

Republicans agree that there is a multiemployer pension crisis, but as my Republican colleagues on the committees of jurisdiction have stated many times before, it has to be addressed through reforms to the financial structure of these plans to ensure that the plans will not be underfunded in the future.

The security humanitarian crisis on the southern border continues. At least we are to a point right now that we admit that it is a crisis. Republicans will keep working on solutions to secure the border and help stabilize Central American countries in order to eliminate the surge in irregular migration.

These are not problems that can be solved on a partisan basis alone. I hope our Democratic colleagues will join us in finding a long-lasting solution.

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

Mrs. TORRES of California. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, at the core, how we choose to vote on these bills reflects our values.

This morning, I read a report that a school district in Pennsylvania tried to create a family separation program in order to collect school lunch debts. Imagine that. Family separation because children are too poor to pay for their lunch.

This maltreatment at our southern border is spreading across our Nation, dehumanizing people because they are poor. This is how we want to treat the weakest among us?

Will we lock children in cages and allow babies to sit in dirty diapers for days, give asylees toothbrushes but no toothpaste, and deny children regular showers and proper medical care?

Will we turn a blind eye when children are dying at the hands of the CBP officers?

Will we watch as retirees are forced to choose between paying for rent, paying for groceries, or paying for their medication?

Will we stand by and watch as our neighbors, our parents are forced to stretch their medication because they are being denied the pension that they were promised, that they worked for?

We are a country where migrants and asylees can come for a better life. We are a nation where you can work hard and retire with the peace of mind that you have earned your keep.

Democrats are fighting to protect the promise of the American Dream for everyone. Mr. Speaker, I can only speak for myself when I say this, but I refuse to be a party to breaking that promise, because it means that much to me.

I urge my colleagues to vote “yes” on the rule and to pass these critical pieces of legislation.

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

AMENDMENT TO HOUSE RESOLUTION 509

At the end of the resolution, add the following:

SEC. 10. Immediately upon adoption of this resolution, the House shall proceed to the consideration in the House of the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 54) establishing the Joint Select Committee on Solvency of Multiemployer Pension Plans. The concurrent resolution shall be considered as read. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the concurrent resolution to adoption without intervening motion or demand for division of the question except one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the Majority Leader and the Minority Leader or their respective designees.

SEC. 11. Clause 1(c) of rule XIX shall not apply to the consideration of House Concurrent Resolution 54.

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

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

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

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

The yeas and nays were ordered.

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

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.

COAST GUARD AUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2019

Mr. DEFAZIO. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 3409) to authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard, and for other purposes, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 3409

*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 “Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2019”.

SEC. 2. TABLE OF CONTENTS.

The table of contents for this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title.

Sec. 2. Table of contents.

TITLE I—AUTHORIZATIONS

Sec. 101. Authorizations of appropriations.

Sec. 102. Authorized levels of military strength and training.

Sec. 103. Determination of budgetary effects.

TITLE II—COAST GUARD

Sec. 201. Grade on retirement.

Sec. 202. Congressional affairs; Director.

Sec. 203. Limitations on claims.

Sec. 204. Authority for officers to opt out of promotion board consideration.

Sec. 205. Temporary promotion authority for officers in certain grades with critical skills.

Sec. 206. Career intermission program.

Sec. 207. Major acquisitions; operation and sustainment costs.

Sec. 208. Employment assistance.

Sec. 209. Reports on gender diversity in the Coast Guard.

Sec. 210. Disposition of infrastructure related to E-LORAN.

Sec. 211. Positions of importance and responsibility.

Sec. 212. Research projects; transactions other than contracts and grants.

Sec. 213. Acquisition workforce authorities.

Sec. 214. Report on Coast Guard defense readiness resources allocation.

Sec. 215. Report on the feasibility of liquefied natural gas fueled vessels.

TITLE III—SHIPPING

Sec. 301. Electronic charts; equivalency.

Sec. 302. Passenger vessel security and safety requirements; application.

Sec. 303. Non-operating individual.

Sec. 304. Small passenger vessels and uninspected passenger vessels.

Sec. 305. Installation vessels.

Sec. 306. Advisory committees.

Sec. 307. Expired maritime liens.

Sec. 308. Training; emergency response providers.

Sec. 309. Aiming a laser pointer at a vessel.

Sec. 310. Maritime transportation assessment.

Sec. 311. Safety of special activities.

Sec. 312. Engine cut-off switches; use requirement.

Sec. 313. Exemptions and equivalents.

Sec. 314. Security plans; reviews.

Sec. 315. Waiver of navigation and vessel inspection laws.

Sec. 316. Requirement for small shipyard grantees.

Sec. 317. Independent study on the United States Merchant Marine Academy.

Sec. 318. Centers of excellence for domestic maritime workforce training and education.

Sec. 319. Renewal of merchant mariner licenses and documents.

TITLE IV—MISCELLANEOUS

Sec. 401. Coastwise trade.

Sec. 402. Unmanned maritime systems and satellite vessel tracking technologies.

Sec. 403. Expedited transfer in cases of sexual assault; dependents of members of the Coast Guard.

Sec. 404. Towing vessels; operation outside the boundary line.

Sec. 405. Coast Guard authorities study.

Sec. 406. Cloud computing strategy.

Sec. 407. Report on effects of climate change on Coast Guard.

Sec. 408. Shore infrastructure.

Sec. 409. Physical access control system report.

Sec. 410. Coastwise endorsements.

Sec. 411. Polar security cutter acquisition report.

Sec. 412. Sense of the Congress on the need for a new Great Lakes ice-breaker.

Sec. 413. Cargo preference study.

Sec. 414. Insider Threat program.

Sec. 415. Fishing safety grants.

Sec. 416. Plans for demonstration programs.

Sec. 417. Waters deemed not navigable waters of the United States for certain purposes.

Sec. 418. Coast Guard housing; status and authorities briefing.