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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. LOUDERMILK).

### DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,  
September 3, 2025.

I hereby appoint the Honorable BARRY LOUDERMILK to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

MIKE JOHNSON,  
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

### MORNING-HOUR DEBATE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of January 3, 2025, the Chair will now recognize Members from lists submitted by the majority and minority leaders for morning-hour debate.

The Chair will alternate recognition between the parties, with time equally allocated between the parties and each Member other than the majority and minority leaders and the minority whip limited to 5 minutes, but in no event shall debate continue beyond 11:50 a.m.

### HONORING THE LIFE OF WALT HARTNETT

(Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, for nearly 2 years, I had the privilege of working alongside Walt Hartnett, a man who was a decorated soldier, a compassionate advocate for veterans, and a loving father and husband.

Walt worked in my district office as our veterans affairs representative, connecting his fellow vets to

healthcare, locating service records, and leading our veterans advisory panel. When vets came through our door, they knew Walt heard them.

Walt embodied service, and his time with our team was just one of those many roles. Walt was a 13-year Army veteran, serving 9 years Active Duty and 4 years in the Reserves. He earned the rank of sergeant and many military honors.

After his time in the military, Walt built a career in human resources, where he guided veterans into meaningful civilian careers.

As commander of our local Conshohocken VFW Post 1074 and commander of the Pennsylvania VFW District 16, Walt created a home for those who needed community the most.

When Walt joined our staff, I asked him why he would take a job so different, and perhaps of less pay, than the career he had planned. He said he was clear-eyed in his mission. He wanted to turn his passion for helping veterans into a career, and he did just that.

Walt was proud to work with and for the House of Representatives, an institution by and for the people. He was one of us, and he was a voice for a community that deserves our utmost respect and attention.

During our time together, Walt treated his role with the care and seriousness it demanded. He also handled it with joy and good humor. Walt's presence was all-encompassing. His laughter boomed through our offices, and his storytelling captivated every audience. He put his entire self into his work, and he was a friend to us, his coworkers.

Above all, he was a devoted husband and father. To know Walt was to know his family. He beamed with love and pride for his wife, Ashley, and his four children: Eric, Walt, Gianna, and Hailey.

It is with this beautiful family in mind and with their blessing that I share the next part of his story.

On June 9 of this year, Walt took his own life. It is a painful, sad, and difficult truth to share, and I share it because it is not the manner of Walt's death that is his true story. It is how he lived, with humor, compassion, and love of others. It is also, we know, a crisis in this country. Every day, many veterans die in this country from suicide.

Walt spent his entire life saving servicemen and -women, his brothers and sisters, from this very fate. Yet, we now eulogize him.

It is difficult for me to comprehend, for our team to comprehend, for his family.

In the days that followed Walt's death, the outpouring of grief and love, and disbelief, was beyond anything I have witnessed. His death reverberated in my district, through Conshohocken, Montgomery County, and, frankly, across the entire Commonwealth and Nation, because that is how many lives Walt touched. That is how people cared about him because he was a reflection of care.

His is an extraordinary loss for our Conshohocken community, for veterans, and for my office personally.

As we recognize September as Suicide Prevention Month, today, September 3, would have been Walt's 48th birthday.

As we mourn and grapple with his death, yet we celebrate his life, I share Walt's story as a way to please help others, to say you are not alone, and to say people love you and are available to help you; just reach out your hand, and we must reach out our hands, as well; and to say that veterans have endured so much, far beyond anything we can imagine. It is up to us to ensure that they get the aid they deserve.

We must do better by veterans. Walt sure did.

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God bless Walt Hartnett, and God bless the Hartnett family. May his memory forever be a blessing.

#### HONORING FLYNN WARREN, JR.

(Mr. CARTER of Georgia was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Flynn Warren, Jr.

Born in Mount Holly, North Carolina, Flynn graduated from high school a year early and was known in town as the local genius. He attended Belmont Abbey College, where he was named MVP of the golf team for 2 consecutive years.

Flynn later earned his pharmacy bachelor's degree from the University of South Carolina and his master's degree from the University of Georgia. Flynn went on to serve as a faculty member at the University of Georgia, retiring as a clinical professor and assistant dean for student affairs.

In 2003, Flynn was elected president of the Georgia Pharmacy Association and served on the boards of the Georgia Pharmacy Foundation and the International Association of Torch Clubs, mentoring countless students along the way.

Flynn was devoted to his family and community, volunteering with many organizations and helping anyone in need. He is survived by his loving wife, Monica, and their children.

#### HONORING TOM COUSINS

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and the legacy of Tom Cousins.

Tom Cousins was one of the most influential figures in Georgia's history, transforming Atlanta into one of the Nation's leading cities.

At just 16, he enrolled at the University of Georgia, earning a degree in finance and graduating in the top 10 percent of his class.

After graduation, he served in the United States Air Force, rising to the rank of first lieutenant.

Following his service, he founded a real estate company with his father, becoming the largest home builder in Georgia.

Tom later purchased key properties in downtown Atlanta and was instrumental in relocating the St. Louis Hawks to the city.

Beyond business, he led the East Lake revitalization project, turning the neighborhood into a thriving urban community. His vision and leadership left an enduring mark on Georgia and its capital.

Today, we remember Tom Cousins for his extraordinary contributions. Atlanta would not be Atlanta had it not been for Tom Cousins.

#### RECOGNIZING MASON HOWELL

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate one of Georgia's own, Mason Howell of Thomasville, who made history by capturing the 125th U.S. Amateur Championship.

Mason's path to victory was nothing short of extraordinary. He battled his way out of a 20-man playoff, defeated some of the world's highest-ranked amateurs, and ultimately claimed one of golf's most prestigious titles.

Only 18 years old, Mason displayed composure far beyond his years. He refused to be intimidated, showing that perseverance and confidence can overcome even the toughest competition.

Mason's triumph makes him the third youngest champion in U.S. Amateur history, a distinction that places him alongside the game's legends, and even ahead of Tiger Woods in the record books.

This remarkable accomplishment has earned Mason invitations to the Masters, the U.S. Open, and a spot on the 2025 U.S. Walker Cup team.

From his beginnings in Thomasville to the national stage, Mason Howell embodies the value of hard work, dedication, and belief in oneself.

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#### RECOGNIZING MAJOR GENERAL BOBBY CHRISTINE

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Major General Bobby Christine, a proud alumnus of Samford University's Cumberland School of Law, on his appointment as the 43rd Judge Advocate General of the United States Army.

Major General Christine was confirmed by the Senate on June 29, 2025, and assumed his duties on July 1, 2025, becoming the Army's top legal officer and senior uniformed lawyer.

In this role, he provides legal counsel to the Secretary of the Army and the chief of staff, while leading the Judge Advocate General's Corps and delivering legal services across the Army.

His distinguished career includes both private practice and government service, where he has demonstrated integrity, professionalism, and an unwavering commitment to causes greater than himself.

Major General Christine's leadership will play a vital role in guiding the Army through transformation and readiness for the future. I congratulate him on this historic achievement and thank him for his service to our Nation.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF GENE VUKELIC

(Mr. KENNEDY of New York was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. KENNEDY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of my dear friend, Gene Vukelic, a man whose vision and leadership have left an indelible mark on our community, our State, and our Nation.

Gene passed away at the age of 94 on August 3 of this year. Gene Vukelic was a successful businessman, a devoted husband and father, a veteran, and a man of deep faith and enormous generosity whose impact on western

New York will be felt for generations to come.

Gene was a patriot. After serving his country honorably as an instructor sergeant with the United States Marine Corps 3rd Division, Gene returned home to Buffalo and devoted himself to building both his family and his father's business, Try-It Distributing, into a regional powerhouse.

Over the span of six decades, Gene grew what started as a small family business during prohibition into our region's premier beverage distribution company, now in its fourth generation of family leadership.

Under his leadership, the company grew from a modest operation of 12 employees into a cornerstone of western New York's economy, employing over 600 individuals and operating statewide.

Through subsidiaries like Balkan Beverage and Saratoga Eagle Sales & Service, Try-It became one of the largest distributors in the Nation, while remaining true to its roots as a family business.

Gene's love for his family was the foundation of it all. Alongside his beloved wife of 67 years, Carole, they raised a large and loving family, instilling in their children the same commitment to community that defined Gene's life.

Gene's seven children—Mary Ellen, Paul, Suzanne, Timothy, Jeffrey, Peter, Matt, and his late son, Gregory—21 grandchildren, and 21 great-grandchildren are a testament to the values he embodied.

Beyond his family, Gene poured his energy into strengthening western New York through philanthropy and service. From the Muscular Dystrophy Association and Nardin Academy, from Canisius University to Mercy Hospital, and so many more, countless organizations and institutions flourished because of his support.

Those who knew Gene will say his generosity was never about recognition. It was a chance to give back and to make a difference and to lift others up.

Gene was a proud graduate of Canisius High School, class of 1948. He lived the values instilled in him through his Jesuit education. He mentored countless young people and never hesitated to lend a helping hand, quietly offering support to those in need and expecting nothing in return.

That is who Gene was. He was a provider, a protector, and a man with a heart too big to measure. Western New York has lost a giant and one of our greatest champions.

We remember Gene Vukelic for the business he built, for the community he nurtured, the causes he supported, the people he loved, and the legacy he leaves us. His life reminds us that true success lies in service to others.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the memory of Gene P. Vukelic and in extending our deepest condolences to the entire Vukelic family.

May Gene Vukelic rest in peace, and may we all strive to lead with his same sense of purpose and compassion.

#### HONORING CLARKE COUNTY GIRLS' TRACK AND FIELD

(Mr. CLINE of Virginia was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. CLINE. Mr. Speaker, today I rise with pride to honor the incredible athletes of Clarke County High School who for first time since 2009 are State champs in girls' track and field.

The Eagles won the 4x400 meter relay to surge past the competition and win the Class 2 State meet at James Madison University.

Led by seniors Teya Starley, who captured the 800-meter title and anchored the 4x400 relay; Reagan "Megatron" Myer, whose triple jump and 200 meter earned crucial points; and the ever-determined Abigail Cochran and Molly Husted, the Eagles soared to victory.

They were joined by their teammates Kendall Harman, Grace Gerenski, Kenedy Money, and Mia Timberlake, who each gave it their all.

None of this would have been possible without Coach Andre Kidrick, a true leader in his 18th and final season. His legacy, built on heart, toughness, and unity, will echo through Clarke County for generations.

He was assisted by Coaches Jamie Starley, Gary Wymer, Nancy Specht, Regina Downing, and Jeff Webster in a true team effort.

Please join me in congratulating these young women, their coaches, and the entire Clarke County community on this remarkable achievement. Go Eagles.

#### HONORING GLENVAR HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLANDERS BOYS' SOCCER TEAM

Mr. CLINE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the Glenvar High School Highlanders boys' soccer team. They are the 2025 Virginia Class 2 State champs for the third straight year.

Led by Head Coach Josh Jones, Captains Kian Fisher, Jake Williams, Aidan Hylton, and a remarkable roster: Grayson Shepherd, Tyler Shannon, Jackson Jones, Alan Vu, Kees Van Gerven, Gavin Miller, Tyler Curfiss, Seth Nichols, Levi King, Zack Brown, Heath Russell, Luke Farmer, Parker Doolan, Avery McClanahan, Cooper Mullins, Zach Adams, Henry Schruth, Griffin Geddes, Adam Saunders, James Housh, Alex Rottkamp, Ryder Francisco, Evan Harris, Wesley Feliciano, and Connor Magruder, this squad delivered perfection with a 23-0 record.

They outscored their opponents 134-3, dominating with 20 shutouts and trailing for only 4 minutes all year.

In the June 14 final, goals from Hylton and Saunders secured a 2-0 win over Bruton, claiming their fifth straight Region C and Three Rivers District titles. They also extended a 61-game unbeaten streak of 98-3 and 2 ties since 2021.

Mr. Speaker, I commend the entire coaching and support staff, as well as

school leadership, for guiding these young men to excellence. We congratulate the Glenvar Highlanders. They have made Glenvar and the Roanoke Valley proud.

#### CELEBRATING VIRGINIA POULTRY FEDERATION'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY

Mr. CLINE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Virginia Poultry Federation, which is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year.

In August of 1925, a group of poultrymen gathered at Virginia Tech for the first poultry field day where they organized the Virginia Poultry Federation and began a century-long mission to strengthen and support the poultry and ag industry.

For the past 100 years, the Federation has served farmers, processors, and businesses through effective advocacy, youth programs, scholarships, and vital partnerships.

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From education and outreach to supporting 4-H, FAA, and ag in the classroom, its contributions extend far beyond the farm.

Today, more than 1,000 farm families depend on this thriving industry which generates billions of dollars in wages and economic impact across the Commonwealth of Virginia. Nowhere is this more evident than in Virginia's Sixth Congressional District, the birthplace of the modern poultry industry and the top producing region in Virginia today. The continued strength of the poultry and egg industries in the Shenandoah Valley and across the Commonwealth is a testament to the federation's enduring commitment to its mission.

I commend President Hobey Bauhan and the Virginia Poultry Federation on a century of service, leadership, and success, and I wish them many more years of growth and innovation.

#### MAKING D.C. SAFE AGAIN

Mr. CLINE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to highlight the importance of commonsense policies that put public safety first. For too long, we have seen soft-on-crime approaches that let repeat offenders walk free, putting law-abiding citizens at risk. However, recent data from Washington, D.C., shows that when we take crime seriously, communities become a safer place.

Since President Trump took decisive action to tackle crime head-on in our Nation's Capital, burglaries have dropped by nearly one-half and car thefts have fallen 36 percent. These are not just numbers on a page. They represent families who can walk their neighborhoods with greater peace of mind. They represent small business owners who feel more secure about opening their doors. They represent children who can play outside without the same fear of violence.

This is what happens when we adopt commonsense policies. Holding criminals accountable works. Protecting communities works. Supporting law enforcement works.

D.C.'s progress should serve as a model for the rest of the country. The American people are tired of failed policies that prioritize criminals over victims. We should reject those failed approaches and instead double down on strategies that deliver results for America.

#### HONORING HARLEM HELLFIGHTERS

(Mr. LATIMER of New York was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. LATIMER. Mr. Speaker, I am a proud son of Mount Vernon, New York. I was born there. I went to school there, and it shaped the person who I am today. My roots run deep in that community, and I carry its values with me every day in my work here in Congress.

During World War I, 22 fellow sons of Mount Vernon answered the call to serve and joined the fight to defend freedom abroad. These men became part of the legendary Harlem Hellfighters, the 369th Infantry Regiment of the New York Army National Guard.

The Harlem Hellfighters hold a remarkable and important place in our Nation's history. Comprised primarily of Black Americans, this unit was among the first African-American regiments to serve with the American Expeditionary Forces during the First World War, and a later version served in the Second World War. Mr. Speaker, because the U.S. Army remained segregated at the time, these men were assigned to fight under French command.

They spent nearly 200 days in front-line trenches, more than any other American unit. They faced unimaginable hardship but never wavered. They suffered the most casualties of any American regiment with nearly 1,500 men making the ultimate sacrifice.

Yet, despite their heroism and service, they returned home to a country that did not afford them the recognition they earned. Today that changes.

This afternoon, these brave men, our Harlem Hellfighters, will be honored with the Congressional Gold Medal, the highest civilian award Congress can bestow. This long overdue recognition honors their extraordinary valor, their unwavering service, and their critical place in American history.

The men of the 369th embodied courage, resilience, and patriotism in the face of adversity. They are more than deserving of this distinction.

In a few hours, I will join their descendants in laying a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. We will pay tribute to those who served and sacrificed and whose names were too long left unspoken.

Their legacy lives on in Mount Vernon, in New York, and across this Nation that they helped defend.

We honor them today and remember them always.

## HONORING LOLA DANIELS HUNTER

Mr. LATIMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to salute the life and achievements of Lola Daniels Hunter, who served our community as president of the White Plains Greenburgh Branch of the NAACP, as a board member of the Greenburgh Police and Advisory Committee, and as a leader of the North Elmsford Civic Associations.

For over 50 years, Lola was a member of Bethel Baptist Church in White Plains, serving in board leadership. She showed her professional skills in the Westchester Department of Service Services, having achieved a B.A. degree from the College of New Rochelle and an M.B.A. from Pace University. She is survived by her daughter, Priscilla "Ann" Daniels, and legions of friends and neighbors in Greenburgh, White Plains, and Mamaroneck who loved her as she loved them and the community.

She is with the Lord now, but we are all better for her time with us.

Rest in power, Lola.

## CONGRATULATING DAN HOUSTON

(Mr. FEENSTRA of Iowa was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. FEENSTRA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate my friend and fellow Iowan, Dan Houston, on his retirement from Principal Financial Group after 41 years of service.

From starting his first job with Principal in 1984 to eventually becoming chairman, president, and CEO, Dan exemplifies the power of hard work and dedication. His decisions have helped more families achieve financial security and plan for tomorrow.

Dan has also committed himself and Principal Financial to philanthropic causes in Des Moines and across the State of Iowa.

Under his leadership, Principal donated generously to United Way and the annual Principal charity golf classic which raised millions of dollars for Iowa youth. The Principal Foundation awards grants to worthy causes including disaster recovery, affordable housing, and small business development.

Dan has always prioritized the people whom Principal Financial serves, putting families and our communities first.

In his retirement, Dan will have more time to focus on the things that truly matter most: spending time with his wife, Joanie, his children, and his grandchildren, and devoting his talents to causes and organizations near and dear to his heart.

I thank Dan for his incredible contributions to Iowa and wish him and his family the very best in his next chapter of life.

## FY 2026 EDUCATION CUTS

(Mr. ESPAILLAT of New York was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. ESPAILLAT. Mr. Speaker, students across the country have started to head back to school this week.

For many, school is so much more than just a place for learning. For 13 million food insecure children, it is a place where they can rely on having a meal twice a day.

Yes, even six decades after Michael Harrington published the great book, "The Other America," which became a blueprint to fight poverty and hunger in America and was published by Michael Harrington during the Kennedy administration, hunger still exists in America.

School is also a place that provides after-school programming that keeps students engaged and off the streets. It is a place where students are able to receive medical care during and through school-based health clinics so that if a student gets an asthma attack those first critical minutes will be attended to at a school-based clinic. Schools are so much more than just a place for learning.

Unfortunately, Republicans have introduced a Labor-HHS and Education bill that will cut the Department of Education funding by \$66.7 billion.

These cuts will be devastating to the academic achievement of kids and students across the country. Republicans want to have it both ways. They want to eliminate title III English acquisition grants for English language learners. While the rest of the world is pushing to have their children and their students master and be proficient in more than one language so they can be competitive across the planet, these cuts are being implemented. They want English to be the only language, an English-only country, making it less competitive than other countries that want their children to be proficient in several languages.

They want to lower crime, but they are cutting vital funding like the Nita M. Lowey 21st Century Community Learning Centers which provide after-school funding that keeps kids off the streets and out of trouble.

While the National Guard is being deployed right here in D.C., they are cutting these programs that will help young people stay off the corner. They want America to have a stronger economy with the most advanced workforce, but they are cutting title I funding that helps all kids, especially ones who come from low-income backgrounds, have the best chance for success.

Student academic achievement is the cornerstone of national security, but fewer than one-third of our students nationwide can read at an appropriate grade level.

These academic achievement gaps will only be exacerbated as Republicans and the Trump administration continue their campaign against the immigrant community as parents are afraid they will drop their kids in school and never see them again.

We must continue to invest in education and educational programs that will help all students get back on track. We must bring back the invest-

ment and pride that at one point made America the envy of the world and the American public school system the great equalizer for kids all across the country.

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## NO PLACE LIKE HOME

(Mr. MANN of Kansas was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. MANN. Mr. Speaker, over the August in-district work period, I had the privilege of meeting with Kansans all across our district, from Salina to Great Bend, Hutch to WaKeeney, Hoxie to Jetmore, Hays to Hill City.

It is the honor of my life to represent the Big First District of Kansas in Congress, and I was grateful to spend time with Kansans while I was able to be home. For the fifth year in a row, I visited all 60 counties in the Big First District, and I had the chance to hear about the impacts the One Big Beautiful Bill Act will make on our families and communities.

As I visited companies and families across the Big First District, stop after stop, my fellow Kansans expressed their appreciation for the wins the bill delivered for Kansas families. They are relieved that we were able to prevent the largest tax hike in American history for working- and middle-class families. They are grateful to have a Congress and White House that embrace pro-family policies and our commitments to doubling the child tax credit and expanding 529 education savings accounts. These are commonsense policies that promote and strengthen families across the Nation, and they are yet another promise made and promise kept.

Small business owners and family farms shared how monumental our legislation is for their families. We were able to make the 199A small-business deduction permanent, allowing agricultural and small business families to keep more of their hard-earned dollars. Farm families were relieved that they no longer have to fear being forced to sell land when they lose a loved one. By expanding the death tax exemption, we brought the tax code in line with today's farm economy and allowed more farm families to keep their operations in the family. This is life-changing for millions of families across the country and throughout the Big First District.

Farmers, ranchers, and agricultural producers were also grateful that our legislation restored a decades-old standard that exempts the value of assets found on family farms and small businesses from being assessed as part of a family's net worth.

Over the past few years, net farm income has decreased by nearly 25 percent. When young people from these families are applying for higher education financial aid, the assets tied up in the family farm or the small business should not count against them.

Our bill makes their lives easier, not harder, by leveling the playing field for these students and families while protecting the American Dream for every student, regardless of their parents' careers.

Our farmers were also deeply grateful for the commonsense provisions that ensure our tax incentives benefit American-grown products and American farmers, not foreign producers. By extending the 45Z tax credit and limiting eligibility to domestic feedstocks, this majority delivered long-term certainty for American agriculture.

Kansas farmers started the year needing a new farm bill that meets the needs of today and not 6 years ago. Last year, Congressional Democrats held farm country hostage and chose to play political games rather than work with congressional Republicans to pass a new 5-year farm bill.

In the One Big Beautiful Bill Act, our Republican majority answered rural America's call by updating reference prices, doubling investments into crucial trade promotion programs like MAP and FMD, and expanding crop insurance. These are all commonsense policies that allow our farmers to feed, fuel, and clothe the world without the fear of losing everything because of a bad crop year. This legislation was life-changing for the agricultural families in my district.

Mr. Speaker, our work is cut out for us in the weeks ahead. The One Big Beautiful Bill Act has shown what this majority can do for the country, and we ought to build on that momentum by passing policies that promote safety in American communities, continue to strengthen American agriculture, and steward American taxpayer dollars responsibly while cutting wasteful spending. I look forward to working with this majority to deliver on these promises. I am excited to see all that we can do in the next 4 months.

#### MASSIVE CUTS TO ENERGY AND WATER INFRASTRUCTURE

(Mrs. SYKES of Ohio was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mrs. SYKES. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise in opposition to the fiscal year 2026 Energy and Water appropriations bill.

At a time when energy costs are skyrocketing for my constituents, Republicans are trying to make it even harder for them to keep their homes warm and keep the lights on. For example, this bill makes massive cuts to the Department of Energy's Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, including a nearly \$10 million cut to Ohio. That is a 44 percent cut.

Republican cuts to this office include cuts to the Weatherization Assistance Program, which reduces energy costs by increasing the energy efficiency of homes. These cuts are compounded by the fact that ratepayers in Ohio are on the hook for a corrupt bill that adds hundreds to energy costs to bail out a coal plant in Indiana. Ohioans cannot

afford any more Republican malfeasance that literally costs Ohioans hundreds of dollars a year.

Even more, this bill does not adequately fund two authorities in my district that were created under the Water Resources Development Act of 2024. The bipartisan Water Resources Development Act of 2024 authorized projects across the United States for water and wastewater infrastructure that are critical to strengthening the flood protection and resiliency of our communities and to complete ecosystem restoration that maintains America's vital natural resources.

This legislation specifically authorized \$49 million in new authorities in Ohio's 13th Congressional District to allow the Army Corps of Engineers to contribute their expertise to the development of new and existing infrastructure projects that not only improve water and sewer infrastructure but also bolster our economic competitiveness.

I am proud to have advocated for these resources to ensure that they were included in last year's WRDA. These programs allow communities in my district to have access to the infrastructure they need to flourish.

Here is how: Under the Summit County new authority, \$25 million would have been authorized to fund projects such as Akron's water main and lead service line replacement project, Fairlawn's West Market Street waterline replacement, New Franklin's South Main Street stormwater replacement project, Barberton's Stratford Street waterline project, and Fairlawn's Rosemont Preserve project.

Additionally, under Stark County's new authority, \$24 million would have been authorized to fund projects such as Canton's Cromer Water Storage Reservoir replacement project, improvements to the Ohio & Erie Canalway Lock 4 Park, and North Lawrence's sanitary sewer project.

Funding these projects is crucial to ensure my constituents have access to clean water in their homes. In order to truly make a difference for these communities, we must fully fund the programs that we authorize. For me, this is about my constituents and lowering their costs and allowing our communities to thrive.

Because of aggressive gerrymandering in Ohio, people of Ohio's 13th Congressional District paid taxes that never made it back to our communities. These funds went to places like California, New York, and, God forbid, Michigan. Here is just another example of snatching hard-earned constituents' dollars that they expected to be reinvested in their community, only to be sent elsewhere to pay for billionaire tax cuts or something else nefarious and nothing that anyone asked for.

I came to Congress to do right by my community. As I said earlier, I am proud to have ensured that \$49 million in new infrastructure authorities were included to be funded in our community. However, this work cannot get

done if we do not appropriate the money to get the shovels in the ground.

For this reason and many others, I urge my colleagues to oppose this bill because it does not lower costs. It harms our communities.

#### HONORING JOSHUA JARZAB, OHIO'S 13TH DISTRICT CHAMPION OF THE WEEK

Mrs. SYKES. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to recognize Twinsburg firefighter and local hero Joshua Jarzab as Ohio's 13th Congressional District Champion of the Week.

On August 17, Joshua and his team responded to a call for a basement fire. Joshua and his team acted swiftly, entering a burning home, fighting back flames, and clearing a path to the basement.

Once underground, amidst thick smoke and scorching flames, Joshua and his team conducted a methodical search and later found an 8-month-old baby in the basement.

Even though the flames were high and strong, they continued searching for this baby and ultimately rescued him. It took 12 minutes for Joshua and his team from the Twinsburg Fire Department to ensure that they got that baby out safe and sound.

I just say to Joshua and the entire Twinsburg fire safety services team: There are people who run away from fire, but you-all ran toward it. Not only did you run toward it in that situation, you run every day that you are on call. In this particular moment, you saved a life, and we are so grateful for you.

I thank Joshua, the Twinsburg Fire Department, and all of those who protect and serve our communities.

I congratulate Joshua for being Ohio's 13th Congressional District Champion of the Week.

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#### CONGRATULATING PIERZ LAKERS

(Mrs. FISCHBACH of Minnesota was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mrs. FISCHBACH. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate the Pierz Lakers in winning the Minnesota Baseball Association's amateur State championship.

The Lakers fought valiantly through the Class C tournament, defeating the Le Sueur Braves 11-1 to win their first-ever State championship.

It is great to see the tradition of town ball alive and well in Minnesota.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate the Pierz Lakers on their victory.

#### PROVIDING RECOVERY FOR FLOOD VICTIMS

(Ms. TLAIB of Michigan was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, I was proud of the community members who stood with us and partnered with me in creating the Fix Our Flooded Basements Act.

Many people might not know this, but FEMA will provide financial help toward getting a new furnace and water heater, but they will not help in mitigating the toxins and the mold that can be created if they don't get rid of the water in order to clean out the basement.

In southeastern Michigan, we have seen that firsthand. We had two national emergency declarations.

Water damage, as you know, can lead to long-term issues created by toxic mold, which impacts the health of the family in the home.

Again, too many of our families were denied FEMA assistance because the current rules do not cover repairs to most basements where floods are often the most destructive. Again, it can lead to toxic mold if not mitigated.

Mr. Speaker, as flooding becomes more frequent due to the climate crisis, it is crucial that we take action to require FEMA to provide flood victims with the full resources that they need to rebuild their lives.

I still remember the senior in Inkster, Michigan. She was in her seventies, Mr. Speaker. After the first declaration, her basement was flooded. She did not have the means, nor the capabilities to be able to get rid of the water that was in her basement.

When I came by to visit her again, the water froze in her basement due to the weather. Years later, she is now dealing with toxic mold.

Mr. Speaker, we need to have a legislative fix that will help to mitigate those issues to make sure that our families are not living in unsafe conditions by being exposed to serious health risks from mold, mildew, and moisture damage.

Mr. Speaker, these are people who are recovering from a disaster. To have FEMA say: No, we cannot help in this regard, even though they were exchanging the water heater, helping with the furnace, the fact that they will not mitigate the basement, again, leaves many of our families out.

Mr. Speaker, a lot of my colleagues who have signed on to support this bill have realized for the first time that FEMA did not do this, and maybe it was created because it was for the coastal communities, but we know communities like Michigan are now impacted in the Midwest.

The Fix Our Flooded Basements Act will make sure that Federal disaster assistance finally covers all of the mitigation needs for basement water damage. The bill would expand the coverage for Federal assistance to cover the cost of repairing property and flood damage to basements after a major disaster.

Mr. Speaker, our residents must be able to live safely and fully rebuild their lives after disaster strikes. I urge my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to support this legislation. It is critically important for our families.

#### ENDING CORPORATE GREED THROUGH PRICE GOUGING

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, families in our communities are facing an afford-

ability crisis. We hear it at our town-halls. We hear it on every corner of our communities. Families are struggling with rising grocery costs. The cost of groceries has gone up 28 percent, and the majority of Americans say that grocery prices are the major source of stress for their families.

Corporations are now using new technology to raise prices in new ways and without the knowledge of the consumer. Electronic shelf labels allow stores to change prices in seconds. The industry is not shy about it. They admit to raising the price of water and ice cream if it is hot outside. Even worse, corporations are tracking consumers and using their own personal, private information against them.

We all know that companies collect and purchase a tremendous amount of our private data and personal information. These custom, personal profiles on many of our families and residents allow companies to charge different people different prices for the same exact item by using things like mobile apps, online shopping, and facial recognition technology.

This is called surveillance pricing, and all of us need to wake up and see that this technology is fixing prices and increasing costs for our families.

Target, for example, charged higher prices to consumers who were using their app when they were inside their stores, assuming that the consumer either wouldn't notice or was unlikely to go anywhere else.

Mr. Speaker, this is outrageous and wrong. Companies should not be able to use consumers' online history, past purchases, the color of their skin, their income, where they work, or their ZIP Code to charge them a higher price.

Surveillance pricing will lead to increased costs for food and basic goods. It will harm working families who are already struggling to make ends meet. This is not just about discriminatory technology. It is about corporate greed in our country, and CEOs are getting richer while working people struggle.

I introduced the Stop Price Gouging in Grocery Stores Act to ban personalized price gouging by grocery stores, and I urge my colleagues to join me in this effort.

#### HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF LISA K. COLON

(Mr. SMUCKER of Pennsylvania was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. SMUCKER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Lisa K. Colon of Lancaster City, who passed away on August 21, 2025, at the age of 51.

Lisa will be deeply missed by all who knew her, especially her family. She was a devoted wife to Reali Colon; loving mother to Isreali, Victoria, and Realina; and proud grandmother to three granddaughters. She was also a faithful sister and daughter.

Lisa represented, in many ways, what makes our community so great: a

dedication to public service; a spirit of volunteering; a strong work ethic; and a deep love for God, family, and country.

Born in Asheville, North Carolina, Lisa moved to Lancaster County in 1987 along with her family when her father transferred to the Pennsylvania Army National Guard.

In the 2000s, Lisa furthered her education, graduating from Harrisburg Area Community College and then Penn State University with a bachelor's degree in accounting.

She worked as a records officer at Lancaster County Prison, and then she moved to the controller's office as senior accountant and assistant manager before being elected by the voters of Lancaster County to serve as county controller in 2021, a position she held until her passing.

Lisa was the first woman elected controller in Lancaster County, but her impact as a trailblazer and her contributions to her community extends far beyond her service as a public official.

Lisa had a heart for giving back to the community, volunteering for the Lancaster City Parks Department, Adopt-a-Block, and homeless shelters in the city. She was president of the local Blue Star Mothers of America chapter, which assists Active-Duty military personnel, their families, and veterans.

Lisa also served as chair of the Lancaster City Republican Committee and the assistant treasurer for the Republican Committee of Lancaster County.

For her many professional and community achievements, Lisa was honored as a Woman of Influence by the Central Penn Business Journal just last year. It was a fitting recognition for the positive impact that Lisa has made on our community.

Even while battling cancer, Lisa Colon continued her duties as controller and did missionary work in Cambodia, as well. Lisa left behind an incredible impact on both the community and those who she met, and I am glad to have known her and to have called her a friend for many years.

As we mourn the passing and celebrate the life of Lisa Colon, we offer our prayers of comfort to her family and to those who grieve. May they have peace, and may Lisa's memory and her lasting impact on our community continue to inspire others.

#### RESTORING LIFESAVING FOOD AID FOR MALNOURISHED CHILDREN

(Mr. MAGAZINER of Rhode Island was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. MAGAZINER. Mr. Speaker, I rise for the 35th time today to call on the Trump administration to restore lifesaving food aid for malnourished children.

As a reminder, back in January, Elon Musk and Donald Trump halted shipments of lifesaving food aid to children

around the world who need it to survive.

This is Plumpy'Nut, a peanut paste that is made specifically to treat children who are starving to death. When children are starving, their organs shut down. Even if food is provided to them, they cannot process traditional food. They need this. This is their only chance at life.

Mr. Speaker, 2 years ago, Congress appropriated, on a bipartisan basis with Democrats and Republicans, over \$1 billion to get lifesaving food aid and other aid to children around the world.

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This was produced in American factories with supplies that came from American farmers. The money was already approved. The money was already spent.

Thousands of boxes of this lifesaving food aid is now sitting in warehouses, including in my district in Rhode Island, because Donald Trump and Elon Musk stopped the program. It is already paid for. It is already produced. There are children starving around the world waiting for this lifesaving aid, and it is sitting in warehouses while children starve.

Congress came back and appropriated more funding for fiscal year '25, \$200 million plus. The Trump administration sat on that funding, as well. Why? Interestingly, the administration for the last 8 months has insisted that they intend to restart this program. They have said, yes, it is coming back. They started saying that within the first few weeks. Elon Musk tweeted about it. Marco Rubio swore under oath that they were going to restart this program, but it has been 9 months. Where is the urgency?

Finally, a few weeks ago, Edesia Nutrition, the organization in my district that produces this food aid, received new orders from the State Department after 9 months. That is welcomed news, but the days and weeks are continuing to tick by, and they still have not been told where to ship this food aid to.

There is a lesson here. It is very easy for any idiot, any billionaire, who has never worked in government to go in and destroy a program, but then it is hard to rebuild it afterwards. In the meantime, children are starving to death, needlessly.

My message to the administration, once again, is to act with purpose, to act with urgency, to follow your own word, and to honor your commitment. The administration has said they were going to restart this program. They have awarded new contracts. Literally, all they have to do is hit a button and restart the shipments. That is all they have to do.

It has been 9 months. These kids cannot wait a day longer. Let's restart the aid, disburse the funds, ship the food, and save the children. I will speak on this floor every day until you do.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF JUDGE FRANK CAPRIO

Mr. MAGAZINER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of a

true Rhode Island original and hero, Judge Frank Caprio.

Born to Italian immigrants in 1936, Frank was raised in the proud neighborhood of Federal Hill in Providence, Rhode Island. His family, like so many in Rhode Island and across the country, valued hard work and service.

Frank served on the Providence City Council and had a distinguished legal career before being appointed to the Providence Municipal Court as a judge in 1985, a career on the bench that would span nearly four decades.

During this time, Judge Caprio became renowned for his sense of compassion and fairness in the courtroom, which eventually made him an international television star and a beloved example of compassionate leadership across the world.

I will tell you, I still have friends and family from all over the country, people I meet when they hear I am from Rhode Island, they ask about that judge.

In 2000, Judge Caprio launched his show "Caught in Providence" on WLNE-TV in Rhode Island so that Rhode Islanders could see how the nicest judge in the world works up close and personal.

In 2018, the show gained national syndication reaching audiences across the entire United States and the world. Judge Caprio's show was nominated for four Emmys, and clips from "Caught in Providence," showcasing his humanity, garnered billions of views on social media.

Through his work on the bench, Judge Caprio has inspired countless people to treat others with kindness and empathy. My thoughts are with his family, his loving wife, his five children, his grandchildren, and everyone whose life has been touched by his work.

#### HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF DR. JOSEPH CASTRO

(Mr. COSTA of California was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to honor the life and the legacy of Dr. Joseph Castro, an exceptional leader who broke the glass ceiling as the first Latino to lead the California State University System, the largest university system in the Nation with 23 State campuses and over 500,000 students.

A grandson of immigrants, his story is the American story. He was raised by a single mother in Hanford, California. He was the first in his family to graduate from college. He never forgot the struggles his family faced, and he carried those lessons with him throughout his life as a role model. His journey reflected the hopes and the dreams of so many families in our valley and throughout our Nation who work hard every day to achieve a better life.

That is why Joe made it his mission to open doors for others. From his time

as a professor to his service as president of Fresno State, and ultimately as chancellor to the university system, he dedicated his career to lift up students who, like him, came from very humble beginnings. That was Joe. That is who he was. That is why we honor him.

He believed that every young person deserved a chance to succeed no matter what their background may be.

I had the privilege of working with Joe on a wide range of initiatives from protecting our Dreamers and ensuring that they have a chance to achieve their full potential, to expanding global opportunities for students at Fresno State through new study abroad partnerships with the University of the Azores and the Punjab Agricultural University.

This was just Joe. He would always reach out not only throughout our valley but throughout California.

These efforts didn't just expand educational pathways, but they built bridges between our valley and the world. Joe understood that educating our children provided a foundation for future success. It is not rocket science. When our young people in this country get a complete education, a university education, they succeed. When they succeed as part of America's future, America succeeds.

That is why he dedicated his life to education. To me, Joe was more than just a colleague. He was a dear friend. I will remember him not only for his many accomplishments but for his kindness, his generosity, and that big heart that Joe had. He was a true son of the valley who never forgot where he came from and never stopped giving back. His legacy lives on for thousands and thousands of students whose lives he changed in higher education.

My thoughts and prayers go to Joe's wife, Mary, a true partner—they achieved so much together—to his kids, Isaac and Lauren and Jess, as well as the countless people whose lives Joe touched. It was really remarkable. He left a mark on all of us that will never ever fade and that we should carry on in turn.

I was honored to call him my friend, and I will miss him, like so many, deeply. He always challenged us at Fresno State to be bold. For me, Joe, my friend, I will always think of him as chancellor emeritus. Go Fresno State Bulldogs. God bless Joe.

Mr. Speaker, I thank him for his service to a grateful nation. We will always remember.

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#### HONORING SERGEANT KENNETH SALAS

(Mr. BAUMGARTNER of Washington was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. BAUMGARTNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart to honor the life and service of Spokane County Sheriff's Sergeant Kenneth Salas, who

was tragically killed in the line of duty on August 9 while selflessly assisting with a traffic hazard on Interstate 90.

Sergeant Salas served the people of Spokane County for more than 34 years, first as a corrections officer, then as a patrol deputy, detective, and, ultimately, patrol sergeant.

Sergeant Salas was known not only for his dedication in uniform but also for his deep commitment to helping others in every aspect of life.

Kenneth Salas also served our country for over two decades in the United States Air Force, retiring as a technical sergeant with the Washington Air National Guard.

Sergeant Salas was a protector, mentor, and beloved member of both law enforcement and military communities.

Everyone in eastern Washington and I are keeping his wife, his family, and the entire Spokane County Sheriff's Office in our prayers. We are profoundly grateful for his life of service, and we will never forget his sacrifice.

May we all appreciate and remember the sacrifice of our first-line responders and the service that they provide every day for our communities.

#### REMEMBERING JERRY CONSIGLIO

(Mr. CISCOMANI of Arizona was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. CISCOMANI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Jerry Consiglio, a World War II veteran, former mechanic and aerospace foreman, and a beloved fixture of the Sierra Vista community for more than four decades, who died in July just days before his 102nd birthday.

Born in 1923, Jerry served in the U.S. Army during World War II, where he participated in some of the most harrowing campaigns in Europe. He landed at Normandy on D-day and later fought in the brutal Battle of the Bulge.

Jerry was awarded two Bronze Stars and left the Army with the rank of sergeant. After the war, Jerry built a life grounded in hard work and community. He owned an auto shop and later worked in aerospace, contributing to the early development of the Boeing 747 landing gear at Aerojet.

Jerry moved to Sierra Vista more than 40 years ago. He built deep ties with the community and was well known amongst veterans. He attended Our Lady of the Mountains Catholic Church and had a vibrant social life even into his second century.

Jerry had relocated to Tennessee earlier this year to be close to family as his wife, Nancy, battled health concerns. Since his passing, his family plans to return his ashes to Sierra Vista, fulfilling his wishes to be remembered in the community that he loved.

My thoughts and prayers are with the Consiglio family and the Sierra Vista community. Jerry was a true role model for absolutely everyone.

#### HONORING KELLY PIERCE

Mr. CISCOMANI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart to honor Kelly Pierce, who tragically and unexpectedly passed away on August 1 of this year.

Kelly was a mom of three boys, and she was a daughter, granddaughter, friend, cousin, aunt, and a women's soccer coach.

Kelly coached at Pima Community College, Mountain View High School, CDO Soccer Club, and FC Tucson, but she was most recently known for coaching the Lancers, the varsity women's soccer team at Salpointe Catholic High School, where she graduated in 1999.

As a player, Kelly won two State championships. Later, as a coach, she led the Lancers to six State championships in the past 8 years, a truly remarkable feat.

Only 44 years old, Kelly was passionate and devoted to her family and coaching. She was widely known in our community for her soccer talent and had been involved with youth soccer for nearly 20 years. She was an inspiration to young female athletes, instilling self-confidence and their power as individuals.

Among her cousins, she was the leader with all the confidence, who was admired for the biggest and most giving heart.

Later in life, Kelly's boys were everything to her. She was a dedicated mother who always prioritized her boys and their well-being.

My prayers are with her three sons: Tyler, Brady, and Camden; her partner, Joey Bernier; her brothers, Jeff and Donald Pierce; and her large extended family, including her mom, grandmother, and cousins; plus the players she loved so much, both current and former.

Kelly truly reflects what I love most about our district. She was hard-working, passionate, and dedicated. She leaves a humongous hole in our community and will be dearly missed.

As her family, friends, and the Salpointe community grieve, know that our community is alongside you. May Kelly's legacy on this Earth continue to inspire future generations, and may she rest in peace.

#### RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. KUSTOFF). Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until noon today.

Accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 6 minutes a.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. STUTZMAN) at noon.

#### PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

Sovereign God, establish Your purpose for this day. Though we come to the business of this place with many plans and purposes, our minds filled with cares and concerns, and our spirits guided by the best of intentions, none of this will prosper unless we have Your blessing.

So we humble ourselves under Your mighty hand, laying before You all that we could hope for or desire, that You will exalt only that which reveals Your grace plan. We cast our worries before You, trusting that You will care for us.

Into Your keeping we commend this day and pray that all that we say and do will bring glory to You.

Certain of Your abiding presence, and sure of Your salvation, we pray in the power of Your name.

Amen.

#### THE JOURNAL

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

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

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. VINDMAN) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. VINDMAN 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 PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to 15 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

#### PRESIDENT TRUMP PROTECTING THE BORDER

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

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, illegal alien crossings have fallen to a historic low, with the fewest arrests by the Border Patrol at the southern border in July, being a 24 percent drop from the previous record low in June. Compared to July 2024 under Biden, this achieves an amazing 92 percent decrease of illegal aliens and terrorists coming into America.

Since President Donald Trump took office, the administration has arrested nearly 150,000 illegal aliens, with 50,000

arrests occurring in just the past 8 weeks, as coordinated by border czar Tom Homan and Homeland Security Secretary Kristi Noem.

Republicans are sending a clear message to traffickers, cartels, and criminals that they will be held to the full extent of the law.

In conclusion, God bless our troops as the global war on terrorism continues. Trump is reinstituting existing laws to protect American families with peace through strength, revealing that war criminal Putin lies, insulting Trump and mocking Trump, defiantly embracing fellow dictators today in Beijing, as Trump correctly interpreted this threatens American families.

**CONSTITUENT OF THE WEEK:**  
ERNISHA HALL

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

Mr. VINDMAN. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize this week's constituent of the week, Ernisha Hall, on her work as cofounder, president, and CEO of the Virginia Black Chamber of Commerce.

For over half a decade, Ernisha has been leading the chamber in working to foster economic stability for Black businessowners. Serving over 2,700 businessowners to date, the chamber has introduced programs throughout Virginia that are aimed at strengthening the visibility of Black businessowners.

Mr. Speaker, Ernisha's commitment to her community and continued success serve as an inspiration to us all. As her Representative in Congress, I am grateful for the work she does each day in pursuit of economic justice. I congratulate her again on her accomplishments. It is a privilege to highlight her story on the floor of the U.S. House. I am thankful for all that she does.

**RECOGNIZING THE INAUGURAL CLASH OF HIGHWAY 29**

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

Mr. JACK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the dawn of a new college football rivalry in the great State of Georgia: the clash of Highway 29 between the LaGrange College Panthers and the Point University Skyhawks.

On Saturday, September 6, these two incredible institutions will meet on the gridiron for the very first time. Both schools call Troup County home, right in the heart of Georgia's Third Congressional District and less than 1 hour away from Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport.

Founded in 1831, LaGrange College is the oldest private college in Georgia, and its vision is to be an innovative institution, holistically educating stu-

dents to connect with and contribute to an ever-changing world.

Competing in NCAA Division III, its athletic program has won national and conference championships in baseball, basketball, golf, soccer, and softball, instilling excellence and pride across generations of Panthers.

Point University was originally founded as Atlanta Christian College in 1937, and its mission is to educate and equip students for Christ-centered service and leadership throughout the world.

For three consecutive years, Point has been recognized as an NAIA Champion of Character Five-Star Institution, a designation that honors their commitment to integrity, respect, and servant leadership.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to recognize the newest college football rivalry in the great State of Georgia, and I encourage you and all of my colleagues to tune in on Saturday night and watch the clash of Highway 29 between the LaGrange College Panthers and the Point University Skyhawks.

**RECOGNIZING THE BRAVE HOSPITAL WORKERS TO THE ANNUNCIATION SCHOOL SHOOTING**

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

Ms. MORRISON. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise in recognition of the brave hospital workers who responded to the Annunciation school shooting last week.

Whenever a mass shooting happens, the ripple effects of the trauma it causes in that community are profound. I will take a moment to thank every healthcare worker who helped save lives in responding to this event.

Children's Masonic, and particularly the staff at Hennepin Healthcare, took in nearly a dozen children in critical condition. These children arrived alone, unidentified, and ripped apart by gunshot wounds.

The hospital staff leapt into action immediately, removing shrapnel, performing emergency surgery, and providing stabilizing care and comfort to these little children.

While we are immensely grateful for their expertise, we should not normalize that doctors and nurses in the United States have had to become expert in managing war wounds. The toll it takes on them is real. This event reminds us of how critically important our level 1 trauma centers are in our communities. They are lifesaving, and these hospital workers are our heroes. I am immeasurably grateful.

**RECOGNIZING CARROLL HIGH SCHOOL**

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

Mr. STUTZMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Carroll High School

for their accomplishments in teaching future generations of leaders.

As President Trump has highlighted, Indiana does education right, and Carroll High School is no exception. The U.S. News & World Report ranked Carroll High School as the number one high school in Fort Wayne, Indiana, and number 15 in the State.

Carroll has demonstrated their high standards through excellent performance on State-required tests, a 95 percent graduation rate, and exceeding expectations for college readiness.

In high school, students learn more than just math and chemistry equations. Rather, students build their work ethic, establish critical thinking skills, and learn what it means to be a citizen of our great country. Teachers are endowed with educating our students, which is why I am incredibly thankful to all the educators at Carroll High School for carrying out this mission. Their dedication to teaching Fort Wayne's next generation of leaders is incredible, and our community is extremely appreciative.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Carroll High School on this accomplishment, and I am excited to see the future achievements of Carroll High School students.

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**NATIONAL GUARD DEPLOYMENT**

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

Ms. KELLY of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in defiance of President Trump's threats to deploy the National Guard to Chicago.

He wasted \$1 million every day to house the National Guard in D.C., and now he wants to further misuse taxpayer dollars instead of investing in real, permanent solutions to gun violence. Like D.C., I am sure Chicago can use money for more police, mental health counselors, social workers, and community violence intervention programs.

President Trump is actively making gun violence worse. He froze funding allocated to community violence intervention organizations, shut down the Office of Violence Prevention, and made it easier to buy guns.

Gun violence is a public health issue, but the CDC has been stripped of medical experts and leaders.

Let's be truthful about the real reason why President Trump wants to deploy the National Guard to Chicago. It is not to reduce crime. It is to instill fear and abuse his power.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. STUTZMAN). Members are reminded to refrain from engaging in personalities toward the President.

## THE COLOSSAL CHERRY

(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. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the Wilds Sonshine Factory, a distillery in McKean County, Kane, Pennsylvania, that makes a great product using sunflowers for that beverage.

I commend them today for honoring a vital piece of the Commonwealth's logging and conservation heritage, the Colossal Cherry. The Colossal Cherry is now an artifact, but at one time it was the largest black cherry tree in the world. The Wilds Sonshine Factory hosted a dedication ceremony on August 22 in honor of the Colossal Cherry, which is also known as the Sheffield Log.

Discovered and preserved through efforts of local historians and conservation advocates, the Sheffield Log stands as a powerful symbol of the region's natural history, the resilience of its people, and the enduring value of sustainable forestry.

It once stood in the woods of the Allegheny National Forest before being knocked down during the tornado of 1985. It was then formally homed in Sheffield, Pennsylvania, to mark its sesquicentennial in 1986. Now, the newly restored Colossal Black Cherry sits at its permanent home at the Wilds Sonshine Factory.

Mr. Speaker, this rededication is a story worth celebrating. I thank everyone who took part in the preservation of the Colossal Black Cherry.

## RECOGNIZING GRAYSON ELLIS

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

Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize 4-year-old Grayson Ellis from Windsor, North Carolina. Grayson is full of energy and curiosity. In his spare time, he loves baseball and fishing. He learned to count to 50 from playing hide-and-seek.

What makes Grayson so special to me is his love for politics and civics. He wanted to meet with his Congressman, so we met. I am sure his mom, Samantha, and dad, Ryan, were proud of him because he even dressed the part, too.

Mr. Speaker, young people like Grayson are watching us every single day. Grayson reminds us that we must inspire the next generation, work to open new doors of opportunity, and help every child live the American Dream. I thank Grayson for this reminder.

## REMEMBERING JIM DAMARE

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

Mr. SUBRAMANYAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember the life and legacy of Jim Damare, a devoted husband, father, and grandfather. Jim was a passionate photographer and framed the world through his camera, capturing nature and small family moments.

He and his wife, Maria, moved to Northern Virginia over 30 years ago, raising four children and making countless contributions to our community.

As we mourn his passing, we celebrate a life well lived, one that embodied the principles of hard work, integrity, and love.

Jim's memory will continue to inspire all who knew him to live fully, love deeply, speak truthfully, laugh often, and always take the picture.

May he rest in peace.

## NOTICE OF INTENTION TO OFFER RESOLUTION RAISING A QUESTION OF THE PRIVILEGES OF THE HOUSE

Ms. CLARKE of New York. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to clause 2(a)(1) of rule IX, I rise to give notice of my intention to raise a question of the privileges of the House in the form of a resolution, as follows:

Whereas, Representative CORY MILLS has on several occasions conducted himself in a manner that reflects discredit upon the House of Representatives;

Whereas, on February 19, 2025, Washington, D.C., Metropolitan Police Department officers were called to resolve a private matter at Representative CORY MILLS' residence, where officers were called to the 1300 block of Maryland Avenue, Southwest, around 1:15 p.m. for the report of an assault;

Whereas, police reports obtained by NBC4 Washington confirmed that the Washington, D.C. Metropolitan Police Department was investigating Representative CORY MILLS for an alleged assault of a 27-year-old woman that took place on February 19, 2025, at the residence of Representative CORY MILLS;

Whereas, the first police report provided to NBC4 Washington by a source and confirmed by a second source familiar with the investigation said that the 27-year-old woman accused her significant other for over a year of having grabbed her, shoved her, and pushed her out of the door, and also said that the woman involved showed the officer "bruises on her arm which appeared fresh";

Whereas, NBC4 Washington also reported that the Metropolitan Police Department identified Representative CORY MILLS as the significant other of the alleged victim of assault, which alleged victim was a 27-year-old woman who was not the wife of Representative CORY MILLS, and that the alleged victim "let officers hear Subject 1, [now identified by MPD as MILLS] instruct her to lie about the origin of her

bruises. . . . Eventually, Subject 1 made contact with police and admitted that the situation escalated from verbal to physical, but it was severe enough to create bruising";

Whereas, on February 21, 2025, The Washington Post also confirmed two D.C. police officials said that the alleged victim of assault initially told a 911 operator and police that she had been assaulted and that officers said she also had what seemed to be visible injuries, and that while a supervisor initially classified the offense internally as a family disturbance, police commanders later learned of the incident, reviewed the reports and body-cam footage from the responding officers, and reclassified the case as a domestic violence assault;

Whereas, on February 21, 2025, NBC4 Washington also reported that the Metropolitan Police Department determined that probable cause to arrest Representative CORY MILLS for misdemeanor assault existed and sent an arrest warrant for Representative CORY MILLS to the United States Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia. However, then-acting United States Attorney for the District of Columbia Ed Martin refused to sign the arrest warrant for Representative CORY MILLS and instead returned the case to the Metropolitan Police Department for further investigation;

Whereas, on July 14, 2025, a different former romantic partner of Representative CORY MILLS, who was apparently in a relationship with Representative MILLS from November 2021 to February of 2025, reported to authorities in Florida that Representative MILLS threatened to release nude images and other intimate videos of her and threatened to harm her future romantic partners in retaliation for her decision to end the relationship with Representative MILLS after seeing the public records described above concerning the alleged February 2025 physical assault;

Whereas, in August 2024, the Office of Congressional Conduct adopted and transmitted to the Committee on Ethics of the House of Representatives a report indicating that there was substantial reason to believe that Representative CORY MILLS may have omitted or misrepresented required information in his financial disclosure statements, accepted excessive contributions to his campaign committee in the form of personal loans and contributions that may not have derived from Representative CORY MILLS' personal funds, entered into, held, or enjoyed contracts with Federal agencies while he was a Member of Congress, and may have accepted through his campaign committee in-kind contributions or other contributions not lawfully made;

□ 1220

Whereas, individuals who served with Representative CORY MILLS have called into question the veracity of the accounts of events which formed the

basis of a recommendation that Representative CORY MILLS receive an award of a Bronze Star, bestowed in 2021, for his service under enemy fire in Iraq in 2003;

Whereas, in August 2024, Representative CORY MILLS provided the Daytona Beach News with documents purporting to prove that he earned a Bronze Star with heroism, including a Department of Army Form 638 recommending Representative CORY MILLS for a Bronze Star which includes a signature from then-Army Brigade Commander Arnold N. Gordon-Bray; however, retired Brigadier General Bray told the Daytona Beach News-Journal in August 2024 that he did not sign a Bronze Star recommendation for Representative CORY MILLS;

Whereas, five people who served with Representative CORY MILLS, including two men who were reported as having been personally saved by Representative CORY MILLS at great risk to his own life as a basis for the recommendation for his Bronze Star in the Department of the Army Form 638, disputed that Representative CORY MILLS was involved in their rescue or providing lifesaving care;

Whereas, one private first class cited as having been involved in one of the listed achievements on Representative CORY MILLS' Army Form 638 recommending him for a Bronze Star denied that Representative CORY MILLS provided him any aid and also denied his injuries were life-threatening;

Whereas, one sergeant cited as having been involved in one of the listed achievements on Representative CORY MILLS' Army Form 638 recommending him for a Bronze Star called the account a "fabrication" and claimed that he "was not involved in any claims that Cory Mills makes about me"; and

Whereas, despite the numerous available contradictions of the accounts forming the basis of the recommendation for his Bronze Star, Representative CORY MILLS described the legitimate factual disputes raised by individuals he purportedly served with and rescued as "slander and defamation" in a statement to the Daytona Beach News-Journal:

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that—One, Representative CORY MILLS be censured;

Two, Representative CORY MILLS forthwith present himself in the well of the House of Representatives for the pronouncement of censure; and

Three, Representative CORY MILLS be censured with the public reading of this resolution by the Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to a question of the privileges of the House and offer the resolution that was previously noticed.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under rule IX, a resolution offered from the floor by a Member other than the majority leader or the minority leader as a question of the privileges of the House has immediate precedence only at a time designated by the Chair with-

in 2 legislative days after the resolution is properly noticed.

