

GULF OF AMERICA ACT

APRIL 30, 2025.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed

Mr. WESTERMAN, from the Committee on Natural Resources,
submitted the following

R E P O R T

together with

DISSENTING VIEWS

[To accompany H.R. 276]

[Including cost estimate of the Congressional Budget Office]

The Committee on Natural Resources, to whom was referred the bill (H.R. 276) to rename the Gulf of Mexico as the “Gulf of America”, having considered the same, reports favorably thereon with an amendment and recommends that the bill as amended do pass.

The amendment is as follows:

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Gulf of America Act”.

SEC. 2. RENAMING OF GULF OF MEXICO AS “GULF OF AMERICA”.

- (a) RENAMING.—The Gulf of Mexico shall be known as the “Gulf of America”.
- (b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the Gulf of Mexico shall be deemed to be a reference to the “Gulf of America”.
- (c) IMPLEMENTATION.—
- (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Chairman of the Board on Geographic Names, shall oversee the implementation of the renaming described in subsection (a) with respect to each Federal document and map.
- (2) REQUIREMENT.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this section, the head of each Federal agency shall update each document and map of the Federal agency in accordance with the renaming described in subsection (a).

PURPOSE OF THE LEGISLATION

The purpose of H.R. 276 is to rename the Gulf of Mexico as the “Gulf of America”.

BACKGROUND AND NEED FOR LEGISLATION

H.R. 276 codifies actions taken by President Trump through Executive Order (E.O.) 14172, Restoring Names That Honor American Greatness, signed on January 20, 2025.¹ The bill would permanently rename the area formerly known as the Gulf of Mexico as the Gulf of America.

COMMITTEE ACTION

H.R. 276 was introduced on January 9, 2025, by Representative Marjorie Taylor Greene (R-GA). The bill was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and within the Committee to the Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife and Fisheries. On March 25, 2025, the Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife and Fisheries held a hearing on the bill. On April 9, 2025, the Committee on Natural Resources met to consider the bill. The Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife and Fisheries was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 276 by unanimous consent. Chairman Bruce Westerman (R-AR) offered an Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute designated Westerman_011 ANS. The amendment in the nature of a substitute was agreed to by voice vote. Ranking Member Jared Huffman (D-CA) offered an amendment to the Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute designated Huffman #3. The amendment was not agreed to by a voice vote. Ranking Member Jared Huffman (D-CA) offered an amendment to the Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute designated Huffman #4. The amendment was withdrawn. Representative Nydia Velázquez (D-NY) offered an amendment to the Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute designated Velázquez #6. The amendment was not agreed to by a voice vote. Representative Julia Brownley (D-CA) offered an amendment to the Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute designated Brownley #31. The amendment was not agreed to by a roll call vote of 15 yeas to 22 nays, as follows:

¹Executive Order 14172, The White House, January 2025, <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/DCPD-202500139/pdf/DCPD-202500139.pdf>.

Committee on Natural Resources

U.S. House of Representatives

119th Congress

Date: April 9, 2025

Recorded Vote #: 1

Meeting on / Amendment on: **Brownley #31 amendment to Westerman_011 ANS** to H.R. 276 (Rep. Greene), "Gulf of America Act of 2025"

MEMBERS	Yea	Nay	Pres	MEMBERS	Yea	Nay	Pres
Mr. Westerman, AR, Chairman		X		Mr. Huffman, CA	X		
Mr. Wittman, VA				Mr. Neguse, CO			
Mr. McClintock, CA		X		Ms. Leger Fernandez, NM	X		
Mr. Gosar, AZ		X		Ms. Stansbury, NM	X		
Mrs. Radewagen, AS		X		Ms. Hoyle, OR	X		
Mr. LaMalfa, CA				Mr. Magaziner, RI	X		
Mr. Webster, FL		X		Mr. Golden, ME		X	
Mr. Fulcher, ID		X		Mr. Min, CA	X		
Mr. Stauber, MN		X		Ms. Dexter, OR	X		
Mr. Tiffany, WI		X		Mr. Hernández, PR	X		
Ms. Boebert, CO		X		Ms. Randall, WA	X		
Mr. Bentz, OR		X		Ms. Ansari, AZ	X		
Ms. Kiggans, VA		X		Ms. Elfreth, MD	X		
Mr. Hunt, TX		X		Mr. Gray, CA			
Mr. Collins, GA		X		Ms. Rivas, CA	X		
Ms. Hageman, WY				Ms. Velázquez, NY			
Mr. Amodei, NV				Mrs. Dingell, MI	X		
Mr. Walberg, MI		X		Mr. Soto, FL	X		
Mr. Ezell, MS		X		Ms. Brownley, CA	X		
Ms. Maloy, UT		X		vacancy			
Mr. McDowell, NC		X					
Mr. Crank, CO		X					
Mr. Begich, AK		X					
Mr. Hurd, CO		X					
Mr. Kennedy, UT		X		TOTAL:	15	22	

Representative Julia Brownley (D-CA) offered an amendment to the Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute designated Brownley #28. The amendment was not agreed to by a roll call vote of 16 yeas to 24 nays, as follows:

Committee on Natural Resources

U.S. House of Representatives

119th Congress

Date: April 9, 2025

Recorded Vote #: 2

Meeting on / Amendment on: **Brownley #28 amendment to Westerman_011 ANS** to H.R. 276 (Rep. Greene), "*Gulf of America Act of 2025*"

MEMBERS	Yea	Nay	Pres	MEMBERS	Yea	Nay	Pres
Mr. Westerman, AR, Chairman		X		Mr. Huffman, CA	X		
Mr. Wittman, VA		X		Mr. Neguse, CO			
Mr. McClintock, CA		X		Ms. Leger Fernandez, NM	X		
Mr. Gosar, AZ		X		Ms. Stansbury, NM	X		
Mrs. Radewagen, AS		X		Ms. Hoyle, OR	X		
Mr. LaMalfa, CA				Mr. Magaziner, RI	X		
Mr. Webster, FL		X		Mr. Golden, ME		X	
Mr. Fulcher, ID		X		Mr. Min, CA	X		
Mr. Stauber, MN		X		Ms. Dexter, OR	X		
Mr. Tiffany, WI		X		Mr. Hernández, PR	X		
Ms. Boebert, CO		X		Ms. Randall, WA	X		
Mr. Bentz, OR		X		Ms. Ansari, AZ	X		
Ms. Kiggans, VA		X		Ms. Elfreth, MD	X		
Mr. Hunt, TX		X		Mr. Gray, CA	X		
Mr. Collins, GA		X		Ms. Rivas, CA	X		
Ms. Hageman, WY		X		Ms. Velázquez, NY			
Mr. Amodei, NV				Mrs. Dingell, MI	X		
Mr. Walberg, MI		X		Mr. Soto, FL	X		
Mr. Ezell, MS		X		Ms. Brownley, CA	X		
Ms. Maloy, UT		X		vacancy			
Mr. McDowell, NC		X					
Mr. Crank, CO		X					
Mr. Begich, AK		X					
Mr. Hurd, CO		X					
Mr. Kennedy, UT		X		TOTAL:	16	24	

Representative Darren Soto (D-FL) offered an amendment to the Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute designated Soto #5. The amendment was not agreed to by a roll call vote of 17 yeas to 23 nays, as follows:

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119th Congress

Date: April 9, 2025

Recorded Vote #: 3

Meeting on / Amendment on: **Soto #5 amendment to Westerman_011 ANS** to H.R. 276 (Rep. Greene),
"Gulf of America Act of 2025"

MEMBERS	Yea	Nay	Pres	MEMBERS	Yea	Nay	Pres
Mr. Westerman, AR, Chairman		X		Mr. Huffman, CA	X		
Mr. Wittman, VA		X		Mr. Neguse, CO			
Mr. McClintock, CA		X		Ms. Leger Fernandez, NM	X		
Mr. Gosar, AZ		X		Ms. Stansbury, NM	X		
Mrs. Radewagen, AS		X		Ms. Hoyle, OR	X		
Mr. LaMalfa, CA				Mr. Magaziner, RI	X		
Mr. Webster, FL		X		Mr. Golden, ME	X		
Mr. Fulcher, ID		X		Mr. Min, CA	X		
Mr. Stauber, MN		X		Ms. Dexter, OR	X		
Mr. Tiffany, WI		X		Mr. Hernández, PR	X		
Ms. Boebert, CO		X		Ms. Randall, WA	X		
Mr. Bentz, OR		X		Ms. Ansari, AZ	X		
Ms. Kiggans, VA		X		Ms. Elfreth, MD	X		
Mr. Hunt, TX		X		Mr. Gray, CA	X		
Mr. Collins, GA		X		Ms. Rivas, CA	X		
Ms. Hageman, WY		X		Ms. Velázquez, NY			
Mr. Amodei, NV				Mrs. Dingell, MI	X		
Mr. Walberg, MI		X		Mr. Soto, FL	X		
Mr. Ezell, MS		X		Ms. Brownley, CA	X		
Ms. Maloy, UT		X		vacancy			
Mr. McDowell, NC		X					
Mr. Crank, CO		X					
Mr. Begich, AK		X					
Mr. Hurd, CO		X					
Mr. Kennedy, UT		X		TOTAL:	17	23	

Representative Julia Brownley (D-CA) offered an amendment to the Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute designated Brownley #27. The amendment was not agreed to by a voice vote. Ranking Member Jared Huffman (D-CA) offered an amendment to the Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute designated Huffman #2. The amendment was not agreed to by a voice vote.

