

Mr. SAN NICOLAS. Mr. Speaker, I yield as much time as he may consume to the gentleman from Washington (Mr. HECK), the sponsor of this important legislation.

Mr. HECK. Mr. Speaker, I do, in fact, rise in support of H.R. 4351, the Yes In My Backyard, or YIMBY, Act. I thank the gentleman from Guam (Mr. SAN NICOLAS) as well as the gentleman from Arkansas (Mr. HILL) for bringing this to the floor.

Our Nation is, in fact, suffering from a severe national housing crisis, a word that is overused too much but, in fact, applies to the situation.

We are indeed missing millions of homes to meet qualified and eligible demand in this country. The reference earlier was to 7.3 million. Estimates range from 7 to 10 million homes.

In my home State alone, to put that in perspective, Washington State, we are underproduced by 200,000 homes.

The implications of not having enough homes, of a supply problem, are grave, because housing, it turns out, is an ecosystem. What we see now is this entire ecosystem is under stress, and as a consequence, the cost of shelter is going up for everyone.

From homeowners to renters, market-rate to affordable homes, and urban to suburban and rural areas, this housing crisis has hit everyone.

One place where it is particularly acute is the production of starter homes. Stop and think about what that does to the ecosystem. If we are not building starter homes because of some of the fees, as an example, or regulations that my friend from Arkansas alluded to, that means that people who are renting can't quite get that first rung on the ladder of homeownership. It also means that the boomers who are seeking to downsize can't find homes that they can purchase.

What is the implication of that? If there are no starter homes, more people stay renting. If more people stay renting, occupancies go up. If occupancies go up, rents go up.

It is pure supply and demand. More people become rent-burdened, and, yes, in fact, this is a contributory cause of increased homelessness even in America.

How severe is this? Little known fact, but a fact nonetheless: In the last 15 years, the single largest increase in household budgets, counterintuitively, is not healthcare, not postsecondary education, but it is housing.

I have been saying for years that we need to encourage the construction of more homes that Americans can afford. We need to build more homes of all types and sizes for all of our neighbors.

Now, affordable housing advocates, economists, builders, lenders, and countless others have come together to try to begin to solve this problem, now a crisis, and there are a few common themes beginning to emerge from their research.

One of these common themes is that certain zoning and land use policies are

negatively impacting construction and affordable housing supply. Local governments regulate zoning and land use policy, and we shouldn't be doing that here. That is not what this bill is about.

The fact of the matter is, communities experience different barriers to housing. One size doesn't fit all, so we shouldn't be getting into that business. But the impact of zoning and land use policies on housing are significant. As certain regulations have increased, they have resulted in fewer homes and unaffordable housing cost increases for everyone, the hardest hit being low-income people.

Here is another fact. There is not a single county in the United States of America where somebody working full time at a minimum wage job can afford, according to Federal standards, a two-bedroom unit—not a single county in all of America.

That is why I argue that we must have a better understanding of the impacts of these policies. Sunlight is, after all, the best disinfectant.

Under the YIMBY Act, local governments receiving Federal housing funds through the Community Development Block Grant program, or CDBG, would report on whether they have enacted policies to reduce regulations that affect affordable housing supply.

Let's be clear. There is nothing in this bill that will deny municipalities CDBG—nothing. Rather, the bill seeks simple transparency for these decisions. It encourages localities to eliminate housing barriers.

I introduced the YIMBY Act with my friend, Congressman HOLLINGSWORTH from Indiana, and it did, in fact, pass out of the committee unopposed. But it is not only bipartisan. It enjoys an incredible spectrum of support among external stakeholders.

I am not going to bore you with all 18 organizations, but everybody from the American Planning Association, to Habitat for Humanity, to the Mortgage Bankers Association all back this bill because it is time to take this step.

Solving the housing crisis is going to require the work and collaboration of all levels of government. Everybody has a hand on the oar here, local, State, and Federal governments. This is no longer something that elected officials at any level can ignore, and that includes us.

We have a national housing crisis, one that is brought on in part by zoning and land use policies. This YIMBY Act is a crucial first step to addressing these policies in order to bring down housing costs.

Mr. Speaker, I submit it to the body for its favorable consideration, and I thank the gentleman from Arkansas (Mr. HILL), the gentleman from Guam (Mr. SAN NICOLAS), and the chair of the committee as well for their work bringing this to the floor today.

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

Mr. Speaker, I, too, want to add my thanks to Congressman HECK and Con-

gressman HOLLINGSWORTH for their leadership on this. It really draws attention to this issue. It is an issue that comes up before our committee so frequently, how we lower that cost of housing.

Mr. Speaker, I appreciate my friend from Washington also emphasizing first-time home buyers and that starter home buyer. It is so important.