Pending that designation, the form of the resolution noticed by the gentlewoman from New York will appear in the RECORD at this point.

The Chair will not at this point determine whether the resolution constitutes a question of privilege. That determination will be made at the time designated for consideration of the resolution.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 4553, ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2026; PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.J. RES. 104, PROVIDING FOR CONGRESSIONAL DISAPPROVAL OF THE RULE SUBMITTED BY THE BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT RELATING TO "MILES CITY FIELD OFFICE RECORD OF DECISION AND APPROVED RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN AMENDMENT"; PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.J. RES. 105, PROVIDING FOR CONGRESSIONAL DISAPPROVAL OF THE RULE SUBMITTED BY THE BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT RELATING TO "NORTH DAKOTA FIELD OFFICE RECORD OF DECISION AND APPROVED RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN"; PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.J. RES. 106, PROVIDING FOR CONGRESSIONAL DISAPPROVAL OF THE RULE SUBMITTED BY THE BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT RELATING TO "CENTRAL YUKON RECORD OF DECISION AND APPROVED RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN"; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Mr. GRIFFITH. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 672 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

#### H. RES. 672

*Resolved*, That at any time after adoption of this resolution the Speaker may, pursuant to clause 2(b) of rule XVIII, declare the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4553) making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026, and for other purposes. The first reading of the bill shall be dispensed with. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived. General debate shall be confined to the bill and shall not exceed one hour equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations or their respective designees. After general debate the bill shall be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule. The bill shall be considered as read. Points of order against provisions in the bill for failure to comply with clause 2 or clause 5(a) of rule XXI are waived.

SEC. 2. (a) No amendment to H.R. 4553 shall be in order except those printed in the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying

this resolution, amendments en bloc described in section 3 of this resolution, and pro forma amendments described in section 4 of this resolution.

(b) Each amendment printed in the report of the Committee on Rules shall be considered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment except as provided by section 4 of this resolution, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole.

(c) All points of order against amendments printed in the report of the Committee on Rules or against amendments en bloc described in section 3 of this resolution are waived.

SEC. 3. It shall be in order at any time for the chair of the Committee on Appropriations or his designee to offer amendments en bloc consisting of amendments printed in the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution not earlier disposed of. Amendments en bloc offered pursuant to this section shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for 20 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations or their respective designees, shall not be subject to amendment except as provided by section 4 of this resolution, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole.

SEC. 4. During consideration of H.R. 4553 for amendment, the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations or their respective designees may offer up to 10 pro forma amendments each at any point for the purpose of debate.

SEC. 5. At the conclusion of consideration of H.R. 4553 for amendment the Committee shall rise and report the bill to the House with such amendments as may have been adopted. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill and amendments thereto to final passage without intervening motion except one motion to recommit.

SEC. 6. Upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to consider in the House any joint resolution specified in section 7 of this resolution. All points of order against consideration of each such joint resolution are waived. Each such joint resolution shall be considered as read. All points of order against provisions in each such joint resolution are waived. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on each such joint resolution and on any amendment thereto to final passage without intervening motion except: (1) one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Natural Resources or their respective designees; and (2) one motion to recommit.

SEC. 7. The joint resolutions referred to in section 6 of this resolution are as follows:

(a) The joint resolution (H.J. Res. 104) providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Bureau of Land Management relating to "Miles City Field Office Record of Decision and Approved Resource Management Plan Amendment".

(b) The joint resolution (H.J. Res. 105) providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Bureau of Land Management relating to "North Dakota Field Office Record of Decision and Approved Resource Management Plan".

(c) The joint resolution (H.J. Res. 106) providing for congressional disapproval under

chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Bureau of Land Management relating to “Central Yukon Record of Decision and Approved Resource Management Plan”.

SEC. 8. House Resolution 668 is hereby adopted.

SEC. 9. House Resolution 605 is hereby adopted.

SEC. 10. House Resolution 598 is laid on the table.

□ 1230

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

Mr. GRIFFITH. Mr. Speaker, for the purposes of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. McGOVERN), pending which I yield myself such time as I may consume.

During consideration of this resolution, all time yielded is for the purpose of debate only.

#### GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. GRIFFITH. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks.

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

There was no objection.

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

Mr. Speaker, the Rules Committee met last night and reported out a rule providing for consideration of four measures.

Those measures are H.R. 4553, the Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act; H.J. Res. 104, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Bureau of Land Management related to “Miles City Field Office Record of Decision and Approved Resource Management Plan Amendment”; H.J. Res. 105, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Bureau of Land Management relating to “North Dakota Field Office Record of Decision and Approved Resource Management Plan”; and H.J. Res. 106, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Bureau of Land Management relating to “Central Yukon Record of Decision and Approved Resource Management Plan.”

House Resolution 672 provides for consideration of H.R. 4553, the Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act under a structured rule, making in order 36 amendments.

The rule provides for 1 hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations or their respective designees and provides for one motion to recommit.

The rule further provides for consideration of H.J. Res. 104, H.J. Res. 105,

and H.J. Res. 106, all under closed rules, with 1 hour of general debate each equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Natural Resources and provides each one motion to recommit.

Finally, the rule provides that H. Res. 668 and H. Res. 605 are hereby adopted and House Res. 598 is laid on the table.

Today's rule, House Resolution 672, allows for debate on several measures including H.R. 4553, the Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for fiscal year 2026.

This appropriations bill funds many programs at the center of helping to assert our country's energy dominance. The bill cuts \$766.4 million, when compared to last year's funding bill, by focusing our efforts on energy innovation and water infrastructure.

This appropriations bill provides funding to numerous scientific energy endeavors from nuclear fusion research, small modular reactors, nuclear fuel production, electric transmission system enhancements, energy storage, and traditional fossil fuel research.

At a time when energy demand from data centers and new manufacturing is increasing, these research efforts will greatly contribute to meeting the new normal. Our example is the increase of funding for nuclear energy projects, which will make more advanced nuclear fuel available and accelerate small modular and advanced reactor testing. The Department is also essential to our national security.

This appropriations bill has over \$20 billion in funds for the management of our nuclear weapons stockpile and over \$2 billion for our nuclear Navy.

This bill also funds numerous Army Corps of Engineers and Bureau of Reclamation projects to provide dredging to maintain navigable ports and rivers and water storage projects to increase the water supply in drought-ridden sections of our country, as well as helping to forestall flooding in areas from coastal regions to mountainous valley regions such as the area I represent.

The rule also provides for debate on H.J. Res. 104, H.J. Res. 105, and H.J. Res. 106, all of which are Congressional Review Act Resolutions of Disapproval.

These resolutions overturn the Biden administration's Bureau of Land Management plans that were aimed at restricting gold mining and oil and gas drilling on Federal lands.

H.J. Res. 104, sponsored by Congressman DOWNING of Montana, overturns the Montana Resource Management Plan, which would prohibit new coal mining on about 2.75 million acres of Federal land in Montana. This Bureau of Land Management rule would stop an estimated 30 percent of our country's coal reserves from being mined, even as electricity demand is increasing in the United States for the first time in over 10 years.

H.J. Res. 105, sponsored by my Energy and Commerce colleague, Congresswoman FEDORCHAK, would overturn a similar Bureau of Land Management Resource Management Plan for North Dakota. Under this Biden-Harris administration rule, 4 million acres of Federal land in North Dakota would not be available for coal mining or oil and gas extraction.

Additionally, the rule allows for debate on H.J. Res. 106, sponsored by Congressman NICK BEGICH of Alaska, which would nullify the Central Yukon Resource Management Plan. Under this rule, which affects 13.3 million acres of Federal land in Alaska, millions of acres would be barred from energy development.

Disallowing energy development on these lands will also hamstring efforts to get more American liquid natural gas onto the international market and improve our country's standing as the leading energy producer in the world.

We will also be considering a resolution that would direct the House Oversight Committee to continue their investigation into the Jeffrey Epstein and Ghislaine Maxwell files.

The Committee has already undertaken important steps in their investigation into Jeffrey Epstein. Just this week, the committee met with the victims of Jeffrey Epstein. They have already issued subpoenas to the Department of Justice related to the Epstein records.

Further, they have already received over 33,000 documents from the Department of Justice with more on the way. Those 33,000 documents, Mr. Speaker, were released last night to the public.

The committee already has transcribed interviews scheduled and have other subpoenas out, as well. They are also doing this work in a bipartisan manner, and we must give them all the tools necessary to continue this important investigation.

This resolution will bring transparency into all the documents and records related to Jeffrey Epstein, Ghislaine Maxwell, flight logs, any individuals referenced in connection to Epstein, any entities with ties to Epstein, any agency internal documents, documents related to Epstein's detention and death, and other areas.

Mr. Speaker, there are strings attached to this resolution, as well, to ensure that we have full transparency, such as requiring written justification requirements for certain documents that are redacted, unless they fall under certain sensitive categories.

This is a critical step forward in providing transparency into the Epstein files and will give the public all the necessary information.

This vote will show the American people we are committed to full transparency and cooperation when it comes to Jeffrey Epstein and the investigation thereof.

Lastly, this rule is standing up a new select committee to continue investigation of the events surrounding January 6. They will bring more transparency and continue to investigate

what happened that day so the American public is aware of the facts involved.

I believe this new subcommittee is another critical step forward to bringing more transparency to everyone about the events and details surrounding that day. I hope Members of this House support the passage of the rule and the underlying bills and resolutions.

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

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

Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. GRIFFITH) for yielding me the customary 30 minutes.

Mr. Speaker, here we go again. Mr. Speaker, here we go again. This rule is insane. Notwithstanding the gentleman's monotone delivery, there is a lot going on here in this rule, and much of it is not good.

What are Republicans doing the first week back? Are they doing something to lower food costs as Trump's tariffs drive prices up? No.

Are they doing something to fully fund the government before it shuts down in less than a month? No.

Are they doing something to help with skyrocketing healthcare prices or reversing their devastating cuts to Medicaid? No.

They are doing none of that. They are doing nothing to help regular people. They are doing nothing to help workers, families, or people struggling to get by.

Instead, Mr. Speaker, these guys are continuing to cover up the Epstein files.

□ 1240

Republicans are deeming as passed—which means no debate, no hearing, and no markup—they are deeming as passed a new, fake Epstein resolution and killing their last fake Epstein resolution.

All the while we already have a real, bipartisan bill to unseal all these files. It is the Massie-Khanna bill. Last night, every single Republican on the Rules Committee voted against that bipartisan bill, every single one.

As if that is not bad enough, every single Republican on the Rules Committee also voted to create, out of thin air, a brand-new committee to rewrite the history of what happened here on January 6, 2021.

They are so desperate to paper over what happened that day, to whitewash it and to pretend it was a normal tourist visit. I was here, Mr. Speaker, here in this Chamber where you are sitting right now, and you can be damn sure I am not going to let anyone pretend that January 6 was a normal tourist visit. However, Republicans, the gentleman from Virginia included, refuse to even display a plaque to honor the police officers who were here that day.

I am so sick of this BS about how Republicans support law enforcement. Mr. GRIFFITH and every other Republican

on the Rules Committee voted against displaying a plaque to honor the law enforcement officers who were here on January 6. That plaque, Mr. Speaker, already exists. Congress already passed a law to create it, and the Speaker just refuses to display it.

Why? Why would he refuse to do it?

I know why, and we all know why. It is the same reason why every Republican voted against releasing the Epstein files. It is because Rules Republicans are scared as hell.

This is not a deliberative body anymore. Under this Republican majority, Congress has become a rubber stamp for Donald Trump. This is all about the ego of the man who lives at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue.

Republicans think they work for Trump. They are obsessed with him. It is pathetic.

Republicans are ruining this institution, Mr. Speaker. They are destroying this institution. Again, let me repeat: Every single Republican on the Rules Committee voted against releasing the Epstein files, every single one.

We heard last night that all Republicans want full transparency, but that is just not true.

Mr. Speaker, let me read you a quote from the top Republican in this country, President Donald J. Trump. This is what he says about the Epstein files: "It has all been a big hoax. It is perpetrated by the Democrats and some stupid Republicans."

At a press availability just minutes ago, the President again said that this is all a hoax.

Now, what do Republicans think of that?

Donald Trump says this is all a hoax, and if you want to release the files you are stupid.

Now, I am not surprised. I am not surprised the guy who once called Epstein a "terrific guy" and who Epstein considered his closest friend is not actually interested in getting to the truth.

Do you know when this clicked in for me, Mr. Speaker, and for a lot of people?

It clicked after Trump won and then the backtracking began. It clicked again yesterday. It clicked after the same Republican leaders who invited influencers to the White House and then passed out binders about the soon-to-be-released client list suddenly changed their tune. It clicked again yesterday when phase two of the binders came out, more information released that has already been released. Mr. Speaker, 97 percent of it has already been released. It clicked when the same MAGA politicians who once pledged to release everything suddenly came up with more excuses, more delays, and more stalling tactics. What is obvious to everyone is that someone is hiding something.

While all of this stalling goes on, what happens?

Ghislaine Maxwell, Epstein's partner in crime, winds up in a cushy, country

club prison courtesy of Trump's political appointees. There is not a word of outrage from the Republican majority, not a whisper of accountability, just silence.

Now let's not pretend that this is complicated. It is pretty obvious what is going on. The Trump administration has the power to release the Epstein files today. They could redact names to protect victims and survivors and deliver the truth, but they refuse.

There is a simple through line to all of this, Mr. Speaker. We all know why Republicans are doing this with the Epstein files. We all know why Republicans refuse to display the plaque honoring the brave law enforcement officers who protected our democracy and protected all of us on January 6. We all know why Republicans vote again and again and again for all these giveaways for the rich and powerful.

It is Donald Trump. He wants to rewrite history. He wants to hide the truth about Jeffrey Epstein, and he wants to continue his giveaways to the well-off and the well-connected.

This is all straight out of the authoritarian playbook, Mr. Speaker, and you can bet your ass we are going to continue fighting like hell to oppose this insanity.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SESSIONS). Members are reminded to refrain from engaging in personalities toward the President of the United States.

Mr. GRIFFITH. Mr. Speaker, I believe that would apply to Members of Congress being called names, would it not. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, it is so fascinating how facts don't seem to matter sometimes on the floor. The only administration that has ever released anything on the Epstein files is the Trump administration. Last night, the House Oversight and Reform Committee released over 33,000 files. Now they say that 97 percent of it had already been released, 33,000 files. That is a lot of files.

Let's take that 97 percent and say that it is accurate for argument and for argument only.

That means that of 33,000 files, 3 percent of that is new. In fact, Mr. Speaker, I will tell you, as I was going through clips this morning, I noticed one conservative news source that said: Eureka, the missing minute surrounding Epstein's death is in the material that has been released.

There has been a lot of controversy about that. A lot of people want to know about it, and there it is.

More and more information is coming out, and it is coming out because of the Trump administration and because of the House Oversight and Reform Committee.

However, somehow if we don't adhere to the exact demands of my colleagues on the other side of the aisle, then we are not doing it right. I submit to you,

Mr. Speaker, that the House Oversight and Reform Committee is doing it right. They are going through it.

As I pointed out in my opening, Mr. Speaker, if they decide to use one of the limited areas that they could do a redaction, then they have to explain why. If the administration doesn't turn over some information, if they redact information before sending it to the House, then they have to explain why.

Of course, some of the information that you want to protect, Mr. Speaker, is information related to victims that has not yet been in the press.

Why would we want to take young women who were victims of Epstein and his colleagues and who don't want to have their name in the press, why would we suddenly expose them to that?

Of course, we don't want to do that, so there has to be some limited areas where redactions have to occur, but all of that has to be explained.

Then they bring up the President's comments this morning about a hoax. They are trying to mislead, in my opinion, some are trying to mislead the American people into thinking that the President said that Epstein and the investigation was a hoax. It is not what he said.

Mr. Speaker, if you look at what he said, it was the controversy over the Epstein files that was a hoax because they have been releasing more data than any other administration.

I say that because the Biden administration had all this information, and they didn't release it. They had 4 years. They could have released it all. They didn't choose to do it, and now my colleagues on the other side of the aisle somehow want to claim that it is a conspiracy by Trump to hide information that was in the hands of their party's President and their party's Department of Justice. It was in their hands, and they didn't release it, but somehow it is our fault. Mr. Speaker, it is the Republicans' fault that the Biden administration didn't do what they now claim that the Trump administration should be doing.

It is hard to understand that logic, but somehow we are at fault, Mr. Speaker, for them not doing the job that they think we should have made their President do.

It is fascinating. It is absolutely fascinating.

Then, of course, we get to all the consternation about this January 6th Committee. This is an outgrowth of an investigation that started as a part of the House Administration Committee.

I served on the subcommittee that was doing that investigation. It is really interesting. That group, and I was a part of it, found that there was more than one terabyte of missing data. Based on the inventory of the digest and statements from Chairman THOMPSON, there should have been four terabytes turned over, and there were only three. That is equivalent to 6.5 million document pages as PDFs or of-

fice files, 500 hours of high-definition video, or 250,000 photos. The depositions were not filed properly or they weren't filed at all and archived as they are supposed to be, and as the rule that set up the prior committee said, they were supposed to be there.

□ 1250

I can assure you, Mr. Speaker, that as a former member of this preceding group, we are just trying to get the data that is missing. We are trying to make sure we put all the information on the table. We want the files released that were out there. We want to find that missing terabyte of information. Some of it has been recovered, but not all of it, and that work needs to be continued.

Further, the House Administration subcommittee didn't have the power to subpoena records. I would submit that it is necessary just to get all the information out.

As I said last night to my colleagues, as a person who loves history and has a history degree, I need to get all the documents on the table, the good, the bad, and the ugly, and let history determine what occurred on that day.

There is no point in trying to hide it. I don't understand why my colleagues on the other side want to hide a terabyte. A fourth of what the prior committee did was never properly turned over to the House. That information belongs to the House and to the people of the United States. It does not belong hidden somewhere in a drawer or destroyed.

Unfortunately, because of that lack of turning over the records in a proper manner to the House, we have to continue the work that was not done by the previous Democrat-controlled—I know they had two Republicans on it, but they weren't the Members picked by the House Republicans, and it wasn't in the numbers usually allocated or originally called for, for a select committee.

We are going to do it right, and we are going to put the information on the table. We are going to let the American people make a judgment now, and let the historians argue over what happened on that day as time moves forward.

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

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

This is laughable. It is also unconscionable. We know what is going on here. This is an attempt to distract and to rewrite the history of January 6. Quite frankly, it is offensive. It is offensive to the brave men and women who protected our lives on that day.

There is not a bunch of destroyed evidence like the gentleman claims. That is just not accurate. The select committee complied with the requirements of the resolution establishing it, in consultation with the Clerk of the House and the document retention precedents of other committees of this

House. The select committee's final report and its support materials are posted publicly online. Just to be sure, I checked again today. All of them, every single page of every transcript, are posted online publicly. Maybe the gentleman can't find them. I would be happy to give him the website information.

The truth is, they just don't like what the evidence shows, so they want to go on a fishing expedition to try to twist the truth instead of accepting the fact of that day. The fact is this: The people who stormed the Capitol and beat police officers, in order to try to stop the peaceful transition of power, were supporters of Donald Trump, period. It was one of the most shameful and darkest episodes in our democracy. No fishing expedition for alternative facts is going to change the reality.

What is particularly offensive is that Donald Trump pardoned all these people, pardoned the people who beat the police officers who protect all of us every single day. It is shameful.

In speaking about the Epstein files, again, I am looking at the video of a few minutes ago, of Donald Trump speaking to reporters and calling all of this a hoax, the Epstein files a hoax. He is not talking about what we are doing here.

Let me just say to the gentleman and anybody else who wants to know: Listen to what the victims were asking for outside this Capitol just a few minutes ago, the survivors, the survivors of Mr. Epstein and Ms. Maxwell. Listen to what the survivors have been saying. They want the Massie-Khanna bill passed. They want something with teeth in it that will force this administration to comply because they don't trust that they will.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentlewoman from New Mexico (Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ), a distinguished member of the Rules Committee.

Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ. Mr. Speaker, last night, the Rules Committee spent hours helping Trump and the White House cover up the Epstein files.

Trump is terrified the House will agree to the Massie-Khanna resolution to require that his administration release the damn files. He is lobbying against it. What is he afraid of?

To kill the Massie bill, Republicans are pushing a resolution that will give Chairman COMER of the Oversight Committee sole power over what gets released.

I don't know about you, but I wouldn't trust a self-proclaimed—these are his words—Trump man to decide what to redact and what Americans get to see.

Remember, Trump repeatedly—not just today, but repeatedly—called the Epstein scandal a hoax, and he has called Epstein himself a terrific guy.

The Oversight Committee acted only because Democrats forced the subpoenas. Today, Republicans, as we heard, are patting themselves on the

back for releasing the same documents that were given to rightwing influencers months ago. We want the Oversight Committee to do its job, hold the hearings, follow the money, pursue the truth, and protect the victims.

We can do both. The committee can do its job. All we need are two more Republicans to sign MASSIE's discharge petition so the files get released to the public.

Let's not forget that this is about the women and children who were terrorized and abused by a pedophile and his rich friends. It is about the coverup that started with the rich and powerful and is still coming from a gold-plated Oval Office.

We have listened to the survivors share their stories. They have made many of us cry, but we won't stop at tears. We will work to bring justice to these brave women, to do what they have asked, which is to release the files.

The rule, by the way, is also a Republican attempt to cover up how they are raising energy prices for American families in the Energy and Water appropriations bill. Renewable energy brings down the cost of electricity. Trump and Republicans are destroying this clean and affordable energy by cutting its funding in half. They are doing this to benefit the fossil fuel companies that donated to their campaigns.

Finally, they are also rewriting the history of January 6. They quietly slipped into the rule a brand-new select committee on selective memory designed to protect the very insurrectionists who stormed this Capitol. These were violent thugs who attacked our democracy and brutalized police officers. Donald Trump pardoned those violent criminals. Now, Republicans want to give them cover in the same Halls of Congress that the thugs once attacked. Shame, shame, shame.

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

Let me state up front that I make no apology for being pro-U.S. energy. I make no apology for saying that the United States needs more electric power. I make no apology for saying we can get that electric power with things like these bills that are in this rule today. It works on small modular reactors. It works on nuclear. It works on fusion. It works on coal. It works on making sure that we have the ability to mine the coal in the United States. It makes sure we have the ability to extract our oil and our natural gas resources.

If we want to compete with the Chinese, Mr. Speaker, we are going to have to up our game on producing electric power. It is fascinating to me that when we hear these debates, my colleagues on the other side of the aisle will often point out—in fact, they did it last night—that the Chinese are doing so much more with wind and solar. They never mention that the Chinese are building dozens of new

power plants, as we speak, powered by coal.

If we are going to use the Chinese as the model that we are supposed to follow in generating electricity, we should, therefore, not be closing down all of our coal power plants.

Mr. Speaker, as you know, the coal in the United States and the way that we burn it is much cleaner than the way the Chinese burn it in their plants. We need to be working on making sure that we have new energy development, which the energy and water bill does, and ways that we can burn that coal and our natural gas even cleaner than we are doing today, even though we produce electricity cleaner with our fossil fuels than any other country in the world.

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Guess what we can do, Mr. Speaker. If we can continue to move forward and build new plants and show how this new technology can be used, we can then be the ones who are exporting it to sub-Saharan Africa and India instead of having the Chinese exporting facilities and the technologies that are from the 1960s and 1970s, instead of the technologies that are available today.

When you talk about the air on the planet Earth, Mr. Speaker, I have to tell you that the air is shared by all of us. In fact, there is a NASA study that I often cite that says it takes air 10 days to get from the middle of the Gobi Desert to the eastern shore of Virginia. That is why a majority of the mercury in California comes from Asia and not from the plants in California. It comes from overseas.

Mr. Speaker, the more that we can do with our fossil fuel plants and our technologies to make our processes cleaner and then export it to the rest of the world, the more we can do to clean up the air in the world as a whole because the air is not something that uniquely belongs to the United States. It doesn't sit over one town very long. Sometimes we get a little inversion in the Roanoke area and it sits there for a few days, but it doesn't sit there for weeks and months and years. We need to be looking at the worldwide issue in regard to that.

Mr. Speaker, I make no apology for supporting bills that will take care of making sure that we can, in this Nation, as a nation, all of us, profit and have the AI needed and have the electricity needed for data centers instead of giving it and ceding it to the Chinese because we don't want to work on oil, natural gas, and coal because somehow my colleagues on the other side of the aisle have decided that those resources are not appropriate to be used in the United States.

If we want to be a second-rate country, have at it, but that is not what I stand for, Mr. Speaker. I stand for us being the leading energy producer in the world and making sure that we do it as clean as possible so that we can export our clean coal technology, our

clean natural gas facilities, new fusion if we can get there, new modular reactors, and export that technology to the world and be the leader in the world when it comes to energy production; but, number one, making sure that we take care of our needs in the United States as we are looking at not having enough electricity going forward to keep our economy as the number one economy in the world.

Mr. Speaker, I often tell people back home that this is important not just for today but for the generations to come because when you look at the powers in the economic sphere in the past, some very small nations have reached into the future and benefited their children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

In fact, I often talk about Royal Dutch Shell Group, Shell Oil, which was a derivative. Mr. Speaker, you can attack how they got the money because it was all part of colonialism, and I get that. Yet, because they were the number one economic nation in the world from roughly 1650 to 1700, there are still people and families in the Netherlands who are benefiting. Notwithstanding the fact that they moved their headquarters to London, they are benefiting from the fact that, at one time, their nation was the number one economic nation in the world.

I want that for the United States. I want us to be the number one economic nation as long as possible so that children and grandchildren and great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren out 10 generations will benefit.

Mr. Speaker, I make no apologies for supporting these bills that we have in this rule today and supporting the fact that American energy is predominant and should remain a major force in the world instead of ceding everything to the Chinese.

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

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

Mr. Speaker, that is an awful lot of words to defend the fossil fuel industry. While the gentleman was defending Big Oil and all these big corporations that rip off the American people by charging exorbitant prices for energy and while he was going on that tirade, I went back and I listened to Donald Trump's press conference at the White House.

Not only did he call the move to release the Epstein files a Democratic hoax, he said it was designed to get the American people to focus in on something that was irrelevant.

Mr. Speaker, let that sink in. If you listened to the survivors who were in front of the Capitol just a few minutes ago and listened to their horror stories, that is irrelevant? That the President of the United States of America would say something like that is pathetic.

He could very easily put all of this controversy to rest by just releasing the files, and that is why we need to

pass the Massie-Khanna bill because we could actually pass a bill that would compel him to do that.

What you all did in the Rules Committee last night is a resolution that doesn't really mean anything. It is designed as cover. Quite frankly, it is not enough.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 2½ minutes to the gentlewoman from New Mexico (Ms. STANSBURY).

Ms. STANSBURY. Mr. Speaker, I have to say that I am always amazed, disturbed, and sometimes can't believe what I hear on this floor.

We are sitting here today as a government shutdown is looming. Survivors of the crimes committed by Jeffrey Epstein and his associates are here on this campus sharing their harrowing and heartbreak stories. A court has just ordered that Trump's illegal tariffs have been put in place and are harming Americans and violating the law, and the President is deploying our brave men and women who serve in the National Guard to occupy American cities.

What is the GOP's agenda for this week, crammed into this one resolution that we are here to debate? There is one fake appropriations bill that they know will never pass, three resolutions to undermine protections for the environment, one resolution snuck in during the dark of night to reconvene the January 6 commission to try to rewrite history, and one resolution designed to provide Donald Trump and the White House cover in one of the largest Epstein coverups that we have seen.

This isn't about protecting people. We have a bipartisan discharge petition right there at the Clerk's desk. If my colleagues would like to see the files released, the two of you who are in this Chamber right now could literally walk down there and sign that petition right now. But you don't want the files released. You want it controlled by the Oversight and Government Reform Committee because, if you did, you would sign that petition right there that would release those unredacted files.

Mr. Speaker, let's also be clear. Donald Trump issued a statement today that said to all of you, you Republicans here in this Chamber, that if you sign that discharge petition, he will count it as a hostile act. That is right. The United States President is threatening members of his own party in this Chamber from signing a petition that would release the full, unredacted Epstein files.

Mr. Speaker, my question is: What are they hiding? Who are they protecting, and why are our colleagues failing to have a backbone not only to stand up for the survivors but to stand up for the American people?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. I remind my colleagues that they need to address the Speaker and not the audience that is here.

Mr. GRIFFITH. Mr. Speaker, this Epstein situation is very serious, and I

take it as such. We have victims whose lives can never be made whole, and this debate has taken on a life of its own. In many ways, it is illogical.

On the one hand, we have the resolution included in the rule that has subpoena power and has broader authority than the Massie-Khanna piece of legislation that my colleagues on the other side want. It gives us the ability to subpoena banking records, estate files, and depositions, none of which are required in the Massie bill.

Further, I find it interesting, because ours is a resolution that gives the endorsement of the House, gives more power in the oomph behind the Oversight and Government Reform Committee's hard work.

The opposing piece of legislation, Mr. Speaker, should it pass the House, goes over to the Senate. Should it pass the Senate, it requires the signature of the very President who they say wants to block it.

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I submit to you, Mr. Speaker, and to the American people, it would only be logical to go with the one that can get voted on in the House and have action going forward and have action taking place that deals with these serious issues and brings to light every piece of information that we can put on the table with the rare exceptions of a few redactions, which have to be explained and some of which are necessary to protect some of the victims themselves because they don't want to have their names out there in the public.

Mr. Speaker, I don't understand it. If what we want is the information, we should pass this rule and move forward, and not have to rely on passage in the Senate and signature by the President.

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

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

Mr. Speaker, first of all, I am going to thank the gentleman for publicly splitting with the President of the United States. He said that the Epstein matter was a serious matter. The President just a few minutes ago said it was irrelevant. I think it takes a little courage for Republicans these days to stand up to the President.

I do want to point out for the RECORD that the resolution that is deemed passed in this rule grants no new authority, no new power, and no new nothing to the Oversight Committee. It doesn't do anything.

If you want to do something, you can go to the well and you can sign the discharge petition to allow us to vote on the Massie-Khanna bill, which would compel and force the Justice Department to release the files.

If the President, by the way, wants to veto that bill, I would like to think that Democrats and Republicans unanimously would join together to override such a veto. I can't imagine anybody here wanting to defend the indefensible.

We have another way you could be helpful here. If we defeat the previous question, I will offer an amendment to the rule to provide for consideration of H.R. 4405, the bipartisan Epstein Files Transparency Act, introduced by Representatives KHANNA and MASSIE.

Mr. Speaker, Republican leadership is twisting themselves into knots trying to look like they are doing something on Epstein to give their Members something to vote on, anything for political cover, while also not upsetting the President.

That is why they have deemed in this rule a nonbinding resolution to tell the Oversight Committee to keep doing what they are already doing, which, best as I can tell, is to slow roll the release of documents that the DOJ seems to think are acceptable to the President for release.

Mr. Speaker, the American people didn't ask for an Oversight Committee investigation. They asked for all the Epstein files to be released, the very thing that the Trump administration promised and then suspiciously backtracked on.

This bill is bipartisan, and it is the only legislation on Epstein that has the force of law. It has the votes to pass. The survivors of Epstein's and Maxwell's crimes spoke today at the Capitol demanding this very bill get passed. Republican leaders need to stop standing in the way, and now is their chance.

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

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

There was no objection.

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from California (Mr. KHANNA) to discuss our proposal, the sponsor of this bipartisan legislation.

Mr. KHANNA. Mr. Speaker, I am just returning from hearing the survivors tell their stories, and I was so deeply moved. This is not a political issue. This is an issue of 14-year-olds and 15-year-olds who told the stories of how they were solicited by Jeffrey Epstein and raped and assaulted. Then they went to the police and the police didn't do anything because Jeffrey Epstein knew rich people, because he knew Presidents, because he knew donors.

This is not a Republican issue. This is not a Democratic issue. MARJORIE TAYLOR GREENE was there speaking out for the survivors. NANCY MACE was in tears, because she is a survivor, when she heard their stories. LAUREN BOEBERT has said we need to speak up for the survivors.

This is an issue that could actually bring this country together to say that a Nation in which rich and powerful men can rape young girls without consequence is a nation that has lost its moral and spiritual soul.

We can fight about a lot of things. We shouldn't fight about this. We need two more Republicans to sign the discharge petition. I have a pretty simple rule. Most people don't understand all the jargon of Congress, but the survivors very clearly said they want the Massie-Khanna bill. They want it for closure. They want it for the release of the files. You know what the irony here is? President Trump could actually be the person who does good in this. He can still change his mind.

Speaker JOHNSON is a true Christian. I know him. I know his family. He is a good Christian man. He can be for bringing justice. I really don't understand why we are fighting over this. Why don't we do something good for this country? Why don't we stand with these survivors and show this Nation we are still capable of coming together when it matters for truth and justice?

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

Mr. McGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, it seems lonely over there.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentlewoman from Virginia (Ms. McCLELLAN).

Ms. McCLELLAN. Mr. Speaker, for the last 6 weeks, I traveled around not just my district but the entire Commonwealth of Virginia to talk about the work that we are doing here in Washington as we headed back to try to avoid a government shutdown in the next 28 days.

Frankly, I didn't hear a lot about Jeffrey Epstein, although what happened is very serious and the survivors do indeed need closure. I didn't hear very much about January 6, although that was a serious stain on American history.

What I did hear about were concerns about rising costs. The costs of everything from healthcare to childcare, energy, food, and technology, everything is going up. The President's illegal tariff policy is making that worse.

I heard concerns from providers and patients about the impact that Medicaid cuts are going to have on hundreds of thousands of Virginians. I heard from State legislators and local government officials about the concerns they have about shifting costs on their budgets. That is why I oppose the energy appropriations bill here today because one way to reduce costs while meeting our energy demands is through energy efficiency programs and clean and renewable energy. However, this bill cuts in half the Department of Energy's Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Office and by extension the programs for energy efficiency and clean energy.

We will never meet our exploding energy demands affordably, reliably, and quickly without energy efficiency and clean energy programs, and that is why I stand to oppose this bill.

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

Mr. Speaker, in regard to energy, I can tell you that I represent a region of the country where when we were using our coal resources, which God has blessed us with abundantly, we had the third or fourth lowest electric rates in the country.

Then suddenly fossil fuels became a bad idea. Even natural gas, oh, my gosh, we can't use it, and the electric rates keep going up and up and up. My district is not a wealthy district, and the people in my district are complaining because their electricity rates are going up.

One of the major drivers are prior Democratic policies, Mr. Speaker, that said we are not going to be doing any more coal-fired power plants. We are not going to encourage natural gas to be used to create electricity, and we stranded the assets.

Now, as you know, Mr. Speaker, what that means is that they are paying for the electricity generated by wind and solar, and they are paying for the electricity that was there for plants that were opened which have not met their full expectation or life cycle.

For example, there is a facility in my district that I went to the ribbon cutting on in 2012 that Democrats in the Commonwealth of Virginia, including some of my esteemed colleagues on the other side from that great Commonwealth, thought it was appropriate to say: Let's close that down early.

It opened in 2012 with a 50-to-60 year life expectancy, and they wanted to close it down somewhere around 2035 or 2040, well before its life expectancy is up. What that does is that pushes the power companies to have to find different and more expensive ways, as it turns out, to create that electricity.

What this bill does is, it pushes us on nuclear, which if you don't want to use fossil, that is the only way you can get the baseload power to supply us and make us competitive with the Chinese in the field of AI. Yet, somehow, once again my colleagues on the other side of the aisle cannot realize that it is the policies of their prior Congresses and their prior administrations which, in large measure—not exclusively, but in large measure have caused the spike—not a general increase, not inflation level, but a spike over and above your general inflation—on the cost of energy in this country.

If we get back to the basics, if we pass this rule—we have three CRAs and the Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriation Act, all of which help make the United States of America more viable when it comes to energy and makes those electric prices that my colleagues said was one of the bigger concerns that she heard when touring around the Commonwealth—the cost of those energy prices will go down if we pass this rule and pass the underlying bills. I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. McGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentlewoman from New Jersey (Ms. POU).

Ms. POU. Mr. Speaker, across New Jersey and our country, Americans are struggling with skyrocketing energy costs and are demanding relief. Yet, that did not stop the congressional Republicans from repealing the Energy Efficient Home Improvement Credit, a major mistake that could not have come at a worse time.

Amidst the rising cost of living, Americans are now being denied an important tool to lower their energy costs solely so billionaires could get another unneeded tax giveaway. That is why I introduced a commonsense amendment to study the impacts of tearing this program away from American homeowners.

I am absolutely disappointed, but not surprised, that the House majority continues to hide the impacts of their big, ugly bill and block Americans from seeing how it raises their electric bills.

I came to Congress to lower high costs, and I will not stop working to lower energy costs for hardworking Americans.

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

Mr. McGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself 2 minutes.

Mr. Speaker, a vote for this rule is also a vote to create a new select subcommittee to investigate the remaining questions regarding the insurrection on January 6, 2021.

I have a radical idea. Instead of wasting time creating a select subcommittee to investigate January 6, maybe, just maybe, we should read the report that the January 6th Select Committee already finished in 2022. Here it is: thousands of pages, millions of records, testimony from Trump's own people. You could use it as a doorstop, it is so thorough.

But no, Republicans want to rewrite history. If we were all being honest here, that is what this is all about: Pretend January 6 was just a field trip gone wrong; pretend the police weren't bludgeoned, crushed, or tased; pretend the gallows outside this building were just some kind of art installation.

It is insulting. It is a slap in the face to every officer who put their body on the line to save ours. Here is the kicker: This majority still hasn't even hung the plaque honoring those officers, a plaque required by law—required by law. Instead of a sham committee, how about you get a screwdriver and hang the damn plaque because every day it sits in a box is another day Republicans dishonor the heroes who defended this place.

If they insist on this little circus, at least investigate something real, like why Donald Trump pardoned people who assaulted police officers. One of those men is now serving a life sentence for plotting to murder nearly 40 law enforcement officers and blow up the FBI. His lawyers even tried to argue that Trump's pardon should cover his murder plot.

Another pardoned rioter committed a home invasion less than 4 months

later. I bet those homeowners wish he had been behind bars serving his 8-year sentence for assaulting cops instead of terrorizing their family.

In fact, at least 10 of Trump's pardoned insurrectionists have already been re-arrested, charged, or sentenced for other crimes.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BOST). The time of the gentleman has expired.

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself an additional 15 seconds.

Quite a record. Maybe we should call this new panel the subcommittee on criminal recidivism by Trump's friends.

But let's be honest. That is not what this is about. This is about distraction, another shiny object, because the majority doesn't want to talk about the things that they are actually blocking, like the bipartisan effort to release the Epstein files.

I will make it simple. Stop rewriting history. Stop wasting time. Stop discrediting the police. Follow the law, for God's sake. Hang the plaque.

I reserve the balance of my time.

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

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, is the gentleman prepared to close?

Mr. GRIFFITH. Mr. Speaker, I am.

Mr. MCGOVERN. He has no more speakers?

Mr. Speaker, may I inquire how much time is remaining.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Massachusetts has 2½ minutes remaining.

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

Mr. Speaker, what we have heard today is excuse after excuse after excuse, diversion after diversion, but no answers to the questions that I have asked: Why won't the Trump administration release the Epstein files? Why won't the Speaker hang up the plaque honoring the law enforcement officers who defended our democracy on January 6? Why do Republicans continue voting time and time and time again to help their rich and powerful friends?

I know the answer, Mr. Speaker. The answer is because of the man who occupies the Oval Office. Republicans want to let Trump rewrite history to protect the rich and powerful perpetrators of Epstein's crimes, to protect the people who came into this building to desecrate our democracy, and to protect his wealthy donors and Big Oil who want another giveaway.

At the end of the day, Mr. Speaker, this is about trust. How can the American people trust Republicans when they promised to release the Epstein files, and then they broke that promise? How can Americans trust Republicans when they claim to support law enforcement, and then they want to rewrite the truth about what happened on January 6? How can we trust Republicans, who want to ignore the fact that Trump pardoned people who brutally assaulted law enforcement officers? How can they be trusted?

How can anyone trust Republicans, when they negotiated spending bills, bills which have become law only to let Donald Trump illegally shut down Federal agencies in direct violation of those negotiations?

I don't trust these guys to tell me the correct time, let alone trust them to do what is right for the American people.

The way to restore trust is simple: Hang the January 6 plaque honoring the officers who defended our democracy on that day, stop the giveaways for those at the top, and release the damn Epstein files. The victims of Jeffrey Epstein and Ghislaine Maxwell's horrific crimes were outside the Capitol Building this morning to demand that we pass the bipartisan Khanna-Massie bill to release these files.

Mr. Speaker, we have a bill to do it. Stop delaying, stop obstructing, stop protecting the powerful perpetrators of these crimes, and just release the damn files. I urge a "hell, no" on this rule, and I yield back the balance of my time.

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Mr. GRIFFITH. Mr. Speaker, this rule covers a number of topics, and we have been over them—energy, water. We didn't get much into the full funding of the Army Corps so they can help take care of flooding problems in my district and other districts, take care of water problems, et cetera.

We have argued for over an hour, most of it being the same repetitive things. This rule gives that extra oomph. It shows the support for the work that the Oversight Committee is doing regarding the Epstein files. It moves us forward on energy and water. It moves us forward on energy production in the United States. It moves us forward on nuclear power and making sure that we are using it in a responsible but effective way so that we can continue to be the world's leader when it comes to energy production, instead of handcuffing our capabilities.

We have gone over a lot of serious issues. The American people who are paying attention to this have already heard all of those arguments.

Mr. Speaker, I will simply say that I hope that all the Members of this House will support the passage of this rule. It is important for a number of reasons, and I hope they will pass the underlying bills and resolutions when those come up.

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

AN AMENDMENT TO H. RES. 672 OFFERED BY  
MR. MCGOVERN OF MASSACHUSETTS

At the end of the resolution, add the following:

SEC. 11. Immediately upon adoption of this resolution, the House shall proceed to the consideration in the House of the bill (H.R. 4405) to require the Attorney General to release all documents and records in possession of the Department of Justice relating to Jeffrey Epstein, and for other purposes. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived. The bill shall be considered as read. All points of order against provi-

sions in the bill are waived. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill and on any amendment thereto, to final passage without intervening motion except: (1) one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary or their respective designees; and (2) one motion to recommit.

SEC. 12. Clause 1(c) of rule XIX shall not apply to the consideration of H.R. 4405.

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

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 9 of rule XX, the Chair will reduce to 5 minutes the minimum time for any electronic vote on the question of adoption of the resolution.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 212, nays 209, not voting 10, as follows:

[Roll No. 221]

YEAS—212

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Baird	Fleischmann	Latta
Balderson	Flood	Lawler
Barr	Fong	Lee (FL)
Barrett	Foxx	Letlow
Baumgartner	Franklin, Scott	Loudermilk
Bean (FL)	Fry	Lucas
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Fallon	Kiley (CA)	Rogers (AL)
Fedorchak	Kim	Rogers (KY)

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Rouzer	Smucker	Van Orden
Roy	Spartz	Wagner
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Balint	Gottheimer	Pelosi
Barragán	Gray	Perez
Beatty	Green, Al (TX)	Peters
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Beyer	Himes	Pocan
Bishop	Horsford	Pocan
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Casar	Jackson (IL)	Ross
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Castor (FL)	Keating	Sánchez
Castro (TX)	Castro (TX)	Scanlon
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Courtney	Kishnamoorthi	Stansbury
Craig	Kishnamoorthi	Stanton
Crockett	Kishnamoorthi	Strickland
Crow	Kishnamoorthi	Subramanyam
Cuellar	Kishnamoorthi	Subramanyam
Davids (KS)	Kishnamoorthi	Thompson (CA)
Davis (IL)	Kishnamoorthi	Thompson (MS)
Davis (NC)	Kishnamoorthi	Titus
Dean (PA)	Kishnamoorthi	Tlaib
DeGette	Kishnamoorthi	Tokuda
DeLauro	Kishnamoorthi	Tran
DelBene	Kishnamoorthi	Underwood
Deluzio	Kishnamoorthi	Velázquez
DeSaulnier	Kishnamoorthi	Watson Coleman
Dexter	Kishnamoorthi	Watson
Dingell	Kishnamoorthi	Whitesides
Doggett	Kishnamoorthi	Williams (GA)
Elfreth	Kishnamoorthi	Wilson (FL)
Escobar	Kishnamoorthi	
Espaillat	Kishnamoorthi	
Evans (PA)	Kishnamoorthi	
Fields	Kishnamoorthi	
Figures	Kishnamoorthi	
Fletcher	Kishnamoorthi	
Foster	Kishnamoorthi	
Fouchee	Kishnamoorthi	
Frankel, Lois	Kishnamoorthi	
Friedman	Kishnamoorthi	
Frost	Kishnamoorthi	
Garamendi	Kishnamoorthi	
Garcia (CA)	Kishnamoorthi	
Garcia (IL)	Kishnamoorthi	
Garcia (TX)	Kishnamoorthi	

## NOT VOTING—10

Alford	Hunt	Stutzman
Crenshaw	Schmidt	Swalwell
Gomez	Sherrill	
Hern (OK)	Stauber	

□ 1357

Ms. LETLOW changed her vote from "nay" to "yea."

So the previous question was ordered. The result of the vote was announced as above recorded. The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the resolution. The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

## RECORDED VOTE

Mr. McGOVERN. Mr. 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 212, noes 208, answered "present" 1, not voting 10, as follows:

[Roll No. 222]

## AYES—212

Aderholt	Goldman (TX)	Miller-Meeks	McCormick	Kennedy (NY)
Alford	Gonzales, Tony	Mills	Chu	Kishnamoorthi
Allen	Gooden	Moolenaar	Cisneros	Landsman
Amodei (NV)	Gosar	Moore (AL)	Clark (MA)	Larsen (WA)
Arrington	Graves	Moore (NC)	Clarke (NY)	Larson (CT)
Babin	Greene (GA)	Moore (UT)	Cleaver	Cleaver
Bacon	Griffith	Moore (WV)	Clyburn	Latimer
Baird	Grothman	Moran	Cohen	Lee (NV)
Balderson	Guest	Murphy	Conaway	Lee (PA)
Barr	Guthrie	Ogles	Crow	Smith (WA)
Barrett	Hageman	Oehler	Cuellar	Subramanyam
Baumgartner	Hamaideh (AZ)	Newhouse	Davidson (KS)	Suozzi
Bard	Harrington	Norman	Costa	Mannion
Barnes	Haridopolos	Nunn (IA)	Courtney	Matsumi
Bean (FL)	Hill (AR)	Patronis	Liccardo	Sykes
Begich	Harrigan	Obernolte	Dexter	Takano
Bentz	Harris (MD)	Ogles	Dingell	McBride
Bergman	Harris (NC)	Pfluger	DeLauro	Thanedar
Bice	Hudson	Reschenthaler	McClellan	Thompson (CA)
Brecheen	Huizenga	Rogers (AL)	McCullum	Thompson (MS)
Bresnahan	Hurd (CO)	Rogers (KY)	DeSaulnier	Titus
Buchanan	Issa	Rose	McDonald Rivet	Tlaib
Burchett	Jack	Rouzer	DeGette	Tokuda
Burlison	Jackson (TX)	Roy	Doggett	McGarvey
Calvert	James	Rulli	McIver	Tonko
Cammack	Johnson (LA)	Rutherford	Elfreth	Torres (CA)
Carey	Johnson (SD)	Salazar	Escobar	Torres (NY)
Carter (GA)	Jordan	Scalise	Espaillat	Trahan
Carter (TX)	Joyce (OH)	Schweikert	Foster	Menendez
Cato	Kishnamoorthi	Scott, Austin	Frost	Menendez
Chester	Kishnamoorthi	Self	Garamendi	Trahan
Cochran	Kishnamoorthi	Sessions	Garcia (CA)	Velázquez
Cole	Kishnamoorthi	Shreve	Garcia (IL)	Windman
Collins	Kiggans (VA)	Simpson	Garcia (PA)	Underwood
Comer	Kim	Smith (MO)	Garcia (TX)	Vargas
Crane	Knott	Smith (NE)	Garamendi	Watson
Crank	Kustoff	Smith (NJ)	Garcia (CA)	Watson Coleman
Davidson	LaHood	Smucker	Garcia (IL)	Whitesides
De La Cruz	LaLota	Spartz	Garcia (PA)	Williams (GA)
Des Jarlais	LaMalfa	Stauber	Garcia (TX)	Wilson (FL)
Diaz-Balart	Langworthy	Stefanik		
Donalds	Latta	Steil		
Downing	Lawler	Steube		
Dunn (FL)	Lee (FL)	Strong		
Edwards	Letlow	Stutzman		
Ellzey	Loudermilk	Taylor		
Emmer	Lucas	Tenney		
Estes	Luna	Thompson (PA)		
Feldman	Luttrell	Tiffany		
Velazquez	Mace	Timmons		
Wasserman	Evans (CO)	Turner (OH)		
Windman	Ezell	Valadao		
Mrvan	Fallon	Malliotakis		
Mullin	Fedorchak	Watson		
Nadler	Feenstra	Van Dren		
Neal	Fine	Van Duyne		
Neguse	Finstad	Van Orden		
Norcross	Fischbach	Wagner		
Ocasio-Cortez	Fitzgerald	Walberg		
	Fitzpatrick	Weber (TX)		
	Fleischmann	Webster (FL)		
	Flood	Westerman		
	Fong	Wied		
	Foxx	Wittman		
	Franklin, Scott	Williams (TX)		
	Fry	Womack		
	Fulcher	Yakym		
	Garbarino	Zinke		
	Gill (TX)			

## NOES—208

Adams	Golden (ME)	Ocasio-Cortez
Aguilar	Goldman (NY)	Olszewski
Amo	Gomez	Omar
Ansari	Gonzalez, V.	Pallone
Auchincloss	Goodlander	Panetta
Balint	Gottheimer	Pappas
Barragán	Gray	Pelosi
Beatty	Green, Al (TX)	Perez
Bell	Harder (CA)	Peters
Bera	Hayes	Pettersen
Beyer	Himes	Pingree
Bishop	Horsford	Quigley
Bonamici	Houlahan	Ramirez
Boyle (PA)	Hoyle (OR)	Randall
Brown	Hoyle (OR)	Raskin
Brownley	Huffman	Riley (NY)
Budzinski	Ivey	Rivas
Bynum	Jackson (IL)	Ross
Carbajal	Jackson (IL)	Scanlon
Carson	Jacobs	Sánchez
Carter (LA)	Jayapal	Schakowsky
Casten	Kamlager-Dove	Schneider
Castor (FL)	Kaptur	Scholten
Castro (TX)	Keating	Scott (VA)
Cherifilus-	Cherifilus-	Scott (VA)
McCormick	McCormick	Scott, David
Chu	Khanna	Sewell
Cisneros	Kishnamoorthi	Sherman
Clark (MA)	Landsman	Simon
Clarke (NY)	Larsen (WA)	Smith
Cleaver	Kishnamoorthi	Sorensen
Clyburn	Kishnamoorthi	Soto
Cohen	Kishnamoorthi	Stansbury
Conaway	Kishnamoorthi	Stanton
Correa	Kishnamoorthi	Strickland
Costa	Kishnamoorthi	Subramanyam
Courtney	Kishnamoorthi	Thompson (CA)
Craig	Kishnamoorthi	Thompson (MS)
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Garamendi	Kishnamoorthi	
Garcia (CA)	Kishnamoorthi	
Garcia (IL)	Kishnamoorthi	
Garcia (TX)	Kishnamoorthi	

## ANSWERED "PRESENT"—1

Kiley (CA)

## NOT VOTING—10

Crawford	Gimenez	Sherrill
Crenshaw	Hern (OK)	Swalwell
Dean (PA)	Hunt	
Gillen	Schmidt	

## ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). There are 2 minutes remaining.

□ 1405

So the resolution was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated against:

Ms. GILLEN. Mr. Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted No on Roll Call No. 222.

**COMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT AND GOVERNMENT REFORM EPSTEIN INVESTIGATION**

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the adoption of House Resolution 672, H. Res. 668 is considered as agreed to.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 668

*Resolved,*

**SECTION 1. COMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT AND GOVERNMENT REFORM EPSTEIN INVESTIGATION.**

The Committee on Oversight and Government Reform is directed to continue its ongoing investigation into the possible mismanagement of the Federal Government's investigation of Mr. Jeffrey Epstein and Ms. Ghislaine Maxwell, the circumstances and subsequent investigations of Mr. Epstein's death, the operation of sex-trafficking rings and ways for the Federal Government to effectively combat them, and potential violations of ethics rules related to elected officials in order to inform, among other things, legislative solutions to improve Federal efforts to combat sex trafficking and reform the use of non-prosecution agreements and plea agreements in sex-crime investigations.

**SEC. 2. INVESTIGATIVE PROCEEDINGS BY THE COMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT AND GOVERNMENT REFORM.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—The House of Representatives supports the subpoenas and investigatory actions authorized by the chair of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform as of the date of the adoption of this resolution with respect to the investigation described in section 1 and encourages all recipients to fully comply with them in a timely manner.

(b) ISSUANCE OF INVESTIGATIVE REPORTS.—The Committee on Oversight and Government Reform shall issue such investigative reports with respect to the investigation described in section 1 as it deems necessary.

**SEC. 3. RELEASE OF DOCUMENTS RELATING TO JEFFREY EPSTEIN.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—The chair of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform shall make publicly available all unclassified committee records received from the Attorney General, the Secretary of the Treasury, and the Epstein estate, and any other custodians related to the investigation described in this resolution, as well as any written declarations, or other evidence that relates to the investigation described in this resolution, including those referring or relating to any of the following:

(1) Jeffrey Epstein, including all investigations, prosecutions, or custodial matters.

(2) Ghislaine Maxwell.

(3) Flight logs or travel records, including but not limited to manifests, itineraries, pilot records, and customs or immigration documentation for any aircraft, vessel, or vehicle owned, operated, or used by Jeffrey Epstein or any related entity.

(4) Individuals, including government officials, named or referenced in connection with Epstein's criminal activities, civil settlements, immunity or plea agreements, or investigatory proceedings.

(5) Entities (corporate, nonprofit, academic, or governmental) with known or alleged ties to Epstein's trafficking or financial networks.

(6) Any immunity deals, non-prosecution agreements, plea bargains, or sealed settlements involving Epstein or his associates.

(7) Internal DOJ communications, including emails, memos, and meeting notes, concerning decisions to charge, not charge, investigate, or decline to investigate Epstein or his associates.

(8) All communications, memoranda, directives, logs, or metadata concerning the destruction, deletion, alteration, misplacement, or concealment of documents, recordings, or electronic data related to Epstein, his associates, his detention and death, or any investigative files.

(9) Documentation of Epstein's detention or death, including incident reports, witness interviews, medical examiner files, autopsy reports, and written records detailing the circumstances and cause of death.

**(b) WITHHOLDING, DELAY, OR REDACTION.—**

(1) PROHIBITED GROUNDS.—No committee record described in subsection (a) shall be withheld, delayed, or redacted on the basis of embarrassment, reputational harm, or political sensitivity, including with respect to any government official, public figure, or foreign dignitary.