Representative Nydia Velázquez (D-NY) offered an amendment to the Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute designated Velázquez #12. The amendment was not agreed to by a roll call vote of 17 yeas to 23 nays, as follows:

Committee on Natural Resources

U.S. House of Representatives

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Date: April 9, 2025

Recorded Vote #: 4

Meeting on / Amendment on: **Velazquez #12 amendment to Westerman_011 ANS** to H.R. 276 (Rep. Greene), "*Gulf of America Act of 2025*"

MEMBERS	Yea	Nay	Pres	MEMBERS	Yea	Nay	Pres
Mr. Westerman, AR, Chairman		X		Mr. Huffman, CA	X		
Mr. Wittman, VA		X		Mr. Neguse, CO			
Mr. McClintock, CA		X		Ms. Leger Fernandez, NM	X		
Mr. Gosar, AZ		X		Ms. Stansbury, NM	X		
Mrs. Radewagen, AS		X		Ms. Hoyle, OR	X		
Mr. LaMalfa, CA				Mr. Magaziner, RI	X		
Mr. Webster, FL		X		Mr. Golden, ME	X		
Mr. Fulcher, ID		X		Mr. Min, CA	X		
Mr. Stauber, MN		X		Ms. Dexter, OR	X		
Mr. Tiffany, WI		X		Mr. Hernández, PR	X		
Ms. Boebert, CO		X		Ms. Randall, WA	X		
Mr. Bentz, OR		X		Ms. Ansari, AZ	X		
Ms. Kiggans, VA		X		Ms. Elfreth, MD	X		
Mr. Hunt, TX		X		Mr. Gray, CA	X		
Mr. Collins, GA		X		Ms. Rivas, CA	X		
Ms. Hageman, WY		X		Ms. Velázquez, NY			
Mr. Amodei, NV				Mrs. Dingell, MI	X		
Mr. Walberg, MI		X		Mr. Soto, FL	X		
Mr. Ezell, MS		X		Ms. Brownley, CA	X		
Ms. Maloy, UT		X		vacancy			
Mr. McDowell, NC		X					
Mr. Crank, CO		X					
Mr. Begich, AK		X					
Mr. Hurd, CO		X					
Mr. Kennedy, UT		X		TOTAL:	17	23	

Representative Maxine Dexter (D-OR) offered an amendment to the Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute designated Dexter #15. The amendment was not agreed to by a roll call vote of 17 yeas to 23 nays, as follows:

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Date: April 9, 2025

Recorded Vote #: 5

Meeting on / Amendment on: **Dexter #15 amendment to Westerman_011 ANS** to H.R. 276 (Rep. Greene),
 "Gulf of America Act of 2025"

MEMBERS	Yea	Nay	Pres	MEMBERS	Yea	Nay	Pres
Mr. Westerman, AR, Chairman		X		Mr. Huffman, CA	X		
Mr. Wittman, VA		X		Mr. Neguse, CO			
Mr. McClintock, CA		X		Ms. Leger Fernandez, NM	X		
Mr. Gosar, AZ		X		Ms. Stansbury, NM	X		
Mrs. Radewagen, AS		X		Ms. Hoyle, OR	X		
Mr. LaMalfa, CA				Mr. Magaziner, RI	X		
Mr. Webster, FL		X		Mr. Golden, ME	X		
Mr. Fulcher, ID		X		Mr. Min, CA	X		
Mr. Stauber, MN		X		Ms. Dexter, OR	X		
Mr. Tiffany, WI		X		Mr. Hernández, PR	X		
Ms. Boebert, CO		X		Ms. Randall, WA	X		
Mr. Bentz, OR		X		Ms. Ansari, AZ	X		
Ms. Kiggans, VA		X		Ms. Elfreth, MD	X		
Mr. Hunt, TX		X		Mr. Gray, CA	X		
Mr. Collins, GA		X		Ms. Rivas, CA	X		
Ms. Hageman, WY		X		Ms. Velázquez, NY			
Mr. Amodei, NV				Mrs. Dingell, MI	X		
Mr. Walberg, MI		X		Mr. Soto, FL	X		
Mr. Ezell, MS		X		Ms. Brownley, CA	X		
Ms. Maloy, UT		X		vacancy			
Mr. McDowell, NC		X					
Mr. Crank, CO		X					
Mr. Begich, AK		X					
Mr. Hurd, CO		X					
Mr. Kennedy, UT		X		TOTAL:	17	23	

Representative Maxine Dexter (D-OR) offered an amendment to the Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute designated Dexter #1. The amendment was not agreed to by a roll call vote of 17 yeas to 23 nays, as follows:

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Date: April 9, 2025

Recorded Vote #: 6

Meeting on / Amendment on: **Dexter #1 amendment to Westerman_011 ANS** to H.R. 276 (Rep. Greene),
 "Gulf of America Act of 2025"