I am blessed in greater Little Rock to live in a place that is still pretty affordable, by national standards, to get that first home and get started in the right way.

But I think, to look at it on a national basis, I really thank my friend from Washington.

Mr. Speaker, I have to say, though, he is such a young and dynamic person, I have never thought of him as a boomer. This Congress will be a weaker place, a less happy place, because DENNY HECK has decided to step down and return to hearth and home and another way after this Congress. I want to say here before his friends and our colleagues what a privilege it has been to serve with him for the past 5 years.

I thank him for the leadership on this bill. I thank my friend from Guam for managing this effort.

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

Mr. SAN NICOLAS. Mr. Speaker, I, too, would like to thank Mr. HECK and Mr. HOLLINGSWORTH for their leadership on this important bipartisan bill, as well as Mr. HILL for managing this on the floor with me.

This bill is a constructive next step to help reduce the barriers to producing affordable housing, and that is something that every American can get behind.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. CLAY). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Guam (Mr. SAN NICOLAS) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 4351, as amended.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 1140, RIGHTS FOR TRANSPORTATION SECURITY OFFICERS ACT OF 2020; PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS TO SUSPEND THE RULES; AND WAIVING A REQUIREMENT OF CLAUSE 6(A) OF RULE XIII WITH RESPECT TO CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN RESOLUTIONS REPORTED FROM THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Ms. SCANLON, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 116-411) on the resolution (H. Res. 877) providing for consideration of

the bill (H.R. 1140) to enhance the security operations of the Transportation Security Administration and stability of the transportation security workforce by applying the personnel system under title 5, United States Code, to employees of the Transportation Security Administration who provide screening of all passengers and property, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules; and waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until approximately 6:30 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 5 o'clock and 45 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. BEYER) at 6 o'clock and 31 minutes p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Proceedings will resume on motions to suspend the rules previously postponed. Votes will be taken in the following order:

Motions to suspend the rules and pass:

- H.R. 5003, and
- H.R. 5932.

The first electronic vote will be conducted as a 15-minute vote. Pursuant to clause 9 of rule XX, remaining electronic votes will be conducted as 5-minute votes.

FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES FOR SERVICEMEMBERS 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. 5003) to amend the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act to provide enhanced protection against debt collector harassment of members of the Armed Forces, 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 Guam (Mr. SAN NICOLAS) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 355, nays 0, not voting 74, as follows:

[Roll No. 79]

YEAS—355

Abraham	Escobar	Lipinski
Adams	Eshoo	Loeb
Aguilar	Espartero	Loeb
Allen	Estes	Lofgren
Amash	Evans	Long
Amodei	Ferguson	Loudermilk
Armstrong	Fitzpatrick	Lowenthal
Arrington	Fleischmann	Lowe
Axne	Fortenberry	Lucas
Babin	Foster	Luetkemeyer
Bacon	Frankel	Lujan
Baird	Fudge	Luria
Balderson	Gaetz	Lynch
Banks	Gallagher	Malinowski
Barr	Gallagher	Maloney
Beatty	Galego	Carolyn B.
Bera	Garamendi	Maloney, Sean
Bergman	Garcia (TX)	Massie
Beyer	Gianforte	Mast
Biggs	Gibbs	Matsui
Bilirakis	Gohmert	McAdams
Bishop (GA)	Golden	McBath
Blumenauer	Gonzalez (OH)	McCarthy
Blunt	Gonzalez (TX)	McCaul
Bonamici	Gooden	McClintock
Bost	Gottheimer	McCollum
Boyle, Brendan	Graves (GA)	McEachin
F.	Graves (LA)	McGovern
Brindisi	Graves (MO)	McKinley
Brooks (IN)	Green (TN)	McNerney
Brown (MD)	Green, Al (TX)	Meeks
Brownley (CA)	Griffith	Meng
Buck	Grothman	Meuser
Bucshon	Guest	Miller
Burchett	Guthrie	Mitchell
Burgess	Hagedorn	Moolenaar
Bustos	Harris	Mooney (WV)
Calvert	Hartzer	Moore
Cárdenas	Hastings	Morelle
Carson (IN)	Hayes	Moulton
Carter (GA)	Heck	Mucarsel-Powell
Carter (TX)	Hern, Kevin	Mullin
Cartwright	Herrera Beutler	Murphy (FL)
Case	Hice (GA)	Nadler
Casten (IL)	Higgins (LA)	Napolitano
Castor (FL)	Higgins (NY)	Neal
Chabot	Hill (AR)	Neguse
Cheney	Himes	Newhouse
Chu, Judy	Hollingsworth	Norcross
Cicilline	Horn, Kendra S.	Nunes
Cisneros	Houlahan	Ocasio-Cortez
Clark (MA)	Hoyer	Olson
Clarke (NY)	Huffman	Palazzo
Clay	Huizenga	Pallone
Cleaver	Jayapal	Palmer
Cline	Jeffries	Panetta
Cloud	Johnson (GA)	Panetta
Clyburn	Johnson (LA)	Pappas
Cohen	Johnson (OH)	Pascarell
Cole	Jordan	Pence
Collins (GA)	Joyce (OH)	Perlmutter
Comer	Joyce (PA)	Perry
Conaway	Kaptur	Peters
Connolly	Katko	Peterson
Cook	Keating	Phillips
Cooper	Keller	Pingree
Correa	Kelly (IL)	Pocan
Courtney	Kelly (MS)	Posey
Craig	Kelly (PA)	Pressley
Crawford	Kennedy	Price (NC)
Crenshaw	Khanna	Quigley
Crist	Kildee	Raskin
Crow	Kilmer	Ratcliffe
Cunningham	Kim	Reed
Curtis	Kind	Reschenthaler
Davids (KS)	King (IA)	Rice (NY)
Davidson (OH)	King (NY)	Rice (SC)
Davis (CA)	Kinzinger	Roby
Davis, Danny K.	Krishnamoorthi	Rodgers (WA)
Davis, Rodney	Kuster (NH)	Roe, David P.
Dean	Kustoff (TN)	Rogers (AL)
DeFazio	LaHood	Rogers (KY)
DeGette	LaMalfa	Rose (NY)
DeLauro	Lamb	Rose, John W.
DelBene	Lamborn	Rouda
Delgado	Langevin	Roy
Demings	Larsen (WA)	Ruiz
Deutch	Larson (CT)	Ruppersberger
Diaz-Balart	Latta	Rutherford
Dingell	Lawrence	Sánchez
Doyle, Michael	Lawson (FL)	Sarbanes
F.	Lee (CA)	Scalise
Duncan	Lee (NV)	Scanlon
Dunn	Levin (CA)	Schakowsky
Emmer	Levin (MI)	Schiff
Engel	Lewis	Schneider
	Lieu, Ted	Schrader
		Schrier

Scott, Austin	Swalwell (CA)	Walden
Scott, David	Takano	Walker
Sensenbrenner	Taylor	Walorski
Serrano	Thompson (CA)	Waltz
Shalala	Thompson (MS)	Wasserman
Sherman	Thompson (PA)	Schultz
Sherrill	Timmons	Watkins
Shimkus	Tipton	Watson Coleman
Simpson	Titus	Weber (TX)
Smith (MO)	Tlaib	Webster (FL)
Smith (NE)	Tonko	Welch
Smith (NJ)	Torres Small	Wenstrup
Smith (WA)	(NM)	Westerman
Smucker	Trahan	Wexton
Soto	Trone	Wild
Spanberger	Turner	Williams
Speier	Underwood	Wilson (SC)
Staubert	Upton	Wittman
Stefanik	Van Drew	Womack
Steil	Vargas	Woodall
Steube	Velázquez	Wright
Stevens	Visclosky	Yoho
Stewart	Wagner	Young
Stivers	Walberg	Zeldin

NOT VOTING—74

Aderholt	Gabbard	Payne
Allred	Garcia (IL)	Porter
Albright	Gomez	Richmond
Barragan	Gosar	Riggleman
Bass	Granger	Rooney (FL)
Bishop (NC)	Grijalva	Rouzer
Bishop (UT)	Haaland	Royal-Allard
Brady	Harder (CA)	Rush
Brooks (AL)	Holding	Ryan
Buchanan	Horsford	Schweikert
Budd	Hudson	Scott (VA)
Butterfield	Hurd (TX)	Sewell (AL)
Byrne	Jackson Lee	Sires
Carbajal	Johnson (SD)	Slotkin
Castro (TX)	Johnson (TX)	Spano
Costa	Kirkpatrick	Stanton
Cox (CA)	Cuellar	Suozi
Cuellar	Lesko	Thornberry
DeSaulnier	Marchant	Torres (CA)
DesJarlais	Marshall	Veasey
Doggett	McHenry	Vela
Finkenauer	Meadows	Waters
Fletcher	Murphy (NC)	Wilson (FL)
Flores	Norman	Yarmuth
Foxx (NC)	O'Halleran	
Fulcher	Omar	

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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.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

ENSURING CHINESE DEBT TRANSPARENCY ACT OF 2020

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. 5932) to ensure greater transparency about the terms and conditions of financing provided by China to member states of the international financial institutions, 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 Guam (Mr. SAN NICOLAS) 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 356, nays 0, not voting 73, as follows:

[Roll No. 80]

YEAS—356

Abraham	Aguilar	Amash
Adams	Allen	Amodei