**(2) PERMITTED WITHHOLDINGS OR REDACTIONS.—**

(A) IN GENERAL.—The chair of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform may withhold or redact the segregable portions of committee records described in subsection (a) that—

(i) contain personally identifiable information of victims or victims' personal and medical files and similar files the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy together with materials that could likely be used or reconstituted to unveil and identify a victim;

(ii) depict or contain child pornography, other child sexual abuse materials, or similar materials;

(iii) would jeopardize an active Federal investigation or ongoing prosecution, including whistleblower investigations, provided that such withholding is narrowly tailored and temporary;

(iv) depict or contain images of death, physical abuse, or injury of any person; or

(v) contain information specifically authorized under criteria established by law or executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy and are in fact properly classified pursuant to such law or executive order.

**(B) WRITTEN JUSTIFICATION REQUIREMENT.—**

(i) IN GENERAL.—All withholdings or redactions made by the chair under subparagraph (A) shall be accompanied by a written justification for such withholding or redaction accompanying the release.

(ii) RECORD CUSTODIAN WRITTEN JUSTIFICATION.—If the chair of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform receives any records described in subsection (a) that already include redactions or if the chair knows any of the records described in such subsection are being withheld, the chair shall request the custodian of such records to provide written justifications for each redaction or withholding, and shall make each such justification publicly available promptly upon receipt.

**SELECT SUBCOMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE THE REMAINING QUESTIONS SURROUNDING JANUARY 6, 2021**

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the adoption of House Resolution 672, H. Res. 605 is considered as agreed to.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 605

*Resolved,*

**SECTION 1. SELECT SUBCOMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE THE REMAINING QUESTIONS SURROUNDING JANUARY 6, 2021.**

(a) ESTABLISHMENT; COMPOSITION.—

**(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—**There is hereby established for the One Hundred Nineteenth Congress a select investigative subcommittee of the Committee on the Judiciary called the Select Subcommittee to Investigate the Remaining Questions Surrounding January 6, 2021 (hereinafter referred to as the "select subcommittee").

**(2) COMPOSITION.—**

(A) The select subcommittee shall be composed of not more than 8 Members, Delegates, or the Resident Commissioner appointed by the Speaker, of whom not more than 3 shall be appointed in consultation with the minority leader. The Speaker shall designate one member of the select subcommittee as its chair. Any vacancy in the select subcommittee shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment.

(B) Each member appointed to the select subcommittee shall be treated as though a member of the Committee on the Judiciary for purposes of the select subcommittee.

(C) The chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary shall be ex officio members of the select subcommittee but shall have no vote in the select subcommittee and may not be counted for purposes of determining a quorum thereof.

(3) SERVICE.—Service on the select subcommittee shall not count against the limitations in clause 5(b)(2)(A) of rule X of the Rules of the House of Representatives.

(b) INVESTIGATIVE FUNCTIONS AND AUTHORITY.—The select subcommittee is authorized and directed to conduct a full and complete investigation and study and issue a final report of the events surrounding January 6, 2021 regarding matters within the jurisdiction of the Committee on the Judiciary under clause 1(l) of rule X of the Rules of the House of Representatives. The select subcommittee may not hold a markup of legislation.

**(c) PROCEDURE.—**

(1) Rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives and the rules of the Committee on the Judiciary shall apply to the select subcommittee in the same manner as subcommittee except as follows:

(A) The chair of the select subcommittee may, after consultation with the ranking minority member, recognize—

(i) members of the select subcommittee to question a witness for periods longer than five minutes as though pursuant to clause 2(j)(2)(B) of such rule XI; and

(ii) staff of the select subcommittee or staff of the Committee on the Judiciary to question a witness as though pursuant to clause 2(j)(2)(C) of such rule XI.

(B) The chair of the select subcommittee may authorize and issue subpoenas pursuant to clause 2(m) of rule XI in the investigation, study, and report conducted pursuant to subsection (b), including for the purpose of taking depositions.

(C) With regard to the full scope of investigative authority under subsection (b), the select subcommittee shall be authorized to receive information available to the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, consistent with congressional reporting requirements for intelligence and intelligence-related activities, and any such information received shall be subject to the terms and conditions applicable under clause 11 of rule X.

(2) The chair of the select subcommittee is authorized to compel by subpoena the furnishing of information by interrogatory.

(3)(A) The chair of the select subcommittee, upon consultation with the ranking minority member, may order the taking of depositions, including pursuant to subpoena, by a Member, counsel of the select subcommittee, or counsel of the Committee

on the Judiciary, in the same manner as a standing committee pursuant to section 3(t) of House Resolution 5, One Hundred Nineteenth Congress.

(B) Depositions taken under the authority prescribed in this paragraph shall be governed by the procedures submitted by the chair of the Committee on Rules for printing in the Congressional Record on January 14, 2025.

(4) Subpoenas authorized pursuant to this resolution may be signed by the chair of the select subcommittee or a designee.

(5) The provisions of this resolution shall govern the proceedings of the select subcommittee in the event of any conflict with the rules of the House or of the Committee on the Judiciary.

(d) TRANSFER OF RECORDS.—The Committee on House Administration is directed to transfer any records in any form relating to the matters described in subsection (b) to the select subcommittee not later than seven days after adoption of the resolution by the House. Such records shall become the records of the select subcommittee.

(e) SUCCESSOR.—The Committee on the Judiciary is the “successor in interest” to the select subcommittee for purposes of clause 8(c) of rule II of the Rules of the House of Representatives.

(f) FINAL REPORT.—The final report of the select subcommittee shall be submitted to the Committee on the Judiciary by December 31, 2026.

(g) TERMINATION.—The select subcommittee shall terminate—

(1) 30 days after filing the final report under subsection (f); or

(2) on the last day of the One Hundred Nineteenth Congress, whichever occurs earlier.

#### RAISING A QUESTION OF THE PRIVILEGES OF THE HOUSE

Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise to a question of the privileges of the House and offer the resolution that was previously noticed.

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

The Clerk read as follows:

H. RES. 539

Whereas, on May 9, 2025, Representative McIver took part in an incident at the Delaney Hall Federal Immigration Facility located in Newark, New Jersey;

Whereas Representative LaMonica McIver of New Jersey, as a result of her actions on May 9, 2025, has been charged in a three-count indictment by a Federal grand jury for assaulting, resisting, impeding, and interfering with Federal officers;

Whereas Representative McIver is alleged to have challenged guidance from a Federal officer regarding access to the secure immigration detention facility;

Whereas Representative McIver is alleged to have interfered with Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) officials from making an arrest of an unauthorized visitor;

Whereas Representative McIver is alleged to have “slammed her forearm into the body” and “restrain” an HSI officer by “forcibly grabbing him”;

Whereas Representative McIver is alleged to have further interfered with an Immigration and Customs Enforcement Deportation Officer engaged in the performance of his official duties;

Whereas body camera and other video evidence support the allegations made within the Federal indictment;

Whereas such actions constitute a violation of section 111(a)(1) of title 18, United

States Code, relating to assaulting, resisting, impeding, and interfering with a Federal officer;

Whereas clause 1 of rule XXIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives provides, “A Member, Delegate, Resident Commissioner, officer, or employee of the House shall behave at all times in a manner that shall reflect creditably on the House.”;

Whereas such actions of a Member of the House of Representatives do not reflect creditably on the House; and

Whereas Representative McIver’s continued service on the Committee on Homeland Security, which is charged with oversight of Federal immigration enforcement and other national security matters, would represent a significant conflict of interest: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved,*

#### SECTION 1. CENSURE OF REPRESENTATIVE LAMONICA MCIVER.

Representative LaMonica McIver—

(1) is censured;

(2) shall forthwith present herself in the well of the House of Representatives for the pronouncement of censure; and

(3) is censured with the public reading of this resolution by the Speaker.

#### SEC. 2. REMOVAL FROM COMMITTEE ON HOME LAND SECURITY.

The following named Member be, and is hereby, removed from the following standing committee of the House of Representatives:

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY: Mrs. McIver.

□ 1410

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The resolution presents a question of privilege.

#### MOTION TO TABLE

Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, I have a motion at the desk.

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

The Clerk read as follows:

Ms. Clark of Massachusetts moves to lay the resolution on the table.

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

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

Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. This is a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 215, nays 207, answered “present” 2, not voting 7, as follows:

[Roll No. 223]

YEAS—215

Adams	Bynum	Conaway	Burchett	Harris (MD)
Aguilar	Carbalaj	Correa	Burlison	Harris (NC)
Amo	Carson	Costa	Calvert	Harshbarger
Ansari	Carter (LA)	Courtney	Cammack	Higgins (LA)
Auchincloss	Casar	Craig	Carey	Hill (AR)
Bacon	Case	Crockett	Carter (GA)	Hinson
Balint	Casten	Crow	Carter (TX)	Houchin
Barragán	Castor (FL)	Cuellar	Ciscomani	Hudson
Beatty	Castro (TX)	Davids (KS)	Cline	Huizenga
Bell	Cherifius-	Davis (IL)	Cloud	Hurd (CO)
Bera	McCormick	Davis (NC)	Clyde	Issa
Beyer	Chu	Dean (PA)	Cole	Jack
Bishop	Cisneros	DeGette	Collins	Jackson (TX)
Bonamici	Clark (MA)	DeLauro	Comer	James
Boyle (PA)	Clarke (NY)	DelBene	Crane	Johnson (LA)
Brown	Cleaver	Deluzio	Crank	Johnson (SD)
Brownley	Clyburn	DeSaulnier	Crawford	Jordan
Budzinski	Cohen	Dexter	Davidson	Joyce (PA)
			Fong	Kean
			Fox	Kelly (MS)
			Franklin, Scott	Kelly (PA)
			Fry	Kennedy (UT)
			Fulcher	Kiggans (VA)
			Gill (TX)	Kiley (CA)
			Gimenez	Kim
			Goldman (TX)	Knott
			Gonzales, Tony	Kustoff
			Gooden	LaHood
			Gosar	LaMalfa
			Graves	Langworthy
			Greene (GA)	Latta
			Griffith	Lawler
			Grothman	Lee (FL)
			Guest	Letlow
			Hageman	Loudermilk
			Hamedah (AZ)	Lucas
			Haridopolos	Luna
			Harrigan	Luttrell
				Mackenzie
				Malliotakis
				Maloy

Mann	Ogles	Spartz
Massie	Onder	Stauber
Mast	Owens	Stefanik
McCauley	Palmer	Steil
McClain	Patronis	Steube
McClintock	Perry	Strong
Cormick	Pfluger	Stutzman
McDowell	Reschenthaler	Taylor
McGuire	Rogers (AL)	Tenney
Messmer	Rogers (KY)	Thompson (PA)
Meuser	Rose	Tiffany
Miller (IL)	Rouzer	Timmons
Miller (OH)	Roy	Van Drew
Miller (WV)	Rulli	Van Duyne
Miller-Meeks	Rutherford	Van Orden
Mills	Salazar	Wagner
Moolenaar	Scalise	Walberg
Moore (AL)	Schweikert	Weber (TX)
Moore (NC)	Scott, Austin	Webster (FL)
Moore (UT)	Self	Westerman
Moore (WV)	Sessions	Wied
Murphy	Shreve	Williams (TX)
Nehls	Simpson	Wilson (SC)
Newhouse	Smith (MO)	Wittman
Norman	Smith (NE)	Womack
Nunn (IA)	Smith (NJ)	Yakym
Oberholster	Smucker	Zinke

ANSWERED “PRESENT”—2

Garbarino Moran

NOT VOTING—7

Crenshaw	LaLota	Swalwell
Hern (OK)	Schmidt	
Hunt	Sherrill	

□ 1418

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

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

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated against:

Mr. TURNER of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 223.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. SCHMIDT. Mr. Speaker, I was absent from the house to attend the funeral of Kansas City, Kansas, Police Officer Hunter Simonic, who was killed in the line of duty last month. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 221, YEA on Roll Call No. 222, and NAY on Roll Call No. 223.

#### PROVIDING FOR CONGRESSIONAL DISAPPROVAL OF THE RULE SUBMITTED BY THE BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT RELATING TO ‘MILES CITY FIELD OFFICE RECORD OF DECISION AND APPROVED RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN AMENDMENT’

Mr. WESTERMAN. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to House Resolution 672, I call up the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 104) providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Bureau of Land Management relating to “Miles City Field Office Record of Decision and Approved Resource Management Plan Amendment”, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the joint resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 672, the joint resolution is considered read.

The text of the joint resolution is as follows:

#### H.J. RES. 104

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Congress disapproves the rule submitted by the Bureau of Land Management relating to “Miles City Field Office Record of Decision and Approved Resource Management Plan Amendment” (issued November 20, 2024, as a record of decision and resource management plan amendment, and a letter of opinion from the Government Accountability Office dated June 25, 2025, printed in the Congressional Record on June 26, 2025, on pages S3552–S3554, concluding that such record of decision and resource management plan amendment is a rule under the Congressional Review Act), and such rule shall have no force or effect.*

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The joint resolution shall be debated for 1 hour, equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Natural Resources or their respective designees.

The gentleman from Arkansas (Mr. WESTERMAN) and the gentleman from Colorado (Mr. NEGUSE) each will control 30 minutes.

The Chair now recognizes the gentleman from Arkansas (Mr. WESTERMAN).

#### GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. WESTERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on H.J. Res. 104.

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

There was no objection.

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

Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.J. Res. 104, sponsored by Representative DOWNING of Montana.

This Congressional Review Act resolution would permanently repeal the Bureau of Land Management’s misguided resource management plan amendment for the Miles City Field Office in Montana, finalized under the Biden administration.

This resource management plan, or RMP, amendment locked up 11.7 million acres of land and mineral estate. To put that in perspective, that is an area roughly the size of the States of Rhode Island, Delaware, Connecticut, and New Jersey combined.

RMPs are meant to be collaborative approaches to land management that balance multiple uses, including energy and mineral production, outdoor recreation, grazing, and timber harvesting. When done correctly, RMPs help guide public land management in a way that provides fuel, food, and fiber for the Nation and conserves our natural resources.

RMPs manage the resources that are the backbone of western rural economies and support thousands of good-paying jobs. That is what makes the Miles City Resource Management Plan amendment so egregious.

This RMP amendment virtually ended future coal leasing across Mon-

tana’s entire Powder River Basin, dealing a severe blow to America’s energy security and threatening Montana jobs and economic growth.

The national security and economic importance of this region cannot be overstated. Montana holds nearly 30 percent of our Nation’s coal reserves. In total, coal from the Powder River Basin produced in Montana and Wyoming makes up about 85 percent of Federal coal production and 40 percent of overall coal production in the entire United States.

Coal is reliable and affordable, and we know we are going to need this critical resource of baseload power as electricity demands continue to skyrocket. If your State has coal, we should be developing it, not burying it under bureaucracy. No one produces coal cleaner or more responsibly than the United States. Nobody understands this better than President Trump, who is reversing the war on American energy and ushering in a new age of energy dominance. He is putting Montana over Moscow and the Powder River Basin over the PRC.

By passing the CRA today, we are advancing President Trump’s executive orders on unleashing American energy and reinvigorating America’s beautiful clean coal industry.

The CRA will immediately reinstate future coal leasing and open access to 37.8 billion short tons of coal, enough to meet U.S. demand for the next 73 years.

In addition, passing Representative DOWNING’s CRA will unleash Montana’s coal industry and generate millions of dollars in revenue for the Federal Government and the State of Montana.

According to the Congressional Budget Office, this CRA will generate \$16 million in revenue for the Federal Government over the next decade. This resolution also protects approximately \$46 million in annual revenue for Montana’s K-12 public education system.

These estimates are conservative, as they don’t account for the thousands of good-paying jobs supported by Montana’s coal industry and the broad positive economic effects of producing energy here at home.

The CRA isn’t just about Montana. Energy security is national security, and Montana’s mining industry plays a vital role in ensuring America and our allies maintain a strategic energy advantage over our adversaries.

We can be sure of one thing: The people who benefit from America not harnessing our abundant natural resources are currently sitting in Beijing, China, where they are building new coal-fired power plants at the rate of one per week. In this global energy race, we cannot afford to lose.

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Unleashing American energy should not be a partisan issue. Harnessing and unleashing American energy brings down electricity prices for families and boosts real wages for hardworking

Americans who keep our economy running.

This CRA is about grid reliability, energy affordability, and ensuring that States across the country have access to dispatchable baseload power, especially during extreme weather and peak demand. It will create jobs, generate millions of dollars in revenue, and provide for our national security.

I commend the entire Montana delegation, Representatives DOWNING and ZINKE, and Senators DAINES and SHEEHY, for their tireless work and leadership on this issue.

Mr. Speaker, I encourage my colleagues to support the CRA, and I reserve the balance of my time.

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

Mr. Speaker, we are on the floor this week debating three Congressional Review Act resolutions that would overturn balanced, forward-looking resource management plans, or RMPs, that have been carefully developed over the past 4 years.

Now, with all due respect to my friend and colleague, the chairman, I heard a lot of slogans, a couple of references to Moscow. I will just say that the CRA before this body is very simple. It is an effort by House Republicans to do something that has never been done before in the history of the Congressional Review Act, which is to overturn a resource management plan.

Why, you might ask, Mr. Speaker, do Republicans intend to take this unprecedented step? It is simply because they would like to open up millions of acres in Montana, North Dakota, and elsewhere to coal extraction. That is it, very simple.

We can probably dispense with, I guess, the hour of debate that we are allocated for purposes of these CRAs. It doesn't really get more complicated than that: Balanced resource management plans were developed in consultation with the communities and States at issue, and this Republican Congress has decided that it is of the utmost priority to, via legislative action, overturn resource management plans that, by the way, Mr. Speaker, could simply be reversed with a phone call to the Secretary of the Interior.

Last time I checked, the Secretary of the Interior happens to be the former Governor of North Dakota, so insofar as my colleagues on the other side of the aisle are so invested in overturning this resource management plan, perhaps they should call the former Governor of North Dakota, who now works 2 miles from the U.S. Capitol as the Secretary of the Interior, and ask the agency to follow the process by which a resource management plan is historically reconsidered.

Instead, we are here on the House floor debating a CRA on the resource management plan, a giveaway to some of the biggest mining and oil companies on the planet. That is how House Republicans have decided to spend our time on the floor today.

There are a lot of priorities, Mr. Speaker, that my constituents back in Colorado believe this House should consider. Reversing the draconian and cruel healthcare cuts that House Republicans pushed through just a mere 7 weeks ago is at the top of the list. I can tell you what is not on the list: CRA resolutions to overturn resource management plans so that more coal extraction and mining can be done in Montana. That is not on the list of priorities of my constituents, and I suspect that is the case for the vast majority of Americans.

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

Mr. WESTERMAN. Mr. Speaker, all Americans should have on the top of their priority list energy security and national security. When we block off millions of acres of land from any kind of energy development, that is something that should come right up to the top of priorities.

I heard mention of balance. To think that there was balance in the RMP that the Biden administration put out, especially on this land in Montana, is no kind of balance that I have ever seen. It is totally unbalanced. It locks things down, shuts things off, and leaves the American people to deal with the ramifications of it, with higher energy prices, less reliable energy, and also less national security.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 4 minutes to the gentleman from Montana (Mr. DOWNING), the lead sponsor of this legislation, who, along with Representative ZINKE, knows more about Montana than anybody else in the House.

Mr. DOWNING. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of my resolution, H.J. Res. 104.

For 4 years, President Biden and his autopen waged war on American energy. He targeted the very foundations of our energy independence. No industry felt the brunt of the administration's attack more than the coal industry. Coal mines, coal-fired power plants, and the communities they support were pushed to the brink of collapse.

The 2024 amendment to the Miles City Resource Management Plan would have cut off access to 30 percent of the Nation's coal reserves.

The vast majority of Americans rely on coal for at least part of their electricity every single day, and at no point did Biden's Bureau of Land Management stop to consider the \$46 million in lost revenue to the State of Montana, money that helps pay for K-12 education.

Make no mistake, this amendment was not a moderate, science-based decision. This was the heavy hand of Big Government crushing an entire industry in the name of a radical Green New Deal agenda. It was the inevitable result of an antihuman, America-last ideology that has been knocked on its heels in the wake of President Trump's election.

Today, I am thankful that we have the opportunity to reverse this rule be-

fore any permanent damage could be done. Today, we are advancing President Trump's executive order to expand American energy production and achieve energy dominance. We are standing up for the people of Colstrip, for the workers of eastern Montana, and for the thousands of Montanans whose livelihoods depend on responsible coal production. We are standing up for affordable electricity, for State and local governments that rely on revenue from Federal leases, and for a commonsense energy strategy that does not depend on imports from adversaries, like China.

This resolution is not about politics. It is about putting working families before bureaucrats. It is about keeping the lights on in America and keeping paychecks flowing in Montana.

When the Federal Government acts recklessly, it is the responsibility of Congress to step in and course correct. That is exactly what H.J. Res. 104 does.

The war on coal must end. It must end here with a vote to overturn this dangerous and shortsighted rule. I urge my colleagues to vote "yes" on H.J. Res. 104 and send a clear message that energy security, economic stability, and the voices of rural America will not be ignored.

Mr. NEGUSE. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from California (Mr. HUFFMAN), the distinguished ranking member of the Natural Resources Committee.

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I strongly oppose all three of these Congressional Review Act resolutions on the floor because the reality is that these would overhaul years of public input. They would silence Tribal voices and erase science-based planning, all so that this administration can hand millions of acres of our public lands over to the fossil fuel industry for extraction.

Public lands should be our country's proudest legacy. They are our natural heritage, a national treasure, and the agencies responsible for stewarding them, like the Bureau of Land Management and the Forest Service, diligently manage these resources for the future through the careful development of these resource management plans and forest plans.

The BLM plans, or the RMPs, are carefully crafted to establish safeguards for wildlife, recreation areas, and watersheds, and to identify suitable areas for energy development, as well. That also includes grazing, logging, and other commercial activities. They have to balance all of it in these RMPs.

It is also based on robust input from communities, stakeholders, the public, and government-to-government consultation with the impacted Tribes, as well.

The Republican majority has proven time and again that they don't want any of that public process. They simply want to hand things over to Big Oil and

Big Coal, and this week, they are right back at it.

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The majority is making us vote on legislation that would turn the management of public lands upside down, throwing it into chaos, all just to score that quick win for their fossil fuel buddies because the existing plans don't give away the store the way they would like to.

It doesn't matter that this might upend the system that grants land ownership to Alaska Native veterans of the Vietnam war, which is what one of these RMPs does, or that the Tribal governments have spent years working in good faith with the Federal Government to develop land management plans that both allow for energy development and protect subsistence hunting and fishing resources.

That is what they are blowing up with these CRAs, not to mention that if these CRAs are signed into law, the validity of every single permit, lease, and Federal approval that has been issued based on these RMPs would suddenly be called into question and subject to litigation.

I remind my colleagues once again that they don't have to go down this road.

The gentleman from Colorado mentioned that the CRA has never been used to overturn a resource management plan. There are perfectly valid ways of achieving the same goals in the Federal Land Policy and Management Act. It is what the Biden administration did to update these plans, and it is what the Trump administration has already announced it intends to do.

I certainly expect to disagree with the outcomes and the objectives of the Trump administration's efforts to amend these RMPs. If they followed the formal process at least, though, we would have a chance to make our case in that process, and it wouldn't imperil existing permits and leases. Most importantly, it would require community input and Tribal consultation.

I strongly urge my colleagues not to continue this race to the bottom. Republicans have already thrown so many norms out the window. Republicans have already disregarded Democrats in all of their legislation and have started this radical appropriations process, where it is party line, Republican only. So many norms are being trashed, and now, for the first time, they are going to do this using the CRA on resource management plans.

Stop the race to the bottom. Vote against this CRA resolution package.

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

Mr. Speaker, I want to point out that the CRAs do have Tribal consultation. If there wasn't Tribal consultation, it was during the development of the RMP.

Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD a letter from the Navajo Transitional

Energy Company in support of the CRA repealing the Miles City RMP amendment.

NAVAJO TRANSITIONAL  
ENERGY COMPANY,  
Broomfield, CO, July 18, 2025.

Hon. STEVE DAINES,  
U.S. Senate,  
Washington, DC.

DEAR SENATOR DAINES: On behalf of over one thousand employees, I write to express my strong support for S.J. Res. 61, which seeks to rescind the 2024 Miles City Resource Management Plan Amendment ("RMPA") under the Congressional Review Act ("CRA"). Navajo Transitional Energy Company, LLC ("NTEC") is the third largest thermal coal producer in the United States. NTEC is unique in that it was formed in 2013 by the Navajo Nation to "promote the development of the Navajo Nation's resources and new sources of energy, power, transmission and attendant resources to develop the economic, financial, social and cultural well-being of the Navajo People and the Navajo Nation." See Navajo Nation Council Resolution CAP-20-13 (2013). NTEC is, thus, a Navajo Nation limited liability company with one shareholder, the Navajo Nation. NTEC owns and operates three surface coal mines within the Powder River Basin, including one mine—the Spring Creek Mine—located in Montana and within the U.S. Bureau of Land Management's Miles City Office's Resource Management Planning Area.

As NTEC's Chief Executive Officer, I've seen firsthand how the RMPA prohibits the leasing and development of new federal coal. The overwhelming majority of the coal within the RMPA is either federal coal or coal granted to the State of Montana. The RMPA prohibits the development of all such coal because it is physically and economically impossible to only develop coal resources possessed by the State of Montana. The RMPA will hinder not only Montana's economic growth, as well as that of the entire Powder River Basin but also disrupt America's vital energy security well into the future.

The current RMPA prohibits the leasing of federal coal, leaving skilled workers questioning the sustainability of the current economic environment. Passing the CRA resolution sends a clear message to families, small businesses, and energy partners that Montana is open for responsible development. I urge the Senate to support S.J. Res. 61 so we can secure Montana's economic future and maintain America's hard fought energy independence.

Returning to the 2015 RMP—and allowing leasing that balances energy security with environmental stewardship—will yield these immediate results:

A surge in local capital investment as energy companies bid on new leases, stimulating equipment sales and service contracts.

Increases to county and state tax revenues to fund schools, roads, and public safety.

Job creation not only in mining but also in construction, trucking, and professional services supporting mining operations.

Spur millions in royalty payments to state and federal coffers, offsetting budget shortfalls.

Preserve family-sustaining wages for miners, engineers, and support staff across Montana.

A stable, domestic fuel source that lowers electricity costs for manufacturers and keeps Montana competitive.

Securing a domestic fuel source to supply affordable baseload power during a period of unprecedented electricity demand growth and ballooning projected future development.

The RMPA unfairly targets coal at the expense of working families and rural economies. Congressional disapproval under the CRA is the swiftest remedy and will pave the way for a thoughtfully drafted future management plan that guarantees the prosperity of the United States, Montana, and individuals. I urge the Senate to vote "yes" on this resolution and help safeguard Montana's economic backbone for generations.

Thank you for your leadership on this critical issue.

Sincerely,

VERN K. LUND,  
*Chief Executive Officer.*

Mr. WESTERMAN. Mr. Speaker, the Navajo Transitional Energy Company is the third largest coal producer in the United States and operates three mines in the Powder River Basin. They were strongly opposed to the previous RMP amendment and support this CRA to "preserve family-sustaining wages for miners, engineers, and support staff across Montana." The NTEC also stated that the RMP "prohibits the leasing of Federal coal, leaving skilled workers questioning the sustainability of the current economic environment. Passing the CRA resolution sends a clear message to families, small businesses, and energy partners that Montana is open for responsible development."

Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentlewoman from Wyoming (Ms. HAGEMAN).

Ms. HAGEMAN. Mr. Speaker, I thank the chairman for the time.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of the Congressional Review Act joint resolutions that we are bringing forward to overturn the Biden administration's disastrous and radical resource management plans, beginning with H.J. Res. 104 to repeal the Miles City RMP in Montana to ensure continued access to the Powder River Basin.

These Biden-era plans lack balanced resource management and, in fact, are mineral withdrawals in disguise, which runs contrary to Federal law. They lock up America's resources, kill jobs, and undermine energy security.

The Miles City Resource Management Plan amendment, combined with the Buffalo RMP amendment in Wyoming, bans future coal leasing across the Powder River Basin, which holds roughly 30 percent of our Nation's coal reserves.

The Powder River Basin does not just power Montana and Wyoming, however, but our Nation at large. The Miles City plan strips away access to 37.8 billion short tons of coal, which is enough to meet U.S. demand for the next 73 years.

The consequences are vast, including higher energy costs for American families, the loss of \$46 million annually in Montana State revenue that supports public education, and the elimination of countless high-paying jobs that sustain rural communities.

Wyoming knows this fight all too well. The Buffalo field office was hit with the same environmentalist-driven lawsuits and agency overreach, with

bureaucrats pushing “no leasing alternatives” that amount to nothing more than backdoor energy bans.

To this day, I am still baffled and horrified that, for 4 years, our government intentionally tried to impose energy poverty on the American people, all to please the vocal but minority climate lobby.

When the Powder River Basin turns off, so does America.

Energy security is national security. The Biden administration’s RMPA undermines both. By restricting access to our own resources, it pushes America toward greater dependence on foreign nations, including our adversaries.

I applaud Congressman DOWNING of Montana for introducing this joint resolution, which aligns with President Trump’s executive orders to reinvigorate America’s clean coal and unleash American energy, restore strength to our energy policy, and put the needs of his constituents and all Americans first.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this resolution to restore American energy dominance.

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

Mr. Speaker, with respect to the Miles City Resource Management Plan update, it is just important contextually to say that it was a very extensive and inclusive public comment period. BLM provided a 90-day public comment period, two public meetings, a 30-day public comment period, and a 60-day review period for the Governor. BLM directly contacted over 40 private landowners, all, according to BLM, to help refine and guide development of that RMP amendment. That robust public input was instrumental in shaping a plan that reflects the values of the communities it impacts.

I want to go back to, I guess, a core point that the ranking member articulated previously, Mr. Speaker. I wonder if perhaps the chairman knows. It is a fairly empty Chamber here. I don’t see any other Members. Maybe he might engage in a bit of discourse here in a colloquy.

I am trying to understand why the CRA is necessary, given that the Interior Department retains the ability to amend and modify these resource management plans in any way that the Secretary deems necessary.

I wonder, Mr. Speaker, if I might inquire through you as to whether the chair could help us better understand why they have decided to pursue the CRA rather than simply amending the resource management plan.

Mr. Speaker, I will reserve for response and that colloquy.

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

Mr. Speaker, in regard to my colleague’s request for a colloquy, I will just say that it is necessary to do a CRA because the previous administration issued bad resource management plans. Had they not issued bad resource

management plans, then we wouldn’t be here today.

The thing about a CRA is if Congress passes this law, then another administration can’t go back and put it in place. I think that is why my colleagues fear this process of using the CRA because then it would be up to a future Congress to go back and undo what we do in this Congress if we actually pass a Congressional Review Act.

Again, we are here today because the Biden administration decided to unbalance the scales and put onerous burdens on States, on our natural resources, and on the ability to produce our energy here.

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Mr. Speaker, they started it by issuing the bad RMP. Hopefully, we will finish it by passing the CRA.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentlewoman from Colorado (Ms. BOEBERT).

Ms. BOEBERT. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Arkansas (Mr. WESTERMAN) for bringing this important issue up today.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.J. Res. 104, which nullifies the Bureau of Land Management’s restrictive Miles City Field Office Resource Management Plan.

This resolution is a critical step toward restoring American energy dominance, a cornerstone of President Trump’s agenda to secure our Nation’s economic and energy future.

The BLM’s rule stifles resource development in Montana, limiting access to our abundant natural resources and threatening the livelihoods of our ranchers, energy workers, and small businesses. By imposing burdensome land management policies, it undermines the very communities that power our great Nation.

H.J. Res. 104 aligns directly with President Trump’s vision to unleash American energy by removing regulatory barriers and prioritizing domestic production. This resolution ensures our lands are used to bolster energy security and not obstruct it.

By passing H.J. Res. 104, we reject bureaucratic overreach and champion affordable and reliable energy for all Americans. Let’s stand with President Trump’s mission to make America energy dominant, protect jobs, and empower our communities, and I urge my colleagues to vote in favor of this resolution.

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

Mr. Speaker, first and foremost, facts matter. Under President Trump, Americans are paying more for their electricity than ever before. Energy costs right now are higher than they have ever been. They are increasing at twice the rate of inflation.

As Republicans preside over an economy in which everything is getting more expensive, spare us lectures about energy costs. Healthcare is more expensive. Groceries are more expensive.

Energy costs are going through the roof. Seriously?

Their answer to all of this is more coal. That is it. That is the sum total of the Republican response to the cost-of-living crisis in the United States of America today. From Arkansas to Colorado to Minnesota and everywhere in between, more coal is their prescription, Mr. Speaker.

In Colorado, we certainly don’t think that is a prudent approach. I will say I regret that the Speaker didn’t indulge me in the colloquy that I had hoped I could engage in with the chairman whom, of course, I greatly respect. Mr. Speaker, he did reveal the plot here in his answer as to what the impetus was for the CRA.

Of course, it is not as simple as amending or modifying the resource management plan. The reason House Republicans are pursuing this tool is to prevent not just this Department of the Interior but any Department of the Interior into perpetuity from issuing a resource management plan that is in any way substantially similar to the one that is at issue here. That is what this is about. That is this effort.

I don’t think my colleagues on my side of the aisle will be confused by the chairman’s arguments. Just in case, I want to make sure it is crystal clear for the record that a vote in favor of this CRA is not a vote to modify or amend the resource management plan. It is a vote to prevent the agency and subagency, in the case of the BLM, from promulgating any resource management plan that remotely tries to do something similar to what has been done here.

Mr. Speaker, I understand my colleague. Again, on the other side of the aisle, they have their ideological reasons for pursuing that. It is more coal. Again, that is the sum total. It is two words. In my view, I think most Americans would think and agree that this isn’t how we should be spending our time.

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

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

Mr. Speaker, I do have ideological reasons for wanting to lower energy costs across America. The last time I checked at the gas pump, the energy prices are going down there. We are seeing a huge demand for energy across this country that is being driven even more by AI and data centers with unimaginable amounts of energy required for these facilities.

I heard about the announcement of a data center that would require the amount of electricity to run the city of Denver five times over in a year. One data center needs that much energy.

We see electric prices increase because there is more demand for electricity. We have had horrible energy policy in the past, and we haven’t kept up with the demand.

The Chinese, on the other hand, are building new coal-fired plants. Every 2

days, they are building a new coal-fired plant, which is even harder to imagine. They are trying to beat us in this race on AI, and they are not going to let energy be the deciding factor on that.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 5 minutes to the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. STAUBER).

Mr. STAUBER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of these three CRA resolutions that reverse the Biden administration's Bureau of Land Management Resource Management Plans that attack Alaska, attack North Dakota, and attack Montana, locking up millions of acres of land from responsible oil and gas and coal development.

Last year, on their way out of office, the Biden administration finalized these three resource management plans that not only threatened the hard-working miners and energy workers across Alaska, North Dakota, and Montana but also millions of dollars in direct State and Federal taxes and royalties.

These dangerous policies also jeopardize the entire United States and our access to reliable and affordable energy. These resource management plans were just another example of the Biden administration's energy agenda: anywhere but America, any worker but American.

They just couldn't help themselves, launching one last attack on American energy independence, even on their way out of office.

Mr. Speaker, over the past 4 years, my colleagues in this Chamber have heard me speak out against the Biden administration's attempt after attempt to attack my constituents and shut down northern Minnesota.

At every single turn, the Biden administration tried to shut down responsible mining in northern Minnesota, home to the largest untapped copper-nickel find in the entire world. The administration did to northern Minnesota what they did to Alaska, North Dakota, and Montana.

The CRAs before us today will reverse the Biden administration's antiresponsible resource development policies and will allow responsible mining and oil and gas projects to continue through the regulatory and environmental review process, allowing them to fight another day.

Most importantly, these resolutions will prevent future anti-American energy administrations from taking similar actions in the future.

Mr. Speaker, I thank my colleagues from Alaska, North Dakota, and Montana for introducing these important resolutions to reverse the disastrous Biden administration's policies, and I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting these resolutions today.

Mr. Speaker, the prior administration was the most antimining, anti-oil and gas administration in the history of this country. I was just up in the great State of Alaska. In the national refuge, they are safely and responsibly extracting oil that Alaskans need.

They are going to put in an LNG pipeline, which is the safest and best pipeline in the world, for Alaskans, our country, and our allies. It is going to take a lot of years to fix the disastrous policies of the last administration.

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Remember, Mr. Speaker, that the Secretary of the Interior banned mining in northeastern Minnesota, and when asked in the Senate: Why did you stop these critical minerals from coming forward?

Her answer was: I didn't think there were critical minerals there.

Mr. Speaker, it was the biggest find in the world.

We have an opportunity right now, today, to start changing these disastrous Biden policies and get this economy turning. We must become American energy independent and critical mineral dominant. We need to be. COVID has taught us so much. We cannot rely on foreign adversarial nations for our much-needed strategic national security supply. Our supply chains need to be coming from American development, American communities, American technology, American workers, and American families. We can do it. We have to have the political will to do it.

These three CRAs are worth voting for. I commend my colleagues from these three States. I have a suspicion there might be several more coming in the near future because of the disastrous decisions of the prior administration.

There is a breath of fresh air across America right now. As the chairman just talked about the reduction in the gas prices, that is real money for the working-class and middle-class Americans when they can save \$15 or \$20 at the gas pump. That is real money when they can save money on their natural gas or propane to heat their house. That is real money for the constituents whom I serve.

Mr. Speaker, this is good policy, and I urge my colleagues to vote for it.

Mr. WESTERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time. I am prepared to close, and I reserve the balance of my time.

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

Mr. Speaker, I was trying to keep track, and I lost track at some point, but my colleague from Minnesota I think said the word "Biden" eight times, if I am not mistaken.

Mr. Speaker, if you couple that with references to the prior administration, then that jumps up to 12 or 13.

It is unclear to me when Republicans are going to stop complaining and actually do something to address the challenges that face our country. They spend more time talking about Joe Biden than they do about reducing costs. Every sentence from that side of the aisle, Biden, a verb, an adjective, and more coal. That is essentially the sum total of every sentence.

By the way, my colleagues, I suspect, are watching from their offices. I know that more of my colleagues are going to come to the floor here to engage in debate on, I don't know—how many CRAs are they putting on the floor today, three, four, or five?

That is all we do around here are CRAs. I encourage them as they are watching to, please, when they come to the floor, maybe spend some time talking about their affirmative vision for the country and not so much time talking about the prior President.

Republicans are in charge. Republicans have a majority in the House and a majority in the Senate and the Presidency, and we spend all of our time on the House floor doing CRAs or resolutions of disapproval, the weakest vehicle that this House could consider.

Mr. Speaker, I know you are aware of this, but the House has been on vacation for like the last 6 weeks. Republicans recessed us out of session early, a 6-week vacation for Republicans. Finally, we are back in Washington, September, 10 months into the Trump Presidency, and this is how you choose to spend your time, with resolutions of disapproval and reversing resource management plans for North Dakota?

Of all of the concerns of the people in Arkansas or Colorado, this is the priority?

It is a shame, Mr. Speaker. It is deeply disappointing and disheartening, I suspect to most Americans, to those who might be watching C-SPAN, to learn that this august body in the world's greatest democracy is wasting its time debating resource management plans issued by the prior administration.

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

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

Mr. NEGUSE. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time to close.

Mr. Speaker, I will give a brief closing because, as I said, I think all we are doing today are these resolutions of disapproval, so I am going to have more opportunities, apparently, to make this argument. I encourage my colleagues to dispense with what, in my view, are actually very dishonest arguments about these resource management plans. I think fundamentally they should continue the work that was done by the prior administration through an open and a transparent process.

That is the way these resource management plans are meant to be developed. I get it. I understand that my Republican colleagues have disagreements about the resource management plans. That is understood.

Mr. Speaker, call Secretary Burgum. Call the BLM director. I don't think there is a BLM director 10 months into the administration. Call whoever is running the show over at the BLM now and ask them to reopen the process.

Mr. Speaker, listen to the Tribes, listen to the American people, and update

the resource management plan. That is the way it is done.

Using the Congressional Review Act to overturn the plan is the wrong approach. I understand why it may seem easier for Republicans to just bring the hammer down and use this blunt instrument, but all you will be left with, Mr. Speaker, are smashed pieces, and you will forever close the ability of these agencies to protect some of the most treasured lands in our country, lands that belong to the citizens of this country, to you, Mr. Speaker, your children, your grandchildren, and the future generations.

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

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

Mr. Speaker, it is a good thing that we have this tool called the Congressional Review Act that asserts the Article I authority that Congress has. You see, Mr. Speaker, we don’t have to go begging a Secretary or asking the administration what actions we take. We get to determine which actions we take, and the Congressional Review Act is one of those tools that we have to take a big hammer to a bad policy.

I am glad that we are taking that big hammer to a terrible policy. We are also making it so that a future administration can’t enact another bad policy like the ones that were put into place with these three RMPs that we will be addressing today. That is a good thing.

It is a good thing that we are focusing on unleashing American energy. The time to do that is now. The time to restore balanced management to our public lands is now.

It is now time to put Big Sky Country ahead of Beijing. It is past time that we do that. If allowed to continue, the Miles City RMP amendment developed by the previous administration could have devastating impacts on Montana and the entire U.S. economy.

Passing this CRA will help reinvigorate America’s coal industry. Also it will unleash American energy.

In my district, I have a coal-fired plant that was built in 2010. To my knowledge, that was the last coal-fired plant built in the United States. Again, I mentioned earlier that China is building 120 gigawatts a year. That is one every 2 days, one of those 650-megawatt coal plants every 2 days that they are putting on line.

What are we doing with coal plants across America?

We have been closing them down. They provide reliable baseload energy.

That coal plant in my district that provides energy to businesses and energy to homes can’t operate without coal, and that coal comes from the Powder River Basin. When we harness our resources out West and use those, it is a good thing, but when we lock them up, then we keep electricity from being affordable and we keep it from being reliable not just for constituents

in Montana but for people all across this country.

That is exactly one of the many reasons I am supporting this CRA today. It means affordable, reliable energy. It means improved national security. It means good-paying jobs for rural Americans and millions of dollars in revenue for the U.S. Treasury.

Mr. Speaker, I urge the adoption of this bill, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas). All time for debate has expired.

Pursuant to House Resolution 672, the previous question is ordered on the joint resolution.

The question is on the engrossment and third reading of the joint resolution.

The joint resolution was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, and was read the third time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the passage of the joint resolution.

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

Mr. NEGUSE. 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.

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PROVIDING FOR CONGRESSIONAL DISAPPROVAL OF THE RULE SUBMITTED BY THE BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT RELATING TO “CENTRAL YUKON RECORD OF DECISION AND APPROVED RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN”

Mr. WESTERMAN. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to House Resolution 672, I call up the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 106) providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Bureau of Land Management relating to “Central Yukon Record of Decision and Approved Resource Management Plan”, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the joint resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 672, the joint resolution is considered read.

The text of the joint resolution is as follows:

H.J. RES. 106

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Congress disapproves the rule submitted by the Bureau of Land Management relating to “Central Yukon Record of Decision and Approved Resource Management Plan” (issued November 12, 2024, as a record of decision and resource management plan, and a letter of opinion from the Government Accountability Office dated June 25, 2025, printed in the Congressional Record on June 26, 2025, on pages*

S3554–S3556, concluding that such record of decision and resource management plan is a rule under the Congressional Review Act), and such rule shall have no force or effect.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The joint resolution shall be debatable for 1 hour, equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Natural Resources or their respective designees.

The gentleman from Arkansas (Mr. WESTERMAN) and the gentleman from Colorado (Mr. NEGUSE) each will control 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Arkansas.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. WESTERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on H.J. Res. 106.

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

There was no objection.

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

Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.J. Res. 106, a Congressional Review Act resolution led by Congressman NICK BECHICH of Alaska. This CRA reverses a resource management plan, or RMP, for the central Yukon region in Alaska, which locked up an astonishing 13.3 million acres of land.

Alaska is crucial to our national security and economic prosperity. In 2020, President Trump announced a draft RMP for the central Yukon that, among other provisions, revoked Public Land Order 5150 and unleashed American energy.

For more than a decade, the State of Alaska has worked on this RMP to revoke Public Land Order 5150, which would unlock millions of acres of land from restrictive, *de facto* wilderness management and return it to multiple use.

Unfortunately, the previous administration reversed this decision against the wishes of Alaskans and finalized a new RMP that enshrined Public Land Order 5150.

On his first day in office in 2025, President Trump issued Executive Order No. 14153 on “Unleashing Alaska’s Extraordinary Resource Potential,” which directly called for repealing the Biden administration’s central Yukon RMP. This CRA advances President Trump’s executive order.

Why is this CRA so important? Revoking Public Land Order 5150 is the first step in allowing the State of Alaska to acquire lands that are critical to two essential projects: Ambler Road and the Alaska LNG pipeline.

Currently, our adversaries have a choke hold on worldwide mineral supply chains. Alaska, our 49th State, has rich deposits of 49 out of the 50 minerals on the critical minerals list.

With such abundant resources in our own backyard, it should be appalling to

every American that the United States relies 100 percent on imports for 12 of the 50 critical minerals on the critical minerals list. What is more, our Nation is 50 percent net import reliant for an additional 29 critical minerals on the list.

The smartphones that we carry around every day in our pockets contain 15 critical minerals. Computers, home appliances, and batteries all rely on critical minerals.

The Ambler Mining District in Alaska is home to some of the largest deposits of these minerals, including copper, cobalt, and zinc. Just four deposits in the Ambler Mining District alone have an estimated resource value of \$26 billion.

Currently, there is no way to access these minerals. To do so, we need to construct Ambler Road. Last year, the Biden administration denied a permit for Ambler Road, effectively preventing Alaskans from developing their own resources.

Passing this CRA is the first step in allowing Alaska to acquire these lands outright, creating long-term certainty for this project.

Constructing this road and allowing access to the Ambler Mining District is expected to create thousands of new jobs and produce \$1.1 billion of revenue for Alaska. Road construction alone will create more than 350 jobs, creating economic opportunity desperately needed in rural Alaska.

Keep in mind, this is only one project unlocked by this CRA. This CRA will also help the advancement of the Alaska LNG pipeline project.

Global demand for energy is expected to double by 2050, and our domestic energy production must rise to meet that demand. With the rise of data centers and AI fueling this growth, it is more important than ever that we produce energy here at home rather than ceding energy dominance to hostile foreign nations like China and Russia.

Once online, the project will produce 3.5 billion cubic feet of natural gas daily and sustain more than 10,000 jobs. Through this project, Alaskans will gain long-term and affordable gas for home heating and industrial needs.

Currently, the gas supply for Alaska from the Cook Inlet is uncertain, and local utilities are evaluating alternate supplies, including importing LNG. It goes against all common sense to import LNG into Alaska when the State is blessed with abundant resources that can supply the State and beyond.

Every action must be taken to provide North Slope-produced gas to Alaskans for their home heating and local industry needs. In addition to providing gas to Alaska, the Alaska LNG pipeline will be able to export 20 million tons of LNG yearly, reaching our Asian allies in 6 days with no strategic choke points. It is no exaggeration to say that creating this pipeline is one of the most crucial steps we can take to counter China's influence in the Indo-Pacific.

Earlier this year, I led a bipartisan congressional delegation to Taiwan, Japan, and South Korea. Taiwan has already signed a letter of intent with the State of Alaska to purchase Alaskan LNG, and both Japan and South Korea are deeply interested in pursuing American energy from Alaska as well as other Pacific Rim nations.

The message we heard at each stop was universal and resounding: Without certainty in the timeline and our permitting system, these countries won't be able to buy our energy.

Make no mistake, these are our allies, and they desperately want to buy American. They would much rather get their energy from the North Slope than from China and Russia, the friends of North Korea.

Today's CRA is the first step in providing energy certainty to Alaska and our allies abroad. We are taking strong, decisive action to remove barriers that prevent us from accessing our own energy and minerals.

By unleashing Alaska's extraordinary resource potential, we are providing energy certainty and affordability to Alaska and creating thousands of well-paying jobs, generating billions of dollars in revenue for Federal and State coffers, and keeping America and our allies safe from foreign adversaries.

I commend Representative BEGICH, the entire Alaska delegation, and Governor Dunleavy for their work on this effort.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support the joint resolution, and I reserve the balance of my time.

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

As promised, we are back debating another Congressional Review Act disapproval resolution. This time, as was referenced, it is in regard to the resource management plan for the central Yukon in the heart of Alaska, governing over 13 million acres of public land in central and northern Alaska, some of the most culturally significant landscapes in the United States.

This region includes the central Yukon River watershed and the Dalton Highway corridor, areas that are vital to both biodiversity and community survival. These lands are also interconnected with the Gates of the Arctic National Park and Preserve and the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. They are home to caribou, salmon, and sheep species that Alaska Native and rural communities depend on for food and cultural traditions.

The existing RMP sets strong protections in response to declining populations of these important species. It created 3.6 million acres of areas of critical environmental concern.

I will also mention here that the one voice we haven't heard from on the House floor is from the Tribal communities impacted by both the resource management plan and this particular resolution to reverse the resource management plan. These lands promote

community health, support sustenance, and sustain the wild food economies that numerous Alaska Native communities rely on.

The current resource management plan is the result of over a decade, 10 years, of work between the Tribes in the central Yukon as well as the Bureau of Land Management and other stakeholders. Six Tribes worked as co-operating agencies in the development of this plan.

I know I have belabored this, Mr. Speaker, but it merits mentioning again. Rather than simply amending the resource management plan, doing the hard work required in the agency to perform the consultations necessary to then change the RMP, if folks have concerns, good faith concerns about the contours of that resource management plan, that is the way to do it.

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Instead, my colleagues have chosen to use the Congressional Review Act, a very blunt instrument. Using the CRA, unlike pursuing an administrative update, would lock out—lock out—Tribal engagement in BLM's existing processes.

Using the CRA to overturn an RMP would also ban the agency not from issuing this resource management plan but from issuing any resource management plan like it. That is reckless.

I understand that my colleagues have a disagreement with respect to the contours of this resource management plan. My colleagues should work through the Department of the Interior to change it. That is the way that it should be done.

Mr. Speaker, there is a lot on the line with respect to the fate of this particular CRA resolution before us. I mentioned before that we are in uncharted territory because the House has not pursued this type of vehicle to overturn resource management plans in the past. It is unprecedented.

It is important for my colleagues on the other side of the aisle to recognize the gravity of taking this step. It is one that I would hope that some of my colleagues on the other side of the aisle might reconsider.

Mr. Speaker, I oppose the resolution for those reasons, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. WESTERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I yield 4 minutes to the gentleman from Alaska (Mr. BEGICH), the lead sponsor of this legislation.

Mr. BEGICH. Mr. Speaker, we are in uncharted territory. We are in uncharted territory because the previous administration took us here.

At the end of the day, we hear from voices across America, but we don't hear from the voices of the people of my home State. The people who I have spoken with, the landowners, the Alaska Natives, who were not consulted by the previous administration in the development and approval of this resource management plan, have stepped forward and said: We need to remove

this plan, and we need to make sure that something like this does not happen again in the future.

I rise today in strong support of H.J. Res. 106, a resolution to overturn the Bureau of Land Management's 2024 Central Yukon Resource Management Plan. This Biden-era management plan locks up more than 13 million acres of land in Alaska, part of a region that spans 56 million acres in my State.

The plan threatens economic opportunity and undermines national security while ignoring the needs of everyday Alaskans. The plan also designates more than 3.6 million acres as Areas of Critical Environmental Concern with little or no justification.

The Biden plan restricts access to Alaska Native lands, violating commitments made under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act. Sadly, the plan also continues outdated land withdrawals that block responsible access to our Nation's critical mineral resources.

Mr. Speaker, this is not balance. It is Federal overreach that is ensuring that Alaska's wealth stays in the ground, unavailable to the people of one of America's most impoverished regions.

The plan also obstructs projects vital to America's future, such as the Ambler Road, which will bring access to strategic and critical minerals; and the Alaska LNG project, which is projected to deliver 3.5 billion cubic feet of natural gas per day and create more than 10,000 jobs in Alaska.

These projects are essential to American energy security. They are essential to Alaska's economic growth, and they are essential to lowering costs for America's working families.

This resolution supports President Trump's commitment to unleashing Alaska's extraordinary energy and resource potential. It restores balance to public land policy, ensures that we meet our commitments to Alaska's Native communities, and allows for opportunity in an area of my State that is desperately in need.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support H.J. Res. 106 to strengthen America's energy and mineral dominance, to strengthen our economic and national security, and to keep our promises to the people of Alaska.

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

Mr. Speaker, I will point out the great work that my colleague from Alaska has done on this issue and the potential that is in Alaska.

We had the Committee on Natural Resources up there last week, and we had a bipartisan group there turning around and looking at all of the many, many resources that are in Alaska, the vast size of Alaska, and the burdens that the Federal Government has put on the State and really, I think, fallen short of living up to the promises that were made when Alaska became a State. We talked about Native Americans and their input in the process.

Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD this letter from Doyon Limited.

DOYON, LIMITED,

*Fairbanks, AK, July 21, 2025.*

Hon. Nicholas J. Begich III  
House of Representatives,  
Washington, DC.

DEAR REPRESENTATIVE BEGICH: Thank you for introducing H.J. Res. 106, to disapprove the November 12, 2024, Central Yukon Record of Decision and Approved Resource Management Plan (Central Yukon RMP). Doyon, Limited (Doyon) strongly supports this joint resolution and urges Congress's and the President's swift action to reject this misguided and harmful planning decision.

Doyon is a major stakeholder in the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) Central Yukon RMP planning process. Many large tracts of lands that were conveyed to Doyon under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA) are surrounded by, or abut, BLM-managed public lands. Doyon owns substantial interests in the Central Yukon Planning Area, holding an ownership interest in approximately 4.65 million acres. In addition, it has selected an additional 127,000 acres in the Planning Area under ANCSA that have not yet been conveyed. Doyon's land base shares approximately 3,000 miles of border with BLM lands—potentially more than any other Indigenous landowner in the nation. Consistent with ANCSA's intent, much of the land that Doyon selected was selected for its economic development potential.

As Doyon explained to BLM throughout the Central Yukon RMP planning process, further enveloping Doyon's lands within new or expanded Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACECs) and other restrictive land designations, and otherwise imposing restrictions on use of surrounding lands, will further complicate access to and use of Doyon lands, and potentially prevent Doyon from fully realizing the economic and other benefits that Congress intended it would enjoy as a result of ANCSA's settlement of aboriginal land claims. In addition, because oil and gas, mineral, and other resource prospects often straddle federal, state, and/or private lands, the more that BLM planning processes place lands off limits to multiple uses, the more likely resource development opportunities will be unavailable on Doyon (and other non-federal) lands in the vicinity, impeding Doyon's ability to make economically productive use of its lands as Congress intended when it settled aboriginal land claims in Alaska. The management decisions made in the 2024 Central Yukon RMP also will have long-term implications for communications, electric transmission, and other infrastructure activities in the region, adding further obstacles to what already are extraordinary challenges to connecting rural communities in Alaska.

Doyon devoted significant resources to engaging with BLM over the course of the Central Yukon RMP planning process to ensure that the result of that process reflects the principles of multiple use and sustained yield established under the Federal Land Policy and Management Act, as well as the unique framework that Congress established in Alaska under ANCSA and Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA). Unfortunately, despite these concerted efforts of Doyon and others, the 2024 plan fails to do that.

Key flaws justifying congressional disapproval of the 2024 Central Yukon RMP—as further detailed in the protest that Doyon submitted in response to the Central Yukon Proposed Resource Management Plan and Final Environmental Impact Statement released by BLM on April 19, 2024—include the following:

The 2024 Central Yukon RMP improperly designates certain ACECs/Research Natural Areas by including areas that do not meet applicable requirements for designation and management of ACECs and improperly determines special management attention is required. It also improperly designates ACECs that effectively surround or restrict access to Doyon-conveyed lands, as well as that include Doyon-selected lands.