MEMBERS	Yea	Nay	Pres	MEMBERS	Yea	Nay	Pres
Mr. Westerman, AR, Chairman		X		Mr. Huffman, CA	X		
Mr. Wittman, VA		X		Mr. Neguse, CO			
Mr. McClintock, CA		X		Ms. Leger Fernandez, NM	X		
Mr. Gosar, AZ		X		Ms. Stansbury, NM	X		
Mrs. Radewagen, AS		X		Ms. Hoyle, OR	X		
Mr. LaMalfa, CA				Mr. Magaziner, RI	X		
Mr. Webster, FL		X		Mr. Golden, ME	X		
Mr. Fulcher, ID		X		Mr. Min, CA	X		
Mr. Stauber, MN		X		Ms. Dexter, OR	X		
Mr. Tiffany, WI		X		Mr. Hernández, PR	X		
Ms. Boebert, CO		X		Ms. Randall, WA	X		
Mr. Bentz, OR		X		Ms. Ansari, AZ	X		
Ms. Kiggans, VA		X		Ms. Elfreth, MD	X		
Mr. Hunt, TX		X		Mr. Gray, CA	X		
Mr. Collins, GA		X		Ms. Rivas, CA	X		
Ms. Hageman, WY		X		Ms. Velázquez, NY			
Mr. Amodei, NV				Mrs. Dingell, MI	X		
Mr. Walberg, MI		X		Mr. Soto, FL	X		
Mr. Ezell, MS		X		Ms. Brownley, CA	X		
Ms. Maloy, UT		X		vacancy			
Mr. McDowell, NC		X					
Mr. Crank, CO		X					
Mr. Begich, AK		X					
Mr. Hurd, CO		X					
Mr. Kennedy, UT		X		TOTAL:	17	23	

Representative Luz Rivas (D-CA) offered an amendment to the Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute designated Rivas #11. The amendment was not agreed to by a roll call vote of 17 yeas to 23 nays, as follows:

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Date: April 9, 2025

Recorded Vote #: 7

Meeting on / Amendment on: **Rivas #11 amendment to Westerman_011 ANS** to H.R. 276 (Rep. Greene),
"Gulf of America Act of 2025"

MEMBERS	Yea	Nay	Pres	MEMBERS	Yea	Nay	Pres
Mr. Westerman, AR, Chairman		X		Mr. Huffman, CA	X		
Mr. Wittman, VA		X		Mr. Neguse, CO			
Mr. McClintock, CA		X		Ms. Leger Fernandez, NM	X		
Mr. Gosar, AZ		X		Ms. Stansbury, NM	X		
Mrs. Radewagen, AS		X		Ms. Hoyle, OR	X		
Mr. LaMalfa, CA				Mr. Magaziner, RI	X		
Mr. Webster, FL		X		Mr. Golden, ME	X		
Mr. Fulcher, ID		X		Mr. Min, CA	X		
Mr. Stauber, MN		X		Ms. Dexter, OR	X		
Mr. Tiffany, WI		X		Mr. Hernández, PR	X		
Ms. Boebert, CO		X		Ms. Randall, WA	X		
Mr. Bentz, OR		X		Ms. Ansari, AZ	X		
Ms. Kiggans, VA		X		Ms. Elfreth, MD	X		
Mr. Hunt, TX		X		Mr. Gray, CA	X		
Mr. Collins, GA		X		Ms. Rivas, CA	X		
Ms. Hageman, WY		X		Ms. Velázquez, NY			
Mr. Amodei, NV				Mrs. Dingell, MI	X		
Mr. Walberg, MI		X		Mr. Soto, FL	X		
Mr. Ezell, MS		X		Ms. Brownley, CA	X		
Ms. Maloy, UT		X		vacancy			
Mr. McDowell, NC		X					
Mr. Crank, CO		X					
Mr. Begich, AK		X					
Mr. Hurd, CO		X					
Mr. Kennedy, UT		X		TOTAL:	17	23	

Representative Yassamin Ansari (D-AZ) offered an amendment to the Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute designated Ansari #9. The amendment was not agreed to by a roll call vote of 16 yeas to 24 nays, as follows:

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Date: April 9, 2025

Recorded Vote #: 8

Meeting on / Amendment on: **Ansari #9 amendment to Westerman_011 ANS** to H.R. 276 (Rep. Greene),
"Gulf of America Act of 2025"

MEMBERS	Yea	Nay	Pres	MEMBERS	Yea	Nay	Pres
Mr. Westerman, AR, Chairman		X		Mr. Huffman, CA	X		
Mr. Wittman, VA		X		Mr. Neguse, CO			
Mr. McClintock, CA		X		Ms. Leger Fernandez, NM	X		
Mr. Gosar, AZ		X		Ms. Stansbury, NM	X		
Mrs. Radewagen, AS		X		Ms. Hoyle, OR	X		
Mr. LaMalfa, CA				Mr. Magaziner, RI	X		
Mr. Webster, FL		X		Mr. Golden, ME		X	
Mr. Fulcher, ID		X		Mr. Min, CA	X		
Mr. Stauber, MN		X		Ms. Dexter, OR	X		
Mr. Tiffany, WI		X		Mr. Hernández, PR	X		
Ms. Boebert, CO		X		Ms. Randall, WA	X		
Mr. Bentz, OR		X		Ms. Ansari, AZ	X		
Ms. Kiggans, VA		X		Ms. Elfreth, MD	X		
Mr. Hunt, TX		X		Mr. Gray, CA	X		
Mr. Collins, GA		X		Ms. Rivas, CA	X		
Ms. Hageman, WY		X		Ms. Velázquez, NY			
Mr. Amodei, NV				Mrs. Dingell, MI	X		
Mr. Walberg, MI		X		Mr. Soto, FL	X		
Mr. Ezell, MS		X		Ms. Brownley, CA	X		
Ms. Maloy, UT		X		vacancy			
Mr. McDowell, NC		X					
Mr. Crank, CO		X					
Mr. Begich, AK		X					
Mr. Hurd, CO		X					
Mr. Kennedy, UT		X		TOTAL:	16	24	

