

and the Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements program, the Department of Transportation issue notices about the availability of funds and provide those funds within a set period of time after this bill goes into effect, which will stop DOT from slow-walking this important process.

Finally, the Federal Transit Administration currently requires that a project receive a medium or higher rating before it finalizes an environmental impact statement that is critical for that project to move forward but often then refuses to grant Gateway projects that rating. This bill prohibits the FTA from making this requirement for the environmental impact statement.

We have a tremendous opportunity to green-light funding for the critical rail projects of the future with smart investments now.

I thank Chairwoman LOWEY and the committee for the great work they have done with this legislation, and I hope we can pass this bill that is so important for the residents of New Jersey and the Nation.

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

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, I claim the time in opposition to the amendment, although I am not opposed to the amendment.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the gentleman from North Carolina is recognized for 5 minutes.

There was no objection.

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Madam Speaker, I rise in strong support of this amendment. The Federal-State partnership for State of Good Repair Competitive Grant program is vital to improving passenger rail infrastructure all along Amtrak's Northeast Corridor and across the Nation.

I have traveled firsthand to see the Portal Bridge, the Hudson tunnels, the other infrastructure on the Northeast Corridor that we must upgrade as part of the critical Gateway program. This corridor is significant not just to New York, not just to New Jersey, but to the entire Nation's economy.

At the request of my colleague from New Jersey—whose amendment I commend—and others from the region, this bill includes important new flexibilities in the program which should help jump-start rail projects.

The bill rejects the administration's flawed decision to restrict project eligibility to final design and construction activities and makes important early-stage project activities like design, engineering, environmental studies, and acquiring rights of way eligible for funding.

Given the strain the coronavirus pandemic has placed on the budgets of State and local governments, Amtrak, and others, the bill eliminates the selection preference for projects which have a 50 percent or higher non-Federal match.

The bill also provides strong funding through other programs which could advance the rail infrastructure projects that make up the Gateway program, including \$5.75 billion for Amtrak's Northeast Corridor, \$7.2 billion for Capital Investment Grants (CIGs), \$5.5 billion for CRISI, and \$4 billion for the BUILD program.

In addition, the bill directs the administration to administer the CIG program as required by law, including a prohibition on requiring that certain financial metrics be met for projects before they finalize environmental reviews.

So I commend my colleague for her amendment. I look forward to working with her and others with a strong interest in this matter to support investments in Gateway and other important rail infrastructure all across this country.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 1067, the previous question is ordered on the amendment offered by the gentleman from New Jersey (Ms. SHERRILL).

The question is on the amendment.

The amendment was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 1(c) of rule XIX, further consideration of H.R. 7617 is postponed.

#### RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 3 o'clock and 7 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 (Ms. JUDY CHU of California) at 6 o'clock and 30 minutes p.m.

#### COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, July 30, 2020.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,  
*The Speaker, House of Representatives,*  
Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on July 30, 2020, at 3:46 p.m.:

That the Senate passed S. 2381.

That the Senate passed S. 2638.

That the Senate passed S. 4346.

That the Senate agreed to Relative to the death of the Honorable John Lewis, late a Representative from the State of Georgia S. Res. 660.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

GLORIA J. LETT,  
*Deputy Clerk.*

#### DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2021

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 1(c) of rule XIX, further consideration of the bill (H.R. 7617) making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2021, and for other purposes, will now resume.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

AMENDMENT NO. 49 OFFERED BY MS. OCASIO-CORTEZ

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfinished business is the question on amendment No. 49, printed in part B of House Report No. 116-461, on which further proceedings were postponed and on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk will redesignate the amendment.

The Clerk redesignated the amendment.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the amendment offered by the gentlewoman from New York (Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ).

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 126, nays 292, not voting 12, as follows:

[Roll No. 173]

YEAS—126

Adams	Green, Al (TX)	Pingree
Barragan	Grijalva	Pocan
Bass	Haaland	Porter
Beatty	Hastings	Pressley
Beyer	Higgins (NY)	Price (NC)
Blumenauer	Horsford	Quigley
Blunt Rochester	Huffman	Raskin
Bonamici	Jackson Lee	Rice (NY)
Boyle, Brendan	Jayapal	Roybal-Allard
F.	Jeffries	Ruiz
Butterfield	Johnson (GA)	Rush
Cárdenas	Johnson (TX)	Ryan
Carson (IN)	Keating	Sarbanes
Castor (FL)	Kelly (IL)	Scanlon
Castro (TX)	Kennedy	Schakowsky
Chu, Judy	Khanna	Schneider
Ciilline	Kildee	Scott (VA)
Clark (MA)	Kilmer	Serrano
Clarke (NY)	Krishnamoorthi	Sherman
Cleaver	Lee (CA)	Sires
Cohen	Levin (MI)	Soto
Connolly	Lofgren	Speier
Cooper	Lowenthal	Stanton
Correa	Luján	Swalwell (CA)
Dean	Maloney,	Takano
DeGette	Carolyn B.	Titus
DeLauro	Matsui	Tlaib
DelBene	McCollum	Tonko
DeSaulnier	McGovern	Trahan
Deutch	McNerney	Underwood
Dingell	Meeks	Vargas
Doggett	Meng	Vela
Doyle, Michael	Mfume	Velázquez
F.	Moore	Wasserman
Escobar	Morelle	Schultz
Eshoo	Nadler	Waters
Espallat	Napolitano	Watson Coleman
Evans	Neal	Welch
Frankel	Neguse	Wexton
Galleo	Ocasio-Cortez	Wild
Garamendi	Omar	Wilson (FL)
Garcia (IL)	Pallone	Yarmuth
Garcia (TX)	Pascrell	
Gomez	Perlmutter	