The 2024 Central Yukon RMP fails to appropriately address impacts of right-of-way exclusion and avoidance areas on access and other activities.

The 2024 Central Yukon RMP fails to adequately and appropriately address access rights guaranteed under Section 1323(b) and Title XI of ANILCA.

The 2024 Central Yukon RMP inappropriately concludes that hypothetical future development of mineral deposits in the Ambler Mining District, Wiseman East and West deposits, and the Ray Mountains could “significantly restrict subsistence uses and have a disproportionate negative impact” on certain “environmental justice communities” as well as “significantly restrict subsistence uses for” certain communities.

The 2024 Central Yukon RMP fails to fully consider potential impacts of designating certain lands as Visual Resource Management (VRM) Class II and redesignate them as VRM Class III or IV.

The 2024 Central Yukon RMP improperly ignores the long history of BLM's calling for the lifting of the ANCSA 17(d)(1) withdrawals and fails to provide a rational explanation for retaining those withdrawals other than for the limited purposes of selection by Alaska Native Vietnam-era veterans.

The 2024 Central Yukon RMP violated the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in adopting a new alternative not made available to the public for review and comment and in not providing the public an opportunity to provide informed comment after correction of an error in stated ANCSA 17(d)(1) acreages.

We appreciate your efforts to move forward with disapproval of the 2024 Central Yukon RMP and we urge Congress and the President to move quickly to enact this joint resolution.

Please let us know if you have any questions or if we can provide any additional information.

Sincerely,

SARAH E. OBED,  
*SVP External Affairs Doyon, Limited.*

Mr. WESTERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I will read from this letter to show what is really happening in Alaska.

It says: “Doyon strongly supports this joint resolution and urges Congress' and the President's swift action to reject this misguided and harmful planning decision.

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That is from the people who were affected on the ground by this misguided resource management plan that the previous administration put in place. It is an honor to be here today to be able to use the CRA to, hopefully, reverse that plan and prevent other administrations in the future, from either party, from putting such ridiculous management plans in place.

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

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

Mr. Speaker, the chairman read from a letter there. I will read from a letter that I think the Speaker might find interesting. This is a letter from the Tanana Chiefs Conference in opposition to this resolution.

Who is this conference made up of, you might ask, Mr. Speaker? It is made up of 37 federally recognized Tribes and villages across the Yukon River Basin. These Tribes served as cooperating agencies in the RMP development process working to ensure protection for critical salmon habitat and other interests, and they endorsed the RMP after extensive consultation. They oppose this resolution, among many others.

Mr. Speaker, I do say that it is important to recognize what this resolution, which I think the chairman, if I am not misquoting him, called a hammer, will do.

My view is very simple. This hammer that Republicans have proposed risks precluding these agencies from engaging in any type of rulemaking or resource management planning that is substantially similar to the resource management plan before us. I will give a simple example of what that looks like in practice.

This Central Yukon Resource Management Plan opens up 11 million acres to selection by eligible Alaska Native Vietnam-era veterans under the Dingell Act.

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For those who are watching, the resource management plan allows and enables Alaska natives who served our country so bravely during the Vietnam war to access upwards of 11 million acres of lands at issue.

Here is the problem, Mr. Speaker. By passing this resolution of disapproval, this CRA vehicle, it is not simply eliminating that provision, along with

all the other provisions in the resource management plan, it is potentially risking the ability of a future administration, including this one, from issuing any resource management plan that provides a similar benefit.

What happens when a court 2 years from now, 3 years from now, or 5 years from now rules that the Republican resolution that you all are poised to pass today precludes the BLM from giving any access to native Vietnam-era veterans in accessing this land?

When we call this a blunt instrument, that is what we are referencing. I understand that my colleagues disagree with a variety of different components of the resource management plan. They are fortunate that the Secretary of the Interior happens to be a former Republican Governor of North Dakota, and I imagine if they call him that he will pursue a reopening of this resource management plan. However, taking this step, foreclosing the ability of those Alaska natives who are Vietnam-era veterans from being able to access these lands and precluding that kind of benefit into perpetuity by virtue of using the CRA is reckless. There is no other word to describe it.

I would hope my colleagues would, again, reconsider and follow the process of regular order. That is the way to pursue the changes that they seek.

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

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

Mr. Speaker, this idea that Alaska native Vietnam-era veterans can’t select lands is just factually inaccurate and fear-mongering.

Congress has already statutorily codified the Alaska Native Vietnam-era Veterans Land Allotment Program in 2019. Nothing in this CRA repeals those requirements under the 2019 law. In fact, the House just passed a 5-year extension of this program in July. To suggest that we are now somehow unsupportive of this program is ludicrous.

Congress is using the CRA for this RMP because there weren’t enough public land order revocations, not because there were too many. Keeping the withdrawal revocations for Alaska native Vietnam-era veterans and adding new withdrawal revocations would be entirely consistent with the CRA. The argument is ironic coming from my colleagues on the other side of the aisle as Secretary Haaland unnecessarily delayed the implementation of this program for years, despite strong demands from the Alaska delegation that outdated PLOs be lifted so land selections could begin.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Alaska (Mr. BEGICH) who understands this better than anyone.

Mr. BEGICH. Mr. Speaker, fewer than 20 Alaska native Vietnam-era veterans have received their conveyances. A big part of the reason why so few of

the more than 2,000 eligible Vietnam-era veterans or their heirs have received those lands is because they were delayed or outright blocked by the previous administration.

The previous administration blocked their ability to select and receive their lands. To hear my colleagues, Mr. Speaker, in this Chamber suggesting that somehow Republicans are standing in the way of Vietnam-era veteran land conveyances in my home State is ludicrous. It is simply not true.

In fact, my bill extends the available time for them to make those selections by 5 years, and there is nothing in this CRA that prevents them from making those selections. We hope that they do. In fact, we want more land to be available to those families. In fact, there are some communities in Alaska where Vietnam-era veterans who are eligible in this program have to select land hundreds of miles away from their own community.

We are trying to unlock the State of Alaska, Mr. Speaker. It is my colleagues on the other side of the aisle in this Chamber that have repeatedly blocked our ability to do so.

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

Mr. Speaker, I am not in the predictions business, but I can confidently predict—and it is why one of the reasons this exchange is so important—that this particular exchange will appear in litigation 2 years from now, 3 years from now, 5 years from now, or 10 years from now.

This is uncontested. The Congressional Review Act has never been used before to repeal a resource management plan, so we don’t know how a Federal court is going to construe this Congress’ decision to en masse disapprove of a resource management plan that did provide for the allotment for Alaska natives who are Vietnam-era veterans to access these lands.

I understand the chairman is making the case here on the floor. He made it during the debate on the Rules Committee. I remember this back in July. He maintains that this congressional resolution of approval is just limited to the energy portions of the resource management plan. That is not what the resolution says.

The resolution of disapproval disapproves of the resource management plan in its entirety. I understand that the statutory provisions that provide Alaska natives with the ability, those who are Vietnam-era veterans to access these lands, remains codified. That is not up for debate.

The problem is that Republicans have decided to disapprove, to use this blunt instrument of this particular allotment, or rather access that the prior administration as was noted, included in this resource management plan. We have no idea how a Federal court is going to construe the actions of the Congress as it relates to the different

component pieces in the resource management plan if and when a future administration, including this one, decides to take that step.

It is one of the reasons why a Congressional Review Act or rather, the Congressional Review Act has not been deployed in this way previously because it is risky.

My colleague from Alaska seemed very upset. I don't disagree. I share his frustration. I support, by the way, the legislation that he mentioned. The legislation he was referencing is not the bill that is before this Congress. I don't quite understand the impetus behind extending the time as he noted to 5 years while you are simultaneously passing a resolution disapproving of a resource management plan that provided the very access to these lands that you purport to want, but that is for him to explain.

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

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Mr. WESTERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time. I am prepared to close and reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. NEGUSE. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time to close. Again, not to belabor the point here, but I do think that last exchange was instructive and revealing.

I remember very well the debate that this House engaged in a mere 3 months ago, 2½ months ago, regarding the budget bill and the terrible cuts to Medicaid that this Chamber, Republicans, passed, and that the President signed into law. I remember after that legislation was signed into law, several of my Republican colleagues, including one Republican Senator in particular, bemoaning the Medicaid cuts that he had just voted for.

Mr. Speaker, I am sure you are familiar with Mark Twain's old adage that history doesn't repeat itself, but it often rhymes. It does feel a little bit like *deja vu* because in the case of these CRAs, I have no doubt that several of my colleagues, including several of my colleagues who are championing these resolutions, will find that down the road they will regret being so vociferous in their support for the resolutions of disapproval of these resource management plans when a Federal court decides that the agencies, the BLM, the Department of the Interior writ large can't protect or, rather, enact protections in the way that it had in the past because Republicans decided to use this blunt instrument.

I think we are going on hour number two here. I believe we have another hour of debate on another resolution of disapproval that will be coming up next. For all the reasons I have articulated, I would hope my colleagues will oppose this.

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

Mr. WESTERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time to close.

This CRA is crucial to unleashing Alaska's abundant natural resources. It will unleash billions of dollars' worth of oil, natural gas, and critical minerals that are critical not only to Alaska's economy and security but also to the economic and energy security of the United States and will extend further to our allies around the world.

This is a very important issue. This CRA shifts land management back to Alaskans and away from NGOs and environmentalists in the lower 48 who have had way too much of an oversized impact on the decisions made in Alaska. It is essential to projects that will create tens of thousands of jobs, generate billions of dollars in revenue for the U.S. Treasury and the State of Alaska, and again make our Nation less reliant on hostile foreign nations.

I commend Representative BEGICH once again for his work on this effort. He is a tremendous and fierce advocate for Alaska. Through his efforts, we are helping President Trump and his administration advance executive orders and usher in the golden age of American and Alaskan energy dominance.

Mr. Speaker, I urge adoption of this joint resolution, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. VAN ORDEN). All time for debate has expired.

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PROVIDING FOR CONGRESSIONAL DISAPPROVAL OF THE RULE SUBMITTED BY THE BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT RELATING TO "NORTH DAKOTA FIELD OFFICE RECORD OF DECISION AND APPROVED RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN"

Mr. WESTERMAN. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to House Resolution 672, I call up the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 105) providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Bureau of Land Management relating to "North Dakota Field Office Record of Decision and Approved Resource Management Plan", and ask for

its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the joint resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 672, the joint resolution is considered read.

The text of the joint resolution is as follows:

H.J. RES. 105

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Congress disapproves the rule submitted by the Bureau of Land Management relating to "North Dakota Field Office Record of Decision and Approved Resource Management Plan" (issued January 14, 2025, as a record of decision and approved resource management plan, and a letter of opinion from the Government Accountability Office dated June 25, 2025, printed in the Congressional Record on June 26, 2025, on pages S3556-S3558, concluding that such record of decision and approved resource management plan is a rule under the Congressional Review Act), and such rule shall have no force or effect.*

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The joint resolution shall be debatable for 1 hour, equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Natural Resources or their respective designees.

The gentleman from Arkansas (Mr. WESTERMAN) and the gentleman from Colorado (Mr. NEGUSE) each will control 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Arkansas (Mr. WESTERMAN).

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. WESTERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on H.J. Res. 105.

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

There was no objection.

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

Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.J. Res. 105, led by Representative FEDORCHAK of North Dakota.

This Congressional Review Act resolution reverses a resource management plan, or an RMP, finalized in the waning days of the last administration that locked up more than 4 million acres of land in North Dakota.

Astonishingly, this RMP blocked coal leasing on 99 percent of coal deposits in North Dakota and prohibited oil and gas leasing on an additional 44 percent of Federal land.

North Dakota is a top 10 coal-producing State and the number 3 oil and gas producer in the Nation. According to State estimates, North Dakota produces 400 million barrels of oil, 1.1 trillion cubic feet of natural gas, and 27.5 million tons of lignite coal annually.

To put this in perspective, North Dakota produces enough natural gas to heat 15 million homes for an entire year, equivalent to 100 billion kilowatt hours of electricity.

U.S. electricity consumption is projected to hit an all-time high this year, and electricity demand will grow by as much as 128 gigawatts through 2029. Fueled by new data centers and AI, these estimates of electricity demand are five times higher than earlier forecasts.

The United States should be the world leader in energy and mineral production. We are blessed with abundant resources. We have the brightest minds, and we maintain the most rigorous and clean production standards in the world. Yet, the anti-American energy policies pursued by radical environmentalists in the previous administration crippled communities reliant on energy jobs, weakened us on the global stage, and enriched adversarial nations that were able to cash in as we took a back seat in the global energy market.

The road to energy dominance and meeting this growing demand runs through North Dakota. Advancing this CRA is the first step in helping to unleash American energy and reinvigorate America's beautiful coal industry, as President Trump has called for in his recent executive orders.

This CRA is important not just to the people of North Dakota but also our collective American energy and mineral security. If you have ever worried about your electricity bill or wondered if prices at the pump might cancel a family vacation, then you should care about reversing ill-advised lock-ups of our energy and mineral resources.

Energy production is critically important to the Western way of life, sustaining small rural communities and generating much-needed economic activity. Passing this CRA will save an estimated 12,000 jobs in North Dakota just in the coal industry alone.

This CRA is also crucial to prevent an estimated loss of \$34 million annually in State revenues from oil and gas production. These funds are used to finance K-12 public education in the State.

What does this mean for children in North Dakota? Failing to pass this CRA could result in a \$441 reduction in the amount of funds spent on each child's education annually. This means fewer after-school programs, outdated textbooks, and more teachers having to reach into their own pockets to fund basic schoolroom supplies.

It should come as no surprise that the previous administration finalized this RMP over the strong objections of the State of North Dakota. The State's concerns were ignored. Instead, the BLM plowed ahead with this harmful RMP.

Good land management requires local buy-in and support. This RMP is not supported by North Dakotans. The only people who support this plan are the radical environmentalists who called the shots under the previous administration.

I commend our current Secretary of the Interior, Doug Burgum, who is

spearheading the administration's efforts to restore energy dominance and listen to rural America. Secretary Burgum was the Governor when this RMP was finalized, and he led the charge in opposing this Biden-era preservationist plan.

I have full confidence that under the leadership of President Trump and Secretary Burgum, the BLM will emerge as an agency that works for North Dakotans and all those rural Western Americans who live closest to the lands.

I applaud Representative FEDORCHAK for her leadership on this effort on behalf of her constituents to right this wrong. I also recognize Senators CRAMER and HOEVEN, as well as my former House colleague and good friend, Governor Kelly Armstrong, for their work in supporting the CRA.

This CRA allows us to turn the page on a disgraceful chapter of radical environmentalism pursued at the expense of the American people. H.J. Res. 105 removes the bureaucratic barriers designed to prevent the use of our abundant natural resources. It is an important step necessary to unshackle American energy and minerals and unleash the full potential of our great natural resources.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this joint resolution, and I reserve the balance of my time.

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

Mr. Speaker, more coal, more coal. That is their answer again, for the third time. Their answer, apparently, to every question is more coal. Frustrated with energy costs going up across the board, State to State, community to community, more coal is their answer. Health insurance costs going up, grocery prices going up, and the economy in free fall? More coal.

I don't know what piece of legislation we are going to be debating tomorrow, but I suspect it will involve coal production.

It is bordering on obsession for the House Republican Conference, and it would be comical if not for the real-world consequences for my constituents and your constituents, Mr. Speaker, and for Americans across the country who are dealing with the real cost-of-living crisis and who expect more from this Congress than yet another disapproval resolution 10 months into the Trump Presidency, laser focused on passing resolutions of disapproval of agency actions by the Biden administration—real sense of priorities. It is disappointing, Mr. Speaker, deeply disappointing.

If one digs into this particular resource management plan, I think you will find that using this blunt instrument, as I have called it during our prior debate, in this instance is probably the most insidious of all.

There are a couple of reasons why. One, the resource management plan

that was adopted replaced a plan that was nearly 40 years old. This resource management plan provided a modern framework that balances responsible energy and mineral development with the protection of wildlife habitat, water resources, cultural sites, and recreational opportunities. It provides a stable and predictable framework to guide and balance the multiple uses of our public lands and resources based on the needs of today and into the future.

It is important to recognize that even if one disagrees with the way in which this resource management plan balances public land uses—and I understand there are good faith disagreements with the resource management plan. The chairman mentioned our mutual good friend, my dear friend, Kelly Armstrong, now the Governor of North Dakota. I recognize we may disagree with the nuances of the resource management plan, but, again, the broader point here is that the CRA is not the proper vehicle for registering one's objection to a resource management plan.

Why is that? It is because using the CRA does not return the resource management plan to the status quo.

The Federal Land Policy and Management Act outlines the proper process for updating a resource management plan. That is a process that centers on the voices and needs of local land users, while preserving regulatory certainty.

By contrast, the CRA strips the public out of the process, and it throws public lands into chaos. What do I mean by that, Mr. Speaker? Here is what I mean. If Congress passes this resolution, if the President signs this resolution into law, it will call into question all the leases, all the permits, and any other related authorizations that stem from the resource management plan. Grazing permits, resource development projects, transmission rights-of-way, all of those leases and permits, and so on, will be tied up in litigation if this resolution is passed.

It makes no sense to me why my colleagues have chosen to take this approach and endanger grazing permits in North Dakota when there is a much easier way to do this.

Interestingly enough, Mr. Speaker, the Secretary of the Interior is the former Governor of North Dakota. It is true that he could simply change this. He could, through administrative fiat, modify the resource management plan for the State for which he served as the chief executive. He could do that now, and it would not call into question any of the permits or leases.

Instead, House Republicans have taken this approach, and I don't think it is going to achieve the stated objective of my colleagues on the other side of the aisle—far from it.

Again, I hope my colleagues might reconsider. I don't have the Secretary of the Interior's phone number, but I suspect my colleagues do. They can call him. I am sure they can get this worked out, and we can save you, Mr.

Speaker, and the few Americans watching on C-SPAN from this stale debate over yet another resolution of disapproval.

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

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

Mr. Speaker, what is ironic is the fact that Secretary Burgum, when he was the Governor of North Dakota, vehemently opposed this resource management plan, but the prior administration just brushed him off. They didn't care what he thought or what the people of North Dakota thought, just like they didn't care what the Governor of Montana thought, what the Governor of Alaska thought, and what the people who lived in Montana and Alaska thought.

All they cared about was what their NGO and environmentalist friends in Washington, D.C., New York, and Los Angeles thought about lands in far-away rural places and how they wanted to impose their will on what happens in these rural areas where our resources abound.

Isn't it ironic that the resource management plans for the three States that we are talking about are Alaska, Montana, and North Dakota, States with very large landmasses, with abundant resources, and not a lot of people? That is the definition of rural America.

The previous administration was attacking rural America, and they used these misguided resource management plans as their tool to do that.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 6 minutes to the gentlewoman from North Dakota (Mrs. FEDORCHAK), the lead sponsor of this legislation and the only Representative from North Dakota.

Mrs. FEDORCHAK. Mr. Speaker, I thank Mr. WESTERMAN, the chairman, for his leadership on this issue and all energy-related issues. He is providing a great service to our Conference and to the country.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of my resolution to repeal the Biden administration's Bureau of Land Management Resource Management Plan for North Dakota.

First, let me respond briefly to my colleague from Colorado's comments about energy costs. His constituents, the dear people of Colorado, and many other constituents in blue States, like New York and California, probably are paying record prices for electricity and other energy products. That is because of their very own States' unrealistic and radical energy policies.

I promise, in North Dakota, citizens are not paying record prices. In fact, they are paying the lowest prices of any other State for electricity. I know this because, for the last 12 years, I helped set those policies. Changing these policies so that the rest of America could also pay lower energy prices was one of the driving forces of my running for this office.

In my State, energy production isn't a political debate. It is our way of life.

It provides paychecks that feed our families, revenue that funds our schools, and power that keeps America moving forward.

Unfortunately, President Biden, in his very last week of office, chose to put special interests above all of that.

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Mr. Speaker, North Dakotans saw the Biden administration's plan for exactly what it was. It was a backdoor attempt to shut down fossil fuels in our State. That is why our State immediately filed a lawsuit against the previous administration.

As our filing made clear: "The amended RMP is not only unlawful and unwise but it is also emblematic of everything that was wrong with the prior administration's approach to cooperative federalism."

Amen. That is exactly why we are here.

The truth is because of the checkerboard nature of Federal land and minerals across our State, this plan would close vast amounts of North Dakota to oil, gas, and coal leases for future development.

In fact, it would lock up nearly 99 percent of North Dakota's Federal coal acreage. That is more than 4 million acres. It would also block nearly half of our federally owned oil and gas acreage. That is nearly 213,000 acres.

This is absolutely the wrong direction. As demand for energy reaches record highs and Americans want to pay less for everything, we should unleash American energy, not shut it down.

North Dakota does have a very clear vision for energy development. We have proven that responsible energy development and environmental stewardship actually go hand in hand. We have invested billions in clean and emissions-controlled technology. We have reclaimed our lands and maintained some of the strongest air quality records in the Nation.

We can grow the economy, power the country, and steward the environment all at once. That is the American Way, and that is certainly the North Dakota way.

The Biden administration failed to recognize that and completely ignored all of my State's concerns with the plan. If we want to talk about intellectual dishonesty, that is the definition of it. So is so much of the Democrat's energy policy that ignores current technical realities at the peril of our American citizens.

Mr. Speaker, that is why my resolution is so important. It reverses the Biden administration's plan that ignored my State's serious concerns, restores true cooperation between the State and Federal Government, and gets North Dakota energy back on track.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. FINE). The time of the gentlewoman has expired.

Mr. WESTERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I yield an additional 1 minute to the gentlewoman from North Dakota.

Mrs. FEDORCHAK. At its core, this is about more than North Dakota. If Washington can override State expertise here, it sets a dangerous precedent for every energy-producing State in the U.S. Congress must reassert its role to prevent unelected bureaucrats from locking up resources, raising costs, and undermining our energy security.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this resolution. Stand with innovation. Stand with American workers. Stand with the families who power this Nation. This resolution puts States like North Dakota back in the driver's seat where they belong.

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

Mr. Speaker, I understand that my colleague from North Dakota disagrees with the resource management plan. As I said, there are good faith reasons my colleagues have in opposition to the resource management plan.

There is a way to register that opposition. Change the plan. Modify it. Amend it. Edit it. Call the former Governor of North Dakota. Chairman WESTERMAN noted he objected to this plan when he was Governor. Give him a call. He is now the Secretary of the Interior. Ask him to modify this plan. That would be the way for one to register their objections.

My colleagues on the other side of the aisle have chosen a very different approach. Again, I am just leveling with my colleagues. They are putting at great risk grazing permits and leases that have been issued pursuant to that resource management plan.

This story is not going to end with the President's signature on the CRA. Litigation will immediately follow. It is unclear to me why House Republicans would prefer that outcome, unless, of course, they are bereft of substantive ideas and an affirmative vision for solving the cost-of-living crisis that so many of our constituents are facing that they have made the decision that it is better to spend their time on disapproval of Biden administration-era rules.

That is the only conclusion I am left with. Perhaps my colleague from Oregon will expound on that.

Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as she may consume to the distinguished gentlewoman from Oregon (Ms. DEXTER).

Ms. DEXTER. Mr. Speaker, I thank my colleague from Colorado for his advocacy against this Congressional Review Act resolution.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong opposition to these dangerous and unprecedented resolutions. A resource management plan is not some obscure rule. It is the playbook for how we manage America's public lands: balancing energy, grazing, and recreation with protecting clean water, wildlife, and the long-term health of the land.

The three plans under attack today took years to develop. They reflect extensive Tribal consultation, public input, and the expertise of career scientists.

As the gentleman just said, these resolutions don't just undo those protections. Under the Congressional Review Act, once a plan is overturned, the Bureau of Land Management is banned from writing a new one that is even remotely similar. In other words, the agency's hands are tied and not just today but for years to come. That is unprecedented.

If we go down this road, we will politicize the very foundation of how we steward America's public lands. We will silence communities, ignore science, and block future administrations from protecting our climate and our health.

Mr. Speaker, public lands belong to all of us. They are a shared inheritance and our shared responsibility. I urge my colleagues to stand up for our public lands and vote "no."

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

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

Mr. Speaker, unless I can convince the chairman to have a final colloquy, I suppose I will conclude as well.

Mr. Speaker, using the CRA to overturn land use plans, as I have said previously, does take us into uncharted territory. It is not, as some have suggested, a way to return us to the way that we used to manage public lands in North Dakota or elsewhere.

The resolution pulls the rug out from under all public land users. It calls into question the validity of grazing rights, permits, transmission rights-of-way, and other permits and authorizations that are premised on the land use plan being nullified.

It disregards the Tribes, local land users, communities, and businesses who provided input over years to craft a modern plan to guide land and resource management for these respective States.

Instead, it puts the courts in charge of deciding the day-to-day management of lands and minerals in North Dakota and beyond. Mr. Speaker, even if one disagrees with the resource management plan for North Dakota, Montana, and Alaska, the way to change it is through an administrative review and a public process and not through a blunt and inflexible tool like the CRA.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to keep local voices and land managers in the driver's seat by voting "no" on this CRA resolution, and I yield back the balance of my time.

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Mr. WESTERMAN. Mr. Speaker, as we wrap up today on this final RMP, I include in the RECORD this GAO report that found that the RMP is subject to the CRA.

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ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE,  
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#### DIGEST

The U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) issued the North Dakota Field Office Record of Decision and Approved Resource Management Plan (North Dakota RMP). The North Dakota RMP replaced the 1988 North Dakota Resource Management Plan and provides directives and guidance for the management of BLM-administered lands across North Dakota.

The Congressional Review Act (CRA) requires that before a rule can take effect, an agency must submit the rule to both the House of Representatives and the Senate, as well as the Comptroller General. CRA adopts the definition of "rule" under the Administrative Procedure Act (APA) but excludes certain categories of rules from coverage. We conclude that the North Dakota RMP meets the APA definition of a rule, and no CRA exception applies. Therefore, the North Dakota RMP is a rule subject to CRA's submission requirements.

#### DECISION

On January 14, 2025, the U.S. Department of the Interior (Interior), Bureau of Land Management (BLM), issued the North Dakota Field Office Record of Decision and Approved Resource Management Plan (North Dakota RMP). We received a request for a decision as to whether the North Dakota RMP is a rule for purposes of the Congressional Review Act (CRA). As discussed below, we conclude that the North Dakota RMP is a rule for purposes of CRA.

Our practice when issuing decisions is to obtain the legal views of the relevant agency on the subject of the request. Accordingly, we reached out to Interior to obtain the agency's views. We received Interior's response on April 18, 2025.

#### BACKGROUND

##### BLM Public Land Management

Under the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, as amended (FLPMA), BLM is responsible for developing, maintaining, and, when appropriate, revising "land use plans which provide by tracts or areas for the use of the public lands." BLM land use plans, referred to as "resource management plans" (RMPs), establish goals and objectives to guide future land and resource management actions implemented by BLM. Pursuant to FLPMA, BLM established procedures for the development, revision, and amendment of RMPs.

The objective of resource management planning is to maximize resource values for the public through a rational, consistently applied set of regulations and procedures which promote the concept of multiple use management. An RMP generally establishes land use designations; allowable resource uses, resource conditions, goals, and objectives; program constraints and general management practices; areas to be covered by more specific plans; and other related information.

##### North Dakota Resource Management Plan

BLM determined that its 1988 North Dakota RMP needed revision to address significant changes in resource conditions, evolving demands for land use, advances in technology, updated policies and program guid-

ance, and the availability of new scientific data since the original RMP was developed in 1988. On July 28, 2020, BLM issued a notice in the Federal Register initiating the process to revise the 1988 North Dakota RMP.

On January 8, 2025, following a comprehensive planning process, including public scoping and comment, data analysis, alternative development, environmental review, stakeholder engagement, and selection of a preferred management approach, BLM approved the North Dakota RMP through a Record of Decision (ROD) incorporated into the document. The ROD states that it represents the agency's final decision, issued after completing procedures required by FLPMA, environmental reviews in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and considering public comments.

The North Dakota RMP provides directives and guidance on how 58,500 acres of BLM-administered surface land and 4.1 million acres of BLM-administered mineral estate, mostly split estate, across North Dakota will be used and managed over the next 20 years. More specifically, it establishes various land uses for recreation, motorized vehicles, oil and gas leasing, renewable energy projects, grazing, wildlife habitat protection, and cultural preservation.

##### Congressional Review Act

CRA, enacted in 1996 to strengthen congressional oversight of agency rulemaking, requires federal agencies to submit a report on each new rule to both houses of Congress and to the Comptroller General for review before a rule can take effect. The report must contain a copy of the rule, "a concise general statement relating to the rule," and the rule's proposed effective date. CRA allows Congress to review and disapprove rules issued by federal agencies for a period of 60 days using special procedures. If a resolution of disapproval is enacted, then the new rule has no force or effect.

CRA adopts the definition of "rule" under the Administrative Procedure Act (APA), which states that a rule is "the whole or a part of an agency statement of general or particular applicability and future effect designed to implement, interpret, or prescribe law or policy or describing the organization, procedure, or practice requirements of an agency." However, CRA excludes three categories of rules from coverage: (1) rules of particular applicability; (2) rules relating to agency management or personnel; and (3) rules of agency organization, procedure, or practice that do not substantially affect the rights or obligations of non-agency parties.

Interior did not submit a CRA report to Congress or the Comptroller General on the North Dakota RMP. In its response to us, Interior provided additional information about the North Dakota RMP but did not state a position as to whether it is a rule under CRA.

#### DISCUSSION

To determine whether the North Dakota RMP is a rule subject to review under CRA, we first address whether it meets the APA definition of a rule. As explained below, we conclude that it does. We then consider whether the North Dakota RMP falls within any CRA exceptions. We conclude that it does not. As such, the North Dakota RMP is subject to review under CRA.

The North Dakota RMP is a Rule under APA

Applying APA's definition of rule, the North Dakota RMP meets all of the required elements. First, the North Dakota RMP is an agency statement as it was issued by BLM, a federal agency.

Second, the rule is of future effect as it is to be used to guide the use of the public land

for the next 20 years. Decisions made in the North Dakota RMP became effective on January 8, 2025, when the Record of Decision was signed. As of that date, according to BLM, the North Dakota RMP will guide management of BLM-managed public lands in the planning area for the next 15 to 20 years for the benefit of current and future generations. Therefore, the North Dakota RMP has future effect.

Finally, the North Dakota RMP implements, interprets, or prescribes law or policy, because it designates areas of BLM-administered land for certain purposes in accordance with BLM's responsibilities for land use management under FLPMA. The North Dakota RMP establishes a broad framework for land use management, governing approximately 58,500 acres of BLM-administered surface land and 4.1 million subsurface acres of BLM-managed land and minerals across North Dakota. Specifically, it designates various land uses for the public, including recreation, motorized vehicle access, oil and gas leasing, renewable energy development, grazing, wildlife habitat conservation, and cultural preservation.

Our conclusion here is consistent with our previous decisions finding that similar land use plans and RMPs implement, interpret, or prescribe law or policy. For instance, in B-238859, Oct. 23, 2017, we found that an amendment to the Forest Service's Tongass Land and Resource Management Plan (Tongass Amendment) implemented law by establishing new criteria for the sale of timber to non-agency parties. We explained that with the Tongass Amendment, the Forest Service set forth its policy for timber sales and thus implemented its statutory responsibility under the National Forest Management Act.

Similarly in B-329065, Nov. 15, 2017, we concluded that four RMPs issued by BLM prescribed policy by establishing available uses for the areas that each RMP covered. We noted that each RMP implemented provisions of FLPMA and other applicable statutory and regulatory provisions. The same can be said for the North Dakota RMP as issue here. The North Dakota RMP implements FLPMA and prescribes policy by designating or foreclosing specific activities or land use on BLM-administered land. As such, the North Dakota RMP meets the third element of APA's definition of a rule. Having satisfied all the required elements, the North Dakota RMP meets the APA definition of rule.

#### CRA Exceptions

We must next determine whether any of CRA's three exceptions apply. CRA provides for three types of rules that are not subject to its requirements: (1) rules of particular applicability; (2) rules relating to agency management or personnel; and (3) rules of agency organization, procedure, or practice that do not substantially affect the rights or obligations of non-agency parties.

##### (1) Rule of Particular Applicability

Consistent with our previous decisions, the North Dakota RMP is a rule of general applicability, rather than particular applicability. In B-238859, Oct. 23, 2017, the Forest Service proffered that its Tongass Amendment was a rule of particular applicability because it applied to a single national forest. We disagreed, noting that the Tongass Amendment governed all natural resource management activities, all projects approved to take place, and all persons or entities using the forest. As such, it was a rule of general applicability. Likewise, the North Dakota RMP establishes land use designations that govern all activities conducted by any person or entity on BLM-administered land and subsurface estate managed by the North Dakota Field Office, making it a rule of general applicability.

##### (2) Rule of Agency Management or Personnel

The North Dakota RMP is not a rule of agency management or personnel. We have previously held that rules that fall into this category relate to purely internal agency matters. Because the North Dakota RMP is concerned with public use of the areas it governs rather than management of BLM itself or its personnel, it does not meet CRA's second exception.

##### (3) Rule of Agency Organization, Procedure, or Practice that does not Substantially Affect Non-Agency Parties

Lastly, the North Dakota RMP is not a rule of agency organization, procedure, or practice that does not substantially affect the rights or obligations of non-agency parties.

We have previously explained that this exception was modeled on the APA exception to notice-and-comment rulemaking requirements for "rules of agency organization, procedure, or practice[.]" The purpose of the APA exception is to ensure "that agencies retain latitude in organizing their internal operations," so long as such rules do not have a substantial impact on non-agency parties.

Following this interpretation in the CRA context, we have only applied CRA's third exception to rules that primarily focus on the internal operations of an agency. For instance, in B-329926, Sept. 10, 2018, we found that updates to a Social Security Administration (SSA) hearing manual governing SSA adjudicators' use of information from the internet qualified as a rule of agency organization, procedure, or practice. There, the manual outlined procedures for SSA employees to follow in processing and adjudicating benefits claims. Because the manual was directed to and binding only on SSA officials without imposing new burdens on claimants, we concluded that the manual met CRA's third exception.

In contrast, rules that are directed at and primarily concerned with the behavior of non-agency parties do not fall within this category. Thus, in B-274505, Sept. 16, 1996, we declined to apply CRA's third exception to a Forest Service memorandum on the Emergency Salvage Timber Sale Program, because it was not limited to the Forest Service's methods of operations. Instead, the memorandum established the standards by which program determinations would be made, thus directly affecting the area for and number of timber sales that would result in contracts. In essence the memorandum went beyond how the Forest Service organized its internal operations. Similarly, in B-238859, Oct. 23, 2017, we declined to apply CRA's third exception to the Tongass Amendment, because it was directed at land and resource use by non-agency parties.

Here, the North Dakota RMP does entail some changes to agency procedure as it introduces new internal directives, practices, and procedures necessary to carry out these policies. However, like the Forest Service memorandum in B-274505 and the Tongass Amendment in B-238859, the North Dakota RMP is not limited to changes in internal agency operations. Instead, the North Dakota RMP is directed at, and concerns itself primarily with, the behavior of non-agency parties. Therefore, the North Dakota RMP does not qualify as a rule of agency organization, procedure or practice.

We must also consider whether the North Dakota RMP substantially affects the rights or obligations of non-agency parties. When analyzing this aspect of CRA's third exception, "the critical question is whether the agency action alters the rights or interests of the regulated entities." Along similar lines, courts have determined that "[a]n

agency rule that modifies substantive rights and interests can only be nominally procedural, and the exemption for such rules of agency procedure cannot apply."

In previous decisions, we have consistently concluded that where an RMP designates use by non-agency parties in the areas it governs, it has a substantial effect. For instance, in B-275178, July 3, 1997, we reached this conclusion by noting that the Forest Service's RMP provided a "management prescription" giving general direction on what may occur within an area allocated to a particular land use designation. Similarly, in B-329065, Nov. 15, 2017, we concluded that four BLM RMPs had a substantial effect on non-agency parties where the plans limited the use of public land and prohibited mining and operation of off-highway vehicles in the areas they governed.

Consistent with our caselaw on other RMPs, the North Dakota RMP has a substantial effect on non-agency parties. Specifically, it governs when and where the public may engage in activities such as recreation, motorized vehicle use, oil and gas leasing, renewable energy development, and grazing, thereby altering their substantive rights and obligations. Accordingly, the North Dakota RMP fails to meet CRA's third exception.

#### CONCLUSION

The North Dakota RMP is a rule for purposes of CRA because it meets the definition of a rule under APA and no CRA exception applies. Therefore, the North Dakota RMP is subject to CRA's requirement that it be submitted to Congress and the Comptroller General before it can take effect.

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General Counsel.

Mr. WESTERMAN. Mr. Speaker, when we talk about lawsuits, there are already lawsuits that are being created because of this bad resource management plan that the former administration put in place.

After we do the CRA and we prevent this administration or future administrations from putting a similar resource management plan in place without it coming back to Congress, then maybe the current administration and Secretary Burgum can write a new resource management plan that actually makes sense, that actually takes into account America's need for energy, and that actually listens to the people in these States where these resources reside. While they are doing that, the previous resource management plan would be in existence.

Again, it is just fear-mongering to say that there will basically be no rules if this resource management plan gets removed under the Congressional Review Act.

Again, I thank the gentlewoman from North Dakota for her leadership on this important issue. The North Dakota RMP will have devastating ramifications not just in North Dakota but beyond. This CRA which rejects the failed energy policies of the previous administration is in alignment with the current administration's executive orders on unleashing American energy and reinvigorating America's coal industry.

In combination with the provisions that Republicans enacted through the reconciliation bill, this CRA will ensure that American energy remains affordable, reliable, and abundant.

America's future is bright as we unleash responsible natural resources development to meet our energy and mineral needs, to create jobs, and to drive economic growth across the country.

Mr. Speaker, I urge adoption of this resolution, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. All time for debate has expired.

Pursuant to House Resolution 672, the previous question is ordered on the joint resolution.

The question is on the engrossment and third reading of the joint resolution.

The joint resolution was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, and was read the third time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the passage of the joint resolution.

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

Mr. NEGUSE. 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.

#### ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2026

##### GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. FLEISCHMANN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on H.R. 4553 and that I may include tabular material on the same.

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

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 672 and rule XVIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the consideration of the bill, H.R. 4553.

The Chair appoints the gentleman from Florida (Mr. FINE) to preside over the Committee of the Whole.

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##### 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 consideration of the bill (H.R. 4553) making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026, and for other purposes, with Mr. FINE in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The CHAIR. Pursuant to the rule, the bill is considered read the first time.

General debate shall be confined to the bill and shall not exceed 1 hour equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of

the Committee on Appropriations or their respective designees.

The gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. FLEISCHMANN) and the gentlewoman from Ohio (Ms. KAPTUR) each will control 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Tennessee.

Mr. FLEISCHMANN. Mr. Chairman, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Chairman, I am pleased to bring the fiscal year 2026 Energy and Water Development bill to the floor today.

I begin by thanking my good friend and Ranking Member MARCY KAPTUR for her partnership throughout this process. I realize we have some bona fide differences and issues on this bill, but we always have very cordial discussions. I do appreciate her very much.

Mr. Chairman, this bill provides a total of \$57.3 billion to safeguard the United States' national security, strengthen our economy, and unleash American energy dominance.

The bill delivers strong support for our national defense and provides \$25.3 billion for the National Nuclear Security Administration prioritizing and continued modernization of the nuclear weapons stockpile and the United States Navy nuclear fleet.

The bill strengthens our Nation's energy security by advancing American leadership in deploying new nuclear technologies and supporting the administration's efforts to make full use of our Nation's vast fossil fuel resources.

This bill will reduce reliance on foreign materials and secure the full supply chain of critical minerals.

The bill furthers our Nation's scientific and technological leadership, providing \$8.4 billion for the Department of Energy's Office of Science.

At the same time, the bill reduces funding by 25 percent across numerous other department programs, including the applied energy technology offices, to ensure taxpayer resources are focused on the highest priority research and development projects.

The bill also strengthens our economy and promotes public safety providing \$9.9 billion for the Army Corps of Engineers, including full funding of the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund activities and the highest priority ongoing construction projects on the inland waterways system. Funding for the Bureau of Reclamation is prioritized to projects that increase water supply and support drought resilience.

Finally, the bill provides a number of provisions to codify President Trump's executive actions to protect American values and prevent our resources and intellectual properties from falling into the hands of foreign adversaries.

This legislation reflects a clear commitment to fiscal responsibility while safeguarding our national security and increasing economic prosperity for all of our citizens.

Mr. Chairman, I urge my colleagues to support it, and I reserve the balance of my time.

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Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Chair, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

I also compliment the chair of our subcommittee, Mr. FLEISCHMANN of Oak Ridge, Tennessee, for his very gentlemanly behavior on both sides of the aisle so that we can actually move bills, which is our public responsibility.

I thank our diligent staff for all their hard work on this bill. I have to say I am very proud that ours is one of the first three bills to come to the floor. They are long delayed, not because we didn't do our work. We are ready. We want to pass funding for the new fiscal year, which begins on October 1.

I also thank the minority staff, Scott McKee, Anisha Singh, and Adam Wilson, and my personal staff, Kaitlin Ulin, TJ Lowdermilk, and Margaret McInnis. I thank them all, and I thank them for putting up with me.

Engineered energy and water systems undergird America's way of life. Energy and water are not optional but essential to sustaining life.

Of late, we have been piercingly reminded about our subcommittee's purpose. July brought nearly double the usual flood warnings, the second highest in 40 years. On July Fourth, Kerr County, Texas, sadly, saw one of the deadliest flash floods in U.S. history, with 117 lives lost. These tragedies inform us of the power of water and wild energy in our atmosphere.

Let me be clear: No matter how much Members on the other side of the aisle want to pretend that climate change is not happening, for the record, the last 10 years are the 10 hottest in recorded history. Think about that.

Our Great Lakes, the region I represent, comprise the largest body of freshwater on Earth. Specifically, Lake Erie, the southernmost of the lakes, no longer freezes over. Some of our favorite sports, ice boating and ice fishing, are now becoming a memory of the past, and hockey is now played indoors.

America's electric grid is old and under deep strain. The Energy Information Administration documented that the U.S. just set new records twice in July for peak electricity demand. The old grid system is being tested by hotter weather and higher usage. When the grid strains, costs rise and the most vulnerable families suffer first. How would you like to be in Tucson at 120 degrees week after week?

Unchecked growth in data centers alone could raise average U.S. electricity generation costs by roughly 8 percent by 2030. This is not hypothetical. It is happening as we meet today.

In Ohio, rapid demand growth from Big Tech data centers pushes electricity prices dramatically higher every month. Starting this July, households in Ohio saw their monthly energy bills increase a minimum of 10 percent. Some more than doubled. Families noticed a massive increase in monthly bills. I have one constituent

who called and told us that her family's bill moved from \$230 a month to \$494 in July. This cost of energy increase is not sustainable for working families.

Sadly, this Republican energy and water bill does not meet our Nation's energy and water imperative for the future nor for the present. We must invest faster in modern infrastructure to become energy independent in perpetuity. That is our awesome—underline “awesome”—responsibility. We must reduce energy costs by investing in modern grid resilience and an all-of-the-above energy portfolio.

This bill fails to address the cost-of-living crisis currently underway. Overall, household electric bills nationally are up 10 percent. That is just since January. In places like northern Ohio, I am hearing that, for many people, the total for energy and water bills has doubled. Every family in this country knows that. Even higher energy bills lie ahead for families and businesses.

China is investing record levels in energy, making its products more competitive. Sadly, this bill retreats from U.S. global energy leadership. What do I mean? The bill cuts \$1.6 billion, or 47 percent, from the Department of Energy's energy efficiency and renewable energy programs. This undermines our Nation's imperative to deliver clean, affordable, and secure energy to the American people.

Our Nation should lead, not lag, in the global race toward energy independence in perpetuity. We must build an abundant clean energy future.

This bill eliminates funding for the Office of Clean Energy Demonstrations, which means building the future. It revokes \$5.1 billion of bipartisan infrastructure law resources from the Department of Energy, which will cede the U.S. global lead in hydrogen, direct air capture, battery recycling, and consequent energy savings possible in every public and private structure.

Already, U.S. businesses have delayed or canceled—this is a shocking number—more than \$33 billion in investments in energy projects this year. That is lost economic growth. Over 64,000 jobs have already been lost or stalled in the clean energy sector. That is uncalled for.

In May, this administration revoked \$3.7 billion in Federal energy investment for 24 energy projects already signed, sealed, and delivered across America, including for manufacturing companies to become more energy-efficient and including over \$100 million for Libbey Glass, Owens-Illinois Glass, and Kraft Heinz across our region of Ohio alone.

President Trump promised he was going to help American manufacturing. That revocation actually goes completely in the opposite direction.

Thus, I must strongly oppose these additional Republican cuts to vital energy production and conservation—and America's future—through the U.S. Department of Energy.

Shortchanging these advances pushes our Nation backward and raises already high energy prices even more for consumers.

In other areas, this bill dangerously shortchanges our national security. The bill slashes \$412 million from the Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation account. This effectively guts our efforts to prevent the spread of nuclear weapons, detect covert nuclear threats, and uphold arms control agreements that keep us safe. All of those cuts are a big gift for Iran, Russia, China, and North Korea.

Additionally, this bill turns its back on communities still living with the toxic legacy of America's atomic past by zeroing out the Army Corps program to clean up radioactive waste at early nuclear sites. This is deadly.

It slashes \$779 million from nuclear cleanup efforts. That is three-quarters of a billion dollars. This will delay the cleanup that these communities have been promised for decades. I will note that one of these American atomic waste sites is in the village of Luckey, Ohio, not so far from my district.

Finally, this bill includes numerous controversial poison pill riders that are so extreme that they cannot gain bipartisan support and become law.

Mr. Chair, I urge my colleagues to oppose this bill. America can and must meet the new age frontiers of energy and water. Nature is signaling. Times are changing. We must not turn back the clock but seize the baton for future generations to come.

Now is the moment to keep America on a steady path forward for an all-of-the-above energy, water, and nuclear security portfolio.

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

Mr. FLEISCHMANN. Mr. Chair, I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Chair, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. MRVAN), a very hardworking member of the Appropriations Committee.

Mr. MRVAN. Mr. Chair, I thank Ranking Member KAPTUR, Chairman FLEISCHMANN, and all the staff for their thoughtful and dedicated efforts in the drafting of this measure.

Recently, I joined constituents in Indiana's Lowell Labor Day parade, in Laborers' Local 81's summer picnic in Valparaiso, and an Ironworkers' picnic and bingo in Crown Point. The issue at the top of everyone's mind is the rising cost of their utility bills.

I choose to serve on Appropriations' Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Subcommittee because I believe that energy and water will be two of the greatest challenges for our national security and economic stability in the years ahead.

I understand the role of the Indiana State regulators, but I also believe that the Federal Government and this bill have a role to promote the availability of a variety of energy resources in order to drive down costs.

The Department of Energy has a critical role in conducting research in en-

ergy innovation, including for wind, solar, and nuclear, and also to ensure that we maximize the efficiency of all of our energy sources, including oil, gas, and coal. More efficient energy production means lower prices.

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It is deeply disappointing that this measure follows the administration's lead to abandon the transformational projects like the hydrogen hub in my district. Industry, the USW, the building trades, other labor organizations, along with communities throughout my district, were planning for and relying on massive economic development investments, only to see this project undermined because the Republican majority's tax and investment policy is now: Do not invest in our future but, rather, give more handouts to the privileged, wealthy, and few at the expense of the working class.

Let's be clear. The Federal Government should be building, not blocking projects that strengthen our economy, lower costs, and create American jobs.

Mr. Chairman, I urge my colleagues to reject this legislation and, instead, work in a bipartisan manner to promote long-term economic prosperity in our communities.

Mr. FLEISCHMANN. Mr. Chairman, I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Chairman, I yield 3 minutes to the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. PALLONE), the hardworking and highly able distinguished ranking member of the Energy and Commerce Committee, the authorizing committee.

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Chairman, I thank our ranking member, Ms. KAPTUR, for the time, but also agree with her in urging my colleagues to vote “no” on this really terrible bill.

Today, we are debating one of the worst Energy and Water appropriations bills I have ever seen. Usually, when you are in charge, they are very good, actually, but this one is terrible.

I think it sets a dangerous precedent. It hurts our constituents by increasing their energy costs, just as so many are already seeing huge hikes to their bills. It weakens national security, and it undermines the critical work that the Army Corps of Engineers does to keep our coastal communities safe.

Mr. Chairman, I will focus on the cuts to shore protection. Republicans are making a massive cut to the shore protection funding that allows the corps to fund beach replenishment projects in places like the Jersey shore in my district.

This Republican bill woefully underfunds replenishment projects by hundreds of millions of dollars. Just recently, Hurricane Erin slammed our coasts, washing away dunes and eroding beaches, a stark reminder of why replenishment funding is so critical.

Mr. Chairman, House Republicans are abandoning coastal communities at a time when climate change is accelerating erosion and increasing the risks of devastating storms.

I have to stress that beach replenishment projects and shore protection projects aren't luxuries. They are life-lines. We don't do them so people can sunbathe. We do them to protect the homes, the businesses, and the public infrastructure.

Towns in my district and in red and blue districts throughout our country alike depend on beach replenishment to prevent damage from coastal storms. It is that simple.

We can't let a bunch of climate-denying Republicans in Congress gamble with New Jersey or other coastlines. I think about it like a slot machine on the Atlantic City boardwalk: We will just hope that the storm doesn't come, and we will be okay.

Mr. Chairman, that is not what happens. The reality is that places like the Jersey shore need protection from the next big storm and making drastic cuts like these are simply dangerous.

Mr. FLEISCHMANN. Mr. Chairman, I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Chairman, I yield 1 minute to the gentlewoman from Florida (Ms. CASTOR), who works so hard on all climate issues. I thank the gentlewoman so very much for speaking today.

Ms. CASTOR of Florida. Mr. Chairman, I thank the ranking member for yielding me time and thank her for everything that she does to protect the pocketbooks of American families.

Mr. Chairman, American families and small business owners deserve lower electric bills, but Republicans in Congress are really sticking it to folks with higher costs at every turn, especially in this spending bill.

Mr. Chairman, Representative KAPTUR is right. Household electric costs and energy prices have risen 10 percent this year. In some places, they have more than doubled, driven by Trump's tariffs; new demand from Big Tech AI data centers; and expensive, old, polluting plants.

Back home in Florida, Florida's largest utility has proposed the largest utility rate hike in U.S. history, amounting to \$10 billion, that will raise Floridians' electric bills by hundreds of dollars every month.

Mr. Chair, Republicans in Congress are now making it worse. Their big, ugly bill, which was passed in July, already is projected to crush working families with higher costs, and now their spending bill adds insult to injury by slashing home improvement weatherization savings.

The CHAIR. The time of the gentleman has expired.

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Chair, I yield an additional 1 minute to the gentlewoman from Florida.

Ms. CASTOR of Florida. Mr. Chair, I thank the gentlewoman for the time.

Let's talk about how Republicans in Congress are making it worse, harder for families to afford the cost of living, especially when it comes to their electric bills. Their big, ugly bill, which was passed in July, already is projected

to crush working families with higher costs.

Mr. Chair, this spending bill adds insult to injury by slashing home improvement weatherization savings and taking a hatchet to cleaner, cheaper energy and the important initiatives to modernize the grid.

If my colleagues care about helping their neighbors out of the affordability squeeze, they will vote "no" on the Republican spending bill.

Mr. FLEISCHMANN. Mr. Chairman, I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Chairman, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. FOSTER), who is a genius who just happens to be a Member of Congress, as well, so the country is twice blessed.

Mr. FOSTER. Mr. Chair, I thank the gentlewoman for yielding.

Mr. Chair, I rise first with an acknowledgement that, due to the efforts of the ranking member and chair of the Subcommittee on Water and Energy Development and Related Agencies, this bill could have been far worse. That is not the bar that we should set for ourselves.

I am particularly concerned about the 17 percent cut in the funding for the Office of Defense Nuclear Non-proliferation within NNSA.

This cut comes on top of last year's continuing resolution, where this office was cut by 7 percent and was only one of a few accounts to see its budget reduced by that bill.

The Office of Defense Nuclear Non-proliferation is involved in critical nuclear security work, which is actively keeping us safe, from securing nuclear material worldwide to verifying that other countries and various rogue actors are not developing nuclear weapons.

It would be nice if we lived in a world where a miraculous Golden Dome could keep us safe from nuclear weapons, but we do not. We depend on being able to detect and enforce violations of non-proliferation agreements.

This bill leaves wide open opportunities for countries like Iran and other nefarious actors to more easily get their hands on the materials needed to build nuclear weapons. With tensions mounting in the Middle East and the internet containing significant bomb-making instructions which are much more accessible to terrorist groups, this is not the time when America can afford to step back.

Mr. Chair, I thank the gentlewoman for yielding.

Mr. FLEISCHMANN. Mr. Chairman, at this time, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. WEBER), my friend.

Mr. WEBER of Texas. Mr. Chairman, I thank the gentleman from Tennessee for yielding me time.

Mr. Chairman, I rise today to offer my support for this year's Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act.

Mr. Chair, I will talk about Texas for just a minute. The Texas Gulf Coast

boasts 23 commercial seaports, 7 of America's largest petroleum refineries, 3 LNG plants, and 60 percent of the Nation's strategic petroleum reserve.

As the energy capital of the world, we understand the critical importance of this very important, very good bill. Our hardworking families on the Texas Gulf Coast depend on a robust energy sector, as do most Americans. Even other countries depend on our energy sector.

This legislation, Mr. Chairman, will help us to continue to lead in producing the cleanest, most affordable oil, as well as gas. Many of the projects within this bill will advance many of President Trump's goals. It is working. He is making progress. We are making progress. His goal is to advance returning to an era of American energy independence.

Let me repeat that. America will be, once again, energy independent.

We will be revitalizing critical ports. We will be revitalizing the waterways that serve, actually, as a lifeblood for maintaining our dominance in the global marketplace. It is just that simple, Mr. Chairman.

This great Energy and Water Development appropriations bill, let me tell you what it will do. It will bolster our economic strength. It will bolster our economic strength, which suffered the last 4 years, under the current administration. It will create jobs. It will create jobs that are much needed by Americans.

The CHAIR. The time of the gentleman has expired.

Mr. FLEISCHMANN. Mr. Chair, I yield an additional 1 minute to the gentleman from Texas.

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Mr. WEBER of Texas. Mr. Chair, this is going to create jobs, not just for Texas but for the entire Nation.

The gentleman across the aisle just mentioned Iran, that somehow this is going to help make it easier for Iran in the nuclear realm.

I think Iran just discovered that President Donald J. Trump is serious when he says they will not be allowed to get a nuclear weapon. I think they probably figured that out by now.

Mr. Chair, I will end by saying kudos to the Energy and Water appropriations bill under this committee. We appreciate the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. FLEISCHMANN).

Mr. Chair, I encourage my colleagues to support this bill as we continue along the path of making America great once again.

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Chair, I yield myself the balance of my time.

Mr. Chair, this Energy and Water bill costs American households, undermines U.S. global leadership, and weakens national security. Sadly, this Republican Energy and Water bill does not meet our Nation's imperative for the future.

In closing, I urge my colleagues to oppose this bill. America can do better,

and we must lead in the new frontiers of energy and water. We must keep this country secure. Our Nation's future depends on all of these.

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

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

Mr. Chair, I thank the ranking member and the Members who have spoken on this bill.

In closing, I urge strong support of this great bill. This bill helps all of America regain energy dominance. It fulfills the great agenda that President Trump has set out not only for nuclear but for energy. It is a bill that helps all Americans with community projects for both Republican and Democratic districts. It reaches out and does great things for energy, for water, for the Bureau of Reclamation, and I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

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

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Chair, I want to thank all of the Energy and Water appropriations subcommittee staff for their hard work, in particular Scott McKee, Anisha Singh, and Adam Wilson.