Representative Emily Randall (D-WA) offered an amendment to the Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute designated Randall #34. The amendment was not agreed to by a roll call vote of 16 yeas to 25 nays, as follows:

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U.S. House of Representatives
119th Congress

Date: April 9, 2025

Recorded Vote #: 9

Meeting on / Amendment on: **Randall #34 amendment to Westerman_011 ANS** to H.R. 276 (Rep. Greene),
"Gulf of America Act of 2025"

MEMBERS	Yea	Nay	Pres	MEMBERS	Yea	Nay	Pres
Mr. Westerman, AR, Chairman		X		Mr. Huffman, CA	X		
Mr. Wittman, VA		X		Mr. Neguse, CO			
Mr. McClintock, CA		X		Ms. Leger Fernandez, NM	X		
Mr. Gosar, AZ		X		Ms. Stansbury, NM	X		
Mrs. Radewagen, AS		X		Ms. Hoyle, OR	X		
Mr. LaMalfa, CA				Mr. Magaziner, RI	X		
Mr. Webster, FL		X		Mr. Golden, ME		X	
Mr. Fulcher, ID		X		Mr. Min, CA	X		
Mr. Stauber, MN		X		Ms. Dexter, OR	X		
Mr. Tiffany, WI		X		Mr. Hernández, PR	X		
Ms. Boebert, CO		X		Ms. Randall, WA	X		
Mr. Bentz, OR		X		Ms. Ansari, AZ	X		
Ms. Kiggans, VA		X		Ms. Elfreth, MD	X		
Mr. Hunt, TX		X		Mr. Gray, CA	X		
Mr. Collins, GA		X		Ms. Rivas, CA	X		
Ms. Hageman, WY		X		Ms. Velázquez, NY			
Mr. Amodei, NV		X		Mrs. Dingell, MI	X		
Mr. Walberg, MI		X		Mr. Soto, FL	X		
Mr. Ezell, MS		X		Ms. Brownley, CA	X		
Ms. Maloy, UT		X		vacancy			
Mr. McDowell, NC		X					
Mr. Crank, CO		X					
Mr. Begich, AK		X					
Mr. Hurd, CO		X					
Mr. Kennedy, UT		X		TOTAL:	16	25	

Representative Julia Brownley (D-CA) offered an amendment to the Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute designated Brownley #36. The amendment was not agreed to by a roll call vote of 17 yeas to 24 nays, as follows:

Committee on Natural Resources

U.S. House of Representatives

119th Congress

Date: April 9, 2025

Recorded Vote #: 10

Meeting on / Amendment on: **Brownley #36 amendment to Westerman_011 ANS** to H.R. 276 (Rep. Greene), "*Gulf of America Act of 2025*"

MEMBERS	Yea	Nay	Pres	MEMBERS	Yea	Nay	Pres
Mr. Westerman, AR, Chairman		X		Mr. Huffman, CA	X		
Mr. Wittman, VA		X		Mr. Neguse, CO			
Mr. McClintock, CA		X		Ms. Leger Fernandez, NM	X		
Mr. Gosar, AZ		X		Ms. Stansbury, NM	X		
Mrs. Radewagen, AS		X		Ms. Hoyle, OR	X		
Mr. LaMalfa, CA				Mr. Magaziner, RI	X		
Mr. Webster, FL		X		Mr. Golden, ME	X		
Mr. Fulcher, ID		X		Mr. Min, CA	X		
Mr. Stauber, MN		X		Ms. Dexter, OR	X		
Mr. Tiffany, WI		X		Mr. Hernández, PR	X		
Ms. Boebert, CO		X		Ms. Randall, WA	X		
Mr. Bentz, OR		X		Ms. Ansari, AZ	X		
Ms. Kiggans, VA		X		Ms. Elfreth, MD	X		
Mr. Hunt, TX		X		Mr. Gray, CA	X		
Mr. Collins, GA		X		Ms. Rivas, CA	X		
Ms. Hageman, WY		X		Ms. Velázquez, NY			
Mr. Amodei, NV		X		Mrs. Dingell, MI	X		
Mr. Walberg, MI		X		Mr. Soto, FL	X		
Mr. Ezell, MS		X		Ms. Brownley, CA	X		
Ms. Maloy, UT		X		vacancy			
Mr. McDowell, NC		X					
Mr. Crank, CO		X					
Mr. Begich, AK		X					
Mr. Hurd, CO		X					
Mr. Kennedy, UT		X		TOTAL:	17	24	

Representative Julia Brownley (D-CA) offered an amendment to the Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute designated Brownley #38. The amendment was not agreed to by a roll call vote of 17 yeas to 24 nays, as follows:

Committee on Natural Resources

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119th Congress

Date: April 9, 2025

Recorded Vote #: 11

Meeting on / Amendment on: **Brownley #38 amendment to Westerman_011 ANS** to H.R. 276 (Rep. Greene), "*Gulf of America Act of 2025*"

MEMBERS	Yea	Nay	Pres	MEMBERS	Yea	Nay	Pres
Mr. Westerman, AR, Chairman		X		Mr. Huffman, CA	X		
Mr. Wittman, VA		X		Mr. Neguse, CO			
Mr. McClintock, CA		X		Ms. Leger Fernandez, NM	X		
Mr. Gosar, AZ		X		Ms. Stansbury, NM	X		
Mrs. Radewagen, AS		X		Ms. Hoyle, OR	X		
Mr. LaMalfa, CA				Mr. Magaziner, RI	X		
Mr. Webster, FL		X		Mr. Golden, ME	X		
Mr. Fulcher, ID		X		Mr. Min, CA	X		
Mr. Stauber, MN		X		Ms. Dexter, OR	X		
Mr. Tiffany, WI		X		Mr. Hernández, PR	X		
Ms. Boebert, CO		X		Ms. Randall, WA	X		
Mr. Bentz, OR		X		Ms. Ansari, AZ	X		
Ms. Kiggans, VA		X		Ms. Elfreth, MD	X		
Mr. Hunt, TX		X		Mr. Gray, CA	X		
Mr. Collins, GA		X		Ms. Rivas, CA	X		
Ms. Hageman, WY		X		Ms. Velázquez, NY			
Mr. Amodei, NV		X		Mrs. Dingell, MI	X		
Mr. Walberg, MI		X		Mr. Soto, FL	X		
Mr. Ezell, MS		X		Ms. Brownley, CA	X		
Ms. Maloy, UT		X		vacancy			
Mr. McDowell, NC		X					
Mr. Crank, CO		X					
Mr. Begich, AK		X					
Mr. Hurd, CO		X					
Mr. Kennedy, UT		X		TOTAL:	17	24	

Representative Adam Gray (D-CA) offered an amendment to the Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute designated Gray #13. The amendment was not agreed to by a roll call vote of 17 yeas to 24 nays, as follows:

Committee on Natural Resources

U.S. House of Representatives

119th Congress

Date: April 9, 2025

Recorded Vote #: 12

Meeting on / Amendment on: **Gray #13 amendment to Westerman_011 ANS** to H.R. 276 (Rep. Greene),
"Gulf of America Act of 2025"

MEMBERS	Yea	Nay	Pres	MEMBERS	Yea	Nay	Pres
Mr. Westerman, AR, Chairman		X		Mr. Huffman, CA	X		
Mr. Wittman, VA		X		Mr. Neguse, CO			
Mr. McClintock, CA		X		Ms. Leger Fernandez, NM	X		
Mr. Gosar, AZ		X		Ms. Stansbury, NM	X		
Mrs. Radewagen, AS		X		Ms. Hoyle, OR	X		
Mr. LaMalfa, CA				Mr. Magaziner, RI	X		
Mr. Webster, FL		X		Mr. Golden, ME	X		
Mr. Fulcher, ID		X		Mr. Min, CA	X		
Mr. Stauber, MN		X		Ms. Dexter, OR	X		
Mr. Tiffany, WI		X		Mr. Hernández, PR	X		
Ms. Boebert, CO		X		Ms. Randall, WA	X		
Mr. Bentz, OR		X		Ms. Ansari, AZ	X		
Ms. Kiggans, VA		X		Ms. Elfreth, MD	X		
Mr. Hunt, TX		X		Mr. Gray, CA	X		
Mr. Collins, GA		X		Ms. Rivas, CA	X		
Ms. Hageman, WY		X		Ms. Velázquez, NY			
Mr. Amodei, NV		X		Mrs. Dingell, MI	X		
Mr. Walberg, MI		X		Mr. Soto, FL	X		
Mr. Ezell, MS		X		Ms. Brownley, CA	X		
Ms. Maloy, UT		X		vacancy			
Mr. McDowell, NC		X					
Mr. Crank, CO		X					
Mr. Begich, AK		X					
Mr. Hurd, CO		X					
Mr. Kennedy, UT		X		TOTAL:	17	24	

Ranking Member Jared Huffman (D-CA) offered an amendment to the Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute designated Huffman #49. The amendment was not agreed to by a roll call vote of 18 yeas to 23 nays, as follows:

Committee on Natural Resources

U.S. House of Representatives

119th Congress

Date: April 9, 2025

Recorded Vote #: 13

Meeting on / Amendment on: **Huffman #49 amendment to Westerman_011 ANS** to H.R. 276 (Rep. Greene), "Gulf of America Act of 2025"

