a tornado. This was the largest terrorist attack ever on American soil.

As Jon Stewart testified in front of the House Judiciary Committee, these terrorists weren't saying "death to Tribeca." This was an attack on all of us as Americans. We all should be voting "yes" today as Americans.

Yet, we are forcing sick first responders to come to Washington, D.C., to beg for benefits that they earned and were promised.

Last month, Luis Alvarez was one of those first responders. After his appearance in D.C., he rushed home for his 69th round of chemo. Unfortunately, he immediately ended up in hospice and passed away.

He shouldn't have had to come down here to fight on behalf of all of these other victims and first responders in the first place.

Month after month, year after year, going back to the first time the Zadroga Act was passed, how many first responders have made dozens of trips, educating, advocating, and passionately asking Members of Congress for their support?

Like so many other 9/11 first responders, this was not Lou's second or third time. Unfortunately, it was his last.

Lou Alvarez was an extraordinary man. What is truly extraordinary is that his spirit and grit represent that of each and every one of our 9/11 first responders. Think of all of those firefighters and others who rushed up to the towers when everyone else was running away. Think of those who ignored orders telling them to vacate the tower because they would not leave behind their captain.

The experience for us in the New York area is that when we meet someone when we are back home in our districts, day after day after day, people who looked larger than life, healthy and fit on 9/11, after going through multiple rounds of chemo, they are losing their battle. Their bodies are riddled with all forms of cancer because they exposed themselves to that harm when the Federal Government told them it was safe.

I thank everyone who has worked so hard to get this bill passed, including my colleagues CAROLYN MALONEY, JERRY NADLER, PETE KING, and others. I would also like to recognize the FealGood Foundation; Jon Stewart; Shepard Smith, for his reporting; and so many others fighting tooth and nail to make passage of this bill a reality.

Madam Speaker, I urge every single one of my colleagues in this House to vote "yes," and I urge the Senate to take up this bill immediately.

Mr. NADLER. Madam Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from New York (Mr. ENGEL), who is the distinguished chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee.

Mr. ENGEL. Madam Speaker, I thank my friend for yielding to me.

Madam Speaker, we all remember where we were on that fateful day of Tuesday, September 11, 2001. Today, we finally make permanent our Nation's commitment to care for the heroes of 9/11 and their families.

We all know that within the first few seconds of the horrific attacks on the World Trade Center, our brave first responders rushed toward the wreckage to help their fellow Americans. As has been said before, many of the 9/11 first responders and the survivors are now living with serious illnesses due to toxic pollutants that filled the air surrounding Ground Zero. Many of those friends and advocates are no longer with us.

Congress created the Victim Compensation Fund in 2001, which committed to those Americans and their families that we will take care of those who rushed to the scene. I was proud to be an original cosponsor of the initial bill and its subsequent reauthorizations in 2010 and 2015.

Today, H.R. 1327 keeps Congress' promise to our 9/11 responders and survivors.

I have never seen the New York delegation work this hard and together as we did for this bill. I thank Mr. NADLER, Mrs. MALONEY, and all the people for the hard work and their leadership on this. We hope it gets passed soon in the other body.

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. FITZPATRICK).

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Madam Speaker, I stand here today as a former FBI agent who worked in New York City side by side with these very people we are seeking to protect today. We are here united with our colleagues from both sides of the aisle to renew the 9/11 Victim Compensation Fund.

Madam Speaker, as was said repeatedly on this floor, this matter is urgent and cannot wait any longer.

On that fateful day nearly 18 years ago, American heroes rushed to save their fellow citizens without regard for their own safety. They paid a heavy price, with many today suffering from respiratory illnesses from breathing in toxic dust at Ground Zero, dust that contained lead, asbestos, mercury, and many other contaminants.

Just last month, our Nation mourned the loss of Detective Luis Alvarez, who inspired us all with his visit to Capitol Hill this year. His bravery and the bravery of all the people who sacrificed must be honored appropriately. In his memory and to honor all the brave men and women who saved lives that day, we must get this done.

Madam Speaker, as the vice chair of the bipartisan Problem Solvers Caucus—24 Democrats and 24 Republicans—we have endorsed this bill. We worked very hard to get over the 290-cosponsor threshold to get this on the Consensus Calendar. It currently stands at 332 cosponsors.

I thank Jon Stewart for elevating the profile of this bill. It was incredibly important for its success.

I urge all of my colleagues, Democrats and Republicans alike, to come together and support our Nation's heroes. "Never forget" must mean never forget.

These are people who did the opposite of what we are all born with, as far as our instincts go. For every single one of us, based on our genetic DNA, are instincts are to run away from danger. These are men and women who do the opposite. They run toward the danger at great physical sacrifice and at great psychological and emotional sacrifice, all in the name of serving a cause bigger than themselves.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this and make this unanimous.

Mr. NADLER. Madam Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the distinguished gentleman from New York (Mr. JEFFRIES), who is the chairman of the Democratic Caucus.

Mr. JEFFRIES. Madam Speaker, I thank the chair for yielding and for his tremendous leadership.

Since the tragedy on September 11, approximately 10,000 people have been diagnosed with cancer related to toxic smoke and dust. Approximately 15,000 people are suffering with asthma or other respiratory illnesses. Approximately 10,000 people struggle with PTSD. Almost 5,000 individuals are struggling with anxiety and depression. More than 2,000 people have died since September 11.

The overwhelming majority of these individuals who are sick and afflicted are 9/11 first responders.

The Victim Compensation Fund is expected to run out of money. In order to take care of these brave heroes and individuals, we vowed as a nation to never forget. That means looking after those brave men and women who sacrificed so much in the days, weeks, months, and years after September 11.

Support this legislation.

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. CLINE).

Mr. CLINE. Madam Speaker, I thank the ranking member and the chairman of the full committee for their work on this issue, and I thank all those who worked on what has been a bipartisan effort. This is exactly the type of substantive issue that we should be focused on in the Judiciary Committee.

On September 11, 2001, terrorists attacked America and our way of life. Nearly 3,000 people died in the attacks in New York, northern Virginia, and Pennsylvania.

When the shocking images of the World Trade Center and the Pentagon first appeared on television, first responders were already on the scene. In the weeks and months that followed, these first responders and construction workers worked hard to find victims and to clear debris.

At the time, they were told the air was safe to breathe. They and the American people found out later that wasn't true. The health impacts for

those who worked and lived in lower Manhattan in the months after the attacks are real and, in many cases, have been crippling and even deadly.

That is why Congress passed legislation in 2010 to open the 9/11 Victim Compensation Fund to first responders, construction workers, and others. It covers the cost of treating illnesses associated with exposure to toxins following the attacks.

During the House Judiciary Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights and Civil Liberties hearing last month, we heard from those suffering from illnesses tied to their service after the 9/11 attacks. Those who testified moved me and the Nation as they discussed the illnesses that have beset them nearly two decades after the attacks.

I am pleased to be a cosponsor of legislation to renew the 9/11 Victim Compensation Fund permanently. In honor of the sacrifices of James Zadroga, Ray Pfeifer, and Luis Alvarez, this bill is called the Never Forget the Heroes: James Zadroga, Ray Pfeifer, and Luis Alvarez Permanent Authorization of the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund Act. It honors thousands of others like them who have succumbed to their 9/11-related illnesses.

Madam Speaker, now is the time for us to move this bill. I urge the Senate to pass it after the House, and I urge the President to sign it.

Mr. NADLER. Madam Speaker, how much time is remaining?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from New York has 9½ minutes remaining. The gentleman from Georgia has 5½ minutes remaining.

Mr. NADLER. Madam Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the distinguished gentleman from California (Mr. SWALWELL).

Mr. SWALWELL of California. Madam Speaker, I was a congressional intern on Capitol Hill when September 11 happened, and I saw my colleagues go to the Capitol steps and sing, in a bipartisan fashion, "God Bless America." I saw a generation of people go into service because of what they saw our first responders do in New York, Pennsylvania, and Washington, D.C., that day.

I am heartened to see today on this floor that we are uniting again to stand up for every victim of what happened that day. I hope we can get that passed in the Senate.

I want to honor and thank James Zadroga, Ray Pfeifer, and Luis Alvarez for their work, as well as Jon Stewart. I thank him for bringing attention to this. Also, I thank our colleague CAROLYN MALONEY.

I really want to thank our chairman. This was Chairman NADLER's district, and this has been continuing casework that the gentleman has worked on. It has affected the gentleman, his staff, and his constituents. I think it is fitting that the gentleman is the chairman presiding over this today.

I am grateful the chairman has put the emotional effort and the force of

his office into making sure this happened. It means a lot to the gentleman's constituents and us as colleagues to see his leadership.

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Mr. NADLER. Madam Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the distinguished gentleman from Florida (Mrs. DEMINGS).

Mrs. DEMINGS. Madam Speaker, I retired from law enforcement 8 years ago, but I am still amazed by and grateful for the men and women who rush towards danger with little regard for their own safety.

First responders already do so much, but when there is a true emergency, a crisis, there is no one else who can do the job. That is why, when America was attacked on September 11, off-duty firefighters, law enforcement officers, and medical professionals showed up, and they joined their brothers and sisters on the front line, rushing into burning buildings.

Being a first responder is not just what they do, it is who they are. They have earned our unwavering and timely support. We cannot ask our first responders to do this job while failing to cope with the consequences.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this critical legislation. Let us never forget our heroes.

Mr. NADLER. Madam Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the distinguished gentleman from Pennsylvania (Ms. DEAN).

Ms. DEAN. Madam Speaker, in the aftermath of September 11, 2001, we saw heroism and selflessness, especially the first responders who rushed toward danger, rescued survivors, and then spent months cleaning up the wreckage.

Their selflessness was on display again last month when first responders encouraged us, Congress, to reauthorize the 9/11 Victim Compensation Fund.

This Congress and I were particularly touched by Detective Luis Alvarez, who traveled to Washington during the final days of his life. He said: "I'm doing okay, but there are others out there who aren't doing okay." Detective Alvarez embodied the selflessness of so many.

On June 29, Detective Alvarez passed away, but he will be remembered and counted among those who gave their life for us.

Before he died, he said: "The government has to act like first responders, you know, put politics aside and let's get this bill done."

Detective Alvarez is right, and today we vote to permanently reauthorize VCF. First responders and their families must never again face uncertainty about whether their country will be there for them.

Mr. NADLER. Madam Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. PASCARELL).

Mr. PASCARELL. Madam Speaker, I thank our chairwoman, CAROLYN MALONEY, in particular, and PETER

KING. From the very beginning, they have been steadfast. And I say to you, the angels are singing now.

We all know it took some kicking and screaming to get this fund established in the first place, but we got it through because a lot of people were here before that period of time and gave us that support.

Firefighters are always there, but the work isn't over. They need our help. Last year, the fund announced that, due to a funding shortfall, injured and ill 9/11 responders and survivors will receive cuts to the awards that they were expecting—big cuts, 50 percent, 70 percent—for future claims. This is unacceptable.

So the all-clear sign after 9/11 from the Federal Government was premature.

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

Mr. NADLER. Madam Speaker, I yield the gentleman from New Jersey an additional 30 seconds.

Mr. PASCARELL. We have here today, and we are here today to state, it will never be clear until we help every first responder who has suffered in running to the tragedy. We need to act now.

Originally, this program was named after my constituent, New York Police Department Detective James Zadroga. His service was exemplary.

Our friends keep dying—Mr. Alvarez, Mr. Pfeifer. Ground Zero.

Today we show that citizens care. We represent the citizens.

Madam Speaker, I thank this body for bringing us here today.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to stand in support of the heroic men and women who ran towards the falling towers on September 11, 2001. I rise for those who labored that day and for months in the toxic plume of Ground Zero. And I stand here for their families who have borne the burden of that sacrifice.

We all know it took some kicking and screaming to get this fund established. But we got it through and it has helped these brave Americans focus on their personal health and well-being. It has been critical.

But the work isn't over. They need our help again. Last year the fund announced that due to a funding shortfall, injured and ill 9/11 responders and survivors will receive cuts to the awards that they were expecting. These are big cuts: 50 percent for pending claims and 70 percent for future claims.

Unacceptable.

We must act to make whole the responders, survivors, and their families. The words "Never Forget" can't be a bumper sticker—we need to act now.

Thankfully, this bill extends the fund through 2090 and funds to ensure our first responders get the care they need.

Originally this program was named after my constituent, NYPD detective James Zadroga. His service was exemplary.

But our friends keep dying. We have added the names of NYPD detective Alvarez and FDNY firefighter Pfeifer, both 9/11 heroes who passed away from cancer and other health problems linked to Ground Zero. Their efforts shined a spotlight on all who are sick and dying, and helped get the needed care from Congress.

All three devoted their lives to helping others.

Finally, I want to thank Congresswomen CAROLYN MALONEY for her tireless work getting this bill on the floor for a vote.

We cannot let another day pass to help these brave first responders. I encourage my colleagues to vote yes and hope the Senate doesn't play the same games we saw last time. Our first responders had and have America's back. Today we show, we citizen Representatives have their back.

Mr. NADLER. Madam Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the distinguished gentlewoman from Texas (Ms. JACKSON LEE).

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, I thank the chairman, and I thank him for his unbelievable leadership, along with the gentlewoman from New York, CAROLYN MALONEY, our dear friend, who wore the fireman's jacket for so long, and PETER KING.

I am delighted to have been a member of the Homeland Security Committee in those early days, banging my fist and joining them in saying it must be done.

And I thank those who signed the authorization—President Obama, twice. And I say today, there should not be one single person who does not vote "yes" on this.

We have a beautiful rendition of the World Trade Center. We rebuilt that beautiful edifice. We must rebuild these lives.

I am reminded in an article by Luis Alvarez, in his final days, as he was talking to his family, he said, "I am on the pile." They asked him what he is walking in walking on the pile, Ground Zero, where he went time and time again.

And along with him, there were individual family members who came before our committee, those who were desperately in need, and to hear the special master say: I may have to cut their benefits 50 to 70 percent.

Lila Norstrom, who was a student, and, as well, Anesta Maria St. Rose Henry, the widow of Candidus Henry.

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

Mr. NADLER. Madam Speaker, I yield an additional 30 seconds to the gentlewoman.

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Lila Norstrom was a student, and she said no one told them anything, but just go back to school.

Anesta Maria St. Rose Henry said she walks around missing her husband, along with her children.

And so they are not just statistics; they are broken lives and families. And 3,000 more will die as we go further into this time, as 3,000 died on that date.

And for those of us who were in this Congress on 9/11, we will never, never forget.

To the young people today, be reminded of the heroes, firefighters, police officers, volunteers. Let us never forget, and let us always remember this bill and these heroes who are here, and that is James Zadroga, Ray Pfeifer, and, now, Luis Alvarez.

Madam Speaker, let us never forget, and let us vote.

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. NADLER. Madam Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the distinguished gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. GOTTHEIMER).

Mr. GOTTHEIMER. Madam Speaker, we are here today to have the backs of our first responders, especially those who stood up to terrorists that morning and ran directly into the burning buildings on 9/11 and stayed for the weeks and months that followed. They are our heroes, and they need our help.

Hundreds of New Jersey and New York law enforcement, firefighters, EMTs, and others answered the call and rushed toward the pile as others ran out.

If you ask how they were able to summon the courage, they will tell you they were simply doing their job that day. And Congress now has the opportunity to do ours.

Too many first responders are still suffering from illnesses and cancers from 9/11 exposure to toxins, smoke, debris, including too many people who are still suffering in my district.

Congress set up the Victim Compensation Fund to help cover 9/11 injuries and medical expenses. Those who were exposed back in 2011 are, sadly, first developing symptoms now.

More than 47,000 claims have been filed with the fund, and more than 11,000 district claims are expected by 2020, when the fund is set to expire. We must act today.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to vote in support of the bipartisan H.R. 1327, Never Forget the Heroes.

I thank Chairman NADLER, Representative CAROLYN MALONEY, and Representative PETER KING for their leadership and the Problem Solvers Caucus for strongly supporting it.

We have an obligation to do everything we can to stand by our first responders and survivors of those horrific attacks.

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I will inquire through the Chair, does the gentleman have any more speakers?

Mr. NADLER. Madam Speaker, I have one more speaker, and then I am prepared to close.

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I will reiterate. I know our staffs have talked. If he actually needs it, I will be happy to yield some time, if he happens to need it.

Madam Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. NADLER. Madam Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the distinguished gentleman from New York (Mr. SUOZZI).

Mr. SUOZZI. Madam Speaker, I thank Chairman NADLER for yielding.

Madam Speaker, this is what the American people are hungering for: Democrats and Republicans working

together to solve real problems in real people's lives.

The Victim Compensation Fund is so important to so many people, real suffering that is going on in real families after people have dedicated their lives trying to serve other people and are now paying the consequences for us.

Madam Speaker, I want to thank my colleagues. I want to thank Chairman NADLER, Congresswoman MALONEY, Congressman KING. I want to thank all the Democrats and all the Republicans who cosponsored this bill, and those who will vote for it today.

I have so many friends, personal friends who volunteered days, months at the pile who are now suffering the consequences of having done that volunteer work on the pile. This is an important day for those families.

I want to thank the advocates that helped to focus our attention. I want to thank everyone who worked together to solve a very real problem in real people's lives.

This is what the United States Congress needs to be doing, and I am so happy to be a part of it.

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time.

The names that have been talked about in this bill, and this bill has been named for them, especially Mr. Alvarez, who appeared before the committee, these are all stories and faces. This is definitely a bill that we have talked about many times.

We have talked about them in terms of numbers. We have talked about them in terms of bills and line numbers and this kind of thing. But these are actually lives, and I think that is the thing that struck me, and I am glad that there is such bipartisan support on this.

These folks should never be forgotten. They should be etched in our memories, for those of us, no matter where we were on 9/11, remember them going in. I can actually watch and still see the towers fall, knowing that at that moment lives perished and there were those who were saving others. And that is what we are here for.

I will say—and I want this to be said, because this is on the RECORD, and I want the Senate to hear me loud and clear—I wish we could have finished this bill.

We are not finished with this bill, but I am imploring Senator MCCONNELL and the others to actually take this, find the pay-for, get it done, and send it back to us as quickly as possible so that we can stamp it and send it to the President. This needs to be done, and it is something that has to happen.

I would encourage every Member of this body to vote for this bill and, at the same point, send a strong message to the Senate to fix it: Don't change it; don't dawdle with it; don't do anything except do your job over there. Put the money attached to this.

We should have done that here. We didn't. We didn't have a pay-for, but they will, and we will get this done.

To everybody waiting on us, this is not waiting on us. We are doing our job. We are going to make sure these victims are compensated, and we need to get it done quickly. That is why I support this. That is why I hope everyone on our side and the Democratic side supports this.

Madam Speaker, this has been an important part of us moving forward, remembering the lives that sacrificed for us as we move forward from that tragic day, and I appreciate everyone who has come down to speak on that.

Again, I encourage a “yes” vote on this as we move forward, and I ask the Senate to quickly—I know that sometimes may be strange for the other body—but to quickly do their job and get this back to us so that we can finish this process.

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

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

Madam Speaker, 9 years ago, I stood here and called up for consideration the original 9/11 bill, the James Zadroga Act.

I want to thank Speaker PELOSI, Majority Leader HOYER, and Majority Whip CLYBURN for their roles in passing that bill, and now for moving us as quickly as possible to get this bill done.

I also want to thank my colleagues from New York, the gentlewoman from New York (Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY) and the gentleman from New York (Mr. KING), for standing with me in this fight for so long, and to thank all the advocates, many of whom are here today, who have given so much and have worked so hard to pass this bill.

Finally, I want to thank Lisette Morton, my longtime legislative director and director of policy planning and member services for the Committee on the Judiciary, who is leaving my team at the end of this month after nearly 20 years.

Lisette worked for me on September 11, 2001, and she was tireless in her efforts to get a proper detoxification and cleanup after the attack in New York and to hold the EPA accountable for its failures. Without her fierce advocacy and dedication, there would be more victims today, and we would not be here considering this bill today. She will be greatly missed by this institution, by my staff, and by me.

Now, Madam Speaker, I urge all my colleagues to support this bill.

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Will the gentleman yield?

Mr. NADLER. I yield to the gentleman from Georgia.

□ 1130

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Madam Speaker, Mr. NADLER has just brought up something that I cannot let pass.

Lisette is not only someone who has given service to Mr. NADLER. She has given a great deal of service to this House and to me and to my staff personally.

She will be missed on both sides of this aisle because she understands completely what this House should be about, and that is actually service and actually getting legislation done.

Mr. NADLER. She will be greatly missed.

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

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I am very proud to be a Never Forgot the Heroes: James Zadroga, Ray Pfeifer, and Luis Alvarez Permanent Authorization cosponsor, along with another very strong group of bipartisan Members who will not let this opportunity to enact this legislation pass. Tragically, Mr. Alvarez just passed away last month of after providing heroic testifying in support of this bill.

Everyone remembers where they were and what they were doing. I was actually chairing a Veterans' Affairs Committee hearing when a group of cowards hijacked four airliners in order to perpetrate the worst act of terrorism in American history.

Nearly 3,000 innocent people lost their lives that day, including 700 from my State. Who can forget the courageous first responders running up the stairs of the burning buildings with total disregard for their own safety, saving others at the expense of their own lives.

No one remembers the shock, horror, and numbing sorrow of this day, however, more than the families and the close friends of the victims. I have worked with and befriended many family members of 9/11 victims, and I can state unequivocally that there would not have been a 9/11 Commission and other historic policy initiatives without their extraordinary tenacity, commitment, and courage. That includes what was known as the four Jersey girls, widows who simply would not take “no” for an answer. They were a driving force behind the establishment of that very important historic commission.

I got to know a lot of the others. I actually hired a school principal who lost her husband, Alan, in 9/11, and I am reminded every time I am in the district office, and other days as well, what she has lost and how painful and how sorrowful that was on that day.

For more than 17 years, the families and the friends of those who died have had to endure their loss and a broken heart. Now we know the carnage, the consequences, the ongoing loss of life, and the health crisis attributable to 9/11 are even worse than anyone could have imagined. New cases of 9/11-caused conditions are being diagnosed by the doctors at the World Trade Center Health Program every day, with close to 12,000 cases of 9/11-caused cancers diagnosed so far, including 700 cases of breast cancer, 2,500 of prostate cancer, 600 of thyroid cancer, 500 of lung cancer, and 500 of kidney cancer.

There have also been other kinds of catastrophic consequences, with people who are suffering from PTSD, some 9,500 so far and counting.

Congress enacted the World Trade Health Center Program Fund and September 11th Victim Compensation Fund to provide health services for responders at the three crash sites, and others in the vicinity of the World Trade Center site for health conditions related to toxic exposures from the attacks.

There are over 6,800 New Jerseyans receiving healthcare services from the World

Trade Center Health Program, 1,200 of whom are from my district, constituents of mine.

In February of this year—and this was shocking, frankly—the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund special master announced that, due to a lack of funding, the Justice Department will have to cut awards on pending cases by 50 percent and any new claims that are filed by 70 percent.

These cuts will devastate the first responders, our firemen, police, and emergency personnel. They will also represent a gross injustice for survivors and their families who spent countless hours and days in search of their loved ones.

I remember going to the site a couple of days after. I went with Tony Principi, who was then the Secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs. Unfortunately, there was a sense, a falsely conveyed sense, that maybe you didn't have to wear the mask, so many of those guys and those ladies on the ground were breathing in a toxic mix of chemicals that now have manifested into very serious disease.

This is an important bill. It is bipartisan, and I thank my colleagues on both sides of the aisle; Congresswoman MALONEY for her leadership; and of course, all the others who are cosponsors of this bill. I urge the Senate to move swiftly in passing this bill so that these heroes can secure the health care benefits they deserve.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from New York (Mr. NADLER) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 1327, as amended.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the ayes have it.

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

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois). Pursuant to House Resolution 476 and rule XVIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the further consideration of the bill, H.R. 2500.

Will the gentlewoman from Minnesota (Ms. MCCOLLUM) kindly resume the chair.

□ 1132

IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Accordingly, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 2500) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2020 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes, with Ms. MCCOLLUM (Acting Chair) in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.
The Acting CHAIR. When the Committee of the Whole rose earlier today, the seventeenth set of en bloc amendments offered by the gentleman from Washington (Mr. SMITH) had been disposed of.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE ACTING CHAIR

The Acting CHAIR. Pursuant to clause 6 of rule XVIII, proceedings will now resume on those amendments printed in part B of House Report 116-143 on which further proceedings were postponed, in the following order:

Amendment No. 49 by Ms. LEE of California.

Amendment No. 50 by Mr. AMASH of Michigan.

Amendment No. 375 by Mr. TIPTON of Colorado.

Amendment No. 386 by Mr. TURNER of Ohio.

Amendment No. 423 by Mr. KHANNA of California.

Amendment No. 424 by Ms. LEE of California.

Amendment No. 425 by Ms. LEE of California.

Amendment No. 428 by Ms. GARCIA of Texas.

Amendment No. 429 by Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ of New York.

Amendment No. 430 by Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ of New York.

Amendment No. 437 by Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi.

Amendment No. 438 by Mr. MALINOWSKI of New Jersey.

Amendment No. 441 by Ms. JAYAPAL of Washington.

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

AMENDMENT NO. 49 OFFERED BY MS. LEE OF CALIFORNIA

The Acting CHAIR. The unfinished business is the demand for a recorded vote on the amendment offered by the gentlewoman from California (Ms. LEE) on which further proceedings were postponed and on which the ayes prevailed by voice vote.

The Clerk will redesignate the amendment.

The Clerk redesignated the amendment.

RECORDED VOTE

The Acting CHAIR. A recorded vote has been demanded.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 115, noes 307, not voting 16, as follows:

[Roll No. 459]

AYES—115

Adams	Castro (TX)	Deutch
Aguiar	Chu, Judy	Doggett
Amash	Cielline	Doyle, Michael
Barragan	Clark (MA)	F.
Bass	Clarke (NY)	Engel
Beatty	Clay	Escobar
Beyer	Cleaver	Eshoo
Blumenauer	Cohen	Espallat
Blunt Rochester	Cummings	Evans
Bonamici	Davis, Danny K.	Garcia (IL)
Butterfield	Dean	Garcia (TX)
Cárdenas	DeFazio	Gomez
Cartwright	DeGette	Green, Al (TX)
Castor (FL)	DeSaulnier	Grijalva

Haaland	McNerney
Hastings	Meeks
Huffman	Meng
Jackson Lee	Moore
Jayapal	Nadler
Jeffries	Napolitano
Johnson (GA)	Neal
Kennedy	Neguse
Khanna	Ocasio-Cortez
Kildee	Omar
Kind	Pallone
Kuster (NH)	Pappas
Larsen (WA)	Payne
Lee (CA)	Pingree
Levin (MI)	Pocan
Lewis	Pressley
Lieu, Ted	Price (NC)
Lofgren	Quigley
Lowenthal	Raskin
Luján	Richmond
Maloney,	Roybal-Allard
Carolyn B.	Rush
Massie	Ryan
Matsui	Sablan
McCollum	Sánchez
McGovern	Sarbanes

NOES—307

Abraham	Davis (CA)
Aderholt	Davis, Rodney
Allen	DeLauro
Allred	DelBene
Amodei	Delgado
Armstrong	Demings
Arrington	DesJarlais
Axne	Diaz-Balart
Babin	Dingell
Bacon	Duncan
Baird	Dunn
Balderson	Emmer
Banks	Estes
Barr	Ferguson
Bera	Finkenauer
Bergman	Fitzpatrick
Biggs	Fleischmann
Bilirakis	Fletcher
Bishop (GA)	Flores
Bishop (UT)	Fortenberry
Bost	Foster
Boyle, Brendan	Fox (NC)
F.	Frankel
Brindisi	Fulcher
Brooks (AL)	Gaetz
Brooks (IN)	Gallagher
Brown (MD)	Gallego
Brownley (CA)	Garamendi
Buchanan	Gianforte
Buck	Gibbs
Buchson	Gohmert
Budd	Golden
Burchett	Gonzalez (OH)
Burgess	Gonzalez (TX)
Bustos	Gooden
Byrne	Gosar
Calvert	Gottheimer
Carbajal	Granger
Carson (IN)	Graves (GA)
Carter (GA)	Graves (LA)
Carter (TX)	Green (TN)
Case	Griffith
Casten (IL)	Guest
Chabot	Guthrie
Cheney	Hagedorn
Cisneros	Harder (CA)
Cline	Harris
Cloud	Hartzler
Clyburn	Hayes
Cole	Heck
Collins (GA)	Hern, Kevin
Collins (NY)	Herrera Beutler
Comer	Hice (GA)
Conaway	Higgins (NY)
Connolly	Hill (AR)
Cook	Hill (CA)
Cooper	Himes
Correa	Holding
Costa	Hollingsworth
Courtney	Horn, Kendra S.
Cox (CA)	Horsford
Craig	Houlahan
Crawford	Hoyer
Crenshaw	Hudson
Crist	Huizenga
Crow	Hunter
Cuellar	Hurd (TX)
Cunningham	Johnson (LA)
Curtis	Johnson (OH)
Dauids (KS)	Johnson (SD)
Davidson (OH)	Johnson (TX)

Scanlon	Pascrell
Schakowsky	Pence
Schiff	Perry
Schrader	Peters
Serrano	Peterson
Speier	Phillips
Swalwell (CA)	Porter
Takano	Posey
Thompson (CA)	Ratcliffe
Thompson (MS)	Reed
Titus	Reschenthaler
Tlaib	Rice (NY)
Torres (CA)	Riggleman
Trahan	Roby
Vargas	Rodgers (WA)
Velázquez	Roe, David P.
Wasserman	Rogers (AL)
Schultz	Rogers (KY)
Waters	Rooney (FL)
Watson Coleman	Rose (NY)
Welch	Rose, John W.
Wilson (FL)	Rouda
Yarmuth	Rouzer
Yoho	Roy
	Ruiz
	Ruppersberger
	Rutherford
	Scalise
	Schneider
	Schrier
	Schweikert
	Scott (VA)

Jordan	Brady
Joyce (OH)	Duffy
Joyce (PA)	Fudge
Kaptur	Gabbard
Katko	González-Colón (PR)
Keating	Graves (MO)
Keller	Grothman
Kelly (IL)	Higgins (LA)
Kelly (MS)	King (NY)
Kelly (PA)	Lawrence
Kilmer	Perlmutter
Kim	
King (IA)	
Kinzinger	
Kirkpatrick	
Krishnamoorthi	
Kustoff (TN)	
LaHood	
LaMalfa	
Lamb	
Lamborn	
Langevin	
Larson (CT)	
Latta	
Lawson (FL)	
Lee (NV)	
Lesko	
Levin (CA)	
Lipinski	
Loeb sack	
Long	
Loudermilk	
Lowey	
Lucas	
Luetkemeyer	
Luria	
Lynch	
Malinowski	
Maloney, Sean	
Marchant	
Marshall	
Mast	
McAdams	
McBath	
McCarthy	
McCaul	
McClintock	
McEachin	
McHenry	
McKinley	
Meadows	
Meuser	
Miller	
Mitchell	
Moolenaar	
Mooney (WV)	
Morelle	
Moulton	
Mucarsel-Powell	
Mullin	
Murphy	
Newhouse	
Norcross	
Norman	
Norton	
Nunes	
O'Halleran	
Olson	
Palazzo	
Palmer	
Panetta	

NOT VOTING—16

Plaskett
Radewagen
Rice (SC)
San Nicolas
Wright

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE ACTING CHAIR

The Acting CHAIR (during the vote). There are 5 minutes remaining.

□ 1206

Messrs. MCEACHIN, SOTO, BISHOP of Georgia, CARBAJAL, SCHWEIKERT, NORCROSS, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, Mrs. LEE of Nevada, Mrs. KIRKPATRICK, Messrs. BARR, KRISHNAMOORTHY, CARTER of Georgia, CLOUD, GARAMENDI, Ms. FRANKEL, Messrs. SCOTT of Virginia, TONKO, and MORELLE changed their vote from “aye” to “no.”

Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Mr. RUSH, Mrs. BEATTY, and Mr. RICHMOND changed their vote from “no” to “aye.”

So the amendment was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

AMENDMENT NO. 50 OFFERED BY MR. AMASH

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

The Clerk will redesignate the amendment.

The Clerk redesignated the amendment.

RECORDED VOTE

The Acting CHAIR. A recorded vote has been demanded.

A recorded vote was ordered.

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

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 187, noes 236, not voting 15, as follows:

[Roll No. 460]

AYES—187

Adams
Aguilar
Amash
Barragán
Bass
Beatty
Bera
Beyer
Bishop (GA)
Blumenauer
Blunt Rochester
Bonamici
Boyle, Brendan F.
Brown (MD)
Brownley (CA)
Butterfield
Carbajal
Cárdenas
Cartwright
Casten (IL)
Castor (FL)
Castro (TX)
Chu, Judy
Cicilline
Cisneros
Clark (MA)
Clarke (NY)
Clay
Clever
Clyburn
Cohen
Connolly
Cooper
Correa
Courtney
Crow
Cummings
Davis (CA)
Davis, Danny K.
Dean
DeFazio
DeGette
DeLauro
DelBene
Demings
DeSaulnier
Deutch
Dingell
Doggett
Doyle, Michael F.
Engel
Escobar
Eshoo
Españat
Evans
Foster
Frankel
Gallego
Garamendi
Garcia (IL)
Garcia (TX)
Gomez

Gonzalez (TX)
Green, Al (TX)
Griffith
Grijalva
Haaland
Hastings
Hayes
Heck
Higgins (NY)
Himes
Horsford
Hoyer
Huffman
Jackson Lee
Jayapal
Jeffries
Johnson (GA)
Johnson (TX)
Kaptur
Keating
Kelly (IL)
Kennedy
Khanna
Kildee
Kilmer
Kind
Krishnamoorthi
Kuster (NH)
Langevin
Larsen (WA)
Larson (CT)
Lee (CA)
Levin (CA)
Levin (MI)
Lewis
Lieu, Ted
Loebsock
Lofgren
Lowenthal
Lowey
Lujan
Lynch
Malinowski
Maloney, Carolyn B.
Massie
Matsui
McEachin
McGovern
McNerney
Meeks
Meng
Moore
Morelle
Moulton
Nadler
Napolitano
Neal
Neguse
Norcross
Ocasio-Cortez
Omar
Pallone
Panetta

Pappas
Pascarell
Payne
Phillips
Pingree
Pocan
Pressley
Price (NC)
Quigley
Raskin
Richmond
Rose (NY)
Rouda
Roybal-Allard
Ruiz
Ruppersberger
Rush
Ryan
Sablan
Sánchez
Sarbanes
Scanlon
Schakowsky
Schiff
Schneider
Schrader
Scott (VA)
Scott, David
Serrano
Sewell (AL)
Shalala
Sherman
Sherrill
Sires
Slotkin
Smith (WA)
Soto
Speier
Stanton
Stevens
Suozi
Swailwell (CA)
Takano
Thompson (CA)
Tipton
Titus
Tlaib
Tonko
Torres (CA)
Trahan
Trone
Vargas
Vela
Velázquez
Visclosky
Waters
Watson Coleman
Welch
Wexton
Wilson (FL)
Yarmuth
Yoho

NOES—236

Abraham
Aderholt
Allen
Allred
Amodi
Armstrong
Arrington
Axne
Babin
Bacon
Baird
Balderson
Banks
Barr
Bergman
Biggs
Bilirakis
Bishop (UT)
Bost
Brindisi
Brooks (AL)
Brooks (IN)
Buchanan
Buck
Bucshon
Budd
Burchett
Burgess
Bustos
Byrne

Calvert
Carson (IN)
Carter (GA)
Carter (TX)
Case
Chabot
Cheney
Cline
Cloud
Cole
Collins (GA)
Collins (NY)
Comer
Conaway
Connolly
Cook
Cooper
Correa
Costa
Courtney
Cox (CA)
Craig
Crawford
Crenshaw
Crist
Crenshaw
Crist
Cuellar
Cunningham
Curtis
Davids (KS)
Davidson (OH)
Davis, Rodney
Delgado
DesJarlais
Diaz-Balart

Duncan
Dunn
Emmer
Estes
Ferguson
Finkenauer
Fitzpatrick
Fleischmann
Fletcher
Flores
Fortenberry
Foxx (NC)
Fulcher
Gaetz
Gallagher
Gianforte
Gibbs
Gohmert
Golden
Gonzalez (OH)
Gooden
Gosar
Gottheimer
Granger
Graves (GA)
Graves (LA)
Green (TN)
Guest
Guthrie
Hagedorn

Harder (CA)
Harris
Hartzler
Hern, Kevin
Herrera Beutler
Hice (GA)
Hill (AR)
Hill (CA)
Holding
Hollingsworth
Horn, Kendra S.
Houlihan
Hudson
Huizenga
Hunter
Hurd (TX)
Johnson (LA)
Johnson (OH)
Johnson (SD)
Jordan
Joyce (OH)
Joyce (PA)
Katko
Keller
Kelly (MS)
Kelly (PA)
Kim
King (IA)
King (NY)
Kinzinger
Kirkpatrick
Kustoff (TN)
LaHood
LaMalfa
Lamb
Lamborn
Latta
Lawson (FL)
Lee (NV)
Lesko
Lipinski
Long
Loudermilk
Lucas
Luetkemeyer
Luria
Maloney, Sean
Marchant
Marshall
Mast

McAdams
McBath
McCarthy
McCaul
McClintock
McCollum
McHenry
McKinley
Meadows
Meuser
Miller
Mitchell
Moolenaar
Mooney (WV)
Mucarsel-Powell
Mullin
Murphy
Newhouse
Norman
Norton
Nunes
O'Halleran
Olson
Palazzo
Palmer
Pence
Perry
Peters
Peterson
Porter
Posey
Ratcliffe
Reed
Reschenthaler
Rice (NY)
Riggleman
Roby
Rodgers (WA)
Roe, David P.
Rogers (AL)
Rogers (KY)
Rooney (FL)
Rose, John W.
Rouzer
Roy
Rutherford
Scalise
Schrier
Schweikert
Scott, Austin

Sensenbrenner
Shimkus
Simpson
Smith (MO)
Smith (NE)
Smith (NJ)
Smucker
Spanberger
Spano
Staubert
Stefanik
Steil
Steube
Stewart
Stivers
Taylor
Thompson (MS)
Thompson (PA)
Thornberry
Timmons
Torres Small (NM)
Turner
Underwood
Upton
Van Drew
Veasey
Wagner
Walberg
Walden
Walker
Walorski
Waltz
Wasserman
Schultz
Watkins
Weber (TX)
Webster (FL)
Wenstrup
Westerman
Wild
Williams
Wilson (SC)
Wittman
Womack
Woodall
Young
Zeldin

NOT VOTING—15

Brady
Duffy
Fudge
Gabbard
González-Colón (PR)
Graves (MO)
Grothman
Higgins (LA)
Lawrence
Perlmutter
Plaskett
Radewagen
Rice (SC)
San Nicolas
Wright

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE ACTING CHAIR

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

□ 1210

So the amendment was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced
as above recorded.

AMENDMENT NO. 375 OFFERED BY MR. TIPTON

The Acting CHAIR. The unfinished
business is the demand for a recorded
vote on the amendment offered by the
gentleman from Colorado (Mr. TIPTON)
on which further proceedings were
postponed and on which the ayes pre-
vailed by voice vote.

The Clerk will redesignate the
amendment.

The Clerk redesignated the amend-
ment.

RECORDED VOTE

The Acting CHAIR. A recorded vote
has been demanded.

A recorded vote was ordered.

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

The vote was taken by electronic de-
vice, and there were—ayes 417, noes 6,
not voting 15, as follows:

[Roll No. 461]

AYES—417

Abraham
Adams
Aderholt
Aguilar
Allen
Allred
Amodi
Armstrong
Arrington
Axne
Babin
Baird
Balderson
Banks
Barr
Bergman
Beyer
Biggs
Bilirakis
Bishop (GA)
Bishop (UT)
Blunt Rochester
Bonamici
Boyle, Brendan F.
Brindisi
Brooks (AL)
Brooks (IN)
Brown (MD)
Brownley (CA)
Buchanan
Buck
Bucshon
Budd
Burchett
Burgess
Bustos
Byrne

DeFazio
DeGette
DeLauro
DelBene
Delgado
Demings
DeSaulnier
DesJarlais
Kilmer
Deutch
Diaz-Balart
Dingell
Doggett
Doyle, Michael F.
Duncan
Dunn
Emmer
Engel
Escobar
Eshoo
Españat
Evans
Ferguson
Finkenauer
Fitzpatrick
Fleischmann
Fletcher
Flores
Fortenberry
Foxx (NC)
Frankel
Fulcher
Gaez
Gallagher
Gianforte
Gibbs
Gohmert
Golden
Gonzalez (TX)
Gooden
Gosar
Gottheimer
Granger
Graves (GA)
Graves (LA)
Green (TN)
Guest
Guthrie
Haaland
Hagedorn
Harder (CA)
Harris
Hartzler
Hern, Kevin
Herrera Beutler
Hice (GA)
Hill (AR)
Hill (CA)
Holding
Hollingsworth
Horn, Kendra S.
Horsford
Houlihan
Hudson
Huizenga
Hunter
Hurd (TX)
Jackson Lee
Jayapal
Jeffries
Johnson (GA)
Johnson (LA)
Johnson (OH)
Johnson (SD)
Johnson (TX)
Jordan
Joyce (OH)
Joyce (PA)
Kaptur
Katko

Keller
Kelly (IL)
Kelly (MS)
Kelly (PA)
Kennedy
Khanna
Kildee
Kilmer
Kim
Kind
King (IA)
King (NY)
Kinzinger
Kirkpatrick
Krishnamoorthi
Kuster (NH)
Kustoff (TN)
LaHood
LaMalfa
Lamb
Lamborn
Langevin
Larsen (WA)
Larson (CT)
Lewis
Latta
Lawson (FL)
Lee (NV)
Lesko
Lipinski
Loebsock
Lofgren
Long
Loudermilk
Lowenthal
Lowey
Lucas
Luetkemeyer
Lujan
Luria
Lynch
Malinowski
Maloney, Carolyn B.
Massie
Marchant
Marshall
Massie
Mast
Matsui
McAdams
McBath
McCarthy
Guest
Guthrie
McClintock
McCollum
McEachin
McGovern
McHenry
McKinley
McNerney
Meadows
Meeks
Meng
Meuser
Miller
Mitchell
Moolenaar
Mooney (WV)
Moore
Morelle
Moulton
Mucarsel-Powell
Mullin
Murphy
Nadler
Napolitano
Neal
Neguse
Newhouse
Norcross
Norman
Norton
Nunes
O'Halleran
Ocasio-Cortez
Olson
Omar
Palazzo
Pallone
Palmer
Panetta
Pappas

Pascrell
Payne
Payne
Pence
Perry
Peters
Peterson
Phillips
Pingree
Pocan
Porter
Posey
Pressley
Price (NC)
Quigley
Raskin
Ratcliffe
Reed
Reschenthaler
Rice (NY)
Richmond
Riggleman
Robby
Rodgers (WA)
Roe, David P.
Rogers (AL)
Rogers (KY)
Rooney (FL)
Rose (NY)
Rose, John W.
Rouda
Rouzer
Roy
Roybal-Allard
Ruiz
Ruppersberger
Rush
Rutherford
Ryan
Sablan
Sánchez
Sarbanes
Scalise
Scanlon
Schakowsky
Schiff

Schneider
Schrader
Schrier
Schweikert
Scott (VA)
Scott, Austin
Scott, David
Sensenbrenner
Serrano
Sewell (AL)
Shalala
Sherman
Sherrill
Shimkus
Simpson
Sires
Slotkin
Smith (MO)
Smith (NE)
Smith (NJ)
Smith (WA)
Smucker
Soto
Spanberger
Spano
Speier
Stanton
Staubert
Stefanik
Steil
Steube
Stevens
Stewart
Stivers
Suzuki
Swalwell (CA)
Takano
Taylor
Thompson (CA)
Thompson (MS)
Thompson (PA)
Thornberry
Timmons
Tipton
Titus

Tlaib
Tonko
Torres (CA)
Torres Small
(NM)
Trahan
Trone
Turner
Underwood
Upton
Van Drew
Vargas
Veasey
Vela
Velázquez
Visclosky
Wagner
Walberg
Walden
Walker
Walorski
Waltz
Wasserman
Schultz
Waters
Watkins
Watson Coleman
Weber (TX)
Webster (FL)
Welch
Wenstrup
Westerman
Wexton
Wild
Williams
Wilson (FL)
Wilson (SC)
Wittman
Womack
Woodall
Yarmuth
Yoho
Young
Zeldin

NOES—6

Amash
Blumenauer

Garamendi
Grijalva

Keating
Lee (CA)

NOT VOTING—15

Brady
Duffy
Fudge
Gabbard
González-Colón
(PR)

Graves (MO)
Grothman
Higgins (LA)
Lawrence
Perlmutter
Plaskett

Radewagen
Rice (SC)
San Nicolas
Wright

□ 1215

So the amendment was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

AMENDMENT NO. 386 OFFERED BY MR. TURNER

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

The Clerk will redesignate the amendment.

The Clerk redesignated the amendment.

RECORDED VOTE

The Acting CHAIR. A recorded vote has been demanded.

A recorded vote was ordered.

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

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 201, noes 221, not voting 16, as follows:

[Roll No. 462]

AYES—201

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

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

Olson
Palazzo
Palmer
Pence
Perry
Peterson
Posey
Ratcliffe
Reed
Reschenthaler
Riggleman
Roby
Rodgers (WA)
Roe, David P.
Rogers (AL)
Rogers (KY)
Rooney (FL)
Rose, John W.
Rouzer
Roy
Rutherford
Scalise
Schweikert
Scott, Austin
Scott, David
Sensenbrenner
Shimkus
Simpson
Smith (MO)
Smith (NE)
Smith (NJ)
Smucker
Spano
Staubert
Stefanik
Steil
Steube
Stewart
Stivers
Taylor
Thompson (PA)
Thornberry
Timmons
Tipton
Torres (CA)
Turner
Upton
Van Drew
Wagner
Walberg
Walden
Walker
Walorski
Waltz
Watkins
Weber (TX)
Webster (FL)
Wenstrup
Westerman
Williams
Wilson (SC)
Wittman
Womack
Woodall
Yoho
Young
Zeldin

NOES—221

Adams
Aguilar
Allred
Barragán
Bass
Beatty
Bera
Beyer
Bishop (GA)
Blumenauer
Blunt Rochester
Bonamici
Boyle, Brendan
F.
Brindisi
Brown (MD)
Brownley (CA)
Bustos
Butterfield
Carbajal
Cárdenas
Cartwright
Case
Casten (IL)
Castor (FL)
Castro (TX)
Chu, Judy

Ciциlline
Cisneros
Clark (MA)
Clarke (NY)
Clay
Cleaver
Clyburn
Cohen
Connolly
Cooper
Correa
Costa
Courtney
Cox (CA)
Craig
Crist
Crow
Cummings
Cunningham
Davids (KS)
Davis (CA)
Davis, Danny K.
Dean
DeFazio
DeGette
DeLauro
DelBene

Delgado
Demings
DeSaulnier
Deutch
Dingell
Doggett
Doyle, Michael
F.
Engel
Escobar
Eshoo
Españillat
Evans
Finkenauer
Fletcher
Foster
Frankel
Gallego
Garamendi
Garcia (IL)
Garcia (TX)
Golden
Gomez
Gonzalez (TX)
Green, Al (TX)
Grijalva
Haaland

Hastings
Hayes
Heck
Higgins (NY)
Hill (CA)
Himes
Horn, Kendra S.
Horsford
Houlahan
Hoyer
Huffman
Jackson Lee
Jayapal
Jeffries
Johnson (GA)
Johnson (TX)
Kaptur
Keating
Kelly (IL)
Kennedy
Khanna
Kildee
Kilmer
Kim
Kind
Kirkpatrick
Krishnamoorthi
Kuster (NH)
Lamb
Langevin
Larsen (WA)
Larson (CT)
Lawson (FL)
Lee (CA)
Lee (NV)
Levin (CA)
Levin (MI)
Lewis
Lieu, Ted
Loebbeck
Lofgren
Lowenthal
Lowe
Luján
Luria
Lynch
Malinowski
Maloney,
Carolyn B.

Maloney, Sean
Matsui
McAdams
McBath
McCollum
McEachin
McGovern
McNerney
Meeks
Meng
Moore
Morelle
Moulton
Mucarsel-Powell
Murphy
Nadler
Napolitano
Neal
Neguse
Norcross
O'Halleran
Ocasio-Cortez
Omar
Pallone
Panetta
Pappas
Pascrell
Payne
Peters
Phillips
Pingree
Pocan
Porter
Pressley
Price (NC)
Quigley
Raskin
Rice (NY)
Richmond
Rose (NY)
Rouda
Roybal-Allard
Ruiz
Ruppersberger
Rush
Ryan
Sablan
Sánchez
Sarbanes

Scanlon
Schakowsky
Schiff
Schneider
Schrader
Schrier
Serrano
Scott (VA)
Sewell (AL)
Shalala
Sherman
Sherrill
Sires
Slotkin
Smith (WA)
Soto
Spanberger
Speier
Stanton
Stevens
Suzuki
Swalwell (CA)
Takano
Thompson (CA)
Thompson (MS)
Thompson (PA)
Thornberry
Timmons
Tipton
Titus

NOT VOTING—16

Brady
Duffy
Fudge
Gabbard
González-Colón
(PR)

Graves (MO)
Grothman
Higgins (LA)
Lawrence
Norton
Perlmutter

Plaskett
Radewagen
Rice (SC)
San Nicolas
Wright

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE ACTING CHAIR

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

□ 1220

Ms. DELAURO changed her vote from “aye” to “no.”

Mr. ARMSTRONG changed his vote from “no” to “aye.”

So the amendment was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

Stated against:

Mr. HARDER of California. Madam Chair, during rollcall Vote number 462 on the Turner Amendment No. 386, I mistakenly recorded my vote as “yes” when I should have voted “no”.

AMENDMENT NO. 423 OFFERED BY MR. KHANNA

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

The Clerk will redesignate the amendment.

The Clerk redesignated the amendment.

RECORDED VOTE

The Acting CHAIR. A recorded vote has been demanded.

A recorded vote was ordered.

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

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 251, noes 170, not voting 17, as follows:

[Roll No. 463]

AYES—251

Adams	Garamendi	Ocasio-Cortez
Aguilar	Garcia (IL)	Omar
Allred	Garcia (TX)	Pallone
Amash	Golden	Panetta
Axne	Gomez	Pappas
Barragán	Gonzalez (OH)	Pascrell
Bass	Gonzalez (TX)	Payne
Beatty	Gosar	Peters
Bera	Green, Al (TX)	Peterson
Beyer	Griffith	Phillips
Biggs	Grijalva	Pingree
Bishop (GA)	Haaland	Pocan
Blumenauer	Harder (CA)	Porter
Blunt Rochester	Hastings	Pressley
Bonamici	Hayes	Price (NC)
Boyle, Brendan F.	Hice (GA)	Quigley
Brindisi	Higgins (NY)	Raskin
Brown (MD)	Hill (CA)	Reed
Brownley (CA)	Himes	Richmond
Buck	Hollingsworth	Rooney (FL)
Burchett	Horn, Kendra S.	Rose (NY)
Burgess	Horsford	Rouda
Bustos	Houlihan	Roy
Butterfield	Hoyer	Roybal-Allard
Carbajal	Huffman	Ruiz
Cárdenas	Jackson Lee	Ruppersberger
Carson (IN)	Jayapal	Ryan
Cartwright	Jeffries	Sablan
Case	Johnson (GA)	Sánchez
Casten (IL)	Johnson (TX)	Sarbanes
Castor (FL)	Jordan	Scanlon
Castro (TX)	Kaptur	Schakowsky
Chu, Judy	Keating	Schiff
Ciциlline	Kelly (IL)	Schneider
Cisneros	Kennedy	Schrader
Clark (MA)	Khanna	Schrier
Clarke (NY)	Kildee	Schweikert
Clay	Kilmer	Scott (VA)
Cleaver	Kim	Scott, David
Cline	Kind	Serrano
Cloud	Kirkpatrick	Sewell (AL)
Clyburn	Krishnamoorthi	Shalala
Cohen	Kuster (NH)	Sherman
Cole	Lamb	Sherrill
Comer	Langevin	Sires
Connolly	Larsen (WA)	Slotkin
Cooper	Larson (CT)	Smith (WA)
Correa	Lawson (FL)	Soto
Costa	Lee (CA)	Spanberger
Courtney	Lee (NV)	Speier
Cox (CA)	Levin (CA)	Stanton
Craig	Levin (MI)	Stevens
Crist	Lewis	Suozzi
Crow	Lieu, Ted	Swailwell (CA)
Cummings	Lipinski	Takano
Cunningham	Loeb sack	Thompson (CA)
Davidson (KS)	Lofgren	Thompson (MS)
Davidson (OH)	Lowenthal	Lowe y
Davis (CA)	Davis (CA)	Titus
Davis, Danny K.	Luján	Tlaib
Dean	Luria	Tonko
DeFazio	Malinowski	Torres (CA)
DeGette	Maloney,	Torres Small
DeLauro	Carolyn B.	(NM)
DelBene	Maloney, Sean	Trahan
Delgado	Massie	Trone
Demings	Matsui	Underwood
DeSaulnier	McAdams	Upton
Deutch	McBath	Vargas
Dingell	McCollum	Veasey
Doggett	McEachin	Vela
Doyle, Michael F.	McGovern	Velázquez
Engel	McNerney	Visclosky
Escobar	Meadows	Wasserman
Eshoo	Meng	Schultz
Evans	Mooney (WV)	Waters
Finkenauer	Moore	Watson Coleman
Fitzpatrick	Morelle	Welch
Fletcher	Moulton	Wexton
Foster	Mucarsel-Powell	Wild
Frankel	Nadler	Williams
Gaetz	Napolitano	Wilson (FL)
Gallego	Neal	Yarmuth
	Neguse	Yoho
	Norcross	

NOES—170

Abraham	Green (TN)	Palmer
Aderholt	Guest	Pence
Allen	Guthrie	Perry
Amodei	Hagedorn	Posey
Armstrong	Harris	Ratcliffe
Arrington	Hartzler	Reschenthaler
Babin	Hern, Kevin	Rice (NY)
Bacon	Herrera Beutler	Riggleman
Baird	Hill (AR)	Roby
Balderson	Holding	Rodgers (WA)
Banks	Hudson	Roe, David P.
Barr	Huizenga	Rogers (AL)
Bergman	Hunter	Rogers (KY)
Bilirakis	Hurd (TX)	Rose, John W.
Bishop (UT)	Johnson (LA)	Rouzer
Bost	Johnson (OH)	Rutherford
Brooks (AL)	Johnson (SD)	Scalise
Brooks (IN)	Joyce (OH)	Scott, Austin
Payne	Buchanan	Sensenbrenner
Bucshon	Katko	Shimkus
Budd	Keller	Simpson
Byrne	Kelly (MS)	Smith (MO)
Calvert	Kelly (PA)	Smith (NE)
Carter (GA)	King (IA)	Smith (NJ)
Carter (TX)	King (NY)	Smucker
Chabot	Kinzinger	Spano
Cheney	Kustoff (TN)	Staubert
Collins (GA)	LaHood	Stefanik
Collins (NY)	LaMalfa	Steyer
Conaway	Lamborn	Steube
Cook	Latta	Stewart
Crawford	Lesko	Stivers
Crenshaw	Long	Taylor
Cuellar	Loudermilk	Thompson (PA)
Curtis	Lucas	Thornberry
Davis, Rodney	Luetkemeyer	Timmons
DezJarlais	Lynch	Tipton
Diaz-Balart	Marchant	Turner
Duncan	Marshall	Van Drew
Dunn	Mast	Wagner
Emmer	McCarthy	Walberg
Estes	McCaul	Walden
Ferguson	McClintock	Walker
Fleischmann	McHenry	Walorski
Scanlon	McKinley	Waltz
Flores	Meuser	Watkins
Fortenberry	Miller	Weber (TX)
Meuser	Miller	Webster (FL)
Foxx (NC)	Mitchell	Wenstrup
Fulcher	Moolenaar	Westerman
Gallagher	Mullin	Wilson (SC)
Gianforte	Murphy	Wittman
Gibbs	Murphy	Womack
Gohmert	Newhouse	Woodall
Gooden	Norman	Young
Gotthelmer	Nunes	Zeldin
Granger	O'Halleran	
Graves (GA)	Olson	
Graves (LA)	Palazzo	

NOT VOTING—17

Brady	Graves (MO)	Perlmutter
Duffy	Grothman	Plaskett
Fudge	Higgins (LA)	Radewagen
Gabbard	Lawrence	Rice (SC)
González-Colón	Meeks	San Nicolas
(PR)	Norton	Wright

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE ACTING CHAIR

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

□ 1224

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

AMENDMENT NO. 424 OFFERED BY MS. LEE OF CALIFORNIA

The Acting CHAIR. The unfinished business is the demand for a recorded vote on the amendment offered by the gentlewoman from California (Ms. LEE) on which further proceedings were postponed and on which the ayes prevailed by voice vote.

The Clerk will redesignate the amendment.

The Clerk redesignated the amendment.

RECORDED VOTE

The Acting CHAIR. A recorded vote has been demanded.

A recorded vote was ordered.

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

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 242, noes 180, not voting 16, as follows:

[Roll No. 464]

AYES—242

Adams	Garcia (TX)	Pallone
Aguilar	Golden	Panetta
Allred	Gomez	Pappas
Amash	Gonzalez (TX)	Pascrell
Axne	Gosar	Payne
Barragán	Gotthelmer	Peters
Bass	Green, Al (TX)	Peterson
Beatty	Grijalva	Phillips
Bera	Haaland	Pingree
Beyer	Harder (CA)	Pocan
Biggs	Hastings	Porter
Bishop (GA)	Hayes	Pressley
Blumenauer	Heck	Price (NC)
Blunt Rochester	Higgins (NY)	Quigley
Bonamici	Hill (CA)	Raskin
Boyle, Brendan F.	Himes	Rice (NY)
Brindisi	Horn, Kendra S.	Richmond
Brown (MD)	Horsford	Rose (NY)
Brownley (CA)	Houlihan	Rouda
Buck	Hoyer	Roy
Bustos	Huffman	Roybal-Allard
Butterfield	Jackson Lee	Ruiz
Carbajal	Jayapal	Ruppersberger
Cárdenas	Jeffries	Rush
Carson (IN)	Johnson (GA)	Ryan
Cartwright	Johnson (TX)	Sablan
Case	Keating	Sánchez
Casten (IL)	Kelly (IL)	Sarbanes
Castor (FL)	Kennedy	Scanlon
Castro (TX)	Khanna	Schakowsky
Chu, Judy	Kildee	Schiff
Ciциlline	Kilmer	Schneider
Cisneros	Kim	Schrader
Clark (MA)	Kind	Schrier
Clarke (NY)	Kirkpatrick	Schweikert
Clay	Krishnamoorthi	Scott (VA)
Cleaver	Kuster (NH)	Scott, David
Cline	Langevin	Serrano
Cloud	Larsen (WA)	Sewell (AL)
Clyburn	Larson (CT)	Shalala
Cohen	Lawson (FL)	Sherman
Cole	Lee (CA)	Sherrill
Comer	Lee (NV)	Sires
Connolly	Levin (CA)	Slotkin
Cooper	Levin (MI)	Smith (WA)
Correa	Lewis	Soto
Costa	Lieu, Ted	Spanberger
Courtney	Lipinski	Speier
Cox (CA)	Loeb sack	Stanton
Crist	Lofgren	Stevens
Crow	Cummings	Suozzi
Cunningham	Cunningham	Lowey
Davidson (KS)	Davidson (KS)	Lujan
Davidson (OH)	Davidson (OH)	Lynch
Davis (CA)	Davis (CA)	Malinowski
Davis, Danny K.	Davis, Danny K.	Maloney,
Dean	Dean	Carolyn B.
DeFazio	DeFazio	Maloney, Sean
DeGette	DeGette	Massie
DeLauro	DeLauro	Matsui
DelBene	DelBene	McAdams
Delgado	Delgado	McBath
Demings	Demings	McCollum
DeSaulnier	DeSaulnier	McEachin
Deutch	Deutch	McGovern
Dingell	Dingell	McNerney
Doggett	Doggett	Meeks
Doyle, Michael F.	Doyle, Michael F.	Meng
Engel	Engel	Mooney (WV)
Escobar	Escobar	Moore
Eshoo	Eshoo	Morelle
Evans	Eshoo	Moulton
Finkenauer	Espallat	Mucarsel-Powell
Fitzpatrick	Evans	Schultz
Fletcher	Finkenauer	Waters
Foster	Evans	Murphy
Frankel	Finkenauer	Nadler
Gaetz	Fitzpatrick	Napolitano
Gallego	Fletcher	Neal
	Foster	Neguse
	Frankel	Norcross
	Gallego	O'Halleran
	Garamendi	Ocasio-Cortez
	Garcia (IL)	Omar

NOES—180

Abraham	Armstrong	Baird
Aderholt	Arrington	Balderson
Allen	Babin	Banks
Amodei	Bacon	Barr

Bergman
Bilirakis
Bishop (UT)
Bost
Brooks (AL)
Brooks (IN)
Buchanan
Bucshon
Budd
Burchett
Burgess
Byrne
Calvert
Carter (GA)
Carter (TX)
Chabot
Cheney
Cline
Cole
Collins (GA)
Collins (NY)
Conaway
Cook
Cooper
Crawford
Crenshaw
Curtis
Davis, Rodney
DesJarlais
Diaz-Balart
Duncan
Dunn
Emmer
Estes
Ferguson
Fleischmann
Flores
Fortenberry
Fox (NC)
Fulcher
Gaetz
Gallagher
Gianforte
Gibbs
Gohmert
Gonzalez (OH)
Gooden
Granger
Graves (GA)
Graves (LA)
Green (TN)
Griffith
Guest
Guthrie
Hagedorn
Harris

NOT VOTING—16

Brady
Duffy
Fudge
Gabbard
González-Colón (PR)

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE ACTING CHAIR

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

□ 1228

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

AMENDMENT NO. 425 OFFERED BY MS. LEE OF CALIFORNIA

The Acting CHAIR. The unfinished business is the demand for a recorded vote on the amendment offered by the gentlewoman from California (Ms. LEE) on which further proceedings were postponed and on which the ayes prevailed by voice vote.

The Clerk will redesignate the amendment.

The Clerk redesignated the amendment.

RECORDED VOTE

The Acting CHAIR. A recorded vote has been demanded.

A recorded vote was ordered.

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

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 237, noes 183, not voting 18, as follows:

[Roll No. 465]

AYES—237

Adams
Aguilar
Allred
Amash
Barragán
Bass
Beatty
Bera
Beyer
Biggs
Bishop (GA)
Blumenauer
Blunt Rochester
Bonamici
Boyle, Brendan F.
Brown (MD)
Brownley (CA)
Buck
Burgess
Bustos
Butterfield
Carbajal
Cárdenas
Carson (IN)
Cartwright
Castro (IL)
Castor (FL)
Castro (TX)
Chu, Judy
Cicilline
Cisneros
Clark (MA)
Clarke (NY)
Clay
Cleaver
Cline
Cloyd
Cunningham
Davids (KS)
Davis (CA)
Davis, Danny K.
Dean
DeFazio
DeGette
DeLauro
DelBene
Delgado
Demings
DeSaulnier
Deutsch
Dingell
Doggett
Doyle, Michael F.
Engel
Escobar
Eshoo
Españat
Evans
Fitzpatrick
Fletcher
Foster
Frankel
Gaetz
Gallego
Garamendi
García (IL)
García (TX)

NOES—183

Abraham
Aderholt
Allen
Amodei
Armstrong
Arrington
Axne
Babin
Bacon
Baird
Balderson
Banks
Barr
Bergman
Bilirakis
Bishop (UT)
Bost
Brindisi
Brooks (AL)
Brooks (IN)
Buchanan
Bucshon
Budd
Burchett
Byrne
Calvert
Carter (GA)

Carter (TX)
Case
Chabot
Cheney
Collins (GA)
Collins (NY)
Comer
Conaway
Cook
Craig
Crawford
Crenshaw
Cuellar
Curtis
Davidson (OH)
Davis, Rodney
DesJarlais
Diaz-Balart
Duncan
Dunn
Emmer
Estes
Ferguson
Finkenauer
Fleischmann
Flores
Fortenberry
Fox (NC)
Fulcher
Gallagher
Gianforte
Gibbs
Golden
Gonzalez (OH)
Gooden
Gottheimer
Granger
Graves (GA)
Graves (LA)
Green (TN)
Guthrie
Hagedorn
Harris
Kind
Kirkpatrick
Serrano
Sewell (AL)
Shalala
Sherman
Sherrill
Sires
Slotkin
Smith (WA)
Soto
Spanberger
Speier
Stanton
Stevens
Suozi
Swalwell (CA)
Takano
Thompson (CA)
Thompson (MS)
Titus
Tlaib
Tonko
Torres (CA)
Torres Small (NM)
Trahan
Trone
Underwood
Vargas
Veasey
Vela
Velázquez
Vielosky
Wasserman
Schultz
Waters
Watson Coleman
Welch
Wexton
Wild
Wilson (FL)
Woodall
Yarmuth
Yoho

Brady
Duffy
Fudge
Gabbard
González-Colón (PR)
Graves (MO)
Grothman
Higgins (LA)
Lawrence
Norton
Perlmutter
Plaskett
Radewagen
Rice (SC)
Roe, David P.
Rutherford
San Nicolas
Wright

NOT VOTING—18

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE ACTING CHAIR
The Acting CHAIR (during the vote).
There is 1 minute remaining.

□ 1232

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

AMENDMENT NO. 428 OFFERED BY MS. GARCIA OF TEXAS

The Acting CHAIR. The unfinished business is the demand for a recorded vote on the amendment offered by the gentlewoman from Texas (Ms. GARCIA) on which further proceedings were postponed and on which the ayes prevailed by voice vote.

The Clerk will redesignate the amendment.

The Clerk redesignated the amendment.

RECORDED VOTE

The Acting CHAIR. A recorded vote has been demanded.

A recorded vote was ordered.
The Acting CHAIR. This is a 2-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 198, noes 223, not voting 17, as follows:

Hurd (TX)
Johnson (LA)
Johnson (OH)
Johnson (SD)
Joyce (OH)
Joyce (PA)
Katko
Keller
Kelly (MS)
Kelly (PA)
King (IA)
King (NY)
Kinziger
Kustoff (TN)
LaHood
LaMalfa
Lamb
Lamborn
Latta
Lee (NV)
Lesko
Long
Loudermilk
Lucas
Luetkemeyer
Luria
Marchant
Marshall
Mast
McAdams
McCarthy
McCaul
McClintock
McHenry
McKinley
Meuser
Miller
Mitchell
Moolenaar
Mullin
Murphy
Newhouse
Norman
Nunes
Olson
Palazzo
Palmer
Reed
Reschenthaler
Rice (NY)
Riggleman
Roby
Rodgers (WA)
Rogers (AL)
Rogers (KY)
Rose, John W.
Rouzer
Scalise
Schweikert
Scott, Austin
Sensenbrenner
Shimkus
Simpson
Smith (MO)
Smith (NE)
Smith (NJ)
Smucker
Spano
Staubert
Staubert
Stefanik
Steil
Steuert
Stivers
Taylor
Thompson (PA)
Thornberry
Timmons
Tipton
Turner
Upton
Van Drew
Wagner
Walberg
Walden
Walker
Walorski
Waltz
Watkins
Weber (TX)
Webster (FL)
Wenstrup
Westerman
Wilson (SC)
Wittman
Womack
Young
Zeldin

[Roll No. 466]

AYES—198

Adams Garcia (TX) O'Halleran
 Aguilar Gomez Ocasio-Cortez
 Barragan Gonzalez (TX) Omar
 Bass Gottheimer Pallone
 Beatty Green, Al (TX) Panetta
 Bera Grijalva Pascarell
 Beyer Haaland Payne
 Bishop (GA) Harder (CA) Phillips
 Blumenauer Hastings Pingree
 Blunt Rochester Hayes Pocan
 Bonamici Heck Pressley
 Boyle, Brendan Higgins (NY) Price (NC)
 F. Himes
 Brown (MD) Horsford
 Brownley (CA) Houlihan Raskin
 Bustos Hoyer Rose (NY)
 Butterfield Huffman Rouda
 Carbajal Jackson Lee Roybal-Allard
 Cardenas Ruiz Johnson (OH)
 Carson (IN) Jeffries Ruppertsberger
 Carter (TX) Johnson (GA) Rush
 Cartwright Keating Ryan
 Castor (FL) Kelly (IL) Sablan
 Castro (TX) Kennedy Sanchez
 Chu, Judy Khanna Sarbanes
 Cicilline Kildee Scanlon
 Cisneros Kilmer Schakowsky
 Clark (MA) Kim Schiff
 Clarke (NY) Kind Schneider
 Clay Kirkpatrick Schrader
 Cleaver Krishnamoorthi Schrier
 Clyburn Langevin Scott (VA)
 Cohen Larsen (WA) Scott, David
 Connolly Larson (CT) Serrano
 Cooper Lawson (FL) Sewell (AL)
 Correa Lee (CA) Shalala
 Costa Lee (NV) Sherman
 Courtney Levin (CA) Sherrill
 Crist Levin (MI) Sires
 Crow Lewis Smith (WA)
 Cummings Lieu, Ted Soto
 Davids (KS) Lipinski Speier
 Davis (CA) Loeb sack Wasser man
 Davis, Danny K. Lofgren Schultz
 Dean Lowenthal Waters
 DeFazio Lowey Swalwell (CA)
 DeGette Lujan Takano
 DeLauro Luria Thompson (CA)
 DelBene Lynch Thompson (MS)
 Delgado Maloney, Carolyn B. Titus
 Demings Carolyn B. Tlaib
 DeSaulnier Maloney, Sean Tonko
 Deutch Matsui Torres (CA)
 Dingell McAdams Trahan
 Doggett McCollum Trone
 Doyle, Michael McEachin Vargas
 F. McGovern Veasey
 Engel McNerney Vela
 Escobar Meeks Velázquez
 Eshoo Meng Wasser man
 Espaillat Moore Schultz
 Evans Morelle Waters
 Finkenauer Mucarsel-Powell Watson Coleman
 Foster Nadler Welch
 Frankel Napolitano Wexton
 Gallego Neal Wild
 Garamendi Neguse Wilson (FL)
 Garcia (IL) Norcross Yarmuth

NOES—223

Abraham Budd Davis, Rodney
 Aderholt Burchett DesJarlais
 Allen Burgess Diaz-Balart
 Allred Byrne Duncan
 Amash Calvert Dunn
 Amodei Carter (GA) Emmer
 Armstrong Case Estes
 Arrington Casten (IL) Ferguson
 Axne Chabot Fitzpatrick
 Babin Cheney Fleischmann
 Bacon Cline Fletcher
 Baird Flores Fortenberry
 Balderson Cole Foxx (NC)
 Banks Collins (GA) Fulcher
 Barr Collins (NY) Gaetz
 Bergman Comer Gallagher
 Biggs Conaway Gianforte
 Bilirakis Cook Gibbs
 Bishop (UT) Cox (CA) Gohmert
 Bost Craig Golden
 Brindisi Crawford Gonzalez (OH)
 Brooks (AL) Crenshaw Gooden
 Brooks (IN) Cuellar Gosar
 Buchanan Cunningham Granger
 Buck Curtis Graves (GA)
 Bucshon Davidson (OH) Graves (GA)

Graves (LA) Marshall
 Green (TN) Massie Shimkus
 Griffith Mast Simpson
 Guest McBeth Slotkin
 Guthrie McCarthy Smith (MO)
 Hagedorn McCaul Smith (NE)
 Harris McClintock Smith (NJ)
 Hartzler McHenry Smucker
 Hern, Kevin McKinley Spanberger
 Herrera Beutler Meadows Spano
 Hice (GA) Meuser Stauder
 Hill (AR) Miller Stefanik
 Hill (CA) Mitchell Steil
 Holding Moolenaar Steube
 Hollingsworth Mooney (WV) Stevens
 Horn, Kendra S. Moulton Stewart
 Hudson Mullin Stivers
 Huizenga Murphy Taylor
 Hunter Newhouse Thompson (PA)
 Hurd (TX) Norman Thornberry
 Johnson (LA) Nunes Timmons
 Johnson (OH) Olson Tipton
 Johnson (SD) Palazzo Torres Small
 Johnson (TX) Palmer (NM)
 Jordan Pappas Turner
 Joyce (OH) Pence Underwood
 Joyce (PA) Perry Upton
 Kaptur Peters Van Drew
 Katko Peterson Visclosky
 Keller Porter Wagner
 Kelly (MS) Posey Walberg
 Kelly (PA) Ratcliffe Walden
 King (IA) Reed Walker
 King (NY) Reschenthaler Walorski
 Kinzinger Rice (NY) Walt
 Kuster (NH) Richmond Watkins
 Kustoff (TN) Riggelman Weber (TX)
 LaHood Roby Webster (FL)
 LaMalfa Rodgers (WA) Wenstrup
 Lamb Rogers (AL) Westerman
 Lamborn Rogers (KY) Williams
 Latta Rooney (FL) Wilson (SC)
 Lesko Rose, John W. Wittman
 Long Rouzer Womack
 Loudermilk Roy Woodall
 Lucas Rutherford Yoho
 Luetkemeyer Scalise Young
 Malinowski Schweikert Zeldin
 Marchant Scott, Austin

NOT VOTING—17

Brady Graves (MO) Plaskett
 Duffy Grothman Radewagen
 Fudge Higgins (LA) Rice (SC)
 Gabbard Lawrence Roe, David P.
 González-Colón Norton San Nicolas
 (PR) Perlmutter Wright

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE ACTING CHAIR

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

□ 1237

Messrs. MALINOWSKI and RICHMOND changed their vote from "aye" to "no."

Ms. WEXTON changed her vote from "no" to "aye."

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

AMENDMENT NO. 429 OFFERED BY MS. OCASIO-CORTEZ

The Acting CHAIR. The unfinished business is the demand for a recorded vote on the amendment offered by the gentleman from New York (Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ) on which further proceedings were postponed and on which the ayes prevailed by voice vote.

The Clerk will redesignate the amendment.

The Clerk redesignated the amendment.

RECORDED VOTE

The Acting CHAIR. A recorded vote has been demanded.

A recorded vote was ordered.

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

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 179, noes 241,

answered "present" 1, not voting 17, as follows:

[Roll No. 467]

AYES—179

Adams Frankel Ocasio-Cortez
 Aguilar Gallego Omar
 Allred Garamendi Pallone
 Amash Garcia (IL) Panetta
 Barragan Garcia (TX) Pappas
 Bass Gomez Pascarell
 Beatty Gonzalez (TX) Payne
 Bera Green, Al (TX) Peters
 Beyer Grijalva Pingree
 Bishop (GA) Haaland Pocan
 Blumenauer Hastings Porter
 Blunt Rochester Hayes Pressley
 Bonamici Heck Price (NC)
 Boyle, Brendan Higgins (NY) Quigley
 F. Hill (CA) Raskin
 Himes Richmond
 Brown (MD) Hoyer Roybal-Allard
 Brownley (CA) Huffman Ruiz
 Butterfield Jackson Lee Ruppertsberger
 Carbajal Jayapal Rush
 Cardenas Jeffries Ryan
 Carson (IN) Johnson (GA) Sablan
 Cartwright Case Johnson (TX) Sanchez
 Casten (IL) Keating Sarbanes
 Castor (FL) Kelly (IL) Schakowsky
 Castro (TX) Kennedy Schiff
 Chu, Judy Khanna Schneider
 Cicilline Kildee Schrader
 Kilmer Schrier
 Kind Scott (VA)
 Kirkpatrick Serrano
 Krishnamoorthi Shalala
 Kuster (NH) Sherman
 Langevin Sires
 Larson (WA) Smith (WA)
 Larson (CT) Soto
 Lee (CA) Lee (CA) Speier
 Levin (MI) Lewis Stanton
 Lewis Soto Suozzi
 Lieu, Ted Lieu, Ted Swalwell (CA)
 Lipinski Lofgren Takano
 Loeb sack Lowenthal Thompson (CA)
 Lofgren Lowey Thompson (MS)
 Lowenthal Lujan Titus
 Lujan Malinowski Tlaib
 Luria Maloney, Carolyn B. Tonko
 Lynch Maloney, Sean Torres (CA)
 Maloney, Carolyn B. Matsui Trahan
 Maloney, Sean Matsui Trone
 McAdams Deutch Vargus
 McCollum McEachin Veasey
 McEachin Vela
 McGovern McNerney Velázquez
 Meeks Meeks Visclosky
 McNerney Meng Wasser man
 Moore Moore Schultz
 Nadler Nadler Waters
 Napolitano Napolitano Watson Coleman
 Neal Neal Welch
 Neguse Neguse Wilson (FL)
 Norcross Norcross Yarmuth

NOES—241

Abraham Carter (GA) Emmer
 Aderholt Carter (TX) Estes
 Allen Chabot Ferguson
 Amodei Cheney Finkenauer
 Armstrong Cisneros Fitzpatrick
 Arrington Clay Fleischmann
 Axne Cleaver Flores
 Babin Cline Fortenberry
 Bacon Bacon Foxx (NC)
 Baird Cole Fulcher
 Balderson Collins (GA) Gaetz
 Banks Collins (NY) Gallagher
 Barr Comer Gianforte
 Bergman Conaway Gibbs
 Biggs Cook Gohmert
 Bilirakis Cox (CA) Golden
 Bishop (UT) Craig Gonzalez (OH)
 Bost Crawford Gooden
 Brindisi Crenshaw Gosar
 Brooks (AL) Crist Gottheimer
 Brooks (IN) Crow Granger
 Buchanan Cunningham Graves (GA)
 Buck Curtis Graves (LA)
 Bucshon Davidson (OH) Green (TN)
 Budd Davis, Rodney Griffith
 Burchett Delgado Guest
 Burgess DesJarlais Guthrie
 Bustos Diaz-Balart Hagedorn
 Byrne Duncan Harder (CA)
 Calvert Dunn Harris

Hartzler
Hern, Kevin
Herrera Beutler
Hice (GA)
Hill (AR)
Holding
Hollingsworth
Horn, Kendra S.
Horsford
Houlahan
Hudson
Huizenga
Hunter
Hurd (TX)
Johnson (LA)
Johnson (OH)
Johnson (SD)
Jordan
Joyce (OH)
Joyce (PA)
Kaptur
Katko
Keller
Kelly (MS)
Kelly (PA)
Kim
King (IA)
King (NY)
Kinzinger
Kustoff (TN)
LaHood
LaMalfa
Lamb
Lamborn
Latta
Lawson (FL)
Lee (NV)
Lesko
Levin (CA)
Loeb sack
Long
Loudermilk
Lucas
Luetkemeyer
Luria
Lynch
Marchant
Marshall
Massie
Mast
McAdams

ANSWERED "PRESENT"—1

Lipinski

NOT VOTING—17

Brady
Duffy
Fudge
Gabbard
González-Colón (PR)
Graves (MO)
Grothman
Higgins (LA)
Lawrence
Norton
Perlmutter
Plaskett
Radewagen
Rice (SC)
Roe, David P.
San Nicolas
Wright

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE ACTING CHAIR

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

□ 1242

So the amendment was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

AMENDMENT NO. 430 OFFERED BY MS. OCASIO-CORTEZ

The Acting CHAIR. The unfinished business is the demand for a recorded vote on the amendment offered by the gentlewoman from New York (Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ) on which further proceedings were postponed and on which the ayes prevailed by voice vote.

The Clerk will redesignate the amendment.

The Clerk redesignated the amendment.

RECORDED VOTE

The Acting CHAIR. A recorded vote has been demanded.

A recorded vote was ordered.

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

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 173, noes 245, not voting 20, as follows:

[Roll No. 468]
AYES—173
Adams
Aguilar
Amash
Barragán
Bass
Beatty
Bera
Beyer
Bishop (GA)
Blumenauer
Blunt Rochester
Bonamici
Boyle, Brendan F.
Brown (MD)
Brownley (CA)
Butterfield
Cárdenas
Carson (IN)
Carter (TX)
Castor (FL)
Castro (TX)
Chu, Judy
Cicilline
Clark (MA)
Clarke (NY)
Clay
Clyburn
Cohen
Connolly
Cooper
Correa
Costa
Courtney
Crow
Cummings
Davids (KS)
Davis (CA)
Davis, Danny K.
Dean
DeFazio
DeGette
DeLauro
DeBene
Delgado
DeSaulnier
Deutch
Dingell
Doggett
Doyle, Michael F.
Engel
Escobar
Eshoo
Espallat
Evans
Foster
Frankel
Gallego

NOES—245

Abraham
Aderholt
Allen
Allred
Amodei
Armstrong
Arrington
Axne
Babin
Bacon
Baird
Balderson
Banks
Barr
Bergman
Biggs
Bilirakis
Bishop (UT)
Bost
Brindisi
Brooks (AL)
Brooks (IN)
Buchanan
Buck
Bucshon
Budd
Burchett
Burgess
Bustos
Byrne
Calvert
Carbajal
Carter (GA)
Cartwright
Case
Casten (IL)
Chabot
Cheney
Cisneros
Cline
Cloud
Collins (GA)
Collins (NY)
Comer
Conaway
Cook
Cox (CA)
Craig
Crawford
Crenshaw
Crist
Cuellar
Cunningham
Curtis
Davidson (OH)
Davis, Rodney
Demings
DesJarlais
Diaz-Balart
Duncan
Dunn
Emmer
Estes
Ferguson
Finkenauer
Fitzpatrick
Fleischmann
Fletcher
Flores

Garamendi
Garcia (IL)
Garcia (TX)
Gomez
Green, Al (TX)
Grijalva
Haaland
Harder (CA)
Hastings
Heck
Higgins (NY)
Himes
Horsford
Hoyer
Huffman
Jackson Lee
Jayapal
Jeffries
Johnson (GA)
Johnson (TX)
Keating
Kelly (IL)
Kennedy
Khanna
Kildee
Kilmer
Kind
Kirkpatrick
Cohen
Krishnamoorthi
Larsen (WA)
Larson (CT)
Lee (CA)
Levin (CA)
Levin (MI)
Lewis
Lieu, Ted
Lipinski
Lofgren
Lowenthal
Lowey
Luján
Lynch
Maloney,
Carolyn B.
Maloney, Sean
Matsui
McCollum
McEachin
McGovern
McNerney
Meeks
Meng
Moore
Mucarsel-Powell
Nadler
Napolitano
Neal
Neguse
Norcross
Ocasio-Cortez
Omar
Pallone
Panetta
Pascarell
Payne
Phillips
Pingree
Pocan
Pressley
Price (NC)
Quigley
Raskin
Richmond
Rose (NY)
Ruiz
Ruppersberger
Rush
Ryan
Sablan
Sánchez
Sarbanes
Scanlon
Schakowsky
Schiff
Schneider
Scott (VA)
Scott, David
Serrano
Shalala
Sherman
Sherrill
Sires
Smith (WA)
Soto
Stanton
Suozi
Swalwell (CA)
Takano
Thompson (CA)
Thompson (MS)
Titus
Tlaib
Tonko
Torres (CA)
Trahan
Trone
Underwood
Vargas
Veasey
Vela
Velázquez
Viscosky
Waters
Watson Coleman
Welch
Wilson (FL)
Yarmuth

Hunter
Hurd (TX)
Johnson (LA)
Johnson (OH)
Johnson (SD)
Jordan
Joyce (OH)
Joyce (PA)
Kaptur
Katko
Keller
Kelly (MS)
Kelly (PA)
Kim
King (IA)
King (NY)
Kinzinger
Kuster (NH)
Kustoff (TN)
LaHood
LaMalfa
Lamb
Lamborn
Langevin
Latta
Lawson (FL)
Lee (NV)
Lesko
Loeb sack
Long
Loudermilk
Lucas
Luetkemeyer
Luria
Malinowski
Marchant
Marshall
Massie
Mast
McAdams
McBath
McCarthy
McCaul
McClintock
McHenry
McKinley
Meadows
Meuser
Miller
Mitchell
Moolenaar
Mooney (WV)
Morelle
Moulton
Mullin
Murphy
Newhouse
Norman
Nunes
O'Halleran
Olson
Palazzo
Palmer
Pappas
Pence
Perry
Peterson
Porter
Posey
Ratcliffe
Reed
Reschenthaler
Rice (NY)
Riggelman
Roby
Rodgers (WA)
Rogers (AL)
Rogers (KY)
Rooney (FL)
Rose, John W.
Rouda
Rouzer
Roy
Rutherford
Scalise
Schrader
Schrier
Schweikert
Scott, Austin
Sensenbrenner
Sewell (AL)
Shimkus
Simpson
Slotkin
Smith (MO)
Smith (NE)
Smith (NJ)
Smucker
Spanberger
Spano
Speier
Stauber
Stefanik
Steube
Stevens
Stewart
Stivers
Taylor
Thompson (PA)
Thornberry
Timmons
Tipton
Torres Small (NM)
Turner
Underwood
Upton
Van Drew
Wagner
Walberg
Walden
Walker
Walorski
Waltz
Watkins
Weber (TX)
Webster (FL)
Wenstrup
Westerman
Wexton
Wild
Williams
Wilson (SC)
Wittman
Womack
Woodall
Yoho
Young
Zeldin

NOT VOTING—20

Brady
Cleaver
Duffy
Fudge
Gabbard
González-Colón (PR)
Graves (LA)
Graves (MO)
Grothman
Higgins (LA)
Lawrence
Norton
Perlmutter
Plaskett
Radewagen
Rice (SC)
Roe, David P.
Royal-Allard
San Nicolas
Wright

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE ACTING CHAIR

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

□ 1246

So the amendment was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

AMENDMENT NO. 437 OFFERED BY MR. THOMPSON OF MISSISSIPPI

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

The Clerk will redesignate the amendment.

The Clerk redesignated the amendment.

RECORDED VOTE

The Acting CHAIR. A recorded vote has been demanded.

A recorded vote was ordered.

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

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 213, noes 204, not voting 21, as follows:

[Roll No. 469]

AYES—213

Adams	Green, Al (TX)	Panetta
Aguiar	Grijalva	Pappas
Allred	Haaland	Pascrell
Amash	Harder (CA)	Payne
Barragán	Hastings	Peters
Bass	Hayes	Phillips
Bera	Heck	Pingree
Beyer	Higgins (NY)	Pocan
Bishop (GA)	Hill (CA)	Porter
Blumenauer	Himes	Pressley
Blunt Rochester	Horn, Kendra S.	Price (NC)
Bonamici	Horsford	Quigley
Boyle, Brendan F.	Houlihan	Raskin
Brown (MD)	Hoyer	Richmond
Brownley (CA)	Huffman	Rose (NY)
Bustos	Jackson Lee	Rouda
Butterfield	Jayapal	Royal-Allard
Carbajal	Jeffries	Ruiz
Carson (IN)	Johnson (GA)	Ruppersberger
Cartwright	Johnson (TX)	Rush
Casten (IL)	Kaptur	Ryan
Castor (FL)	Keating	Sablan
Castro (TX)	Kelly (IL)	Sánchez
Chu, Judy	Kennedy	Scanlon
Ciçilline	Khanna	Scanlon
Cisneros	Kildee	Schakowsky
Clark (MA)	Kilmer	Schiff
Clarke (NY)	Kim	Schneider
Clay	Kind	Schrader
Clyburn	Kirkpatrick	Schrier
Cohen	Krishnamoorthi	Scott (VA)
Connolly	Kuster (NH)	Scott, David
Cooper	Langevin	Serrano
Correa	Larsen (WA)	Sewell (AL)
Costa	Larson (CT)	Shalala
Courtney	Lee (CA)	Sherman
Cox (CA)	Lee (NV)	Sherill
Crist	Levin (CA)	Sires
Crow	Levin (MI)	Slotkin
Cummings	Lewis	Smith (WA)
Davids (KS)	Lieu, Ted	Soto
Davis (CA)	Lipinski	Spanberger
Davis, Danny K.	Loeb sack	Speier
Dean	Lofgren	Stanton
DeFazio	Lowenthal	Stevens
DeGette	Lowe y	Suo zzi
DeLauro	Lujan	Swalwell (CA)
DelBene	Malinowski	Takano
Delgado	Maloney,	Thompson (CA)
Demings	Carolyn B.	Thompson (MS)
DeSaulnier	Maloney, Sean	Titus
Deutch	Matsui	Tlaib
Dingell	McAdams	Tonko
Doggett	McBath	Torres (CA)
Doyle, Michael F.	McCollum	Torres Small
Engel	McEachin	(NM)
Escobar	McGovern	Trahan
Eshoo	McNerney	Trone
Espallat	Meeks	Underwood
Evans	Meng	Vargas
Finkenauer	Moore	Veasey
Fletcher	Morelle	Vela
Foster	Moulton	Velázquez
Frankel	Mucarsel-Powell	Visclosky
Galle go	Nadler	Wasserman
Garamendi	Napolitano	Schultz
Garcia (IL)	Neal	Waters
Garcia (TX)	Neguse	Watson Coleman
Gomez	Norcross	Welch
Gonzalez (TX)	O'Halleran	Wexton
Gottheimer	Ocasio-Cortez	Wild
	Omar	Wilson (FL)
	Pallone	Yarmuth

NOES—204

Abraham	Buchanan	Craig
Aderholt	Buck	Crawford
Allen	Bucshon	Crenshaw
Amodei	Budd	Cuellar
Armstrong	Burchett	Cunningham
Arrington	Burgess	Curtis
Axne	Byrne	Davidson (OH)
Babin	Calvert	Davis, Rodney
Bacon	Carter (GA)	DesJarlais
Baird	Carter (TX)	Diaz-Balart
Balderson	Case	Duncan
Banks	Chabot	Dunn
Barr	Cheney	Emmer
Bergman	Cline	Estes
Biggs	Cloud	Ferguson
Bilirakis	Cole	Fitzpatrick
Bishop (UT)	Collins (GA)	Fleischmann
Bost	Collins (NY)	Flores
Brindisi	Comer	Fortenberry
Brooks (AL)	Conaway	Foxx (NC)
Brooks (IN)	Cook	Fulcher

Gaetz	Lawson (FL)	Roy
Gallagher	Lesko	Rutherford
Gianforte	Long	Scalise
Gibbs	Loudermill	Schweikert
Gohmert	Lucas	Scott, Austin
Golden	Luetkemeyer	Sensenbrenner
Gonzalez (OH)	Luria	Shimkus
Gooden	Lynch	Simpson
Gosar	Marchant	Smith (MO)
Granger	Marshall	Smith (NE)
Graves (GA)	Massie	Smith (NJ)
Green (TN)	Mast	Smucker
Griffith	McCarthy	Spano
Guest	McCaul	Speier
Guthrie	McClintock	Staubert
Hagedorn	McHenry	Stefanik
Harris	McKinley	Steil
Hartzler	Meadows	Steube
Hern, Kevin	Meuser	Stewart
Herrera Beutler	Miller	Stivers
Hice (GA)	Mitchell	Taylor
Hill (AR)	Moolenaar	Thompson (PA)
Holding	Mooney (WV)	Thornberry
Hollingsworth	Mullin	Timmons
Hudson	Murphy	Tipton
Huizenga	Newhouse	Turner
Hunter	Norman	Upton
Hurd (TX)	Nunes	Van Drew
Johnson (LA)	Olson	Wagner
Johnson (OH)	Palazzo	Walberg
Johnson (SD)	Palmer	Walden
Jordan	Pence	Walker
Schrader	Perry	Walorski
Joyce (OH)	Peterson	Waltz
Joyce (PA)	Posey	Watkins
Katko	Ratcliffe	Weber (TX)
Keller	Reed	Webster (FL)
Kelly (MS)	Reschenthaler	Wenstrup
Kelly (PA)	Rice (NY)	Westerman
King (IA)	Riggleman	Williams
King (NY)	Roby	Wilson (SC)
Kinzinger	Rodgers (WA)	Wittman
Kustoff (TN)	Rogers (AL)	Womack
LaHood	Rogers (KY)	Woodall
LaMalfa	Rooney (FL)	Yoho
Lamb	Rose, John W.	Young
Lamborn	Rouzer	Zeldin
Latta		

NOT VOTING—21

Beatty	González-Colón	Perlmutter
Brady	(PR)	Plaskett
Cárdenas	Graves (LA)	Radewagen
Cleaver	Graves (MO)	Rice (SC)
Duffy	Grothman	Roe, David P.
Fudge	Higgins (LA)	San Nicolas
Gabbard	Lawrence	Wright
	Norton	

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE ACTING CHAIR

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

□ 1249

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

AMENDMENT NO. 438 OFFERED BY MR.

MALINOWSKI

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

The Clerk will redesignate the amendment.

The Clerk redesignated the amendment.

RECORDED VOTE

The Acting CHAIR. A recorded vote has been demanded.

A recorded vote was ordered.

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

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 236, noes 182, not voting 20, as follows:

[Roll No. 470]

AYES—236

Adams	Gomez	Omar
Aguiar	Gonzalez (TX)	Pallone
Allred	Gottheimer	Panetta
Amash	Green, Al (TX)	Pappas
Barragán	Grijalva	Pascrell
Bass	Haaland	Payne
Bera	Harder (CA)	Peters
Beyer	Hastings	Peterson
Bishop (GA)	Hayes	Phillips
Blumenauer	Heck	Pingree
Blunt Rochester	Higgins (NY)	Pocan
Bonamici	Hill (CA)	Porter
Boyle, Brendan F.	Himes	Pressley
Brown (MD)	Hollingsworth	Price (NC)
Brownley (CA)	Horn, Kendra S.	Quigley
Bustos	Horsford	Raskin
Butterfield	Houlihan	Rice (NY)
Carbajal	Hoyer	Richmond
Carson (IN)	Huffman	Rose (NY)
Cartwright	Jackson Lee	Rouda
Casten (IL)	Jayapal	Roy
Castor (FL)	Jeffries	Royal-Allard
Castro (TX)	Johnson (GA)	Ruiz
Chu, Judy	Johnson (TX)	Ruppersberger
Ciçilline	Kaptur	Rush
Cisneros	Keating	Ryan
Clark (MA)	Kelly (IL)	Sablan
Clarke (NY)	Kennedy	Sánchez
Clay	Khanna	Sarbanes
Clyburn	Kildee	Scanlon
Cohen	Kilmer	Schakowsky
Connolly	Kim	Schiff
Cooper	Kind	Schneider
Correa	Kirkpatrick	Schrader
Costa	Krishnamoorthi	Schrier
Courtney	Kuster (NH)	Scott (VA)
Cox (CA)	Lamb	Scott, David
Crist	Langevin	Serrano
Crow	Larsen (WA)	Sewell (AL)
Cummings	Larson (CT)	Shalala
Davids (KS)	Lawson (FL)	Sherman
Davis (CA)	Lee (CA)	Sherill
Davis, Danny K.	Lee (NV)	Sires
Dean	Levin (CA)	Slotkin
DeFazio	Levin (MI)	Smith (WA)
DeGette	Lewis	Soto
DeLauro	Lieu, Ted	Spanberger
DelBene	Lipinski	Speier
Delgado	Loeb sack	Stanton
Demings	Lofgren	Stevens
DeSaulnier	Lowenthal	Suo zzi
Deutch	Lowe y	Swalwell (CA)
Dingell	Lujan	Takano
Doggett	Luria	Thompson (CA)
Doyle, Michael F.	Lynch	Thompson (MS)
Engel	DeFazio	Titus
Escobar	DeGette	Tlaib
Eshoo	DeLauro	Tonko
Espallat	DelBene	Torres (CA)
Evans	Delgado	Torres Small
Finkenauer	Demings	(NM)
Fletcher	DeSaulnier	Trahan
Foster	Deutch	Trone
Frankel	Dingell	Underwood
Gaetz	Doggett	Van Drew
Galle go	Doyle, Michael F.	Vargas
Garamendi	Engel	Veasey
Garcia (IL)	Escobar	Vela
Garcia (TX)	Eshoo	Velázquez
Golden	Espallat	Visclosky
	Evans	Wasserman
	Finkenauer	Schultz
	Fletcher	Waters
	Foster	Watson Coleman
	Frankel	Welch
	Gaetz	Wexton
	Galle go	Wild
	Garamendi	Wilson (FL)
	Garcia (IL)	Yarmuth
	Garcia (TX)	
	Golden	

NOES—182

Abraham	Biggs	Calvert
Aderholt	Bilirakis	Carter (GA)
Allen	Bishop (UT)	Carter (TX)
Amodei	Bost	Chabot
Armstrong	Brooks (AL)	Cheney
Arrington	Brooks (IN)	Cline
Babin	Buchanan	Cole
Bacon	Buck	Collins (GA)
Baird	Bucshon	Collins (NY)
Balderson	Budd	Comer
Banks	Burchett	Conaway
Barr	Burgess	Cook
Bergman	Byrne	Crawford

Crenshaw	Keller	Rooney (FL)	[Roll No. 471]	Duncan	King (NY)	Rouzer
Curtis	Kelly (MS)	Rose, John W.		Dunn	Kinzinger	Roy
Davidson (OH)	Kelly (PA)	Rouzer	AYES—230	Emmer	Kustoff (TN)	Ruppersberger
Davis, Rodney	King (IA)	Rutherford		Estes	LaHood	Rutherford
DesJarlais	King (NY)	Scalise		Ferguson	LaMalfa	Scalise
Diaz-Balart	Kinzinger	Schweikert		Fitzpatrick	Lamborn	Schweikert
Dunn	Kustoff (TN)	Scott, Austin		Fleischmann	Latta	Scott, Austin
Emmer	LaHood	Sensenbrenner		Flores	Lesko	Sensenbrenner
Estes	LaMalfa	Shimkus		Fortenberry	Long	Shimkus
Ferguson	Lamborn	Simpson		Fox (NC)	Loudermilk	Simpson
Fitzpatrick	Latta	Smith (MO)		Fulcher	Lucas	Smith (MO)
Fleischmann	Lesko	Smith (NE)		Gaetz	Luetkemeyer	Smith (NE)
Flores	Long	Smith (NJ)		Gallagher	Luria	Smith (NJ)
Fortenberry	Loudermilk	Smucker		Gianforte	Marchant	Smucker
Fox (NC)	Lucas	Spano		Gibbs	Marshall	Spano
Fulcher	Luetkemeyer	Stauber		Gohmert	Mast	Stauber
Gallagher	Marchant	Stefanik		Gonzalez (OH)	McCarthy	Stefanik
Gianforte	Marshall	Steil		Gooden	McCaul	Steil
Gibbs	Massie	Steube		Gosar	McHenry	Steube
Gohmert	Mast	Stewart		Granger	McKinley	Stewart
Gonzalez (OH)	McCarthy	Stivers		Graves (GA)	Meadows	Stivers
Gooden	McCaul	Taylor		Green (TN)	Meuser	Taylor
Gosar	McClintock	Thompson (PA)		Guest	Miller	Thompson (PA)
Granger	McHenry	Thornberry		Guthrie	Mitchell	Thornberry
Graves (GA)	McKinley	Timmons		Hagedorn	Moolenaar	Timmons
Green (TN)	Meadows	Tipton		Harris	Mooney (WV)	Tipton
Griffith	Meuser	Turner		Hartzer	Moulton	Trone
Guest	Miller	Upton		Hern, Kevin	Mullin	Turner
Guthrie	Mitchell	Wagner		Herrera Beutler	Murphy	Turner
Hagedorn	Moolenaar	Walberg		Hice (GA)	Newhouse	Wagner
Harris	Mullin	Walden		Hill (AR)	Norman	Walberg
Hartzer	Newhouse	Walker		Holding	Nunes	Walden
Hern, Kevin	Norman	Walorski		Hollingsworth	Olson	Walker
Herrera Beutler	Nunes	Waltz		Hudson	Palazzo	Walorski
Hice (GA)	Olson	Watkins		Huizenga	Palmer	Waltz
Hill (AR)	Palazzo	Weber (TX)		Hunter	Pence	Watkins
Holding	Palmer	Webster (FL)		Hurd (TX)	Perry	Weber (TX)
Hudson	Pence	Wenstrup		Huizenga	Posey	Webster (FL)
Hunter	Perry	Westerman		Hurd (TX)	Ratcliffe	Wenstrup
Johnson (LA)	Reed	Williams		Johnson (SD)	Ratcliffe	Westerman
Johnson (OH)	Reschenthaler	Wilson (SC)		Jordan	Reschenthaler	Williams
Johnson (SD)	Riggleman	Wittman		Joyce (OH)	Riggleman	Wilson (SC)
Jordan	Roby	Womack		Joyce (PA)	Rogers (WA)	Wittman
Joyce (OH)	Rodgers (WA)	Woodall		Katko	Rogers (AL)	Woodall
Joyce (PA)	Rogers (AL)	Yoho			Rogers (KY)	Yoho
Katko	Rogers (KY)	Young			Zeldin	Young
		Zeldin				Zeldin

NOT VOTING—20

Brady	Graves (LA)	Radewagen
Cleaver	Graves (MO)	Rice (SC)
Duffy	Grothman	Roe, David P.
Duncan	Higgins (LA)	San Nicolas
Fudge	Lawrence	Wright
Gabbard	Norton	
González-Colón (PR)	Perlmutter	Plaskett

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE ACTING CHAIR

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

□ 1253

So the amendment was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

AMENDMENT NO. 441 OFFERED BY MS. JAYAPAL

The Acting CHAIR. The unfinished business is the demand for a recorded vote on the amendment offered by the gentlewoman from Washington (Ms. JAYAPAL) on which further proceedings were postponed and on which the ayes prevailed by voice vote.

The Clerk will redesignate the amendment.

The Clerk redesignated the amendment.

RECORDED VOTE

The Acting CHAIR. A recorded vote has been demanded.

A recorded vote was ordered.

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

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 230, noes 189, not voting 19, as follows:

Adams	Golden	Ocasio-Cortez
Aguilera	Gomez	Omar
Allred	Gonzalez (TX)	Pallone
Amash	Gottheimer	Panetta
Axne	Green, Al (TX)	Pappas
Barragán	Griffith	Pascarell
Bass	Grijalva	Payne
Beatty	Haaland	Peters
Bera	Harder (CA)	Phillips
Beyer	Hastings	Pingree
Bishop (GA)	Hayes	Pocan
Blumenauer	Heck	Porter
Blunt Rochester	Higgins (NY)	Pressley
Bonamici	Hill (CA)	Price (NC)
Boyle, Brendan	Himes	Quigley
F.	Horn, Kendra S.	Raskin
Brindisi	Horsford	Reed
Brown (MD)	Houlahan	Rice (NY)
Brownley (CA)	Hoyer	Richmond
Bustos	Huffman	Rose (NY)
Butterfield	Jackson Lee	Rouda
Carbajal	Jayapal	Roybal-Allard
Cárdenas	Jeffries	Ruiz
Carson (IN)	Johnson (GA)	Rush
Cartwright	Johnson (TX)	Ryan
Case	Kaptur	Sablan
Casten (IL)	Keating	Sánchez
Castor (FL)	Kelly (IL)	Sarbanes
Castro (TX)	Kennedy	Scanlon
Chu, Judy	Khanna	Schakowsky
Cicilline	Kildee	Schiff
Cisneros	Kilmer	Schneider
Clark (MA)	Kim	Schrader
Clarke (NY)	Kind	Schrier
Clay	Kirkpatrick	Scott (VA)
Clyburn	Krishnamoorthi	Scott, David
Cohen	Kuster (NH)	Serrano
Cole	Lamb	Sewell (AL)
Connolly	Langevin	Shalala
Cooper	Larsen (WA)	Sherman
Correa	Larson (CT)	Sherrill
Costa	Lawson (FL)	Sires
Courtney	Lee (CA)	Slotkin
Cox (CA)	Lee (NV)	Smith (WA)
Craig	Levin (CA)	Soto
Crist	Levin (MI)	Spanberger
Crow	Lewis	Speier
Cuellar	Lieu, Ted	Stanton
Cummings	Lipinski	Stevens
Cunningham	Loeb	Suozi
Davids (KS)	Lofgren	Swalwell (CA)
Davis (CA)	Lowenthal	Lowe
Davis, Danny K.	Davis, Danny K.	Takano
Dean	Dean	Thompson (CA)
DeFazio	DeFazio	Thompson (MS)
DeGette	DeGette	Titus
DeLauro	DeLauro	Tlaib
DelBene	DelBene	Tonko
Delgado	Delgado	Torres (CA)
Demings	Demings	Torres Small
DeSaulnier	DeSaulnier	(NM)
Deuch	Deuch	Trahan
Dingell	Dingell	Underwood
Doggett	Doggett	Van Drew
Doyle, Michael	Doyle, Michael	Vargas
F.	F.	Veasey
Engel	Engel	Vela
Escobar	Escobar	Velázquez
Eshoo	Eshoo	Visclosky
Españillat	Españillat	Wasserman
Evans	Evans	Schultz
Finkenauer	Finkenauer	Waters
Fletcher	Fletcher	Watson Coleman
Foster	Foster	Welch
Frankel	Frankel	Wexton
Gallego	Gallego	Wild
Garamendi	Garamendi	Wilson (FL)
García (IL)	García (IL)	Yarmuth
García (TX)	García (TX)	

NOES—189

Abraham	Bishop (UT)	Cheney
Aderholt	Bost	Cline
Allen	Brooks (AL)	Cloud
Amodei	Brooks (IN)	Collins (GA)
Armstrong	Buchanan	Collins (NY)
Arrington	Buck	Comer
Babin	Bucshon	Conaway
Bacon	Budd	Cook
Baird	Burchett	Crawford
Balderson	Burgess	Crenshaw
Banks	Byrne	Curtis
Barr	Calvert	Davidson (OH)
Bergman	Carter (GA)	Davis, Rodney
Biggs	Carter (TX)	DesJarlais
Bilirakis	Chabot	Diaz-Balart

NOT VOTING—19

Brady	Graves (LA)	Plaskett
Cleaver	Graves (MO)	Radewagen
Duffy	Grothman	Rice (SC)
Fudge	Higgins (LA)	Roe, David P.
Gabbard	Lawrence	San Nicolas
González-Colón (PR)	Norton	Wright
	Perlmutter	

□ 1301

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

The Acting CHAIR (Mr. MCGOVERN). There being no further amendments, under the rule, the Committee rises.

Accordingly, the Committee rose; and the Speaker pro tempore (Ms. MCCOLLUM) having assumed the chair, Mr. MCGOVERN, Acting Chair of the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, reported that that Committee, having had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2500) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2020 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes, and, pursuant to House Resolution 476, he reported the bill, as amended by that resolution, back to the House with sundry further amendments adopted in the Committee of the Whole.

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

Pursuant to House Resolution 476, the question on adoption of further amendments will be put en gros.

The amendments were agreed to.

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

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

MOTION TO RECOMMIT

Mr. THORNBERRY. Madam Speaker, I have a motion to recommit at the desk.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is the gentleman opposed to the bill?

Mr. THORNBERRY. I am in its present form.

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

The Clerk read as follows:

Mr. Thornberry moves to recommit the bill H.R. 2500 to the Committee on Armed Services with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith, with the following amendment:

At the end of subtitle A of title III, add the following new section:

SEC. 3. INCREASE IN FUNDING FOR OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE.

(a) INCREASE.—Notwithstanding the amounts set forth in the funding tables in division D, the amount authorized to be appropriated in section 301 for OPERATION & MAINTENANCE, AIR FORCE RESERVE, as specified in the corresponding funding table in section 4301, for PRIMARY COMBAT FORCES is hereby increased by \$10,633,000.

(b) INCREASE.—Notwithstanding the amounts set forth in the funding tables in division D, the amount authorized to be appropriated in section 301 for OPERATION & MAINTENANCE, AIR FORCE RESERVE, as specified in the corresponding funding table in section 4301, for DEPOT PURCHASE EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE is hereby increased by \$10,000,000.

(c) INCREASE.—Notwithstanding the amounts set forth in the funding tables in division D, the amount authorized to be appropriated in section 301 for OPERATION & MAINTENANCE, AIR FORCE RESERVE, as specified in the corresponding funding table in section 4301, for MISSION SUPPORT OPERATIONS is hereby increased by \$5,500,000.

(d) INCREASE.—Notwithstanding the amounts set forth in the funding tables in division D, the amount authorized to be appropriated in section 301 for OPERATION & MAINTENANCE, AIR FORCE, as specified in the corresponding funding table in section 4301, for BASE SUPPORT is hereby increased by \$150,000,000.

(e) INCREASE.—Notwithstanding the amounts set forth in the funding tables in division D, the amount authorized to be appropriated in section 301 for OPERATION & MAINTENANCE, AIR FORCE, as specified in the corresponding funding table in section 4301, for AIR OPERATIONS TRAINING (OJT, MAINTAIN SKILLS) is hereby increased by \$40,000,000.

(f) INCREASE.—Notwithstanding the amounts set forth in the funding tables in division D, the amount authorized to be appropriated in section 301 for OPERATION & MAINTENANCE, AIR FORCE, as specified in the corresponding funding table in section 4301, for MOBILIZATION PREPAREDNESS is hereby increased by \$8,500,000.

(g) INCREASE.—Notwithstanding the amounts set forth in the funding tables in division D, the amount authorized to be appropriated in section 301 for OPERATION & MAINTENANCE, AIR FORCE, as specified in the corresponding funding table in section 4301, for AIRLIFT OPERATIONS is hereby increased by \$6,800,000.

(h) INCREASE.—Notwithstanding the amounts set forth in the funding tables in division D, the amount authorized to be appropriated in section 301 for OPERATION & MAINTENANCE, AIR FORCE, as specified in the corresponding funding table in section 4301, for OTHER COMBAT OPS SPT PROGRAMS is hereby increased by \$6,146,000.

(i) INCREASE.—Notwithstanding the amounts set forth in the funding tables in division D, the amount authorized to be appropriated in section 301 for OPERATION & MAINTENANCE, AIR FORCE, as specified in the corresponding funding table in section 4301, for SPECIALIZED SKILL TRAINING is hereby increased by \$5,000,000.

(j) INCREASE.—Notwithstanding the amounts set forth in the funding tables in division D, the amount authorized to be appropriated in section 301 for OPERATION & MAINTENANCE, AIR FORCE, as specified in the corresponding funding table in section 4301, for TRAINING SUPPORT is hereby increased by \$4,000,000.

(k) INCREASE.—Notwithstanding the amounts set forth in the funding tables in division D, the amount authorized to be appropriated in section 301 for OPERATION & MAINTENANCE, AIR FORCE, as specified in the corresponding funding table in section 4301, for SPACE CONTROL SYSTEMS is hereby increased by \$3,500,000.

(l) INCREASE.—Notwithstanding the amounts set forth in the funding tables in division D, the amount authorized to be appropriated in section 301 for OPERATION & MAINTENANCE, ANG, as specified in the corresponding funding table in section 4301, for AIRCRAFT OPERATIONS is hereby increased by \$78,700,000.

(m) INCREASE.—Notwithstanding the amounts set forth in the funding tables in division D, the amount authorized to be appropriated in section 301 for OPERATION & MAINTENANCE, ANG, as specified in the corresponding funding table in section 4301, for MISSION SUPPORT OPERATIONS is hereby increased by \$15,000,000.

(n) INCREASE.—Notwithstanding the amounts set forth in the funding tables in division D, the amount authorized to be appropriated in section 301 for OPERATION & MAINTENANCE, ANG, as specified in the corresponding funding table in section 4301, for BASE SUPPORT is hereby increased by \$10,000,000.

(o) INCREASE.—Notwithstanding the amounts set forth in the funding tables in division D, the amount authorized to be appropriated in section 301 for OPERATION & MAINTENANCE, ANG, as specified in the corresponding funding table in section 4301, for CONTRACTOR LOGISTICS SUPPORT AND SYSTEM SUPPORT is hereby increased by \$9,000,000.

(p) INCREASE.—Notwithstanding the amounts set forth in the funding tables in division D, the amount authorized to be appropriated in section 301 for OPERATION & MAINTENANCE, ANG, as specified in the corresponding funding table in section 4301, for DEPOT PURCHASE EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE is hereby increased by \$7,000,000.

(q) INCREASE.—Notwithstanding the amounts set forth in the funding tables in division D, the amount authorized to be appropriated in section 301 for OPERATION & MAINTENANCE, ANG, as specified in the corresponding funding table in section 4301, for FACILITIES SUSTAINMENT, RESTORATION & MODERNIZATION is hereby increased by \$5,600,000.

(r) INCREASE.—Notwithstanding the amounts set forth in the funding tables in division D, the amount authorized to be appropriated in section 301 for OPERATION & MAINTENANCE, ARMY, as specified in the corresponding funding table in section 4301,

for FACILITIES SUSTAINMENT, RESTORATION & MODERNIZATION is hereby increased by \$275,000,000.

(s) INCREASE.—Notwithstanding the amounts set forth in the funding tables in division D, the amount authorized to be appropriated in section 301 for OPERATION & MAINTENANCE, ARMY, as specified in the corresponding funding table in section 4301, for MANEUVER UNITS is hereby increased by \$76,700,000.

(t) INCREASE.—Notwithstanding the amounts set forth in the funding tables in division D, the amount authorized to be appropriated in section 301 for OPERATION & MAINTENANCE, ARMY, as specified in the corresponding funding table in section 4301, for FORCE READINESS OPERATIONS SUPPORT is hereby increased by \$75,000,000.

(u) INCREASE.—Notwithstanding the amounts set forth in the funding tables in division D, the amount authorized to be appropriated in section 301 for OPERATION & MAINTENANCE, ARMY, as specified in the corresponding funding table in section 4301, for AVIATION ASSETS is hereby increased by \$73,500,000.

(v) INCREASE.—Notwithstanding the amounts set forth in the funding tables in division D, the amount authorized to be appropriated in section 301 for OPERATION & MAINTENANCE, ARMY, as specified in the corresponding funding table in section 4301, for BASE OPERATIONS SUPPORT is hereby increased by \$45,000,000.

(w) INCREASE.—Notwithstanding the amounts set forth in the funding tables in division D, the amount authorized to be appropriated in section 301 for OPERATION & MAINTENANCE, ARMY, as specified in the corresponding funding table in section 4301, for FLIGHT TRAINING is hereby increased by \$25,000,000.

(x) INCREASE.—Notwithstanding the amounts set forth in the funding tables in division D, the amount authorized to be appropriated in section 301 for OPERATION & MAINTENANCE, ARMY, as specified in the corresponding funding table in section 4301, for FORCE READINESS OPERATIONS SUPPORT is hereby increased by \$12,000,000.

(y) INCREASE.—Notwithstanding the amounts set forth in the funding tables in division D, the amount authorized to be appropriated in section 301 for OPERATION & MAINTENANCE, ARMY, as specified in the corresponding funding table in section 4301, for THEATER LEVEL ASSETS is hereby increased by \$8,900,000.

(z) INCREASE.—Notwithstanding the amounts set forth in the funding tables in division D, the amount authorized to be appropriated in section 301 for OPERATION & MAINTENANCE, ARMY, as specified in the corresponding funding table in section 4301, for ECHELONS ABOVE BRIGADE is hereby increased by \$7,000,000.

(aa) INCREASE.—Notwithstanding the amounts set forth in the funding tables in division D, the amount authorized to be appropriated in section 301 for OPERATION & MAINTENANCE, ARMY, as specified in the corresponding funding table in section 4301, for OTHER SERVICE SUPPORT is hereby increased by \$5,085,000.

(bb) INCREASE.—Notwithstanding the amounts set forth in the funding tables in division D, the amount authorized to be appropriated in section 301 for OPERATION & MAINTENANCE, ARMY, as specified in the corresponding funding table in section 4301, for LAND FORCES OPERATIONS SUPPORT is hereby increased by \$2,000,000.

(cc) INCREASE.—Notwithstanding the amounts set forth in the funding tables in division D, the amount authorized to be appropriated in section 301 for OPERATION & MAINTENANCE, ARMY, as specified in the

corresponding funding table in section 4301, for MODULAR SUPPORT BRIGADES is hereby increased by \$1,300,000.

(dd) INCREASE.—Notwithstanding the amounts set forth in the funding tables in division D, the amount authorized to be appropriated in section 301 for OPERATION & MAINTENANCE, ARMY RES, as specified in the corresponding funding table in section 4301, for LAND FORCES OPERATIONS SUPPORT is hereby increased by \$2,200,000.

(ee) INCREASE.—Notwithstanding the amounts set forth in the funding tables in division D, the amount authorized to be appropriated in section 301 for OPERATION & MAINTENANCE, ARMY RES, as specified in the corresponding funding table in section 4301, for THEATER LEVEL ASSETS is hereby increased by \$1,416,000.

(ff) INCREASE.—Notwithstanding the amounts set forth in the funding tables in division D, the amount authorized to be appropriated in section 301 for OPERATION & MAINTENANCE, ARNG, as specified in the corresponding funding table in section 4301, for FACILITIES SUSTAINMENT, RESTORATION & MODERNIZATION is hereby increased by \$80,000,000.

(gg) INCREASE.—Notwithstanding the amounts set forth in the funding tables in division D, the amount authorized to be appropriated in section 301 for OPERATION & MAINTENANCE, ARNG, as specified in the corresponding funding table in section 4301, for BASE OPERATIONS SUPPORT is hereby increased by \$31,500,000.

(hh) INCREASE.—Notwithstanding the amounts set forth in the funding tables in division D, the amount authorized to be appropriated in section 301 for OPERATION & MAINTENANCE, ARNG, as specified in the corresponding funding table in section 4301, for MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONAL HEADQUARTERS is hereby increased by \$14,000,000.

(ii) INCREASE.—Notwithstanding the amounts set forth in the funding tables in division D, the amount authorized to be appropriated in section 301 for OPERATION & MAINTENANCE, ARNG, as specified in the corresponding funding table in section 4301, for LAND FORCES DEPOT MAINTENANCE is hereby increased by \$8,500,000.

(jj) INCREASE.—Notwithstanding the amounts set forth in the funding tables in division D, the amount authorized to be appropriated in section 301 for OPERATION & MAINTENANCE, ARNG, as specified in the corresponding funding table in section 4301, for MANEUVER UNITS is hereby increased by \$8,000,000.

(kk) INCREASE.—Notwithstanding the amounts set forth in the funding tables in division D, the amount authorized to be appropriated in section 301 for OPERATION & MAINTENANCE, ARNG, as specified in the corresponding funding table in section 4301, for AVIATION ASSETS is hereby increased by \$8,000,000.

(ll) INCREASE.—Notwithstanding the amounts set forth in the funding tables in division D, the amount authorized to be appropriated in section 301 for OPERATION & MAINTENANCE, ARNG, as specified in the corresponding funding table in section 4301, for THEATER LEVEL ASSETS is hereby increased by \$2,900,000.

(mm) INCREASE.—Notwithstanding the amounts set forth in the funding tables in division D, the amount authorized to be appropriated in section 301 for OPERATION & MAINTENANCE, ARNG, as specified in the corresponding funding table in section 4301, for MODULAR SUPPORT BRIGADES is hereby increased by \$2,000,000.

(nn) INCREASE.—Notwithstanding the amounts set forth in the funding tables in division D, the amount authorized to be appro-

priated in section 301 for OPERATION & MAINTENANCE, ARNG, as specified in the corresponding funding table in section 4301, for ECHELONS ABOVE BRIGADE is hereby increased by \$500,000.

(oo) INCREASE.—Notwithstanding the amounts set forth in the funding tables in division D, the amount authorized to be appropriated in section 301 for OPERATION & MAINTENANCE, MARINE CORPS, as specified in the corresponding funding table in section 4301, for OPERATIONAL FORCES is hereby increased by \$40,000,000.

(pp) INCREASE.—Notwithstanding the amounts set forth in the funding tables in division D, the amount authorized to be appropriated in section 301 for OPERATION & MAINTENANCE, MARINE CORPS, as specified in the corresponding funding table in section 4301, for BASE OPERATING SUPPORT is hereby increased by \$34,000,000.

(qq) INCREASE.—Notwithstanding the amounts set forth in the funding tables in division D, the amount authorized to be appropriated in section 301 for OPERATION & MAINTENANCE, MARINE CORPS, as specified in the corresponding funding table in section 4301, for FIELD LOGISTICS is hereby increased by \$7,000,000.

(rr) INCREASE.—Notwithstanding the amounts set forth in the funding tables in division D, the amount authorized to be appropriated in section 301 for OPERATION & MAINTENANCE, MARINE CORPS, as specified in the corresponding funding table in section 4301, for TRAINING SUPPORT is hereby increased by \$2,300,000.

(ss) INCREASE.—Notwithstanding the amounts set forth in the funding tables in division D, the amount authorized to be appropriated in section 301 for OPERATION & MAINTENANCE, NAVY, as specified in the corresponding funding table in section 4301, for SUSTAINMENT, RESTORATION AND MODERNIZATION is hereby increased by \$100,000,000.

(tt) INCREASE.—Notwithstanding the amounts set forth in the funding tables in division D, the amount authorized to be appropriated in section 301 for OPERATION & MAINTENANCE, NAVY, as specified in the corresponding funding table in section 4301, for MISSION AND OTHER SHIP OPERATIONS is hereby increased by \$51,000,000.

(uu) INCREASE.—Notwithstanding the amounts set forth in the funding tables in division D, the amount authorized to be appropriated in section 301 for OPERATION & MAINTENANCE, NAVY, as specified in the corresponding funding table in section 4301, for MISSION AND OTHER FLIGHT OPERATIONS is hereby increased by \$50,000,000.

(vv) INCREASE.—Notwithstanding the amounts set forth in the funding tables in division D, the amount authorized to be appropriated in section 301 for OPERATION & MAINTENANCE, NAVY, as specified in the corresponding funding table in section 4301, for FLEET AIR TRAINING is hereby increased by \$50,000,000.

(ww) INCREASE.—Notwithstanding the amounts set forth in the funding tables in division D, the amount authorized to be appropriated in section 301 for OPERATION & MAINTENANCE, NAVY, as specified in the corresponding funding table in section 4301, for WEAPONS MAINTENANCE is hereby increased by \$29,037,000.

(xx) INCREASE.—Notwithstanding the amounts set forth in the funding tables in division D, the amount authorized to be appropriated in section 301 for OPERATION & MAINTENANCE, NAVY, as specified in the corresponding funding table in section 4301, for AVIATION LOGISTICS is hereby increased by \$22,000,000.

(yy) INCREASE.—Notwithstanding the amounts set forth in the funding tables in di-

vision D, the amount authorized to be appropriated in section 301 for OPERATION & MAINTENANCE, NAVY, as specified in the corresponding funding table in section 4301, for SPECIALIZED SKILL TRAINING is hereby increased by \$20,000,000.

(zz) INCREASE.—Notwithstanding the amounts set forth in the funding tables in division D, the amount authorized to be appropriated in section 301 for OPERATION & MAINTENANCE, NAVY, as specified in the corresponding funding table in section 4301, for MISSION AND OTHER FLIGHT OPERATIONS is hereby increased by \$15,000,000.

(aaa) INCREASE.—Notwithstanding the amounts set forth in the funding tables in division D, the amount authorized to be appropriated in section 301 for OPERATION & MAINTENANCE, NAVY, as specified in the corresponding funding table in section 4301, for COMBAT SUPPORT FORCES is hereby increased by \$10,000,000.

(bbb) INCREASE.—Notwithstanding the amounts set forth in the funding tables in division D, the amount authorized to be appropriated in section 301 for OPERATION & MAINTENANCE, NAVY, as specified in the corresponding funding table in section 4301, for SHIP DEPOT OPERATIONS SUPPORT is hereby increased by \$7,500,000.

(ccc) INCREASE.—Notwithstanding the amounts set forth in the funding tables in division D, the amount authorized to be appropriated in section 301 for OPERATION & MAINTENANCE, NAVY, as specified in the corresponding funding table in section 4301, for AIRCRAFT DEPOT OPERATIONS SUPPORT is hereby increased by \$1,200,000.

(ddd) INCREASE.—Notwithstanding the amounts set forth in the funding tables in division D, the amount authorized to be appropriated in section 301 for OPERATION & MAINTENANCE, NAVY, as specified in the corresponding funding table in section 4301, for EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE AND DEPOT OPERATIONS SUPPORT is hereby increased by \$5,600,000.

(eee) INCREASE.—Notwithstanding the amounts set forth in the funding tables in division D, the amount authorized to be appropriated in section 301 for OPERATION & MAINTENANCE, NAVY RES, as specified in the corresponding funding table in section 4301, for MISSION AND OTHER FLIGHT OPERATIONS is hereby increased by \$15,000,000.

(fff) INCREASE.—Notwithstanding the amounts set forth in the funding tables in division D, the amount authorized to be appropriated in section 301 for OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, DEFENSE-WIDE, as specified in the corresponding funding table in section 4301, for OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE is hereby increased by \$7,000,000.

(ggg) INCREASE.—Notwithstanding the amounts set forth in the funding tables in division D, the amount authorized to be appropriated in section 301 for OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, DEFENSE-WIDE, as specified in the corresponding funding table in section 4301, for DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY is hereby increased by \$5,000,000.

At the end of subtitle C of title IV, add the following new section:

SEC. 4. INCREASE IN FUNDING FOR MILITARY PERSONNEL.

Notwithstanding the amounts set forth in the funding tables in division D, the amount authorized to be appropriated in section 421 for MILITARY PERSONNEL, as specified in the corresponding funding table in section 4401, for MILITARY PERSONNEL APPROPRIATIONS is hereby increased by \$309,020,000.

At the end of subtitle A of title VI, add the following new section:

SEC. 6. INCREASE IN BASIC PAY.

(a) INCREASE IN BASIC PAY.—Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, effective on January 1, 2020, the rates of

monthly basic pay for members of the uniformed services are increased by four percent.

(b) WAIVER OF SECTION 1009 ADJUSTMENT.—The adjustment under section 1009 of title 37, United States Code, to the rates of basic pay for members of the uniformed services shall not be made during fiscal year 2020.

(c) INCREASE IN FUNDING FOR MILITARY PERSONNEL.—Notwithstanding the amounts set forth in the funding tables in division D, the amount authorized to be appropriated in section 421 for MILITARY PERSONNEL, as specified in the corresponding funding table in section 4401, for MILITARY PERSONNEL APPROPRIATIONS is hereby increased by \$650,000,000.

Mr. THORNBERRY (during the reading). Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the motion be considered as read.

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

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Texas is recognized for 5 minutes in support of his motion.

Mr. THORNBERRY. Madam Speaker, this motion is the last opportunity to amend the bill, and it does so, of course, without delaying passage. The bill, as it was considered in committee, authorized \$733 billion for defense. Thanks to the work of General Bacon, the committee added \$2.3 billion for disaster aid, and then the Rules Committee added the widow's tax, Afghan visas, and other items that brought the total up to about \$737 billion.

This amendment takes one more incremental step to fill essential funding gaps in the way that matters most to the troops. It restores \$1.6 billion of readiness for things like repairs to F-15s of which only 59 percent are flyable today, and it restores money for training, the things that matter most in saving the lives of our men and women. It restores \$308 million to the personnel account. Now, that is not as much as the Pentagon asked for, but it does take it up to the level that passed the Senate by a vote of 86-8.

Finally, it provides a 4 percent pay raise for the troops.

Now, remember, Madam Speaker, the current underlying bill does nothing for pay. The formula is as it is, and those Members who have claimed the underlying bill did something have gotten three Pinocchios over it.

Well, this underlying measure does do something. It provides a 4 percent pay raise to help with recruitment and retention and to send a message to our troops that we value them.

Now that is it, straight up the middle, three things, you either vote for them or you vote against them.

It takes the total authorization to just about \$740 billion. That is not enough in my opinion, but it is better.

Madam Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. BANKS), who is a veteran of the war in Afghanistan.

Mr. BANKS. Madam Speaker, I was proud to serve my country in uniform

in Afghanistan, and now I am proud to serve in this Congress. I am proud to serve in a new and different way on what has historically been the most bipartisan committee, the House Armed Services Committee. Truth be told, I had expected that this committee above all other committees would always work together in support of our national security.

After all, for over 50 years this committee and this Congress have risen above partisan politics and passed the National Defense Authorization Act. Sadly, today it appears that tradition might come to an end.

Madam Speaker, it doesn't have to be that way. This motion is an opportunity for my friends on both sides of the aisle to rise above petty partisan politics and do what the American people sent us here to do: to support our troops and defend our homeland.

This year the NDAA has unfortunately become the Nondefense Authorization Act and instead has been hijacked with a partisan political agenda, unlike the last couple of years when we all actually worked together to restore military readiness.

At a time when our enemies are challenging us on the world stage, we simply cannot put our troops at risk and jeopardize our national security, which is exactly what the underlying bill would do.

Let us show the American people the leadership they deserve. Let us give our troops the raise they have earned. Let us restore readiness and pass a worthy National Defense Authorization Act.

Madam Speaker, mark my words, this is the moment of truth for this Congress. This is the single most defining moment of this Congress so far. This motion is an opportunity to show the American people that we can rise above petty partisan politics.

Will my colleagues on the other side of the aisle really vote against a well-earned pay raise for our troops or for bolstering our readiness accounts?

Madam Speaker, our soldiers, our sailors, our airmen, and our marines deserve better. The American people deserve better.

Mr. THORNBERRY. Madam Speaker, it is straight up: pay raise, restore personnel accounts, and improve readiness. It is straight up or down. You are for it or against it.

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

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Madam Speaker, I rise in opposition to the motion to recommit.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. SMITH of Washington. We have worked in a bipartisan fashion, and the worst part about it is they all know that because we spent 6 months—my staff and your staff—working together to produce this bill.

The only petty partisanship on this bill is coming purely from the Republican Party that will put their partisan desires against voting for it.

Why?

Because Democrats are in charge. As we have seen time and again on this floor, no matter how much we work with them and how much we cooperate with them, at the end of the day, partisanship trumps all. They will not vote for anything Democrats do, including, by the way, in this bill we have the largest pay raise for our troops in 10 years, and Republicans are going to vote against that pay raise.

We have in this bill money for widows. The Republicans have cosponsored this bill for 10 years, telling us how much they care about making sure that the widows of our troops get money, and now that we do it, after 10 years we put it in the bill, they are going to vote against it just so they can say that Democrats don't support national security.

There is \$733 billion in this bill, the largest Defense bill in the history of the country, and it is not enough. The response is that it can always be more. No matter what it is, they are going to say do more. The Pentagon is apparently the only place in the country where Republicans feel that you can throw money at the problem relentlessly.

This body has raised pay for our troops every single year, and, again, I will simply close by saying that we have the largest pay raise in 10 years in this bill for our troops.

We have worked in a bipartisan manner. It is easy to say: well, I am going to vote "no" and therefore it is partisan.

There is no good reason for it. This should be a bipartisan bill. It supports our troops, and it supports our national security.

Madam Speaker, I yield the balance of my time to the gentlewoman from New Jersey (Ms. SHERRILL), who is a Navy veteran who has fought for our country as well and is a member of the Armed Services Committee.

Ms. SHERRILL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to oppose the motion to recommit. As a veteran and as an American, I urge all of you to put the political games aside, put our troops and our country first, and pass this defense bill.

For 58 years straight, this Congress has come together across party lines to pass a bipartisan National Defense Authorization Act. This critical piece of legislation ensures Congress has a say in the mission of our military, the policies of our Department of Defense, and the safety and security of our women and men in the field.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to serve on the House Armed Services Committee, and I thank the chairman, the ranking member, all the leaders, and all of my colleagues for their dedication to our military and to our national security.

As a U.S. Navy veteran who served for almost 10 years, I am proud to be part of the new class of veterans and national security professionals who

have worked on this bill in committee. We know what it is like to rely on Congress to execute our mission and to keep our country safe, so we must pass the National Defense Authorization Act in this House. We must make sure that the vitally important priorities included in this House bill make it to the President's desk, and we must show the country that our disagreements are nothing compared to our tradition of crossing party lines and supporting the National Defense Authorization Act.

And don't take my word on the importance of this bill. Take it from a Republican and a fellow Naval Academy graduate, who said:

How do we explain to Americans who are risking their lives for us that we could not summon the courage to take some hard votes?

How do we explain that we could not come together and work together when it mattered most?

The fundamental purpose of this legislation, which has united Members from both sides of the aisle, is to provide our Armed Forces what they need to do the jobs we ask of them.

Madam Speaker, John McCain knew this must be an area of bipartisan support, and this MTR is an attempt to strip away that bipartisanship, to inject the broken politics of Washington into a bill that should be bigger than your political party.

The NDAA fully funds a 3.1 percent pay raise for U.S. military personnel, exactly what the President asked for. Madam Speaker, this is the largest pay increase since 2010, the last time the Democrats were in power.

My colleagues had almost 10 years and, more recently, 21 hours of markup and 28 hearings to discuss this very issue, but not one of my colleagues on the other side of the aisle brought this issue up in committee. This last-second partisan motion undercuts the hard work of the House Armed Services Committee, which passed the largest pay raise for our troops in years.

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

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

There was no objection.

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

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

RECORDED VOTE

Mr. THORNBERRY. Madam Speaker, I demand a recorded vote.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 9 of rule XX, a 5-minute vote on the motion to recommit will be followed by a 5-minute vote on passage of H.R. 2500, if ordered, and the motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 1327.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 204, noes 212, not voting 16, as follows:

[Roll No. 472]

AYES—204

Abraham
Aderholt
Allen
Amodei
Armstrong
Arrington
Axne
Babin
Bacon
Baird
Balderson
Banks
Barr
Bergman
Biggs
Bilirakis
Bishop (UT)
Bost
Brindisi
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
Craig
Crawford
Crenshaw
Cunningham
Curtis
Davidson (OH)
Davis, Rodney
DesJarlais
Diaz-Balart
Duncan
Dunn
Emmer
Estes
Ferguson
Finkenauer
Fitzpatrick
Fleischmann
Flores
Fortenberry
Foxy (NC)
Fulcher
Gaetz
Gallagher
Gianforte
Gibbs
Gohmert
Gonzalez (OH)
Gooden

NOES—212

Adams
Aguilar
Allred
Amash
Barragán
Bass
Beatty
Bera
Beyer
Bishop (GA)
Blumenauer
Blunt Rochester
Bonamici
Boyle, Brendan F.
Brown (MD)
Brownley (CA)
Bustos
Butterfield
Carbajal
Cárdenas
Carson (IN)
Cartwright
Case
Casten (IL)

Gosar
Gottheimer
Granger
Graves (GA)
Green (TN)
Griffith
Guest
Guthrie
Hagedorn
Harder (CA)
Harris
Hartzler
Hern, Kevin
Herrera Beutler
Hice (GA)
Hill (AR)
Holding
Hollingsworth
Horn, Kendra S.
Hudson
Huizenga
Hunter
Hurd (TX)
Johnson (LA)
Johnson (OH)
Johnson (SD)
Jordan
Joyce (OH)
Joyce (PA)
Katko
Keller
Kelly (MS)
Kelly (PA)
Kim
King (IA)
King (NY)
Kinzinger
Kustoff (TN)
LaHood
LaMalfa
Lamborn
Latta
Lesko
Long
Loudermilk
Lucas
Luetkemeyer
Luria
Marchant
Marshall
Massie
Mast
McAdams
McCarthy
McCaull
McClintock
McHenry
McKinley
Meadows
Meuser
Miller
Mitchell
Moolenaar
Mooney (WV)
Mullin
Murphy
Newhouse
Norman
Nunes

Castor (FL)
Castro (TX)
Chu, Judy
Cicilline
Cisneros
Clark (MA)
Clarke (NY)
Clay
Cohen
Connolly
Cooper
Correa
Costa
Courtney
Cox (CA)
Crist
Crow
Cuellar
Cummings
Davids (KS)
Davis (CA)
Davis, Danny K.
Dean
DeFazio
DeGette

Green, Al (TX)
Grijalva
Haaland
Hastings
Hayes
Heck
Higgins (NY)
Hill (CA)
Himes
Horsford
Houlahan
Hoyer
Huffman
Jackson Lee
Jayapal
Jeffries
Johnson (GA)
Johnson (TX)
Kaptur
Keating
Kelly (IL)
Kennedy
Khanna
Kildee
Kilmer
Kind
Kirkpatrick
Krishnamoorthi
Kuster (NH)
Lamb
Langevin
Larsen (WA)
Larson (CT)
Lawson (FL)
Lee (CA)
Lee (NV)
Levin (CA)
Levin (MI)
Lewis
Lieu, Ted
Lipinski
Loeb sack
Lofgren
Lowenthal
Lowey
Lujan
Lynch

NOT VOTING—16

Brady
Cleaver
Clyburn
Duffy
Fudge
Gabbard

Malinowski
Maloney,
Carolyn B.
Maloney, Sean
Matsui
McBath
McCollum
McEachin
McGovern
McNerney
Meeks
Meng
Moore
Morelle
Moulton
Mucarsel-Powell
Nadler
Napolitano
Neal
Neguse
Norcross
O'Halleran
Ocasio-Cortez
Omar
Pallone
Panetta
Pappas
Pascrell
Payne
Peters
Peterson
Phillips
Pingree
Pocan
Porter
Pressley
Price (NC)
Quigley
Raskin
Rice (NY)
Rose (NY)
Rouda
Roybal-Allard
Ruiz
Ruppersberger
Rush
Ryan

NOT VOTING—16

Graves (LA)
Graves (MO)
Grothman
Higgins (LA)
Lawrence
Perlmutter

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE
The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). There are 2 minutes remaining.

□ 1321

So the motion to recommit was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

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

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

RECORDED VOTE

Mr. THORNBERRY. Madam Speaker, I demand a recorded vote.

A recorded vote was ordered.

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

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 220, noes 197, not voting 16, as follows:

[Roll No. 473]

AYES—220

Adams
Aguilar
Allred
Axne
Barragán
Bass
Beatty
Bera
Beyer

Bishop (GA)
Blunt Rochester
Bonamici
Boyle, Brendan F.
Brindisi
Brown (MD)
Brownley (CA)
Bustos

Butterfield
Carbajal
Cárdenas
Carson (IN)
Cartwright
Case
Casten (IL)
Castor (FL)
Castro (TX)

Chu, Judy
Cicilline
Cisneros
Clark (MA)
Clarke (NY)
Clay
Cohen
Connolly
Cooper
Correa
Costa
Courtney
Cox (CA)
Craig
Crist
Crow
Cuellar
Cummings
Cunningham
Davids (KS)
Davis (CA)
Davis, Danny K.
Dean
DeFazio
DeGette
DeLauro
DelBene
Delgado
Demings
DeSaulnier
Deutch
Dingell
Doggett
Doyle, Michael F.
Engel
Escobar
Eshoo
Evans
Finkenauer
Fletcher
Foster
Frankel
Gallego
Garamendi
Garcia (IL)
Garcia (TX)
Golden
Gomez
Gonzalez (TX)
Gottheimer
Green, Al (TX)
Grijalva
Haaland
Harder (CA)
Hastings
Hayes
Heck
Higgins (NY)
Hill (CA)
Himes
Horn, Kendra S.
Horsford
Houlahan
Hoyer
Huffman

NOES—197

Abraham
Aderholt
Allen
Amash
Amodei
Armstrong
Arrington
Babin
Bacon
Baird
Balderson
Banks
Barr
Bergman
Biggs
Bilirakis
Bishop (UT)
Blumenauer
Bost
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
Duncan
Dunn
Emmer
Espaillat
Estes
Ferguson
Fitzpatrick
Fleischmann
Flores
Fortenberry
Foxy (NC)
Fulcher
Gaetz
Gallagher

Peterson
Phillips
Pingree
Porter
Price (NC)
Quigley
Raskin
Rice (NY)
Rose (NY)
Rouda
Roybal-Allard
Ruiz
Ruppersberger
Rush
Ryan
Sánchez
Sarbanes
Scanlon
Schakowsky
Schiff
Schneider
Schradler
Schrier
Scott (VA)
Scott, David
Serrano
Sewell (AL)
Shalala
Sherman
Sherrill
Sires
Slotkin
Smith (WA)
Soto
Spanberger
Speier
Stanton
Stevens
Suozi
Swalwell (CA)
Takano
Thompson (CA)
Thompson (MS)
Titus
Tonko
Torres (CA)
Torres Small (NM)
Trahan
Trone
Underwood
Van Drew
Murphy
Veasey
Vela
Velázquez
Visclosky
Wasserman
Schultz
Waters
Watson Coleman
Welch
Wexton
Wild
Wilson (FL)
Yarmuth

Norman
Nunes
Ocasio-Cortez
Olson
Omar
Palazzo
Palmer
Pence
Perry
Pocan
Posey
Pressley
Ratcliffe
Reed
Reschenthaler
Riggelman
Lucas
Rodgers (WA)
Rogers (AL)
Rogers (KY)
Rooney (FL)
Rose, John W.
Rouzer
Roy
Rutherford
Wenstrup
Scalise
Schweikert
Scott, Austin
Sensenbrenner
Shimkus
Simpson
Smith (MO)
Smith (NE)
Smith (NJ)
Smucker

NOT VOTING—16

Brady
Cleaver
Clyburn
Duffy
Fudge
Gabbard
Graves (LA)
Graves (MO)
Grothman
Higgins (LA)
Lawrence
Perlmutter

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE
The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). There are 2 minutes remaining.

□ 1327

So the bill was passed.
The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

The title of the bill was amended so as to read: "A bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2020 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes."

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated against:

Mr. GROTHMAN. Madam Speaker, on July 12, 2019, the House voted to pass the National Defense Authorization Act for FY 2020. I missed the vote and was not recorded due to a previously scheduled engagement in Wisconsin with President Trump. Had I been present I would have voted no on Roll Call 473.

NEVER FORGET THE HEROES:
JAMES ZADROGA, RAY PFEIFER,
AND LUIS ALVAREZ PERMANENT
AUTHORIZATION OF THE SEP-
TEMBER 11TH VICTIM COM-
PENSATION FUND ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 1327) to extend authorization for the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund of 2001 through fiscal

year 2020, and for other purposes, as amended, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from New York (Mr. NADLER) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.

This is a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 402, nays 12, not voting 19, as follows:

[Roll No. 474]

YEAS—402

Abraham
Adams
Aderholt
Aguilar
Allen
Allred
Amodei
Armstrong
Axne
Babin
Bacon
Baird
Balderson
Banks
Barr
Barragán
Bass
Beatty
Bera
Bergman
Beyer
Bilirakis
Bishop (GA)
Bishop (UT)
Blumenauer
Blunt Rochester
Bonamici
Bost
Boyle, Brendan F.
Brindisi
Brooks (IN)
Brown (MD)
Brownley (CA)
Buchanan
Bucshon
Budd
Burchett
Burgess
Bustos
Butterfield
Byrne
Calvert
Carbajal
Cárdenas
Carson (IN)
Carter (GA)
Carter (TX)
Cartwright
Case
Casten (IL)
Castor (FL)
Castro (TX)
Chabot
Cheney
Chu, Judy
Cicilline
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Clark (MA)
Clarke (NY)
Clay
Cline
Cohen
Cole
Collins (GA)
Collins (NY)
Comer
Conaway
Connolly
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Correa
Costa
Courtney
Cox (CA)
Craig
Crawford
Crenshaw
Crist
Crow
Cuellar
Cummings
Cunningham
Curtis
Davidson (OH)
Davidson (CA)
Davis, Danny K.
Davis, Rodney
Dean
DeFazio
DeGette
DeLauro
DelBene
Delgado
Demings
DesJarlais
Deutch
Diaz-Balart
Dingell
Doyle, Michael F.
Duncan
Dunn
Emmer
Engel
Escobar
Eshoo
Espaillat
Estes
Evans
Ferguson
Finkenauer
Fitzpatrick
Fleischmann
Fletcher
Flores
Fortenberry
Foster
Foxy (NC)
Frankel
Fulcher
Gaetz
Gallagher
Gallego
Garamendi
Garcia (IL)
Garcia (TX)
Gianforte
Gibbs
Gohmert
Golden
Gomez
Gonzalez (OH)
Gonzalez (TX)
Gooden
Gottheimer
Granger
Graves (GA)
Green (TN)
Green, Al (TX)
Griffith
Grijalva
Guest
Guthrie
Haaland
Hagedorn
Harder (CA)
Hartzler
Hastings
Hayes
Heck
Hern, Kevin
Herrera Beutler
Higginson (NY)
Hill (AR)
Hill (CA)
Himes
Holding
Hollingsworth
Hudson
Huizenga
Hunter
Hurd (TX)
Johnson (LA)
Johnson (OH)
Johnson (SD)
Jordan
Joyce (OH)
Joyce (PA)
Himes
Holding
Hollingsworth
Horn, Kendra S.
Horsford
Houlihan
Hunter
Hoyer
Hurd (TX)
Jackson Lee
Jayapal
Jeffries
Johnson (GA)
Johnson (LA)
Johnson (OH)
Johnson (SD)
Johnson (TX)
Jordan
Joyce (OH)
Joyce (PA)
Kaptur
Katko
Keating
Keller
Kelly (IL)
Kelly (MS)
Kelly (PA)
Kennedy
Kildee
Kilmer
Kim
Kind
King (IA)
King (NY)
Kinzinger
Kirkpatrick
Krishnamoorthi
Kuster (NH)
Kustoff (TN)
LaHood
LaMalfa
Lamb
Lamborn
Langevin
Larsen (WA)
Larson (CT)
Latta
Lawson (FL)
Lee (CA)
Lee (NV)
Lesko
Levin (CA)
Levin (MI)
Lewis
Lieu, Ted
Lipinski
Loehsack
Lofgren
Long
Loudermilk
Lowenthal
Lowe
Lucas
Luetkemeyer
Luján
Luria
Lynch
Malinowski
Maloney, Carolyn B.
Maloney, Sean
Marchant
Marshall
Matsui
McAdams

McBath	Reed	Stivers
McCarthy	Reschenthaler	Suozzi
McCaul	Rice (NY)	Swailwell (CA)
McClintock	Riggelman	Takano
McCollum	Roby	Taylor
McEachin	Rodgers (WA)	Thompson (CA)
McGovern	Rogers (KY)	Thompson (MS)
McHenry	Rooney (FL)	Thompson (PA)
McKinley	Rose (NY)	Thornberry
McNerney	Rouda	Timmons
Meadows	Rouzer	Tipton
Meeks	Roy	Titus
Meng	Roybal-Allard	Tlaib
Meuser	Ruiz	Tonko
Miller	Ruppersberger	Torres (CA)
Mitchell	Rush	Torres Small
Moolenaar	Rutherford	(NM)
Mooney (WV)	Ryan	Trahan
Moore	Sánchez	Trone
Morelle	Sarbanes	Turner
Moulton	Scalise	Underwood
Mucarsel-Powell	Scanlon	Upton
Mullin	Schakowsky	Van Drew
Murphy	Schiff	Vargas
Nadler	Schneider	Veasey
Napolitano	Schrader	Vela
Neal	Schrier	Velázquez
Neguse	Schweikert	Visclosky
Newhouse	Scott (VA)	Wagner
Norcross	Scott, Austin	Walberg
Nunes	Scott, David	Walden
O'Halleran	Sensenbrenner	Walker
Ocasio-Cortez	Serrano	Walorski
Olson	Sewell (AL)	Waltz
Omar	Shalala	Wasserman
Palazzo	Sherman	Schultz
Pallone	Sherrill	Waters
Palmer	Shimkus	Watkins
Panetta	Simpson	Watson Coleman
Pappas	Sires	Weber (TX)
Pascarella	Slotkin	Webster (FL)
Payne	Smith (MO)	Welch
Pelosi	Smith (NE)	Wenstrup
Pence	Smith (NJ)	Westerman
Perry	Smith (WA)	Wexton
Peters	Smucker	Wild
Peterson	Soto	Williams
Phillips	Spanberger	Wilson (FL)
Pingree	Spano	Wilson (SC)
Pocan	Speier	Wittman
Porter	Stanton	Womack
Posey	Stauber	Woodall
Pressley	Stefanik	Yarmuth
Price (NC)	Steil	Yoho
Quigley	Steube	Young
Raskin	Stevens	Zeldin
Ratcliffe	Stewart	

NAYS—12

Amash	Buck	Hice (GA)
Arrington	Cloud	Massie
Biggs	Gosar	Norman
Brooks (AL)	Harris	Rose, John W.

NOT VOTING—19

Brady	Graves (LA)	Rice (SC)
Cleaver	Graves (MO)	Richmond
Clyburn	Grothman	Roe, David P.
Doggett	Higgins (LA)	Rogers (AL)
Duffy	Khanna	Wright
Fudge	Lawrence	
Gabbard	Perlmutter	

□ 1336

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

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

The title of the bill was amended so as to read: "A bill to extend authorization for the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund of 2001 through fiscal year 2092, and for other purposes."

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. GRAVES of Louisiana. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to complete the vote series on July 12 as I needed to return to my district to support preparations ahead of Tropical Storm Barry. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay" on rollcall No. 468, "nay" on

rollcall No. 469, "nay" on rollcall No. 470, "nay" on rollcall No. 471, "yea" on rollcall No. 472, "nay" on rollcall No. 473, and "yea" on rollcall No. 474.

AUTHORIZING THE CLERK TO MAKE CORRECTIONS IN ENGROSSMENT OF H.R. 2500, NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Clerk be authorized to make technical corrections in the engrossment of H.R. 2500, including corrections in spelling, punctuation, section and title numbering, cross-referencing, conforming amendments to the table of contents and short titles, the insertion of appropriate headings; and to provide instructions that amendment No. 234 printed in part B of House Report 116-143 be inserted at the end of subtitle G of title 28, and that the instruction in amendment No. 64 printed in part B of House Report 116-143 be changed from "page 387, after line 7" to "page 387, after line 15."

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. MORELLE). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Washington?

There was no objection.

REQUEST TO CONSIDER H.R. 962, BORN-ALIVE ABORTION SURVIVORS PROTECTION ACT

Mr. SMUCKER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from further consideration of H.R. 962, the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under guidelines consistently issued by successive Speakers, as recorded in section 956 of the House Rules and Manual, the Chair is constrained not to entertain the request unless it has been cleared by the bipartisan floor and committee leaderships.

Mr. SMUCKER. Mr. Speaker, if this unanimous consent request cannot be entertained, I urge the Speaker and majority leader to immediately schedule the Born-Alive bill so we can stand up and protect the sanctity of human life, and I would ask all others to join in that request.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman is not recognized for debate.

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

(Mr. SCALISE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SCALISE. Mr. Speaker, I rise for the purpose of inquiring of the majority leader the schedule for next week.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to my friend, the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HOYER), the distinguished majority leader of the House.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I thank my friend for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, before I get into the schedule, I know that all of our thoughts are with my good friends in Louisiana and my good friend who represents Louisiana, his constituents, and the people of Louisiana as they brace for Tropical Storm Barry, expected to make landfall tomorrow.

This is a serious storm, and, when combined with the flooding we have already seen along the Mississippi, it poses a serious threat to the safety and welfare of many.

We hope everyone is safe and taking the necessary steps to get out of harm's way, and I want the gentleman from Louisiana to know how much we are paying attention to his constituents in the State he represents and the region he represents.

Mr. SCALISE. Mr. Speaker, I truly appreciate the concern, support, and prayers that have been offered. Obviously, we are all praying for the people of south Louisiana as Tropical Storm Barry approaches. In the next 24 hours, we expect landfall. We are surely expecting heavy rain.

I know, as I have talked to local officials, from the Governor to the mayor of New Orleans and other elected officials on the ground, they are prepared. They have asked for different things, including the Governor had asked for an emergency declaration.

I spoke to President Trump yesterday, and he did, in fact, issue that emergency declaration. So, all of the Federal agencies, from FEMA to the Corps of Engineers, to other Federal agencies, are working well with State and local officials to make sure they have the tools they need.

Our first priority, of course, is the safety of the people of south Louisiana. As they protect their homes and protect their property, we just encourage them to listen to their local officials, and, if evacuation orders are issued, we ask those folks to heed those warnings because it is a serious storm. And it is a storm that we are preparing for, but, as they say, you prepare for the worst but hope for the best, and we are doing all of that.

I appreciate the gentleman's concerns.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to my friend.

Mr. HOYER. I know the gentleman is concerned. We share that concern, and we share the concern for the people of south Louisiana.

Mr. Speaker, on Monday, the House will meet at noon for morning-hour debate, 2 p.m. for legislative business, with votes postponed until 6:30 p.m.

On Tuesday and Wednesday, the House will meet at 10 a.m. for morning-hour debate and noon for legislative business.

On Thursday, the House will meet at 9 a.m. for legislative business. Last votes of the week are expected no later than 3 p.m. on that Thursday.

□ 1345

Mr. Speaker, we will consider several bills under suspension of the rules, including H.R. 748, Middle Class Health Benefits Tax Repeal Act of 2019. A complete list of suspension bills will be announced by the close of business today.

The House will consider H.R. 3494, the Intelligence Authorization Act. I am pleased to say that the bill was approved by unanimous voice vote in committee and would authorize funding and enable congressional oversight of the U.S. intelligence community.

Mr. Speaker, the House will also consider a resolution to hold Attorney General Barr and Secretary Ross in contempt over efforts to ignore congressional subpoenas and subvert the 2020 Census with the addition of a citizenship question meant only to deter minorities from participating, leading to an undercount in parts of the country.

In addition, the House will also consider S.J. Res. 36, S.J. Res. 37, and S.J. Res. 38.

Mr. Speaker, last month, the Senate passed 22 resolutions of disapproval related to the Saudi-UAE arms sale for which the administration declared an emergency, thereby bypassing the Congress of the United States. The House will take up three of these resolutions related to precision-guided munitions, the most controversial and significant sales contemplated.

Lastly, the House will consider H.R. 582, Raise the Wage Act. This legislation, authored by Chairman SCOTT, would gradually increase the minimum wage to \$15 by 2024. This bill is an important step toward lifting millions of American workers out of poverty.

We believe that one should not be working a 40-hour week and still remain under the poverty level in our country. We raise the minimum wage for the first time in nearly a decade, essentially, 10 years.

Mr. SCALISE. Mr. Speaker, as we look at the calendar next week and, specifically, the bill dealing with the minimum wage, I would ask the gentleman if he has looked at some of the studies that have been done, as well as some of the other actions.

If you look at the city of Baltimore, they had proposed and actually passed a \$15 minimum wage, and the Democratic mayor of Baltimore vetoed that, specifically citing the job losses that would come with that kind of change.

The CBO report that just came out a few days ago, as the majority leader knows, cited that you could have up to 3.7 million jobs lost in America if that bill were to pass.

Mr. Speaker, we have a growing economy, a robust, growing economy. We are the envy of the world right now with our economy. People at every income level are receiving the benefits of that in terms of higher wages and more jobs—in fact, more job openings today than there are Americans looking for work.

This is the kind of opportunity we want for all people. In fact, as we are

seeing, people at even the lower income, entry-level job levels are the ones benefiting the most from the tax cuts and the growing economy we have as a result of it.

So why, I would ask, would we want to reverse course and pass legislation that not only studies estimate would devastate low-income people—literally, the entire State of Oklahoma, 3.7 million people, eviscerated job losses. That many job losses would come from this bill passing.

You don't need to just look at estimates. You can actually look at what happened in the city of Seattle.

Mr. Speaker, in 2014, the city of Seattle instituted a similar \$15 minimum wage. So now, we have a few years of actual data to look at what happened in a city like Seattle.

Mr. Speaker, the University of Washington did a detailed study of that minimum wage increase. What they found were similarly devastating numbers for low-income workers, the same people who would be hurt by the bill that the majority is going to be bringing up next week.

In fact, what the University of Washington study found was that you had roughly 3 million work hours lost, 5,000 jobs lost. They, in fact, found that the cost to low-wage workers in Seattle outweighed the benefits by a margin of 3-to-1, devastating low-income workers the most.

If you look at not what might happen if we do this at the Federal level—where the estimates are we would lose 3.7 million jobs in America, mostly hurting lower income, entry-level jobs, those jobs where we want people to be able to get started to become part of the middle class, to become part of the American Dream, and taking that away from them—go look at what they did in Seattle when they actually did this, not when they talked about it, but when they did it, 3 years of data. The study showed it was devastating to low-income people.

I would hope that the gentleman has looked at some of this, the concerns that we have expressed along the way, and the recent CBO score that has underlined how bad and devastating this would be to low-income workers.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for his observations. He, I think, told a partial story of the CBO study and some other studies. Of course, he mentioned the city of Baltimore.

The problem with the city of Baltimore, as the mayor who vetoed it indicated, was that next door, the minimum wage was lower. Had the minimum wage been the same, there would not have been the same transfer, I suggest to the gentleman.

That aside, he mentions the CBO report on the impact of gradually raising the minimum wage to \$15 an hour. The minimum wage was last raised in 2007. It then incrementally raised over 3

years to the present \$7.25. It has not been raised in a decade. The poorest workers in America have not had a raise in 10 years.

We don't think that is right, as we see this extraordinary disparity of income, where presidents of corporations now are making 1,500 times what their average worker makes.

Very frankly, we are a consumer-based economy. Seventy percent of our GDP is based upon consumers. If we raise their salaries, they are going to spend more, grow the economy, and, I suggest, grow jobs, not shrink jobs.

Let's look at the CBO study. The CBO study had a number of different averages that were perceived, three of which were zero loss of jobs. 3.7 million was the maximum, not the average, the maximum loss.

I am not surprised that opponents of raising the minimum wage would point to that as if it were the figure. It is a maximum, the worst-case scenario.

We have a growing economy. I don't expect the worst-case scenario to occur. The fact of the matter is that we believe that this bill and this raise will have little, if any, adverse impact.

What we do know is this, which the gentleman did not mention. CBO said the bill will give 27 million workers in America a raise, and that the worst-case scenario—we don't want to see anybody lose their job—would be 3.7 million, but the average would be less than 2 million. That was their average estimate, and three of them were zero.

We believe that 27 million Americans, which will lift 1.3 million Americans out of poverty, is something that will be good for America. It will be good not only for those workers but good for business, for families, for children, and, frankly, for all of us.

The benefits of the Raise the Wage Act for America's workers, in our opinion, far outweigh any potential risk. We think the risk is minimal.

More than 10 years with no increase in the Federal minimum wage, I might point out, Mr. Speaker, is the longest period since the adoption of the minimum wage in 1938, the longest period we have gone without raising the minimum wage.

Mr. Speaker, it has been 10 years since we Democrats were in the majority. I point that out because the last time we were in the majority, we passed and, very frankly, President Bush signed the raise that was to \$7.25 an hour. But this is the longest time in history it hasn't been raised.

The Raise the Wage Act is a critical step, in my view, toward restoring the value of work and ensuring that working families—we all say we are for working families. Well, we ought to pay them, and we ought to pay them a decent wage.

By the way, this raise is probably a very, very infinitesimal percentage of the raises that those at the upper level, in the top 10 percent and the top 5 percent, have received.

This will allow working families to achieve some type of financial security. We believe that is essential.

We are very pleased that this bill is moving forward, and we urge all of our Members to support it.

Mr. SCALISE. Mr. Speaker, I would first like to point out it is not we who are paying those wages. It is small businesses, small and medium-sized businesses that are paying those wages to workers.

What we have seen from the current economy, from cutting taxes, not from the government coming in and saying we are going to have some \$15 minimum wage that has been proven in other places to eviscerate jobs, to kill jobs and hurt lower-income people, with our current economy, because of cutting taxes, lower income people are benefiting the most. They are seeing wages go up. They are actually seeing wages go up, and the data shows that.

That is why you are seeing such strong economic numbers right now, because the tax cuts are benefiting people at every income level, especially at the lower income levels.

When you talk about the jobs that would be lost, if we split it in the middle, if we go with the median of the study, that is 1.3 million jobs lost. Don't take my number. Don't take your number. Take the median number in the study, 1.3 million jobs. That is the entire State of Maine losing their jobs.

What we have also seen is that small businesses, as minimum wages go to a higher level, look at automating jobs, which means those jobs go away.

It is the low-income workers, the first job for many people, their first entry into opportunity where they can then become a homeowner, then become part of the American Dream, those are hit the hardest. In fact, the study shows that this bill would reduce family income by \$9 billion.

I know we can look at it from different sides, but, again, if you just took the median, split the difference between your numbers and mine, you end up with 1.3 million jobs lost and devastation for a lot of people at the lower incomes.

The Seattle study shows not theory but what really did happen in a city like Seattle where they did this. By a 3-to-1 margin, low-income people were hit the hardest and hit very hard in a negative way.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding.

I would simply say that he said the entire State of Maine. Maybe he missed the fact that I said 27 million people, under this bill, are going to get an increase in their salary and in their ability to support themselves and their families. That, by the way, is about the size, perhaps, of New York. It is not quite California, which is 38 or 39 million people. But 27 million are going to get a raise.

My suggestion is, and I believe this sincerely, that that increase and raise, because they are consumers, those con-

sumers all spend their spendable money. They need it to support themselves, and that is going to be an infusion.

When the gentleman says small business, I understand that. We all pay it in the end because the consumer of services and goods is who will pay it. We understand that. But not paying it perhaps advantages us because some families can't support themselves and, very frankly, may be on public assistance, so we pay for it one way or the other.

This is the right thing to do. Twenty-seven million Americans, that is about a sixth, I think, of our workforce, somewhere in that neighborhood, are going to get a raise under this bill.

I hope that the estimate of 1.3 million is wrong. I think it is wrong, as I explained. If everybody is doing the same, then the employer that needs to have things done is going to get those things done. He or she will be on a competitive level because others will be doing the same thing, in terms of the level of pay. They won't be competing with people who are paying their folks at a very low level, and people will be able to survive.

I understand the gentleman's position. By the way, I would say the gentleman's argument has been made since 1938.

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Every time the minimum wage came up for increase, we have heard this. I didn't hear it in '38, I want to make that very clear. But that argument has been made every time the minimum wage, while I have been involved in this floor over the last 30 years, has been made. And I suggest to you, as a result of the raising of the minimum wage, our economy has been better, it has grown more, people have been better off, and we have had a better country.

Mr. SCALISE. Mr. Speaker, when we talk about the 27 million, let's keep in mind that, as you look at what they studied on the impacts, it is the lower income workers, as the wages might even go up.

And, by the way, wages are already going up today. Without this bill, wages, real wages, are going up and especially benefiting the lower income, the entry-level jobs.

What President Trump wanted to do to rebuild our middle class that was evaporating—it, literally, was going away. We were losing our middle class to foreign countries because we were not competitive as a nation. And now we are competitive—not only competitive, but the envy of the world, the economic leader of the world.

Again, why would we want to bring a bill that would devastate?

And so those 27 million people, if you look again at the Seattle study, what they showed was that the cost to low-wage workers in Seattle outweighed the benefits by a ratio of 3 to 1.

So even for those people who were getting a higher wage because other

costs went up and their hours went down, the amount of time they were able to work was reduced, it actually had a devastating impact to those low-income workers.

So on one hand it might sound really good: Hey, you are going to get a higher wage; but, Oh, by the way, we are not going to be able to give you as many hours to work. And you saw that over and over again in the study, it showed millions of hours lost.

So somebody that is working two jobs, struggling to get by because they want to become part of the middle class, today they are actually seeing a wage increase if that was evaporated because of this.

Even for the people who would see a higher wage, the costs to them would be more devastating by a 3-to-1 margin if you go by what actually did happen in Seattle when they did it.

So that is why I just say that study would be important to look at, because it doesn't show just in theory, which the CBO has a lot of good underlying data to back up with, but then Seattle is where it really did happen and it was devastating to lower income workers.

If the gentleman had anything else on this, I would yield back. I did want to bring up another issue, though, but I yield to the gentleman.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding.

I think we have exhausted that subject. I think the positions have not changed since 1938, and I don't expect them to change in the next few minutes.

Mr. SCALISE. Mr. Speaker, maybe next week as this debate continues, we will see if I can be more persuasive with my friend, but likely not, but at least we ought to have that debate and at least get these sides out and aired.

Now, I do want to talk about something where I do think we have agreement but maybe a lack of understanding of a timeline, and that is the United States-Mexico-Canada trade agreement. And we have had many meetings. I know we were in a meeting together with the Prime Minister, Prime Minister Trudeau of Canada. We know our friends in Mexico want this. Our friends in Canada really want this. We want this, too.

With only 8 legislative days left before the August recess, could the gentleman give an indication if there is the ability to include USMCA on the calendar in these next 2 weeks that we have available?

And I yield to the gentleman.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding.

We did have a meeting, and in a bipartisan fashion, I think we are all hopeful that we can pass the USMCA.

I was here when we passed NAFTA, as was the Speaker. There were a number of promises made, as the gentleman knows from his knowing experience of NAFTA. We are very focused, as the gentleman knows, on workers' rights, environmental protections, the price of

biologics, and the length of time that they would be protected from generic competition and bringing prices down.

But we are, as we discussed in the meeting to which the gentleman referred where we met with the Prime Minister of Canada, Mr. Trudeau, and many of his Cabinet, we are very concerned about enforcement. We want to say if we make this agreement that it will, in fact, be enforced. And, as the gentleman knows, there were meetings as late as yesterday on this issue.

The good news is, as the gentleman probably knows, Ambassador Lighthizer has great respect and confidence on both sides of the aisle. I would say that he is one of those people who both sides of the aisle believe is credible, knowledgeable, straightforward and an honest broker. So we are working very hard with him.

Almost every Democrat has said we are trying to get to “yes” on this. I don’t think you have heard many Democrats, if any, say we are not for this agreement.

So I am hopeful that we can get there, personally. I think this is an improvement over the existing NAFTA.

I would say, however, that I think it would be a mistake if, in fact, we don’t get to an agreement, which I hope we will, to back out of NAFTA, as the President has indicated. I think that would cause chaos in our economy and with respect to Canada and Mexico, as well. So I think that would not be a good policy. But I think a good policy would be, if we can get enforcement and the assurances that the agreements that are made will, in fact, be carried out by all parties, then, hopefully, we can get this done.

Whether we can get this done by the August break, I can’t make that representation to the gentleman, which does not surprise him, I am sure. But I can tell you, yesterday, as you know, there was work being done on it, and I trust that there will be work being done on it in the coming days. And if we can get to an agreement, we will move it as quickly as possible.

But we may need to make sure that the protections that are referenced in the document will, in fact, be the protections that are affected and enforceable.

I thank the gentleman.

Mr. SCALISE. I thank the gentleman, and I share the same sentiment that Ambassador Lighthizer has done a great job of working with Members on both sides to address questions, concerns, find ways to make sure that those concerns are addressed, whether they are already inside the agreement or if there are other things that can be done to double underscore and highlight those concerns.

But, in the meantime, hopefully, we can move beyond trying to get to yes and actually have a bill where we can whip that and get to yes. I know we have a whip team that I have put together on our side that is ready to go and, hopefully, your side will be able to get there.

It would be ideal if we can do that before we recess. Clearly, that is not the only way to get this done, but we do have to respect, as well, that the other countries, our friends, Mexico and Canada, have an interest in this, as well.

Canada has elections coming up. We don’t want to have this jeopardized and become something that gets pushed behind their national elections. Ideally, we can get it done well in advance of their elections and respect the fact that they would like this done, as well, and the good will that is being created between our three countries.

So I am hopeful that we can get through these final issues, get a bill that we can bring to the floor, work together to pass, and then see the benefits in our economy, see an improved NAFTA, a bill that is better for American workers and opening up more access to markets in Canada and Mexico that right now are closed.

So I thank the gentleman for the encouragement, and I remain hopeful, as well, and would continue to encourage that we get this done as quickly as possible.

Finally, on the NDAA bill that we just finished, we had, of course, disagreement on a number of fronts in terms of the priorities of our military, but I would want to bring up one point, and that was the piece of legislation, the Military Surviving Spouses Equity Act by our colleague, JOE WILSON.

When you all took the majority, you created a new mechanism for Members to bring bills to the floor called the Consensus Calendar. This was the first bill that actually met that criteria, in fact, far exceeded the 290 signatures—he had 365 cosponsors, incredibly bipartisan—to address a real serious problem for spouses of men and women in uniform who died fighting for our country, to make sure that an inequity is corrected that we both agree needs to be fixed.

Here is a bill that can quickly get to the President’s desk, and maybe it gets included in other pieces of legislation that might come months away, but here is a bill where a Member worked in good faith, under the rules that were created, and it was unfortunate that the rule to bring the NDAA bill to the floor turned off the Consensus Calendar specifically for that bill, that one bill which happened to be the first bill that met that requirement.

I would just ask if the gentleman could maybe look again at bringing that bill to the floor as a standalone bill in respect of the hard bipartisan work that Congressman WILSON made to address a serious problem for spouses, widows of our men and women who die in uniform.

Mr. HOYER. I thank the gentleman for his comment, JOE WILSON, of course, a member of his party.

JOE WILSON filed that bill five Congresses ago, 8 years ago, and it languished. It was not brought to the floor. It did not pass.

I understand the gentleman’s concern, but he ought to also reflect upon

the fact that JOE WILSON introduced it four Congresses ago, so that we have now included it in the bill. We think it was a proper provision to have in our bill.

Of course, all your people voted against that bill, and I would observe, they voted against a bill that, frankly, the chairman of your committee, now the ranking member, wrote an op-ed in *The Wall Street Journal* that said the appropriate level of funding was exactly what we put in our bill. The Joint Chiefs of Staff said that the figure for 2020 was 733.

I was deeply regretful that a bill which was the figure that Mr. THORNBERRY put forward in an editorial in *The Wall Street Journal*—and, I might say, I had conversations with him subsequent to that, recently, which confirmed to me that he still held that view.

Notwithstanding that, every one of your Republicans voted against it. And it was the largest—there was this complaint about the size of the military pay raise. It was the largest raise for our military in 10 years. Now, we were in charge 10 years ago and we are now back in charge, which means we have had the two largest raises, and that was included in your MTR.

Mr. Speaker, I would hope the whip would, as we do so often, work in a bipartisan fashion on these issues. The committee did work in a bipartisan fashion. I am very disappointed that this was made a political issue. Mr. Speaker, it was made a political issue on the theory that maybe the Democrats can’t pass this bill, and if we all vote against it, we will say: Look, the Democrats don’t support defense.

Mr. Speaker, we did pass that bill. We passed it with over 218 votes—220, to be exact—and it included some very, very important things for our men and women in uniform, for weapons systems, for operations, for training to strengthen our national security.

It was turned into, in my opinion, Mr. Speaker, a partisan issue, and that is sad and unfortunate because, at least on the national security of which I have been supportive for 38 years—I supported much of the Reagan buildup. I supported the deployment of missiles in Europe. I supported the MX missile, which was somewhat controversial in my district. I did it because I thought America needed to be strong and to make sure the world knew we were going to be strong.

When you talk about JOE WILSON’s amendment, which we included in our bill, which you were supportive of and I think the level of funding was also, frankly, intellectually supported, if not politically supported, I regret that we did not have a bipartisan vote on the defense bill.

With respect to his specific question, I respond to the whip, Mr. Speaker: We hope this bill is signed. If not, we hope it goes to conference. We hope we have a conference agreement, Mr. Speaker, and we hope that the Wilson amendment is kept in the conference report.

Mr. SCALISE. Mr. Speaker, let's be crystal clear about what happened.

The chairman of the Armed Services Committee made this a political bill by putting poison pills in the bill that undermined our national security. That is not a partisan issue.

And so if you go back to the funding levels—I yield to my friend.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman specify what they were?

Mr. SCALISE. Mr. Speaker, I will absolutely be happy to specify what those are, but first of all, let's talk about funding levels.

It is not just about funding levels. If you have a funding level and then you put policy underneath it that limits our men and women in uniform's ability to train safely and to do their job safely and effectively, that is a poison pill approach.

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It is a partisan approach. It should have never happened.

Mr. Speaker, it has been 58 years where Republicans and Democrats have worked alike together to pass a National Defense Authorization Act, not making it political, specifically in committee.

There is no Member of our Congress who works better with people on both sides of the aisle to support our men and women in uniform than MAC THORNBERRY. Mr. THORNBERRY worked overtime to try to heal this divide, to make sure a bill could come out of committee that was bipartisan, reflecting those 58 years.

In fact, the Senate did this, and I think the gentleman from Maryland knows this well. The Senate did not make it political. The Senate passed a bill with an 86-8 vote, with all the leadership of the Republican side and Democratic side voting together.

That was the approach we wanted to take, Mr. Speaker. If there was a better way, we should have done it together.

But the majority side went against even what Senate Democrats did and chose an approach, for example, that undermined our nuclear missile defense and that went against the AUMF agreement that, if your bill were to become law, would have made it harder for us to counter terrorism activities in the Middle East.

Why would we want to do that in legislation and hamstring our men and women in uniform? In fact, the bill that the majority just passed would undermine the gains we have made in enabling our men and women in uniform to train more safely.

Before we came up with the 2-year budget agreement that we got together, Republicans and Democrats, when we were in the majority, we were seeing our men and women in uniform die in training missions more than they were dying in combat. It was by a 5-to-1 margin that men and women in uniform were dying in training missions, planes falling out of the sky because they didn't have enough spare parts.

We finally started to address that. This bill undermines that, making our men and women in uniform less safe. That is not the approach we should be taking. If the gentleman wants to call that bipartisan, then go look at the fact that no Republicans voted for that bill and eight Democrats voted against it. It was a partisan approach. It was a bill that undermines our national security.

The Senate didn't do that. The Senate came together the right kind of way. It is the way we should have done it here.

If the gentleman wants to talk about the pay raise, let's be very clear and upfront about it. If we didn't even have this bill, our men and women in uniform get that pay raise. It is current law. It is like they are putting a provision in their bill saying the Sun is going to come up tomorrow, and then if it does, they take credit for it.

The pay raise was already going to happen, so they put it in the bill and say they gave the pay raise. It was already there. We got it into law when we were in the majority working with the Democrats. We didn't just say it was our way or the highway.

The NDAA bill, every year we were in the majority, was a bill that was worked on with Republicans and Democrats, and they didn't send it out of committee until they had complete agreement. That was an area where we didn't have political differences.

We are going to have political differences on minimum wage and some of these other issues, but we shouldn't have our men and women in uniform become part of the political divide in Washington. The Senate didn't do it. Our Members didn't do it and tried to work together.

If the chairman wanted to go his own way, that is not the approach we should be taking. It is not the approach we have taken for 58 years. It is not the approach that Senate Democrats took when they worked with Republicans to come up with a bill that put our men and women in uniform as a priority.

Mr. Speaker, the majority leader can look at the bill and talk about what is in it. I will tell the gentleman that is already current law anyway. I will also tell him what the Senate did to make sure that they didn't have those poison pill provisions.

They shouldn't have been in the bill. Ultimately, they are not going to be in anything that becomes law. The gentleman knows it, and I know it.

What happened today shouldn't have happened. Maybe it is a lesson that when we get beyond this and we see what the final product is going to be, it will be a bill where we come together.

Ultimately, we will come together to make sure our men and women in uniform have the tools that they need to train safely and defend our Nation safely, but the bill that came out of the House today did not achieve that. It fell very short of where this House should have been in representing our men and women in uniform.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, obviously, we could debate a bill we just passed, a bill that has been debated on this floor for 3 days, a bill that was chairmanned and supported by somebody equally, if not more, bipartisan in terms of his work over the years on this matter of defense, ADAM SMITH, period.

It is a good bill, Mr. Speaker. It takes care of the men and women. It provides them the necessary resources. And, yes, it says we ought to have a new AUMF that is now 18 years old.

With respect to the pay raise that was going to happen anyway, I presume that the gentleman refers to the recommendation of the President of the United States, a Republican. We took the recommendations of the President of the United States and put it in our bill. It is higher than any figure that was put in for our men and women in uniform during the previous 10 years that the Republicans controlled the House and controlled this bill.

There were poison pills, from my perspective, in the defense bills in years past. I now note that I voted against those bills when they passed the House. I voted for the conference committee when it came back.

I am hopeful that the Republicans will decide that the rhetoric they used, "If you vote against this bill," meaning the defense bill, to our side, "you vote against the men and women in the Armed Forces, the men and women in uniform, the men and women at the point of the spear," I hope you will remember that language, Mr. Speaker. I hope my Republican colleagues will remember that language. Now, apparently, it doesn't apply.

This was a good bill. That was a bill worked on in a bipartisan fashion.

I will tell the whip, Mr. Speaker, that I had conversations with some of the top Republican leaders on that committee with respect to funding levels. I was told that the funding levels that were in our bill, as the Joint Chiefs said and as the ranking member said in an editorial in *The Wall Street Journal*, were appropriate levels that will fund the priorities of our country and the needs of our national security, Mr. Speaker.

Certainly, I hope that the Senate and the House can work on this. By the way, the Senate number is the same as our number as it relates to compensation, I believe, for members of the Armed Forces.

I would hope, Mr. Speaker, when this bill comes back from conference, that we will have agreement, will pass it, and will send it to the President for signature. That is the way it ought to be.

I am sorry that we didn't get significant support, as is almost always the case, except when political games were played, not just that items were put in that the Republicans didn't like or the Democrats didn't like. There were a lot of things in the defense bills that I

voted for that I didn't like, but I thought the overall bill was a bill that supported our troops and supported our national security, as I think this bill did. We will see.

Mr. SCALISE. Mr. Speaker, as we continue this debate as the bill moves through the process, and we look at where the Senate started with a very large 86-8 vote, Republicans and Democrats working together and coming together, we can agree on funding levels. But if the underlying policy undermines the actual money that is being spent, undermines the mission, the ability for our men and women to train safely and defend our country safely, then the funding levels are not being spent properly.

It is about not just the money but how the money is being spent, the policies behind it that allow our men and women to train safely, to defend our country safely. That is an issue. We will continue debating that.

I would predict, in the end, a final product that goes to the President's desk is going to look a lot more like the Senate bill than the bill that came out of the House and, hopefully, addresses all of those problems that were identified earlier. We will continue that debate as well.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman if he has anything else.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I only want to say that I do not accept the premise that anything in this bill we just passed with a majority vote undermines training, operations, or acquisitions, period.

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

ADJOURNMENT FROM FRIDAY, JULY 12, 2019, TO MONDAY, JULY 15, 2019

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Monday next, when it shall convene at noon for morning-hour debate and 2 p.m. for legislative business.

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

There was no objection.

MOMENT OF SILENCE HONORING LAKE LITTLE

(Mr. GUEST asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GUEST. Mr. Speaker, on Sunday, Mississippi lost a talented young woman when she tragically died in an airplane accident.

Lake Little had accomplished a great deal in her lifetime. She was an honors student, a skilled athlete, and a volunteer in her local community.

Lake had a bright future. She held dreams of serving her country in the United States Air Force and had already enlisted in the Mississippi Air National Guard.

Mississippi is proud of the life that Lake lived, and we are grateful for the positive impact she had in her community and on our State.

Today, Lake's friends, family, and community have gathered to remember her and celebrate her life.

Mr. Speaker, I ask for a moment of silence on the House floor at this time as we join Lake's loved ones in honoring her memory.

ELIMINATING UNNECESSARY ENVIRONMENTAL AND SAFETY REGULATIONS FOR HOUSING

(Mr. LAMALFA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to highlight the Trump administration's latest efforts to combat the skyrocketing housing costs in the United States.

There is likely no State in the country feeling the ill effects of unaffordable housing more so than my home State of California. That is why I applaud the President's recent executive order establishing a White House Council on Eliminating Regulatory Barriers to Affordable Housing.

Over the past 20 years, there have been countless regulations implemented in California that make building a home so expensive that many people can no longer afford to buy them or even rent. The cost of building a home is nearly six times higher per square foot than it was 30 years ago, due to uncompromising and often unnecessary environmental and safety regulations.

I am glad there will now finally be a council tasked with looking into the true reasons behind these costs instead of continuing to offer Federal subsidies to simply mask the problem.

In my home area of the First District, housing is a critical issue, with the loss of the town of Paradise and so many people displaced there and the housing that needs to be put in place back in Paradise or in surrounding communities to help these people. The mandates that are put upon them make it almost impossible to afford.

I look forward to working with HUD Secretary Ben Carson and this White House council to examine and, hopefully, alleviate the housing crisis in California.

RECOGNIZING COACH JESSE BURLESON

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

Mr. ARRINGTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize a special guest who is here with us in the gallery today, Jesse Burleson, the head coach of the Hardin-Simmons University Cowboys football program, located in the heart of the big country, Abilene, Texas.

Coach is joined today by his wife, Lois, and his daughters, Lainey and Marisa.

Under Coach Burleson's leadership, the Cowboys have enjoyed unprecedented success, going 36 and 4 in the past four seasons, making four consecutive playoff appearances, and graduating 14 All-Americans and two Rimington Trophy winners.

Coach stresses the importance of hard work, discipline, and the necessity of making sacrifices to achieve goals. The most important thing that these Cowboys will learn while they are playing football at Hardin-Simmons is that God loves them, that He has a plan for them, and that if they follow Him, there is nothing they cannot overcome or achieve in this world.

Thank you, Coach Burleson. Hooyah, Cowboys. Go west Texas.

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ISSUES OF THE DAY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2019, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. GOHMERT) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.

Mr. GOHMERT. Mr. Speaker, it has been an interesting day. It is amazing we voted on a National Defense Authorization Act. That is normally a bipartisan action here in the House. It is normally quite a compromise. But this NDAA didn't end up being that way because it had so many different leftist dreams inserted into it that had nothing to do with the national defense. It is rather a shame. It is something that has to be worked on. We have got to be able to defend ourselves and properly pay those who are doing so, or trying to do so.

It was a sad day that we did not pass that with the same bipartisanship that we have had in the past. I hope that changes for the future. There are only a few areas like that where we have had bipartisanship in the past, and I hope we can get back to it.

One area where there hasn't been a lot of bipartisanship at all has occurred in the area of the great tragedy, crisis, emergency now, that is occurring on our southern border. It is amazing because we have heard for months that there was a manufactured crisis, it wasn't really a crisis on our southern border, that President Trump was just making it up, that Republicans were just making it up. There was no crisis there. Nothing to see. We can just keep moving along because there is no problem on the southern border.

Well, there was a crisis. There wasn't a disaster occurring there. And by virtue of the fact that people in other countries saw that the majority of the House of Representatives was sending them messages about what they were doing and saying here, that there was not going to be any wall, there was not going to be the kind of border security that we should have, and, in fact, more and more people seem to be advocating that we have no border at all.

The fact is that if a nation has no borders, it is no longer a nation. And yet, I know there are those here who think America is horrible, that it is this horrendous, imperialistic hegemony, always trying to take advantage of others. They refuse to face the fact there has never been a more generous nation than the United States. If we were imperialistic, they would not be speaking German in Germany, or French in France, or Japanese in Japan. This is not an imperialist nation. We are not out to colonize the world.

And it is amazing how some who would accuse us of that, they are doing what has become so common here in Washington, and that is projecting. If somebody does something inappropriate, harmful, or hateful, then they accuse their opponents of doing exactly what they did.

We will be getting into some of that type of projecting as we continue in our Judiciary Committee in the next couple of weeks, continuing to take up the Mueller report.

They know now, there is no question, the Clinton campaign paid a foreign agent to gather information, from what he has since admitted, who probably worked for Putin—could have very well worked for Putin, that is—and gave false information that was used and was called a dossier—of course, giving dossiers a bad name—that was used to try to stop a Presidential candidate. And, at the same time, it was used by a newly weaponized Department of Justice, FBI, and intelligence community, in at least part of it, some at the very top, to try to win an election. We hadn't had that before.

Now, we have known for some time now that J. Edgar Hoover was at the FBI so long that he began to use the FBI, not as a political weapon to win for one party or another, but just as his weapon to be able to get what he wanted from presidents, regardless of their party.

I recall seeing the FBI interview, retired, talking about Hoover sending them to watch the apartment of a woman with whom President Kennedy was supposedly having an affair, and they watched it be burglarized. They didn't report it or didn't file charges. In fact, they wanted to find out what exactly was stolen during the burglary.

They never reported it because their job was to gather information for the head of the FBI. The head of the FBI could then use it to prevent a president from doing anything the FBI director didn't want him to do, which, as I understand it, gave rise to the term limits for an FBI director. I think that was a very good thing.

I thought it was a bad thing when President Obama extended Robert Mueller's 10-year term by 2 years. He was a fiasco. He was a disaster. He ran off thousands and thousands of years of experience. And I can't help but think that if Mueller had not instituted a policy, personnel policy, that ran off

thousands and thousands of years of experience, some of his best people around the country and the world, that there would not have been the atmosphere that existed with McCabe as acting FBI director. People like Strzok in charge of counterintelligence, Lisa Page, people who used the FBI as just a political tool, a weaponized political tool, and people in the DOJ who we are finding out more about all the time, whether it is Loretta Lynch and, before that, Eric Holder.

But if Mueller had not run off so many of our best long-serving FBI agents, I still continue to believe there would have been people around when Strzok, McCabe, and others were trying to use the FBI as a political weapon. There would have been longer-serving people who would have said: You can't do this. This is not what the FBI is about.

But Mueller wanted nothing but yes people around him: people who would salute him, figuratively speaking, and the flag and do exactly what he said without reservations. So he got much younger agents in charge all around the country and the world, people that would not be able to say: Sir, I know that seems like a good idea, but I was here 20 years ago when we tried that, and it was a disaster. I would recommend looking back at the failure before, before you push us into this new type of activity.

And, of course, he wouldn't listen to anybody when he wasted millions of dollars on computer and software programs. But that, to me, was not near the biggest problem as the damage he had done with the FBI.

He came out with a report that is just abysmal. I mean, when I was an assistant district attorney, fresh out of law school, and I was asked to put something together about this case or that case, what I put together was a lot better than anything Mueller put together. That was a political document.

And I know I have some Republican friends, media friends, who think the new Horowitz IG report is going to be just breathtaking. But the trouble is, he already had one report. As I told him in our hearing, he spent about 500 pages documenting the most outrageous and unbelievable bias and prejudice against a candidate, Donald Trump, and in favor of a candidate, Hillary Clinton. He documents just outrageous, blatant bigotry against a party, a candidate. And, as I told him at the hearing: I think you realize, as you gathered all of that devastating evidence of outrageous prejudice in the FBI and the DOJ, and you realize, whoops, Democrats got me here. This is not going the way my friends would want it to go, so perhaps I better throw them a bone, which he didn't just throw them a bone, he threw them the whole rib-eye and said: Even though we got 500 pages documented of the most ridiculous, outrageous prejudice and bias, and even though every investigation ended up with a conclusion that

was totally consistent with all the bigotry and bias and prejudice, I find that there was no relationship between the outrageous prejudice and the conclusion to the cases coming out exactly consistent with the bias.

It was ridiculous, absolutely ridiculous.

So he showed us that he was not capable of giving us a proper conclusion in the first Horowitz inspector general report. So I would just encourage people, don't get your hopes up that he is going to man up and do the right thing, or woman up, whichever you prefer, in the next Horowitz IG report. I hope he does. I pray he does do the right thing. But that remains to be seen.

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

HONORING H. ROSS PEROT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2019, the Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Texas (Ms. GRANGER) for 30 minutes.

Ms. GRANGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor a Texas legend, an American original, and a historic icon, H. Ross Perot. There is not enough time in the day and not enough words in the world to describe the remarkable life of this remarkable man.

Born and raised in Texarkana, Texas, Perot, as a boy, delivered newspapers on horseback before dawn. And that same entrepreneurial spirit led him in the 1960s to start Electronic Data Systems, a company that would revolutionize the business world and make him a household name.

It would be enough if Perot's life had been devoted to his business. But as a believer, he knew from scripture that to whom much is given, much is expected. So, his life became about much more than making money, it became about making a difference, and what a difference he made.

He spent his life, and much of his fortune, on other people. He gave to philanthropic causes, supported countless people in need, and even purchased the Magna Carta, which, in true Perot fashion, he gave to the National Archives so all Americans could see it.

He also worked tirelessly to help, support, and honor American prisoners of war in Vietnam. And when some of his own EDS employees got caught in the Iranian hostage crisis in 1979, he organized and supervised a rescue mission to get them out.

What made Perot so unique, so successful, so enduring? Having known him, I can answer that question. It was his relentless devotion to transforming a dream into reality.

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Whether it is freeing prisoners in Iran or building one of the greatest companies in history, Ross Perot would not be denied. This relentlessness was the lighthouse that guided him through the stiff winds and stormy seas of 89 years.

When his long-time friend and lawyer, Tom Luce, was working for him, Perot once asked him to call a competitor about a business deal. The next day, Perot asked Luce if he had talked to the man. "I left him a message," was Luce's unfortunate response.

"You are going to go broke leaving messages," Perot responded in rebuke. It was a message Luce never forgot and it is an example of the relentless drive that made Perot so successful for so long.

For me, I am grateful to have known Mr. Perot. As a friend, he could be loyal and loving. He gave advice when he was asked for it, and sometimes when he wasn't asked for it, but it always came from his experience and his heart. If you were his friend, he was on your side and wanted you to succeed.

Of course, Perot's greatest accomplishment was his family. He was married for more than 60 years to his wife, Margo, and he was the proud father of 5 and proud grandfather of 16. Each of them will continue in their own ways to carry on the great legacy of a great man. America has lost an amazing hero, and those who knew him lost an amazing friend.

Ross Perot will be missed, but he will never be forgotten.

I yield to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. CARTER).

Mr. CARTER of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise to speak on the occasion of the passing of a great American hero, a gentle giant, a man who spoke his mind when he needed to and stood for what was right. Now I am convinced, knowing his faith, he is among the angels.

Ross Perot was a man who cared about Americans. He was a great American, and a great Texan with a heart as big as Texas. And the things that Ms. GRANGER said were absolutely the truth and a great story about Ross Perot.

But an untold story, because he pretty much kept it untold, is how many times Ross Perot would hear about and help a wounded soldier, or an unfortunate American wherever they may be, who had problems with healthcare, or problems with medical bills.

In my district, there was a wounded soldier who was totally incapacitated and had no way to get around except in a wheelchair, and Ross Perot, without any public acknowledgment, looking for no fame for his good, kind heart, provided for his needs. He would pay the hospital bills.

In the case of that young man, a young soldier in Round Rock, he provided him with a van which was wheelchair accessible without disclosing who gave the gift, other than: "I want to make sure this young man can get around."

Those stories go on and on in every State in this Union. Mr. Perot was a man who cared about the American citizens and our soldiers, sailors, airmen, marines, and coastguardsmen, wherever they may be. If they were in need of his help, he was there for them.

So, today, we have lost an American hero, a great human being. He will be missed by many, and he will be missed by me. He left a legacy of a wonderful family who has the same kind of strong, productive heart that makes things happen in this world, and cares about America.

Many of us wonder if what we did in our life would really matter. Ross Perot didn't have to worry about that. Everything he did mattered, not only to our country, but to a lot of individuals who were in need.

We were blessed by the life of Ross Perot, and he will be missed.

Ms. GRANGER. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. GOHMERT).

Mr. GOHMERT. Mr. Speaker, I met Ross Perot while I was a student at Texas A&M. He was very much involved in activities at the Memorial Student Center, and he came more than once.

I owed the Army 4 years for the scholarship I was using at the time, and I got to meet this guy that had gone to the Naval Academy, served his country, and loved this country. Nobody could rival the love he had for the United States of America.

He was willing to lay down his life, if called upon to do it, for his country. But then, again, Ross Perot was willing to give everything he had for anything that he felt should be done.

Having grown up in the town of Mount Pleasant just down the road from Texarkana and New Boston, I heard about him for years before I met him in college. He was a legend even then, even though EDS had not grown to nearly the heights that it would under his leadership.

But everything that he was involved in, whether it was charitable, whether it was business, he demanded truth. He demanded the best that anyone could give, and hearing from so many people who worked for him, he rewarded truth, he rewarded hard work, and he has a lot to show for it.

They say, we are told in scripture that where your heart is, there your treasure will be. It is really uplifting to see a man who has been able to store up treasure without a dollar value, and, yet, has done so well in business. His son, Ross Jr., has been a friend, has been helpful, and I know we all grieve for the family.

But as a family of believers, I know that we will all get to see him some day. The question to me is: In heaven, will we all have the same accent? It would be a shame to lose his. I hope we still get to hear that same sound.

But some were—and I was one of them in 1992—wondering about him running for President. But you ultimately realize, this man has never changed. Truth means everything to him. Not harming the country that he loved, and he served was uppermost in his mind. It never went away. That is why he did so much for soldiers, sailors, marines, and the Coast Guard. He

would do anything for those serving our country, including invest massive amounts to try to free POWs.

He was an extraordinary man, and if he saw somebody was not being as truthful as he thought they should be, then he was going to get involved.

He was a man that will be sorely missed, but what a legacy, what a history, and what a love for God and this country that we miss already.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. GOHMERT. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 2 o'clock and 53 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Monday, July 15, 2019, at noon for morning-hour debate.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

1604. A letter from the Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting the Board's semiannual Monetary Policy Report to the Congress, pursuant to Public Law 106-569; to the Committee on Financial Services.

1605. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting a report on the status of all extensions granted by Congress of the deadlines for the commencement of construction of Commission-licensed hydropower projects, pursuant to Section 1701(c)(5) of the Energy Policy Act of 1002; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1606. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Office of the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's FY 2017 Performance Report to Congress for the Office of Combination Products, pursuant to the Medical Device User Fee and Modernization Act of 2002; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1607. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Treasury, transmitting a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Lebanon that was declared in Executive Order 13441 of August 1, 2007, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1641(c); Public Law 94-412, Sec. 401(c); (90 Stat. 1257) and 50 U.S.C. 1703(c); Public Law 95-223, Sec 204(c); (91 Stat. 1627); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

1608. A letter from the White House Liaison, Office of Legislation and Congressional Affairs, Department of Education, transmitting a notification of a vacancy, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 3349(a); Public Law 105-277, 151(b); (112 Stat. 2681-614); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

1609. A letter from the Staff Director, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, transmitting the Commission's FY 2018 No FEAR Act Report, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 2301 note; Public Law 107-174, 203(a) (as amended by Public Law 109-435, Sec. 604(f)); (120 Stat. 3242); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

1610. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's temporary rule — Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Scup Fishery; Adjustment to

the 2018 Winter II Quota [Docket No.: 170828822-70999-02] (RIN: 0648-XG475) received July 9, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

1611. A letter from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's modification of fishing seasons — Fisheries Off West Coast States; Modifications of the West Coast Recreational and Commercial Salmon Fisheries; Inseason Actions #12 through #37 [Docket No.: 170831849-8404-01] (RIN: 0648-XG563) received July 9, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

1612. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's temporary rule — Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Summer Flounder Fishery; Quota Transfer [Docket No.: 170828822-70999-04] (RIN: 0648-XG574) received July 9, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

1613. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's temporary rule — Snapper-Grouper Fishery of the South Atlantic; 2018 Recreational Accountability Measure and Closure for the South Atlantic Other Jacks Complex [Docket No.: 120815345-3525-02] (RIN: 0648-XG662) received July 9, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

1614. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Summer Flounder Fishery; Quota Transfer [Docket No.: 170828822-70999-03] (RIN: 0648-XG552) received July 9, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

1615. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's temporary rule — Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Reef Fish Resources of the Gulf of Mexico; Commercial Reef Fish Fishery of the Gulf of Mexico; 2019 Red Grouper Commercial Quota Retention [Docket No.: 141104927-4927-01] (RIN: 0648-XG564) received July 9, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

1616. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's temporary rule — Snapper-Grouper Fishery of the South Atlantic; 2018 Recreational Accountability Measure and Closure for South Atlantic Red Grouper [Docket No.: 100812345-2142-03] (RIN: 0648-XG661) received July 9, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

1617. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's temporary rule — Magnuson-Stevens Act Provisions; Fisheries Off West Coast States; Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery; 2018 Tribal Fishery Allocations for Pacific Whiting; Reapportionment Between Tribal and Non-trib-

al Sectors [Docket No.: 171023999-8440-02] (RIN: 0648-XG581) received July 9, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

1618. A letter from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's temporary rule — Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Atlantic Bluefin Tuna Fisheries [Docket No.: 180117042-8884-02] (RIN: 0648-XG624) received July 9, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

1619. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's temporary rule — Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Northeast Multispecies Fishery; Georges Bank Cod Trip Limit Adjustment for the Common Pool Fishery [Docket No.: 151211999-6343-02] (RIN: 0648-XG607) received July 9, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

1620. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's temporary rule — Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Atlantic Bluefin Tuna Fisheries [Docket No.: 180117042-8884-02] (RIN: 0648-XG599) received July 9, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

1621. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's temporary rule — Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Summer Flounder Fishery; Quota Transfer [Docket No.: 170828822-70999-04] (RIN: 0648-XG669) received July 9, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

1622. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's temporary rule — Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Small-Mesh Multispecies Fishery; Inseason Adjustment to the Southern Red Hake Possession Limit [Docket No.: 180209147-8509-02] (RIN: 0648-XG674) received July 9, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

1623. A letter from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's temporary rule — Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Re-Opening of Commercial Harvest for South Atlantic Red Snapper [Docket No.: 1710319998630-02] (RIN: 0648-XG652) received July 9, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

1624. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's temporary rule — Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Atlantic Bluefin Tuna Fisheries [Docket No.: 150121066-5717-02] (RIN: 0648-XG489) received July 9, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

1625. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administra-

tion, transmitting the Administration's temporary rule — Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Commercial Blacktip Sharks in the Eastern Gulf of Mexico Sub-Region; Closure [Docket No.: 150413357-5999-02] (RIN: 0648-XG647) received July 9, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

1626. A letter from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's temporary rule — Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Atlantic Bluefin Tuna Fisheries [Docket No.: 180117042-8884-02] (RIN: 0648-XG651) received July 9, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

1627. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's temporary rule — Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Summer Flounder Fishery; Quota Transfer [Docket No.: 170828822-70999-04] (RIN: 0648-XG633) received July 9, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

1628. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting a petition filed on behalf of workers at the Idaho National Laboratory in Scoville, Idaho, to be added to the Special Exposure Cohort, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 7384q(c)(2); Public Law 106-398, Sec. 1 (as amended by Public Law 108-375, Sec. 3166(b)(1)); (118 Stat. 2188); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

1629. A letter from the President, National Council on Radiation Protection and Measurements, transmitting the 2018 Annual Audit Report of the Council, pursuant to 36 U.S.C. 10101(b)(1) and 150909; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

[Omitted from the Record of July 11, 2019]

Mr. SCHIFF: Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence. H.R. 3494. A bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2020 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes; with amendments (Rept. 116-151, Pt. 1). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

[Submitted July 12, 2019]

Mr. NADLER: Committee on the Judiciary. H.R. 1327. A bill to extend authorization for the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund of 2001 through fiscal year 2090, and for other purposes (Rept. 116-152). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Ms. JOHNSON of Texas: Committee on Science, Space, and Technology. H.R. 36. A bill to provide for research to better understand the causes and consequences of sexual harassment affecting individuals in the scientific, technical, engineering, and mathematics workforce and to examine policies to reduce the prevalence and negative impact of such harassment, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 116-153). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

DISCHARGE OF COMMITTEE

[Omitted from the Record of July 11, 2019]

Pursuant to clause 2 of rule XIII, the Committee on Ways and Means discharged from further consideration. H.R. 3494 referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions of the following titles were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Ms. DEAN:

H.R. 3732. A bill to amend the Revised Statutes of the United States and title 28, United States Code, to enhance compliance with requests for information pursuant to legislative power under Article I of the Constitution, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. DUNN:

H.R. 3733. A bill to remove from the John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System the areas included in Indian Peninsula Unit FL-92 and Cape San Blas Unit P-30 in Florida; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas (for herself and Mr. CHABOT):

H.R. 3734. A bill to require the Comptroller General of the United States to report on access to credit for small business concerns owned and controlled by covered individuals, to require the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to report on the veterans interagency task force, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business.

By Mr. QUIGLEY (for himself, Ms. DEAN, and Mr. STEUBE):

H.R. 3735. A bill to require the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to provide information on suicide rates in law enforcement, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania:

H.R. 3736. A bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to require the principal campaign committee of a candidate in a general election for the office of President to file a certification that the candidate has undergone a medical examination conducted by a medical office under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Navy; to the Committee on House Administration.

By Mr. CARTWRIGHT:

H.R. 3737. A bill to require foreign manufacturers of products imported into the United States to establish registered agents in the United States who are authorized to accept service of process against such manufacturers; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, and Agriculture, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. COHEN:

H.R. 3738. A bill to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to establish a grant program for jurisdictions with high rates of violent crime, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. COLLINS of New York:

H.R. 3739. A bill to withhold Federal highway funds from States that provide drivers' licenses or identification cards to aliens who are unlawfully present in the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. CRAWFORD:

H.R. 3740. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to simplify and rename the H-2C worker program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, and Education and Labor, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. DEUTCH:

H.R. 3741. A bill to establish the National Center for the Right to Counsel; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mrs. DINGELL (for herself, Mr.

FORTENBERRY, Mr. LOWENTHAL, Mr. VELA, Ms. LEE of California, Mr. CRIST, Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. AMODEI, Mr. ROUZER, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Ms. ESHOO, Ms. BONAMICI, Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire, Mr. HILL of Arkansas, Mr. HASTINGS, Mr. SCHRADER, Ms. DEAN, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Mr. KILMER, Mr. QUIGLEY, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia, Mr. COLE, Mr. GAETZ, Mr. VEASEY, Mr. CARBAJAL, Mr. UPTON, Mr. PAPPAS, Mrs. AXNE, Mr. MICHAEL F. DOYLE of Pennsylvania, Mr. SOTO, Mr. COURTNEY, Mrs. RADEWAGEN, Mr. MAST, Mr. CUELLAR, Mr. SIMPSON, Mr. COOPER, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. MARSHALL, Mr. RUTHERFORD, Mr. BROWN of Maryland, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY, Ms. DELBENE, Mr. RASKIN, Mr. BUDD, Mr. LUJÁN, Mr. STIVERS, Ms. HAALAND, Mr. COHEN, Mr. RUSH, Mr. FLEISCHMANN, Mr. HUFFMAN, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Mr. GRIJALVA, Ms. NORTON, Miss GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN of Puerto Rico, Mr. LONG, Mr. KILDEE, Mr. CARTWRIGHT, and Ms. TLAIB):

H.R. 3742. A bill to amend the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act to make supplemental funds available for management of fish and wildlife species of greatest conservation need as determined by State fish and wildlife agencies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on the Budget, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Ms. FUDGE (for herself, Mrs. HAYES, and Ms. ADAMS):

H.R. 3743. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to require that certain information with respect to nutrition assistance programs be annually disclosed, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and Labor.

By Mr. KIND (for himself, Mr. REED, Mr. POCAN, Mrs. WALORSKI, Mr. WELCH, Mr. GALLAGHER, Mr. PETERS, Mr. SIMPSON, and Mr. COLLINS of New York):

H.R. 3744. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make qualified biogas property and qualified manure resource recovery property eligible for the energy credit and to permit renewable energy bonds to finance qualified biogas property, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. LAWSON of Florida (for himself, Ms. ADAMS, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mr. CRIST, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, Mr. RASKIN, Ms. NORTON, Mr. MCGOVERN, Ms. PRESSLEY, Ms. LEE of California, Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York, Ms. GARCIA of Texas, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Mrs. DEMINGS, Mr. VARGAS, and Mr. LYNCH):

H.R. 3745. A bill to provide physical standards and reform the inspection process for housing assisted under section 8 of the United States Housing Act of 1937, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mrs. LOWEY:

H.R. 3746. A bill to provide that service of the members of the organization known as the United States Cadet Nurse Corps during World War II constituted active military service for purposes of laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. NEGUSE:

H.R. 3747. A bill to require the Federal Government to acquire mineral rights, and prohibit disturbance, of the subsurface of federally owned sites listed on the National Priorities List to the extent necessary to protect cleanup remedies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, and Transportation and Infrastructure, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. PANETTA:

H.R. 3748. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act with respect to in absentia removal proceedings, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. PANETTA (for himself, Mr. CISNEROS, Mr. STEUBE, Mr. MAST, Mr. WALTZ, and Mr. BACON):

H.R. 3749. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to make grants to entities that provide legal services for homeless veterans and veterans at risk for homelessness; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN:

H. Con. Res. 53. Concurrent resolution authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall for an event to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the arrival of the first African slaves to the territory that would become the United States; to the Committee on House Administration.

By Mr. BOST (for himself, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mr. BROOKS of Alabama, Mr. COLLINS of New York, Mr. CRAWFORD, Mr. GOHMERT, Mr. RESCHENTHALER, Mr. BAIRD, Mr. HICE of Georgia, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. RUTHERFORD, Mr. GAETZ, Mr. LAHOOD, Mr. COMER, Mr. WALKER, Mr. RIGGLEMAN, Mr. BRADY, Mr. GIANFORTE, Mr. MEADOWS, Mr. SHIMKUS, and Mr. MOOLENAAR):

H. Res. 485. A resolution recognizing the historic significance of the "Betsy Ross Flag", a symbolic representation of America's revolutionary period and our Nation's commitment to freedom and unity; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio (for himself, Mr. JORDAN, Mr. MCKINLEY, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mrs. BEATTY, Mr. KEATING, Mr. LYNCH, Mr. LATTA, Mr. JOYCE of Ohio, Mr. NEAL, Mr.

STIVERS, Mr. DAVIDSON of Ohio, Mr. GIBBS, Mr. CHABOT, Mr. KENNEDY, and Mr. TURNER):

H. Res. 486. A resolution honoring the life and legacy of John Havlicek; to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

By Mr. KEATING (for himself and Mr. KINZINGER):

H. Res. 487. A resolution expressing full support to the Ukrainian people in their aspiration to continue consolidating their democracy and rule of law; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia (for himself, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, Ms. FUDGE, Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER, and Ms. NORTON):

H. Res. 488. A resolution supporting the designation of July 2019 as Uterine Fibroids Awareness Month; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

PRIVATE BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 3 of rule XII,

Mr. CLAY introduced a bill (H.R. 3750) for the relief of Rene Alexander Garcia Maldonado; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY STATEMENT

Pursuant to clause 7 of rule XII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the following statements are submitted regarding the specific powers granted to Congress in the Constitution to enact the accompanying bill or joint resolution.

By Ms. DEAN:

H.R. 3732.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. DUNN:

H.R. 3733.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1 Section 8 of the United States Constitution

By Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas:

H.R. 3734.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 3

The Congress shall have Power * * * To regulate Commerce with foreign Nations, and among the several States, and with the Indian Tribes.

By Mr. QUIGLEY:

H.R. 3735.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 3 of the U.S. Constitution

By Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania:

H.R. 3736.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution under the General Welfare Clause.

By Mr. CARTWRIGHT:

H.R. 3737.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I; Section 8; Clause 3 of the Constitution states The Congress shall have power To regulate Commerce with foreign Nations, and among the several States, and with the Indian Tribes.

By Mr. COHEN:

H.R. 3738.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8

By Mr. COLLINS of New York:

H.R. 3739.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8

By Mr. CRAWFORD:

H.R. 3740.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I of the U.S. Constitution

By Mr. DEUTCH:

H.R. 3741.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Clause 1 of Section 8 of Article I of the U.S. Constitution and Clause 18 of Section 8 of Article I of the U.S. Constitution.

By Mrs. DINGELL:

H.R. 3742.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

The Constitutional authority of Congress to enact this legislation is provided by Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution.

By Ms. FUDGE:

H.R. 3743.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Regulate commerce with foreign nations, and among the several states, and with the Indian tribes.

By Mr. KIND:

H.R. 3744.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 7, Clause 1

By Mr. LAWSON of Florida:

H.R. 3745.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

To make all laws which shall be necessary and prosper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States, or in any Department or Officer thereof.

By Mrs. LOWEY:

H.R. 3746.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1.

By Mr. NEGUSE:

H.R. 3747.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution.

By Mr. PANETTA:

H.R. 3748.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, clause 18

By Mr. PANETTA:

H.R. 3749.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 18.

By Mr. CLAY:

H.R. 3750.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 7 of rule XII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions, as follows:

H.R. 35: Mr. LUJÁN and Mr. PRICE of North Carolina.

H.R. 36: Mr. SARBANES, Ms. DELAURO, and Mr. TED LIEU of California.

H.R. 40: Mr. DESAULNIER, Mr. GOMEZ, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mr. SABLAN, Mr. TAKANO, Mr. VARGAS, Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York, Mr. CARBAJAL, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Ms. SÁNCHEZ, and Mr. CÁRDENAS.

H.R. 154: Mr. DESAULNIER.

H.R. 281: Mr. STIVERS.

H.R. 336: Mr. CLOUD.

H.R. 372: Mr. FITZPATRICK.

H.R. 397: Mr. LEVIN of California.

H.R. 401: Mr. GALLEGO.

H.R. 435: Mr. PHILLIPS.

H.R. 550: Mrs. LESKO.

H.R. 616: Mr. MEUSER and Mr. BURCHETT.

H.R. 663: Mr. JEFFRIES.

H.R. 665: Ms. JUDY CHU of California.

H.R. 728: Mr. CROW, Mr. ALLRED, and Mr. LEVIN of California.

H.R. 748: Ms. WEXTON and Mr. SENSENBRENNER.

H.R. 838: Ms. BASS, Mr. MARSHALL, Mr. RASKIN, Mr. GRAVES of Louisiana, Mr. STANTON, Mr. AMODEI, Ms. MUCARSEL-POWELL, and Mr. CONAWAY.

H.R. 886: Mr. BACON and Mr. QUIGLEY.

H.R. 948: Mr. ARMSTRONG.

H.R. 1002: Mrs. DAVIS of California.

H.R. 1011: Mr. PANETTA and Ms. DELBENE.

H.R. 1128: Mr. CRIST and Mr. HUFFMAN.

H.R. 1154: Ms. SHALALA, Mrs. MCBATH, and Mr. MORELLE.

H.R. 1163: Mr. DIAZ-BALART.

H.R. 1175: Ms. TORRES SMALL of New Mexico, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Mr. ARMSTRONG, and Mrs. DINGELL.

H.R. 1230: Ms. CASTOR of Florida.

H.R. 1236: Ms. PORTER.

H.R. 1243: Mr. CASE.

H.R. 1252: Mr. NUNES, Ms. PORTER, and Mr. HARDER of California.

H.R. 1253: Mr. NUNES, Ms. PORTER, and Mr. HARDER of California.

H.R. 1254: Mr. HARDER of California.

H.R. 1274: Mr. GARAMENDI, Mr. RYAN, and Ms. JUDY CHU of California.

H.R. 1289: Ms. TITUS and Mr. ROUDA.

H.R. 1309: Mr. CUMMINGS, Mr. LEVIN of California, and Ms. MATSUI.

H.R. 1364: Ms. JUDY CHU of California and Mr. HUFFMAN.

H.R. 1374: Mr. BACON and Mr. LAHOOD.

H.R. 1375: Mr. LUETKEMEYER.

H.R. 1377: Mr. PETERSON.

H.R. 1384: Ms. LOFGREN.

H.R. 1396: Mr. AGULLAR, Mr. MOULTON, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. CARTER of Georgia, Mr. FLEISCHMANN, Mr. SABLAN, Mr. AMODEI, Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania, Mr. GALLEGO, Mr. HIMES, Mr. SAN NICOLAS, Mr. HECK, and Mr. KUSTOFF of Tennessee.

H.R. 1398: Mr. WRIGHT, Mr. DIAZ-BALART, Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois, and Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana.

H.R. 1400: Mrs. NAPOLITANO.

H.R. 1406: Mrs. BEATTY, Mr. MARCHANT, Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois, and Mr. JORDAN.

H.R. 1440: Ms. CRAIG.

H.R. 1441: Mr. PERRY.

H.R. 1486: Mr. ROUDA.

H.R. 1530: Mr. WALTZ, Mr. BRINDISI, and Ms. VELÁZQUEZ.

H.R. 1553: Mr. HARDER of California.

H.R. 1571: Mr. NEGUSE.

H.R. 1579: Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire.

H.R. 1588: Mr. HUFFMAN.

H.R. 1610: Mr. HUFFMAN and Mr. SCHRADER.

H.R. 1628: Mr. PETERSON.

H.R. 1643: Mr. DESAULNIER and Mr. SHERMAN.

H.R. 1665: Ms. KENDRA S. HORN of Oklahoma.

H.R. 1692: Ms. UNDERWOOD.

H.R. 1713: Mr. PAPPAS, Mr. HARDER of California, and Ms. JUDY CHU of California.

H.R. 1724: Mr. ROUDA and Mr. TRONE.

H.R. 1748: Mr. FITZPATRICK.

- H.R. 1766: Mr. STAUBER.
H.R. 1771: Mr. FITZPATRICK.
H.R. 1837: Mr. KEATING, Ms. ADAMS, and Mr. PERRY.
H.R. 1840: Mr. CROW, Mr. UPTON, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, and Mr. CLAY.
H.R. 1854: Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania and Mr. ESTES.
H.R. 1862: Mr. KING of Iowa.
H.R. 1865: Mr. FLEISCHMANN, Mr. KEVIN HERN of Oklahoma, Mr. MEADOWS, Mrs. DINGELL, Mr. DEUTCH, Mr. CÁRDENAS, Mrs. HAYES, Mr. KUSTOFF of Tennessee, Mr. MICHAEL F. DOYLE of Pennsylvania, Ms. MENG, and Mr. McCAUL.
H.R. 1897: Mr. HUFFMAN.
H.R. 1919: Mr. LUETKEMEYER.
H.R. 1923: Ms. SPEIER.
H.R. 1934: Mr. COSTA.
H.R. 1943: Mr. TED LIEU of California and Mr. HUFFMAN.
H.R. 1970: Mr. SMITH of Missouri.
H.R. 1981: Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts.
H.R. 1996: Mr. BIGGS.
H.R. 2010: Mr. ESTES.
H.R. 2091: Mr. HUFFMAN.
H.R. 2148: Mr. LEVIN of California.
H.R. 2149: Mr. PERRY and Mr. PETERS.
H.R. 2150: Mrs. BEATTY, Ms. HAALAND, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mrs. DAVIS of California, Mr. PAPPAS, Mr. POCAN, Mr. NEGUSE, Mr. DELGADO, Mr. KING of Iowa, Mr. LAWSON of Florida, Ms. ESCOBAR, Ms. BONAMICI, and Mr. SIREs.
H.R. 2153: Mr. WALDEN and Mr. VISCLOSKY.
H.R. 2158: Mr. FLEISCHMANN.
H.R. 2208: Mr. CASE.
H.R. 2211: Mr. COHEN.
H.R. 2219: Mr. PERRY.
H.R. 2256: Mr. GALLEGRO.
H.R. 2279: Mr. CROW.
H.R. 2294: Mr. DUNCAN.
H.R. 2296: Mr. DOGGETT, Mr. SARBANES, and Ms. UNDERWOOD.
H.R. 2328: Mr. TED LIEU of California, Ms. TORRES SMALL of New Mexico, Mr. DESAULNIER, and Mr. KATKO.
H.R. 2344: Mr. SPANO.
H.R. 2350: Mr. COSTA and Ms. JACKSON LEE.
H.R. 2354: Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York.
H.R. 2404: Ms. OMAR.
H.R. 2414: Mr. CASE.
H.R. 2423: Mr. KING of New York.
H.R. 2441: Mr. RASKIN.
H.R. 2452: Ms. LOFGREN.
H.R. 2487: Mr. CISNEROS.
H.R. 2508: Ms. SLOTKIN.
H.R. 2517: Ms. MCCOLLUM.
H.R. 2530: Ms. NORTON.
H.R. 2569: Mr. YARMUTH and Mr. HUFFMAN.
H.R. 2681: Mrs. LURIA.
H.R. 2683: Ms. NORTON.
H.R. 2684: Ms. KAPTUR.
H.R. 2686: Mr. DESAULNIER.
H.R. 2689: Mr. CASE.
H.R. 2720: Mr. HUFFMAN.
H.R. 2748: Mr. CASE.
H.R. 2770: Mr. TURNER.
H.R. 2777: Ms. JUDY CHU of California, Mrs. LURIA, Mrs. WALORSKI, Mr. UPTON, and Mrs. WAGNER.
H.R. 2781: Mr. FITZPATRICK.
H.R. 2790: Mr. PERRY.
H.R. 2812: Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York and Mrs. AXNE.
H.R. 2815: Mr. ESPAILLAT, Mr. AGUILAR, Mr. TED LIEU of California, and Mr. HECK.
H.R. 2854: Ms. MCCOLLUM.
H.R. 2857: Mr. ZELDIN.
H.R. 2862: Mr. TED LIEU of California.
H.R. 2876: Mr. PAPPAS.
H.R. 2913: Mr. COLLINS of New York.
H.R. 2931: Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire.
H.R. 2933: Ms. KAPTUR and Ms. HAALAND.
H.R. 3073: Mrs. HARTZLER and Mr. MARSHALL.
H.R. 3082: Mr. MCGOVERN.
H.R. 3106: Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY.
H.R. 3114: Mr. CASTEN of Illinois, Ms. CASTOR of Florida, Ms. JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, Mrs. KIRKPATRICK, Mr. TED LIEU of California, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Ms. NORTON, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Ms. SLOTKIN, and Ms. SPANBERGER.
H.R. 3145: Mr. DEUTCH and Mr. GONZALEZ of Texas.
H.R. 3155: Mr. BALDERSON, Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio, Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. HAGEDORN, Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania, Ms. NORTON, Mr. CHABOT, Mr. KIM, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mrs. DINGELL, Mr. DEUTCH, Mr. RUTHERFORD, Mr. KIND, Mr. BYRNE, Mr. SOTO, Mr. RUSH, and Mr. SUOZZI.
H.R. 3170: Mr. COHEN.
H.R. 3172: Mr. RUSH.
H.R. 3182: Ms. WEXTON and Mr. STIVERS.
H.R. 3214: Mr. HIMES, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. SUOZZI, and Mr. MEEKS.
H.R. 3219: Mr. LANGEVIN.
H.R. 3230: Mr. DESAULNIER.
H.R. 3239: Ms. WILSON of Florida, Miss RICE of New York, Mr. COURTNEY, Ms. WEXTON, Mrs. FLETCHER, Mr. QUIGLEY, Ms. SHALALA, Mr. NORCROSS, Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire, and Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER.
H.R. 3241: Mr. QUIGLEY.
H.R. 3350: Mr. GALLAGHER.
H.R. 3356: Mr. GALLAGHER and Mr. PERRY.
H.R. 3378: Mr. RYAN, Mr. CUMMINGS, Mr. CARSON of Indiana, Ms. LEE of California, and Mr. LARSON of Connecticut.
H.R. 3379: Ms. LEE of California and Ms. JUDY CHU of California.
H.R. 3381: Ms. JOHNSON of Texas and Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York.
H.R. 3418: Mr. HECK and Ms. NORTON.
H.R. 3444: Mr. FITZPATRICK.
H.R. 3454: Mr. QUIGLEY and Mr. PASCRELL.
H.R. 3456: Mr. RUTHERFORD, Ms. PINGREE, Mr. KHANNA, Mr. RASKIN, Mr. MEEKS, Ms. NORTON, Mr. COHEN, Mr. COSTA, and Mr. LARSON of Connecticut.
H.R. 3463: Mr. SOTO, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. LEVIN of Michigan, and Miss RICE of New York.
H.R. 3502: Mr. ALLRED, Mr. ROUDA, Mr. KING of New York, and Mr. HILL of Arkansas.
H.R. 3512: Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Mr. ROUDA, Ms. OMAR, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Ms. JAYAPAL, and Ms. TLAIB.
H.R. 3513: Mr. VISCLOSKY.
H.R. 3524: Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York, Mr. SUOZZI, Ms. MCCOLLUM, and Mr. HECK.
H.R. 3529: Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois.
H.R. 3570: Ms. PINGREE, Mr. HECK, and Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York.
H.R. 3598: Ms. UNDERWOOD and Mr. TAYLOR.
H.R. 3623: Mr. MCGOVERN and Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ.
H.R. 3655: Mr. PENCE.
H.R. 3657: Mr. BRINDISI.
H.R. 3663: Ms. TITUS.
H.R. 3684: Mr. GALLEGRO.
H.R. 3685: Ms. JACKSON LEE.
H.J. Res. 59: Mr. LAMB.
H. Con. Res. 20: Mr. CRENSHAW.
H. Res. 23: Mr. SIREs and Mrs. DEMINGS.
H. Res. 54: Mrs. DEMINGS.
H. Res. 219: Mr. STEWART.
H. Res. 255: Mrs. RODGERS of Washington and Mr. RICHMOND.
H. Res. 441: Mr. KEATING.
H. Res. 444: Mr. KATKO and Ms. MENG.
H. Res. 458: Mr. PETERS.
H. Res. 480: Mr. RASKIN.

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020

SPEECH OF

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 10, 2019

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2500) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2020 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes:

Mr. ENGEL. Madam Chair, I rise to support the amendment offered by Mr. MALINOWSKI. I'm horrified that the humanitarian crisis in Yemen—the worst such crisis in the world, according to the United Nations—has gone on this long.

The crisis has been exacerbated by the ongoing conflict between the Saudi-led coalition and Iranian-backed Houthi rebels. Since 2015, the Saudi-led coalition has undertaken 18,000 airstrikes, and far too many of these have killed innocent civilians. In fact, more Yemeni civilians are killed or wounded in their own homes than anywhere else.

That is why I am co-sponsoring this amendment, to prohibit the sale of all air-to-ground munitions to Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates for one year. It is our obligation to make sure the United States is not enabling civilian deaths.

I thank the gentleman for his leadership in offering this amendment.

LIGHTS FOR LIBERTY VIGILS

HON. PETER A. DeFAZIO

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 12, 2019

Mr. DeFAZIO. Madam Speaker, as thousands take part in vigils across Oregon, the U.S., and the globe, I rise today in strong opposition to the Trump administration's inhumane detention policies. These policies and practices have led to families being ripped apart, children dying, and a shameful chapter written in our nation's history.

That's why I voted for the House-passed bill which had strong health and safety requirements for care of unaccompanied minor children, tightened restrictions on detention shelters, created accountability for contractors violating essential standards at detention shelters, and more. Instead, the Republican-controlled Senate stripped these essential reforms from the bill. Congress ultimately passed the weak and flawed Senate version.

I voted against this toothless legislation. If we don't address this crisis head-on with proper oversight standards and commitment to holding this administration accountable, nothing will change and people will continue to suffer. That is unacceptable.

Make no mistake, we can't solve the problems at our border if we don't address the reasons that so many individuals are fleeing their home countries. The Trump administration's plan to cut aid to countries like El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras will only make the situation worse, likely increasing violence and government dysfunction. Instead, we should be investing in a plan similar to the Marshall Plan after World War II to restore safety, stability, and promote economic opportunities in Central America.

We must act—now—to get serious about reforming our broken immigration system by passing bipartisan, comprehensive immigration reform. This is the only course of action that will allow us to protect these vulnerable individuals while also producing real, long-term solutions to our immigration crisis.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020

SPEECH OF

HON. DAVID E. PRICE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 11, 2019

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2500) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2020 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes:

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. Madam Chair, I rise in support of the en bloc amendment, which includes my proposal to require the Administration to report to Congress on the status of United States military-to-military and diplomatic deconfliction channels with Iran.

This amendment is cosponsored by my colleagues JAN SCHAKOWSKY, GERRY CONNOLLY, JOHN YARMUTH, LLOYD DOGGETT, BARBARA LEE, PETER WELCH, and EARL BLUMENAUER. I thank them for their support, and I thank Chairman SMITH for his consideration.

Last month, President Trump came dangerously close to conducting a military strike on Iran in retaliation for the downing of an American surveillance drone.

During that week in June, officials from the U.S. and Iran traded public accusations before any investigation into the downing of the drone was complete.

Meanwhile, oil tankers have been attacked in the Strait of Hormuz, the Iranian regime is beginning to increasingly enrich uranium, and U.S. troops are being moved around the region.

These events demonstrate the extraordinary need for established military-to-military and diplomatic channels of communication and deconfliction to prevent miscalculation, define ambiguities, and correct misunderstandings that could otherwise lead to unintended and possibly devastating consequences.

In January 2016, such diplomatic lines of communication saved U.S. sailors on two

Navy riverine command boats that were seized by Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps after entering Iranian territorial waters. Secretary of State John Kerry called Iranian Foreign Minister Zarif. Within 15 hours, the sailors were released unharmed.

Since withdrawing from the JCPOA, the Trump administration has eliminated those channels of communication. Can you imagine what would happen now should U.S. forces be captured by Iranian forces? Can you imagine the cost and consequences of military action provoked by a misunderstanding or miscalculation?

Even Department of Defense officials caution that spiraling escalations put our troops in the region at risk, and that we cannot be pulled into an unnecessary armed conflict with Iran.

This amendment would assert Congressional oversight to ensure that we have information about the status of vital military and diplomatic channels of communication that must be in place to prevent miscalculation.

I urge the adoption of this En Bloc amendment.

COMMEMORATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF MENARD COUNTY FARM BUREAU

HON. DARIN LaHOOD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 12, 2019

Mr. LAHOOD. Madam Speaker, I would like to honor a remarkable organization, the Menard County Farm Bureau. The Menard County Farm Bureau in central Illinois is a vital organization in the area that promotes agricultural prosperity. After many years of success and service, the Menard County Farm Bureau is celebrating their 100th anniversary.

The Menard County Farm Bureau was chartered on March 19, 1919, to unite farmers in the area and advocate for central Illinois agriculture collectively. Today, the members of the organization work hard to support the community and economy throughout the county.

The Menard County Farm Bureau provides a voice for farmers, promotes the development of agriculture, and educates and empowers future leaders in the industry. Additionally, Menard County Farm Bureau coordinates with other associations and agencies to promote the wellbeing and interests of its members.

Illinois has become a major economic force within the agricultural sector because of farm bureaus like Menard County that come together and enhance opportunities for farmers, their families, and the community. I extend my sincere congratulations to Menard County Farm Bureau for their outstanding accomplishments and contributions to Illinois.

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CELEBRATING THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF LAW LIBRARIES

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 12, 2019

Mr. QUIGLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today in celebration of the 30th anniversary of the American Association of Law Libraries' legislative advocacy program. The American Association of Law Libraries (AALL), representing more than 4,100 members, is the only national association dedicated to the legal information profession and its professionals. Founded in 1906 on the belief that everyone—lawyers, judges, students, and the public—needs timely access to relevant legal information to make sound legal arguments and wise legal decisions, AALL members are problem solvers of the highest order.

In 1989, the AALL Executive Board appointed AALL members Robert L. Oakley of Georgetown University Law Library and Joanne Zich of American University Washington College of Law Library as the first Washington representatives for the Association. Since that time, AALL's advocacy efforts ranged from the creation and dissemination of government information to copyright to the privacy of library users. Its successes include ensuring permanent public access to official, authentic government information by advocating for the essential work of the Library of Congress, the Law Library of Congress, and the U.S. Government Publishing Office; contributing to the enactment of transparency laws including the E-Government Act of 2002 (P.L. 107–347) and updates to the Freedom of Information Act; and, most recently, supporting my own legislation to provide public access to Congressional Research Service reports that resulted in language included in the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2018 (P.L. 115–141) directing the Congressional Research Service to make its nonconfidential reports available to the public on the internet.

The AALL Executive Board and its members will celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Association's legislative advocacy program by convening on Capitol Hill today, July 12, 2019, for AALL Day on the Hill. AALL members will meet with their elected officials about the Association's legislative priorities that include greater access to government information, access to justice, government transparency, balanced copyright laws, and privacy for library users.

I congratulate AALL on three decades of effective advocacy and wish them many more years of success.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 11, 2019

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tary activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes:

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Chair, I rise to speak in support of Amendment No. 423 to H.R. 2500, the National Defense Authorization Act for FY2020, offered by the gentleman from California, Congressman RO KHANNA.

The Khanna Amendment is simple and straightforward in its prohibition against unauthorized military force in or against Iran.

Earlier this year, the Trump Administration sent an aircraft carrier and a nuclear-powered submarine to the region in a show of force.

The Khanna Amendment would make clear and explicit that nothing in the FY2020 NDAA can be construed as congressional authorization or acquiescence regarding the use of military force against Iran.

The Framers understood that while the military does the fighting, the entire nation goes to war.

That is why the Framers lodged the power to declare war in the Congress, the branch of government closest to the people.

They knew that the decision to go to war was too important to be left to the whim of a single person, no matter how wise or well-informed he or she might be.

The President must consult with Congress and to obtain an AUMF before undertaking any military offensive against Iran.

Over the last 18 years, we have seen 3 Presidents use the 2001 Afghanistan AUMF as a blank check to engage in serious military action.

In 2016, the Congressional Research Service issued a report detailing 37 unclassified uses of this authorization in 14 countries, including for operations at Guantanamo Bay, warrantless wiretapping, and recent military action in Libya, Syria, Somalia, and Yemen.

The overly broad 2001 AUMF represents a critical deterioration of Congressional oversight, which should be repealed, rather than repeated with respect to Iran.

As our brave service members are deployed around the world in combat zones, Congress is missing in action.

As provided under the War Powers Resolution of 1973, absent a Congressional declaration of war or authorization for the use of military force, the President as Commander-in-Chief has constitutional power to engage the U.S. armed forces in hostilities only in the case of a national emergency created by an attack upon the United States, its territories or possessions, or its armed forces.

As a co-equal branch of government, it is Congress's right and responsibility to be fully consulted regarding any potential plans to conduct military operations in Iran, to assess whether such action is in the national security interest of the United States and its allies, and to withhold or grant authorization for the use of military force based on this assessment.

As we have learned from the painful and bitter experience of the past 18 years, at the initiation of hostilities, the costs in terms of blood and treasure of U.S. military interventions abroad are often underestimated and the benefits overstated.

For example, more than 6,800 American service members gave the last full measure of devotion to their country on battlefields in Afghanistan and Iraq, with hundreds of thousands more returning with physical, emotional, or psychological wounds that may never heal.

The direct economic cost of the war in Afghanistan exceeds \$1.07 trillion, including \$773 billion in Overseas Contingency Operations funds, an increase of \$243 billion to the Department of Defense base budget, and an increase of \$54.2 billion to the Veterans Administration budget to address the human costs of the military involvement in Afghanistan.

We should not repeat the mistakes of the past and my position on this issue is directly aligned with the will of the American people.

I commend my colleague, Congressman KHANNA for offering this important amendment and urge all Members to join me in voting for the amendment and restoring Congress's preeminent constitutional role in the decision to take the nation to war.

IN RECOGNITION OF JOHN "DOC" BLANCHON

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 12, 2019

Mr. KEATING. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the life of John "Doc" Blanchon of Yarmouth, Massachusetts, a dedicated family man, soldier and teacher who lost his battle to Parkinson's Disease.

A native of Quincy, Doc attended Bridgewater Teachers College where he excelled in athletics, playing baseball, basketball and soccer. Later, he was admitted as a member of the initial class of Bridgewater Athletic Hall of Fame. After graduating, Doc joined the U.S. Army and served his country in Korea. When he returned home he continued his education and obtained his master's degree in School Administration from Northeastern University. He then taught Social Studies at Sharon High School and coached the school soccer team. Doc Blanchon was named Principal of Sharon High School in 1982, serving as the school's leader until his eventual retirement in 1994.

Doc and his wife, Lorraine, eventually relocated to Cape Cod in retirement, though they spent much of their time following their passion for travel in Europe once their children finished college. Those who knew Doc knew him as a good man, full of kindness and the desire to help those others. He was a man of deep faith and devoted his life to following the practices of Christianity.

Doc passed this Father's Day; his loss was felt deeply by his family and community. His memory and spirit will live on through his loving wife Lorraine, his two children Bonnie and Donald, and his five grandchildren as well as his legacy and devotion to his community, military and God.

RECOGNIZING HER HOLINESS MATA AMRITANANDAMAYI DEVI

HON. RAJA KRISHNAMOORTHY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 12, 2019

Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize Her Holiness Mata Amritanandamayi Devi, known simply as "Aamma" to her many admirers over the world,

for her exemplary humanitarian and conservation efforts and her work to build bridges of love, peace and understanding not only to the people of India, but to all nations.

Amma was born in 1953 in a small, coastal village in the South Indian state of Kerala. Drawn from a very early age to a life of service to others, Amma began her lifelong practice of trying to alleviate suffering by sharing food and clothing from her home while still a young girl. This devotion to service was not always appreciated by her family, who faced their own economic challenges and could ill afford to give away any of the little they had, but Amma persisted and soon began her practice of embracing those in need of comfort and support.

As she matured, Amma grew to understand that hugging and personal acts of kindness were not sufficient to heal our world, and she began to speak publicly on the importance of selfless service, compassion towards all beings, conservation, the importance of inter-religious harmony, and against human trafficking and slavery. She founded two important charitable organizations, Mata Amritanandamayi Math and Embracing the World, which have provided essential disaster relief, food, clean water, housing, health care and education to thousands of needy men, women and children in India and in Mexico, Costa Rica, France, Spain, Kenya, Brazil, Slovenia and Australia.

Amma is beloved by many as their guru and has a large following in my district. Her humanitarian efforts have been recognized and celebrated by, among others, the United Nations, the Parliament of World Religions, and Rotary Club International, and she has been awarded an honorary doctorate in humane letters from the State University of New York in Buffalo.

Amma continues to share her vision of peace, understanding and love through speaking programs, meditation retreats and her willingness to embrace all in need of blessing. Madam Speaker, I want to recognize Amma's selfless and compassionate devotion to all people, the work of her charities to relieve poverty and provide health care and education, her outspoken advocacy against human trafficking, and her efforts to encourage sustainable practices and protect our shared ecosystem.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020

SPEECH OF

HON. STEVE KING

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 11, 2019

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2500) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2020 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes:

Mr. KING of Iowa. Mr. Chair, I am encouraged that my amendment to the National De-

fense Authorization Act (NDAA) for fiscal year passed the House of Representatives by voice vote on July 11, 2019. This important amendment requires the "Annual Report on Military and Security Developments Involving the People's Republic of China" to include an assessment of (1) China's expansion of its surveillance state; (2) Any correlation of such expansion with its oppression of its citizens and its threat to United States national security interests around the world; and (3) An overview of the extent to which such surveillance corresponds to the overall respect, or lack thereof, for human rights.

This matter is one that I have long been attuned to and concerned about, ultimately leading me to draft and introduce the "Protect American IPR Act", which is H.R. 902 this session, and seeks to stop Chinese theft of U.S. intellectual property through duties on Chinese merchandise. For this reason, I have been encouraged to see President Trump prioritizing the Chinese stealing of American intellectual property.

Mass and unabated government surveillance does not only offend individual liberties; in the hands of an authoritarian government, it poses the Orwellian threat of the government always watching, and ultimately using this ability, made possible to an unprecedented extent by modern technology, to spy on, steal from, intimidate and persecute not only those it views as "political enemies" and "threats", but anyone it deems as expedient.

This Orwellian threat is becoming a reality, perhaps nowhere more so than in China, where the government vigorously pursues a national video surveillance network. The affinity of the Chinese government to control its population in part by mass monitoring is not a new phenomenon, but advancing technology makes its prospects more frightening every day for those within and outside of the Mainland.

One internet privacy expert warns, "What China is doing here is selectively breeding its population to select against the trait of critical, independent thinking". Since China is a neighbor to many and more importantly an actor on the world stage, that erosion will not simply negatively impact the Chinese, it will spread—it arguably has already. A world with continually less critical, independent thought is a prospect to tremble at.

It is my strong belief that U.S. policy, including defense policy, should by no measure assist, intentionally or unintentionally, the growth of China's surveillance. Instead, it should discourage the expansion of the Chinese government into the rest of the world, while at the same time encouraging greater human rights for the Chinese people, including expectant mothers and Christians and other religious minorities.

I have heard from many individuals who warn against China's rapid expansion and influence into the rest of the world, including Africa and Central America, our nation's own backyard. Although the government-connected interests bring economic promise (and exploitation) to the developing world, they also bring the Chinese surveillance state with them. To counter this very real and growing threat, we need to first understand its scope, its impact for individuals in China as well as those

around world, and the extent to which it threatens the U.S. national security interests.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF MRS. MARGARET A. JONES

HON. MICHAEL F. Q. SAN NICOLAS

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 12, 2019

Mr. SAN NICOLAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Mrs. Margaret A. Jones. Margaret was a longtime resident of Guam, a wife, mother, a public-spirited community leader, and a woman of business on Guam. In 1965, she was a founding member of the Guam Memorial Hospital Volunteers Association and gave her time and effort to numerous charitable and non-profit organizations. Her family business, Triple J Enterprises was founded in 1984 and has grown across the Pacific region. Margaret was born on November 5, 1937 and passed away in North Carolina on June 27, 2019, at the age of 81.

Margaret was the daughter of Early and Verna Page. Margaret was born in Willow Spring, North Carolina.

Margaret married Robert H. Jones in 1957. They raised three children and were blessed with eleven grandchildren.

In 1965, Margaret was a founding member of the Guam Memorial Hospital Volunteers Association (GMHVA), known as the Pink Ladies for the pink vests worn by their volunteers. GMHVA has raised millions of dollars for improvements to the Guam Memorial Hospital.

Margaret was active in the American Cancer Society and led Triple J Enterprises in its support for cancer research by participating annually in the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life and sponsoring an annual 5k run/walk event.

Margaret had been active with other non-profit organizations, including the Guam Women's Club, Harvest Baptist Church, the Miss Guam Universe Pageant, the Miss Guam World Pageant, and the Board of St. John's School.

Margaret started her career in Guam at the Marianas Travel Agency. In 1975, she joined Pan American Airlines, working as a Special Sales Representative until 1991. In 1984, Margaret cofounded Triple J Enterprises along with her husband, Robert H. Jones, and Georgia Stafford. Today, the Triple J group employs over nine hundred employees across the Micronesia region, many of whom have been with the business for over twenty years.

I am deeply saddened by the passing of Margaret A. Jones and I join the people of Guam in celebrating her life. She was pillar of the island community, leading both in charitable and non-profit service and in business on Guam. My thoughts and prayers are with her family, loved ones, and friends.

I extend my condolences to her husband, Robert H. Jones, her children, Julie Jones Murrell, Jeff Jones, and Jay Jones, and their spouses, and her grandchildren. She will be deeply missed, and her memory will live on in the hearts of the people of Guam.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020

SPEECH OF

HON. DAVID E. PRICE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 11, 2019

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2500) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2020 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes:

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. Madam Chair, I rise in support of the en bloc amendment, which includes my bipartisan World Language Advancement and Readiness amendment co-sponsored by Representatives DON YOUNG, GIL CISNEROS, RICK LARSEN, JIMMY PANETTA, JIM LANGEVIN, and SETH MOULTON.

Our amendment would direct the DoD to award three-year competitive grants to Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) schools and to local education agencies (LEAs) that host a Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (JROTC) program for the establishment, improvement, or expansion of world language programs in elementary and secondary schools.

The future national security and economic well-being of the United States will depend substantially on the ability of our citizens to read, speak, and understand the languages and cultures of other nations.

Unfortunately, multiple studies and GAO reports have found that "by several measures, the United States has neglected languages in its educational curricula, its international strategies, and its domestic policies." The U.S. puts itself at a disadvantage in our inability to communicate with our international peers.

Research has shown that the "critical window" for language learning is from ages 10–18, making investment in our elementary and secondary schools a top priority.

DoDEA schools and school districts with JROTC programs are uniquely positioned to reach children who are likely to join the military or work for our intelligence communities.

Language comprehension is not just a luxury: it is vital to our economic interests, to our diplomacy, and to our national security.

I urge adoption of this critical amendment.

AWARENESS OF CANCER MORTALITY IN WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

HON. RASHIDA TLAIB

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 12, 2019

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, I rise today to bring awareness to the incidence of cancer and cancer mortality in Wayne County, Michigan. Wayne County ranks in the top four counties with the highest incidence of cancer in Michigan.

In 2013, the International Agency for Research on Cancer, a part of the World Health Organization, has classified outdoor air pollution as a carcinogen, citing 223,000 lung can-

cer deaths worldwide in 2010. It's no coincidence that Wayne County is home to some of Michigan's most heavily industrialized areas. Wayne County is home to Michigan's only oil refinery, one hundred eleven Superfund sites, massive transportation infrastructure, steel mills, and more.

More telling than the clouds of smoke, the odors, and the haze hanging in the air, is the pollution's toll on human lives. There is no doubt that the cancer, respiratory disease, and other illnesses have caused great distress to the families impacted. Too often, we sacrifice the quality of life for our residents. We have lost too many lives and it's time to say enough. We have an opportunity to reverse course and do better by future generations.

Therefore, I rise today to honor those whose lives were cut short by cancer and will continue to fight for environmental justice for the people of Michigan's 13th Congressional District.

IN HONOR OF MR. HENRY ROSS PEROT

HON. LANCE GOODEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 12, 2019

Mr. GOODEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of a great Texan, Mr. Henry Ross Perot. Born and raised in Texarkana, he was a lifelong advocate for improving the education of our nation's children, having provided initial funding for Teach for America. Always the innovator, Mr. Perot attended the U.S. Naval Academy where he helped to establish its honor system, which to this day encourages its midshipmen to conduct themselves with honor and integrity.

After serving honorably in the Navy, he became a salesman for IBM where he quickly distinguished himself among its ranks. This inspired him to start what would become a business empire in Dallas. He was a pioneer in the field of electronic data management, winning a contract to digitize Medicare records in the 1960s.

Shortly after the Iranian Revolution of 1979, two of his employees were imprisoned by the government of Iran over a contract dispute. In true Texas fashion, he hired a former Army Special Forces Colonel to break them out of prison and, while some might leave such a dangerous mission to others, he insisted on taking part in the assault himself. Though he eventually agreed to sit out the mission, it was a great success and speaks directly to Mr. Perot's maverick nature and bias for action.

Mr. Perot was always a politically outspoken public figure and never backed down from his principled positions. Eventually, his concern for the future of our nation fueled his presidential candidacy in the election of 1992. His revolutionary, yet simple message allowed him to do what no third-party candidate had done before as he drew nearly one-fifth of the popular vote.

Mr. Perot left a lasting impression on the technology industry and political atmosphere, which is outweighed only by the fond memories he left with those who knew him. We will cherish those memories as we strive to continue his profound legacy.

THANKING MAJOR TIMOTHY W. TRIMAILLO FOR HIS OUTSTANDING SERVICE AS EXECUTIVE OFFICER, SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE, OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE LIAISON

HON. KAY GRANGER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 12, 2019

Ms. GRANGER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to thank Major Timothy W. Trimaillo for his outstanding service as Executive Officer, Secretary of the Air Force, Office of Legislative Liaison.

Major Trimaillo has been a diligent, valued member of the Office of Legislative Liaison. He has been integral in ensuring Congress receives the information it needs from the U.S. Air Force. During his tenure, Major Trimaillo was able to significantly increase the U.S. Air Force responsiveness to Congress. His insight, intellect and ability to clearly communicate complex issues were invaluable assets during his tenure.

Major Trimaillo also assisted with the development of the Space Force engagement strategy. His role is very important as Space Force is vital to the future security of the United States.

Major Trimaillo has served the Air Force with distinction and honor since receiving his commission in 2005 from the United States Air Force Academy. He completed basic space operations training and Defense Satellite Communications System (DSCS) III qualification training at Vandenberg AFB, California, in May 2006.

I also want to recognize his wife Lori and his children Kellen and Bailey for their service, support and sacrifices.

Major Trimaillo's presence in the Office of Legislative Affairs will be missed by his Leadership and his coworkers. Please join me in thanking Major Trimaillo for his service, and in wishing him well in his new endeavor.

RECOGNIZING THE CAREER OF MELVIN L. MARKS

HON. SALUD O. CARBAJAL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 12, 2019

Mr. CARBAJAL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the military service of World War II veteran Melvin L. Marks, a Santa Barbara city resident in my district, who turns 95 years old on July 10, 2019.

Mel Marks was born in Des Moines IA in 1924, and enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1943. In his three years of service as an intelligence observer in the 124th Battalion, he participated in a number of notable campaigns, including the Battle of Britain and the Battle of the Bulge. His service brought him to England, Holland, Belgium, and Germany, where he crossed the Rhine in March of 1945.

Mel Marks is a member of the Greatest Generation, as journalist Tom Brokaw calls it, meaning the men and women who fought not to seek fame or recognition, but simply because it was the right thing to do.

Of the more than 16 million who served in the United States Armed Forces during World

War II, fewer than 500,000 are still with us today, and we're losing about 350 of them every day.

After the war, Mel came to Chicago and married the former Mary Harris, who herself just turned 89, and the two of them have raised three children, have five grandchildren spread across the country, and will be celebrating their 69th wedding anniversary this Fall.

Mel has had a distinguished career as a journalist, management and marketing consultant, and published author. One of his best-known books is "Yesterday's Warriors," which recounts his experiences in the War and his band of brothers who remained friends for a lifetime.

It is with particular pride that we recognize the service and wonderful life of a veteran who is not just still with us, but alive and kicking.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GARY J. PALMER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 12, 2019

Mr. PALMER. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted Nay on Roll Call No. 439.

IN RECOGNITION OF COACH RICKY GRIFFIN

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 12, 2019

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the achievements of Ricky Griffin, an outstanding North Texas educator and coach. Coach Griffin, from Argyle High School, was one of eleven coaches in the United States named National Coach of the Year by the American Baseball Coaches Association.

Coach Griffin guided the Argyle Eagles to their second consecutive Class 4-A title this season and posted a 77-1-1 record over the last two years. Under his direction, Argyle High School become the first school in Texas UIL history to follow up an undefeated state title season with another state championship. Argyle had two outstanding winning seasons: 37-0 in 2018 and 40-1-1 in 2019. Under Coach Griffin's leadership, the Eagles have a combined 130-10-2 record for the last four seasons—an unprecedented accomplishment. In this case, coaching is a family affair. Coach Griffin's son, Storm Griffin, recently joined his father on the Argyle coaching staff.

In addition to his remarkable career as head coach of the Eagles baseball team, Coach Griffin also serves as the defensive backs coach for the Eagles football team. Notably, the Argyle football coaches have established a football program that dominates the Texas 4-A high school football scene. With one state title under their belt and ranking as one of the top football programs for the upcoming season, the Argyle Eagles and their fans should credit their coaches, including Ricky Griffin, for leading Argyle students to success.

While Coach Griffin has compiled a long list of achievements, his professional mission goes beyond the field as he strives to develop his students into remarkable young men. Winning seasons, state championships, and national recognition have been the icing on the cake. For his efforts, Coach Griffin will be honored at the annual ABCA convention in January 2020 in Nashville, TN.

It is my privilege to recognize Coach Ricky Griffin for leadership of the Argyle Eagles baseball team and our North Texas community, and I wish him continued success.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020

SPEECH OF

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 11, 2019

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Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Madam Chair, for over 25 years, I have made multiple oral and written requests to federal contracting authorities including the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to explain why our labor unions have been systematically excluded from contract awards—especially at military installations like the Joint Base in New Jersey.

Over the years, everyone we've met in meeting after meeting on the federal side have always been polite and courteous, but the bottom line—the highly trained unionized women and men don't get the jobs.

Most recently, I brought labor leaders including Mike Maloney—Business Manager for the Plumbers and Pipefitters Local 9, Mike Ricca—Business Agent of IBEW Local 400, and others to meet with the Corps of Engineers regarding contracting processes that make it near impossible for union members to get work on the base.

I—we—raised deep concerns that nonunion contractors may purposely be misclassifying workers in order to low bid, which if true could be a serious violation of federal law and contrary to Davis Bacon.

We are concerned that irresponsible contractors and subcontractors may be engaging in two different types of misclassification: craft misclassification and independent contractor misclassification. Craft misclassification occurs when dishonest contractors misclassify high-skilled workers as general laborers or lower wage classifications in order to avoid paying the higher prevailing wage rate applicable to the high-skilled work actually performed. Independent contractor misclassification occurs when contractors misclassify employees as independent contractors to avoid paying prevailing wages in order to reduce labor costs and avoid state and federal taxes.

Today, I am offering an amendment, joined by my good friend and colleague DONALD NORCROSS, to task the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) to investigate the contracting practices of the Corps of Engi-

neers, with a specific focus on how the Corps complies with and enforces the requirement to pay prevailing wages on federally financed construction jobs, and its probe will include:

Any programs or protocols the Corps of Engineers has in place for the purpose of carrying out its Davis-Bacon Act enforcement obligations as set forth in the Federal Acquisition Regulation.

Any programs or protocols the Corps of Engineers has in place for the purpose of identifying and addressing independent contractor misclassification on projects subject to the Davis-Bacon Act.

The frequency with which the Corps of Engineers conducts site visits on each covered project to monitor Davis-Bacon Act compliance.

The frequency with which the Corps of Engineers monitors certified payroll reports submitted by contractors and subcontractors on each covered project.

Whether the Corps of Engineers accepts and investigates complaints of Davis-Bacon Act violations submitted by third parties, such as contractors and workers' rights organizations.

Whether the Corps of Engineers maintains a database listing all contractors and subcontractors who have, in one way or another, violated the Davis-Bacon Act and whether the Corps consults this database as part of its contract award process.

The frequency, over the last five years, with which the Corps of Engineers penalized, disqualified, terminated, or moved for debarment of a contractor for Davis-Bacon violations.

How the Corps of Engineers verifies that the contractors it hires for its projects are properly licensed.

This amendment will require the Comptroller General of the United States to submit a report to Congress summarizing the results of their findings, in addition to any recommendations for legislative or regulatory action that would improve the efforts of enforcing the requirement to pay prevailing wages on federally financed construction jobs.

Our military installations deserve quality workmanship, not substandard facilities that could create potential hazards and diminish readiness.

The bill, to which I am adding this amendment, authorizes \$11.5 billion for military construction projects for fiscal year 2020. Madam Chair, we need to ensure that taxpayer dollars—and critical investment in military infrastructure—are being spent in accordance with the law, including Davis Bacon.

HONORING THE WORLD WAR II, KOREAN WAR, AND VIETNAM WAR VETERANS OF ILLINOIS

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 12, 2019

Mr. QUIGLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the World War II, Korean War, and Vietnam War veterans who traveled to Washington, D.C. on July 10, 2019 with Honor Flight Chicago, a program that provides World War II, Korean War, and Vietnam War veterans the opportunity to visit their memorials on The National Mall in Washington, D.C.

These memorials were built to honor their courage and service to their country.

The American Veteran is one of our greatest treasures. The Soldiers, Airmen, Sailors, Marines, and Coast Guardsmen who traveled here on July 10th answered our nation's call to service during several of its greatest times of need. Across the world, these brave Americans risked life and limb, gave service and sacrificed much, all while embodying what it is to be a hero. We owe them more gratitude than can ever be expressed.

I welcome these brave veterans to Washington and to their memorials. I am proud to include in the RECORD the names of these men and women for all to see, hear, and recognize, and I call on my colleagues to rise and join me in expressing gratitude:

John G. Aister, Victor J. Alvarez, Brownie J. Andrews, Jr., Joseph J. Arcara, William J. Arndt, Gordon W. Atkins, George E. Batson, Charles Bennett, John C. Bierman, James Terry Blue, Sr., John J. Borg, Walter L. Brooks, Robert A. Bryant, Patrick Butler, John W. Cannon, James M. Clemons, Leroy Cobb, Matthew W. Connor, William J. Dierks, Jack H. Doyle.

William Thomas Dzingel, Duane Arthur Foss, Charles W. Fruehe, Dennis W. Gallo-way, Richard Gardner, Philip L. Givens, Robert Wesley Godfrey, John P. Greaney, Robert L. Gurley, James A. Haegele, Sr., Ernest R. Hanna, Edwin W. Hendry, James John Hennessy, Thomas J. Henry, Superman J. Horn, Archie Hubbard, Jr., Michael M. Hughes, Holman B. Ingram, Angelo Irizarry, Nello D. Isabelli.

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HONORING LT. COLONEL SAMUEL LOMBARDO

HON. MATT GAETZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 12, 2019

Mr. GAETZ. Madam Speaker, today I rise to commemorate the 100th birthday of Lt. Col.

Samuel Lombardo in honor of his service to our country. Mr. Lombardo and his family legally immigrated to the United States of America from Italy when he was just 10 years old. He grew up in Pennsylvania, where he enlisted to serve in the Army National Guard's 28th Infantry Division just one month following the start of World War II.

After training, he was deployed to Europe, where served as platoon leader and executive officer of I Company, 394th Infantry Regiment, 99th Division. He served in the "Battle of the Bulge," and he continued his service to America in the Korean conflict and in the Vietnam War.

Throughout his service to our country, Lt. Colonel Lombardo earned the Silver Star, the Bronze Star with "V Device" for valor, as well as an oak leaf cluster for meritorious achievement, the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Good Conduct Medal, Combat Infantryman Badge, American Campaign Medal, European African Middle Eastern Campaign Medal with three Campaign Stars, WWII Victory Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal, United Nations Medal, Vietnam Expeditionary Forces Medal, French Legion of Honor, the Belgian Fourragere, and the Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation.

Madam Speaker, please join me in support of the Okaloosa County Board of County Commissioners in Florida Congressional District One, as they declare this day, July 12, 2019, to be "Samuel Lombardo Day."

TRIBUTE TO ROBERT J. GILLILAND

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 12, 2019

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Robert J. Gilliland, the first man to fly the world's fastest supersonic manned aircraft—the SR-71 Blackbird—who died on Independence Day last week at the age of 93. Mr. Gilliland, a native of Memphis, attended what is now the Campus School at the University of Memphis and the Webb School at Bell Buckle, Tennessee. He was a 1949 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, where he took his commission in the newly created U.S. Air Force. After patrolling the skies over post-war Germany, he won his air wing's "top gun" competition. In the Korean War, he flew F-84s from the Taegu Air Base with the call sign "Dutch 51." Returning to the United States, Mr. Gilliland got a plum assignment to the Air Force's research and development group at Eglin Air Force Base in Florida, but soon left that post to help his father run the family's Memphis commercial real estate business. After his father died, Mr. Gilliland joined Lockheed as a test pilot for the F-104 Starfighter in California, then as chief pilot for the European production of the F-104 at Turin, Italy. In 1962, he got a call from Clarence L. "Kelly" Johnson, the chief of Lockheed's advanced research and development team at what is called the Skunk Works outside Burbank, California. There, he worked on the secretive SR-71 Blackbird, the first manned stealth aircraft and the fastest of its day, sometimes at the super-secret Area 51 in

the Nevada desert. On December 22, 1964, he piloted the hypersonic SR-71 for the first time and continued testing an aircraft that could attain speeds in excess of Mach 3.2 and climb to the edge of outer space at 85,000 feet. Mr. Gilliland logged more test flight hours at or above Mach 3 than any other pilot. His life is the subject of a book due for release next year with a forward by Captain Chesley "Sully" Sullenberger, who landed a U.S. Airways flight on the Hudson River in 2009. I want to extend my condolences to Mr. Gilliland's daughter Anne Gilliland Hayes and her husband Richard; to his son Robert J. Gilliland Jr. and his wife Kim; to his grandchildren Laura, Nathaniel, Stuart, Scott and Heather; and to his brother, my friend James S. Gilliland and his wife Lucia. Service was a family quality that was instilled in Mr. Gilliland and he was a true hero whose bravery was repeatedly demonstrated in the harshest possible circumstances. He was the embodiment of the Air Force motto, "Aim High, Fly-Fight-Win." The nation owes him a debt of gratitude for an American life well lived.

HONORING ALEXANDER V. MITRENKO

HON. FRED KELLER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 12, 2019

Mr. KELLER. Madam Speaker, it is my great honor to recognize and congratulate Alexander V. Mitrenko of Selingsgrove, Pennsylvania, who will take his oath of citizenship today in Williamsport, Pennsylvania.

Nearly 19 years ago, Alex arrived in Selingsgrove for the first time as a 16-year-old high school exchange student from the Ukraine. Upon his arrival, Alexander knew no one, had no family to accompany him but in spirit, and spoke very little English. But as Alex stood at the beginning of a journey that would eventually bring him to raising his right hand today in allegiance to our nation, he held with him what our nation's earliest settlers had established and would take him toward a brighter and better future: the promise of America.

Alexander readily adapted to American life by forging new friendships in Central Pennsylvania and joining several groups in his school: the soccer and baseball teams, chess club, and the school band, to name a few. He worked tirelessly to improve his English, studied hard, frequently offered a unique perspective on world events to his classmates, and was always willing to offer a helping hand to a friend in need. To this day, he continues his close friendship with his host father in the United States, George Kinney.

Upon his graduation from high school, Alexander attended Susquehanna University and earned a Bachelor's of Science degree in Finance and Information Systems in 2005. He worked full-time after college and attended Drexel University's LeBow College of Business at night. In 2011, he received a Master's of Business Administration in Investment Management and International Business. In July 2015, Alex obtained his green card and married his wife, Erin, later that same year in October. They currently reside in Selingsgrove with their three adopted cats and are currently

restoring one of the town's historic properties on Market Street.

Today, Alexander remains a selfless member of his community. He previously served as a volunteer firefighter, takes part in 5k races and soccer games to raise money for charitable causes, and frequently participates in

volunteer opportunities through his employer, Prudential Financial. He is also an avid fan of the Philadelphia Eagles, Flyers, and Phillies.

Madam Speaker, if today we were tasked with finding some living proof that demonstrates how alive and well the promise of America is today, I would respectfully ref-

erence this invitation to congratulate Alexander V. Mitrenko on becoming a citizen of the United States of America. We, as a free and democratic nation, congratulate and welcome him, as he is officially guaranteed the inalienable rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate was not in session and stands adjourned until 3 p.m., on Monday, July 15, 2019.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 18 public bills, H.R. 3732–3749; 1 private bill, H.R. 3750; and 5 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 53; and H. Res. 485–488 were introduced. **Pages H5774–75**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H5775–76**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1327, to extend authorization for the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund of 2001 through fiscal year 2090, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 116–152); and

H.R. 36, to provide for research to better understand the causes and consequences of sexual harassment affecting individuals in the scientific, technical, engineering, and mathematics workforce and to examine policies to reduce the prevalence and negative impact of such harassment, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 116–153).

Pages H5773–74

National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020: The House passed H.R. 2500, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2020 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, by a recorded vote of 220 ayes to 197 noes, Roll No. 473. Consideration began Wednesday, July 10th.

Pages H5733–43, H5750–64

Rejected the Thornberry motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Armed Services with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 204 ayes to 212 noes, Roll No. 472. **Pages H5760–63**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2020 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.” **Page H5764**

Agreed to:

Dingell amendment (No. 440 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–143) that requires the Administrator of the EPA to designate all per and polyfluoroalkyl substances as hazardous substances under section 102(a) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980;

Pages H5735–37

Smith (WA) en bloc amendment No. 17 consisting of the following amendments printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–143: Rice (NY) (No. 432) that requires GAO to conduct an audit of ongoing and planned future DOD support for DHS operations to secure the southwest border, with a subsequent briefing and report to Congress; Stanton (No. 433) that directs the Secretary of Defense to modify the pre-separation counseling check-list administered to servicemembers separating from the Armed Forces to provide further information regarding the expedited naturalization resources available to them; Takano (No. 434) that requires the Secretary of Defense to provide the Secretary of Homeland Security with a copy of the Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 214) for each noncitizen honorably discharged from the military for the purposes of including such record in an I–213 Record of Deportable/Inadmissible Alien; Aguilar (No. 435) that directs DOD to debrief non-citizens on how to

apply for naturalization when they transition out of the armed services; Aguilar (No. 436) that prohibits persons with DACA or TPS from being separated from the Armed Services to be deported; and Pocan (No. 439) that requires review of the discharge characterizations of former members of the military who were discharged because of their sexual orientation; requires boards to change discharge characterizations from dishonorable to honorable in such cases;

Pages H5740–43

Tipton amendment (No. 375 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–143) that was debated on July 11th that expresses the sense of Congress that military aviation training in Colorado, including the training conducted at the High-Altitude Army National Guard Aviation Training Site, is critical to the national security of the United States and the readiness of the Armed Forces (by a recorded vote of 417 ayes to 6 noes, Roll No. 461);

Pages H5752–53

Khanna amendment (No. 423 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–143) that was debated on July 11th that prohibits unauthorized military force in or against Iran (by a recorded vote of 251 ayes to 170 noes, Roll No. 463);

Pages H5753–54

Lee (CA) amendment (No. 424 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–143) that was debated on July 11th that repeals the Authorization for Use of Military Force Against Iraq Resolution of 2002 (by a recorded vote of 242 ayes to 180 noes, Roll No. 464);

Pages H5754–55

Lee (CA) amendment (No. 425 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–143) that was debated on July 11th that expresses the sense of Congress that the 2001 AUMF has been utilized beyond the scope that Congress intended; and that any new authorization for the use of military force to replace the 2001 AUMF should include a sunset clause, a clear and specific expression of objectives, targets, and geographic scope, and reporting requirements (by a recorded vote of 237 ayes to 183 noes, Roll No. 465);

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Thompson (MS) amendment (No. 437 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–143) that prohibits DoD funding to house any foreign nationals who are in the custody of and detained by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (by a recorded vote of 213 ayes to 204 noes, Roll No. 469);

Pages H5733–34, H5757–58

Malinowski amendment (No. 438 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–143) that provides for a one-year prohibition on the sale of air-to-ground munitions used in the conflict in Yemen to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates, while providing an exemption for any export or license suspensions that would incur a cost to the United

States Government (by a recorded vote of 236 ayes to 182 noes, Roll No. 470); and

Pages H5734–35, H5758–59

Jayapal amendment (No. 441 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–143) that requires the Comptroller General of the United States to submit to Congress independent studies regarding potential cost savings with respect to the nuclear security enterprise and force structure (by a recorded vote of 230 ayes to 189 noes, Roll No. 471).

Pages H5737–40, H5759

Rejected:

Lee (CA) amendment (No. 49 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–143) that was debated on July 11th that sought to reduce funding from the Overseas Contingency Operations (OCO) account by \$16.8 billion (by a recorded vote of 115 ayes to 307 noes, Roll No. 459);

Page H5751

Amash amendment (No. 50 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–143) that was debated on July 11th that sought to repeal section 1022 of the FY2012 NDAA and amend Section 1021 of the FY2012 NDAA to eliminate indefinite military detention of any person detained under AUMF authority in the U.S., territories, or possessions by providing immediate transfer to trial and proceedings by a court established under Article III of the Constitution of the United States or by an appropriate State court (by a recorded vote of 187 ayes to 236 noes, Roll No. 460);

Pages H5751–52

Turner amendment (No. 386 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–143) that was debated on July 11th that sought to strike the provision relating to the prohibition on the use of funds for the deployment of low-yield ballistic missile warheads and requires the Secretary of Defense to certify on the availability of proportional response options (by a recorded vote of 201 ayes to 221 noes, Roll No. 462);

Page H5753

Garcia (TX) amendment (No. 428 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–143) that was debated on July 11th that sought to prevent DOD facilities from being used to house or detain unaccompanied migrant children (by a recorded vote of 198 ayes to 223 noes, Roll No. 466);

Pages H5755–56

Ocasio-Cortez amendment (No. 429 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–143) that was debated on July 11th that sought to prohibit the President from deploying troops on the southern border if the purpose of this deployment is to enforce immigration law (by a recorded vote of 179 ayes to 241 noes with one answering “present”, Roll No. 467); and

Pages H5756–57

Ocasio-Cortez amendment (No. 430 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–143) that was debated on July 11th that sought to prohibit the President from using the authorized funds to detain undocumented immigrants in Department of Defense facilities (by

a recorded vote of 173 ayes to 245 noes, Roll No. 468). **Page H5757**

Agreed that the Clerk be authorized to make technical corrections in the engrossment, including corrections in spelling, punctuation, section and title numbering, cross referencing, conforming amendments to the table of contents and short titles, and the insertion of appropriate headings. **Page H5765**

H. Res. 476, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2500) was agreed to Wednesday, July 10th.

Suspension: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure:

Never Forget the Heroes: Permanent Authorization of the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund Act: H.R. 1327, amended, to extend authorization for the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund of 2001 through fiscal year 2090, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeand-nay vote of 402 yeas to 12 nays, Roll No. 474;

Pages H5743–50, H5764–65

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To extend authorization for the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund of 2001 through fiscal year 2092, and for other purposes.”. **Page H5765**

Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12 noon on Monday, July 15th for Morning Hour debate. **Page H5570**

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yeand-nay vote and fifteen recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5751, H5751–52, H5752–53, H5753, H5753–54, H5754–55, H5755, H5755–56, H5756–57, H5757, H5757–58, H5758–59, H5759, H5763, H5763–64, and H5764–65. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 2:53 p.m.

Committee Meetings

KEEPING THE LIGHTS ON: ADDRESSING CYBER THREATS TO THE GRID

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy held a hearing entitled “Keeping the Lights On: Addressing Cyber Threats to the Grid”. Testimony was heard from Karen S. Evans, Assistant Secretary, Office of Cybersecurity, Energy Security, and Emergency Response, Department of Energy; J. Andrew Dodge, Sr., Director, Office of Electric Reliability, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; and a public witness.

LESSONS FROM THE MUELLER REPORT, PART III: CONSTITUTIONAL PROCESSES FOR ADDRESSING PRESIDENTIAL MISCONDUCT

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Lessons from the Mueller Report, Part III: Constitutional Processes for Addressing Presidential Misconduct”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION’S CHILD SEPARATION POLICY: SUBSTANTIATED ALLEGATIONS OF MISTREATMENT

Committee on Oversight and Reform: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Trump Administration’s Child Separation Policy: Substantiated Allegations of Mistreatment”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Escobar, Ocasio-Cortez, Pressley, Tlaib, Lesko, Cloud, Biggs, and Roy; Jennifer L. Costello, Acting Inspector General, Department of Homeland Security; Ann Maxwell, Assistant Inspector General for Evaluation and Inspections, Department of Health and Human Services; Thomas D. Homan, Former Acting Director, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR MONDAY, JULY 15, 2019

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship, hearing entitled “Overcrowding and Prolonged Detention at CBP Facilities”, 5:30 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Oversight and Reform, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Violations of the Hatch Act Under the Trump Administration, Part II: Kellyanne Conway”, 4 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 3494, the “Damon Paul Nelson and Matthew Young Polard Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020”; H.R. 582, the “Raise the Wage Act”; and a Resolution Recommending that the House of Representatives find William P. Barr, Attorney General of the United States, and Wilbur L. Ross, Jr., Secretary of Commerce, in Contempt of Congress for Refusal to Comply with Subpoenas Duly Issued by the Committee on Oversight and Reform, 5 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

3 p.m., Monday, July 15

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Peter Joseph Phipps, of Pennsylvania, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture thereon at 5:30 p.m.

The filing deadline for first-degree amendments to Protocol Amending the Tax Convention with Spain (Treaty Doc. 113–4), Protocol Amending Tax Convention with Swiss Confederation (Treaty Doc. 112–1), Protocol Amending the Tax Convention with Japan (Treaty Doc. 114–1), and Protocol Amending Tax Convention with Luxembourg (Treaty Doc. 111–8), is at 3:30 p.m.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12 noon, Monday, July 15

House Chamber

Program for Monday: To be announced.

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