I am opposed to this bill. Not only will it raise energy costs for American households and businesses, hurt our competitiveness, jeopardize our energy independence and weaken our national security, we are holding this debate weeks before the end of the fiscal year, with no path forward to prevent a shutdown and Congress's authority being attacked by unchecked Office of Management and Budget Director Russ Vought and a lawless Administration.

Since taking office, the Trump Administration has stolen resources, appropriated by this committee, for programs and services across the federal government that help to grow the middle class, protect the working class, support small businesses, and make sure billionaires and corporations play by the rules and pay their fair share.

The cost-of-living crisis is felt by every American family—middle class families, working families, rural families, seniors and other vulnerable Americans. But the president is not laser focused on the cost-of-living crisis.

President Trump has attacked and destroyed programs created by Congress and funded by the Appropriations Committee that protect our national security and help increase domestic energy production. They are substituting Congress' decisions and judgment with their own, turning Article I of the Constitution on its head.

These cuts are not only felt in Washington, D.C. They affect all of our constituents.

Just a few months ago, states across New England, including my state of Connecticut, were ready to begin an ambitious and collaborative effort to increase energy transmission capacity across our region, to build resiliency and lower energy bills.

Nearly \$400 million was going to be invested through the Department of Energy's Grid Innovation Program to provide onshore connections for offshore wind power, improve the electric grid, and install energy storage through a project called Power Up New England.

But the President's Day One executive order abruptly halted offshore wind energy

projects in their tracks, and the Department of Energy froze Power Up New England's grant. That project was expected to bring enough energy online to power about 2 million homes, and reduce energy costs for customers by up to \$1.5 billion per year.

Energy demand is higher than ever and only increasing. Cheap, reliable energy is key to affordability. The future lies with low-cost wind and solar, not more expensive oil, gas, and coal. We have to increase energy supply or costs will continue to rise for the American people—and we will be dependent on importing energy to meet our goals.

Instead of focusing on ways to help lower energy costs, House Republicans are using this bill to further gut critical federal resources and advance their own ideological agenda.

Their cut of nearly half the budget for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy is a direct attack on the programs that lower energy bills for working families, create good-paying jobs in our communities, and keep America competitive.

This bill revokes funding that supports hydrogen energy, battery, recycling, and energy improvements in public schools, as well as support for public-private clean energy projects.

Their bill undermines the very programs that help us stop the spread of nuclear weapons, detect nuclear activity, and uphold arms control efforts that make America and the world safer—and it underfunds efforts to clean up sites contaminated by our Nation's early atomic energy program.

All of this after Republicans passed the Big Ugly Bill, a law that gives massive tax breaks to billionaires and the biggest corporations while driving up home energy bills for families by as much as 30 percent.

I cannot support this bill, and I urge my colleagues to vote NO. Instead of working with Democrats to lower prices and invest in technology that promotes our energy independence, House Republicans are pushing a bill that raises energy costs for families and businesses, and eliminates good-paying jobs.

The CHAIR. All time for general debate is expired. Pursuant to the rule, the bill shall be considered for amendment under the 5-minute rule.

The bill shall be considered as read.

The text of the bill is as follows:

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*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following sums are appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026, and for other purposes, namely:*

TITLE I

CORPS OF ENGINEERS—CIVIL

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

CORPS OF ENGINEERS—CIVIL

The following appropriations shall be expended under the direction of the Secretary of the Army and the supervision of the Chief of Engineers for authorized civil functions of the Department of the Army pertaining to river and harbor, flood and storm damage reduction, shore protection, aquatic ecosystem restoration, and related efforts.

INVESTIGATIONS

For expenses necessary where authorized by law for the collection and study of basic

information pertaining to river and harbor, flood and storm damage reduction, shore protection, aquatic ecosystem restoration, and related needs; for surveys and detailed studies, and plans and specifications of proposed river and harbor, flood and storm damage reduction, shore protection, and aquatic ecosystem restoration projects, and related efforts prior to construction; for restudy of authorized projects; and for miscellaneous investigations, and, when authorized by law, surveys and detailed studies, and plans and specifications of projects prior to construction, \$200,000,000, to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That the Secretary shall not deviate from the work plan, once the plan has been submitted to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress.

#### CONSTRUCTION

For expenses necessary for the construction of river and harbor, flood and storm damage reduction, shore protection, aquatic ecosystem restoration, and related projects authorized by law; for conducting detailed studies, and plans and specifications, of such projects (including those involving participation by States, local governments, or private groups) authorized or made eligible for selection by law (but such detailed studies, and plans and specifications, shall not constitute a commitment of the Government to construction); \$2,555,000,000, to remain available until expended; of which \$84,883,000, to be derived from the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund, shall be to cover the Federal share of construction costs for facilities under the Dredged Material Disposal Facilities program; and of which such sums as are necessary to cover 25 percent of the costs of construction, replacement, rehabilitation, and expansion of inland waterways projects shall be derived from the Inland Waterways Trust Fund, except as otherwise specifically provided for in law: *Provided*, That the Secretary shall not deviate from the work plan, once the plan has been submitted to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress.

#### MISSISSIPPI RIVER AND TRIBUTARIES

For expenses necessary for flood damage reduction projects and related efforts in the Mississippi River alluvial valley below Cape Girardeau, Missouri, as authorized by law, \$490,000,000, to remain available until expended, of which \$6,705,000, to be derived from the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund, shall be to cover the Federal share of eligible operation and maintenance costs for inland harbors: *Provided*, That the Secretary shall not deviate from the work plan, once the plan has been submitted to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress.

#### OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

For expenses necessary for the operation, maintenance, and care of existing river and harbor, flood and storm damage reduction, aquatic ecosystem restoration, and related projects authorized by law; providing security for infrastructure owned or operated by the Corps, including administrative buildings and laboratories; maintaining harbor channels provided by a State, municipality, or other public agency that serve essential navigation needs of general commerce, where authorized by law; surveying and charting northern and northwestern lakes and connecting waters; clearing and straightening channels; and removing obstructions to navigation, \$6,140,000,000, to remain available until expended, of which \$3,381,412,000, to be derived from the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund, shall be to cover the Federal share of eligible operations and

maintenance costs for coastal harbors and channels, and for inland harbors, of which \$40,000,000, shall be for the design and construction to replace Federal dredges, in addition to amounts otherwise made available for such purposes in the revolving fund established by the first section of the Act of July 27, 1953 (33 U.S.C. 576); of which such sums as may be necessary shall be derived from amounts collected in this or prior fiscal years under section 210 of the Flood Control Act of 1968 (16 U.S.C. 460d-3) and are not otherwise appropriated shall be for resource protection, research, interpretation, and maintenance activities related to resource protection in the areas at which outdoor recreation is available; of which such sums as become available from fees collected under section 217 of Public Law 104-303 shall be used to cover the cost of operation and maintenance of the dredged material disposal facilities for which such fees have been collected; and of which \$62,000,000, to be derived from the general fund of the Treasury, shall be to carry out subsection (c) of section 2106 of the Water Resources Reform and Development Act of 2014 (33 U.S.C. 2238c) and shall be designated as being for such purpose pursuant to paragraph (2) of section 14003 of division B of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (Public Law 116-136): *Provided*, That 1 percent of the total amount of funds provided for each of the programs, projects, or activities funded under this heading shall not be allocated to a field operating activity prior to the beginning of the fourth quarter of the fiscal year and shall be available for use by the Chief of Engineers to fund such emergency activities as the Chief of Engineers determines to be necessary and appropriate, and that the Chief of Engineers shall allocate during the fourth quarter any remaining funds which have not been used for emergency activities proportionally in accordance with the amounts provided for the programs, projects, or activities: *Provided further*, That the Secretary shall not deviate from the work plan, once the plan has been submitted to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress.

#### REGULATORY PROGRAM

For expenses necessary for administration of laws pertaining to regulation of navigable waters and wetlands, \$221,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2027.

#### FLOOD CONTROL AND COASTAL EMERGENCIES

For expenses necessary to prepare for flood, hurricane, and other natural disasters and support emergency operations, repairs, and other activities in response to such disasters as authorized by law, \$40,000,000, to remain available until expended.

#### EXPENSES

##### (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

For expenses necessary for the supervision and general administration of the civil works program in the headquarters of the Corps of Engineers and the offices of the Division Engineers; and for costs of management and operation of the Humphreys Engineer Center Support Activity, the Institute for Water Resources, the United States Army Engineer Research and Development Center, and the United States Army Corps of Engineers Finance Center allocable to the civil works program, \$226,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2027, of which not to exceed \$5,000 may be used for official reception and representation purposes and only during the current fiscal year; of which \$10,000,000, shall be for the design and construction to replace Federal dredges, in addition to amounts otherwise made available for such purposes, and shall be transferred to and merged with funds available for such purposes in the revolving fund established by

the first section of the Act of July 27, 1953 (33 U.S.C. 576): *Provided*, That no part of any other appropriation provided in this title shall be available to fund the civil works activities of the Office of the Chief of Engineers or the civil works executive direction and management activities of the division offices: *Provided further*, That any Flood Control and Coastal Emergencies appropriation may be used to fund the supervision and general administration of emergency operations, repairs, and other activities in response to any flood, hurricane, or other natural disaster.

#### OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE ARMY FOR CIVIL WORKS

For the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works as authorized by 10 U.S.C. 7016(b)(3), \$6,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2027: *Provided*, That not more than 75 percent of such amount may be obligated or expended until the Assistant Secretary submits to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress the report required under section 101(d) of this Act and a work plan that allocates at least 95 percent of the additional funding provided under each heading in the report accompanying this Act, to specific programs, projects, or activities.

#### WATER INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCE AND INNOVATION PROGRAM ACCOUNT

For administrative expenses to carry out the direct and guaranteed loan programs, notwithstanding section 5033 of the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act of 2014, \$5,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2027.

In addition, fees authorized to be collected pursuant to sections 5029 and 5030 of the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act of 2014 shall be deposited in this account, to remain available until expended.

#### GENERAL PROVISIONS—CORPS OF ENGINEERS—CIVIL (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

SEC. 101. (a) None of the funds provided in title I of this Act, or provided by previous appropriations Acts to the agencies or entities funded in title I of this Act that remain available for obligation or expenditure in fiscal year 2026, shall be available for obligation or expenditure through a reprogramming of funds that:

(1) creates or initiates a new program, project, or activity;

(2) eliminates a program, project, or activity;

(3) increases funds or personnel for any program, project, or activity for which funds have been denied or restricted by this Act, unless prior approval is received from the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress;

(4) proposes to use funds directed for a specific activity for a different purpose, unless prior approval is received from the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress;

(5) augments or reduces existing programs, projects, or activities in excess of the amounts contained in paragraphs (6) through (10), unless prior approval is received from the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress;

(6) INVESTIGATIONS.—For a base level over \$100,000, reprogramming of 25 percent of the base amount up to a limit of \$150,000 per project, study or activity is allowed: *Provided*, That for a base level less than \$100,000, the reprogramming limit is \$25,000: *Provided further*, That up to \$25,000 may be reprogrammed into any continuing study or activity that did not receive an appropriation for existing obligations and concomitant administrative expenses;

(7) CONSTRUCTION.—For a base level over \$2,000,000, reprogramming of 15 percent of the base amount up to a limit of \$3,000,000 per project, study or activity is allowed: *Provided*, That for a base level less than \$2,000,000, the reprogramming limit is \$300,000: *Provided further*, That up to \$3,000,000 may be reprogrammed for settled contractor claims, changed conditions, or real estate deficiency judgments: *Provided further*, That up to \$300,000 may be reprogrammed into any continuing study or activity that did not receive an appropriation for existing obligations and concomitant administrative expenses;

(8) OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE.—Unlimited reprogramming authority is granted for the Corps to be able to respond to emergencies: *Provided*, That the Chief of Engineers shall notify the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress of these emergency actions as soon thereafter as practicable: *Provided further*, That for a base level over \$1,000,000, reprogramming of 15 percent of the base amount up to a limit of \$5,000,000 per project, study, or activity is allowed: *Provided further*, That for a base level less than \$1,000,000, the reprogramming limit is \$150,000: *Provided further*, That \$150,000 may be reprogrammed into any continuing study or activity that did not receive an appropriation;

(9) MISSISSIPPI RIVER AND TRIBUTARIES.—The reprogramming guidelines in paragraphs (6), (7), and (8) shall apply to the Investigations, Construction, and Operation and Maintenance portions of the Mississippi River and Tributaries Account, respectively; and

(10) FORMERLY UTILIZED SITES REMEDIAL ACTION PROGRAM.—Reprogramming of up to 15 percent of the base of the receiving project is permitted.

(b) DE MINIMUS REPROGRAMMINGS.—In no case should a reprogramming for less than \$50,000 be submitted to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress.

(c) CONTINUING AUTHORITIES PROGRAM.—Subsection (a)(1) shall not apply to any project or activity funded under the continuing authorities program.

(d) Not later than 60 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit a report to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress to establish the baseline for application of reprogramming and transfer authorities for the current fiscal year which shall include:

(1) A table for each appropriation with a separate column to display the President's budget request, adjustments made by Congress, adjustments due to enacted rescissions, if applicable, and the fiscal year enacted level;

(2) A delineation in the table for each appropriation both by object class and program, project and activity as detailed in the budget appendix for the respective appropriations; and

(3) An identification of items of special congressional interest.

SEC. 102. The Secretary shall allocate funds made available in this Act solely in accordance with the provisions of this Act and in the report accompanying this Act, including the determination and designation of new starts.

SEC. 103. None of the funds made available in this title may be used to award or modify any contract that commits funds beyond the amounts appropriated for that program, project, or activity that remain unobligated, except that such amounts may include any funds that have been made available through reprogramming pursuant to section 101.

SEC. 104. The Secretary of the Army may transfer to the Fish and Wildlife Service, and the Fish and Wildlife Service may accept and

expend, up to \$8,733,000 of funds provided in this title under the heading “Operation and Maintenance” to mitigate for fisheries lost due to Corps of Engineers projects.

SEC. 105. None of the funds in this Act shall be used for an open lake placement alternative for dredged material, after evaluating the least costly, environmentally acceptable manner for the disposal or management of dredged material originating from Lake Erie or tributaries thereto, unless it is approved under a State water quality certification pursuant to section 401 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1341): *Provided*, That until an open lake placement alternative for dredged material is approved under a State water quality certification, the Corps of Engineers shall continue upland placement of such dredged material consistent with the requirements of section 101 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1986 (33 U.S.C. 2211).

SEC. 106. None of the funds made available by this Act may be used to carry out any water supply reallocation study under the Wolf Creek Dam, Lake Cumberland, Kentucky, project authorized under the Act of July 24, 1946 (60 Stat. 636, ch. 595).

SEC. 107. Additional funding provided in this Act shall be allocated only to projects determined to be eligible by the Chief of Engineers.

SEC. 108. As of the date of enactment of this Act and each fiscal year thereafter, the Secretary of the Army shall not promulgate or enforce any regulation that prohibits an individual from possessing a firearm, including an assembled or functional firearm, at a water resources development project covered under section 327.0 of title 36, Code of Federal Regulations (as in effect on the date of enactment of this Act) if:

(1) the individual is not otherwise prohibited by law from possessing a firearm; and

(2) the possession of the firearm is in compliance with the law of the State in which the water resources development project is located.

SEC. 109. None of the funds made available by this Act may be used to implement or enforce section 370 of Public Law 116-283 with respect to civil works projects.

## TITLE II

### DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

#### CENTRAL UTAH PROJECT

##### CENTRAL UTAH PROJECT COMPLETION ACCOUNT

For carrying out activities authorized by the Central Utah Project Completion Act, \$23,000,000, to remain available until expended, of which \$4,000,000 shall be deposited into the Utah Reclamation Mitigation and Conservation Account for use by the Utah Reclamation Mitigation and Conservation Commission: *Provided*, That of the amount provided under this heading, \$1,950,000 shall be available until September 30, 2027, for expenses necessary in carrying out related responsibilities of the Secretary of the Interior: *Provided further*, That for fiscal year 2026, of the amount made available to the Commission under this Act or any other Act, the Commission may use an amount not to exceed \$2,186,000 for administrative expenses.

#### BUREAU OF RECLAMATION

The following appropriations shall be expended to execute authorized functions of the Bureau of Reclamation:

##### WATER AND RELATED RESOURCES (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

For management, development, and restoration of water and related natural resources and for related activities, including the operation, maintenance, and rehabilitation of reclamation and other facilities, participation in fulfilling related Federal re-

sponsibilities to Native Americans, and related grants to, and cooperative and other agreements with, State and local governments, federally recognized Indian Tribes, and others, \$1,710,630,000, to remain available until expended, of which \$23,899,000 shall be available for transfer to the Upper Colorado River Basin Fund and \$7,679,000 shall be available for transfer to the Lower Colorado River Basin Development Fund; of which such amounts as may be necessary may be advanced to the Colorado River Dam Fund: *Provided*, That such transfers, may be increased or decreased within the overall appropriation under this heading: *Provided further*, That of the total appropriated, the amount for program activities that can be financed by the Reclamation Fund, the Water Storage Enhancement Receipts account established by section 4011(e) of Public Law 114-322, or the Bureau of Reclamation special fee account established by 16 U.S.C. 6806 shall be derived from that Fund or account: *Provided further*, That funds contributed under 43 U.S.C. 395 are available until expended for the purposes for which the funds were contributed: *Provided further*, That funds advanced under 43 U.S.C. 397a shall be credited to this account and are available until expended for the same purposes as the sums appropriated under this heading: *Provided further*, That of the amounts made available under this heading, \$3,237,000 shall be deposited in the San Gabriel Basin Restoration Fund established by section 110 of title I of division B of appendix D of Public Law 106-554.

#### CENTRAL VALLEY PROJECT RESTORATION FUND

For carrying out the programs, projects, plans, habitat restoration, improvement, and acquisition provisions of the Central Valley Project Improvement Act, such sums as may be collected in fiscal year 2026 in the Central Valley Project Restoration Fund pursuant to sections 3407(d), 3404(c)(3), and 3405(f) of Public Law 102-575, to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That the Bureau of Reclamation is directed to assess and collect the full amount of the additional mitigation and restoration payments authorized by section 3407(d) of Public Law 102-575: *Provided further*, That none of the funds made available under this heading may be used for the acquisition or leasing of water for in-stream purposes if the water is already committed to in-stream purposes by a court adopted decree or order.

#### CALIFORNIA BAY-DELTA RESTORATION (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

For carrying out activities authorized by the Water Supply, Reliability, and Environmental Improvement Act, consistent with plans to be approved by the Secretary of the Interior, \$32,000,000, to remain available until expended, of which such amounts as may be necessary to carry out such activities may be transferred to appropriate accounts of other participating Federal agencies to carry out authorized purposes: *Provided*, That funds appropriated herein may be used for the Federal share of the costs of CALFED Program management: *Provided further*, That CALFED implementation shall be carried out in a balanced manner with clear performance measures demonstrating concurrent progress in achieving the goals and objectives of the Program.

#### POLICY AND ADMINISTRATION

For expenses necessary for policy, administration, and related functions in the Office of the Commissioner, the Denver office, and offices in the six regions of the Bureau of Reclamation, to remain available until September 30, 2027, \$64,000,000, to be derived from the Reclamation Fund and be nonreimbursable as provided in 43 U.S.C. 377, of which not

to exceed \$5,000 may be used for official reception and representation expenses: *Provided*, That no part of any other appropriation in this Act shall be available for activities or functions budgeted as policy and administration expenses.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISION

Appropriations for the Bureau of Reclamation shall be available for purchase and replacement of not to exceed 30 motor vehicles, which are for replacement only.

#### GENERAL PROVISIONS—DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

SEC. 201. (a) None of the funds provided in title II of this Act for Water and Related Resources, or provided by previous or subsequent appropriations Acts to the agencies or entities funded in title II of this Act for Water and Related Resources that remain available for obligation or expenditure in fiscal year 2026, shall be available for obligation or expenditure through a reprogramming of funds that—

(1) initiates or creates a new program, project, or activity;

(2) eliminates a program, project, or activity;

(3) increases funds for any program, project, or activity for which funds have been denied or restricted by this Act, unless prior approval is received from the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress;

(4) restarts or resumes any program, project or activity for which funds are not provided in this Act, unless prior approval is received from the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress;

(5) transfers funds in excess of the following limits, unless prior approval is received from the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress:

(A) 15 percent for any program, project or activity for which \$2,000,000 or more is available at the beginning of the fiscal year; or

(B) \$400,000 for any program, project or activity for which less than \$2,000,000 is available at the beginning of the fiscal year;

(6) transfers more than \$500,000 from either the Facilities Operation, Maintenance, and Rehabilitation category or the Resources Management and Development category to any program, project, or activity in the other category, unless prior approval is received from the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress; or

(7) transfers, where necessary to discharge legal obligations of the Bureau of Reclamation, more than \$5,000,000 to provide adequate funds for settled contractor claims, increased contractor earnings due to accelerated rates of operations, and real estate deficiency judgments, unless prior approval is received from the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress.

(b) Subsection (a)(5) shall not apply to any transfer of funds within the Facilities Operation, Maintenance, and Rehabilitation category.

(c) For purposes of this section, the term “transfer” means any movement of funds into or out of a program, project, or activity.

(d) Except as provided in subsections (a) and (b), the amounts made available in this title under the heading “Bureau of Reclamation—Water and Related Resources” shall be expended for the programs, projects, and activities specified in the “House Recommended” columns in the “Water and Related Resources” table included under the heading “Title II—Department of the Interior” in the report accompanying this Act.

(e) The Bureau of Reclamation shall submit reports on a quarterly basis to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of

Congress detailing all the funds reprogrammed between programs, projects, activities, or categories of funding. The first quarterly report shall be submitted not later than 60 days after the date of enactment of this Act.

SEC. 202. (a) None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act may be used to determine the final point of discharge for the interceptor drain for the San Luis Unit until development by the Secretary of the Interior and the State of California of a plan, which shall conform to the water quality standards of the State of California as approved by the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, to minimize any detrimental effect of the San Luis drainage waters.

(b) The costs of the Kesterson Reservoir Cleanup Program and the costs of the San Joaquin Valley Drainage Program shall be classified by the Secretary of the Interior as reimbursable or nonreimbursable and collected until fully repaid pursuant to the “Cleanup Program—Alternative Repayment Plan” and the “SJVDP—Alternative Repayment Plan” described in the report entitled “Repayment Report, Kesterson Reservoir Cleanup Program and San Joaquin Valley Drainage Program, February 1995”, prepared by the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation. Any future obligations of funds by the United States relating to, or providing for, drainage service or drainage studies for the San Luis Unit shall be fully reimbursable by San Luis Unit beneficiaries of such service or studies pursuant to Federal reclamation law.

SEC. 203. (a) Title III of subtitle J of the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act (Public Law 114–322) is amended—

(1) In section 4007(i), by striking “2021” and inserting “2027”; and

(2) In section 4013—

(A) in paragraph (1), by deleting “section 4004, which shall expire 10 years after the date of its enactment” and inserting “section 4004, which shall expire on December 16, 2034”; and

(B) in paragraph (2), by inserting “on or before December 16, 2026” after “4009(c)”.

(b) Section 1602(g)(1) of the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act (43 U.S.C. 390h) is amended by striking “\$50,000,000” and inserting “\$177,500,000”.

(c) Section 4(a)(2)(F)(i) of the Water Desalination Act of 1996 (42 U.S.C. 10301 note; Public Law 104–298) is amended by striking “\$30,000,000” and inserting “\$106,500,000”.

SEC. 204. Section 9504(e) of the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 (42 U.S.C. 10364(e)) is amended by striking “\$920,000,000” and inserting “\$1,000,000,000”.

SEC. 205. (a) Title I of Public Law 108–361 (the Calfed Bay-Delta Authorization Act) (118 Stat. 1681), as amended by section 204 of division D of Public Law 117–103, shall be applied by substituting “2026” for “2022” each place it appears.

(b) Section 103(f)(4)(A) of Public Law 108–361 (the Calfed Bay-Delta Authorization Act) is amended by striking “\$30,000,000” and inserting “\$35,000,000”.

SEC. 206. Section 9106(g)(2) of Public Law 111–11 (Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009) shall be applied by substituting “2026” for “2022”.

SEC. 207. Section 301 of the Reclamation States Emergency Drought Relief Act of 1991 (43 U.S.C. 2241) shall be applied by substituting “\$130,000,000” for “\$120,000,000”.

SEC. 208. Section 10609(a) of the Northwestern New Mexico Rural Water Projects Act (subtitle B of title X of Public Law 111–11) shall be applied by substituting “\$1,815,000,000” for “\$870,000,000” and “2026” for “2024”.

### TITLE III DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY ENERGY PROGRAMS

#### ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

For Department of Energy expenses including the purchase, construction, and acquisition of plant and capital equipment, and other expenses necessary for energy efficiency and renewable energy activities in carrying out the purposes of the Department of Energy Organization Act (42 U.S.C. 7101 et seq.), including the acquisition or condemnation of any real property or any facility or for plant or facility acquisition, construction, or expansion, \$1,830,000,000, to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That of such amount, \$223,000,000 shall be available until September 30, 2027, for program direction: *Provided further*, That for the purpose of section 954(a)(7) of the Energy Policy Act of 2005, as amended, the only amount available shall be from the amount specified as including that purpose in the “Bill” column in the “Department of Energy” table included under the heading “Title III—Department of Energy” in the report accompanying this Act.

#### FOSSIL ENERGY

For Department of Energy expenses necessary in carrying out fossil energy research and development activities, under the authority of the Department of Energy Organization Act (42 U.S.C. 7101 et seq.), including the acquisition of interest, including defeasible and equitable interests in any real property or any facility or for plant or facility acquisition or expansion, and for conducting inquiries, technological investigations and research concerning the extraction, processing, use, and disposal of mineral substances without objectionable social and environmental costs (30 U.S.C. 3, 1602, and 1603), \$687,500,000, to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That of such amount \$70,000,000 shall be available until September 30, 2027, for program direction.

#### CYBERSECURITY, ENERGY SECURITY, AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE

For Department of Energy expenses including the purchase, construction, and acquisition of plant and capital equipment, and other expenses necessary for energy sector cybersecurity, energy security, and emergency response activities in carrying out the purposes of the Department of Energy Organization Act (42 U.S.C. 7101 et seq.), including the acquisition or condemnation of any real property or any facility or for plant or facility acquisition, construction, or expansion, \$200,000,000, to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That of such amount, \$28,000,000 shall be available until September 30, 2027, for program direction.

#### ELECTRICITY

For Department of Energy expenses including the purchase, construction, and acquisition of plant and capital equipment, and other expenses necessary for electricity activities in carrying out the purposes of the Department of Energy Organization Act (42 U.S.C. 7101 et seq.), including the acquisition or condemnation of any real property or any facility or for plant or facility acquisition, construction, or expansion, \$225,000,000, to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That of such amount, \$19,700,000 shall be available until September 30, 2027, for program direction: *Provided further*, That funds under this heading allocated for the purposes of section 9 of the Small Business Act, as amended (15 U.S.C. 638), including for Small Business Innovation Research and Small Business Technology Transfer activities, or for the purposes of section 1001 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005, as amended (42 U.S.C. 16391(a)), for Technology Commercialization Fund activities, may be reprogrammed without being subject to the restrictions in section 301 of this Act.

#### GRID DEPLOYMENT

For Department of Energy expenses including the purchase, construction, and acquisition of plant and capital equipment, and other expenses necessary for grid deployment in carrying out the purposes of the Department of Energy Organization Act (42 U.S.C. 7191 et seq.), including the acquisition or condemnation of any real property or any facility or for plant or facility acquisition, construction, or expansion, \$25,000,000, to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That of such amount, \$6,000,000 shall be available until September 30, 2027, for program direction.

#### NUCLEAR ENERGY

For Department of Energy expenses including the purchase, construction, and acquisition of plant and capital equipment, and other expenses necessary for nuclear energy activities in carrying out the purposes of the Department of Energy Organization Act (42 U.S.C. 7101 et seq.), including the acquisition

or condemnation of any real property or any facility or for plant or facility acquisition, construction, or expansion, \$1,795,000,000, to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That of such amount, \$88,000,000 shall be available until September 30, 2027, for program direction: *Provided further*, That for the purpose of section 954(a)(7) of the Energy Policy Act of 2005, as amended, the only amount available shall be from the amount specified as including that purpose in the “Bill” column in the “Department of Energy” table included under the heading “Title III—Department of Energy” in the report accompanying this Act.

#### NAVAL PETROLEUM AND OIL SHALE RESERVES

For Department of Energy expenses necessary to carry out naval petroleum and oil shale reserve activities, \$13,000,000, to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That notwithstanding any other provision of law, unobligated funds remaining from prior years shall be available for all naval petroleum and oil shale reserve activities.

#### STRATEGIC PETROLEUM RESERVE

For Department of Energy expenses necessary for Strategic Petroleum Reserve facility development and operations and program management activities pursuant to the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6201 et seq.), \$294,628,000, to remain available until expended.

#### SPR PETROLEUM ACCOUNT

For the acquisition, transportation, and injection of petroleum products, and for other necessary expenses pursuant to the Energy Policy and Conservation Act of 1975, as amended (42 U.S.C. 6201 et seq.), sections 403 and 404 of the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2015 (42 U.S.C. 6241, 6239 note), section 32204 of the Fixing America’s Surface Transportation Act (42 U.S.C. 6241 note), and section 30204 of the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018 (42 U.S.C. 6241 note), \$100,000, to remain available until expended.

#### NORTHEAST HOME HEATING OIL RESERVE

For Department of Energy expenses necessary for Northeast Home Heating Oil Reserve storage, operation, and management activities pursuant to the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6201 et seq.), \$7,150,000, to remain available until expended.

#### ENERGY INFORMATION ADMINISTRATION

For Department of Energy expenses necessary in carrying out the activities of the Energy Information Administration, \$135,000,000, to remain available until expended.

#### NON-DEFENSE ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANUP

For Department of Energy expenses, including the purchase, construction, and acquisition of plant and capital equipment and other expenses necessary for non-defense environmental cleanup activities in carrying

out the purposes of the Department of Energy Organization Act (42 U.S.C. 7101 et seq.), including the acquisition or condemnation of any real property or any facility or for plant or facility acquisition, construction, or expansion, \$337,700,000, to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That in addition, fees collected pursuant to subsection (b)(1) of section 5 of the Mercury Export Ban Act of 2008 (42 U.S.C. 6939f(b)(1)), and deposited under this heading in fiscal year 2026 pursuant to section 309 of title III of division C of Public Law 116-94 are appropriated, to remain available until expended, for mercury storage costs.

#### URANIUM ENRICHMENT DECONTAMINATION AND DECOMMISSIONING FUND

For Department of Energy expenses necessary in carrying out uranium enrichment facility decontamination and decommissioning, remedial actions, and other activities of title II of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, and title X, subtitle A, of the Energy Policy Act of 1992, \$844,380,000, to be deposited into and subsequently derived from the Uranium Enrichment Decontamination and Decommissioning Fund, to remain available until expended, of which \$0 shall be available in accordance with title X, subtitle A, of the Energy Policy Act of 1992.

#### SCIENCE

For Department of Energy expenses including the purchase, construction, and acquisition of plant and capital equipment, and other expenses necessary for science activities in carrying out the purposes of the Department of Energy Organization Act (42 U.S.C. 7101 et seq.), including the acquisition or condemnation of any real property or any facility or for plant or facility acquisition, construction, or expansion, and purchase of not more than 35 passenger motor vehicles, \$8,400,000,000, to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That of such amount, \$226,831,000 shall be available until September 30, 2027, for program direction.

#### NUCLEAR WASTE DISPOSAL

For Department of Energy expenses necessary for nuclear waste disposal activities to carry out the purposes of the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982, Public Law 97-425, as amended, \$12,040,000, to remain available until expended, which shall be derived from the Nuclear Waste Fund.

#### ADVANCED RESEARCH PROJECTS AGENCY—ENERGY

For Department of Energy expenses necessary in carrying out the activities authorized by section 5012 of the America COMPETES Act (Public Law 110-69), \$350,000,000, to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That of such amount, \$40,000,000 shall be available until September 30, 2027, for program direction.

#### TITLE 17 INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGY LOAN GUARANTEE PROGRAM

Such sums as are derived from amounts received from borrowers pursuant to section 1702(b) of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 under this heading in prior Acts, shall be collected in accordance with section 502(7) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974: *Provided*, That for necessary administrative expenses of the Title 17 Innovative Technology Loan Guarantee Program, as authorized, \$35,000,000 is appropriated, to remain available until September 30, 2027: *Provided further*, That up to \$35,000,000 of fees collected in fiscal year 2026 pursuant to section 1702(h) of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 shall be credited as offsetting collections under this heading and used for necessary administrative expenses in this appropriation and shall remain available until September 30, 2027: *Provided further*, That to the extent that fees collected in fis-

cal year 2026 exceed \$35,000,000, those excess amounts shall be credited as offsetting collections under this heading and available in future fiscal years only to the extent provided in advance in appropriations Acts: *Provided further*, That the sum herein appropriated from the general fund shall be reduced (1) as such fees are received during fiscal year 2026 (estimated at \$70,000,000) and (2) to the extent that any remaining general fund appropriations can be derived from fees collected in previous fiscal years that are not otherwise appropriated, so as to result in a final fiscal year 2026 appropriation from the general fund estimated at \$0: *Provided further*, That for the cost of loan guarantees for the construction of small modular reactors or advanced nuclear reactors eligible under section 1703(b)(4) of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (42 U.S.C. 16513(b)(4)), \$150,000,000 is appropriated, to remain available until expended: *Provided further*, That the Department of Energy shall not subordinate any loan obligation to other financing in violation of section 1702 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 or subordinate any Guaranteed Obligation to any loan or other debt obligations in violation of section 609.8 of title 10, Code of Federal Regulations: *Provided further*, That the amounts provided under this paragraph are in addition to those provided in any other Act: *Provided further*, That for amounts collected pursuant to section 1702(b)(2) of the Energy Policy Act of 2005, the source of such payment received from borrowers may not be a loan or other debt obligation that is guaranteed by the Federal Government: *Provided further*, That none of such loan guarantee authority made available under this paragraph shall be available for commitments to guarantee loans for any projects where funds, personnel, or property (tangible or intangible) of any Federal agency, instrumental, personnel, or affiliated entity are expected be used (directly or indirectly) through acquisitions, contracts, demonstrations, exchanges, grants, incentives, leases, procurements, sales, other transaction authority, or other arrangements, to support the project or to obtain goods or services from the project: *Provided further*, That the preceding proviso shall not be interpreted as precluding the use of the loan guarantee authority provided under this paragraph for commitments to guarantee loans for:

- (1) projects as a result of such projects benefitting from otherwise allowable Federal income tax benefits;
- (2) projects as a result of such projects benefitting from being located on Federal land pursuant to a lease or right of-way agreement for which all consideration for all uses is:
  - (A) paid exclusively in cash;
  - (B) deposited in the Treasury as offsetting receipts; and
  - (C) equal to the fair market value as determined by the head of the relevant agency;
- (3) projects as a result of such projects benefitting from Federal insurance programs, including under section 170 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 (42 U.S.C. 2210; commonly known as the “Price-Anderson Act”); or
- (4) electric generation projects using transmission facilities owned or operated by a Federal Power Marketing Administration or the Tennessee Valley Authority that have been authorized, approved, and financed independent of the project receiving the guarantee:

*Provided further*, That none of the loan guarantee authority made available under this heading shall be available for any project unless the Director of the Office of Management and Budget has certified in advance in writing that the loan guarantee and the project comply with the provisions under this heading.

#### ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY VEHICLES MANUFACTURING LOAN PROGRAM

For Department of Energy administrative expenses necessary in carrying out the Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Loan Program, \$13,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2027.

#### TRIBAL ENERGY LOAN GUARANTEE PROGRAM

For Department of Energy administrative expenses necessary in carrying out the Tribal Energy Loan Guarantee Program, \$6,300,000, to remain available until September 30, 2027.

#### INDIAN ENERGY POLICY AND PROGRAMS

For necessary expenses for Indian Energy activities in carrying out the purposes of the Department of Energy Organization Act (42 U.S.C. 7101 et seq.), \$75,000,000, to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That of the amount appropriated under this heading, \$14,000,000 shall be available until September 30, 2027, for program direction.

#### DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATION

For salaries and expenses of the Department of Energy necessary for departmental administration in carrying out the purposes of the Department of Energy Organization Act (42 U.S.C. 7101 et seq.), \$304,653,000, to remain available until September 30, 2027, including the hire of passenger motor vehicles and official reception and representation expenses not to exceed \$30,000, plus such additional amounts as necessary to cover increases in the estimated amount of cost of work for others notwithstanding the provisions of the Anti-Deficiency Act (31 U.S.C. 1511 et seq.): *Provided*, That such increases in cost of work are offset by revenue increases of the same or greater amount: *Provided further*, That moneys received by the Department for miscellaneous revenues estimated to total \$100,578,000 in fiscal year 2026 may be retained and used for operating expenses within this account, as authorized by section 201 of Public Law 95-238, notwithstanding the provisions of 31 U.S.C. 3302: *Provided further*, That the sum herein appropriated shall be reduced as collections are received during the fiscal year so as to result in a final fiscal year 2026 appropriation from the general fund estimated at not more than \$204,075,000.

#### OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

For expenses necessary for the Office of the Inspector General in carrying out the provisions of the Inspector General Act of 1978, \$90,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2027.

#### ATOMIC ENERGY DEFENSE ACTIVITIES

##### NATIONAL NUCLEAR SECURITY ADMINISTRATION WEAPONS ACTIVITIES

For Department of Energy expenses, including the purchase, construction, and acquisition of plant and capital equipment and other incidental expenses necessary for atomic energy defense weapons activities in carrying out the purposes of the Department of Energy Organization Act (42 U.S.C. 7101 et seq.), including the acquisition or condemnation of any real property or any facility or for plant or facility acquisition, construction, or expansion, \$20,661,993,000, to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That of such amount, \$149,244,000 shall be available until September 30, 2027, for program direction.

#### DEFENSE NUCLEAR NONPROLIFERATION (INCLUDING RESCISSION OF FUNDS)

For Department of Energy expenses, including the purchase, construction, and acquisition of plant and capital equipment and other incidental expenses necessary for defense nuclear nonproliferation activities, in carrying out the purposes of the Department

of Energy Organization Act (42 U.S.C. 7101 et seq.), including the acquisition or condemnation of any real property or any facility or for plant or facility acquisition, construction, or expansion, \$1,993,060,000, to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That of the unobligated balances from prior year appropriations available under this heading \$9,422,000 is hereby rescinded.

#### NAVAL REACTORS

##### (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

For Department of Energy expenses necessary for naval reactors activities to carry out the Department of Energy Organization Act (42 U.S.C. 7101 et seq.), including the acquisition (by purchase, condemnation, construction, or otherwise) of real property, plant, and capital equipment, facilities, and facility expansion, \$2,171,023,000, to remain available until expended, of which, \$96,740,000 shall be transferred to "Department of Energy—Energy Programs—Nuclear Energy" for the Advanced Test Reactor: *Provided*, That of such amount made available under this heading, \$61,540,000 shall be available until September 30, 2027, for program direction.

#### FEDERAL SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For expenses necessary for Federal Salaries and Expenses in the National Nuclear Security Administration, \$500,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2027, including official reception and representation expenses not to exceed \$17,000.

#### ENVIRONMENTAL AND OTHER DEFENSE ACTIVITIES

##### DEFENSE ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANUP

For Department of Energy expenses, including the purchase, construction, and acquisition of plant and capital equipment and other expenses necessary for atomic energy defense environmental cleanup activities in carrying out the purposes of the Department of Energy Organization Act (42 U.S.C. 7101 et seq.), including the acquisition or condemnation of any real property or any facility or for plant or facility acquisition, construction, or expansion, \$6,521,396,000, to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That of such amount, \$310,000,000 shall be available until September 30, 2027, for program direction.

##### OTHER DEFENSE ACTIVITIES

For Department of Energy expenses, including the purchase, construction, and acquisition of plant and capital equipment and other expenses, necessary for atomic energy defense, other defense activities, and classified activities, in carrying out the purposes of the Department of Energy Organization Act (42 U.S.C. 7101 et seq.), including the acquisition or condemnation of any real property or any facility or for plant or facility acquisition, construction, or expansion, \$1,179,950,000, to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That of such amount, \$391,354,000 shall be available until September 30, 2027, for program direction.

#### POWER MARKETING ADMINISTRATIONS

##### BONNEVILLE POWER ADMINISTRATION FUND

Expenditures from the Bonneville Power Administration Fund, established pursuant to Public Law 93-454, are approved for official reception and representation expenses in an amount not to exceed \$5,000: *Provided*, That during fiscal year 2026, no new direct loan obligations may be made.

#### OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, SOUTHEASTERN POWER ADMINISTRATION

For expenses necessary for operation and maintenance of power transmission facilities and for marketing electric power and energy, including transmission wheeling and ancillary services, pursuant to section 5 of the

Flood Control Act of 1944 (16 U.S.C. 825s), as applied to the southeastern power area, \$9,285,000, including official reception and representation expenses in an amount not to exceed \$1,500, to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That notwithstanding 31 U.S.C. 3302 and section 5 of the Flood Control Act of 1944, up to \$9,285,000 collected by the Southeastern Power Administration from the sale of power and related services shall be credited to this account as discretionary offsetting collections, to remain available until expended for the sole purpose of funding the annual expenses of the Southeastern Power Administration: *Provided further*, That the sum herein appropriated for annual expenses shall be reduced as collections are received during the fiscal year so as to result in a final fiscal year 2026 appropriation estimated at not more than \$0: *Provided further*, That notwithstanding 31 U.S.C. 3302, up to \$81,819,000 collected by the Southeastern Power Administration pursuant to the Flood Control Act of 1944 to recover purchase power and wheeling expenses shall be credited to this account as offsetting collections, to remain available until expended for the sole purpose of making purchase power and wheeling expenditures: *Provided further*, That for purposes of this appropriation, annual expenses means expenditures that are generally recovered in the same year that they are incurred (excluding purchase power and wheeling expenses).

##### OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, SOUTHWESTERN POWER ADMINISTRATION

For expenses necessary for operation and maintenance of power transmission facilities and for marketing electric power and energy, for construction and acquisition of transmission lines, substations and appurtenant facilities, and for administrative expenses, including official reception and representation expenses in an amount not to exceed \$1,500 in carrying out section 5 of the Flood Control Act of 1944 (16 U.S.C. 825s), as applied to the Southwestern Power Administration, \$59,766,000, to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That notwithstanding 31 U.S.C. 3302 and section 5 of the Flood Control Act of 1944 (16 U.S.C. 825s), up to \$49,366,000 collected by the Southwestern Power Administration from the sale of power and related services shall be credited to this account as discretionary offsetting collections, to remain available until expended, for the sole purpose of funding the annual expenses of the Southwestern Power Administration: *Provided further*, That the sum herein appropriated for annual expenses shall be reduced as collections are received during the fiscal year so as to result in a final fiscal year 2026 appropriation estimated at not more than \$10,400,000: *Provided further*, That notwithstanding 31 U.S.C. 3302, up to \$80,000,000 collected by the Southwestern Power Administration pursuant to the Flood Control Act of 1944 to recover purchase power and wheeling expenses shall be credited to this account as offsetting collections, to remain available until expended for the sole purpose of making purchase power and wheeling expenditures: *Provided further*, That for purposes of this appropriation, annual expenses means expenditures that are generally recovered in the same year that they are incurred: *Provided further*, That for fiscal year 2026, the Administrator of the Western Area Power Administration may accept up to \$1,072,000 in funds contributed by United States power customers of the Falcon and Amistad Dams for deposit into the Falcon and Amistad Operating and Maintenance Fund, and such funds shall be available for the purpose for which contributed in like manner as if said sums had been specifically appropriated for such purpose: *Provided further*, That any such funds shall be available without further appropriation and without fiscal year limitation for use by the Commissioner of the United States Section of the International Boundary and Water Commission for the sole purpose of operating, maintaining, repairing, rehabilitating, replacing,

renewable resources programs as authorized, \$311,035,000, including official reception and representation expenses in an amount not to exceed \$1,500, to remain available until expended, of which \$311,035,000 shall be derived from the Department of the Interior Reclamation Fund: *Provided*, That notwithstanding 31 U.S.C. 3302, section 5 of the Flood Control Act of 1944 (16 U.S.C. 825s), and section 1 of the Interior Department Appropriation Act, 1939 (43 U.S.C. 392a), up to \$247,663,000 collected by the Western Area Power Administration from the sale of power and related services shall be credited to this account as discretionary offsetting collections, to remain available until expended for the sole purpose of funding the annual expenses of the Western Area Power Administration: *Provided further*, That the sum herein appropriated for annual expenses shall be reduced as collections are received during the fiscal year so as to result in a final fiscal year 2026 appropriation estimated at not more than \$63,372,000, of which \$63,372,000 is derived from the Reclamation Fund: *Provided further*, That notwithstanding 31 U.S.C. 3302, up to \$475,000,000 collected by the Western Area Power Administration pursuant to the Flood Control Act of 1944 and the Reclamation Project Act of 1939 to recover purchase power and wheeling expenses shall be credited to this account as offsetting collections, to remain available until expended for the sole purpose of making purchase power and wheeling expenditures: *Provided further*, That for purposes of this appropriation, annual expenses means expenditures that are generally recovered in the same year that they are incurred (excluding purchase power and wheeling expenses).

##### FALCON AND AMISTAD OPERATING AND MAINTENANCE FUND

For operation, maintenance, and emergency costs for the hydroelectric facilities at the Falcon and Amistad Dams, \$6,510,000, to remain available until expended, and to be derived from the Falcon and Amistad Operating and Maintenance Fund of the Western Area Power Administration, as provided in section 2 of the Act of June 18, 1954 (68 Stat. 255): *Provided*, That notwithstanding the provisions of that Act and of 31 U.S.C. 3302, up to \$6,282,000 collected by the Western Area Power Administration from the sale of power and related services from the Falcon and Amistad Dams shall be credited to this account as discretionary offsetting collections, to remain available until expended for the sole purpose of funding the annual expenses of the hydroelectric facilities of these Dams and associated Western Area Power Administration activities: *Provided further*, That the sum herein appropriated for annual expenses shall be reduced as collections are received during the fiscal year so as to result in a final fiscal year 2026 appropriation estimated at not more than \$228,000: *Provided further*, That for purposes of this appropriation, annual expenses means expenditures that are generally recovered in the same year that they are incurred: *Provided further*, That for fiscal year 2026, the Administrator of the Western Area Power Administration may accept up to \$1,072,000 in funds contributed by United States power customers of the Falcon and Amistad Dams for deposit into the Falcon and Amistad Operating and Maintenance Fund, and such funds shall be available for the purpose for which contributed in like manner as if said sums had been specifically appropriated for such purpose: *Provided further*, That any such funds shall be available without further appropriation and without fiscal year limitation for use by the Commissioner of the United States Section of the International Boundary and Water Commission for the sole purpose of operating, maintaining, repairing, rehabilitating, replacing,

or upgrading the hydroelectric facilities at these Dams in accordance with agreements reached between the Administrator, Commissioner, and the power customers.

FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION  
SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For expenses necessary for the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to carry out the provisions of the Department of Energy Organization Act (42 U.S.C. 7101 et seq.), including services as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 3109, official reception and representation expenses not to exceed \$3,000, and the hire of passenger motor vehicles, \$520,000,000, to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That notwithstanding any other provision of law, not to exceed \$520,000,000 of revenues from fees and annual charges, and other services and collections in fiscal year 2026 shall be retained and used for expenses necessary in this account, and shall remain available until expended: *Provided further*, That the sum herein appropriated from the general fund shall be reduced as revenues are received during fiscal year 2026 so as to result in a final fiscal year 2026 appropriation from the general fund estimated at not more than \$0.

GENERAL PROVISIONS—DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

(INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

SEC. 301. (a) No appropriation, funds, or authority made available by this title for the Department of Energy shall be used to initiate or resume any program, project, or activity or to prepare or initiate Requests For Proposals or similar arrangements (including Requests for Quotations, Requests for Information, and Funding Opportunity Announcements) for a program, project, or activity if the program, project, or activity has not been funded by Congress.

(b)(1) Unless the Secretary of Energy notifies the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress at least 3 full business days in advance, none of the funds made available in this title may be used to—

(A) make a grant allocation or discretionary grant award totaling \$1,000,000 or more;

(B) make a discretionary contract award or Other Transaction Agreement totaling \$1,000,000 or more, including a contract covered by the Federal Acquisition Regulation;

(C) provide nonoperational funding through a competition restricted only to Department of Energy National Laboratories totaling \$1,000,000 or more;

(D) provide nonoperational funding directly to a Department of Energy National Laboratory totaling \$25,000,000 or more;

(E) issue a letter of intent to make an allocation, award, or Agreement in excess of the limits in subparagraph (A), (B), (C), or (D);

(F) announce publicly the intention to make an allocation, award, or Agreement in excess of the limits in subparagraph (A), (B), (C), or (D); or

(G) issue a letter to terminate an allocation, award, or Agreement in excess of the limits in subparagraph (A), (B), (C), or (D).

(2) The Secretary of Energy shall submit to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress within 15 days of the conclusion of each quarter a report detailing each grant allocation or discretionary grant award totaling less than \$1,000,000 provided during the previous quarter.

(3) The notification required by paragraph (1) and the report required by paragraph (2) shall include the recipient of the award, the amount of the award, the fiscal year for which the funds for the award were appropriated, the account and program, project, or activity from which the funds are being drawn, the title of the award, and a brief de-

scription of the activity for which the award is made.

(c) The Department of Energy may not, with respect to any program, project, or activity that uses budget authority made available in this title under the heading “Department of Energy—Energy Programs”, enter into a multiyear contract, award a multiyear grant, or enter into a multiyear cooperative agreement unless—

(1) the contract, grant, or cooperative agreement is funded for the full period of performance as anticipated at the time of award; or

(2) the contract, grant, or cooperative agreement includes a clause conditioning the Federal Government’s obligation on the availability of future year budget authority and the Secretary notifies the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress at least 3 days in advance.

(d) Except as provided in subsections (e), (f), and (g), the amounts made available by this title shall be expended as authorized by law for the programs, projects, and activities, and in the amounts specified in the “Bill” column in the “Department of Energy” table included under the heading “Title III—Department of Energy” in the report accompanying this Act.

(e) The amounts made available by this title may be reprogrammed for any program, project, or activity, and the Department shall notify, and obtain the prior approval of, the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress at least 30 days prior to the use of any proposed reprogramming that would cause any program, project, or activity funding level to increase or decrease by more than \$5,000,000 or 10 percent, whichever is less, during the time period covered by this Act.

(f) None of the funds provided in this title shall be available for obligation or expenditure through a reprogramming of funds that—

(1) creates, initiates, or eliminates a program, project, or activity;

(2) increases funds or personnel for any program, project, or activity for which funds are denied or restricted by this Act; or

(3) reduces funds that are directed to be used for a specific program, project, or activity by this Act.

(g)(1) The Secretary of Energy may waive any requirement or restriction in this section that applies to the use of funds made available for the Department of Energy if compliance with such requirement or restriction would pose a substantial risk to human health, the environment, welfare, or national security.

(2) The Secretary of Energy shall notify the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress of any waiver under paragraph (1) as soon as practicable, but not later than 3 days after the date of the activity to which a requirement or restriction would otherwise have applied. Such notice shall include an explanation of the substantial risk under paragraph (1) that permitted such waiver.

(h) The unexpended balances of prior appropriations provided for activities in this Act may be available to the same appropriation accounts for such activities established pursuant to this title. Available balances may be merged with funds in the applicable established accounts and thereafter may be accounted for as one fund for the same time period as originally enacted.

SEC. 302. Funds appropriated by this or any other Act, or made available by the transfer of funds in this Act, for intelligence activities are deemed to be specifically authorized by the Congress for purposes of section 504 of the National Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3094) during fiscal year 2026 until the enact-

ment of the Intelligence Authorization Act for fiscal year 2026.

SEC. 303. None of the funds made available in this title shall be used for the construction of facilities classified as high-hazard nuclear facilities under 10 CFR Part 830 unless independent oversight is conducted by the Office of Enterprise Assessments to ensure the project is in compliance with nuclear safety requirements.

SEC. 304. None of the funds made available in this title may be used to approve critical decision-2 or critical decision-3 under Department of Energy Order 413.3B, or any successive departmental guidance, for construction projects where the total project cost exceeds \$100,000,000, until a separate independent cost estimate has been developed for the project for that critical decision.

SEC. 305. None of the funds made available in this title may be used to support a grant allocation award, discretionary grant award, or cooperative agreement that exceeds \$100,000,000 in Federal funding unless the project is carried out through internal independent project management procedures.

SEC. 306. No funds shall be transferred directly from “Department of Energy—Power Marketing Administration—Colorado River Basins Power Marketing Fund, Western Area Power Administration” to the general fund of the Treasury in the current fiscal year.

SEC. 307. (a) The Secretary of Energy may not establish any new regional petroleum product reserve unless funding for the proposed regional petroleum product reserve is explicitly requested in advance in an annual budget submitted by the President pursuant to section 1105 of title 31, United States Code, and approved by the Congress in an appropriations Act.

(b) The budget request or notification shall include—

(1) the justification for the new reserve;

(2) a cost estimate for the establishment, operation, and maintenance of the reserve, including funding sources;

(3) a detailed plan for operation of the reserve, including the conditions upon which the products may be released;

(4) the location of the reserve; and

(5) the estimate of the total inventory of the reserve.

SEC. 308. None of the funds made available by this Act may be used to draw down and sell petroleum products from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve (1) to any entity that is under the ownership, control, or influence of the Chinese Communist Party; or (2) except on condition that such petroleum products will not be exported to the People’s Republic of China.

SEC. 309. (a) None of the funds made available by this Act may be used by the Secretary of Energy to award any grant, contract, cooperative agreement, or loan of \$10,000,000 or greater to an entity of concern as defined in section 10114 of division B of Public Law 117-167.

(b) The Secretary shall implement the requirements under subsection (a) using a risk-based approach and analytical tools to aggregate, link, analyze, and maintain information reported by an entity seeking or receiving such funds made available by this Act.

(c) This section shall be applied in a manner consistent with the obligations of the United States under applicable international agreements.

(d) The Secretary shall have the authority to require the submission to the agency, by an entity seeking or receiving such funds made available by this Act, documentation necessary to implement the requirements under subsection (a).

(e) Chapter 35 of title 44, United States Code (commonly known as the “Paperwork

Reduction Act''), shall not apply to the implementation of the requirements under this section.

(f) The Secretary and other Federal agencies shall coordinate to share relevant information necessary to implement the requirements under subsection (a).

SEC. 310. None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act may be used to admit any non-U.S. citizen from Russia or China to any nuclear weapons production facility, as such term is defined in section 4002 of the Atomic Energy Defense Act (50 U.S.C. 2501), other than areas accessible to the general public, unless 30 days prior to facility admittance, the Department of Energy provides notification to the Committees on Appropriations and Armed Services of both Houses of Congress.

SEC. 311. (a) None of the funds made available by this Act or otherwise made available for fiscal year 2025 for the Department of Energy may be obligated or expended to procure or purchase computers, printers, or interoperable videoconferencing services needed for an office environment in which the manufacturer, bidder, or offeror, or any subsidiary or parent entity of the manufacturer, bidder, or offeror, of the equipment is an entity, or parent company of an entity in which the People's Republic of China has any ownership stake.

(b) The prohibition in subsection (a) also applies in cases in which the Secretary has contracted with a third party for the procurement, purchase, or expenditure of funds on any of the equipment and software described in such subsection.

SEC. 312. None of the funds made available by this Act may be used to finalize, administer, implement, or enforce the final rule entitled "Clean Energy for New Federal Buildings and Major Renovations of Federal Buildings" published by the Department of Energy in the Federal Register on May 1, 2024 (88 Fed. Reg. 35384).