MEMBERS	Yea	Nay	Pres	MEMBERS	Yea	Nay	Pres
Mr. Westerman, AR, Chairman		X		Mr. Huffman, CA	X		
Mr. Wittman, VA		X		Mr. Neguse, CO			
Mr. McClintock, CA		X		Ms. Leger Fernandez, NM	X		
Mr. Gosar, AZ		X		Ms. Stansbury, NM	X		
Mrs. Radewagen, AS		X		Ms. Hoyle, OR	X		
Mr. LaMalfa, CA				Mr. Magaziner, RI	X		
Mr. Webster, FL		X		Mr. Golden, ME	X		
Mr. Fulcher, ID		X		Mr. Min, CA	X		
Mr. Stauber, MN		X		Ms. Dexter, OR	X		
Mr. Tiffany, WI		X		Mr. Hernández, PR	X		
Ms. Boebert, CO		X		Ms. Randall, WA	X		
Mr. Bentz, OR		X		Ms. Ansari, AZ	X		
Ms. Kiggans, VA		X		Ms. Elfreth, MD	X		
Mr. Hunt, TX		X		Mr. Gray, CA	X		
Mr. Collins, GA		X		Ms. Rivas, CA	X		
Ms. Hageman, WY		X		Ms. Velázquez, NY			
Mr. Amodei, NV		X		Mrs. Dingell, MI	X		
Mr. Walberg, MI		X		Mr. Soto, FL	X		
Mr. Ezell, MS		X		Ms. Brownley, CA	X		
Ms. Maloy, UT		X		vacancy			
Mr. McDowell, NC		X					
Mr. Crank, CO		X					
Mr. Begich, AK	X						
Mr. Hurd, CO		X					
Mr. Kennedy, UT		X		TOTAL:	18	23	

The bill, as amended, was ordered favorably reported to the House of Representatives by a roll call vote of 24 yeas to 17 nays, as follows:

Committee on Natural Resources

U.S. House of Representatives

119th Congress

Date: April 9, 2025

Recorded Vote #: 14

Meeting on / Amendment on: On Favorably Reporting, as amended, H.R. 276 (Rep. Greene), "Gulf of America Act of 2025"

MEMBERS	Yea	Nay	Pres	MEMBERS	Yea	Nay	Pres
Mr. Westerman, AR, Chairman	X			Mr. Huffman, CA		X	
Mr. Wittman, VA	X			Mr. Neguse, CO			
Mr. McClintock, CA	X			Ms. Leger Fernandez, NM		X	
Mr. Gosar, AZ	X			Ms. Stansbury, NM		X	
Mrs. Radewagen, AS	X			Ms. Hoyle, OR		X	
Mr. LaMalfa, CA				Mr. Magaziner, RI		X	
Mr. Webster, FL	X			Mr. Golden, ME		X	
Mr. Fulcher, ID	X			Mr. Min, CA		X	
Mr. Stauber, MN	X			Ms. Dexter, OR		X	
Mr. Tiffany, WI	X			Mr. Hernández, PR		X	
Ms. Boebert, CO	X			Ms. Randall, WA		X	
Mr. Bentz, OR	X			Ms. Ansari, AZ		X	
Ms. Kiggans, VA	X			Ms. Elfreth, MD		X	
Mr. Hunt, TX	X			Mr. Gray, CA		X	
Mr. Collins, GA	X			Ms. Rivas, CA		X	
Ms. Hageman, WY	X			Ms. Velázquez, NY			
Mr. Amodei, NV	X			Mrs. Dingell, MI		X	
Mr. Walberg, MI	X			Mr. Soto, FL		X	
Mr. Ezell, MS	X			Ms. Brownley, CA		X	
Ms. Maloy, UT	X			vacancy			
Mr. McDowell, NC	X						
Mr. Crank, CO	X						
Mr. Begich, AK	X						
Mr. Hurd, CO	X						
Mr. Kennedy, UT	X			TOTAL:	24	17	

HEARINGS

For the purposes of clause 3(c)(6) of House rule XIII, the following hearing was used to develop or consider this measure: hearing by the Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife and Fisheries held on March 25, 2025.

SECTION-BY-SECTION ANALYSIS

Section 1. Short title

Establishes the short title of this act as the “Gulf of America Act”.

Section 2. Renaming of Gulf of Mexico as “Gulf of America”

Establishes that any reference in law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the Gulf of Mexico shall be deemed a reference to the “Gulf of America.” Section 2 also directs the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Chair of the Board on Geographic Names to oversee the implementation of the name change and requires the head of each federal agency to update each document and map within 180 days of enactment.

COMMITTEE OVERSIGHT FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Regarding clause 2(b)(1) of rule X and clause 3(c)(1) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee on Natural Resources’ oversight findings and recommendations are reflected in the body of this report.

COMPLIANCE WITH HOUSE RULE XIII AND
CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET ACT

1. *Cost of Legislation and the Congressional Budget Act.* With respect to the requirements of clause 3(c)(2) and (3) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives and sections 308(a) and 402 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, the Committee has received the following estimate for the bill from the Director of the Congressional Budget Office:

H.R. 276, Gulf of America Act			
As ordered reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources on April 9, 2025			
By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars	2025	2025-2030	2025-2035
Direct Spending (Outlays)	*	*	*
Revenues	0	0	0
Increase or Decrease (-) in the Deficit	*	*	*
Spending Subject to Appropriation (Outlays)	*	*	Not estimated
Increases <i>net direct spending</i> in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2036?	No	Statutory pay-as-you-go procedures apply? Yes	
		Mandate Effects	
Increases <i>on-budget deficits</i> in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2036?	No	Contains intergovernmental mandate?	No
		Contains private-sector mandate?	No
* = between zero and \$500,000.			

H.R. 276 would rename the Gulf of Mexico as the “Gulf of America.” The bill would require federal agencies, under the oversight of the U.S. Board on Geographic Names, to update documents and maps to reflect the name change. Based on the cost of similar activities, CBO estimates that updating federal documents and maps would cost less than \$500,000 over the 2025–2030 period. Any related spending would be subject to the availability of appropriated funds.

Enacting H.R. 276 also could affect direct spending by some agencies that are allowed to use fees, receipts from the sale of goods, and other collections to cover operating costs. CBO estimates that any net changes in direct spending by those agencies would be negligible because most of them can adjust amounts collected to reflect changes in operating costs.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Kelly Durand. The estimate was reviewed by H. Samuel Papenfuss, Deputy Director of Budget Analysis.

PHILLIP L. SWAGEL,
Director, Congressional Budget Office.

2. *General Performance Goals and Objectives.* As required by clause 3(c)(4) of rule XIII, the general performance goal or objective of this bill is to rename the Gulf of Mexico as the “Gulf of America”.

EARMARK STATEMENT

This bill does not contain any Congressional earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits as defined under clause 9(e), 9(f), and 9(g) of rule XXI of the Rules of the House of Representatives.

UNFUNDED MANDATES REFORM ACT STATEMENT

According to the Congressional Budget Office, H.R. 276 contains no unfunded mandates as defined by the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act.

EXISTING PROGRAMS

Directed Rule Making. This bill does not contain any directed rule makings.

Duplication of Existing Programs. This bill does not establish or reauthorize a program of the federal government known to be duplicative of another program. Such program was not included in any report from the Government Accountability Office to Congress pursuant to section 21 of Public Law 111–139 or identified in the most recent Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance published pursuant to the Federal Program Information Act (Public Law 95–220, as amended by Public Law 98–169) as relating to other programs.

APPLICABILITY TO LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

The Committee finds that the legislation does not relate to the terms and conditions of employment or access to public services or accommodations within the meaning of section 102(b)(3) of the Congressional Accountability Act.

PREEMPTION OF STATE, LOCAL OR TRIBAL LAW

Any preemptive effect of this bill over state, local, or tribal law is intended to be consistent with the bill's purposes and text and the Supremacy Clause of Article VI of the U.S. Constitution.

CHANGES IN EXISTING LAW

As ordered reported by the Committee on Natural Resources, H.R. 276 would make no changes in existing law.

DISSENTING VIEWS

H.R. 276 is an unserious bill that would force federal agencies that in many cases are currently being gutted illegally and without justification to spend time, money, and staffing on renaming the Gulf of Mexico as the “Gulf of America,” a symbolic and costly rebranding effort that offers no benefit to the American people.

This wasteful stunt comes at a time when Americans face rising costs of food, housing, healthcare, and necessities¹—cost increases largely self-inflicted by President Trump’s reckless, aimless, and chaotic trade war and tariff taxes. It comes at a time when House Republicans have voted on a budget plan requiring cuts to Medicaid.²

Instead of addressing any of the mounting crises facing the nation under this President, this bill would mandate a complete overhaul of federal maps, documents, and regulations that reference the Gulf of Mexico, further diverting limited agency staff time and resources at a time when budget cuts and widespread workforce reductions already strain federal agencies.³ This legislation does nothing to improve national security, energy prices, environmental health, or economic stability—it is simply a performative exercise in political messaging, all on our constituents’ dime.

Recent polling shows that 70% of Americans overwhelmingly oppose this proposal.⁴ Renaming a major international body of water distracts from more pressing national priorities and attempts to rewrite history. This bill continues a broader crusade to redefine historical narratives around an exclusionary vision of American identity, ignoring the interconnected realities of the region and our shared stewardship of the Gulf of Mexico.

The amount of government time and expense that the Republican House of Representatives is putting toward this nonsense is an insult to the American people. No doubt our constituents will take note in the coming months of what the Republican House was

¹Americans sour on some of Trump’s early moves, Reuters/ipsos poll finds | Reuters. (n.d.-a). <https://www.reuters.com/world/us/americans-sour-some-trumps-early-moves-reutersipsos-poll-finds-2025-01-28/>.

²*E.g.*, Congressional Budget Office finds House GOP budget goals would require Medicaid cuts, CBS News (Mar. 6, 2025), <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/house-republicans-budget-medicaid-cbo/>.

³Kinnard, M. (2025, March 12). *Reductions in force: A look at which agencies are affected by Doge-led job cuts*. AP News. <https://apnews.com/article/job-cuts-doge-reductions-force-rif-musk-197a432955b328073714bcc0e4ff95be>.

⁴Americans sour on some of Trump’s early moves, Reuters/ipsos poll finds | Reuters. (n.d.-a). <https://www.reuters.com/world/us/americans-sour-some-trumps-early-moves-reutersipsos-poll-finds-2025-01-28/>.

“working” on while their wallets feel the brunt of the economic chaos from the Trump Tariffs.

JARED HUFFMAN,
Ranking Member.