SEC. 313. Of the unobligated balances from amounts previously made available to the Department of Energy in division J of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (Public Law 117-58), the following funds shall be transferred from the following programs in the specified amounts to "Department of Energy—Energy Programs—Nuclear Energy", and, in addition to amounts otherwise made available, shall be available for the not more than two competitive awards for Generation 3+ small modular reactor deployment projects described in section 311(a)(1)(A) of division D of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2024 (Public Law 118-42), the two awards for demonstration projects made prior to the date of enactment of this Act under the Advanced Reactor Demonstration Program, as authorized under section 959A of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (42 U.S.C. 16279a), and Risk Reduction for Future Demonstrations, as described under the heading Advanced Reactor Demonstration Program in the explanatory statement accompanying division C of the Further Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2020 (Public Law 116-94)—

(1) \$672,652,992 from the unobligated balances under the heading "Department of Energy—Energy Programs—Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy" provided to implement sections 40208, 40314, 40511(a), and 40541 of such Act;

(2) \$981,479,556 from the unobligated balances under the heading "Department of Energy—Energy Programs—Nuclear Energy";

(3) \$1,000,000,000 from the unobligated balances under the heading "Department of Energy—Energy Programs—Fossil Energy and Carbon Management" provided to implement section 40308 of division D of such Act;

(4) \$1,500,000,000 from the unobligated balances under the heading "Department of En-

ergy—Energy Programs—Carbon Dioxide Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Program Account";

(5) \$950,000,000 from the unobligated balances under the heading "Department of Energy—Energy Programs—Office of Clean Energy Demonstrations" provided to implement sections 41004(a) and 41004(b) of such Act:

*Provided*, That amounts transferred pursuant to this section shall continue to be treated as amounts specified in section 103(b) of division A of Public Law 118-5.

#### TITLE IV

##### INDEPENDENT AGENCIES

###### APPALACHIAN REGIONAL COMMISSION

For expenses necessary to carry out the programs authorized by the Appalachian Regional Development Act of 1965, as amended, and for expenses necessary for the Federal Co-Chairman and the Alternate on the Appalachian Regional Commission, for payment of the Federal share of the administrative expenses of the Commission, including services as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 3109, and hire of passenger motor vehicles, \$162,535,255, to remain available until expended.

###### DEFENSE NUCLEAR FACILITIES SAFETY BOARD

###### SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For expenses necessary for the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board in carrying out activities authorized by the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended by Public Law 100-456, section 1441, \$45,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2027, of which not to exceed \$1,000 shall be available for official reception and representation expenses.

###### DELTA REGIONAL AUTHORITY

###### SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For expenses necessary for the Delta Regional Authority and to carry out its activities, as authorized by the Delta Regional Authority Act of 2000, notwithstanding sections 382F(d), 382M, and 382N of said Act, \$25,274,232, to remain available until expended.

###### DENALI COMMISSION

For expenses necessary for the Denali Commission including the purchase, construction, and acquisition of plant and capital equipment as necessary and other expenses, \$13,815,497, to remain available until expended, notwithstanding the limitations contained in section 306(g) of the Denali Commission Act of 1998: *Provided*, That funds shall be available for construction projects for which the Denali Commission is the sole or primary funding source in an amount not to exceed 80 percent of total project cost for distressed communities, as defined by section 307 of the Denali Commission Act of 1998 (division C, title III, Public Law 105-277), as amended by section 701 of appendix D, title VII, Public Law 106-113 (113 Stat. 1501A-280), and for Indian Tribes, as defined by section 5304(e) of title 25, United States Code, and in an amount not to exceed 50 percent for non-distressed communities: *Provided further*, That notwithstanding any other provision of law regarding payment of a non-Federal share in connection with a grant-in-aid program, amounts under this heading shall be available for the payment of such a non-Federal share for any project for which the Denali Commission is not the sole or primary funding source, provided that such project is consistent with the purposes of the Commission.

###### NORTHERN BORDER REGIONAL COMMISSION

For expenses necessary for the Northern Border Regional Commission in carrying out activities authorized by subtitle V of title 40, United States Code, \$33,319,727, to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That such

amounts shall be available for administrative expenses, notwithstanding section 15751(b) of title 40, United States Code.

###### SOUTHEAST CRESCENT REGIONAL COMMISSION

For expenses necessary for the Southeast Crescent Regional Commission in carrying out activities authorized by subtitle V of title 40, United States Code, \$16,253,526, to remain available until expended.

###### SOUTHWEST BORDER REGIONAL COMMISSION

For expenses necessary for the Southwest Border Regional Commission in carrying out activities authorized by subtitle V of title 40, United States Code, \$4,063,381, to remain available until expended.

###### GREAT LAKES AUTHORITY

For expenses necessary for the Great Lakes Authority in carrying out activities authorized by subtitle V of title 40, United States Code, \$4,063,381, to remain available until expended.

###### NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

###### SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For expenses necessary for the Commission in carrying out the purposes of the Energy Reorganization Act of 1974 and the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, \$952,700,000, including official representation expenses not to exceed \$30,000, to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That of the amount appropriated herein, not more than \$11,494,000 may be made available for salaries, travel, and other support costs for the Office of the Commission, to remain available until September 30, 2027: *Provided further*, That revenues from licensing fees, inspection services, and other services and collections estimated at \$804,509,977 in fiscal year 2026 shall be retained and used for necessary salaries and expenses in this account, notwithstanding 31 U.S.C. 3302, and shall remain available until expended.

###### OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

For expenses necessary for the Office of Inspector General in carrying out the provisions of the Inspector General Act of 1978, \$18,795,000, to remain available until September 30, 2027: *Provided*, That revenues from licensing fees, inspection services, and other services and collections estimated at \$14,885,000 in fiscal year 2026 shall be retained and be available until September 30, 2027, for necessary salaries and expenses in this account, notwithstanding section 3302 of title 31, United States Code: *Provided further*, That the sum herein appropriated shall be reduced by the amount of revenues received during fiscal year 2026 so as to result in a final fiscal year 2026 appropriation estimated at not more than \$3,910,000: *Provided further*, That of the amounts appropriated under this heading, \$1,572,000 shall be for Inspector General services for the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board.

###### NUCLEAR WASTE TECHNICAL REVIEW BOARD

###### SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For expenses necessary for the Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board, as authorized by Public Law 100-203, section 5051, \$4,000,000, to be derived from the Nuclear Waste Fund, to remain available until September 30, 2027.

###### GENERAL PROVISIONS—INDEPENDENT AGENCIES

SEC. 401. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission shall comply with the July 5, 2011, version of Chapter VI of its Internal Commission Procedures when responding to Congressional requests for information, consistent with Department of Justice guidance for all Federal agencies.

SEC. 402. (a) The amounts made available by this title for the Nuclear Regulatory Commission may be reprogrammed for any program, project, or activity, and the Commission shall notify the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress at least 30 days prior to the use of any proposed reprogramming that would cause any program funding level to increase or decrease by more than \$500,000 or 10 percent, whichever is less, during the time period covered by this Act.

(b)(1) The Nuclear Regulatory Commission may waive the notification requirement in subsection (a) if compliance with such requirement would pose a substantial risk to human health, the environment, welfare, or national security.

(2) The Nuclear Regulatory Commission shall notify the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress of any waiver under paragraph (1) as soon as practicable, but not later than 3 days after the date of the activity to which a requirement or restriction would otherwise have applied. Such notice shall include an explanation of the substantial risk under paragraph (1) that permitted such waiver and shall provide a detailed report to the Committees of such waiver and changes to funding levels to programs, projects, or activities.

(c) Except as provided in subsections (a), (b), and (d), the amounts made available by this title for “Nuclear Regulatory Commission—Salaries and Expenses” shall be expended as directed in the report accompanying this Act.

(d) None of the funds provided for the Nuclear Regulatory Commission shall be available for obligation or expenditure through a reprogramming of funds that increases funds or personnel for any program, project, or activity for which funds are denied or restricted by this Act.

(e) The Commission shall provide a monthly report to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress, which includes the following for each program, project, or activity, including any prior year appropriations—

- (1) total budget authority;
- (2) total unobligated balances; and
- (3) total unliquidated obligations.

#### TITLE V

#### GENERAL PROVISIONS

##### (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

SEC. 501. None of the funds appropriated by this Act may be used in any way, directly or indirectly, to influence congressional action on any legislation or appropriation matters pending before Congress, other than to communicate to Members of Congress as described in 18 U.S.C. 1913.

SEC. 502. (a) None of the funds made available in title III of this Act may be transferred to any department, agency, or instrumentality of the United States Government, except pursuant to a transfer made by or transfer authority provided in this Act or any other appropriations Act for any fiscal year, transfer authority referenced in the report accompanying this Act, or any authority whereby a department, agency, or instrumentality of the United States Government may provide goods or services to another department, agency, or instrumentality.

(b) None of the funds made available for any department, agency, or instrumentality of the United States Government may be transferred to accounts funded in title III of this Act, except pursuant to a transfer made by or transfer authority provided in this Act or any other appropriations Act for any fiscal year, transfer authority referenced in the report accompanying this Act, or any authority whereby a department, agency, or instrumentality of the United States Govern-

ment may provide goods or services to another department, agency, or instrumentality.

(c) The head of any relevant department or agency funded in this Act utilizing any transfer authority shall submit to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress a semiannual report detailing the transfer authorities, except for any authority whereby a department, agency, or instrumentality of the United States Government may provide goods or services to another department, agency, or instrumentality, used in the previous 6 months and in the year-to-date. This report shall include the amounts transferred and the purposes for which they were transferred, and shall not replace or modify existing notification requirements for each authority.

SEC. 503. (a) None of the funds made available in this Act may be used to maintain or establish a computer network unless such network blocks the viewing, downloading, and exchanging of pornography.

(b) Nothing in subsection (a) shall limit the use of funds necessary for any Federal, State, Tribal, or local law enforcement agency or any other entity carrying out criminal investigations, prosecution, or adjudication activities.

SEC. 504. (a) No federal monies shall be expended in furtherance of any agreement among private entities for consolidated interim storage of spent nuclear fuel that is not specifically authorized under federal law until such time that host state and local governments and any affected Indian tribes have formalized their consent.

(b) Provided that the prohibition provided for in this section shall not apply to facilities presently storing commercial spent nuclear fuel, pursuant to a license issued by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, as of the date of enactment of this Act.

(c) For purposes of this section, “spent nuclear fuel” shall have the same meaning as provided in section 2 of the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982 (42 U.S.C. 10101).

SEC. 505. None of the funds made available by this Act may be used for diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives, training, programs, offices, officers, policies, or other executive agency functions, or to carry out any program, project, or activity that promotes or advances Critical Race Theory or any concept associated with Critical Race Theory.

SEC. 506. (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding section 7 of title 1, United States Code, section 1738C of title 28, United States Code, or any other provision of law, none of the funds provided by this Act, or previous appropriations Acts, shall be used in whole or in part to take any discriminatory action against a person, wholly or partially, on the basis that such person speaks, or acts, in accordance with a sincerely held religious belief, or moral conviction, that marriage is, or should be recognized as, a union of one man and one woman.

(b) DISCRIMINATORY ACTION DEFINED.—As used in subsection (a), a discriminatory action means any action taken by the Federal Government to—

(1) alter in any way the Federal tax treatment of, or cause any tax, penalty, or payment to be assessed against, or deny, delay, or revoke an exemption from taxation under section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 of, any person referred to in subsection (a);

(2) disallow a deduction for Federal tax purposes of any charitable contribution made to or by such person;

(3) withhold, reduce the amount or funding for, exclude, terminate, or otherwise make unavailable or deny, any Federal grant, contract, subcontract, cooperative agreement, guarantee, loan, scholarship, license, certifi-

cation, accreditation, employment, or other similar position or status from or to such person;

(4) withhold, reduce, exclude, terminate, or otherwise make unavailable or deny, any entitlement or benefit under a Federal benefit program, including admission to, equal treatment in, or eligibility for a degree from an educational program, from or to such person; or

(5) withhold, reduce, exclude, terminate, or otherwise make unavailable or deny access to an entitlement to Federal property, facilities, educational institutions, speech fora (including traditional, limited, and non-public fora), or charitable fundraising campaigns from or to such person.

(c) ACCREDITATION; LICENSURE; CERTIFICATION.—The Federal Government shall consider accredited, licensed, or certified for purposes of Federal law any person that would be accredited, licensed, or certified, respectively, for such purposes but for a determination against such person wholly or partially on the basis that the person speaks, or acts, in accordance with a sincerely held religious belief or moral conviction described in subsection (a).

SEC. 507. None of the funds made available by this Act or any other Act may be used to implement, administer, or enforce any COVID-19 mask or vaccine mandates.

SEC. 508. None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act may be used to fly or display a flag over or within a facility of the federal government other than the flag of the United States, flag bearing an official U.S. Government seal or insignia, or POW/MIA flag.

SEC. 509. None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act may be made available to finalize any rule or regulation that meets the definition of section 804(2)(A) of title 5, United States Code.

SEC. 510. None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act or any other Act may be available to classify or facilitate the classification of any communications by a United States person as mis-, dis-, or mal-information; or partner with or fund nonprofit or other organizations that pressure or recommend private companies to censor lawful and constitutionally protected speech of United States persons, including recommending the censoring or removal of content on social media platforms.

SEC. 511. Section 225(c)(2)(A)(ii) of the Water Resources Development Act of 1992 (33 U.S.C. 2328(c)(2)(A)(ii)) is amended by striking “at recreation site at which the fee is collected” and inserting “at any recreation site or facility that is located at the civil works project at which the fee is collected”.

#### SPENDING REDUCTION ACCOUNT

##### SEC. 512. \$0.

This Act may be cited as the “Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2026”.

The CHAIR. All points of order against provisions in the bill are waived. No amendment to the bill shall be in order except those printed in House Report 119-232, amendments en bloc described in section 3 of House Resolution 672, and pro forma amendments described in section 4 of that resolution.

Each amendment printed in the report shall be considered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and

controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment except as provided by section 4 of House Resolution 672, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question.

It shall be in order at any time for the chair of the Committee on Appropriations or his designee to offer amendments en bloc consisting of amendments printed in the report not earlier disposed of. Amendments en bloc shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for 20 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations or their designees, shall not be subject to amendment, except as provided by section 4 of House Resolution 672, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question.

During consideration of the bill for amendment, the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations or their respective designees may offer up to 10 pro forma amendments each at any point for the purpose of debate.

AMENDMENTS EN BLOC OFFERED BY MR. FLEISCHMANN OF TENNESSEE

Mr. FLEISCHMANN. Mr. Chair, pursuant to House Resolution 672, I offer amendments en bloc as designee of Chairman COLE.

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

Amendments en bloc consisting of amendment Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 22, 34, 35, and 36, printed in House Report 119-232, offered by Mr. FLEISCHMANN of Tennessee:

AMENDMENT NO. 1 OFFERED BY MR. ARRINGTON OF TEXAS

Page 28, line 21, after the dollar amount, insert “(reduced by \$50,000,000) (increased by \$50,000,000)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2 OFFERED BY MRS. CAMMACK OF FLORIDA

Page 38, line 5, after the dollar amount, insert “(reduced by \$2,500,000)”.

Page 7, line 10, after the dollar amount, insert “(increased by \$2,500,000)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3 OFFERED BY MS. DEXTER OF OREGON

Page 27, line 13, after the dollar amount, insert “(reduced by \$1,000,000) (increased by \$1,000,000)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 4 OFFERED BY MR. FRY OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Page 33, line 24, after the dollar amount, insert “(increased by \$5,000,000) (reduced by \$5,000,000)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 5 OFFERED BY MR. VICENTE GONZALEZ OF TEXAS

Page 3, line 20, after the dollar amount, insert “(increased by \$40,000,000) (reduced by \$40,000,000)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 6 OFFERED BY MR. VICENTE GONZALEZ OF TEXAS

Page 3, line 20, after the dollar amount, insert “(increased by \$27,000,000) (reduced by \$27,000,000)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 9 OFFERED BY MR. HERNÁNDEZ OF PUERTO RICO

Page 27, line 13, after the dollar amount, insert “(reduced by \$75,000,000) (increased by \$75,000,000)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 10 OFFERED BY MR. HERNÁNDEZ OF PUERTO RICO

Page 3, line 20, after the dollar amount, insert “(increased by \$35,000,000) (reduced by \$35,000,000)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 11 OFFERED BY MR. HIGGINS OF LOUISIANA

Page 5, line 8, after the dollar amount, insert “(reduced by \$50,000,000) (increased by \$50,000,000)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 12 OFFERED BY MR. HILL OF ARKANSAS

Page 5, line 8, after the dollar amount, insert “(reduced by \$3,000,000) (increased by \$3,000,000)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 13 OFFERED BY MRS. HOUCHIN OF INDIANA

Page 38, line 5, after the dollar amount, insert “(reduced by \$1,000,000) (increased by \$1,000,000)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 14 OFFERED BY MRS. KIGGANS OF VIRGINIA

Page 28, line 21, after the dollar amount, insert “(reduced by \$1,000,000) (increased by \$1,000,000)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 15 OFFERED BY MRS. KIGGANS OF VIRGINIA

On page 7, line 10, after the dollar amount insert “(increased by \$1,000,000) (reduced by \$1,000,000)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 16 OFFERED BY MRS. KIGGANS OF VIRGINIA

Page 5, line 8, after the dollar amount, insert “(reduced by \$1,000,000) (increased by \$1,000,000)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 17 OFFERED BY MRS. KIGGANS OF VIRGINIA

Page 28, line 9, after the dollar amount insert “(reduced by \$1,000,000) (increased by \$1,000,000)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 18 OFFERED BY MR. LAMALFA OF CALIFORNIA

Page 5, line 8, after the dollar amount, insert “(increased by \$3,000,000)”.

Page 38, line 5, after the dollar amount, insert “(reduced by \$3,000,000)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 19 OFFERED BY MR. LAMALFA OF CALIFORNIA

Page 3, line 20, after the dollar amount, insert “(increased by \$2,000,000)”.

Page 38, line 5, after the dollar amount, insert “(reduced by \$2,000,000)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 20 OFFERED BY MR. LANGWORTHY OF NEW YORK

Page 3, line 5, after the dollar amount, insert “(increased by \$500,000) (reduced by \$500,000)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 22 OFFERED BY MR. MOULTON OF MASSACHUSETTS

Page 5, line 8, after the dollar amount, insert “(reduced by \$3,000,000) (increased by \$3,000,000)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 34 OFFERED BY MR. SCOTT OF VIRGINIA

Page 32, line 22, after the dollar amount, insert “(increased by \$11,000,000) (reduced by \$11,000,000)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 35 OFFERED BY MR. STEUBE OF FLORIDA

Page 3, line 20, after the dollar amount, insert “(reduced by \$100,000,000) (increased by \$100,000,000)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 36 OFFERED BY MR. TAYLOR OF OHIO

Page 60, line 22, after the dollar amount, insert “(reduced by \$500,000) (increased by \$500,000)”.

The CHAIR. Pursuant to House Resolution 672, the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. FLEISCHMANN) and the gen-

tlewoman from Ohio (Ms. KAPTUR) each will control 10 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Tennessee.

Mr. FLEISCHMANN. Mr. Chair, this bipartisan en bloc amendment was developed in coordination with the minority. It contains noncontroversial amendments addressing important issues at agencies funded in this bill. These amendments have been agreed to by both sides.

Mr. Chair, I respectfully support its adoption, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Chair, I rise in support of this bipartisan amendment and offer the comment that I wish all legislation could be accomplished in this manner.

This en bloc contains noncontroversial amendments from Members of both parties. I have no objections and urge support of the amendment.

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

Mr. FLEISCHMANN. Mr. Chair, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. TAYLOR), my friend.

Mr. TAYLOR. Mr. Chair, I rise today in support of my amendment, which would require the Appalachian Regional Commission to conduct the study on the inclusion of low Earth orbit satellites to be used for economic development.

The United States should be encouraging and embracing new technological advances that help bridge the broadband gap across rural regions, ensuring all Americans are connected to the modern economy.

Many towns and communities within my district in southern Ohio still lack access to broadband, which, frankly, is unacceptable. Without reliable internet access, students face challenges in completing homework, patients can't receive telehealth services, businesses are less incentivized to invest in their communities, and people can't work from home.

My amendment, which is included in this en bloc, will help show that low Earth orbit satellites have the capabilities to provide adequate broadband access to communities and create economic development within the Appalachian region.

As a co-chair of the Rural Broadband Caucus, I am committed to connecting folks as quickly as possible whether that be through fiber, wireless service, or satellites.

Congress should be implementing a technologically neutral broadband approach and the inclusion of this new technology will provide additional avenues to provide broadband to people in my district and across the Appalachian region and finally give them access to the modern economy.

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Chair, I thank Congressman TAYLOR for coming to the floor, who is a fellow Buckeye. It is great to have southern Ohio and northern Ohio on the floor at the same time.

Mr. Chair, I yield 2 minutes to the gentlewoman from Oregon (Ms. DEXTER).

Ms. DEXTER. Mr. Chair, I thank the ranking member for her time.

Mr. Chair, data centers are sucking up our most precious resource: water.

Larger data centers can each drink up to 5 million gallons per day or about 1.8 billion gallons annually, usage equivalent to a town of 10,000 to 50,000 people.

At a time when the climate crisis is driving water scarcity even in places not used to shortages, we cannot afford to ignore this grave threat. As the top Democrat on the House Natural Resources Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, I am not ignoring this threat.

Today, I am grateful for the inclusion of my amendment in the en bloc that gives the Federal Government the tools it needs to understand and address how new technological demands are straining our communities' water. It is a simple, commonsense step, and in the face of an otherwise catastrophic bill that slashes clean energy incentives and raises prices, I am grateful to find consensus around safeguarding water for our communities.

This amendment is one small step in the right direction. I will not stop fighting to protect water, to protect our children's future, and to protect our planet.

Mr. Chair, I urge the adoption of this amendment en bloc.

Mr. FLEISCHMANN. Mr. Chair, I yield 2 minutes to the distinguished gentleman from Arkansas (Mr. HILL), my friend and also the chairman of the House Financial Services Committee.

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Mr. HILL of Arkansas. Mr. Chair, I first say thanks to the distinguished chair and thanks to Members on both sides of the aisle for bringing this important bill to the floor, H.R. 4553, our Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act.

Mr. Chair, my amendment today includes funding to the operations and management account under title I of this bill, which is the funding for the Army Corps of Engineers.

Specifically, I would like to highlight my application that the Little Rock Army Corps has submitted on behalf of a river in my district, the Little Red River, for the Sustainable Rivers Program.

Mr. Chair, the Little Red River has become home to a sizable and attractive wild brown trout population. It is a regional mecca for trout fishing in the mid-South.

For example, the Little Red River is home to the former world record 40-pound brown trout. Over 25 miles of fly-fishing water and over 1,000 fish per square mile brings anglers of all sizes, types, and ages to Arkansas.

Mr. Chair, because of Arkansas' many rivers, lakes, and other natural beauties, recreational fishing that is done on the Little Red River now contributes \$1.2 billion and 10,000 jobs to the Arkansas economy. However, de-

spite this beloved place in Arkansas' heritage, this river's existing tail water trout fishery has been struggling for years.

After careful conversations with the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission, the Little Rock Army Corps of Engineers, and groups representing recreational fishing, I want to voice my support for the Little Red River's application to the Sustainable Rivers Program.

The Sustainable Rivers Program would allow the Little Rock Army Corps to plan effectively for the environmental stewardship that correctly assesses water trends and helps the Little Rock Corps decisionmakers make good, low-risk decisions for the benefit of this trout fishery.

It also prevents the need for new and required equipment, environmental reviews, such as those required under the National Environmental Protection Act, and changes to the current water control plan.

The CHAIR. The time of the gentleman has expired.

Mr. FLEISCHMANN. Mr. Chair, I yield an additional 1 minute to the gentleman from Arkansas.

Mr. HILL of Arkansas. Mr. Chair, additionally, this program would build upon the previous success that the Arkansas delegation achieved in the last Congress for the White River Basin Comprehensive Study.

Mr. Chair, I thank the leadership of the committee, I thank the Rules Committee, and Chair Foxx for adding this amendment under consideration for the floor today and approved by the Rules Committee. I urge a "yes" vote.

Ms. KAPTUR. Will the gentleman yield?

Mr. HILL of Arkansas. I yield to the gentlewoman from Ohio.

Ms. KAPTUR. Representing the largest fishery on the Great Lakes where we have white fish, perch, and pickerel, I would be very interested in the gentleman letting us know how long brown fish grow. What is their length?

Mr. HILL of Arkansas. Well, a 40-pound trout is not anything like the deep freshwater fish of the Great Lakes, but if you had a 26-inch fish, that is a huge brown trout. I was fortunate enough to be out in Wyoming looking for rainbow trout, and if you found one that was 15 inches, you would be flabbergasted. I am proud that Arkansas held the record for the brown trout for about 25 years.

This Sustainable Rivers Program is an important program through the Corps of Engineers for our freshwater fishery in Arkansas and across the country, and I thank the gentlewoman for the consideration.

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Chair, we ought to have a fish day up here on Capitol Hill to make everybody feel better.

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

Mr. FLEISCHMANN. Mr. Chairman, I yield 2 minutes to the distinguished gentleman from Louisiana (Mr. HIGGINS), my friend.

Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana. Mr. Chair, my amendment increases and decreases \$50 million for the Corps of Engineers in order for me to bring attention to the failure of the Corps of Engineers to dredge a particular section of river that winds through the heart of my district.

The Vermilion River, for a 17-mile stretch, is prone to flood. The Flood Control Act of 1941 established that this river should be maintained at 9-feet deep and 100-feet wide.

In 1956, the Army Corps of Engineers classified the project as an operation and management project to be maintained at 9-feet deep and 100-feet wide for a 17-mile stretch of a river that runs through a density of population and has never been maintained. The river has been dredged one time in that period of time. In 1997, they dredged 1 mile.

When I came into office, I focused on getting it done. The Corps said they needed money. I asked how much. They said: Well, we really need science first. We need to study it first.

All right. How much do you need for studying it?

I got them that, a quarter of a million. They had data done by a top IT university in the entire world with 500,000 data points. Across 17 miles of river, it was determined that dredging needed to happen, so the Corps of Engineers said: Okay, we need \$50 million to accomplish this.

I got them the \$50 million. They have been sitting on that money, Mr. Chair, for 4 years, and we have had enough. I believe the Corps of Engineers is not in compliance with Federal law nor are they in compliance with the will of this body nor are they performing according to the funding of this body, and I intend to do something about it.

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Chair, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. FLEISCHMANN. Mr. Chairman, I yield 2 minutes to the distinguished gentleman from the great State of Texas (Mr. ARRINGTON), the chairman of the House Budget Committee and my dear friend.

Mr. ARRINGTON. Mr. Chairman, my amendment makes good on President Trump's executive order to supercharge U.S. energy dominance by harnessing advanced nuclear technologies.

In the heart of west Texas, at Abilene Christian University, we are building a first-of-its-kind molten salt research reactor, a game changer, no doubt, for making nuclear energy safer, more efficient, and deployable.

This project, Mr. Chair, isn't just pie in the sky. It has generated over \$110 million in private investment, \$112 million from the State of Texas, and just last month, thanks to the leadership and vision of Secretary Chris Wright, has received a conditional commitment from DOE to provide its fuel.

This is the only molten salt reactor to ever receive a construction permit from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and the first research reactor to

receive an NRC construction permit in over 30 years. All that is needed now for this reactor to become operational is for the Federal Government to do what it has always done for every research reactor in the country for decades, which is to provide the fuel at no cost to the university. That is to those reactors that have met those stringent requirements.

Mr. Chair, this advanced nuclear technology is the best chance for America to beat China in the very important nuclear power race and secure our Nation's future energy security.

I urge my colleagues to support this amendment.

God bless west Texas, and go Wildcats.

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Chair, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. FLEISCHMANN. Mr. Chairman, I yield 2 minutes to the distinguished gentleman from Texas (Mr. CLOUD), who also is the vice chairman of this Appropriations subcommittee.

Mr. CLOUD. Mr. Chairman, I thank our chairman for his great work on this bill. I am happy to say that this bill supports the much-needed transition away from the policies of the previous administration in regard to energy and water and puts us on the right path, which is much needed, to support the President's agenda.

It does this in a few ways. It cuts waste, fraud, and abuse. It preserves our nuclear stockpiles so America can continue the President's mandate of peace through strength, and it works to restore our energy dominance and security that President Trump accomplished in his first administration. Yet, the Biden administration worked to undermine us at every step along the way.

Mr. Chair, \$5.1 billion in green new energy scam funds are being transferred to various nuclear programs, including the Advanced Reactor Demonstration Program, which helps companies get closer to building nuclear facilities. This is extremely important.

We saw how the EV mandates and the policies of the previous administration spent billions and billions building only a handful of charging stations, again undermining America's energy dominance.

In the base of this bill, there is \$50 million for the ARDP demonstration programs and \$77 million for risk-reduction projects. We secured close to \$5 billion in Army Corps projects that improve navigation and operating waterways for vessels which strengthens our economy, helps us to export, and helps us to lead on the world stage.

Projects like the Matagorda and Corpus Christi Ship Channel projects provide waterways for imports and exports, resources like LNG, crude oil, fertilizers, chemicals, and petrochemicals. The Corpus Christi Ship Channel alone exports the highest amount of crude oil in the country and is one of the top exporters of LNG to our allies and friends around the world, being the

number one energy export port in the world.

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Water is going to be a major issue as we continue to go forward and develop. There is language in here that points to desalination projects to help receive research and development funds so we can continue to lead, grow, and develop, and it contains language for the Bureau of Reclamation to develop seawater desalination facilities as we continue to move forward.

Mr. Chair, I thank the chairman for his leadership on this and for the great work in supporting the President's agenda.

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

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Chair, I reserve the balance of my time.

The Acting CHAIR (Mr. MACKENZIE). The gentlewoman has the only time remaining.

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Chair, I thank the Chair for his good measure today.

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

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

The en bloc amendments were agreed to.

The Chair understands that amendment No. 7 will not be offered.

AMENDMENT NO. 8 OFFERED BY MR. GRIFFITH

The Acting CHAIR. It is now in order to consider amendment No. 8 printed in House Report 119-232.

Mr. GRIFFITH. Mr. Chairman, I have an amendment at the desk, amendment No. 8.

The Acting CHAIR. The Clerk will report the amendment.

The Clerk read as follows:

Page 29, line 18, after the dollar amount, insert “(increased by \$6,875,000)”.

Page 38, line 5, after the dollar amount, insert “(reduced by \$6,875,000)”.

The Acting CHAIR. Pursuant to House Resolution 672, the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. GRIFFITH) and a Member opposed each will control 5 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Virginia.

Mr. GRIFFITH. Mr. Chairman, my amendment is a necessary amendment. It addresses the importance of all types of energy research and development, R&D, funding at the Department of Energy, DOE, specifically, the energy research being conducted at the Office of Fossil Energy.

Any effective plan to handle increased energy demand must take into account our Nation's vast supply of coal and natural gas and our talent for technological innovation.

Artificial intelligence and the data centers to support it are going to require a boatload of additional power. While we don't know the exact amount of electricity we need, we know it is going to be a lot more than we have today because our country is facing in-

creased electricity demand for the first time in 10 years. The appetite of AI and data centers is enormous. AI needs to be developed, controlled, and led by the United States of America, not an adversarial or competitive nation like China.

China is projected to increase its emissions for the foreseeable future and reportedly began construction in 2024 on coal units equivalent to 94.5 gigawatts of power. That is a lot, Mr. Chairman.

Additionally, China is financing a number of coal-fired plants in Africa and other countries with emerging economies. China is responsible for 93 percent of new coal power plant construction, and I don't believe that we should let our expertise and our vast amounts of coal in this country, good, clean coal, wither.

As I have said before, in the developing world, more energy means more hope and less poverty, and that helps us, as well. We take for granted, in this case, that our lights are going to come on when we hit that switch and turn it on. That is not always going to be the case if we don't continue to use all-of-the-above energy strategies.

Developing countries don't want to force their people to live in poverty because of a lack of energy, so they are going to use coal. What we can do is produce that coal. We can help them if we unleash our technological advantages and help find better ways to use coal and natural gas more cleanly. We should use our expertise in finding ways to control emissions with carbon capture and other pollution control technologies.

That is why DOE funding for fossil and renewable research is vital. We need to produce and then export the best, cleanest, and efficient energy technology to the world. It helps us, and it helps places like India and sub-Saharan Africa, where many of their people don't have a steady supply of electricity. Nobody can blame them for using dirty coal and those Chinese technology plants, which are not as good as the U.S. plants, because they want to make sure their people have a chance at prosperity, as well.

DOE plays an important role in this R&D, but we can do a lot more for fossil energy innovation and exploration. That is what the amendment does.

In the past few fiscal years, the delta between renewable energy research and fossil energy has really widened for the research that we are doing.

I am advocating with this amendment that we shouldn't ignore our fossil fuel efficiency and carbon mitigation research.

My amendment increases the fossil energy account by \$6,875,000, or 1 percent, with an offset from the departmental expenses account.

To be clear, I am not against renewable energy research. I just believe we shouldn't be putting all of our eggs in one basket.

I urge my colleagues to support an all-of-the-above energy policy and,

more importantly, an all-of-the-above research policy at DOE so that we can expand our ability to deal with the energy demand increases and that we can have research for a commodity that we have the world's greatest supply of, coal and natural gas.

We ought to use it. God blessed us with this resource. We ought to use it. We ought to use it cleanly. We ought to use it responsibly. We ought to be able to export our technologies to the rest of the world. If we don't do the research, we can't do it.

I ask everybody to support this all-of-the-above policy plan and support my amendment.

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

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

The amendment was agreed to.

AMENDMENT NO. 21 OFFERED BY MR. MCCORMICK

The Acting CHAIR. It is now in order to consider amendment No. 21 printed in House Report 119-232.

Mr. MCCORMICK. Mr. 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 the bill (before the short title), insert the following:

SEC. \_\_\_\_\_. None of the funds made available by this Act may be used to close the Toto Creek, Bolding Mill, Duckett Mill, Old Federal, Van Pugh South Campground, Sawnee, or Bald Ridge Creek campgrounds located at Lake Sidney Lanier, Georgia.

The Acting CHAIR. Pursuant to House Resolution 672, the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. MCCORMICK) and a Member opposed each will control 5 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Georgia.

Mr. MCCORMICK. Mr. Chair, I rise to offer an amendment to H.R. 4553.

Mr. Chair, my amendment No. 21 is to the Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for fiscal year 2026.

My amendment No. 21 prevents the Army Corps of Engineers from closing campgrounds around Lake Lanier. My amendment will ensure that these campgrounds are open for my constituents and people from all over the country to enjoy the outdoors in Georgia's Seventh District.

Lake Lanier is the most visited lake of 464 federally operated lakes in the United States, with well over 10 million annual visitors from all over the country. The Army Corps runs the lake and the campgrounds and parks surrounding it.

This summer, the Corps closed many of the campgrounds around the lake, citing a lack of manpower and resources. Congress had provided \$8.7 billion in annual appropriations for 2025, which was actually \$1.5 billion more than the agency's own requested budget. They cited safety concerns and manning issues, which we addressed ap-

propriately, although they announced the closures after they actually did it.

Thanks to the efforts of myself, Congressman CLYDE, and our amazing local officials, State legislators, and county commissioners, we were able to reverse most of these closures and keep almost all of our parks open under the control of our local governments.

Congressman CLYDE and I also introduced the Lanier Parks Local Access Act to cut red tape and allow local partners to efficiently allocate budgetary resources properly across all campgrounds.

Nevertheless, the Army Corps of Engineers should never be able to shut down our facilities without any accountability.

In today's day and age, where people are hooked on their cell phones and electronics, it is more important than ever to protect our outdoors so that our constituents can touch grass instead of a computer screen.

In short, citizens should never be denied access to the very parks that they fund.

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

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Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Chair, I rise in opposition to this amendment.

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

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Chair, in rising in opposition to this amendment, I do so because the amendment prohibits funds provided by this act from being used to close campgrounds or parks operated by the Army Corps of Engineers that are located at or around Lake Sidney Lanier in Georgia.

I can certainly understand the strong interest in preventing the Corps from closing campgrounds and parks in any particular area and certainly this one. The Corps is one of the Nation's leading Federal providers of outdoor recreation. They do not provide it in my district, though it would be nice if they did.

In this place, the Corps' recreation sites receive more than 260 million visits each year and include more than 400 lake and river projects in 43 States. They have a very broad reach.

Unfortunately, the Corps of Engineers' recreation funding has declined in recent years, and I support the notion that we do not want the Corps to close recreation sites due to lack of funding.

However, this is an issue that affects hundreds of sites across dozens of States. Then there are places like I represent where we don't have any Corps sites but we would like one.

I don't believe we should begin the practice of using funding prohibitions to carve out special designations but, instead, should develop a comprehensive solution to address the challenge of funding Corps recreation sites.

For this reason, at this moment I oppose the amendment. I look forward to working with my colleagues to develop

a solution to the larger challenge at the Corps. The door is open if we can find other sources of funding.

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

Mr. MCCORMICK. Mr. Chair, in order to address my peers' concerns, I will restate in the middle of this where I said specifically \$8.7 billion in annual appropriations in 2025, which was \$1.5 billion more than they requested. This is not underfunded. This is not declining. This is actually more than appropriate to keep those parks open.

They had a manning issue, which was brought on by themselves, by not manning when they had the appropriate funds. Then when the President put a limitation on that, we addressed that. It was opened up again. We actually helped them recruit and staff. We actually opened up to local governance, as well. It is not like we didn't provide multiple solutions to keep those campgrounds open.

They also have objections to safety issues because of the inability of safety vehicles getting to those places. Ironically, by limiting the access, the traffic is more congested and is made more unsafe.

I happen to be a safety officer, trained in Monterey in the military, to ensure these kinds of things were actually addressed. I want to make sure they are not only funded but also very safe and manned appropriately.

Mr. Chair, all those issues were actually taken into consideration. I don't think this is a partisan issue at all. I definitely want to see people have access to those very funded things. This actually produces funds. This actually is a moneymaker for the government and is well-funded and should be well-staffed.

There shouldn't be any objections to this from the standpoint of the concerns that my colleague has. I think we did address those things appropriately.

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

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

The amendment was agreed to.

AMENDMENT NO. 23 OFFERED BY MR. PERRY

The Acting CHAIR. It is now in order to consider amendment No. 23 printed in House Report 119-232.

Mr. PERRY. Mr. 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 the bill (before the short title), insert the following:

SEC. \_\_\_\_\_. None of the funds made available by this Act may be used to implement or enforce the final rule entitled "Comprehensive Plan and Special Regulations With Respect to High Volume Hydraulic Fracturing; Rules of Practice and Procedure Regarding Project Review Classifications and Fees" published by the Delaware River Basin Commission on April 21, 2021 (86 Fed. Reg. 20628).

The Acting CHAIR. Pursuant to House Resolution 672, the gentleman

from Pennsylvania (Mr. PERRY) and a Member opposed each will control 5 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Pennsylvania.

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Chair, this amendment prohibits the use of funds to implement or enforce the Delaware River Basin Commission's rule to ban hydraulic fracturing within the Delaware River Basin.

The best way to combat high energy prices is to produce more energy in America and in places like my own Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the second largest natural gas producer in the Nation.

Unfortunately, unelected and unaccountable bureaucrats at the Delaware River Basin Commission have instituted a hydraulic fracturing ban for a portion of the State of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, stripping away property and mineral rights from Pennsylvanians in contravention of the will of the State's own legislature.

The result is a prohibition on the development of critical shale plays in eastern Pennsylvania that can bring desperately needed natural gas to market and the unconstitutional taking of the mineral rights of Pennsylvanians, all while keeping prices high.

To be clear, this amendment simply prohibits the Delaware River Basin Commission from implementing or enforcing its hydraulic fracturing ban but does not impact the ability of the States in the Delaware River Basin Commission to regulate hydraulic fracturing as they see fit.

During previous debates on this issue, mistruths were spread about the impact of this policy change on the water reservoirs that serve New York City. These claims are false and easily disproven by the facts.

The safety of hydraulic fracturing has been demonstrated through its extensive use across the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and across the country for decades now.

The Obama-era EPA determined that the practice did not pose a threat to drinking water.

Simple geography and hydrology make this outcome an impossibility. All of New York City reservoirs are upriver from Pennsylvania or on the Hudson River, which does not connect to Pennsylvania, precluding any impact in Pennsylvania from reaching these reservoirs.

Mr. Chair, the intention of this amendment and its primary impact will be unleashing Pennsylvania's full energy potential by allowing Pennsylvanians in the river basin to use their property and mineral rights as they see fit as free Americans, subject to the laws passed by their elected Representatives.

It is time to stop this underhanded attack on property rights, representative government, and State sovereignty and restore American security. Opposition to this amendment is support for the hydraulic fracturing

ban and for higher energy, in particular, natural gas prices for our constituents.

Mr. Chair, I urge passage of this amendment, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Chair, I rise in opposition to this amendment.

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

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Chair, I rise in opposition because this amendment, as I understand it, creates a funding prohibition related to the Delaware River Basin Commission.

The Delaware River Basin Commission is a Federal interstate compact agency charged with managing the water resources of the Delaware River Basin on a regional basis without regard to political boundaries.

As established by law through the Delaware River Basin Compact that went into effect in 1961, which is a half century ago, the Commission consists of the Army Corps of Engineers and the four basin State Governors. Those States include Delaware, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and New York. Each is a significant place in the union.

The Corps of Engineers and these States work as equal partners for planning, development, and regulatory action for the river basin. Given the Commission's statutory mission, it analyzed the risks to water resources posed by high-volume hydraulic fracturing and horizontal drilling techniques.

We know something about this in Ohio; that is for sure.

Through a public rulemaking process, the Commission developed regulations related to high-volume hydraulic fracturing within the Delaware River Basin.

As a reminder, the Commission consists of the Governors of the four basin States—Delaware, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and New York—and the North Atlantic Division commander of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

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It does not strike me as the proper role for Congress, particularly through an appropriations rider, to overrun or overrule regional and local governments on this matter.

While the commission's work could be further discussed, I am also concerned that this implicates funding provided to the Delaware River Basin Commission as community project funding on behalf of a Member of this body.

For those reasons, Mr. Chair, I urge my colleagues to think about all this. I will be voting against this amendment, but I think there is a little more homework that has to be done on this one.

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

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Chairman, I have done my homework for years now, and it is the same song every time because nothing changes. While I agree with

the gentlewoman from Ohio—she does know something about this and, of course, it is allowed in Ohio, but she said that it is not appropriate to overrule regional and local governments, but that is exactly what the DRBC does. It overrules regional and local government.

By the way, it overrules the Commonwealth Government. While the Governor has a say, there are four other voting members who can overrule that Governor. Quite honestly, what we don't need is somebody from another State telling us how to run our business.

There is no political accountability. We don't vote for people in Delaware, New Jersey, and New York. They are wonderful people, and we appreciate them, but our job is to represent Pennsylvanians. That is what I am doing. Pennsylvanians want to have access to their land and to their mineral rights, and they should have it, not unelected and unaccountable bureaucrats.

Mr. Chair, I urge passage, and I yield back the balance of my time.

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

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

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. 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 Pennsylvania will be postponed.

AMENDMENT NO. 24 OFFERED BY MR. PERRY

The Acting CHAIR. It is now in order to consider amendment No. 24 printed in House Report 119-232.

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Chairman, 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 the bill (before the short title), insert the following:

SEC. \_\_\_\_\_. None of the funds made available by this Act may be used for the Delaware River Basin Commission.

The Acting CHAIR. Pursuant to House Resolution 672, the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. PERRY) and a Member opposed each will control 5 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Pennsylvania.

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Chairman, this amendment eliminates earmarked funding for the Delaware River Basin Commission.

Unfortunately, this bill includes an earmark providing nearly three-quarters of a million dollars to the Delaware River Basin Commission, marking just the third time the Federal Government has provided the DRBC funding since 1998.

The unelected, unaccountable bureaucrats at the DRBC have unilaterally instituted a hydraulic fracturing

ban for a portion of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, stripping away property and mineral rights from Pennsylvanians in direct contravention of the will of the Pennsylvania Commonwealth's legislature.

The result is a prohibition on the development of critical shale plays in eastern Pennsylvania that can bring desperately needed natural gas to the market and the unconstitutional taking of the mineral rights of American citizens.

This attack on Pennsylvania energy and American energy is at a time when residential natural gas prices are near record highs, and my friends on the other side of the aisle literally run ads saying that I increase their energy prices while they do it every single day and they are just about ready to do it again.

It creates significant inflation for my constituents and the constituents of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and it empowers our enemies abroad.

The earmark in this bill rewards the radical commissioners with money from the very taxpayers and ratepayers the DRBC is attacking.

Providing funds to such an out-of-control, radical commission is a step in the wrong direction that incentivizes others to follow its lead, and it keeps our energy costs high.

This amendment would prohibit Federal funding for the DRBC, ensuring that we do not further incentivize this commission to attack American energy and the rights of Pennsylvania's citizens.

Mr. Chair, I urge my colleagues to support the amendment, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Chairman, I rise in strong opposition to this amendment.

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

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Chair, as I am listening to this debate, and I haven't studied the maps completely, it sounds like Pennsylvania's effluent flows into points east of Pennsylvania.

Is that correct, Congressman?

Mr. PERRY. Will the gentlewoman yield?

Ms. KAPTUR. I yield to the gentleman from Pennsylvania.

Mr. PERRY. That is correct.

Ms. KAPTUR. We understand this challenge from Ohio, Michigan, and Indiana. We have our own tristate issues there.

This amendment prohibits funding for the Delaware River Basin Commission. It is hard to oppose the gentleman from Pennsylvania, but established by law through the Delaware River Basin Compact that went into effect in 1961, the commission consists of the Army Corps of Engineers and the four basin State Governors. Those States include Delaware, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and New York.

I guess any State could disagree, but the purpose of a commission is to try to get people to work together.

The effluent that is flowing from Pennsylvania into New Jersey may have to be tested for its content.

I don't really know, but the Corps of Engineers in these States work as equal partners for planning, development, and regulatory actions for the river basin.

While the commission's work could be further discussed, my strongest reason for opposition to this amendment is that the underlying bill provides \$715,000 to the Delaware River Basin Commission as community project funding on behalf of a Member of this body.

The community project funding process allows Members of Congress to request funding for their community to meet urgent needs that they identify, and there is a rigorous process for the vetting and inclusion of community project funding including strict transparency and accountability rules.

I am a little surprised that one Member would target another Member's community project funding through an amendment on the floor.

Mr. Chair, I strongly urge my colleagues to work together and to vote against this amendment, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Chairman, the community funding process, just understand if you are not familiar with congressional jargon, that equals earmark. That is three-quarters of a million dollars to this organization that heretofore hasn't needed the money because they extort members of the States that they exist in all kinds of fees, applications, and licensing agreements from townships and other municipalities for private individuals. That is how they are paid for. Yet now we are going to pay three-quarters of a million dollars from the Federal Government when we are \$37 trillion in debt.

While I am happy to agree that we should test the effluent, I am good with that, but apparently we don't care about the effluent from Ohio to Pennsylvania or from Pennsylvania to Ohio where we conduct the same activity. Oh, by the way, there have been no cases of any issue where hydraulic fracturing caused some effluent issue that I know of or that I imagine my counterpart on the other side of the aisle can speak to.

As a matter of fact, I said that the Obama-era EPA said that it was completely safe.

While I agree that we should do those things, and if there is a problem we absolutely have to get after it, but we are just throwing money at this thing when there is no evidence that there is a problem. There is zero evidence that there is a problem, number one, and there is zero evidence that they need any of this money, but there is \$37 trillion of evidence that we don't have the money to pay for it.

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

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

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

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. 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 Pennsylvania will be postponed.

AMENDMENT NO. 25 OFFERED BY MR. PERRY

The Acting CHAIR. It is now in order to consider amendment No. 25 printed in House Report 119-232.

Mr. PERRY. Mr. 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:

Page 33, line 12, after the dollar amount, insert "(reduced by \$350,000,000)".

Page 74, line 5, after the dollar amount, insert "(increased by \$350,000,000)".

The Acting CHAIR. Pursuant to House Resolution 672, the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. PERRY) and a Member opposed each will control 5 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Pennsylvania.

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Chairman, this amendment would eliminate funding for the Advanced Research Projects Agency-Energy, or ARPA-E, program.

Modeled after the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency, known as DARPA, the agency funds research and development of advanced energy technologies.

It sounds like a noble goal.

Despite a purported goal to identify and promote revolutionary advances in energy, the agency is more focused on misguided, ineffective climate and so-called green priorities.

For years, ARPA-E has drifted from its mission and provided grants to companies and projects that are neither high risk nor something that the private sector cannot and does not support.

Among recent awards, ARPA-E has supported the Net-Zero Game Changers Initiative, which is subsidizing climate-warming refrigerants and Jetsons-style electrification of aviation.

With all due respect, as a member of the Transportation Committee, if they want to electrify aviation, God bless them. Let them and the Wright brothers from the gentlewoman's great State of Ohio invest. It is always better when the private sector invests. It is always more efficient, and the outcomes are always better.

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The Trump administration has also called for the elimination of this program, and rightly so, recognizing the private sector's primary role in taking risks to commercialize breakthrough energy technologies with actual, real market potential, not made-up ones by the good idea fairy from the Federal Government.

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

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

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

Mr. FLEISCHMANN. Mr. Chair, my colleague's amendment would eliminate the Advanced Research Projects Agency, or ARPA-E.

ARPA-E's mission is to fund projects that are not yet addressed in the private sector but can bring about a transformational shift in current energy technologies.

Nearly 75 percent of ARPA-E awards go to small businesses and academia. ARPA-E projects have led to over 1,200 patents being issued and have attracted more than \$14 billion in followup funding from the private sector. I have actually witnessed this with many companies, Mr. Chair, and this has been a very successful program.

Perhaps to ease my colleague's concerns and his great desire to reduce funding, the bill already includes a 24 percent reduction from fiscal year 2025 to ARPA-E funding. Therefore, I must respectfully oppose the amendment, and I urge my colleagues to do the same.

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

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Chair, I certainly appreciate the chairman's view. I think his view is actually the same as mine, recognizing that it has already had a 24 percent reduction. Quite honestly, that is great that it has produced all of these patents, but wouldn't it be better if the private sector produced those patents? Right now, the American taxpayer is paying for those patents, but you know who is not getting any of the money, the royalties, or the licensing for those patents? The very taxpayers who pay the bill.

Again, I get that many see this as a great jobs program, and it provides a lot of great things for America, but those things should be provided by the private sector because we simply cannot afford to pay for all of this stuff. Something has to give.

The private sector wants to make money. It wants to get patents. It wants to license things. Good for them. They should do it. The American taxpayer doesn't want to pay for it. If they are paying for it, where is the return on the investment?

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

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

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

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

Mr. FLEISCHMANN. Mr. Chair, I demand a recorded vote.

The Acting CHAIR. Pursuant to clause 6 of rule XVIII, further pro-

ceedings on the amendment offered by the gentleman from Pennsylvania will be postponed.

AMENDMENT NO. 26 OFFERED BY MR. PERRY

The Acting CHAIR. It is now in order to consider amendment No. 26 printed in House Report 119-232.

Mr. PERRY. Mr. 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:

Page 37, line 9, after the dollar amount, insert “(reduced by \$13,000,000)”.

Page 74, line 5, after the dollar amount, insert “(increased by \$13,000,000)”.

The Acting CHAIR. Pursuant to House Resolution 672, the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. PERRY) and a Member opposed each will control 5 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Pennsylvania.

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Chair, this amendment eliminates funding for the Advanced Technology Vehicle Manufacturing Loan Program and transfers that savings to spending reduction. This is another wasteful, so-called green energy handout program that should be and must be eliminated.

The ATVM Loan Program has been plagued by a failure to produce viable products, political favoritism, inefficient use of taxpayer funds, a failure to create promised jobs, and a significant potential for fraud and misrepresentation.

Unfortunately, this is to be expected from this kind of program. The very nature of the program ensures that it will be the government selecting winners and losers based on political considerations, as opposed to actual marketable technologies.

Instead, we can and must empower the market to provide consumers with products they actually want rather than forcing them to adapt to whatever technology the bureaucrats and good idea fairies in Washington, D.C., think they want or demand that they want.

Despite the massive amount of subsidies provided through this program and others to electric vehicles, it is clear that the majority of the American people do not want them.

The government-funded EV bubble appears to be deflating. The truth is, 98 percent of all cars on the road today are gas-powered, and 97 percent of all annual car purchases are gas-powered.

I am not against EVs. If you want to buy one, God bless you, go buy one. It is just that the Federal Government should not be involved in it. What is the proper role of the Federal Government in buying your car? I submit it is not the proper role.

Despite literally paying folks to produce and buy these cars, overall market penetration has been minimal, sales are slowing, and consumer sentiment is moving away from EVs.

According to McKinsey & Company, the place where the last Secretary of Transportation worked, 46 percent of

current battery electric vehicle owners are likely going back to internal combustion engine vehicles for their next purchase.

Consumer Reports found EVs to be associated with 79 percent more problems than conventional vehicles. It is absolutely clear that this program has failed, and we need to stop the forcing of Americans to transition to EVs, even though we think that they should and they don't want to.

It is long past time to finally bring an end to the green new scam and defund this misguided program, as well as all the other DOE loan programs that pick winners and losers based on politics rather than markets.

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

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Chair, I claim the time in opposition to this amendment.

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

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Chair, I say to the fine gentleman from Pennsylvania that I drive a conventionally powered car. I put gasoline in my car. I don't have a favorite. I had a brother who was a race car driver, so he tried everything.

This amendment, though, would strike all funding provided in our bill to oversee and administer the Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing program, ATVM for short.

All I have to say is that we need lots of hands on deck in inventing the new overground transportation systems for this country because, globally, we are falling behind, and the companies know it.

This program is currently responsible for carefully vetting and conducting oversight of more than \$30 billion in loans that are either active or have conditional commitments. There are ATVM loan projects across the country, across industrial America—my colleague and I share that, both bountiful and struggle—in Ohio, Kentucky, Tennessee, Georgia, New York, Michigan, and Indiana. These are projects that support the production of advanced vehicles, vehicle components, and critical minerals.

I am actually fast at the task of building a Toledo car because I don't want all of those gizmos they put on the cars today. You are forced to buy it when you go in, but you don't want it. Then, if it breaks, it costs \$500 or more to get it fixed. People don't want all of that stuff. If they want the stuff, let them select it.

However, the ATVM program is projected to add almost 40,000 jobs nationwide, and we need it. Today, we are faced with an amendment to undercut those investments and jobs across our country.

Even for those who do not support the critical work of this program, eliminating this funding is truly cutting off our nose to spite our face.

Mr. Chair, if you want to increase fraud or hinder the ability of the Federal Government to interact with private business quickly and efficiently,

then, by all means, vote for this amendment. I, however, will vote against it because we must continue to invest in the manufacturing expertise of this country. I underline “manufacturing,” not “copying.” I mean building, creating, innovating. I want to make sure we do so as efficiently and responsibly as possible.

Without the necessary support to advance and oversee these investments, we risk our national security by letting our international competitors, China in particular, outpace our efforts at home.

I urge my colleagues to vote against this misguided amendment.

I have staff members who drive hybrids. They like those. I don’t like the particular hybrid one of them drives because it is too close to the ground and you feel the road too much.

□ 1740

We all have opinions based on what size we are and how we can see out the windows and all, but I really do think that anything that has to do with advanced technology vehicle manufacturing is something I do not want to displace in the array of options that we have as a country. There is too much at stake here.

We have just seen the rebirth of the steel industry and are fighting for that every day. I was just up at the Soo Locks in Michigan looking at our ability to move steel and other material from Duluth all the way down through the seaway and then out to the world. We are working very hard on reinvesting in manufacturing America.

Madam Chair, I would not at all support the elimination of this program or the cutting short of this program at a time when America really needs it. So much of our componentry has been shipped offshore because they pay cheap wages. They pay penny wages, and they can move componentry.

Madam Chair, I had something happen to my car, and they took out the part. Sure enough, a foreign part failed. I could have been killed. You look at this, and I thought: I know this wasn’t made in our country. Where was it made? You can guess.

We have to restore American manufacturing. I think that this is one way that we can do it.

We also have to invent new fuels. We, in our region, flew the first biofueled F-16 aircraft in this country. It didn’t crash. They loved it. We are inventing the new fuels of the future, biofuels.

Half of the corn and soy in my region goes into fuels. It is a good thing it does because we have lost our agricultural markets to Brazil and Argentina selling to China, so our farmers aren’t exporting into China anymore because of what is happening globally in the marketplace.

For manufacturing America, I oppose the amendment because I want invention here. I want manufacturing here.

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

Mr. PERRY. Madam Chair, may I inquire as to how much time is remaining.

The Acting CHAIR (Mrs. MILLER of West Virginia). The gentleman from Pennsylvania has 2½ minutes remaining.

Mr. PERRY. Madam Chair, the gentlewoman from Ohio and I certainly agree that we shouldn’t be forced to buy things for vehicles that we don’t want. They are heavier. They are more technologically sensitive. I mean, you are essentially driving a computer around. Like the gentlewoman said, when it breaks, you are paying through the teeth for the whole thing. We certainly agree on that.

Yet, Madam Chair, that is all being forced on us by Washington, D.C. It comes out of this town. That requirement and those mandates come from this town.

To the 40,000 jobs that this supports, Americans are great at building cars. I don’t care whether you drive a hybrid, an electric vehicle, or a traditionally powered vehicle, including diesel. That should be your business. Yet, this picks the winner and says: You are going to drive an electric vehicle, subsidizes it, subsidizes the manufacture of it, and then subsidizes the purchase of it.

Madam Chair, no one is subsidizing the purchase of my vehicle. It has 340,000 miles on it.

Even Elon—I talked to him, once a darling of the left, now much supported by the right—agrees that there should be no subsidies for these vehicles. He doesn’t want subsidies on anything, and I agree with him on that.

As far as being in competition with China, unfortunately, China provides the vast majority of what makes these vehicles work. We are buying this stuff from our enemies. Let’s buy it from Americans and let Americans determine what they want. What they have said is that they don’t want EVs forced down their throats.

If they want to buy one, they can buy one. If they don’t, then they can buy whatever they want. I am just saying that the government shouldn’t be involved in paying for it. It is not fair to people who don’t buy them and have to pay for them anyhow.

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

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

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

Ms. KAPTUR. 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 Pennsylvania will be postponed.

AMENDMENT NO. 27 OFFERED BY MR. PERRY

The Acting CHAIR. It is now in order to consider amendment No. 27 printed in House Report 119-232.

Mr. PERRY. 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:

Page 33, line 24, after the dollar amount, insert “(reduced by \$35,000,000)”.

Page 74, line 5, after the dollar amount, insert “(increased by \$35,000,000)”.

The Acting CHAIR. Pursuant to House Resolution 672, the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. PERRY) and a Member opposed each will control 5 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Pennsylvania.

Mr. PERRY. Madam Chair, Federal loan guarantee programs transfer the risk of the loans to the taxpayer, pure and simple. As with any government subsidy, they reduce market discipline of loan recipients. You are not worried if you are getting a loan because the taxpayers are going to pay it. You don’t care whether you produce anything or not.

The checkered past of the DOE’s loan guarantee program demonstrates that it is not immune from these concerns. Among the most egregious examples of title 17 loan failures are Solyndra, Fisker Automotive, and A123 Systems. All three entities received hundreds of millions of dollars in loan guarantees, paid for by the taxpayer, before filing for bankruptcy and leaving the taxpayer holding the bag and getting nothing for it.

To add insult to injury, A123 Systems and Fisker Automotive were purchased by Chinese companies for pennies on the dollar. The taxpayers paid, and China was enriched, meaning the CCP was the ultimate beneficiary.

Madam Chair, this is crazy that we are even talking about this. What government supports another government that says that they are your enemy or that you are their enemy? China has said that we are their enemy. Yet, we are selling them, at pennies on the dollar, these taxpayer subsidized failures. It is outrageous.

Madam Chair, the so-called Inflation Reduction Act provides for approximately \$11.7 billion for the Loan Program Office to issue new loans. This additional funding raises significant concerns that the program will, once again, be used as a piggy bank for energy sources and vehicles that the American people don’t want and that drive up costs to consumers.

People will ask why everything costs so much. It is because we are subsidizing it. When you are guaranteeing the loan and the loan fails and you are on the hook for it, the American taxpayer doesn’t know that they cosigned these loans, but they did.

Like I said, to add insult to injury, then China gets the place. It is unbelievable that we should even have this conversation, but we do.

Madam Chair, I urge adoption, and I reserve the balance of my time.

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

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

Mr. FLEISCHMANN. Madam Chair, this amendment would effectively eliminate the administrative expenses for the loan guarantee program.

That would do two things: First, it would prevent any new loans for nuclear projects. Second, it would remove the Department's ability—this is very important—to conduct oversight for the existing loan portfolio. That is moneys that have already been loaned.

As the Chair may know and my colleagues on both sides of the aisle know, I am a champion for nuclear energy in this great Nation of ours, and I am so proud of the way that we are moving forward. This program is so critically important to the development of our new nuclear technologies.

The administration is counting on the Department's loan programs to revitalize the nuclear industry and deliver advanced reactors to the electric grid for years to come.

Nuclear energy represents our best option to meet our energy demands for the future in a safe, efficient, and cost-effective way. This loan program will be an important part of that strategy.

In addition, eliminating the loan program's administrative expenses would jeopardize the government's ability, again, to receive loan payments and ensure the financial health of the existing portfolio. We must ensure proper oversight of taxpayer funding.

Madam Chair, for these reasons, I must respectfully oppose the amendment, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. PERRY. Madam Chair, I certainly respect the chairman of the committee and his views, and I say this: Next year, when I offer this amendment, I will leave some room in there for administrative purposes to oversee the loans that are already out there. That is a fair argument.

Yet, I would say this, too: I am the proud Representative of Three Mile Island, which is going to be reopened without any government assistance. It is privately owned. They made a deal with Microsoft, which just proves the point.

The American taxpayer already pays the rates for electricity. They are already paying the investors for the investment in nuclear, and I am a great supporter of nuclear. I just don't think it should be the position of the Federal Government to take money out of people's pockets to pay for these things.

□ 1750

Madam Chair, maybe you live in an area where you are not serviced by nuclear power. Maybe you live in south central Pennsylvania where Three Mile Island is going to reopen, but all the money and all the power is going to go to Microsoft. Why should the consumer pay for that?

I am sorry. We have figured out how to do nuclear power and do it well in

the United States of America. Quite honestly, probably one of the only times it is screwed up is when the Federal Government gets involved with it. I understand the chairman's position and I appreciate it.

Madam Chair, I still urge adoption of the amendment, and I yield back the balance of my time.

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

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

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

Mr. FLEISCHMANN. 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 Pennsylvania will be postponed.

AMENDMENT NO. 28 OFFERED BY MR. PERRY

The Acting CHAIR. It is now in order to consider amendment No. 28 printed in House Report 119-232.

Mr. PERRY. 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:

Page 62, line 20, after the dollar amount, insert "(reduced by \$13,319,727)".

Page 74, line 5, after the dollar amount, insert "(increased by \$13,319,727)".

The Acting CHAIR. Pursuant to House Resolution 672, the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. PERRY) and a Member opposed each will control 5 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Pennsylvania.

Mr. PERRY. Madam Chair, I rise to offer this amendment to reduce funding for the Northern Border Regional Commission, or the NBRC, to fiscal year 2019 levels.

We are changing up here a little bit. We are looking for ways to reduce spending so the American people can keep their money, so we don't have to go further into debt. This is just another unnecessary, redundant program. Like the other regional commissions, the NBRC provides economic development assistance to projects in various States, in this case, Maine, New Hampshire, New York, and Vermont.

These commissions simply serve as a slush fund for parochial and regional projects with little to no national nexus. There is no Federal connection to these things.

Let's take a look at some of the funded programs taken from the 2022 annual report, which is the latest one available: \$304,000 to purchase a sound system for an auditorium in New Hampshire, over \$350,000 to expand rail yard capacity in upstate New York, another \$350,000 for a sailing center on Lake Champlain.

Madam Chair, these projects are probably awesome. They are probably

all great. Some of them ought to be funded by private investments and others should be funded by States or localities. Instead of pandering to special interest groups, we must pare back these wasteful programs that only serve as a boondoggle for a limited slice of Americans.

The sailing center on Lake Champlain sounds awesome, but most south central Pennsylvanians aren't going there, but they are paying for it. They get to pay.

Let's be clear: This amendment does not zero out the commission's funding. It simply reduces the funding to pre-pandemic, pre-Biden spending levels.

I think most people agree we are spending too much money. Let's start there and see how we can do better.

Madam Chair, I urge adoption, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Chair, I rise in opposition to the amendment.

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

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Chair, the gentleman's amendment reduces funding for the Northern Border Regional Commission by \$13 million.

The Northern Border Regional Commission is a Federal-State partnership focused on economic and community development within the most distressed counties in Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, and New York.

Except for New York—but New York in the north is different than New York in the south—many of these States don't have very many Members of Congress.

When you look at Vermont, I actually have more citizens in my district than the State of Vermont does in its entirety. The Northern Border Commission really does focus on places that often get ignored simply because those States don't have enough people in them to warrant the kind of attention maybe Pennsylvania gets because of its number of people, or California.

The NBRC was created by Congress in 2008 to provide infrastructure and economic development assistance to projects in counties that had varying degrees of economic and demographic distress. These investments lead to new jobs being created.

I have seen what it has done, for instance, in the Appalachian Regional Commission. It has taken a while, but I think many of our colleagues on the other side of the aisle from these States, where these commissions function, will agree and say it is the first time that kind of help has come in creating new businesses and trying to create roads that didn't exist and try to promote economic development in really some of the forgotten corners of America.

It is critical to support the rise of all Americans to become part of a thriving middle class. In some parts of the country, it is more difficult than others.

I can guarantee where there has been deindustrialization because of the outsourcing of production, there ought to

be a whole separate set of activities that occur in those areas of the country, whether it is Kenosha, Wisconsin, whether it is Toledo, Ohio, or Flint, Michigan. One of the reasons the public is so unstable politically is because they are looking for an answer and neither party has been able to fully accommodate the needs of those places.

I think we are becoming more sensitive to it, and these commissions provide us a very important means to do it.

Madam Chair, I oppose the gentleman's amendment. Actually, I think part of Pennsylvania, is it not covered by the Appalachian Regional Commission? Will the gentleman yield?

Mr. PERRY. I will get to that one later.

Ms. KAPTUR. I just think that when you look at some of the money that goes out to different places in the country, Pennsylvania hits higher than Ohio does actually. For us, the Appalachian Regional Commission in southern Ohio has been just terribly important.

Has it been the most important vehicle for restoring what was lost or trying to convert to other economic activities? No. Are we crawling forward? Yes. At least we are not falling behind even more.

Madam Chair, I thank the gentleman for offering this amendment, but I have to oppose it.

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

Mr. PERRY. Madam Chair, I certainly appreciate the gentlewoman's arguments. I just say that there is a guy named "Friedman" who was traveling overseas. He came upon a public works project. Everybody was down in the ditch with shovels digging—many men digging with shovels, and he said to the person running the thing: What is with all of the shovels? Why don't you buy them some equipment so they can get this work done faster? The guy said: This produces a lot of jobs.

Mr. Friedman said: Why don't you give them all teaspoons instead and you can have even more jobs, or at least the job can last longer.

Of course, throwing money around produces jobs. As far as it being infrastructure, a sound system for an auditorium, while it is infrastructure, I don't think—many people think of infrastructure as roads, bridges, airports, ports, things like that, not a sound system or a sailing center. Those are nice things to have, but those are parochial. Those are local interests that should be provided at least by the State, not the people in the Federal Government. We have lost sight of the role of the Federal Government, which is why this amendment is in order.

Mr. Chair, I urge adoption, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The Acting CHAIR (Mr. ROGERS of Alabama). The question is on the amendment offered by the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. PERRY).

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

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. 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 Pennsylvania will be postponed.

AMENDMENT NO. 29 OFFERED BY MR. PERRY

The Acting CHAIR. It is now in order to consider amendment No. 29 printed in House Report 119-232.

Mr. PERRY. Mr. 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:

Page 63, line 9, after the dollar amount, insert "(reduced by \$2,063,381)".

Page 74, line 5, after the dollar amount, insert "(increased by \$2,063,381)".

The Acting CHAIR. Pursuant to House Resolution 672, the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. PERRY) and a Member opposed each will control 5 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Pennsylvania.

□ 1800

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Chairman, I rise to offer this amendment to halve the funding for the Southwest Border Regional Commission, again trying to save some money by not spending money on redundant things.

Yet again, this commission serves as a duplicative slush fund for parochial interests, this time for projects in the southern border regions of Arizona, California, New Mexico, and Texas.

This commission only had its first chairman confirmed in 2022 and was only funded starting in fiscal year 2021, so it is relatively recent.

Look, I know folks on this side of the aisle care about the border. I imagine and hope that folks on the other side of the aisle care about the border. However, the answer to solving the border problems is to actually enforce our Nation's immigration laws, not to give \$4 million to a commission that does not even appear to have an operational website.

By the way, this current administration, the Trump administration, is handling the border, so we don't need to waste another \$4 million on this commission.

The commission received \$250,000 in FY21 but is now being funded at \$4 million in this bill for zero results.

Can anybody show or tell me what the results of this commission are?

Again, this amendment simply strikes this figure in half, so even though it is wasteful and useless generally speaking, I am only taking away half, which is still \$2 million.

I don't care whether you are from Ohio or south central Pennsylvania, \$2 million is a lot of money.

Mr. Chair, I urge support of the amendment, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Chair, I rise in opposition to this amendment.

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

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Chairman, this amendment reduces funding for the Southwest Border Regional Commission by \$2 million.

The Southwest Border Regional Commission was established by Congress in 2008 to address economic distress along the southern border regions of some pretty important places—Arizona, California, New Mexico, and Texas. In December 2022, the Senate confirmed the first Federal co-chair for the commission.

Think about the delay in the co-chair—that took a large number of years—which enables the commission to convene and begin other activities. I would place the burden there on the executive branch for waiting such a long time to nominate someone and on the Senate to actually clear the name.

These investments lead to new jobs being created, and many of these places have very small towns that don't even have parking lots in their little bakeries or their restaurants. It is critical to support the rise of all Americans to become part of a thriving middle class, especially in the forgotten towns and regions of our country.

I strongly urge my colleagues to vote against this amendment on behalf of people who are trying to better their way of life, against all odds.

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

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Chairman, of course, all these States—Arizona, California, New Mexico, and Texas—are on the border. If we are funding this organization to deal with the border, I don't know what to say other than it is duplicative. If you disagree with that, I am not sure what to say to anybody about that.

I have been to each one of these States, and of course, people who own a bakery want a parking lot. I had a business, too, and I wanted trucks and employees, and I needed tools. Do you know what I didn't do? I didn't go to the Federal Government for that. I sucked it up and paid into my business from the money that I made conducting my business, and I grew my business. That is America, not calling on the Federal Government to send a couple of million dollars because I want to make things nice for myself. We get it. We hope all Americans can do great things and make it nice for themselves.

Our government is out of money. It is broke, \$37 trillion and climbing. We don't have any money. All this is borrowed money, Mr. Chairman. Every cent of it is borrowed. Who borrows money to do things they don't need to do that somebody else in the government is already doing?

Mr. Chairman, I urge adoption of my amendment, and I yield back the balance of my time.

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

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

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. 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 Pennsylvania will be postponed.

AMENDMENT NO. 30 OFFERED BY MR. PERRY

The Acting CHAIR. It is now in order to consider amendment No. 30 printed in House Report 119-232.

Mr. PERRY. Mr. 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:

Page 63, line 4, after the dollar amount, insert “(reduced by \$16,003,526)”.

Page 74, line 5, after the dollar amount, insert “(increased by \$16,003,526)”.

The Acting CHAIR. Pursuant to House Resolution 672, the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. PERRY) and a Member opposed each will control 5 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Pennsylvania.

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Chairman, I offer this amendment to reduce funding for the Southeast Crescent Regional Commission, the SCRC, to fiscal year 2019, so not zeroing it out, just taking it back to prepandemic levels, so we can try to afford some of the stuff that we are borrowing money, again, to pay for.

Again, this commission serves as a duplicative slush fund for parochial interests. People say: Where does all of my tax money go? Here is another example. This time, it is for projects in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Virginia.

Again, many of these projects are worthy. The question is, should the Federal Government be paying for them, especially when the Federal Government doesn't have any money? The commission operates duplicative programs that are better addressed at the State and local levels.

From 2010 to 2020, the SCRC received \$250,000 annually, all without having an appointed Federal co-chair. Just think about that. I know \$250,000 is nothing around this place, but there was nobody at the wheel that whole time. That number has now ballooned to a whopping \$16.25 million in this bill.

There is absolutely no reason for that dramatic increase in funding, especially when funding projects with no national nexus, like electric vehicle charging stations, stormwater management, and green infrastructure, according to their own 2023-2027 strategic plan.

There is a charging station down the street from me. The owner of the place put it in. He probably got money from the Federal Government. That is probably why he did it. He probably wouldn't have done it on his own. I have to pay for it. How is it fair to me?

I don't own an electric vehicle. A lot of people don't own one, yet we are paying for this one.

Our constituents simply do not have the money for these projects that have no impact on their lives because they don't live there. In many cases, it drives up inflationary spending, which is the \$37 trillion I keep referencing.

Every time we borrow money here, it makes everybody else's prices go up. We have to quit borrowing it, especially to pay for things that we can't afford, don't need, and somebody else is already doing.

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

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Chairman, I rise in opposition to this amendment.

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

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Chairman, this amendment reduces funding for the Southeast Crescent Regional Commission by \$16 million, a commission that was established in 2008, but unfortunately, the Governors of the respective States did not appoint those who were to manage the Southeast Crescent Regional Commission until just a couple of years ago, so there was no way that it could get off the ground.

If you have traveled in that region of America, you would come back a different person, so I urge you to do that.

The Southeast Crescent Regional Commission's mission is to build sustainable communities and strengthen economic growth across the Southeast region, including places in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Virginia. The Southeast Crescent Regional Commission invests in the region's economic future through a grant program, publishing research related to the region, and income-producing learning experiences.

Many people there have never started a business, but they want to. You must have had a good father or mother to help you get into business—I don't know—but it is important that opportunity be seeded in all parts of our country to help communities seize opportunity, address economic disparity, and advance prosperity. It is critical to support the rise of all Americans to become part of a thriving middle class, where possible.

Mr. Chair, I also wanted to mention the gentleman voted for the big billionaire bonanza bill that added \$4 trillion to the U.S. debt.

Mr. Chair, I strongly urge my colleagues to vote against this amendment, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Chair, I certainly thank the gentlewoman for her viewpoints and comments. I have lived in Florida and Georgia—they are wonderful States—and traveled through all the rest.

I have an awesome mother who helped me in that business and was a part of it. I don't know my father. That is American ingenuity. That is striving

even against all odds, like the government, your taxes, your insurance, your payroll, your receivables. We have done it, and we did it without the help of the Federal Government. Many people want to do it. Some people get help from the Federal Government. It is unfair to those who do not.

Mr. Chairman, I urge adoption, and I yield back the balance of my time.

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

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

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. 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 Pennsylvania will be postponed.

□ 1810

Mr. FLEISCHMANN. Mr. Chairman, I move that the Committee do now rise. The motion was agreed to.

Accordingly, the Committee rose; and the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. FLEISCHMANN) having assumed the chair, Mr. ROGERS of Alabama, 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. 4553) making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026, and for other purposes, had come to no resolution thereon.

## 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 6 o'clock and 11 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 2100

## AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. MORAN) at 9 p.m.

## ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Proceedings will resume on questions previously postponed.

Votes will be taken in the following order:

Passage of H.J. Res. 104;

Passage of H.J. Res. 106; and

Passage of H.J. Res. 105.

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.

PROVIDING FOR CONGRESSIONAL DISAPPROVAL OF THE RULE SUBMITTED BY THE BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT RELATING TO “MILES CITY FIELD OFFICE RECORD OF DECISION AND APPROVED RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN AMENDMENT”

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfinished business is the vote on passage of the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 104) providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Bureau of Land Management relating to “Miles City Field Office Record of Decision and Approved Resource Management Plan Amendment”, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the joint resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the passage of the joint resolution.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 211, nays 208, not voting 12, as follows:

[Roll No. 224]

YEAS—211

Aderholt	Fitzgerald	Letlow	Smith (NJ)	Thompson (PA)	Webster (FL)	PROVIDING FOR CONGRESSIONAL DISAPPROVAL OF THE RULE SUBMITTED BY THE BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT RELATING TO “CENTRAL YUKON RECORD OF DECISION AND APPROVED RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN”
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Arrington	Foxx	Luttrell	Stefanik	Valadao	Wilson (SC)	
Babin	Franklin, Scott	Mace	Steil	Van Drew	Wittman	
Bacon	Fry	Mackenzie	Steube	Van Duyne	Womack	
Baird	Fulcher	Malliotakis	Strong	Van Orden	Yakym	
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	Perry	Huffman				
	Pfluger	Edwards				
	Reschenthaler	Ivey				
	Rogers (AL)	Hamadeh (AZ)				
	Rogers (KY)	Meuser				

NOT VOTING—12

□ 2126

Mr. JACKSON of Illinois changed his vote from “yea” to “nay.”

So the joint resolution was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PROVIDING FOR CONGRESSIONAL DISAPPROVAL OF THE RULE SUBMITTED BY THE BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT RELATING TO “CENTRAL YUKON RECORD OF DECISION AND APPROVED RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN”

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfinished business is the vote on passage of the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 106) providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Bureau of Land Management relating to “Central Yukon Record of Decision and Approved Resource Management Plan”, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the joint resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the passage of the joint resolution.

This is a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 215, nays 210, not voting 6, as follows:

[Roll No. 225]

YEAS—215

Aderholt	Fischbach	Lawler				
Alford	Fitzgerald	Lee (FL)				
Allen	Fleischmann	Letlow				
Amodei (NV)	Flood	Loudermilk				
Arrington	Fong	Luna				
Babin	Foxx	Luttrell				
Bacon	Franklin, Scott	Mace				
Baird	Fry	Mackenzie				
Balderson	Fulcher	Malliotakis				
Barr	Gill (TX)	Maloy				
Barrett	Gimenez	Massie				
Baumgartner	Goldman (TX)	Mast				
Bean (FL)	Gonzales, Tony	McCauley				
Begich	Gooden	McClain				
Bentz	Gosar	McClintock				
Bergman	Graves	McCormick				
Bice	Greene (GA)	McDowell				
Biggs (AZ)	Griffith	McGuire				
Biggs (SC)	Grothman	Messmer				
Bilirakis	Guest	Miller (IL)				
Boebert	Guthrie	Miller (OH)				
Bost	Hageman	Miller (WV)				
Brecheen	Haridopolos	Miller-Meeks				
Bresnahan	Harrigan	Mills				
Buchanan	Harris (MD)	Moolenaar				
Burlison	Harris (NC)	Moore (AL)				
Calvert	Harshbarger	Moore (NC)				
Cammack	Hern (OK)	Moore (UT)				
Carey	Higgins (LA)	Moore (WV)				
Carter (GA)	Hill (AR)	Moran				
Carter (TX)	Hinson	Murphy				
Ciscomani	Houchin	Neahs				
Cline	Hudson	Newhouse				
Cloud	Huizenga	Norman				
Clyde	Hurd (CO)	Obernolte				
Cole	Issa	Ogles				
Collins	Jack	Onder				
Comer	Jackson (TX)	Owens				
Crane	James	Palmer				
Crank	Johnson (LA)	Patronis				
Crawford	Johnson (SD)	Perry				
Crenshaw	Jordan	Pfluger				
Davidson	Joyce (OH)	Reschenthaler				
De La Cruz	Joyce (PA)	Rogers (AL)				
DesJarlais	Kean	Rogers (KY)				
Diaz-Balart	Kelly (MS)	Rose				
Donalds	Kelly (PA)	Rouzer				
Downing	Kennedy (UT)	Roy				
Dunn (FL)	Kiggans (VA)	Rulli				
Ellzey	Kiley (CA)	Rutherford				
Emmer	Kim	Scalise				
Estes	Knott	Schmidt				
Evans (CO)	Kustoff	Schweikert				
Ezell	LaHood	Scott, Austin				
Fallon	LaLota	Self				
Fedorchak	LaMalfa	Sessions				
Feenstra	Langworthy	Shreve				
Fine	Latta	Simpson				
Finstad	Lawler	Smith (MO)				
Fischbach	Lee (FL)	Smith (NE)				

Shreve	Stutzman	Walberg
Simpson	Taylor	Weber (TX)
Smith (MO)	Tenney	Webster (FL)
Smith (NE)	Thompson (PA)	Westerman
Smith (NJ)	Tiffany	Wied
Smucker	Timmons	Williams (TX)
Spartz	Turner (OH)	Wilson (SC)
Stauber	Valadao	Wittman
Stefanik	Van Drew	Womack
Steil	Van Duyne	Yakym
Steube	Van Orden	Zinke
Strong	Wagner	

NAYS—210

Adams	Garcia (TX)	Ocasio-Cortez
Aguilar	Gillen	Olszewski
Amo	Golden (ME)	Omar
Ansari	Gomez	Pallone
Auchincloss	Gonzalez, V.	Panetta
Balint	Goodlander	Pappas
Barragán	Gottheimer	Pelosi
Beatty	Gray	Perez
Bell	Green, Al (TX)	Peters
Bera	Harder (CA)	Pettersen
Beyer	Hayes	Pingree
Bishop	Himes	Pocan
Bonamici	Horsford	Pou
Boyle (PA)	Houlahan	Quigley
Brown	Hoyer	Ramirez
Brownley	Hoyle (OR)	Randall
Budzinski	Huffman	Raskin
Bynum	Ivey	Riley (NY)
Carbajal	Jackson (IL)	Rivas
Carson	Jacobs	Ross
Carter (LA)	Jayapal	Ruiz
Casar	Jeffries	Ryan
Case	Johnson (GA)	Salinas
Casten	Johnson (TX)	Sánchez
Castor (FL)	KamalaHarris	Scanlon
Castro (TX)	Kaptur	Schakowsky
Cherfilus- McCormick	Keating	Schneider
Chu	Kelly (IL)	Scholten
Cisneros	Kennedy (NY)	Schrader
Clark (MA)	Khanna	Scott (VA)
Clarke (NY)	Krishnamoorthi	Scott, David
Cleaver	Landsman	Sewell
Clyburn	Larsen (WA)	Sherman
Cohen	Larson (CT)	Sherrill
Conaway	Latimer	Simon
Correa	Lee (NV)	Smith (WA)
Costa	Lee (PA)	Sorensen
Courtney	Leger Fernandez	Soto
Craig	Levin	Stansbury
Crockett	Liccardo	Stanton
Crow	Lieu	Stevens
Cuellar	LoFGREN	Strickland
Davids (KS)	Lynch	Subramanya
Davis (IL)	Magaziner	Suozzi
Davis (NC)	Mannion	Sykes
Dean (PA)	Matsui	Takano
DeGette	McBath	Thanedar
DeLauro	McBride	Thompson (CA)
DelBene	McClain Delaney	Thompson (MS)
Deluzio	McClellan	Titus
DeSaulnier	McCollum	Tlaib
Dexter	McDonald Rivet	Tokuda
Dingell	McGarvey	Tonko
Doggett	McGovern	Torres (CA)
Elfreth	McIver	Torres (NY)
Escobar	Meeks	Trahan
Espauillat	Menendez	Tran
Evans (PA)	Meng	Underwood
Fields	Mfume	Vargas
Figures	Min	Vasquez
Fitzpatrick	Moore (WI)	Veasey
Fletcher	Morelle	Velázquez
Foster	Morrison	Vindman
Foushee	Moskowitz	Wasserman
Frankel, Lois	Moulton	Schultz
Friedman	Mrvan	Waters
Frost	Mullin	Watson Cole
Garamendi	Nadler	Watson
Garcia (CA)	Neal	Whitesides
García (IL)	Neguse	Williams (GA)
	Norcross	Wilson (FL)
NOT VOTING—6		
Burchett	Hunt	Rouzer

NOT VOTING—6

Burchett                    Hunt                            Rouzer  
Goldman (NY)            Pressley                            Swalwell

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE  
The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). There are 2 minutes remaining.

□ 2132

So the joint resolution was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PROVIDING FOR CONGRESSIONAL  
DISAPPROVAL OF THE RULE SUB-  
MITTED BY THE BUREAU OF LAND  
MANAGEMENT RELATING TO  
"NORTH DAKOTA FIELD OFFICE  
RECORD OF DECISION AND AP-  
PROVED RESOURCE MANAGEMENT  
PLAN"

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfinished business is the vote on passage of the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 105) providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Bureau of Land Management relating to "North Dakota Field Office Record of Decision and Approved Resource Management Plan", on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the joint resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the passage of the joint resolution.

This is a 5-minute vote.  
The vote was taken by

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 215, nays 211, not voting 5, as follows:

[Roll No. 226]

YEARS—215

Aderholt	Ezell	Kennedy (UT)	Cherifilus-	Keating	Schakowsky
Alford	Fallon	Kiggans (VA)	McCormick	Kelly (IL)	Schneider
Allen	Fedorchak	Kiley (CA)	Chu	Kennedy (NY)	Scholten
Amodei (NV)	Feeenstra	Kim	Cisneros	Khanna	Schrier
Arrington	Fine	Knott	Clark (MA)	Krishnamoorthi	Scott (VA)
Babin	Finstad	Kustoff	Clarke (NY)	Landsman	Scott, David
Bacon	Fischbach	LaHood	Cleaver	Larsen (WA)	Sewell
Baird	Fitzgerald	LaLota	Clyburn	Larson (CT)	Sherman
Balderson	Fleischmann	LaMalfa	Cohen	Latimer	Sherrill
Barr	Flood	Langworthy	Conaway	Lee (NV)	Simon
Barrett	Fong	Latta	Correa	Lee (PA)	Smith (WA)
Baumgartner	Foxx	Lawler	Costa	Leger Fernandez	Sorensen
Bean (FL)	Franklin, Scott	Lee (FL)	Courtney	Levin	Soto
Begich	Fry	Letlow	Craig	Liccardo	Stansbury
Bentz	Fulcher	Loudermilk	Crockett	Lieu	Stanton
Bergman	Garbarino	Lucas	Crow	Lofgren	Stevens
Bice	Gill (TX)	Luna	Cuellar	Lynch	Strickland
Biggs (AZ)	Gimenez	Luttrell	Davids (KS)	Magaziner	Subramanyam
Biggs (SC)	Goldman (TX)	Mace	Davis (IL)	Mannion	Suozzi
Bilirakis	Gonzales, Tony	Mackenzie	Davis (NC)	Matsui	Sykes
Boebert	Gooden	Malliotakis	Dean (PA)	McBath	Takano
Bost	Gosar	Maloy	DeGette	McBride	Thanedar
Brecheen	Graves	Mann	DeLauro	McClain Delaney	Thompson (CA)
Bresnahan	Greene (GA)	Massie	DelBene	McClellan	Thompson (MS)
Buchanan	Griffith	Mast	Deluzio	McCollum	Titus
Burlison	Grothman	McCaull	DeSaulnier	McDonald Rivet	Tlaib
Calvert	Guest	McClain	Dexter	McGarvey	Tokuda
Cammack	Guthrie	McClintock	Dingell	McGovern	Tonko
Carey	Hageman	Mccormick	Doggett	McIver	Torres (CA)
Carter (GA)	Hamadeh (AZ)	McDowell	Elfreth	Meeks	Torres (NY)
Carter (TX)	Haridopolos	McGuire	Escobar	Menendez	Trahan
Ciscomani	Harrigan	Messmer	Espaillet	Meng	Tran
Cline	Harris (MD)	Meuser	Evans (PA)	Mfume	Underwood
Cloud	Harris (NC)	Miller (IL)	Fields	Min	Vargas
Clyde	Harshbarger	Miller (OH)	Figures	Moore (WI)	Vasquez
Cole	Hern (OK)	Miller (WV)	Fitzpatrick	Morelle	Veasey
Collins	Higgins (LA)	Miller-Meeks	Fletcher	Morrison	Velázquez
Comer	Hill (AR)	Mills	Foster	Moskowitz	Vindman
Crane	Hinson	Moolenaar	Foushee	Moulton	Wasserman
Crank	Houchin	Moore (AL)	Frankel, Lois	Mrvan	Schultz
Crawford	Hudson	Moore (NC)	Friedman	Mullin	Waters
Crenshaw	Huizenga	Moore (UT)	Frost	Nadler	Watson Coleman
Davidson	Hurd (CO)	Moore (WV)	Garamendi	Neal	Whitesides
De La Cruz	Issa	Moran	Garcia (CA)	Neguse	Williams (GA)
DesJarlais	Jack	Murphy	Garcia (IL)	Norcross	Wilson (FL)
Diaz-Balart	Jackson (TX)	Nehls			
Donalds	James	Newhouse			
Downing	Johnson (LA)	Norman			
Dunn (FL)	Johnson (SD)	Nunn (IA)	Burchett	Hunt	Swalwell
Edwards	Joyce (OH)	Obernolte	Goldman (NY)	Jordan	
Ellzey	Joyce (PA)	Ogles			
Emmer	Kean	Onder			
Estes	Kelly (MS)	Owens			
Evans (CO)	Kelly (PA)	Palmer			
NOT VOTING—5					
□ 2139					
So the joint resolution was passed.					

NOT VOTING—5

So the joint resolution was passed.



Carter (TX)	Hern (OK)	Ogles	McClain	Perez	Stauber	Houchin	Miller (IL)	Schweikert
Cline	Higgins (LA)	Onder	McClain Delaney	Peters	Stevens	Jackson (TX)	Miller (OH)	Self
Cloud	Houchin	Palmer	McClellan	Pettersen	Strickland	Johnson (SD)	Miller (WV)	Sessions
Clyde	Hudson	Perry	McCollum	Pingree	Strong	Jordan	Mills	Shreve
Collins	Huizenga	Pfluger	McDonald Rivet	Plaskett	Subramanyam	Joyce (PA)	Moore (AL)	Smith (MO)
Comer	Jack	Reschenthaler	McGarvey	Pocan	Suzzi	Kelly (MS)	Nehls	Smith (NJ)
Crane	Jackson (TX)	Rosenthaler	McGovern	Pou	Sykes	LaMalfa	Norman	Spartz
Crank	Johnson (SD)	Rose	McIver	Pressley	Takano	Loudermilk	Ogles	Steube
Crawford	Jordan	Rutherford	Meeks	Quigley	Thanedar	Luna	Perry	Stutzman
Crenshaw	Joyce (PA)	Salazar	Menendez	Ramirez	Thompson (CA)	Mace	Pfluger	Tiffany
Davidson	Kelly (MS)	Scalise	Meng	Randall	Thompson (MS)	Mann	Rose	Van Drew
De La Cruz	Kennedy (UT)	Schmidt	Mfume	Raskin	Thompson (PA)	Massie	Roy	Van Duyne
DesJarlais	Knott	Schweikert	Miller-Meeks	Riley (NY)	Titus	McClintock	Rutherford	Wied
Donalds	Kustoff	Scott, Austin	Min	Rivas	Tlaib	McCormick	Scalise	Yakym
Downing	LaHood	Self	Moore (WI)	Rogers (AL)	Tokuda	McGuire	Schmidt	
Dunn (FL)	LaMalfa	Sessions	Moore (WV)	Rogers (KY)	Tonko		NOES—347	
Emmer	Latta	Shreve	Morelle	Ross	Torres (CA)			
Fallon	Letlow	Smith (MO)	Morrison	Rouzer	Torres (NY)	Adams	Diaz-Balart	Kean
Finstad	Loudermilk	Smith (NE)	Moskowitz	Ruiz	Trahan	Aderholt	Doggett	Keating
Fischbach	Luna	Smucker	Moulton	Rulli	Tran	Aguilar	Downing	Kelly (IL)
Fitzgerald	Luttrell	Spartz	Moylan	Ryan	Turner (OH)	Alford	Dunn (FL)	Kelly (PA)
Flood	Mann	Stefanik	Mrvan	Salinas	Underwood	Amo	Edwards	Kennedy (NY)
Foxx	Massie	Steil	Mullin	Sánchez	Valadao	Amodei (NV)	Elfreth	Khanna
Franklin, Scott	Mast	Nadler	Scanlon	Van Drew	Van Drew	Arrington	Ellzey	Kiagans (VA)
Fry	McClintock	Steube	Neal	Schakowsky	Vargas	Arling	Emmer	Kiley (CA)
Fulcher	McCormick	Stutzman	Neguse	Schneider	Auchincloss	Escobar	Kim	
Gill (TX)	McDowell	Taylor	Newhouse	Scholten	Vasquez	Babin	Espaillat	King-Hinds
Goldman (TX)	McGuire	Tenney	Norcross	Schrier	Veasey	Bacon	Estes	Knott
Gonzales, Tony	Messmer	Tiffany	Norton	Scott (VA)	Velázquez	Baird	Evans (CO)	Krishnamoorthi
Gooden	Miller (IL)	Timmons	Nunn (IA)	Scott, David	Vindman	Balderson	Evans (PA)	Kustoff
Gosar	Miller (OH)	Van Duyne	Oberholte	Sewell	Wagner	Balint	Ezell	LaHood
Graves	Miller (WV)	Van Orden	Ocasio-Cortez	Sherman	Wasserman	Barr	Fedorach	LaLota
Greene (GA)	Mills	Walberg	Olszewski	Simon	Schultz	Barragán	Feeenstra	Landsman
Griffith	Moolenaar	Weber (TX)	Omar	Simpson	Waters	Barrett	Fields	Langworthy
Grothman	Moore (AL)	Webster (FL)	Owens	Smith (NJ)	Watson Coleman	Baumgartner	Figures	Larsen (WA)
Hageman	Moore (NC)	Wied	Pallone	Smith (WA)	Westerman	Beatty	Finstad	Larson (CT)
Hamadeh (AZ)	Moore (UT)	Williams (TX)	Panetta	Sorensen	Whitesides	Beigh	Fischbach	Latimer
Harrigan	Moran	Wilson (SC)	Pappas	Soto	Williams (GA)	Bell	Fitzgerald	Latta
Harris (MD)	Murphy	Wittman	Patronis	Stansbury	Wilson (FL)	Benz	Fitzpatrick	Lawler
Harris (NC)	Nehls	Yakym	Pelosi	Stanton	Womack	Bera	Fleischmann	Lee (FL)
Harshbarger	Norman	Zinke				Bergman	Fletcher	Lee (NV)

## NOES—285

Adams	Davis (NC)	Horsford	Burchett	Hunt	Sherrill	Bice	Fong	Leger Fernandez
Aderholt	Dean (PA)	Houlihan	Fedorach	Meuser	Swalwell	Bilirakis	Foster	Letlow
Aguilar	DeGette	Hoyer	Goldman (NY)	Radewagen		Bishop	Foushee	Levin
Alford	DeLauro	Hoyle (OR)				Bonamici	Frankel, Lois	Liccardo
Amo	DelBene	Huffman				Boyle (PA)	Franklin, Scott	Lieu
Amodei (NV)	Deluzio	Hurd (CO)				Bresnahan	Friedman	Lofgren
Ansari	DeSaulnier	Issa				Brown	Frost	Lucas
Auchincloss	Dexter	Ivey				Brownley	Fry	Luttrell
Bacon	Diaz-Balart	Jackson (IL)				Buchanan	Garamendi	Lynch
Balint	Dingell	Jacobs				Budzinski	Garbarino	Mackenzie
Barragán	Doggett	James				Bynum	Garcia (CA)	Magaziner
Beatty	Edwards	Jayapal				Calvert	Garcia (IL)	Malliotakis
Bell	Elfret	Jeffries				Carbajal	Garcia (TX)	Maloy
Bentz	Ellzey	Johnson (GA)				Carey	Gillen	Mannion
Bera	Escobar	Johnson (TX)				Carson	Gimenez	Mast
Bergman	Espaillat	Joyce (OH)				Carter (GA)	Golden (ME)	Matsui
Beyer	Estes	Kamlager-Dove				Carter (LA)	Gomez	McBath
Bice	Evans (CO)	Kaptur				Carter (TX)	Gonzales, Tony	McBride
Bishop	Evans (PA)	Kean				Casar	Gonzalez, V.	McCaull
Bonamici	Ezell	Keating				Case	Goodlander	McClain
Boyle (PA)	Feenstra	Kelly (IL)				Casten	Gottheimer	McClain Delaney
Brown	Fields	Kelly (PA)				Castor (FL)	Graves	McClellan
Brownley	Figures	Kennedy (NY)				Castro (TX)	Gray	McCollum
Budzinski	Fine	Khanha				Cherifilus-	Green, Al (TX)	McDonald Rivet
Bynum	Fitzpatrick	Kiggans (VA)				McCormick	Griffith	McDowell
Calvert	Fleischmann	Kiley (CA)				Chu	Guest	McGarvey
Carbajal	Fletcher	Kim				Ciscomani	Guthrie	McGovern
Carey	Fong	King-Hinds				Cisneros	Harder (CA)	McIver
Carson	Foster	Krishnamoorthi				Clark (MA)	Haridopolos	Meeks
Carter (LA)	Foushee	LaLota				Clarke (NY)	Harrigan	Menendez
Casar	Friedman	Landsman				Cleaver	Harris (MD)	Meng
Case	Friedman	Langworthy				Cloud	Hayes	Messmer
Casten	Frost	Larsen (WA)				Clyburn	Hernández	Meuser
Castor (FL)	Garamendi	Larson (CT)				Cohen	Hill (AR)	Mfume
Castro (TX)	Garbarino	Latimer				Cole	Himes	Miller-Meeks
Cherifilus-	Garcia (CA)	Lawler				Conaway	Hinson	Min
McCormick	Garcia (IL)	Lee (FL)				Correa	Horsford	Moolenaar
Chu	Garcia (TX)	Lee (NV)				Costa	Houlihan	Moore (NC)
Ciscomani	Gillen	Lee (PA)				Courtney	Hoyer	Moore (UT)
Cisneros	Gimenez	Leger Fernandez				Craig	Hoyle (OR)	Moore (WI)
Clark (MA)	Golden (ME)	Levin				Crank	Hudson	Moore (WV)
Clarke (NY)	Gomez	Liccardo				Crockett	Huffman	Moran
Cleaver	Gonzalez, V.	Lieu				Crow	Huijzena	Morelle
Clyburn	Goodlander	Lofgren				Cuellar	Jack	Morrison
Cohen	Gottheimer	Lucas				Davids (KS)	McVey	Moylan
Cole	Gray	Lynch				Davis (IL)	Issa	Moskowitz
Conaway	Green, Al (TX)	Mace				Davis (NC)	Ivey	Moulton
Correa	Guest	Mackenzie				Davis (IL)	Jayapal	Neblin
Costa	Guthrie	Magaziner				De La Cruz	James	Murphy
Courtney	Harder (CA)	Malliotakis				Dean (PA)	Jeffries	Nadler
Craig	Haridopolos	Maloy				DeGitter	James	Neal
Crockett	Hayes	Mannion				DeLauro	Johnson (GA)	Neguse
Crow	Hernández	Matsui				DelBene	Johnson (TX)	Newhouse
Cuellar	Hill (AR)	McBath				Deluzio	Joyce (OH)	Norcross
Davids (KS)	Himes	McBride				DeSaulnier	Kamlager-Dove	Norton
Davis (IL)	Hinson	McCaull				Dexter	Kaptur	Nunn (IA)

## ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE ACTING CHAIR

The Acting CHAIR (during the vote).

There is 1 minute remaining.

## □ 2148

So the amendment was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

## AMENDMENT NO. 25 OFFERED BY MR. PERRY

The Acting CHAIR. The unfinished business is the demand for a recorded vote on amendment No. 25, printed in House Report 119-232, offered by the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. PERRY), 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 77, noes 347, not voting 12, as follows:

## [Roll No. 229]

## AYES—77

Allen	Collins	Goldman (TX)	Davidson (KS)	Jack	McVey	Neblin	Shreve
Bean (FL)	Comer	Gooden	Davis (IL)	De La Cruz	James	McFadden	Stevens
Biggs (AZ)	Crane	Gosar	Davis (NC)	Dean (PA)	Jeffries	McFadden	Stevens
Biggs (SC)	Davidson	Greene (GA)	De La Cruz	James	Jeffries	McFadden	Stevens
Boebert	DesJarlais	Grothman	De La Cruz	James	Jeffries	McFadden	Stevens
Bost	Donalds	Hageman	De La Cruz	James	Jeffries	McFadden	Stevens
Brecheen	Fallon	Hamadeh (AZ)	De La Cruz	James	Jeffries	McFadden	Stevens
Burlison	Fine	Harris (NC)	De La Cruz	James	Jeffries	McFadden	Stevens
Cammack	Foxx	Harshbarger	De La Cruz	James	Jeffries	McFadden	Stevens
Cline	Fulcher	Hern (OK)	De La Cruz	James	Jeffries	McFadden	Stevens
Clyde	Gill (TX)	Higgins (LA)	De La Cruz	James	Jeffries	McFadden	Stevens

Obernolte	Schakowsky	Tlaib	Gonzales, Tony	Loudermilk	Salazar	Neal	Ross	Takano
Ocasio-Cortez	Schneider	Tokuda	Gooden	Luna	Scalise	Neguse	Ruiz	Thanedar
Olszewski	Scholten	Tonko	Gosar	Luttrell	Schmidt	Newhouse	Rulli	Thompson (CA)
Omar	Schrier	Torres (CA)	Graves	Mace	Schweikert	Norcross	Ryan	Thompson (MS)
Owens	Scott (VA)	Torres (NY)	Greene (GA)	Mann	Scott, Austin	Norton	Salinas	Thompson (PA)
Pallone	Scott, Austin	Trahan	Grothman	Massie	Self	Nunn (IA)	Sánchez	Titus
Palmer	Scott, David	Tran	Guest	Mast	Shreve	Obernolte	Scanlon	Tlaib
Panetta	Sherman	Turner (OH)	Hageman	McClintock	Smith (MO)	Ocasio-Cortez	Schakowsky	Tokuda
Pappas	Simon	Underwood	Hamedah (AZ)	McCormick	Smith (NJ)	Olszewski	Schneider	Tonko
Patronis	Simpson	Valadao	Harrigan	McDowell	Smucker	Omar	Scholten	Torres (CA)
Pelosi	Smith (NE)	Van Orden	Harris (MD)	McGuire	Spartz	Owens	Schrier	Torres (NY)
Perez	Smith (WA)	Vargas	Harris (NC)	Meuser	Stauber	Pallone	Scott (VA)	Trahan
Peters	Smucker	Vasquez	Harshbarger	Miller (IL)	Stefanik	Panetta	Scott, David	Tran
Pettersen	Sorenson	Veasey	Hern (OK)	Miller (OH)	Steube	Pappas	Sessions	Turner (OH)
Pingree	Soto	Velázquez	Higgins (LA)	Miller (WV)	Stutzman	Patronis	Sewell	Underwood
Plaskett	Stansbury	Houchin	Hudson	Mills	Taylor	Pelosi	Sherman	Valadao
Pocan	Stanton	Vindman	Hurd (CO)	Moore (AL)	Tenney	Perez	Simon	Vargas
Pou	Stauber	Wagner	Jack	Moore (NC)	Tiffany	Peters	Simpson	Vasquez
Pressley	Stefanik	Walberg	Moore (WV)	Ogles	Pettersen	Smith (NE)	Veasey	Veasey
Ramirez	Steil	Wasserman	Jackson (TX)	Norman	Timmons	Pingree	Smith (WA)	Velázquez
Randall	Stevens	Schultz	Johnson (SD)	Ogles	Van Drew	Plaskett	Sorensen	Vindman
Raskin	Strickland	Waters	Jordan	Ogles	Van Duyne	Pocan	Soto	Walberg
Reschenthaler	Strong	Watson Coleman	Joyce (PA)	Ogles	Van Orden	Pou	Stansbury	Wasserman
Riley (NY)	Subramanyam	Weber (TX)	Kelly (MS)	Ogles	Weber (TX)	Pressley	Stanton	Watson Coleman
Rivas	Suozzi	Webster (FL)	Kennedy (UT)	Onder	Webster (FL)	Ramirez	Steil	Waters
Rogers (AL)	Sykes	Westerman	Knott	Palmer	Westerman	Raskin	Stevens	Strickland
Rogers (KY)	Takano	Whitesides	LaHood	Perry	Wied	Riley (NY)	Strong	Watson Coleman
Ross	Taylor	Williams (GA)	LaMalfa	Pfluger	Williams (TX)	Rivas	Subramanyam	Williams (GA)
Rouzer	Tenney	Williams (TX)	Langworthy	Reschenthaler	Wilson (SC)	Rogers (AL)	Suozzi	Wilson (FL)
Ruiz	Thanedar	Wilson (FL)	Latta	Rouzer	Wittman	Rogers (KY)	Sykes	Womack
Rulli	Thompson (CA)	Lee (FL)	Roy	Yakym	Zinke	Rose		
Ryan	Thompson (MS)	Letlow	Rutherford					
Salinas	Thompson (PA)							
Sánchez	Timmons	Womack						
Scanlon	Titus	Zinke						

## NOT VOTING—12

Burchett	Kennedy (UT)	Salazar	Adams	DeBene	Joyce (OH)	Burchett	Hunt	Sherrill
Dingell	Onder	Sewell	Aguilar	Deluzio	Kamlager-Dove	Goldman (NY)	Quigley	Swalwell
Goldman (NY)	Quigley	Sherrill	Alford	DesJarlais	Kaptur	Gonzalez, V.	Radewagen	
Hunt	Radewagen	Swalwell	Amo	Dexter	Kean	Hernández	Randall	

## ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE ACTING CHAIR

The Acting CHAIR (during the vote).  
There is 1 minute remaining.

□ 2151

So the amendment was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

## AMENDMENT NO. 26 OFFERED BY MR. PERRY

The Acting CHAIR. The unfinished business is the demand for a recorded vote on amendment No. 26, printed in House Report 119-232, offered by the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. PERRY), 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 140, noes 286, not voting 10, as follows:

[Roll No. 230]

AYES—140

Allen	Burlison	Emmer	Correa	Horsford	Messmer	Allen	Carter (GA)	Dunn (FL)
Arrington	Cammack	Ezell	Costa	Houlahan	Mfume	Arrington	Carter (TX)	Emmer
Babin	Carter (GA)	Fallon	Courtney	Hoyer	Miller-Meeks	Babin	Cline	Fallon
Balderson	Carter (TX)	Fedorchak	Craig	Hoyle (OR)	Min	Barr	Cloud	Fedorchak
Barr	Cline	Fine	Crenshaw	Huffman	Moolenaar	Bean (FL)	Clyde	Fine
Barrett	Cloud	Finstad	Crockett	Huizenga	Moore (UT)	Bice	Collins	Finstad
Baumgartner	Clyde	Fischbach	Crow	Issa	Moore (WI)	Biggs (AZ)	Comer	Foxx
Bean (FL)	Collins	Fitzgerald	Cuellar	Ivey	Morelle	Biggs (SC)	Crane	Franklin, Scott
Begich	Comer	Flood	Davids (KS)	Jackson (IL)	Morrison	Boebert	Crank	Fulcher
Bice	Crane	Foxx	Davis (IL)	Jacobs	Moskowitz	Bost	Crawford	Gill (TX)
Biggs (AZ)	Crank	Franklin, Scott	Davis (NC)	James	Moulton	Brecheen	Davidson	Goldman (TX)
Biggs (SC)	Crawford	Fry	De La Cruz	Jayapal	Moylan	Buchanan	De La Cruz	Gonzales, Tony
Boebert	Davidson	Fulcher	Dean (PA)	Jeffries	Mrvan	Burlison	Donalds	Gooden
Bost	Donalds	Gill (TX)	DeGette	Johnson (GA)	Mullin	Cammack	Downing	Gosar
Brecheen	Downing	Goldman (TX)	DeLauro	Johnson (TX)	Nadler			

## NOT VOTING—10

Burchett	Hunt	Sherrill
Goldman (NY)	Quigley	Swalwell
Gonzalez, V.	Radewagen	
Hernández	Randall	

## ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE ACTING CHAIR

The Acting CHAIR (during the vote).  
There is 1 minute remaining.

□ 2154

So the amendment was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

## Stated against:

Mr. HERNÁNDEZ. Mr. Chair, had I been present, I would have voted No on Roll Call No. 230.

## AMENDMENT NO. 27 OFFERED BY MR. PERRY

The Acting CHAIR. The unfinished business is the demand for a recorded vote on amendment No. 27, printed in House Report 119-232, offered by the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. PERRY), 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 120, noes 306, not voting 10, as follows:

[Roll No. 231]

AYES—120

Allen	Carter (GA)	Dunn (FL)
Arrington	Carter (TX)	Emmer
Babin	Cline	Fallon
Balderson	Cloud	Fedorchak
Barr	Clyde	Fine
Barrett	Clyde	Finstad
Baumgartner	Clyde	Foxx
Bean (FL)	Collins	Franklin, Scott
Begich	Comer	Fulcher
Bice	Crane	Gill (TX)
Biggs (AZ)	Crank	Goldman (TX)
Biggs (SC)	Crawford	Gonzales, Tony
Boebert	Davidson	Gooden
Bost	Donalds	Gosar
Brecheen	Downing	

Graves	Mann	Salazar	Newhouse	Ryan	Thompson (MS)	Harrigan	Mann	Salazar
Greene (GA)	Massie	Scalise	Norcross	Salinas	Thompson (PA)	Harris (MD)	Massie	Scalise
Grothman	Mast	Schmidt	Norton	Sánchez	Titus	Harris (NC)	McClintock	Schmidt
Hageman	McClintock	Schweikert	Nunn (IA)	Scanlon	Tlaib	Harshbarger	McCormick	Schweikert
Hamadeh (AZ)	McCormick	Scott, Austin	Obernolte	Schakowsky	Tokuda	Hern (OK)	McGuire	Scott, Austin
Harris (NC)	McGuire	Self	Ocasio-Cortez	Schneider	Tonko	Higgins (LA)	Miller (IL)	Self
Harshbarger	Miller (IL)	Sessions	Olszewski	Scholten	Torres (CA)	Hinson	Miller (OH)	Sessions
Hern (OK)	Miller (OH)	Shreve	Omar	Schrier	Torres (NY)	Jackson (TX)	Miller (WV)	Shreve
Higgins (LA)	Miller (WV)	Smith (MO)	Owens	Scott (VA)	Trahan	Johnson (SD)	Mills	Smucker
Hudson	Mills	Smith (NJ)	Pallone	Scott, David	Turner (OH)	Joyce (PA)	Moore (UT)	Steil
Hurd (CO)	Moore (AL)	Spartz	Panetta	Sewell	Sherman	Underwood	Moran	Steube
Jackson (TX)	Moore (NC)	Stefanik	Pappas	Shrier	Simon	Kelly (PA)	Murphy	Stutzman
Johnson (SD)	Moran	Steube	Patronis	Simon	Valadao	Kennedy (UT)	Nehls	Tiffany
Jordan	Murphy	Stutzman	Pelosi	Simpson	Vargas	Knott	Norman	Timmons
Kelly (MS)	Nehls	Tenney	Perez	Smith (NE)	Vasquez	Kustoff	Ogles	Van Duyne
Kennedy (UT)	Norman	Tiffany	Peters	Smith (WA)	Veasey	LaHood	Onder	Weber (TX)
Knott	Ogles	Timmons	Pettersen	Smucker	Sorensen	LaMalfa	Perry	Webster (FL)
Kustoff	Onder	Van Drew	Pingree	Sorensen	Velázquez	Lee (FL)	Pfluger	Wied
LaHood	Palmer	Van Duyne	Plaskett	Soto	Vindman	Letlow	Reschenthaler	Reschenthaler
LaMaifa	Perry	Van Orden	Pocan	Stansbury	Wagner	Loudermilk	Rose	Wilson (SC)
Langworthy	Pfluger	Weber (TX)	Pou	Stanton	Walberg	Luna	Rouzer	Wittman
Lee (FL)	Reschenthaler	Webster (FL)	Pressley	Stauber	Wasserman	Luttrell	Roy	Yakym
Letlow	Rose	Wied	Ramirez	Steil	Schultz	Mace	Rutherford	
Loudermilk	Rouzer	Williams (TX)	Randall	Stevens	Watlers			
Luna	Roy	Yakym	Raskin	Strickland	Watson Coleman			
Mace	Rutherford	Zinke	Riley (NY)	Strong	Westerman			

## NOES—306

Adams	Diaz-Balart	Joyce (OH)	Rivas	Subramanyam	Whitesides	Adams	Elfret	LaLota
Aderholt	Dingell	Joyce (PA)	Rogers (AL)	Sykes	Williams (GA)	Aderholt	Ellzey	Landsman
Aguilar	Dogggett	Kammler-Dove	Rogers (KY)	Takano	Wilson (FL)	Aguilar	Escobar	Langworthy
Alford	Edwards	Kaptur	Ruiz	Ross	Taylor	Wilson (SC)	Alford	Larsen (WA)
Amo	Elfreth	Kean	Rulli	Thompson (CA)	Thanedar	Wittman	Amo	Larson (CT)
Amodei (NV)	Ellzey	Keating	Bergman	Meuser	Suoza	Amodei (NV)	Ezell	Latimer
Ansari	Escarob	Kelly (IL)	Burchett	Quigley	Swalwell		Ansari	Feeenstra
Auchincloss	Espaillat	Kelly (PA)	Goldman (NY)	Radewagen				Fields
Bacon	Estes	Kennedy (NY)	Hunt	Sherrill				Lawler
Baird	Evans (CO)	Khanna						
Balderson	Evans (PA)	Kiggans (VA)						
Balint	Ezell	Kiley (CA)						
Barragán	Feenstra	Kim						
Barrett	Fields	King-Hinds						
Baumgartner	Figures	Krishnamoorthi						
Beatty	Fischbach	LaLota						
Begich	Fitzgerald	Landsman						
Bell	Fitzpatrick	Larsen (WA)						
Bentz	Fleischmann	Larson (CT)						
Bera	Fletcher	Latimer						
Beyer	Flood	Latta						
Bilirakis	Fong	Lawler						
Bishop	Foster	Lee (NV)						
Bonamici	Foushee	Lee (PA)						
Boyle (PA)	Frankel, Lois	Leger Fernandez						
Bresnahan	Friedman	Levin						
Brown	Frost	Liccardo						
Brownley	Fry	Lieu						
Budzinski	Garamendi	Lofgren						
Bynum	Garbarino	Lucas						
Calvert	Garcia (CA)	Luttrell						
Carbalaj	Garcia (IL)	Lynch						
Carey	Garcia (TX)	Mackenzie						
Carson	Gillen	Magaziner						
Carter (LA)	Gimenez	Malliotakis						
Case	Golden (ME)	Maloy						
Casten	Gomez	Mannion						
Castor (FL)	Gonzalez, V.	Matsui						
Castro (TX)	Goodlander	McBath						
Cherfilus-	Gotheimer	McBride						
McCormick	Green, Al (TX)	McClain						
Chu	Griffith	McClain Delaney						
Ciscomani	Guest	McClellan						
Cisneros	Guthrie	McCullom						
Clark (MA)	Harder (CA)	McDonald Rivet						
Clarke (NY)	Haridopolos	McDowell						
Cleaver	Harrigan	McGarvey						
Clyburn	Harris (MD)	McGovern						
Cohen	Hayes	McIver						
Cole	Hernández	Meeks						
Conaway	Hill (AR)	Menendez						
Correa	Himes	Meng						
Costa	Hinson	Messmer						
Courtney	Horsford	Mifune						
Craig	Houchin	Miller-Meeks						
Crenshaw	Houlahan	Min						
Crockett	Hoyer	Moolenaar						
Crow	Hoyle (OR)	Moore (UT)						
Cuellar	Huffman	Moore (WI)						
Davids (KS)	Huizenga	Moore (WV)						
Davis (IL)	Issa	Morelle						
Davis (NC)	Ivey	Morrison						
Dean (PA)	Jack	Moskowitz						
DeGette	Jackson (IL)	Moulton						
DeLauro	Jacobs	Moylan						
DelBene	James	Mrvan						
Deluzio	Jayapal	Mullin						
DeSaulnier	Jeffries	Nadler						
DesJarlais	Johnson (GA)	Neal						
Dexter	Johnson (TX)	Neguse						

## NOT VOTING—10

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE ACTING CHAIR  
The Acting CHAIR (during the vote).  
There is 1 minute remaining.

□ 2157

So the amendment was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

AMENDMENT NO. 28 OFFERED BY MR. PERRY

The Acting CHAIR. The unfinished business is the demand for a recorded vote on amendment No. 28, printed in House Report 119-232, offered by the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. PERRY), 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 will be a 2-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 124, noes 303, not voting 9, as follows:

[Roll No. 232]

AYES—124

Allen	Cloud	Fine	Crockett	Jayapal	Neal
Arrington	Clyde	Finstad	Crow	Jeffries	Neguse
Babin	Collins	Fischbach	Cuellar	Johnson (GA)	Newhouse
Barr	Comer	Fitzgerald	Davids (KS)	Johnson (TX)	Norcross
Barrett	Crane	Foxx	Davis (IL)	Joyce (OH)	Norton
Bean (FL)	Crank	Franklin, Scott	Davis (NC)	Kammlager-Dove	Nunn (IA)
Bergman	Crawford	Fry	Dean (PA)	Kaptur	Obertolte
Biggs (AZ)	Davidson	Fulcher	DeGette	Kean	Ocasio-Cortez
Biggs (SC)	De La Cruz	Gill (TX)	DeLauro	Keating	Olszewski
Bilirakis	DesJarlais	Goldman (TX)	DelBene	Kelly (IL)	Omar
Boebert	Donalds	Gonzales, Tony	DeSaulnier	Kennedy (NY)	Owens
Bost	Downing	Gooden	DeSaulnier	Khanh	Pallone
Brecheen	Dunn (FL)	Gosar	Dexter	Kiggans (VA)	Palmer
Burlison	Emmer	Greene (GA)	Diaz-Balart	Kiley (CA)	Panetta
Cammack	Estes	Griffith	Dingell	Kim	Pappas
Carter (GA)	Evans (CO)	Grothman	Doggett	King-Hinds	Patronis
Carter (TX)	Fallon	Hageman	Edwards	Krishnamoorthi	Pelosi
Cline	Fedorchak	Hamadeh (AZ)			

Perez	Sherman	Tonko	Kustoff	Moore (UT)	Shreve	Rogers (AL)	Stansbury	Turner (OH)
Peters	Simon	Torres (CA)	LaHood	Moran	Smith (NJ)	Rogers (KY)	Stanton	Underwood
Pettersen	Simpson	Torres (NY)	LaMalfa	Murphy	Smucker	Ross	Stauber	Valadao
Pingree	Smith (MO)	Trahan	Lee (FL)	Nehls	Spartz	Ruiz	Stefanik	Van Orden
Plaskett	Smith (NE)	Tran	Letlow	Norman	Stell	Rulli	Stevens	Vargas
Pocan	Smith (NJ)	Turner (OH)	Loudermilk	Ogles	Steube	Ryan	Strickland	Vasquez
Pou	Smith (WA)	Underwood	Luna	Onder	Stutzman	Salinas	Strong	Veasey
Pressley	Sorenson	Valadao	Mace	Perry	Tenney	Sánchez	Subramanyam	Velázquez
Ramirez	Soto	Van Drew	Mann	Reschenthaler	Tiffany	Scanlon	Suozzi	Vindman
Randall	Stansbury	Van Orden	Massie	Rose	Timmons	Schakowsky	Sykes	Wagner
Raskin	Stanton	Vargas	McClintock	Rouzer	Van Drew	Schneider	Takano	Walberg
Riley (NY)	Stauber	Vasquez	McCormick	Roy	Van Duyne	Scholten	Taylor	Wasserman
Rivas	Stefanik	Veasey	McGuire	Rutherford	Weber (TX)	Schrader	Thanedar	Schultz
Rogers (AL)	Stevens	Velázquez	Messmer	Salazar	Webster (FL)	Scott (VA)	Thompson (CA)	Waterson
Rogers (KY)	Strickland	Vindman	Meuser	Scalise	Wied	Scott, David	Thompson (MS)	Watson Coleman
Ross	Strong	Miller (IL)	Miller (OH)	Schmidt	Wilson (SC)	Sewell	Thompson (PA)	Titus
Ruiz	Subramanyam	Wagner	Miller (WV)	Schweikert	Wittman	Sherman	Tlaib	Westerman
Rulli	Suozzi	Walberg	Miller (WV)	Scott, Austin	Yakym	Simon	Whitesides	Williams (GA)
Ryan	Sykes	Wasserman	Mills	Self	Sessions	Simpson	Tokuda	Williams (TX)
Salinas	Takano	Schultz	Moore (NC)			Smith (MO)	Tonko	Wilson (FL)
Sánchez	Taylor	Waters				Smith (NE)	Torres (CA)	Womack
Scanlon	Tenney	Watson Coleman				Smith (WA)	Torres (NY)	Zinke
Schakowsky	Thanedar	Westerman				Sorenson	Trahan	
Schneider	Thompson (CA)	Whitesides	Adams	Ezell	Lee (PA)	Soto	Tran	
Scholten	Thompson (MS)	Williams (GA)	Aderholt	Feeenstra	Leger Fernandez			
Schrader	Thompson (PA)	Williams (TX)	Aguilar	Fields	Levin			
Scott (VA)	Titus	Wilson (FL)	Alford	Figures	Liccardo			
Scott, David	Tlaib	Womack	Amodei (NV)	Fitzpatrick	Lieu	Burchett	Goldman (NY)	Sherrill
Sewell	Tokuda	Zinke	Ansari	Fleischmann	Lofgren	Crawford	Hunt	Swalwell

## NOT VOTING—9

Burchett	Houchin	Radewagen
Crenshaw	Hunt	Sherrill
Goldman (NY)	Quigley	Swalwell

## □ 2200

## ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE ACTING CHAIR

The Acting CHAIR (during the vote).  
There is 1 minute remaining.

So the amendment was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

## AMENDMENT NO. 29 OFFERED BY MR. PERRY

The Acting CHAIR. The unfinished business is the demand for a recorded vote on amendment No. 29, printed in House Report 119-232, offered by the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. PERRY), 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 will be a 2-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 127, noes 299, not voting 10, as follows:

[Roll No. 233]

## AYES—127

Allen	Comer	Gooden	Crockett	Johnson (TX)	Norton	Allen	De La Cruz	Harrigan
Arrington	Crane	Gosar	Crow	Joyce (OH)	Omar	Arrington	DesJarlais	Harris (MD)
Babin	Crank	Graves	Cuellar	Kammlager-Dove	Owens	Babin	Donalds	Harshbarger
Barr	Davidson	Greene (GA)	Davids (KS)	Kaptur	Pallone	Barr	Downing	Hern (OK)
Barrett	DesJarlais	Grothman	Davis (IL)	Kean	Palmer	Barrett	Dunn (FL)	Higgins (LA)
Baumgartner	Donalds	Hageman	Davis (NC)	Keating	Panetta	Bean (FL)	Estes	Houchin
Bean (FL)	Downing	Hamadeh (AZ)	De La Cruz	Kelly (IL)	Pappas	Begich	Evans (CO)	Jackson (TX)
Begich	Dunn (FL)	Harrigan	Dean (PA)	Kennedy (NY)	Patronis	Bergman	Fallon	Johnson (SD)
Bergman	Emmer	Harris (MD)	DeGette	Khanna	Pelosi	Biggs (AZ)	Fedorchak	Jordan
Biggs (AZ)	Estes	Harris (NC)	DeLauro	Kiggans (VA)	Perez	Biggs (SC)	Fine	Joyce (PA)
Biggs (SC)	Evans (CO)	Harshbarger	DelBene	Kiley (CA)	Peters	Bilirakis	Finstad	Kelly (PA)
Bilirakis	Fallon	Hern (OK)	Deluzio	Kim	Pettersen	Boebert	Fischbach	Kennedy (UT)
Bilirakis	Fallon	Hern (OK)	Deluzio	King-Hinds	Pfluger	Bost	Fitzgerald	LaHood
Boebert	Fedorchak	Higgins (LA)	DeSaulnier	Krishnamoorthi	Pingree	Brecheen	Foxx	LaMalfa
Bost	Fine	Hinson	Dexter	Plaskett	Cammack	Burlison	Franklin, Scott	Lee (FL)
Brecheen	Finstad	Houchin	Diaz-Balart	LaLota	Carter (TX)	Latimer	Fulcher	Letlow
Burlison	Fischbach	Jackson (TX)	Dingell	Landsman	Pressley	Randall	Gill (TX)	Loudermilk
Cammack	Fitzgerald	Johnson (SD)	Doggett	Langworthy	Comer	Raskin	Plaskett	Luna
Carter (GA)	Foxx	Jordan	Edwards	Larsen (WA)	Ramirez	Riley (NY)	Cline	Gooden
Carter (TX)	Franklin, Scott	Joyce (PA)	Elfreth	Larson (CT)	Crane	Rivas	Cloud	Goodeen
Cline	Fry	Kelly (MS)	Ellzey	Latimer	Griffith		Clyde	Gooden
Cloud	Fulcher	Kelly (PA)	Escobar	Latta	Randall		Fry	Mace
Clyde	Gill (TX)	Kennedy (UT)	Esquillat	Lawler	Raskin		Franklin, Scott	Greene (GA)
Collins	Goldman (TX)	Knott	Evans (PA)	Lee (NV)	Riley (NY)		Carter (TX)	Mann

## NOT VOTING—10

Burchett	Goldman (NY)	Sherrill
Crenshaw	Hunt	Swalwell
Goldman (NY)	Quigley	
		Gimenez
		Radewagen

## ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE ACTING CHAIR

The Acting CHAIR (during the vote).  
There is 1 minute remaining.

## □ 2205

So the amendment was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

## AMENDMENT NO. 30 OFFERED BY MR. PERRY

The Acting CHAIR. The unfinished business is the demand for a recorded vote on amendment No. 30, printed in House Report 119-232, offered by the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. PERRY), 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 will be a 2-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 120, noes 307, not voting 9, as follows:

[Roll No. 234]

## AYES—120

Allen	De La Cruz	Harrigan
Arrington	DesJarlais	Harris (MD)
Babin	Donalds	Harshbarger
Barr	Barr	Hern (OK)
Barrett	Downing	Higgins (LA)
Baumgartner	Baumgartner	Hinson
Bean (FL)	Bennett	Houchin
Begich	Begich	Evans (CO)
Bergman	Bergman	Jackson (TX)
Biggs (AZ)	Biggs (AZ)	Fallon
Biggs (SC)	Biggs (SC)	Johnson (SD)
Bilirakis	Biggs (SC)	Jordan
Bilirakis	Bilirakis	Joyce (PA)
Boebert	Boebert	Kelly (PA)
Bost	Bost	Fitzgerald
Brecheen	Brecheen	LaHood
Burlison	Burlison	Franklin, Scott
Cammack	Cammack	Lee (FL)
Carter (GA)	Carter (TX)	Letlow
Carter (TX)	Carter (TX)	Loudermilk
Cline	Cline	Luna
Cloud	Cloud	Gooden
Clyde	Clyde	Goodeen
Fulcher	Fulcher	Gooden
Gill (TX)	Gill (TX)	Cloud
Collins	Collins	Clyde

Messmer	Reschenthaler	Steil	Schakowsky	Strong	Valadao
Meuser	Rose	Steube	Schneider	Subramanyam	Van Orden
Miller (IL)	Rouzer	Stutzman	Scholten	Suozzi	Vargas
Miller (OH)	Roy	Tenney	Schrier	Sykes	Vasquez
Miller (WV)	Rutherford	Tiffany	Scott (VA)	Takano	Veasey
Mills	Scalise	Timmons	Scott, David	Taylor	Velazquez
Moore (UT)	Schmidt	Van Drew	Sewell	Thanedar	Vindman
Moran	Schweikert	Van Duyne	Sherman	Thompson (CA)	Wagner
Nehls	Scott, Austin	Weber (TX)	Simon	Thompson (MS)	Walberg
Norman	Self	Webster (FL)	Simpson	Thompson (PA)	Wasserman
Ogles	Sessions	Wied	Smith (MO)	Titus	Schultz
Onder	Smith (NJ)	Wilson (SC)	Smith (WA)	Tlaib	Waters
Perry	Smucker	Wittman	Sorensen	Tokuda	Watson Coleman
Pfluger	Spartz	Yakym	Soto	Tonko	Westerman

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Adams	Fitzpatrick	Lieu	Burchett	Quigley	Shreve
Aderholt	Fleischmann	Lofgren	Goldman (NY)	Radewagen	Smith (NE)
Aguilar	Fletcher	Lucas	Hunt	Sherill	Swalwell
Alford	Flood	Lynch			
Amo	Fong	Mackenzie			
Amodei (NV)	Foster	Magaziner			
Ansari	Foushee	Malliotakis			
Auchincloss	Frankel, Lois	Maloy			
Bacon	Friedman	Mannion			
Baird	Frost	Mast			
Balderson	Fry	Matsui			
Balint	Garamendi	McBath			
Barragán	Garbarino	McBride			
Beatty	Garcia (CA)	McCaull			
Bell	Garcia (IL)	McClain			
Bentz	Garcia (TX)	McClain Delaney			
Bera	Gillen	McClellan			
Beyer	Gimenez	McCollum			
Bice	Golden (ME)	McDonald Rivet			
Bishop	Gomez	McDowell			
Bonamici	Gonzales, Tony	McGarvey			
Boyle (PA)	Gonzalez, V.	McGovern			
Bresnahan	Goodlander	McIver			
Brown	Gottheimer	Meeks			
Brownley	Graves	Menendez			
Buchanan	Gray	Meng			
Budzinski	Green, Al (TX)	Mifune			
Bynum	Guest	Miller-Meeks			
Calvert	Guthrie	Min			
Carbajal	Harder (CA)	Moolenaar			
Carey	Haridopolos	Moore (AL)			
Carson	Harris (NC)	Moore (NC)			
Carter (GA)	Hayes	Moore (WI)			
Carter (LA)	Hernández	Moore (WV)			
Casar	Hill (AR)	Morelle			
Case	Himes	Morrison			
Casten	Horsford	Moskowitz			
Castor (FL)	Houlihan	Moulton			
Castro (TX)	Hoyer	Moylan			
Cherifius-	Hoyle (OR)	Mrvan			
McCormick	Hudson	Mullin			
Chu	Huffman	Murphy			
Ciscmani	Huizenga	Nadler			
Cisneros	Hurd (CO)	Neal			
Clark (MA)	Issa	Neguse			
Clarke (NY)	Ivey	Newhouse			
Cleaver	Jack	Norcross			
Clyburn	Jackson (IL)	Norton			
Cohen	Jacobs	Nunn (IA)			
Cole	James	Obernolte			
Collins	Jayapal	Ocasio-Cortez			
Conaway	Jeffries	Olszewski			
Correa	Johnson (GA)	Omar			
Costa	Johnson (TX)	Owens			
Courtney	Joyce (OH)	Pallone			
Craig	Kamlager-Dove	Palmer			
Crawford	Kaptur	Panetta			
Crockett	Kean	Pappas			
Crow	Keating	Patronis			
Cuellar	Kelly (IL)	Pelosi			
Davids (KS)	Kelly (MS)	Perez			
Davis (IL)	Kennedy (NY)	Peters			
Davis (NC)	Khanna	Pettersen			
Dean (PA)	Kiggans (VA)	Pingree			
DeGette	Kiley (CA)	Plaskett			
DeLauro	Kim	Pocan			
DelBene	King-Hinds	Pou			
Deluzio	Knott	Pressley			
DeSaulnier	Krishnamoorthi	Ramirez			
Dexter	Kustoff	Randall			
Diaz-Balart	LaLota	Raskin			
Dingell	Landsman	Riley (NY)			
Doggett	Langworthy	Rivas			
Edwards	Larsen (WA)	Rogers (AL)			
Elfreth	Larson (CT)	Rogers (KY)			
Ellzey	Latimer	Ross			
Escobar	Latta	Ruiz			
Espaillat	Lawler	Rulli			
Evans (PA)	Lee (NV)	Ryan			
Ezell	Lee (PA)	Salazar			
Feenstra	Leger Fernandez	Salinas			
Fields	Levin	Sánchez			
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## HOUR OF MEETING ON TOMORROW

Mr. FLEISCHMANN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow.

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

There was no objection.

## ICE IS OUT OF CONTROL

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

Ms. RIVAS. Mr. Speaker, ICE is out of control. Everyone needs to know the nightmare that is unfolding for my constituent and his family.

Last month, ICE detained Benjamin Guerrero-Cruz while he was walking his dog. Benjamin is a rising senior and in Junior ROTC at Reseda High School. He is a kid who wants to serve our community. He has been in ICE detention for the past month, separated from his family and friends.

Last week, ICE transferred Benjamin from California to Arizona. Less than 24 hours later, Benjamin was slated to be transferred again to Louisiana but was instead sent back to California. This all occurred without his family knowing.

This is why I introduced the INFORM Act. The INFORM Act brings transparency to ICE's decisionmaking process and fights for the dignity of detainees.

When I visited the Adelanto Detention Facility to get answers into ICE's decisionmaking process, ICE blocked me. I will keep fighting and seeking justice for Benjamin, his family, and all immigrants.

## HONORING THE LIFE OF WESLEY LEPATNER

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

Mr. LAWLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Wesley LePatner, a remarkable New Yorker who was senselessly murdered in late July. Her passing is a tremendous loss to all who had the privilege of knowing her.

Wesley was a remarkable leader, an accomplished executive who oversaw Blackstone's real estate investment fund, a devoted wife and mother, and a true force for good in our community.

Through her work with the UJA-Federation of New York and her tireless volunteerism, she poured her energy and wisdom into strengthening the Jewish community, supporting Israel, and mentoring those who followed in her footsteps.

Her life was defined by service, compassion, and conviction. She gave generously of herself, balancing a demanding career with the steadfast devotion to her family. In every space she entered, she lifted others up.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE ACTING CHAIR  
The Acting CHAIR (during the vote).  
There is 1 minute remaining.

□ 2209

So the amendment was rejected.  
The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

Mr. FLEISCHMANN. Mr. Chairman, I move the committee do rise.

The motion was agreed to.

Accordingly, the Committee rose; and the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. HAMADEH of Arizona) having assumed the chair, Mr. MORAN, 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. 4533) making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026, and for other purposes, had come to no resolution thereon.

□ 2210

## RECOGNIZING PARENTS CHALLENGE

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

Mr. CRANK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate the 25th anniversary of the extraordinary impact that Parents Challenge has made in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Parents Challenge empowers low-income families to access the best schools for their children by providing critical financial support for tuition, tutoring, transportation, technology, and school supplies. School choice opportunities span the full spectrum of educational options, including traditional public schools, private schools, charter schools, and home schools.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating and thanking Parents Challenge for its steadfast commitment to empowering parents with school choice.

Over the past 25 years, Parents Challenge has enriched the lives of more than 4,000 low-income students and their families.

Today, we grieve with her husband, Evan; their children, Emerson and Jonathan; her parents; and all who loved her, including her colleagues at Blackstone.

May Wesley's memory always be a blessing, and may her example continue to inspire us to lead with purpose, generosity, and love.

#### AMERICA'S FORESTERS ARE IN NEED OF HELP

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

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to advocate for America's foresters, who are in desperate need of our help. Under our current tax code, forest owners do not receive tax relief from the loss of their timber crops.

We are in the heart of hurricane season, and countless foresters are left wondering if the next storm will be the one that shuts down their family farm for good. This is unacceptable.

My bill, the Disaster Reforestation Act, offers a simple fix to an issue that has harmed American foresters for far too long. Under the Disaster Reforestation Act, foresters will be able to deduct the true value of timber destroyed by natural disasters from their taxes. This would help provide immediate relief for landowners affected by wildfires, hurricanes, or other disasters.

This bill will save family forestry in America, and I urge my colleagues to cosponsor this bipartisan, bicameral piece of legislation. I urge its immediate passage.

□ 2220

#### HONORING SAM PAREDES

(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 with a heavy heart tonight to note the passing of a really good friend and colleague who I came up with in the State legislature, Mr. Sam Paredes.

He was a strong, strong advocate of protecting all of our rights as Americans, focusing on the Second Amendment with his work with Gun Owners of California, Gun Owners of America, and through the foundation.

Beyond that, Sam was a good man, a great patriot, and a great family man. His family was right there beside him working the events, working the efforts out there to protect people's basic freedoms on the Second Amendment.

Sam was a man of strong faith who believed in God and loved Jesus and would always sign off each night to his family with: All is well in the kingdom. You don't find a lot of people like that in the political realm there who are beyond politics.

The movement that he helped build for the Second Amendment is stronger because of him, and that legacy will continue long after we can't remember all about it. His unwavering commitment to liberty and, indeed, his leadership helped shape the national movement to protect, keep, and bear arms.

Beyond that, the man himself, his personal attention to people to make sure they are okay, to be that friend, to be that big bear of a guy, you just don't see very many people like that in this world, especially in the realm of politics, as I mentioned.

He will be severely missed. He was greatly loved by his family. It was a surprise that we lost him, and I will miss him, as well.

Indeed, he was a great man and a great patriot. There is not anything I could say that even fulfills what a good man this is, so God bless his family. God bless Sam Paredes.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 21 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, September 4, 2025, at 9 a.m.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

EC-1837. A letter from the Acting Regulations Management Division Director, Rural Development, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Removal of Obsolete Regulation [Docket No.: RUS-25-Agency-0167] (RIN: 0572-AC71) received August 20, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Agriculture.

EC-1838. A letter from the Under Secretary, Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense, transmitting a letter authorizing Colonels Christopher A. Fernengel and Matthew E. Holston, United States Space Force, to wear the insignia of the grade of brigadier general, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 777(b)(3)(B); Public Law 104-106, Sec. 503(a)(1) (as added by Public Law 108-136, Sec. 509(a)(3)); (117 Stat. 1458); to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1839. A letter from the Assistant Secretary of Defense, Legislative Affairs, Department of Defense, transmitting additional legislative proposals that the Department of Defense requests be enacted during the first session of the 119th Congress; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1840. A letter from the Acting President and Chairman, Board of Directors, Export-Import Bank, transmitting a statement involving transactions of exports to Mexico, pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 635(b)(3); July 31, 1945, ch. 341, Sec. 2 (as added by Public Law 102-266, Sec. 102); (106 Stat. 95); to the Committee on Financial Services.

EC-1841. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Air Plan Approval; WA; Update to Materials Incorporated by Reference [EPA-R10-OAR-2025-0320]; FRL-

12328-01-R10] received August 20, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-1842. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final determination — Determination of Attainment by the Attainment Date; 2008 8-Hour Ozone Standards; California; Sacramento Metro Area [EPA-R09-OAR-2025-0070; FRL-12637-03-R9] received August 20, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-1843. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Air Plan Approval; California; Revised Format for Materials Incorporated by Reference [EPA-R09-OAR-2024-0527; FRL-12812-01-R9] received August 20, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-1844. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Phasedown of Hydrofluorocarbons: Review and Renewal of Eligibility for Application-Specific Allowances [EPA-HQ-OAR-2024-0196; FRL-10782-02-OAR] (RIN: 2060-AV98) received August 25, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-1845. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's interim final rule — Commercial and Industrial Solid Waste Incineration Units: Temporary-Use Incinerators and Air Curtain Incinerators Used in Disaster Recovery [EPA-HQ-OAR-2003-0119; FRL-12232-03-OAR] (RIN: 2060-AW43) received August 25, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-1846. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Florida; Approval of State Plan for Control of Emissions from Commercial and Industrial Solid Waste Incineration Units [EPA-R04-OAR-2018-0184; FRL-12577-01-R4] received August 25, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-1847. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Air Plan Approval; California; Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District; Internal Combustion Engines [EPA-R09-OAR-2023-0202; FRL-10873-02-R9] received August 28, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-1848. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Air Plan Approval; South Dakota; Regional Haze Plan for the Second Implementation Period [EPA-R08-OAR-2024-0609; FRL-12596-02-R8] received August 28, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-1849. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Air Plan Approval; Texas; Interstate Transport Requirements for the 2010 SO2 NAAQS [EPA-R06-OAR-2013-

0388; FRL-12796-02-R6] received August 28, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-1850. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for the Polyether Polyols Production Industry: Removal of Affirmative Defense [EPA-HQ-OAR-2023-0509; FRL-11651-04-OAR] (RIN: 2060-AW56) received August 29, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-1851. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to persons who commit, threaten to commit, or support terrorism that was declared in Executive Order 13224 of September 23, 2001, 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.

EC-1852. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Libya that was declared in Executive Order 13566 of February 25, 2011, 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.

EC-1853. A letter from the Assistant Secretary of Defense, Legislative Affairs, Department of Defense, transmitting additional legislative proposals that the Department of Defense requests be enacted during the first session of the 119th Congress; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-1854. A letter from the Senior Advisor, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting a notification of an action on nomination, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 3349(a); Public Law 105-277, Sec. 151(b); (112 Stat. 2681-614); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

EC-1855. A letter from the Manager, Legal Litigation and Support, AGC-010, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Airbus SAS Airplanes [Docket No.: FAA-2025-0907; Project Identifier MCAI-2024-00634-T; Amendment 39-23104; AD 2025-16-06] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received September 2, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-1856. A letter from the Manager, Legal Litigation and Support, AGC-010, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Helicopters [Docket No.: FAA-2024-0765; Project Identifier MCAI-2022-00981-R; Amendment 39-23106; AD 2025-16-08] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received September 2, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-1857. A letter from the Manager, Legal Litigation and Support, AGC-010, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Airbus SAS Airplanes [Docket No.: FAA-2025-0755; Project Identifier MCAI-2024-00633-T; Amendment 39-23108; AD 2025-16-10] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received September 2, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-1858. A letter from the Manager, Legal Litigation and Support, AGC-010, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Airbus SAS Airplanes [Docket No.: FAA-2025-0342; Project Identifier MCAI-2024-00477-T; Amendment 39-23103; AD 2025-16-05] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received September 2, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-1859. A letter from the Manager, Legal Litigation and Support, AGC-010, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Airbus SAS Airplanes [Docket No.: FAA-2025-1731; Project Identifier MCAI-2025-00491-T; Amendment 39-23109; AD 2025-16-11] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received September 2, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-1860. A letter from the Manager, Legal Litigation and Support, AGC-010, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Various Airplanes [Docket No.: FAA-2024-0230; Project Identifier AD-2023-01064-A.Q.T; Amendment 39-23107; AD 2025-16-09] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received September 2, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

#### 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:

Mr. GRIFFITH: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 672. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4553) making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 104) providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Bureau of Land Management relating to "Miles City Field Office Record of Decision and Approved Resource Management Plan Amendment"; providing for consideration of the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 105) providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Bureau of Land Management relating to "North Dakota Field Office Record of Decision and Approved Resource Management Plan"; providing for consideration of the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 106) providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Bureau of Land Management relating to "Central Yukon Record of Decision and Approved Resource Management Plan"; and for other purposes (Rept. 119-232). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania: Committee on Agriculture. H.R. 4550. A bill to reauthorize the United States Grain Standards Act, and for other purposes (Rept. 119-233). 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 Mr. McGuire:

H.R. 5103. A bill to establish a program to Beautify the District of Columbia and establish the District of Columbia Safe and Beautiful Commission; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and in addition to the Committee on Natural Resources, 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. Bonamici (for herself, Ms. Castor of Florida, Mr. Nadler, Mr. Scott of Virginia, Ms. Dexter, Mr. Mullin, Ms. Norton, Ms. McClellan, and Mr. Khanna):

H.R. 5104. A bill to reduce the health risks of heat by establishing the National Integrated Heat Health Information System within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the National Integrated Heat Health Information System Interagency Committee to improve extreme heat preparedness, planning, and response, requiring a study, and establishing financial assistance programs to address heat effects, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 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. Liccardo (for himself, Mr. Flood, Mr. Fields, and Ms. Salazar):

H.R. 5105. A bill to amend the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 to expand new home construction, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. Roy (for himself, Mr. Magaziner, Mr. Burchett, Ms. Jayapal, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Ms. Ocasio-Cortez, Mrs. Luna, Mr. Krishnamoorthi, Mr. Perry, Mr. Min, Mr. Nunn of Iowa, Mr. Neguse, Mr. Cloud, Mr. Levin, Mr. Norman, Mr. Riley of New York, and Mrs. Cammack):

H.R. 5106. A bill to amend chapter 131 of title 5 to prohibit Members of Congress and their spouses and dependents from owning or trading stocks, and for other purposes; to the Committee on House Administration.

By Mr. Clyde (for himself, Mr. Higgins of Louisiana, Mr. Stauber, Mr. Carter of Georgia, Mrs. Luna, Mr. Crane, Ms. Boebert, Mr. Roy, Mrs. Miller of Illinois, Mrs. Biggs of South Carolina, Mrs. Harshbarger, Mr. Donalds, Mr. Gill of Texas, Mr. Amodei of Nevada, Mr. Nehls, Ms. Van Duyne, Mr. Burchett, Mr. Davidson, Mr. Bean of Florida, Mr. Moore of Alabama, Mr. Brecheen, Mr. Burlison, Mr. Gosar, Mr. Biggs of Arizona, Mr. Self, Mr. Begich, Mr. Ogles, Mr. Cuellar, and Mr. Arrington):

H.R. 5107. A bill to repeal the Comprehensive Policing and Justice Reform Amendment Act of 2022 enacted by the District of Columbia Council; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Mr. Arrington (for himself, Ms. Mace, Mr. Donalds, Mr. Higgins of Louisiana, Mr. Weber of Texas, Mr. Babin, Mr. Fine, Mr. Biggs of Arizona, Mr. Nehls, Mr. Tiffany, Mr. Haridopolos, and Mr. Gill of Texas):

H.R. 5108. A bill to restrict certain Federal grants for States that grant driver licenses to illegal immigrants and fail to share information about criminal aliens with the Federal Government; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CARTER of Louisiana (for himself and Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana):

H.R. 5109. A bill to require the Administrator of the Transportation Security Administration of the United States to develop guidelines to improve returning citizens' access to the Transportation Worker Identification Credential program, to assist individuals in custody of Federal, State, and local prisons in pre-applying or preparing applications for Transportation Worker Identification Credential cards, and to assist individuals requesting an appeal or waiver of preliminary determination of ineligibility, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security.

By Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK (for herself, Ms. CHU, Mr. CARSON, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, and Ms. NORTON):

H.R. 5110. A bill to provide for a moratorium on evictions from and foreclosures on residences during a major disaster or emergency, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. COSTA (for himself and Mr. FENSTRA):

H.R. 5111. A bill to amend the Food Security Act of 1985 to improve the conservation reserve program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mrs. HAYES (for herself, Ms. ADAMS, Ms. ANSARI, Ms. BONAMICI, Mr. CARSON, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Ms. LEE of Pennsylvania, Mr. LIEU, Ms. SALINAS, Mr. THANEDAR, and Ms. TITUS):

H.R. 5112. A bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to repeal the separate minimum wage for tipped employees, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and Workforce, 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. HINSON (for herself, Mr. KNOTT, Mrs. HARSHBARGER, Mr. FLOOD, and Mr. HAMADEH of Arizona):

H.R. 5113. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to increase the criminal penalties for assaulting, resisting, or impeding an officer or employee of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. JOHNSON of Texas (for herself and Ms. MCBRIDE):

H.R. 5114. A bill to prohibit the use of United States embassies or consulates in raising funds for foreign political parties or candidates; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. LAWLER:

H.R. 5115. A bill to amend title 9 of the United States Code with respect to arbitration of disputes involving age discrimination; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. MILLER of Illinois (for herself, Mrs. LUNA, Mrs. BIGGS of South Carolina, Mr. SELF, Ms. BOEBERT, Mr. HARRIGAN, Mr. MOORE of Alabama, Mrs. HARSHBARGER, Ms. STEFANIK, and Ms. MACE):

H.R. 5116. A bill to require elementary schools and secondary schools that receive Federal funds to obtain parental consent before facilitating a child's gender transition in any form, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and Workforce.

By Mr. MILLS:

H.R. 5117. A bill to amend the United States Information and Educational Exchange Act of 1948 to prohibit the dissemination of certain information in the United States; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. OGLES:

H.R. 5118. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to establish a criminal prohibi-

tion on the public release of the name of a Federal law enforcement officer with the intent to obstruct a criminal investigation or immigration enforcement operation; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. PETERS (for himself and Mr. CROW):

H.R. 5119. A bill to amend the National Security Act of 1947, to direct the Director of National Intelligence to produce intelligence community assessments on certain effects of climate change, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Intelligence (Permanent Select).

By Ms. PETTERSEN (for herself and Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia):

H.R. 5120. A bill to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act and title 10, United States Code, to provide no-cost coverage for the preventive distribution of opioid overdose reversal drugs; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, and 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 Ms. STEFANIK (for herself, Mr. McDowell, and Mr. NORMAN):

H.R. 5121. A bill to modify the criteria for recognition of accrediting agencies or associations for institutions of higher education; to the Committee on Education and Workforce.

By Mrs. SYKES (for herself and Mr. MILLER of Ohio):

H.R. 5122. A bill to amend title 51, United States Code, to provide for a NASA public-private talent program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

By Mr. TONKO (for himself and Mr. FITZPATRICK):

H.R. 5123. A bill to authorize a national program to reduce the threat to human health posed by exposure to indoor air contaminants, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. TORRES of New York (for himself, Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ, and Mr. CARTER of Louisiana):

H.R. 5124. A bill to amend the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 to include certain safety requirements, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and Workforce.

By Ms. BARRAGÁN:

H. Res. 673. A resolution supporting the recognition of September 8 through 14, 2025, as "Interscholastic Athletic Administrators' Week"; to the Committee on Education and Workforce.

By Mr. CARTER of Georgia:

H. Res. 674. A resolution censuring Representative Rashida Tlaib for promoting and cheering on terrorism and antisemitism at the People's Conference for Palestine; to the Committee on Ethics.

By Mr. CARTER of Louisiana (for himself, Mr. MCCORMICK, Mr. DUNN of Florida, Mr. LIEU, and Mr. MENENDEZ):

H. Res. 675. A resolution expressing support for the designation of September 2025 as "National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month"; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Ms. CLARKE of New York:

H. Res. 676. A resolution censuring Representative Cory Mills; to the Committee on Ethics.

## CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY STATEMENT

Pursuant to clause 7 of rule XII of the Rules of the House of Representa-

tives, the following statements are submitted regarding the specific powers granted to Congress in the Constitution to enact the accompanying bill or joint resolution.

By Mr. McGuire:

H.R. 5103.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8

By Ms. BONAMICI:

H.R. 5104.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution.

By Mr. LICCARDO:

H.R. 5105.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 1

All legislative powers herein granted shall be vested in a Congress of the United States, which shall consist of a Senate and House of Representatives.

By Mr. ROY:

H.R. 5106.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

To make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper 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 Mr. CLYDE:

H.R. 5107.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 17: To exercise exclusive Legislation in all Cases whatsoever, over such District (not exceeding ten Miles square) as may, by Cession of particular States, and the Acceptance of Congress, become the Seat of Government of the United States, and to exercise like Authority over all Places purchased by the Consent of the Legislature of the State in which the Same shall be, for the Erection of Forts, Magazines, Arsenals, dock-Yards, and other needful Buildings;

By Mr. ARRINGTON:

H.R. 5108.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8

By Mr. CARTER of Louisiana:

H.R. 5109.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

This bill is introduced pursuant to the powers granted to Congress under the General Welfare Clause (Art. 1 Sec. 8 Cl. 1), and the Necessary and Proper Clause (Art. 1 Sec. 8 Cl. 18).

By Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK:

H.R. 5110.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 8 of the Constitution

By Mr. COSTA:

H.R. 5111.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Art. 1, Sec. 8

By Mrs. HAYES:

H.R. 5112.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

By Mr. CLARKE of New York:

H.R. 5113.

Article I, Section 8, Clause 18, "To make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper 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. HINSON:

H.R. 5113.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Sec. 8, Clause 18

By Ms. JOHNSON of Texas:

H.R. 5114.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 18 (the necessary and proper clause)

By Mr. LAWLER:

H.R. 5115.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I Section 8 Clause 18 of the U.S. Constitution

By Mrs. MILLER of Illinois:

H.R. 5116.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution

By Mr. OGLES:

H.R. 5118.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution

By Mr. PETERS:

H.R. 5119.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8

By Mr. PETERS:

H.R. 5120.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Clause 18 of Section 8 of Article I

By Ms. STEFANIK:

H.R. 5121.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution

By Mrs. SYKES:

H.R. 5122.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 18.

By Mr. TONKO:

H.R. 5123.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 18

By Mr. TORRES of New York:

H.R. 5124.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8

#### ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 7 of rule XII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions, as follows:

H.R. 18: Ms. ADAMS.

H.R. 45: Mr. LOUDERMILK and Mr. FITZGERALD.

H.R. 51: Ms. TITUS.

H.R. 347: Mrs. FOUSHÉE and Mr. CARTER of Georgia.

H.R. 378: Mr. CALVERT.

H.R. 392: Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi.

H.R. 396: Mr. BERA.

H.R. 429: Mr. NEHLS and Mr. BOST.

H.R. 485: Mr. LANDSMAN.

H.R. 507: Mr. SHERMAN.

H.R. 516: Mr. SMITH of Nebraska and Ms. LOIS FRANKEL of Florida.

H.R. 539: Mr. KUSTOFF.

H.R. 621: Mr. HAMADEH of Arizona.

H.R. 645: Mr. FLEISCHMANN.

H.R. 738: Mr. EVANS of Pennsylvania.

H.R. 740: Mr. BUCHANAN and Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas.

H.R. 834: Ms. POU.

H.R. 842: Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia.

H.R. 863: Mr. VINDMAN.

H.R. 880: Mr. WESTERMAN.

H.R. 909: Mrs. FLETCHER, Mr. ALLEN, Ms. GREENE of Georgia, Mr. CRAWFORD, and Mr. KELLY of Mississippi.

H.R. 979: Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE, Mr. FIGURES, Mr. SHREVE, and Mr. ONDER.

H.R. 1004: Ms. DEXTER and Mr. CISCOMANI.

H.R. 1024: Mr. FEENSTRA.

H.R. 1028: Mr. SMITH of Nebraska.

H.R. 1063: Mr. GRAY.

H.R. 1078: Mr. MORAN and Mr. LUCAS.

H.R. 1089: Mr. GILL of Texas, Mr. NEHLS, Mr. HARRIS of North Carolina, and Mr. COLLINS.

H.R. 1105: Mr. SHERMAN.

H.R. 1109: Mr. GILL of Texas.

H.R. 1132: Mr. EVANS of Pennsylvania and Mr. QUIGLEY.

H.R. 1138: Mr. HUIZENGA and Mr. SESSIONS.

H.R. 1163: Mr. WEBER of Texas.

H.R. 1171: Mr. LIEU.

H.R. 1200: Mr. BEGICH.

H.R. 1207: Mr. FITZGERALD.

H.R. 1236: Mr. CARBAJAL.

H.R. 1246: Mr. STAUBER.

H.R. 1260: Mr. HAMADEH of Arizona.

H.R. 1262: Mr. CRANK, Mr. CISNEROS, Mr. HARIDOPOLOS, Mr. MIN, and Mr. HERNÁNDEZ.

H.R. 1269: Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Ms. BOEBERT, and Mr. ALFORD.

H.R. 1284: Mr. McDOWELL and Mr. ROUZER.

H.R. 1357: Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania.

H.R. 1383: Ms. RANDALL.

H.R. 1410: Mr. LYNCH.

H.R. 1517: Mr. NADLER.

H.R. 1518: Mrs. KIM, Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ, and Mr. VINDMAN.

H.R. 1529: Mr. STAUBER and Mr. MORELLE.

H.R. 1566: Mr. ROUZER and Mr. NEGUSE.

H.R. 1576: Mr. RUTHERFORD.

H.R. 1585: Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ.

H.R. 1623: Mr. STEUBE.

H.R. 1625: Mr. MILLER of Ohio.

H.R. 1628: Mr. EDWARDS.

H.R. 1659: Mr. VINDMAN.

H.R. 1661: Mr. DELUZIO and Mr. AUCHINCLOSS.

H.R. 1712: Ms. SALINAS.

H.R. 1735: Ms. BALINT.

H.R. 1787: Mrs. DINGELL and Ms. MENG.

H.R. 1810: Ms. ESCOBAR, Ms. BUDZINSKI, and Mr. COHEN.

H.R. 1877: Mr. MENENDEZ and Mr. HIMES.

H.R. 1991: Mr. GRAY.

H.R. 1993: Mr. McDOWELL.

H.R. 2033: Mr. LARSEN of Washington and Mr. TAKANO.

H.R. 2036: Mr. STAUBER and Mrs. TRAHAN.

H.R. 2040: Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi.

H.R. 2089: Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania and Mr. HARRIGAN.

H.R. 2102: Mr. BAIRD.

H.R. 2199: Mr. FONG.

H.R. 2202: Mr. SELF.

H.R. 2314: Mr. CLINE.

H.R. 2315: Ms. GREENE of Georgia.

H.R. 2369: Ms. MORRISON.

H.R. 2378: Ms. GREENE of Georgia.

H.R. 2379: Mr. VINDMAN.

H.R. 2381: Mr. DOGGETT and Mr. JACKSON of Illinois.

H.R. 2467: Ms. BUDZINSKI, Ms. MORRISON, and Mr. McGOVERN.

H.R. 2491: Mr. RUTHERFORD.

H.R. 2495: Mrs. BEATTY, Ms. SHERRILL, Mr. CASTRO of Texas, Mr. CASTEN, Ms. BARRAGÁN, Mr. MOULTON, and Ms. STRICKLAND.

H.R. 2514: Mr. VINDMAN.

H.R. 2540: Ms. SCANLON and Mr. SESSIONS.

H.R. 2576: Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. CARSON, and Ms. BROWNLEY.

H.R. 2598: Mr. SUBRAMANYAM.

H.R. 2599: Mr. WITTMAN.

H.R. 2675: Mr. FINSTAD, Mr. WITTMAN, and Mr. GILL of Texas.

H.R. 2693: Mr. COMER.

H.R. 2715: Mr. STEUBE.

H.R. 2736: Mr. TRAN.

H.R. 2756: Mr. VINDMAN.

H.R. 2762: Ms. ESCOBAR.

H.R. 2784: Ms. STRICKLAND.

H.R. 2818: Ms. ESCOBAR.

H.R. 2837: Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois.

H.R. 2853: Mr. GOLDMAN of New York and Mr. LOUDERMILK.

H.R. 2854: Mr. KELLY of Mississippi, Mr. RUTHERFORD, and Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHI.

H.R. 2888: Ms. SCHOLTEN, Mr. KENNEDY of New York, Mr. LARSEN of Washington, Ms. TITUS, and Mr. CARSON.

H.R. 2941: Ms. POU.

H.R. 2947: Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas.

H.R. 3004: Mr. NORMAN.

H.R. 3045: Mr. SORENSEN and Mr. SUBRAMANYAM.

H.R. 3063: Mr. FLOOD.

H.R. 3069: Mr. FIGURES.

H.R. 3078: Mr. KENNEDY of Utah.

H.R. 3105: Mr. BAUMGARTNER.

H.R. 3115: Ms. LOIS FRANKEL of Florida, Mr. HUFFMAN, and Mr. CONAWAY.

H.R. 3151: Ms. BONAMICI and Mr. VINDMAN.

H.R. 3164: Mr. FLOOD, Ms. SALINAS, and Mr. PETERS.

H.R. 3184: Ms. JOHNSON of Texas.

H.R. 3218: Ms. JOHNSON of Texas.

H.R. 3219: Mr. VINDMAN.

H.R. 3243: Mr. LARSON of Connecticut and Mr. NORCROSS.

H.R. 3246: Mr. VINDMAN.

H.R. 3247: Mr. SELF.

H.R. 3277: Mr. FITZGERALD.

H.R. 3342: Mr. HAMADEH of Arizona.

H.R. 3401: Mr. MILLER of Ohio.

H.R. 3410: Mr. HUDSON and Mr. HARRIGAN.

H.R. 3411: Mr. SELF.

H.R. 3418: Mr. BACON.

H.R. 3453: Mr. COLE.

H.R. 3470: Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas.

H.R. 3474: Mr. VINDMAN.

H.R. 3492: Mr. GOSAR and Mrs. HINSON.

H.R. 3495: Mr. COSTA and Mr. HUDSON.

H.R. 3514: Mrs. FLETCHER.

H.R. 3569: Ms. SIMON.

H.R. 3597: Mr. MAGAZINER.

H.R. 3598: Mr. GILL of Texas.

H.R. 3604: Ms. LOFGREN.

H.R. 3619: Mr. MILLER of Ohio, Mr. BAUMGARTNER, Mr. WALBERG, and Mr. CISCOMANI.

H.R. 3625: Ms. GREENE of Georgia.

H.R. 3688: Mr. SELF.

H.R. 3694: Mr. TURNER of Ohio.

H.R. 3701: Ms. BUDZINSKI.

H.R. 3707: Mr. VINDMAN.

H.R. 3723: Mr. NEHLS and Mr. VEASEY.

H.R. 3744: Mr. KENNEDY of Utah.

H.R. 3754: Mr. QUIGLEY.

H.R. 3824: Mr. SMITH of Nebraska.

H.R. 3852: Ms. JOHNSON of Texas.

H.R. 3858: Mr. EZELL.

H.R. 3871: Ms. SCHOLTEN.

H.R. 3876: Mr. COSTA.

H.R. 3906: Mr. FIGURES.

H.R. 3917: Mr. STEUBE.

H.R. 3930: Mr. FOSTER.

H.R. 3941: Ms. TLAIB and Mrs. BEATTY.

H.R. 3946: Mr. BILIRAKIS and Mr. CROW.

H.R. 3978: Mr. VEASEY.

H.R. 4022: Ms. BARRAGÁN.

H.R. 4037: Ms. NORTON.

H.R. 4145: Mr. GARAMENDI and Ms. FOXX.

H.R. 4186: Ms. CRAIG.

H.R. 4206: Mr. RILEY of New York.

H.R. 4231: Mr. POCAN.

H.R. 4239: Ms. JOHNSON of Texas.

H.R. 4242: Mr. YAKYM and Mr. GILL of Texas.

H.R. 4245: Mr. CISNEROS.

H.R. 4253: Mrs. MCCLAIN DELANEY and Mr. DESAULNIER.

H.R. 4303: Mr. DOGGETT and Mr. TONKO.  
 H.R. 4304: Ms. SALINAS.  
 H.R. 4312: Mr. CARTER of Georgia, Mr. HARIDOPOLOS, and Mr. CLINE.  
 H.R. 4317: Mr. FLOOD.  
 H.R. 4318: Mr. TONY GONZALES of Texas and Mr. EVANS of Pennsylvania.  
 H.R. 4323: Mr. MILLER of Ohio.  
 H.R. 4348: Ms. JOHNSON of Texas.  
 H.R. 4363: Mr. SELF.  
 H.R. 4398: Mr. SUBRAMANYAM, Mr. HARRIGAN, Mr. SMITH of Nebraska, and Mr. VINDMAN.  
 H.R. 4404: Mr. HAMADEH of Arizona.  
 H.R. 4444: Mr. CARSON.  
 H.R. 4475: Mr. BOST and Ms. CRAIG.  
 H.R. 4500: Mr. FLOOD.  
 H.R. 4510: Ms. BUDZINSKI.  
 H.R. 4516: Mr. GOLDMAN of New York.  
 H.R. 4566: Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania.  
 H.R. 4606: Mrs. KIM, Ms. ESCOBAR, and Mr. KHANNA.  
 H.R. 4628: Mr. HAMADEH of Arizona.  
 H.R. 4662: Mr. SHERMAN, Mr. CISNEROS, Ms. SÁNCHEZ, Mr. PANETTA, and Mr. HUFFMAN.  
 H.R. 4667: Mr. SORENSEN.  
 H.R. 4669: Mr. COLE and Mr. MOSKOWITZ.  
 H.R. 4676: Mr. BEGICH.  
 H.R. 4682: Ms. CLARKE of New York.  
 H.R. 4712: Ms. RANDALL and Mr. VINDMAN.  
 H.R. 4721: Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina.

H.R. 4760: Mr. PALMER.  
 H.R. 4786: Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia.  
 H.R. 4796: Ms. JOHNSON of Texas.  
 H.R. 4802: Mr. NUNN of Iowa, Mr. GARAMENDI, Mr. SHREVE, and Mr. CARSON.  
 H.R. 4805: Mr. HAMADEH of Arizona.  
 H.R. 4832: Mr. FINSTAD.  
 H.R. 4852: Mrs. KIM.  
 H.R. 4896: Ms. OMAR.  
 H.R. 4901: Ms. JACOBS.  
 H.R. 4908: Mr. LATIMER.  
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 H.R. 4916: Mr. LATIMER.  
 H.R. 4955: Ms. TOKUDA.  
 H.R. 4959: Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois.  
 H.R. 4966: Ms. OMAR.  
 H.R. 4967: Mr. VARGAS and Mr. LATIMER.  
 H.R. 4986: Mr. GILL of Texas.  
 H.R. 4992: Ms. SCANLON.  
 H.R. 4996: Mr. WITTMAN and Mr. HARRIGAN.  
 H.R. 4998: Mr. COSTA and Ms. BROWN.  
 H.R. 5013: Mr. CARSON.  
 H.R. 5022: Mr. CARSON.  
 H.R. 5023: Ms. STEFANIK and Mr. WITTMAN.  
 H.R. 5030: Mr. CASE.  
 H.R. 5050: Mr. SELF.  
 H.R. 5066: Mrs. LUNA.  
 H.R. 5068: Ms. PRESSLEY, Mr. FOSTER, and Mr. DELUZIO.

H.R. 5075: Ms. VAN DUYNE, Mr. SELF, and Ms. GREENE of Georgia.  
 H.R. 5076: Mr. GILL of Texas.  
 H.R. 5080: Ms. STEFANIK.  
 H.R. 5089: Mr. MCCORMICK.  
 H.J. Res. 12: Mr. MASSIE.  
 H.J. Res. 80: Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Mr. COHEN, Mr. TAKANO, Mr. AUCHINCLOSS, Ms. SALINAS, and Mr. HORSFORD.  
 H.J. Res. 115: Mr. TONKO, Mr. SCHNEIDER, Mr. HOYER, Ms. SCANLON, Mr. CASAR, Mr. McGOVERN, Mr. MOULTON, Ms. SALINAS, Ms. PELOSI, Mrs. FLETCHER, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mr. DELUZIO, Mr. PALLONE, and Ms. RANDALL.  
 H.J. Res. 116: Mr. SELF.  
 H. Con. Res. 4: Mr. MILLER of Ohio and Mr. DOWNING.  
 H. Con. Res. 12: Mr. VEASEY and Ms. McCLELLAN.  
 H. Res. 473: Ms. JOHNSON of Texas and Mr. NEAL.  
 H. Res. 547: Ms. POU.  
 H. Res. 551: Mr. MCCORMICK.  
 H. Res. 578: Mr. MFUME.  
 H. Res. 581: Mr. BELL and Mrs. SYKES.  
 H. Res. 665: Mr. CRANE.  
 H. Res. 670: Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas.