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The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. CUELLAR).

### DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,  
July 1, 2020.

I hereby appoint the Honorable HENRY CUELLAR to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

### MORNING-HOUR DEBATE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of January 7, 2020, 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 9:50 a.m.

### HONORING THE LIFE OF JOE GUNTER

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California (Mr. PANETTA) for 5 minutes.

Mr. PANETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember and honor the life of the mayor of Salinas, California, Joe Gunter.

Mayor Gunter passed on Monday after a quick bout, unfortunately, with cancer.

Mayor Gunter was a true public servant, who truly understood what it means and what it takes to live up to

our obligations as Americans—to give back to his country and community—that gives all of us so much.

Right out of high school, Mayor Gunter joined the Marines where he served and fought in Vietnam. Right out of his service to our country, Mayor Gunter joined the Salinas Police Department where he proudly served and protected for 32 years.

And right out of that service to our community, Mayor Gunter then volunteered at a Women's Crisis Center, in youth sports, for the Salinas Air Show, and the California Rodeo.

But that wasn't enough. Because right out of retirement, Joe then served as mayor of Salinas for the past 8 years. And I can tell you, as Mayor Joe knew well that it really wasn't about the snarkiness of your tweets, it is about making government work for people.

Joe would tell you he wasn't much for politics, but when it came to serving the people of Salinas, Mayor Gunter was the best. Because Joe knew dang well that good governing is good politics.

My prayers are with his wife, Lisa, his children, and his grandchildren. I hope they take comfort knowing that although Joe will be missed, his legacy of service will always endure with the people of this country and the community of Salinas, California.

### SIDNEY AND KINSEY IRRIGATION DISTRICTS SHOULD NOT LOSE POWER

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Montana (Mr. GIANFORTE) for 5 minutes.

Mr. GIANFORTE. Mr. Speaker, the Sidney and Kinsey Irrigation Districts serve more than 130 family farms that irrigate nearly 12,000 acres of farmland in eastern Montana.

A recent decision by the Bureau of Reclamation has upended 70 years of

how Sidney and Kinsey irrigators have received project use power to pump water.

The change will increase power costs from 2.5 percent of their annual budget to nearly 40 percent.

Losing this power would put these family farmers and companies out of business.

My amendment will fix this issue by restoring the original arrangement that has been in place for 70 years.

I urge support for it.

MONTANA SHOULD BE ABLE TO SELL ITS COAL OVERSEAS

Mr. GIANFORTE. Mr. Speaker, Montana should be able to sell its coal overseas.

Washington State is preventing construction of coal export terminals, effectively shutting down exports of Montana coal and unconstitutionally interfering with interstate commerce.

My amendment will continue the Federal permitting process if Washington State remains on its unconstitutional path.

Building a coal port that supports good-paying union jobs in Washington and good-paying jobs across Montana should be a bipartisan winner.

I urge adoption of this amendment.

### TWO SIMPLE SOLUTIONS TO THE CRISIS AMERICANS ARE FACING

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Oregon (Mr. BLUMENAUER) for 5 minutes.

MR. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, the longer I am here the more I question why everything must be so complex. Some, like our transportation bill, are complex because of the massive interrelationships we have, but others we just make complex.

I would offer two simple solutions today to the crisis that we are facing, not just from Black Americans, for justice. First, I would suggest that we remove the dead hand of Richard Nixon

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from the scales of justice with his cynical, cruel war on drugs, which continues to this day.

Tens of thousands of young Black Americans are arrested or cited still for something that two-thirds of Americans think should be legal; and, in fact, voters in 10 States have done so. We are watching how these interactions with police with young people for something that even a majority of Republicans now say should be legal can lead to tragic consequences. Why do we do this?

We have an opportunity before us now with legislation approved by the House Judiciary Committee, the MORE Act, which incorporates many elements of Congresswoman BARBARA LEE's Marijuana Justice Act, which would just legalize marijuana, what the majority of American people want, what is happening in States across the country, and prevent this opportunity for interference with law enforcement that is completely unjustified. Completely unjustified.

I suggest that there is another simple action to deal with a century of discrimination dealing with housing specifically against people of color. I spent most of last summer and fall doing a deep dive into American housing policy. I have a report on my website: "LOCKED OUT. Reversing Federal Housing Failures and Unlocking Opportunity."

But what I found dealing with this is a tragic, embarrassing record of blatant discrimination by the Federal Government against people of color, especially Black Americans.

Look at the history of the Federal Government denying them housing for wartime work projects, for redlining, denying applications for New Deal housing projects, excluding African Americans. And an example of something that I just recently became aware of, the 1968 Housing and Urban Development Act, which had good intentions and generous terms, but gave way to predatory inclusion where real estate interests, banks sold essentially deficient properties at terms that unsophisticated buyers did not fully understand. But the banks and real estate interests didn't care because the loans were guaranteed by the Federal Government at inflated prices. Banking and real estate interests were able to take those back, flip them, sell them again. It is a shameful chapter in this century-long process of discriminating against African Americans in housing.

I would suggest that when we look at what we might do, some are thinking about reparations, I suggest we just provide generous rental subsidies and loan terms for Black Americans. Think of it as a GI Bill for Black Americans who endured a century of discrimination and denying them the access to wealth that has built much of the White middle class.

I would respectfully suggest that this is long overdue. It is justified. It would help stop some of the free-fall in hous-

ing markets that is moving forward and could lead to the same economic burst of energy that we saw after World War II for the GI Bill, which too many Black Americans were denied.

#### IN SUPPORT OF THE RIGHT TO BEAR ARMS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. PENCE) for 5 minutes.

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to voice my strong support for our Second Amendment as protected by the United States Constitution.

The right to bear arms shall never be infringed upon, and I will always defend that right on this very floor.

I swore an oath to serve the people of Indiana's Sixth District, and that means fighting for the God-given right of all Americans to defend themselves and their property. The right to defend yourself and protect your loved ones is paramount now more than ever.

#### IN SUPPORT OF LIFE

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to give voice to those who do not have one: The unborn children of America.

I am a pro-life American. It is our duty to protect the most vulnerable among us. Every human being deserves a right to life, and I will always defend that right. As I stand in this Chamber today, I pledge to always fight for the fundamental right to live given to us by God.

#### SUPPORT MAIN STREET

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to urge my colleagues to support Main Street as our economy reopens.

Across this Nation mom-and-pop shops are suffering.

The COVID-19 pandemic, combined with extreme social unrest, has caused businesses everywhere to shut their doors, many of which may never open again.

As we reopen, American jobs may be lost permanently.

Congress must make it a priority to protect and support small business owners and workers.

It is our duty to do the people's work here in the people's House in our Nation's capital.

Congress must support the Americans we swore to represent.

#### IN SUPPORT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to voice my support for our brave law enforcement officers.

Behind the badge and uniform of our men and women in blue are neighbors and friends who put their lives on the line every day to protect the citizens they serve.

Defunding the police would be downright dangerous, and I will never support that.

Further, some are advocating to change qualified immunity.

Eliminating this civil protection would have disastrous implications.

It would open up officers and their families to countless civil lawsuits and

make community policing all but impossible.

In these times, the heroes of law enforcement deserve more support, not less.

#### AMERICANS NEED A STRONG INFRASTRUCTURE BILL TO REVIVE OUR ECONOMY

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to voice opposition to H.R. 2.

Americans across this Nation need a strong infrastructure bill to revive and strengthen our economy now.

Yet Democrats drafted this bill without any Republican input.

Commonsense, bipartisan proposals like the 12 amendments I authored failed because this is not a serious effort. This bill is a progressive wish list and a NANCY PELOSI power grab again.

I urge my colleagues to oppose H.R. 2.

#### WISHING GOOD LUCK TO 4-H PARTICIPANTS ACROSS INDIANA

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, as the fair season begins, I want to wish the best of luck to all 4-H'rs across Indiana's Sixth District.

Though this year's fairs are virtual and may look very different, the hard work they have put in throughout this past year I want to recognize.

4-H is a tremendous organization that helps our Nation's youth develop the life skills needed to empower themselves and their communities.

Best of luck to those participating in their 4-H county fair. You are making your families and communities very proud.

#### MODERNIZING INFRASTRUCTURE IS IMPORTANT TO ALL AMERICANS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from the Virgin Islands (Ms. PLASKETT) for 5 minutes.

Ms. PLASKETT. Mr. Speaker, like many Members of Congress, I came determined to increase long-term Federal investment in infrastructure.

Supporting the movement of people, goods, energy, and information through our infrastructure is crucial to driving investment in our communities and maintaining America's economic competitiveness.

Modernizing our infrastructure is important to Americans in every part of the country. We know that infrastructure projects are consistently evaluated as the best return on government investment.

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As a member of the New Democratic Coalition, we believe any new proposal must include new revenue, new financing, new funding, and regulatory streamlining and encourage lifecycle funding in innovative infrastructure projects that are built to last.

As chair of the New Democrat Coalition Infrastructure Task Force and a member of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, I believe that there should be four pillars for infrastructure deals. Those include revenue funding.

I support securing dedicated, sustainable revenue to keep the Highway Trust Fund solvent well into the future and increasing Federal investment that is not looted for other purposes.

We need a variety of funding options, including mileage-based user fees; raising or indexing the gas tax; user fees on electric vehicles or batteries to create parity with gasoline-powered vehicles; slightly increasing the corporate tax rate and dedicating the incremental revenue gains toward infrastructure, both expanded and new bond programs.

We must think strategically and use lifecycle cost analysis to account for the operating and maintenance needs of an asset across its entire lifecycle. Thus, we will help guard against deferred maintenance.

I support investing seed capital to capitalize an infrastructure bank that would leverage its funds for everything from roads, to water, to broadband projects. The bank would be accessible to States, localities, and regional groups and would be able to loan them money with favorable terms as well as offer bond insurance.

I and the task force support grant programs that would specifically target areas in desperate need of revitalizing their infrastructure, including those recovering from natural disasters, communities with higher rates of unemployment and poverty, and rural areas. That means new avenues to fund infrastructure projects in communities that have been left behind and in areas that traditionally struggle to attract infrastructure funding for projects that have holistic community support.

The task force recognizes the importance of continued regulatory streamlining in a way that balances expedited construction with appropriate environmental and safety safeguards. The administration must work to implement the numerous streamlining provisions already passed into law by Congress in the FAST Act transportation bill.

In addition, I support encouraging the use of regional partnerships and public-private partnerships.

We must also think about broadband and realize that this is the new transportation of the 21st century, making sustainable and innovative public and private investments across the U.S. to repair and upgrade existing assets and build vital new projects.

We must seek to support projects that help communities become more energy efficient, resilient, and better prepared to deal with the impact of climate change and environmental cleanup.

Finally, we must seek to give communities ownership of local development and encourage innovation, regulatory streamlining, and more comprehensive multiproject long-term planning.

#### PROVIDING RESOURCES TO REOPEN SAFELY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Florida (Mr. SPANO) for 5 minutes.

Mr. SPANO. Mr. Speaker, the overwhelming majority of constituents in my district are eager to get back to work, and I believe it is Congress' duty, our duty, to ensure that our citizens have the necessary resources to reopen in a safe and responsible way. That is why I am proud to have introduced two bills that focus on this very need.

The SAFE at Work Act would create a tax credit for businesses that allow their employees to work from home. This not only protects employees and employers against the spread of COVID-19 but also encourages employers to create telework opportunities for those most susceptible to the virus.

I also introduced the KEEP Act, which supports the President's push for a 3-month payroll tax holiday. This initiative would allow millions of Americans to keep more of the money that they already earn, thus providing critical capital to weather this crisis without involving Federal bureaucracy.

No government program, no matter how generous, can replace a functioning economy. These measures would support hardworking Americans' efforts to get our economy back on track, so I urge their immediate adoption.

#### HIGHLIGHTING BORDER WALL EFFECTIVENESS

Mr. SPANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to lend my voice to the fight to protect our Nation by securing its borders.

Since arriving in Congress, I have stood by the President and his efforts to protect our children from traffickers, dealers, terrorists, and other criminal elements by building a wall.

For decades, our porous borders have threatened our national security, and it wasn't until President Trump took office that our government took this threat seriously.

#### Just how effective has the wall been?

It is a fact that nearly 1 million people were stopped at the U.S.-Mexico border in 2019, but in the last 12 months, illegal immigration has been down 84 percent and illegal crossings from Central America are down 97 percent.

It is a fact that President Trump has deported over 6,000 MS-13 gang members.

And it is a fact that this barrier between the countries is helping stop the flow of illicit drugs. Nearly 450,000 pounds have been seized this year alone.

For far too long, too many have ignored the facts, but I haven't, and I will continue doing everything I can do to keep Florida 15 residents and its businesses safe.

#### HONORING SERGEANT ANDREW BOSKO

Mr. SPANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Andrew Bosko, a Lakeland, Florida, World War II veteran who is 98 years young.

Andy was born in Ohio, raised in Pennsylvania, and one of 13 children of immigrant parents from Austria and Czechoslovakia.

He entered the Army Air Corps in 1943, assigned to the VII Fighter Command in Hawaii. In 1945, the command was reassigned to Iwo Jima, which had been seized by Marine units, to provide emergency landing fields supporting bombing operations against Japan.

Meanwhile, his wife and true love, Sophia, was supporting the war as a Rosie the Riveter. Yet, they still found time to write to each other each day.

Following the war, Andy worked as a machinist in New York and later launched some of Lakeland's favorite restaurants.

Andy, you, together with your bride of 74 years, represent the greatest of our Greatest Generation. You experienced economic and social turmoil and a World War, and then you rebuilt our Nation into the greatest on Earth.

It is our honor to serve you, as you, for so many years, have served us.

#### SALUTING ELLA ERICKSON, VETERAN OF THE MONTH

Mr. SPANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to share the inspiring story of a World War II veteran from Lakeland, Florida.

At 100 years young, Ella Erickson is a unique personification of what heroism is about.

Raised in Wisconsin, she joined the U.S. Marine Corps in 1943. Following basic training, she reported to Marine Corps Headquarters here in Washington, and for the next 2 years, Staff Sergeant Erickson maintained the records of Marine prisoners of war.

Discharged at the end of the war, Ella married and began her family and career.

While holding demanding jobs at Wheaton College and as a nurse caring for the ailing, she also found time to be a supportive wife to international evangelist Victor Erickson and raise four children, two of whom went on to serve in the U.S. Air Force.

She has been a hero to the sick and to our Nation and an even greater one to her family. She epitomizes what heroism is all about, sacrificial service.

Thank you, Ella. Thank you for serving us and showing us how to live well.

On behalf of Florida 15, I salute you.

#### CALL TO REPLACE SICK CARE SYSTEM WITH HEALTHCARE SYSTEM

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. PHILLIPS) for 5 minutes.

Mr. PHILLIPS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today as a father, an American, and a Congressman in support of H.R. 1425, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Enhancement Act.

I rise today as a father because healthcare is personal. I know the pain of caring for a sick child. My daughter, Pia, was diagnosed with Hodgkin's

lymphoma when she was just 14 years old.

Parents and children who have been through the fear, the hospitalizations, the chemotherapy, and the years of anxiety-evoking follow-ups know the nightmare all too well because they have lived it.

But Pia and our family are among the lucky ones. She survived cancer and is now a thriving 20-year-old pursuing her college studies.

And I know how lucky I was to be at Pia's bedside during the toughest days and to do so without worrying about how I was going to pay her medical bills.

I know, in fact, we all know that this is not the case for too many American families throughout our country.

We need this legislation because it will lower healthcare costs, costs that are the very highest in the entire world, yet our outcomes are mid-pack.

In the United States of America, we should have the highest quality care in the world, the most efficient delivery of care in the world, and the best value in the world. In the United States of America, the wealthiest nation in the entire world, no one should have to choose between seeing their doctor or seeing food on their table—no one.

I rise today as an American because healthcare is patriotic. I am sick and tired of Americans paying more money for less quality than other nations. And I am sick and tired of Americans paying more money for the very same lifesaving medications than patients in other countries.

Americans are getting ripped off, and we, every single one of us in this Chamber, can do something about it. Ensuring that every American has access to high-quality and affordable healthcare and medications is indeed a moral decision, but it is also an economic decision.

Let's not kid ourselves. We do not have a healthcare system in our country; we have a sick care system. And it is not even a system, which has made the epic failure of our Nation's COVID response even more glaring.

You see, we tolerate, even condone, incentives for procedures over prevention and profit over people. It is costing us billions of dollars and bankrupting thousands of families and, surely, costing American lives.

We need this legislation because there is meaningful economic and societal value in ensuring that every American enjoys healthcare coverage no matter their age, their race, their gender, their ZIP Code, their income, or their condition.

I rise today as a Congressman because finding common ground, building consensus, and fixing our broken healthcare system is my job. I am on a mission to inspire collaboration in this Chamber and restore Americans' faith in government, and I cannot imagine a better place to begin than healthcare.

Let's rise to this moment and improve it together.

Mr. Speaker, we need this legislation because it will help all Americans, not red State or blue State Americans, but all Americans.

We need this legislation because no one in this country, Republican, Democrat, independent, or otherwise, thinks that our healthcare system is working.

We need this legislation because healthcare is collective, and this pandemic presents an extraordinary opportunity to build a true health system in this country. COVID-19 has taught us that one's health and well-being are directly dependent on the health and well-being of one's entire community.

We are in this together, and we must take care of one another together.

We need this legislation because whether it is my daughter, Pia, a cancer survivor, or Cindy with diabetes in Eden Prairie or Nikki with MS in Brooklyn Park or every single mother in our country who has ever given birth to a child, preexisting conditions are part of being human and should never be a barrier to care.

We need to pass this legislation because it is personal, it is patriotic, and it is our job.

I am grateful to my colleagues in this House for doing so yesterday, and I call on our colleagues in the Senate to join us in ensuring a healthier and more equitable future for every single American.

#### HONORING GEORGIA STATE SENATOR JACK HILL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. CARTER) for 5 minutes.

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember and to honor the life of one of my mentors and my very good friend, Georgia State Senator Jack Hill, who passed away on April 6 at the age of 75.

I sat next to Jack in the Georgia State Senate for 5 years, and he was truly a mentor to me. Through listening and interacting with him over the course of those years up until his death, I understood what it really meant to be a dedicated public servant.

Jack lived his entire life in Reidsville, and his love for his hometown and community was evident throughout his life.

After he graduated from Reidsville High School and Georgia Southern University, he came back to his hometown and went into the grocery business as owner and operator of Hill Shopping Center.

In addition to running his own successful business, Jack still found time to serve in the Georgia Air National Guard for over 33 years, both as a unit commander and a State inspector general.

He was appointed to the board of directors at The Tattnall Bank in the early 1980s before heeding the call to public service.

In 1990, he ran for and won his first term as Georgia State Senator for the Fourth District of Georgia.

Throughout Jack's 30 years of steadfast service in representing the Fourth District, he served on many prestigious committees, including the Senate Rules Committee, where he was vice chairman, and chairman of the powerful Senate Appropriations Committee.

Both Jack and I liked to write columns. We would write weekly columns. Jack always chided me and said mine were very chatty. I always chided him and said his were very nerdy.

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He was a numbers cruncher. He knew the budget like no one in the State of Georgia knew it. He was always the last to leave the capitol each day because of how dedicated he was to serve the people of our State.

Because of Jack's leadership, my colleagues and I were always driven to be good stewards of taxpayer dollars and uphold our mission in all that we did to serve Georgians to the best of our abilities.

Jack was a man of overwhelming integrity, compassion, and humility. He was a true statesman. While he certainly worked hard to be selected for this role, he never used his prestigious title to gain praise or acknowledgment.

He was one of the few people who taught me the importance of placing people over the politics and praise. If anyone ever needed to talk to him, he was always available and listened to what you had to say no matter who you were.

Jack also taught me the importance of humility and keeping a common, steady hand at the helm. I will always remember his immense dedication to everyone he interacted with.

He made a huge difference in the lives of countless students, in the reputation of the university system, and in the holistic improvement of the State of Georgia.

Jack's legacy will always be remembered, and those he knew will never forget the impact he had on the lives he touched.

It is for these reasons that all 14 Georgia Members of the U.S. House, including myself, signed proposed legislation to name a post office building in Jack's hometown of Reidsville after him. Naming a post office after him will honor his remarkable contributions to our State for years to come, and we will work to preserve his legacy of public service for his fellow Georgians.

Jack's advice has stayed with me throughout the years, and he helped make me the person I am today. I am forever grateful to have known Jack Hill, and I will never forget him. His family, friends, and those he worked with will continue to be in my thoughts and prayers as we all mourn the death of a great Georgian and a great American.

HONORING THE LIFE OF BENJAMIN TARBUTTON, JR.

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the life of Mr. Benjamin Tarbutton, Jr., who passed away

peacefully on June 9, 2020, at the age of 90.

A lifelong resident of Sandersville, Georgia, Mr. Tarbutton's ambition started at an earlier age when he earned the honor of Eagle Scout. He even attended the Boy Scout International Jamboree in Paris, France, in 1947.

Mr. Tarbutton went on to attend Oxford College and graduated from Emory University in 1951 with a BA in economics. Following his studies, Mr. Tarbutton served our Nation in the U.S. Navy from 1952 to 1955 and was a veteran of the Korean war.

When he returned home, he began his lifelong career with the Sandersville Railroad Company. Mr. Tarbutton served as a director of the American Short Line and Regional Railroad Association, which is now 127 years old. He dedicated 65 years to the company until the time of his death, serving as president, vice president, and director.

His strong commitment to the railroad industry stretched beyond Sandersville Railroad Company. Mr. Tarbutton served as the director of the American Short Line and Regional Railroad Association and founder and president of the Georgia Railroad Association.

While he found great success in business, Mr. Tarbutton is best known for his commitment to his family, his church, and his community and the State of Georgia.

He will always be remembered for his tireless work to bring new industry and jobs to Sandersville. As part of this work, he served as the director of the Washington County Chamber of Commerce for many years and was honored as Washington County's Citizen of the Year.

But most importantly, Mr. Tarbutton was a family man. His friends and family remember him as a wonderful storyteller who entertained everyone around him with his colorful tales.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the Tarbutton family, especially his widow, Nancy, with a debt of gratitude for sharing Mr. Ben with all of us.

#### DISMANTLE WHITE SUPREMACY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. KENNEDY) for 5 minutes.

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. Speaker, a week ago, this body acted to bring justice to our communities to begin the uncomfortable, urgent work of dismantling white supremacy wherever it finds shelter.

But our work is far from finished.

In the days since we passed the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act, a young biracial woman named Althea Bernstein was set on fire by four White men as she sat in her car.

Three police officers from North Carolina were fired after they laughed about slaughtering Black people.

The President of the United States proudly promoted a video of one of his supporters shouting "white power" at protesters.

Mr. Speaker, if we fail to meet this moment to enact the change demanded by millions of Americans of all colors, all creeds, all beliefs, the damage to this institution and to our Nation will be immense.

This body was built to be a reflection of the people whom we represent. They have the courage to create that change. So should we.

#### SHIPPING MEAT ACROSS STATE LINES

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) for 5 minutes.

Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota. Mr. Speaker, during this COVID-19 pandemic, ag producers and consumers across the country have suffered as we have seen the cracks in our food supply system.

Now, small State-inspected processors, meat processors, did what they could to step up and close the gap, fill the gap, but their efforts were hindered by the fact that Federal laws don't allow for State-inspected facilities to ship meat across State lines.

I would observe that this pandemic is only accelerating the American desire to know where their food comes from and their desire to purchase directly from producers. So that is why, this week, along with Speaker Pro Tem HENRY CUELLAR, I introduced the DIRECT Act.

This bill allows these State-inspected meat facilities to sell their meat across State lines through e-commerce. That is really going to unlock an incredible amount of potential as small producers and processors will have the option to put that product into the hands of consumers.

I think it is important to remember that many States like South Dakota have State-inspection standards that are at least equal to what the Federal Government already requires, so this isn't a food safety issue.

This bill would cut through the red tape. It would allow more flexibility. It would allow more opportunity for producers, for processors, and for consumers.

Now, the DIRECT Act is a market-based approach allowing producers and retailers, under State inspection, to establish those connections with customers in different States through e-commerce. That is going to empower consumers to buy—if they want a particular branded product, they are going to be able to get that product. They will be given more freedom to choose. At the same time, we as a country won't have any reduction in our confidence that our food supply system is safe.

#### SENATE NEEDS TO PASS HEROES ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN) for 5 minutes.

Mr. LEVIN of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today because the coronavirus is winning. There are 2.5 million U.S. cases and more than 126,000 Americans dead. That is more than double the number of American lives lost during the Korean war, tens of thousands more than the two-decade Vietnam war, and 10,000 more than World War I.

The United States has 4.25 percent of the world's population but 25 percent of the COVID-19 deaths. Tens of millions of Americans have lost their jobs or faced pay cuts. And in the coming weeks, economic lifelines passed by Congress that have cushioned the blows are going to expire.

It does not have to be this way. Right now, as I speak, the Senate is sitting on the HEROES Act, a bill that Majority Leader McCONNELL has refused to consider for more than 45 days.

What could have been done in those 45 days?

Moody's Analytics said: "If quickly passed into law, the HEROES Act would provide a substantial boost to the economy during the second half of this year, when the economy is most vulnerable to the pandemic and at most risk of sliding back into recession. The legislation would also return the economy to full employment much more quickly."

Moody's also said: "How well the economy does in the next several years depends critically on what lawmakers decide to do in the next few weeks."

That was more than a week ago, yet the Senate still refuses to pass a bill that puts money in the pockets of workers with a second round of direct payments to families, a bill with new payroll protection measures to keep 60 million workers connected with their jobs, a bill that extends weekly \$600 Federal unemployment benefits through next January so families can pay their bills.

But HEROES isn't just a bill to provide relief from the pandemic; it is a bill to end it. HEROES contains \$75 billion for more COVID-19 testing and contact tracing and \$500 million to help our workforce system place new contact tracers, focusing specifically on Americans who are out of work and drawing from the communities they will work in with the diversity reflecting those unique communities and the language competencies necessary to serve them.

This last part is so important and a core piece of my Coronavirus Containment Corps Act, my bill with Senator WARREN that is included in the HEROES Act in substantial part.

Last week, Dr. Fauci said that U.S. contact tracing isn't going well. Why? Well, Dr. Redfield, the CDC Director, says that we have 27,000 or 28,000 contact tracers when we need, in his own estimation, 100,000, and when other experts believe we may need double that.

We have public health departments that are underfunded. We have communities that, after decades of discrimination, are understandably weary of trusting health authorities. The Coronavirus Containment Core Act addresses every one of those issues. We have solutions ready. No single one of the solutions is a cure-all, but, together, they can turn the tide of this pandemic.

We as Members of this body are in a unique and privileged position to develop solutions that channel the resources we need to implement those solutions on a nationwide scale. To fail to do this is to accept the status quo.

Let's make the HEROES Act law. There is not a minute to waste.

#### HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF JOSEPH J. MANCINO, SR.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Florida (Mr. RUTHERFORD) for 5 minutes.

Mr. RUTHERFORD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Joseph J. Mancino, Sr., of Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida, who, sadly, passed away in late June.

Mr. Mancino was a true American patriot who embodied the selfless values of the Greatest Generation. He joined the Navy at the age of 17 and bravely served aboard the USS *Griffin* and USS *Coucal* in the Pacific during World War II. He also witnessed the atomic bomb explosion dropped over the Bikini Atoll during Operation Crossroads, which was the first atomic test after the war. Joseph received numerous medals for his service, including the Philippine Liberation Medal and Good Conduct Medal.

Those who knew him best say that the only thing stronger than his love for his country was his love for his family and friends. He is survived by his wife, Mary—his wife of 72 years—his four children, seven grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

On behalf of the Fourth Congressional District of Florida and the United States of America, I thank Mr. Mancino for his service to our Nation and offer our sincerest condolences to his family and friends.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF TYLER LEHMAN

Mr. RUTHERFORD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in memory of Tyler Lehman, who, tragically, passed away from a rare form of leukemia during 2017.

During his battle with cancer, Tyler became an inspiration to many in our Jacksonville, Florida, community. Despite numerous cycles of remission, relapse, and chemotherapy, which took a really hard toll on his body, he never lost that positive spirit.

Each year, no matter how difficult it was for him, Tyler would lead his team of walkers for the annual Light the Night Walk for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. His team continues to walk each year in his memory.

He has also befriended people from all over the world, supporting them as they struggled with their own individual ailments and conditions.

He loved the outdoors, whether it was biking nearly 20 miles each day for charity or barbecuing at Cedar Point Park. It has now been over 3 years since his passing, and he is still missed dearly by his family and friends. Tyler was important to so many in northeast Florida, and I know that his memory will live on forever in those whom he touched.

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#### RECOGNIZING JACKSONVILLE FIRE AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT AND U.S. COAST GUARD SECTOR JACKSONVILLE

Mr. RUTHERFORD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department and United States Coast Guard Sector Jacksonville for their response to a vessel fire beginning June 4 at JAXPORT.

For days, under the leadership of Fire Chief Keith Powers and Sector Jacksonville Captain Mark Vlaun, they battled this fire under difficult conditions with bravery and skill, extinguishing the flames and saving the ship from complete destruction.

Unfortunately, Mr. Speaker, nine of those brave firefighters sustained injuries in the blaze, and five are still recovering.

We are so thankful to have these outstanding firefighters in northeast Florida who are the heroes of our communities, saving lives every single day. It is comforting to know we have talented, trained professionals ready to respond to a medical emergency, a house fire, or in this case, a ship fire, at a moment's notice.

Our thoughts continue to be with the injured firefighters and their families, and we wish them a full and speedy recovery.

#### PUBLIC EDUCATION

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Michigan (Ms. STEVENS) for 5 minutes.

Ms. STEVENS. Mr. Speaker, what an honor it is to be on this House floor with you here today in representation of the 700,000 constituents I serve from Michigan's 11th District. We are here for the activity of this House floor. We are here for the grand deliberation of our democracy and for the discourse that makes our Nation's laws.

It is clear, Mr. Speaker, that this pandemic is continuing to pose a serious threat to our communities and to our Nation. As the global death toll has crossed 500,000 this week alone, the World Health Organization has warned that the worst is yet to come. The suffering and loss of life that we have already endured in Michigan and throughout this Nation is unfathomable.

We must recommit to saving lives by listening to the guidance of the public

health experts who are telling us to wear a mask and to socially distance as much as possible. We must recommit to the science that stands before us.

As a result of this pandemic, Mr. Speaker, we must look at the battle before us in terms of what our States are facing with budget shortfalls. You see, Mr. Speaker, this is what we do as appropriators, as individuals who conduct oversight and who authorize the activity and the efforts of our Federal agencies and for the Nation's purse strings.

Without additional Federal funding for Michigan's public schools, a typical school district in Michigan is looking at a \$750-per-pupil cut to our State's budget shortfall.

The White House recently signed an executive order saying, we are going to look for the skills in an individual. How do you obtain the skills if you are not in a fully funded school? When first robotics doesn't exist, when the skills training doesn't exist, and when the guidance counselors who are going to be there to shepherd our students through this trauma they endured cannot do their jobs?

When we are cutting, cutting, cutting. And then we say: Guess what? The Federal taxpayer dollars that you pay and the State taxpayer dollars that you pay are not enough.

Who pays again?

Who pays again?

It is the middle class. It is the individual.

Mr. Speaker, I am tired of it. I am tired of the tax cuts for the wealthiest corporations at the expense of our middle class. I am here to deliver for my constituents. I am here to give them a return on their investment that they make every year. They are looking at us.

In fact, Mr. Speaker, this is something that this House majority has already done in the HEROES Act. We have already taken these steps to address these budget shortfalls. We are here today to vote on an infrastructure bill to rebuild America's schools, to put people back to work, and to stand for the best this Nation has to offer.

I did this work in the halls of government on the other side of Pennsylvania Avenue during another time of crisis, during another time of choppy waters, and I am a believer in these institutions, Mr. Speaker. I saw what happens when Democrats and Republicans come together for the best outcomes, when we rescued the auto industry and millions of auto worker jobs, saying, we will not let you fail, picking up from where the Bush administration left off and where the Obama administration finished it.

We will not let you fail. That is what I say from this House floor today on behalf of the 700,000 constituents from Michigan's 11th District I proudly represent.

#### RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair

declares the House in recess until 10 a.m. today.

Accordingly (at 9 o'clock and 50 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. YARMUTH) at 10 a.m.

#### PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer:

Loving God, thank You for giving us another day.

We ask Your continued protection and empowerment of those who tend to the sick and those who seek medical solutions to this dangerous pandemic.

We thank You for the work of the House these last few days to bring to votes support for the Department of Agriculture. During these times, food production, delivery, and access have been among the many challenges facing our Nation.

Whatever the particulars of this legislation, may it proceed through the legislative process and ultimately redound to the benefit of all Americans.

We ask also Your continued protection and empowerment for those who live heroic lives during this time. Give them strength and perseverance in their service.

May all that is done this day be for Your greater honor and glory.

Amen.

#### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 4(a) of House Resolution 967, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentlewoman from Delaware (Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER 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.

#### HONORING FORMER MAYOR PAUL GAINES, SR.

(Mr. CICILLINE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. CICILLINE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a Rhode Island legend, the late former mayor of Newport, Paul Gaines, Sr.

At a moment in our Nation's history, when we are again confronting the torment of generations of racial inequality, and collectively working to repair the soul of America, Paul Gaines will be remembered as a trailblazer in the fight for equal justice under the law.

As New England's and Rhode Island's first Black mayor, Mayor Gaines was an inspiration, an educator, a soldier, a mentor, and a change-maker who succeeded in every endeavor by bridging divides and leading with humility and integrity.

When he died last Thursday, at the age of 88, Mayor Gaines left behind an enormous legacy.

As an activist, he spent a decade of his life working to build a memorial to the First Rhode Island Regiment, a Continental Army regiment that is best remembered today for recruiting Black soldiers to serve during the Revolutionary War.

In these recent years, he continued his work to ensuring equality of opportunity regardless of one's race, who they are, or where they came from.

Mr. Speaker, I offer my deepest sympathies to his wife of 61 years, Jo Eva, and to the entire Gaines family.

#### CELEBRATING ARTHUR ETZLER'S 100TH BIRTHDAY

(Mr. CLOUD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. CLOUD. Mr. Speaker, born in Lavaca County, Texas, Arthur Etzler is a native of the 27th Congressional District of Texas. July 2, 2020, is his 100th birthday, but that is not the only thing remarkable about Arthur.

On September 22, 1942, Mr. Etzler pledged his service to the Army's 88th Division, 149th Infantry Regiment, Company H, otherwise known as the Blue Devils, to fight in World War II.

Arthur's service took him across the world. He defended freedom in Morocco, North Africa, Rome. He completed his tour in Germany, where he shared a brief and joyful reunion with his brother, Hubert.

Private Etzler's service did not go unnoticed. His courageous fight in the Po River Valley earned him three Bronze Stars. General George C. Marshall once stated that Mr. Etzler's first division "fought like wildcats."

After his service, Arthur returned stateside to Hallettsville, Texas. There, he found the love of his life, Rosemary, his sweetheart of now nearly 73 years. Together, they built their home in Hallettsville and raised six children.

Arthur's service to others never ceased. His life is marked with decency and strength. Mr. and Mrs. Etzler remain active members of their church and community, where they are known for their dedication and kindheartedness.

Arthur has lived a life that reflects the spirit of this Nation, and for that, we thank him.

Happy birthday, Arthur. God bless.

#### TIME TO LEGALIZE MARIJUANA

(Mr. BLUMENAUER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, night after night, young people in Portland, joined by thousands of their neighbors, gathered to demand justice that Black lives matter. Yet, today, thousands are caught in the legacy of Richard Nixon's cynical "War on Drugs." It targeted young, and especially Black people, for selective enforcement. Too many are in jail or prison for nonviolent, often trivial offenses.

Today, over two-thirds of Americans—and the majority of Republicans—think that cannabis should be legal. Let's pass the MORE Act, with many of BARBARA LEE's marijuana justice provisions already approved by the Committee on the Judiciary. Stop discriminatory, selective enforcement. Let's legalize it and stop enforcement all together.

Mr. Speaker, it is time to finally protect young Black Americans from the dangerous, discriminatory, selective enforcement on the War on Drugs. Time to finally legalize marijuana.

#### CELEBRATING LIFE, LIBERTY, PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS THIS JULY FOURTH

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

Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota. Mr. Speaker, on July 3, 1776, John Adams expressed his belief that the signing of the Declaration of Independence should be commemorated "with pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires, and illuminations from one end of this continent to the other, from this time forward forever more."

Well, I actually think we are going to check most of those boxes this July 3 in South Dakota in the beautiful Black Hills, as President Trump is there to watch fireworks over the incredible Mount Rushmore.

Now, I know there is a lot of political unrest in this country. On any given day, there is plenty of political unrest in this Chamber. But July Fourth should be a time for us to come together and celebrate what binds us together: life, liberty, the pursuit of happiness.

#### REQUEST TO CONSIDER H. RES.

1036

Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota. Mr. Speaker, with that in mind, and to honor a day that unites us as Americans, I ask unanimous consent that the

Committee on Oversight and Reform be discharged from further consideration of H. Res. 1036, and I, furthermore, ask for its immediate consideration by the House.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman is advised that under guidelines consistently issued by successive Speakers, as recorded in section 956 of the House Rules and Manual, the Chair is constrained not to entertain the request unless it has been cleared by the bipartisan floor and committee leaderships.

Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota. Mr. Speaker, I understand the Speaker's ruling, but nevertheless, I wish the United States of America a very happy birthday.

#### INVESTING IN OUR NATION'S INFRASTRUCTURE

(Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 2, the Moving Forward Act. This infrastructure bill invests in our roads, bridges, transit systems, schools, housing, clean water systems, and so much more.

Importantly, it will create good-paying jobs, repair critical infrastructure, address the climate crisis, and create healthier and safer communities. I am proud that this bill includes key provisions that I championed in Congress, including repairing our natural gas pipelines to prevent methane leaks, investing in our public buildings to make them more energy efficient, and incentivizing our Nation's ports to reduce harmful emissions. These investments are a down payment on our Nation's future, and they will, indeed, help us move America forward.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting the passage of H.R. 2.

#### RECOGNIZING IMPORTANCE OF USMCA IN WASHINGTON

(Mr. NEWHOUSE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. NEWHOUSE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement going into effect today and to recognize the important role this critical trade agreement play for my district in central Washington.

In 2019, Washington State exports to Canada and Mexico totaled \$11.1 billion. Now, due to the challenges of the pandemic on our economy, the USMCA is more vital than ever to provide freer markets, fairer trade, and more economic opportunity in Washington.

This modernized trade agreement will promote the potential for small businesses to aid in the growth and recovery of our State's economy, and it will provide for expansion of equitable trade opportunities for many of central Washington's farmers and ranchers.

The implementation of the USMCA comes at a crucial time for the American economy.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to have supported this trade agreement on behalf of people in central Washington, particularly knowing that my constituents will benefit at a time when they need it most.

#### SUPPORTING INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT FOR AMERICA

(Mr. HIGGINS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, this afternoon, the House will vote to approve a \$1.5 trillion transportation and infrastructure bill.

This American nation-building program will be the largest in American history. The Public Works Administration of 1930s spent nearly \$700 billion in today's dollars. This building program will more than double that investment, creating millions of jobs in the construction trades, jobs in the supply and materials industry, and jobs in the engineering and design industries as well.

The program is good for economic growth at a time when our Nation is desperate for economic growth. For every dollar invested in infrastructure, that investment returns \$1.80, or an 80 percent return on investment, to the United States economy.

The President and both political parties have promised a robust infrastructure investment. Now is the time to reconcile that rhetoric with action.

Mr. Speaker, I urge approval of this bill.

#### HIGHLIGHTING COVID-19 DEATH STATISTICS

(Mr. GROTHMAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. GROTHMAN. Mr. Speaker, we have heard several speeches this morning about the COVID epidemic.

Like a lot of Americans, every day, I like to get up and see whether we are moving in the right direction or not. I was sad to see this morning—I checked the Worldometer's website because a lot of my constituents tell me that is the one to check, and I was sad to see that, this morning, when they gave the number of deaths yesterday, on Tuesday, they list 764 Americans who had passed away.

However, the Worldometer website kind of goes up and down by the day. It is always very low on Sunday and Saturday. It gets higher on Wednesday and Thursday.

However, I did notice that the 764 deaths yesterday, on Tuesday, was the lowest on a Tuesday since March 23.

Mondays are always very low. We had 366 deaths on Monday. That was also the lowest since March.

Mr. Speaker, I hope that we continue to have the progress as we work the number of people who die of this hor-

rible disease down every day, but I have a feeling that a lot of Americans are being misled. So I am just pointing out the way these statistics are going.

#### CONDEMNING ATTACKS UPON PRESS IN AMERICA

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

Ms. SCANLON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak in support of the free press in America.

I can't believe that I have to say this, but our free press is under attack—physical attack. As Americans have taken to the streets to demand change in the wake of George Floyd's murder, we have seen our First Amendment trampled as hundreds of journalists have been arrested and assaulted by law enforcement officers.

In the past few weeks, members of the press have been detained, gassed, shot at. One reporter lost an eye when she was targeted with rubber bullets, and the most infamous example was the attack upon peaceful protesters and journalists gathered outside the White House.

Mr. Speaker, a free press is one of the most fundamental and cherished values in our country, predating our Constitution. It stems from 1735 when John Peter Zenger was arrested and charged with sedition for criticizing a corrupt British governor of New York.

A free press is one of the most basic ways we hold our government accountable.

On the eve of our Nation's birthday, I invite my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to join me in sponsoring H. Res. 999, which condemns attacks upon the press and the detention of journalists and reaffirms the value of a free press to our democracy.

□ 1015

#### USMCA GOES INTO EFFECT TODAY

(Mr. SMUCKER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. SMUCKER. Mr. Speaker, a day that the farmers of Pennsylvania's 11th Congressional District have been looking forward to is finally here. Today marks the day the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement, or USMCA, goes into effect.

Over a year ago, I stood here in the Chamber and said one thing I can tell you about the farmers of the 11th District is that they adapt and hold on to hope that better times are yet to come. With the USMCA now in effect, better times are indeed on the way.

I am very proud to represent Pennsylvania's 11th Congressional District. It is the number one district for agricultural production in Pennsylvania.

The USMCA is a win for farmers, with a number of provisions included that will give the farmers in my district a level playing field and open new

markets as well. These reforms were critical for the district, which, by the way, is the number two producer of eggs in the Nation and also a top dairy producer.

So, again, I would like to thank the President and his administration for their willingness to listen to the farmers in my district and to ensure that USMCA is a win not only for farmers, but for manufacturers and employees in my district as well.

#### SUPPORTING THE INFRASTRUCTURE BILL

(Mr. CARTWRIGHT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, I want to raise my voice in support of H.R. 2, the Moving Forward Act.

I want to congratulate Chairman DEFAZIO. He has been working on this for a long time. This is the infrastructure bill that we have been waiting for. He has followed what my father advised me to do as a young boy: If you are going to do something, do it right. And it is a wonderful bill.

This is something that will repair our crumbling roads and bridges in this country, expand transit and commuter rail, repair and rebuild schools, make childcare facilities safer, deliver broadband to the entire country, reclaim abandoned mines, save affordable housing units, provide access to safe drinking water and good sewer systems, and put more energy into the grid. This is something that this entire Nation needs.

It is time for us to come together and fulfill this promise to the American people to rebuild and reinvest in our American infrastructure. It is the Moving Forward Act, H.R. 2. Let's all vote "yes" on that bill.

#### NURSING HOME NEGLIGENCE

(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, we continue to see appalling nursing home negligence nationwide, including my home State of Pennsylvania.

Last week, my fellow Pennsylvania Republican Members and I joined the Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Crisis to send a letter to State Attorney General Josh Shapiro demanding an explanation for Governor Wolf's deadly decision to readmit COVID-19-positive residents back into nursing homes.

According to the most recent data, Pennsylvania has suffered 4,539 nursing home deaths related to COVID-19. That is more than 68 percent of the State's total COVID-19 deaths and more than 3 percent of the State's entire nursing home population.

The families who have lost loved ones as a result of this reckless policy de-

serve answers, they deserve an explanation, and they deserve closure.

Prior to my being elected to Congress, I spent many years as a licensed nursing home administrator specializing in long-term care, and I have been horrified to see this avoidable crisis unfold.

In closing, I would like to thank our frontline employees in nursing homes. They work so hard to protect the residents. And my sincerest condolences to the families who are grieving.

#### RUSSIAN BOUNTY ON U.S. TROOPS

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

Mr. MCNERNEY. Mr. Speaker, in response to the attacks on September 11, my son joined the military, and I am now the proud father of a U.S. Air Force veteran.

I know firsthand the anxiety felt by loved ones whose family members are called on to fight for our Nation overseas.

As the father of a former soldier, I am disgusted by the allegation that Russia placed a bounty on our troops, and as an American citizen, I am outraged that the Commander in Chief of our military forces has seemingly abandoned his responsibilities.

The President has an obligation to investigate these accusations and to protect the lives of American soldiers, but, once again, all we are hearing from this White House is denial and deflection.

We deserve to know the truth. When was the President informed and what action has he taken to protect the lives of our troops? Americans should settle for nothing less.

#### REMEMBERING JACK THOMPSON

(Mr. ADERHOLT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. ADERHOLT. Mr. Speaker, I rise this morning to honor and to recognize Mr. Jack Thompson from Montgomery, Alabama. He passed away on Sunday, June 21, 2020, after a full life of 88 years.

He was born in Colbert County, which is now the Fourth Congressional District, in 1932 and remained a resident of the State of Alabama for his entire life.

After graduating from Colbert County High School, Jack married his sweetheart, Ruth Hester, at the age of 20, and Jack and Ruth were married for 67 years and raised four wonderful children.

For 31 years, Jack worked for Auburn University Extension Service. After retiring, he went on to own a farm in Athens, Alabama, and served as assistant commissioner of agriculture alongside my father-in-law, who was commissioner at the time, Albert McDonald, from the State of Alabama. Then Jack, himself, thereafter was elected

commissioner of agriculture and industries for 4 years for the State of Alabama.

Jack is now survived by his four children, David Thompson, Keith Thompson, Susan Woodham, and Janice Thompson, and his sister, Ann Thomas. He has 11 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

Jack will be greatly missed by all his family and friends and all of us that knew him. Jack's legacy will live well into the future.

#### SUPPORT IMPROVING THE NATION'S INFRASTRUCTURE

(Mrs. BUSTOS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the Moving Forward Act.

I represent a district where 85 percent of the towns are 5,000 people or fewer, and 60 percent of the towns are 1,000 people or fewer.

Earlier this year, I reached out to every mayor and city administrator and county administrator and village president, 151 leaders, representing towns and counties in the 7,000 square miles in the congressional district that I serve. I listened to their needs, and the Moving Forward Act reflects many of their priorities.

Now, the administration has said this package is biased against rural America, to which I say: What?

The President has failed to bring forward any plan that prioritizes rural America. This bill expands broadband. It strengthens water systems. It provides \$250 million for our rural roads and our communities, rebuilding our rural schools, and prioritizing buying American in all that we build.

Today, for the district I represent, and for all rural communities, I will be proud to cast my vote in favor of this important legislation.

#### WILDFIRE SEASON HAS BEGUN

(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, wildfire season has begun, especially in California. In 2020 so far, 3,100 fires have started, twice as many as the same period in 2019.

Ongoing drought is part of the problem. We will be on the way to surpassing 2019 for the entire season as, indeed, we do have a head start.

We shouldn't leave our fire preparedness plans completely to our firefighters having to go out and do it after the fact. We need to get ahead of the curve.

There are real solutions to getting fires under control in the West. A big part of it is forest management, especially on Federal lands.

There are 100 million dead trees in California. When coupled with years of

drought, the risks of turning our forests into tinder boxes is higher than ever. Responsible thinning and hazardous trees removal is an essential portion of what we need to be doing.

My bill, the CLEAR Zones Act, which is Clearing Lines, Electrical At-Risk Zones Act, would reduce the bureaucracy and the timelines to actually get the work done after permitting within 60 days and increase the buffer zone along power lines so there is less danger and more ability to fight fire at a smaller level.

Mismanaged forests lead to more fire. Without better practices, we will see more and more of the West go up in smoke.

#### REBUILD THE NATION'S INFRASTRUCTURE

(Mr. O'HALLERAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. O'HALLERAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 2, the Moving Forward Act, legislation to repair and rebuild our Nation's crumbling infrastructure.

I am pleased to see this bill make significant capital investments in our rural roads, schools, broadband expansion programs, and much more.

I also want to note that outdated infrastructure disproportionately affects rural and Tribal communities, which too often lack access to quality electricity, water, and sanitation systems.

To that end, I was pleased to see two bills I have sponsored included in the package.

First, the Tribal Power Act, which ensures that Tribal communities get access to affordable energy sources by increasing funding for the Department of Energy's Indian energy education planning and management assistance program.

Second is my bill for the planning, construction, and renovation of water, wastewater, and sanitation facilities across all of Indian Country.

These much-needed updates to our infrastructure have been on Congress' back burner for decades, putting the health, safety, and growth of our communities at risk.

Mr. Speaker, I look forward to voting in favor of this important bill and ask that you also do that.

#### REMEMBERING SERGEANT WOLFGANG K. WENINGER

(Mr. JOYCE of Ohio asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. JOYCE of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and service of U.S. Marine Sergeant Wolfgang K. Weninger.

On June 16, just days before he was set to graduate from the U.S. Army Airborne School, Sergeant Weninger was tragically killed in a training accident. He was 28 years old.

Sergeant Weninger, who went by Kyle or Wolf back home, was a grad-

uate of Kenston High School and a local sports legend in Geauga County.

Known for his selflessness, Kyle joined the Marines in 2015 and immediately excelled. In roughly 4 years, he earned the coveted Marine Special Operator Insignia and rose to the rank of sergeant.

Kyle's instructors said that he possessed unsurmountable determination, a deep sense of integrity, and an unconquerable spirit. They called him a natural leader, someone who always looked out for his team.

I had the opportunity to speak to my old friend, Kyle's father, Ernie, this past week and express my profound condolences directly to him. As a parent, I can only imagine how difficult this time is for him, Mrs. Henry, and their families.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in a moment of silence to honor Sergeant Wolfgang K. Weninger and to pray for his loved ones in the wake of their tragic loss.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The House will observe a moment of silence.

#### CHILDCARE IS INFRASTRUCTURE

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

Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, the Moving Forward Act recognizes that childcare is infrastructure.

Central to rebuilding our economy, stabilizing our workforce, and educating our children, childcare is a public good, supporting more than \$99 billion a year in economic activity.

But we have not treated it as such. Ninety-six percent of childcare professionals are women, and 40 percent are women of color, and they are chronically underpaid. Costs for families are high, creating barriers, especially from women, from entering and staying in the workforce.

The pandemic has pushed this vital sector to its breaking point, and we cannot afford to let it fail. This bill creates a grant program to renovate and modify childcare facilities, helping them to reopen safely. It invests in providers and in our Nation's children.

Childcare is the foundation for building an inclusive economy, and now is the time to invest in our future. I urge a "yes" vote on this legislation.

□ 1030

#### RECOGNIZING BEASLEY, TEXAS, VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

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

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, Sunday is a weekly day of Christian Sabbath. I must confess that last Sunday my Sabbath was not very pious. I toyed with one of the seven deadly sins; the sin of gluttony.

After I went to church, I drove down Interstate 69 to Beasley, Texas, and that is where I cracked. But it wasn't my fault. It was purely the fault of Tim Sabrsula, who is the chief of the Beasley Volunteer Fire Department.

At 11 a.m. they started selling huge chicken fried chicken plates at \$10 a plate. The temptation of gluttony was overwhelming; I had to buy five plates.

But Chief Sabrsula was not alone, Beasley Mayor Kenneth Reid joined this sinful attack. But I succumbed for a great cause, new equipment for the heroes at the Beasley Volunteer Fire Department. Chief Sabrsula asked me to close by saying, "Y'all come next year, you'll be glad you did."

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will ask Members to observe proper decorum in the Chamber.

#### OUR UNALIENABLE RIGHTS OF LIFE, LIBERTY, AND THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS

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

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, on Saturday we will celebrate the Independence Day of our country. In our Chamber we have photographs of Lafayette and George Washington. In the preamble of the Declaration of Independence, it reads: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness."

Unfortunately, those words were not complete because African Americans were not considered men, and they were not given the unalienable rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. We are still pursuing that. We did it with the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act, and we are doing it in other ways with opportunities for African Americans.

And as we said in the founding of our country, that we are becoming a more perfect union, and we continue to do that today; to see to it that all men and women have certain inalienable rights, life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

Hopefully, we will remember that on Saturday, and remember that the reason why we cut ourselves off from King George is because we wanted to be a Nation of a rule of laws and not a Nation of a rule of man. That was worth people signing the Declaration, putting their lives at risk, and founding the United States of America.

#### NATIONAL COIN SHORTAGE

(Mr. JOHN W. ROSE of Tennessee asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. JOHN W. ROSE of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call attention to the national coin shortage occurring as a result of COVID-19.

I brought this issue to center stage 2 weeks ago during the hearing with Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell, and we are starting to feel the effects back in Tennessee.

This week I saw a flier from a business in Tennessee pleading with its customers to use exact change due to the coin shortage. I, along with fellow Members, have sent a letter to Chairman Powell asking for additional guidance and best practices for business, but we can all play a role, an important part, to combat this shortage and help Americans who need to make every penny count.

It is just my 2 cents, but I urge my fellow Americans to literally contribute their 2 cents by putting their spare change back into circulation.

**INVESTING IN A NEW VISION FOR THE ENVIRONMENT AND SURFACE TRANSPORTATION IN AMERICA ACT**

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 1(c) of rule XIX, further consideration of the bill (H.R. 2) to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, and for other purposes, will now resume.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

AMENDMENTS EN BLOC NO. 4 OFFERED BY MR. DEFAZIO OF OREGON

The SPEAKER pro tempore. It is now in order to consider an amendment en bloc consisting of amendments printed in part E of House Report 116-438.

Mr. DEFAZIO. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to section 5 of the House Resolution 1028, I offer amendments en bloc.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will designate the amendments en bloc.

Amendments en bloc No. 4 consisting of amendment Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, and 27, printed in part E of House Report 116-438, offered by Mr. DEFAZIO of Oregon.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 OFFERED BY MR. BABIN OF TEXAS

Page 61, after line 7, insert the following:  
**SEC. \_\_\_\_\_. HIGH PRIORITY CORRIDORS ON NATIONAL HIGHWAY SYSTEM.**

(a) IDENTIFICATION.—

(1) CENTRAL TEXAS CORRIDOR.—Section 1105(c)(84) of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 is amended to read as follows:

“(84) The Central Texas Corridor, including the route—

“(A) commencing in the vicinity of Texas Highway 338 in Odessa, Texas, running eastward generally following Interstate Route 20, connecting to Texas Highway 158 in the vicinity of Midland, Texas, then following Texas Highway 158 eastward to United States Route 87 and then following United States Route 87 southeastward, passing in the vicinity of San Angelo, Texas, and connecting to United States Route 190 in the vicinity of Brady, Texas;

“(B) commencing at the intersection of Interstate Route 10 and United States Route 190 in Pecos County, Texas, and following United States Route 190 to Brady, Texas;

“(C) following portions of United States Route 190 eastward, passing in the vicinity of

Fort Hood, Killeen, Belton, Temple, Bryan, College Station, Huntsville, Livingston, Woodville, and Jasper, to the logical terminus of Texas Highway 63 at the Sabine River Bridge at Burrs Crossing and including a loop generally encircling Bryan/College Station, Texas;

“(D) following United States Route 83 southward from the vicinity of Eden, Texas, to a logical connection to Interstate Route 10 at Junction, Texas;

“(E) following United States Route 69 from Interstate Route 10 in Beaumont, Texas, north to United States Route 190 in the vicinity of Woodville, Texas;

“(F) following United States Route 96 from Interstate Route 10 in Beaumont, Texas, north to United States Route 190 in the vicinity of Jasper, Texas; and

“(G) following United States Route 190, State Highway 305, and United States Route 385 from Interstate Route 10 in Pecos County, Texas to Interstate 20 at Odessa, Texas.”.

(2) CENTRAL LOUISIANA CORRIDOR.—Section 1105(c) of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(91) The Central Louisiana Corridor commencing at the logical terminus of Louisiana Highway 8 at the Sabine River Bridge at Burrs Crossing and generally following portions of Louisiana Highway 8 to Leesville, Louisiana, and then eastward on Louisiana Highway 28, passing in the vicinity of Alexandria, Pineville, Walters, and Archie, to the logical terminus of United States Route 84 at the Mississippi River Bridge at Vidalia, Louisiana.”.

(3) CENTRAL MISSISSIPPI CORRIDOR.—Section 1105(c) of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991, as amended by this Act, is further amended by adding at the end the following:

“(92) The Central Mississippi Corridor, including the route—

“(A) commencing at the logical terminus of United States Route 84 at the Mississippi River and then generally following portions of United States Route 84 passing in the vicinity of Natchez, Brookhaven, Monticello, Prentiss, and Collins, to Interstate 59 in the vicinity of Laurel, Mississippi, and continuing on Interstate Route 59 north to Interstate Route 20 and on Interstate Route 20 to the Mississippi-Alabama State Border; and

“(B) commencing in the vicinity of Laurel, Mississippi, running south on Interstate Route 59 to United States Route 98 in the vicinity of Hattiesburg, connecting to United States Route 49 south then following United States Route 49 south to Interstate Route 10 in the vicinity of Gulfport and following Mississippi Route 601 southerly terminating near the Mississippi State Port at Gulfport.”.

(4) MIDDLE ALABAMA CORRIDOR.—Section 1105(c) of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991, as amended by this Act, is further amended by adding at the end the following:

“(93) The Middle Alabama Corridor including the route—

“(A) beginning at the Alabama-Mississippi Border generally following portions of I-20 until following a new interstate extension paralleling United States Highway 80 specifically:

“(B) crossing Alabama Route 28 near Coatopa, Alabama, traveling eastward crossing United States Highway 43 and Alabama Route 69 near Selma, Alabama, traveling eastwards closely paralleling United States Highway 80 to the south crossing over Alabama Routes 22, 41, and 21, until its intersection with I-65 near Hope Hull, Alabama;

“(C) continuing east along the proposed Montgomery Outer Loop south of Mont-

gomery, Alabama where it would next join with I-85 east of Montgomery, Alabama;

“(D) continuing along I-85 east bound until its intersection with United States Highway 280 near Opelika, Alabama or United States Highway 80 near Tuskegee, Alabama;

“(E) generally following the most expedient route until intersecting with existing United States Highway 80 (JR Allen Parkway) through Phenix City until continuing into Columbus, Georgia.”.

(5) MIDDLE GEORGIA CORRIDOR.—Section 1105(c) of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991, as amended by this Act, is further amended by adding at the end the following:

“(94) The Middle Georgia Corridor including the route—

“(A) beginning at the Alabama-Georgia Border generally following the Fall Line Freeway from Columbus Georgia to Augusta, Georgia specifically:

“(B) travelling along United States Route 80 (JR Allen Parkway) through Columbus, Georgia and near Fort Benning, Georgia, east to Talbot County, Georgia where it would follow Georgia Route 96, then commencing on Georgia Route 49C (Fort Valley Bypass) to Georgia Route 49 (Peach Parkway) to its intersection with Interstate route 75 in Byron, Georgia;

“(C) continuing north along Interstate Route 75 through Warner Robins and Macon, Georgia where it would meet Interstate Route 16. Following Interstate 16 east it would next join United States Route 80 and then onto State Route 57;

“(D) commencing with State Route 57 which turns into State Route 24 near Milledgeville, Georgia would then bypass Wrens, Georgia with a newly constructed bypass. After the bypass it would join United States Route 1 near Fort Gordon into Augusta, Georgia where it will terminate at Interstate Route 520.”.

(b) INCLUSION OF CERTAIN SEGMENTS ON INTERSTATE SYSTEM.—Section 1105(e)(5)(A) of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 is amended in the first sentence—

(1) by inserting “subsection (c)(84),” after “subsection (c)(83);” and

(2) by striking “and subsection (c)(90)” and inserting “subsection (c)(90), subsection (c)(91), subsection (c)(92), subsection (c)(93), and subsection (c)(94)”.

(c) DESIGNATION.—Section 1105(e)(5)(C) of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 is amended by striking “The route referred to in subsection (c)(84) is designated as Interstate Route I-14.” and inserting “The route referred to in subsection (c)(84)(A) is designated as Interstate Route I-14 North. The route referred to in subsection (c)(84)(B) is designated as Interstate Route I-14 South. The Bryan/College Station, Texas loop referred to in subsection (c)(84) is designated as Interstate Route I-214. The routes referred to in subparagraphs (C), (D), (E), (F), and (G) of subsection (c)(84) and in subsections (c)(91), (c)(92), (c)(93), and (c)(94) are designated as Interstate Route I-14.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2 OFFERED BY MR. BALDERSO OF OHIO

Page 894, line 17, strike “lane splitting” and insert “operating between lanes of slow or stopped traffic”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3 OFFERED BY MR. BEYER OF VIRGINIA

Page 499, after line 22, insert the following:  
**SEC. 1632. STUDY ON EFFECTIVENESS OF SUICIDE PREVENTION NETS AND BARRIERS FOR STRUCTURES OTHER THAN BRIDGES.**

(a) STUDY.—The Comptroller General of the United States shall conduct a study to identify—

(1) the types of structures, other than bridges, that attract a high number of individuals attempting suicide-by-jumping;

(2) the characteristics that distinguish structures identified under paragraph (1) from similar structures that do not attract a high number of individuals attempting suicide-by-jumping;

(3) the types of nets or barriers that are effective at reducing suicide-by-jumping with respect to the structures identified under paragraph (1);

(4) methods of reducing suicide-by-jumping with respect to the structures identified under paragraph (1) other than nets and barriers;

(5) quantitative measures of the effectiveness of the nets and barriers identified under paragraph (3);

(6) quantitative measures of the effectiveness of the additional methods identified under paragraph (4);

(7) the entities that typically install the nets and barriers identified under paragraph (3); and

(8) the costs of the nets and barriers identified under paragraph (3).

(b) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General shall submit to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate a report on the results of the study conducted under subsection (a).

**AMENDMENT NO. 4 OFFERED BY MS. BROWNLEY OF CALIFORNIA**

Page 192, strike lines 14 through 16 and insert the following:

“(B) Construction or installation of protective devices (including replacement of functionally obsolete protective devices) at railway-highway crossings.”

**AMENDMENT NO. 5 OFFERED BY MR. CALVERT OF CALIFORNIA**

At the end of title II of division L, add the following:

**Subtitle A—Western Riverside County Wildlife Refuge.**

**SEC. 82501. ESTABLISHMENT.**

The Secretary of the Interior (in this subtitle referred to as the “Secretary”), acting through the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, shall establish as a national wildlife refuge the lands, waters, and interests therein acquired under section 82504. The national wildlife refuge shall be known as the Western Riverside County National Wildlife Refuge (in this subtitle referred to as the “Wildlife Refuge”).

**SEC. 82502. PURPOSE. The purpose of the Wildlife Refuge shall be—**

(1) to conserve, manage, and restore wildlife habitats for the benefit of present and future generations of Americans;

(2) to conserve species listed as threatened or endangered under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.) or the California Endangered Species Act (California Fish and Game Code 2050-2068), or which is a covered species under the Western Riverside County Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan;

(3) to support the recovery and protection of threatened and endangered species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.); and

(4) to provide for wildlife habitat connectivity and migratory corridors within the Western Riverside County Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan Area.

**SEC. 82503. NOTIFICATION OF ESTABLISHMENT.**  
The Secretary shall publish notice of the establishment of the Wildlife Refuge in the Federal Register.

**SEC. 82504. BOUNDARIES.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall include within the boundaries of the Wildlife Refuge the lands and waters within the Western Riverside County Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan Area (as depicted on maps and described in the Final Western Riverside County Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan dated June 17, 2003) that are owned by the Federal government, a State, or a political subdivision of a State on the date of enactment.

**SEC. 82505. ADMINISTRATION.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Upon the establishment of the Wildlife Refuge and thereafter, the Secretary shall administer all federally owned lands, waters, and interests in the Wildlife Refuge in accordance with the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966 (16 U.S.C. 668dd et seq.) and this subtitle. The Secretary may use such additional statutory authority as may be available to the Secretary for the conservation, management, and restoration of fish and wildlife and natural resources, the development of compatible wildlife dependent outdoor recreation opportunities, and the facilitation of fish and wildlife interpretation and education as the Secretary considers appropriate to carry out the purposes of this subtitle and serve the objectives of the Western Riverside County Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan.

(b) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS REGARDING NON-FEDERAL LANDS.—The Secretary may enter into cooperative agreements with the State of California, any political subdivision thereof, or any other person—

(1) for the management, in a manner consistent with this subtitle and the Western Riverside County Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan, of lands that are owned by such State, subdivision, or other person and located within the boundaries of the Wildlife Refuge;

(2) to promote public awareness of the natural resources of the Western Riverside County Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan Area; or

(3) to encourage public participation in the conservation of those resources.

**SEC. 82506. ACQUISITION AND TRANSFERS OF LANDS AND WATERS FOR WILDLIFE REFUGE.**

(a) ACQUISITIONS.—The Secretary shall acquire by donation, purchase with appropriated funds, or exchange the lands and water, or interest therein (including conservation easements), within the boundaries of the Wildlife Refuge, except that the lands, water, and interests therein owned by the State of California and its political subdivisions may be acquired only by donation.

(b) TRANSFERS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The head of any Federal department or agency, including any agency within the Department of the Interior, that has jurisdiction of any Federal property located within the boundaries of the Wildlife Refuge as described by this subtitle shall, not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, submit to the Secretary an assessment of the suitability of such property for inclusion in the Wildlife Refuge.

(2) ASSESSMENT.—Any assessment under paragraph (1) shall include—

(A) parcel descriptions and best existing land surveys for such property;

(B) a list of existing special reservations, designations, or purposes of the property;

(C) a list of all known or suspected hazardous substance contamination of such property, and any facilities, surface water, or groundwater on such property;

(D) the status of withdrawal of such property from—

(i) the Mineral Leasing Act; and

(ii) the General Mining Act of 1872; and

(E) a recommendation as to whether such property is or is not suitable for inclusion in the Wildlife Refuge.

**(3) INCLUSION IN WILDLIFE REFUGE.—**

(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall, not later than 60 days after receiving an assessment submitted pursuant to paragraph (1), determine if the property described in such assessment is suitable for inclusion in the Wildlife Refuge.

(B) TRANSFER.—If the Secretary determines the property in an assessment submitted under paragraph (1) is suitable for inclusion in the Wildlife Refuge, the head of the Federal department or agency that has jurisdiction of such property shall transfer such property to the administrative jurisdiction of the Secretary for the purposes of this subtitle.

(4) PROPERTY UNSUITABLE FOR INCLUSION.—Property determined by the Secretary to be unsuitable for inclusion in the Wildlife Refuge based on an assessment submitted under paragraph (1) shall be subsequently transferred to the Secretary for purposes of this subtitle by the head of the department or agency that has jurisdiction of such property if such property becomes suitable for inclusion in the Wildlife Refuge as determined by the Secretary in consultation with the head of the department or agency that has jurisdiction of such property.

(5) PUBLIC ACCESS.—If property transferred to the Secretary under this subsection allows for public access at the time of transfer, such access shall be maintained unless such access—

(A) would be incompatible with the purposes of the Wildlife Refuge;

(B) would jeopardize public health or safety; or

(C) must be limited due to emergency circumstances.

**AMENDMENT NO. 6 OFFERED BY MR. COHEN OF TENNESSEE**

Page 499, after line 22, insert the following:

**SEC. 1632. COMPTROLLER GENERAL STUDY ON NATIONAL DUI REPORTING.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Comptroller General of the United States shall conduct a study on the reporting of alcohol-impaired driving arrest and citation results into Federal databases to facilitate the widespread identification of repeat impaired driving offenders.

(b) INCLUSIONS.—The study conducted under subsection (a) shall include a detailed assessment of—

(1) the extent to which State and local criminal justice agencies are reporting alcohol-impaired driving arrest and citation results into Federal databases;

(2) barriers on the Federal, State, and local levels to the reporting of alcohol-impaired driving arrest and citation results into Federal databases, as well as barriers to the use of those systems by criminal justice agencies;

(3) Federal, State, and local resources available to improve the reporting of alcohol-impaired driving arrest and citation results into Federal databases;

(4) recommendations for policies and programs to be carried out by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration; and

(5) recommendations for programs and grant funding to be authorized by Congress.

(c) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United States shall submit to the appropriate committees of Congress a report on the results of the study conducted under subsection (a).

AMENDMENT NO. 7 OFFERED BY MR. CRAWFORD  
OF ARKANSAS

Page 607, line 7, strike “Section” and insert “(b) SPECIAL RULE.—Section”.

Page 607, after line 6, insert the following:

(a) CERTIFICATION.—Section 5323(u)(4) of title 49, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in the heading of subparagraph (A) by striking “RAIL”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

“(C) NONRAIL ROLLING STOCK.—Notwithstanding subparagraph (B) of paragraph (5), as a condition of financial assistance made available in a fiscal year under section 5339, a recipient shall certify in that fiscal year that the recipient will not award any contract or subcontract for the procurement of rolling stock for use in public transportation with a rolling stock manufacturer described in paragraph (1).”.

AMENDMENT NO. 8 OFFERED BY MR. CUELLAR OF  
TEXAS

Page 499, after line 22, insert the following:

**SEC. 1632. FUTURE INTERSTATE DESIGNATION  
AND OPERATION.**

Section 1105(e)(5)(A) of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 is amended by inserting “subclauses (I) through (IX) of subsection (c)(38)(A)(i), subsection (c)(38)(A)(iv),” after “subsection (c)(37).”.

AMENDMENT NO. 9 OFFERED BY MRS. DINGELL  
OF MICHIGAN

At the end of title III of division L, add the following:

**CHAPTER 4—****Subchapter A—Natural Infrastructure for  
Wildlife Conservation and Restoration****SEC. 83411. SHORT TITLE.**

This subchapter may be cited as the “Recovering America’s Wildlife Act”.

**SEC. 83412. WILDLIFE CONSERVATION AND RES-  
TORATION SUBACCOUNT.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 3 of the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act (16 U.S.C. 669b) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a), by striking “\$50,000,000 in fiscal year 2001” in paragraph (2) and inserting “\$1,397,000,000 in fiscal years 2021 through 2025”; and

(2) in subsection (c), by redesignating paragraphs (2) and (3) as paragraphs (9) and (10); and

(3) in subsection (c), by striking paragraph (1) and inserting the following:

**“(1) ESTABLISHMENT OF SUBACCOUNT.**

“(A) IN GENERAL.—There is established in the fund a subaccount to be known as the ‘Wildlife Conservation and Restoration Subaccount’ (referred to in this section as the ‘Subaccount’).

“(B) AVAILABILITY.—Amounts in the Subaccount shall be available upon appropriation, for each fiscal year, for apportionment in accordance with this Act.

“(C) DEPOSITS INTO SUBACCOUNT.—For fiscal years 2021 through 2025, the Secretary of the Treasury shall transfer \$1,300,000,000 upon appropriation from the general fund of the treasury each fiscal year to the fund for deposit in the Subaccount.

“(2) SUPPLEMENT NOT SUPPLANT.—Amounts transferred to the Subaccount shall supplement, but not replace, existing funds available to the States from—

“(A) the funds distributed pursuant to the Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration Act (16 U.S.C. 777 et seq.); and

“(B) the fund.

**“(3) INNOVATION GRANTS.**

“(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall distribute 10 percent of funds from the Subaccount through a competitive grant program to State fish and wildlife departments,

the District of Columbia fish and wildlife department, fish and wildlife departments of territories, or to regional associations of fish and wildlife departments (or any group composed of more than 1 such entity).

“(B) PURPOSE.—Such grants shall be provided for the purpose of catalyzing innovation of techniques, tools, strategies, or collaborative partnerships that accelerate, expand, or replicate effective and measurable recovery efforts for species of greatest conservation need and species listed under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.) and the habitats of such species.

“(C) REVIEW COMMITTEE.—The Secretary shall appoint a review committee comprised of—

“(i) a State Director from each regional association of State fish and wildlife departments;

“(ii) the head of a department responsible for fish and wildlife management in a territory; and

“(iii) four individuals representing four different nonprofit organizations each of which is actively participating in carrying out wildlife conservation restoration activities using funds apportioned from the Subaccount.

“(D) SUPPORT FROM UNITED STATES FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE.—The United States Fish and Wildlife Service shall provide any personnel or administrative support services necessary for such Committee to carry out its responsibilities under this Act.

“(E) EVALUATION.—Such committee shall evaluate each proposal submitted under this paragraph and recommend projects for funding. The committee shall give preference to solutions that accelerate the recovery of species identified as priorities through regional scientific assessments of species of greatest conservation need.

“(4) USE OF FUNDS.—Funds apportioned from the Subaccount—

“(A) shall be used to implement the Wildlife Conservation Strategy of a State, territory, or the District of Columbia, as required under 16 U.S.C. 669c(d), by carrying out, revising, or enhancing existing wildlife and habitat conservation and restoration programs and developing and implementing new wildlife conservation, restoration, and natural infrastructure resilience programs and partnerships to recover and manage species of greatest conservation need and the key habitats and plant community types essential to the conservation of those species as determined by the appropriate State fish and wildlife department;

“(B) shall be used to develop, revise, and enhance the Wildlife Conservation Strategy of a State, territory, or the District of Columbia, as may be required by this Act;

“(C) shall be used to assist in the recovery of species found in the State, territory, or the District of Columbia that are listed as endangered species, threatened species, candidate species or species proposed for listing, or species petitioned for listing under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.) or under State law;

“(D) may be used for wildlife conservation education and wildlife-associated recreation projects and infrastructure, especially in historically underserved communities;

“(E) may be used to manage a species of greatest conservation need whose range is shared with another State, territory, Indian Tribe, or foreign government and for the conservation of the habitat of such species;

“(F) may be used to manage, control, and prevent invasive species, disease, and other risks to species of greatest conservation need; and

“(G) may be used for law enforcement activities that are directly related to the protection and conservation of a species of

greatest conservation need and the habitat of such species.

“(5) MINIMUM REQUIRED SPENDING FOR ENDANGERED SPECIES RECOVERY.—Not less than an average of 15 percent over a 5-year period of amounts apportioned to a State, territory, or the District of Columbia from the Subaccount shall be used for purposes described in paragraph (4)(C). The Secretary may reduce the minimum requirement of a State, territory, or the District of Columbia on an annual basis if the Secretary determines that the State, territory, or the District of Columbia is meeting the conservation and recovery needs of all species described in paragraph (4)(C).

“(6) PUBLIC ACCESS TO PRIVATE LANDS NOT REQUIRED.—Funds apportioned from the Subaccount shall not be conditioned upon the provision of public access to private lands, waters, or holdings.

**“(7) REQUIREMENTS FOR MATCHING FUNDS.**

“(A) For the purposes of the non-Federal fund matching requirement for a wildlife conservation or restoration program or project funded by the Subaccount, a State, territory, or the District of Columbia may use as matching non-Federal funds—

“(i) funds from Federal agencies other than the Department of the Interior and the Department of Agriculture;

“(ii) donated private lands and waters, including privately owned easements;

“(iii) in circumstances described in subparagraph (B), revenue generated through the sale of State hunting and fishing licenses; and

“(iv) other sources consistent with part 80 of title 50, Code of Federal Regulations, in effect on the date of enactment of the Recovering America’s Wildlife Act of 2019.

“(B) Revenue described in subparagraph (A)(iii) may only be used to fulfill the requirements of such non-Federal fund matching requirement if—

“(i) no Federal funds apportioned to the State fish and wildlife department of such State from the Wildlife Restoration Program or the Sport Fish Restoration Program have been reverted because of a failure to fulfill such non-Federal fund matching requirement by such State during the previous 2 years; and

“(ii) the project or program being funded benefits the habitat of a hunted or fished species and a species of greatest conservation need.

“(C) No State, territory or the District of Columbia shall be required to provide non-Federal matching funds for this program through fiscal year 2025.

“(8) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection, the following definitions apply:

“(A) SPECIES OF GREATEST CONSERVATION NEED.—The term ‘species of greatest conservation need’ may be fauna or flora, and may include terrestrial, aquatic, marine, and invertebrate species that are of low population, declining, rare, or facing threats and in need of conservation attention, as determined by each State fish and wildlife department, with respect to funds apportioned to such State.

“(B) PARTNERSHIPS.—The term ‘partnerships’ may include, but are not limited to, collaborative efforts with Federal agencies, State agencies, local agencies, Indian Tribes, nonprofit organizations, academic institutions, industry groups, and private individuals to implement a State’s Wildlife Conservation Strategy.

“(C) TERRITORY AND TERRITORIES.—The terms ‘territory’ and ‘territories’ mean the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and the United States Virgin Islands.

“(D) WILDLIFE.—The term ‘wildlife’ means any species of wild, freeranging fauna, including fish, and also any fauna in captive breeding programs the object of which is to reintroduce individuals of a depleted indigenous species into previously occupied range.”

(b) ALLOCATION AND APPORTIONMENT OF AVAILABLE AMOUNTS.—Section 4 of the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act (16 U.S.C. 669c) is amended—

(1) by redesignating the second subsection (c), relating to the apportionment of the Wildlife Conservation and Restoration Account, and subsection (d) as subsections (d) and (e) respectively;

(2) in subsection (d), as redesignated—

(A) in paragraph (1)—

(i) in subparagraph (A), by striking “to the District of Columbia and to the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, each” and inserting “To the District of Columbia”;

(ii) in subparagraph (B), by striking “to Guam” and inserting “To Guam”;

(iii) in subparagraph (B), by striking “not more than one-fourth of one percent” and inserting “not less than one-third of one percent”;

(iv) by adding at the end the following:

“(C) To the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, a sum equal to not less than 1 percent thereof.”;

(B) in paragraph (2)(A), as redesignated—

(i) by amending clause (i) to read as follows:

“(i) one-half of which is based on the ratio to which the land and water area of such State bears to the total land and water area of all such States;”;

(ii) in clause (ii), by striking “two-thirds” and inserting “one-quarter”; and

(iii) by adding at the end the following:

“(iii) one-quarter of which is based upon the ratio to which the number of species listed as endangered or threatened under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (15 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.) in such State bears to the total number of such species listed in all such States.”;

(C) by amending paragraph (2)(B) to read as follows:

“(B) The amounts apportioned under this paragraph shall be adjusted equitably so that no such State, unless otherwise designated, shall be apportioned a sum which is less than one percent or more than five percent of the amount available for apportionment under—

(i) paragraph (2)(A)(i) of this section;

(ii) paragraph (2)(A)(ii) of this section; and

(iii) the overall amount available for section (2)(A).

(C) States that include plants among their species of greatest conservation need and in the conservation planning and habitat prioritization efforts of their Wildlife Conservation Strategy shall receive an additional 5 percent of their apportioned amount.”;

(D) in paragraph (3), by striking “3 percent” and inserting “1.85 percent”;

(3) by amending subsection (e)(4)(B), as redesignated, to read as follows:

“(B) Not more than an average of 15 percent over a 5-year period of amounts apportioned to each State under this section for a State’s wildlife conservation and restoration program may be used for wildlife conservation education and wildlife-associated recreation.”; and

(4) by adding at the end following:

“(f) MINIMIZATION OF PLANNING AND REPORTING.—Nothing in this Act shall be interpreted to require a State to create a comprehensive strategy related to conservation education or outdoor recreation.”;

(g) ACCOUNTABILITY.—Not more than one year after the date of enactment of the Re-

covering America’s Wildlife Act of 2019 and every three years thereafter, each State fish and wildlife department shall submit a three-year work plan and budget for implementing its Wildlife Conservation Strategy and a report describing the results derived from activities accomplished under paragraph (4) during the previous three years to—

(1) the Committee on Environment and Public Works of the Senate;

(2) the Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Representatives; and

(3) the United States Fish and Wildlife Service.”.

#### SEC. 83413. TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS.

(a) DEFINITIONS.—Section 2 of the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act (16 U.S.C. 669a) is amended—

(1) by striking paragraph (5);

(2) by redesignating paragraphs (6) through (9) as paragraphs (5) through (8), respectively; and

(3) in paragraph (6), as redesignated by paragraph (2), by inserting “Indian Tribes, academic institutions,” before “wildlife conservation organizations”.

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—The Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act (16 U.S.C. 669a et seq.) is amended—

(1) in section 3—

(A) in subsection (a)—

(i) by striking “(1) An amount equal to” and inserting “An amount equal to”; and

(ii) by striking paragraph (2);

(B) in subsection (c)—

(i) in paragraph (9), as redesignated by section 101(a)(1), by striking “or an Indian tribe”; and

(ii) in paragraph (10), as redesignated by section 101(a)(1), by striking “Wildlife Conservation and Restoration Account” and inserting “Subaccount”; and

(C) in subsection (d), by striking “Wildlife Conservation and Restoration Account” and inserting “Subaccount”;

(2) in section 4 (16 U.S.C. 669c)—

(A) in subsection (d), as redesignated—

(i) in the heading, by striking “ACCOUNT” and inserting “SUBACCOUNT”; and

(ii) by striking “Account” each place it appears and inserting “Subaccount”; and

(B) in subsection (e)(1), as redesignated, by striking “Account” and inserting “Subaccount”; and

(3) in section 8 (16 U.S.C. 669g), in subsection (a), by striking “Account” and inserting “Subaccount”.

#### SEC. 83414. SAVINGS CLAUSE.

The Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act (16 U.S.C. 669 et seq.) is amended—

(1) by redesignating section 13 as section 15; and

(2) by inserting after section 12 the following:

#### “SEC. 13. SAVINGS CLAUSE.

“Nothing in this Act shall be construed to enlarge or diminish the authority, jurisdiction, or responsibility of a State to manage, control, or regulate fish and wildlife under the law and regulations of the State on lands and waters within the State, including on Federal lands and waters.”

#### “SEC. 14. STATUTORY CONSTRUCTION WITH RESPECT TO ALASKA.

“If any conflict arises between any provision of this Act and any provision of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (Public Law 46–487, 16 U.S.C. 3101 et seq.), then the provision in the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act shall prevail.”.

#### Subchapter B—Natural Infrastructure for Tribal Wildlife Conservation and Restoration

##### SEC. 83421. INDIAN TRIBES.

(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

(1) ACCOUNT.—The term “Account” means the Tribal Wildlife Conservation and Restoration Account established by subsection (c)(1).

(2) INDIAN TRIBE.—The term “Indian Tribe” has the meaning given such term in section 4 of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 5304).

(3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of the Interior.

(4) TRIBAL SPECIES OF GREATEST CONSERVATION NEED.—The term “Tribal species of greatest conservation need” means any species identified by an Indian Tribe as requiring conservation management because of declining population, habitat loss, or other threats, or because of their biological or cultural importance to such Tribe.

(5) WILDLIFE.—The term “wildlife” means—

(A) any species of wild flora or fauna including fish and marine mammals;

(B) flora or fauna in a captive breeding, rehabilitation, and holding or quarantine program, the object of which is to reintroduce individuals of a depleted indigenous species into previously occupied range or to maintain a species for conservation purposes; and

(C) does not include game farm animals.

#### (b) TRIBAL WILDLIFE CONSERVATION AND RESTORATION ACCOUNT.

(1) IN GENERAL.—There is established in the Treasury an account to be known as the “Tribal Wildlife Conservation and Restoration Account”.

(2) AVAILABILITY.—Amounts in the Account shall be available for each fiscal year upon appropriation for apportionment in accordance with this title.

(3) DEPOSITS.—For fiscal year 2021 through 2025, the Secretary of the Treasury shall transfer \$97,500,000 upon appropriation to the Account.

(c) DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS TO INDIAN TRIBES.—Each fiscal year, the Secretary of the Treasury shall deposit funds into the Account and distribute such funds through a noncompetitive application process according to guidelines, and criteria, and reporting requirements determined by the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Director of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, in consultation with Indian Tribes. Such funds shall remain available until expended.

(d) WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITIES.—The distribution guidelines and criteria described in subsection (d) shall be based, in part, upon Indian Tribes’ wildlife management responsibilities.

#### (e) USE OF FUNDS.

(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in paragraph (2), the Secretary may distribute funds from the Account to an Indian Tribe for any of the following purposes:

(A) To develop, carry out, revise, or enhance wildlife conservation and restoration programs to manage Tribal species of greatest conservation need and the habitats of such species as determined by the Indian Tribe.

(B) To assist in the recovery of species listed as an endangered or threatened species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.).

(C) For wildlife conservation education and wildlife-associated recreation projects and infrastructure.

(D) To manage a Tribal species of greatest conservation need and the habitat of such species, the range of which may be shared with a foreign country, State, or other Indian Tribe.

(E) To manage, control, and prevent invasive species as well as diseases and other risks to wildlife.

(F) For law enforcement activities that are directly related to the protection and conservation of wildlife.

(G) To develop, revise, and implement comprehensive wildlife conservation strategies and plans for such Tribe.

(H) For the hiring and training of wildlife conservation and restoration program staff.

(2) CONDITIONS ON THE USE OF FUNDS.—

(A) REQUIRED USE OF FUNDS.—In order to be eligible to receive funds under subsection (d), a Tribe's application must include a proposal to use funds for at least one of the purposes described in subparagraphs (A) and (B) of paragraph (1).

(B) IMPERILED SPECIES RECOVERY.—In distributing funds under this section, the Secretary shall distribute not less than 15 percent of the total funds distributed to proposals to fund the recovery of a species, subspecies, or distinct population segment listed as a threatened species, endangered species, or candidate species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.) or Tribal law.

(C) LIMITATION.—In distributing funds under this section, the Secretary shall distribute not more than 15 percent of all funds distributed under this section for the purpose described in paragraph (1)(C).

(f) NO MATCHING FUNDS REQUIRED.—No Indian Tribe shall be required to provide matching funds to be eligible to receive funds under this Act.

(g) PUBLIC ACCESS NOT REQUIRED.—Funds apportioned from the Tribal Wildlife Conservation and Restoration Account shall not be conditioned upon the provision of public or non-Tribal access to Tribal or private lands, waters, or holdings.

(h) ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.—Of the funds deposited under subsection (e)(3) for each fiscal year, not more than 3 percent shall be used by the Secretary for administrative costs.

(i) SAVINGS CLAUSE.—Nothing in this Act shall be construed as modifying or abrogating a treaty with any Indian Tribe, or as enlarging or diminishing the authority, jurisdiction, or responsibility of an Indian Tribe to manage, control, or regulate wildlife.

AMENDMENT NO. 10 OFFERED BY MR. GARCÍA OF ILLINOIS

Page 389, line 25, insert “, and make recommendations for developing and utilizing transportation and traffic demand models with a demonstrated record of accuracy” before the period.

Page 390, line 13, insert “, including an analysis of the level of accuracy of forecasts and possible reasons for large discrepancies” before the semicolon.

Page 392, after line 14, insert the following:

(5) WORKING WITH AFFECTED COMMUNITIES.—In carrying out this section, the Secretary shall consult with, and collect data and input from, representatives of—

(A) the Department of Transportation;

(B) State departments of transportation;

(C) metropolitan planning organizations;

(D) local governments;

(E) providers of public transportation;

(F) nonprofit entities related to transportation, including safety, cycling, disability, and equity groups; and

(G) any other stakeholders, as determined by the Secretary.

Page 392, after line 24, insert the following:

(d) UPDATE GUIDANCE AND REGULATIONS.—

The Secretary shall—

(1) update Department of Transportation guidance and procedures to utilize best practices documented throughout the Federal program; and

(2) ensure that best practices included in the report are incorporated into appropriate regulations as such regulations are updated.

(e) CONTINUING IMPROVEMENT.—The Secretary shall set out a process to repeat the

study under this section every 2 years as part of the conditions and performance report, including—

(1) progress in the accuracy of model projections;

(2) further recommendations for improvement; and

(3) further changes to guidance, regulation, and procedures required for the Department of Transportation to adopt best practices.

AMENDMENT NO. 11 OFFERED BY MR. GIANFORTE OF MONTANA

Page 1907, after line 24, insert the following:

**SEC. 81253. CONTINUED USE OF PICK-SLOAN MISSOURI BASIN PROGRAM PROJECT USE POWER BY THE KINSEY IRRIGATION COMPANY AND THE SIDNEY WATER USERS IRRIGATION DISTRICT.**

(a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

(1) the Act of May 18, 1938 (52 Stat. 403, chapter 250; 16 U.S.C. 833 et seq.), authorized the completion, maintenance, and operation of the Fort Peck project;

(2) section 2 of that Act (52 Stat. 404, chapter 250; 16 U.S.C. 833a) authorized and directed the Bureau of Reclamation—

(A) to transmit and sell electric energy generated by the Fort Peck project; and

(B) “to interconnect the Fort Peck project with either private or with other Federal projects and publicly owned power systems now or hereafter constructed.”;

(3) section 9 of the Act of December 22, 1944 (commonly known as the “Flood Control Act of 1944”) (58 Stat. 891, chapter 665)—

(A) authorized the Missouri River Basin Project, now known as the “Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program” (referred to in this section as the “Program”);

(B) approved the comprehensive plan for the Program set forth in Senate Document 191 and House Document 475, as revised and coordinated by Senate Document 247, 78th Congress;

(C) established a permanent administration for the development of the Missouri River Basin; and

(D) incorporated the Fort Peck project as part of the Program;

(4) in 1946, the Bureau of Reclamation entered into project use power contracts to provide the Kinsey Irrigation Company and the predecessor of the Sidney Water Users Irrigation District electrical service under the authority of the Act of May 18, 1938 (52 Stat. 403, chapter 250; 16 U.S.C. 833 et seq.);

(5) since 1946, the Bureau of Reclamation has approved 9 modifications to the project use power contracts between the Bureau of Reclamation, the Kinsey Irrigation Company, and the Sidney Water Users Irrigation District;

(6) the project use power contracts in effect on the date of enactment of this Act provide electric service to the Kinsey Irrigation Company and the Sidney Water Users Irrigation District at the Program rate of 2.5 mills per kilowatt-hour, including wheeling, through 2020; and

(7) the Kinsey Irrigation Company and the Sidney Water Users Irrigation District have reasonably relied on the authority of the Act of May 18, 1938 (52 Stat. 403, chapter 250; 16 U.S.C. 833 et seq.), and the fact that the Bureau of Reclamation has treated the Kinsey Irrigation Company and the Sidney Water Users Irrigation District as irrigation pumping

units of the Program for more than 74 years.

(b) AUTHORIZATION.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law and subject to subsection (c), the Secretary of the Interior (acting through the Commissioner of Reclamation) shall continue to treat the irrigation pumping units known as the “Kinsey Irrigation Company” in Custer County, Mon-

tana, and the “Sidney Water Users Irrigation District” in Richland County, Montana, or any successor to the Kinsey Irrigation Company or Sidney Water Users Irrigation District, as irrigation pumping units of the Program for the purposes of wheeling, administration, and payment of project use power.

(c) LIMITATION.—The quantity of power to be provided to the Kinsey Irrigation Company and the Sidney Water Users Irrigation District (including any successor to the Kinsey Irrigation Company or the Sidney Water Users Irrigation District) under subsection (b) may not exceed the maximum quantity of power provided to the Kinsey Irrigation Company and the Sidney Water Users Irrigation District under the applicable contract for electric service in effect on the date of enactment of this Act.

AMENDMENT NO. 12 OFFERED BY MISS GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN OF PUERTO RICO

Page 1913, after line 18, insert the following:

**SEC. 81314. PUERTO RICO WATERSMART GRANTS ELIGIBILITY.**

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This section may be cited as the “Puerto Rico WaterSMART Grants Eligibility Act”.

(b) WATERSMART GRANTS AND AGREEMENTS.—Section 9504 of the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 (42 U.S.C. 10364) is amended in subsection (a)(2)(A)—

(1) in clause (ii), by striking “or”;

(2) in clause (iii), by striking “and” and inserting “or”; and

(3) by inserting after clause (iii), the following:

“(iv) Puerto Rico; and”.

AMENDMENT NO. 13 OFFERED BY MISS GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN OF PUERTO RICO

Page 797, after line 5, insert the following:

**SEC. 4310. APPLICATION OF COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY.**

(a) DEFINITION.—Section 31301(14) of title 49, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by striking “and” and inserting a comma; and

(2) by inserting “, and Puerto Rico” before the period.

(b) IMPLEMENTATION.—The Administrator of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration shall work with the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico on obtaining full compliance with chapter 313 of title 49, United States Code, and regulations adopted under that chapter.

(c) GRACE PERIOD.—Notwithstanding section 31311(a) of title 49, United States Code, during a 5-year period beginning on the date of enactment of this Act, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico shall not be subject to a withholding of an apportionment of funds under paragraphs (1) and (2) of section 104(b) of title 23, United States Code, for failure to comply with any requirement under section 31311(a) of title 49, United States Code.

AMENDMENT NO. 14 OFFERED BY MR. GRAVES OF LOUISIANA

On page 1975, line 16, after “fishing vessel” insert “or employ a fisherman that has been significantly impacted by unfair methods of competition or other actions from foreign governments, as determined by the United States Trade Representative, to supplant domestic seafood production or fish products.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 15 OFFERED BY MR. GROTHMAN OF WISCONSIN

Page 1540, after line 17, insert the following:

**SEC. 33178. CONSIDERATION OF INVASIVE SPECIES.**

Section 18 of the Federal Power Act (16 U.S.C. 811) is amended by inserting “In prescribing a fishway, the Secretary of Commerce or the Secretary of the Interior, as appropriate, shall consider the threat of

invasive species.” before “The license applicant and any party to the proceeding shall be entitled to a determination on the record.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 16 OFFERED BY MR. HASTINGS OF FLORIDA

Page 198, line 12, strike the closing quotation marks and the semicolon and insert the following:

“(20) roads in rural areas that primarily serve to transport agricultural products from a farm or ranch to a marketplace.”;

Page 205, strike lines 12 through 21 and insert the following:

(8) in subsection (g)—

(A) in the heading by striking “5,000” and inserting “50,000”; and

(B) in paragraph (1), by striking subsection (d)(1)(A)(ii) and all that follows through the period at the end and inserting “clauses (iii) and (iv) of subsection (d)(1)(A) for each fiscal year may be obligated on roads functionally classified as rural minor collectors or local roads or on critical rural freight corridors designated under section 167(e).”.

AMENDMENT NO. 17 OFFERED BY MR. KELLER OF PENNSYLVANIA

Page 674, after line 2, insert the following:

**SEC. 2806. PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION INNOVATION.**

Section 5312(h)(2) of title 49, United States Code, is amended by striking subparagraph (G).

AMENDMENT NO. 18 OFFERED BY MR. KRISHNAMOORTHI OF ILLINOIS

Page 731, line 22, strike “(B) and (C)” and insert “(B), (C), and (D)”.

Page 732, after line 14, insert the following:

“(D) TEXTING WHILE DRIVING.—Notwithstanding subparagraphs (B) and (C), a State shall be allocated 25 percent of the amount calculated under subparagraph (A) if such State has enacted and is enforcing a law that prohibits a driver from viewing a personal wireless communication device, except for the purpose of navigation.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 19 OFFERED BY MR. LOWENTHAL OF CALIFORNIA

Page 934, after line 19, insert the following:

**SEC. \_\_\_\_\_. UNIVERSAL ELECTRONIC IDENTIFIER.**

Not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall issue a final motor vehicle safety standard that requires a commercial motor vehicle manufactured after the effective date of such standard to be equipped with a universal electronic vehicle identifier that—

(1) identifies the vehicle to roadside inspectors for enforcement purposes;

(2) does not transmit personally identifiable information regarding operators; and

(3) does not create an undue cost burden for operators and carriers.

AMENDMENT NO. 20 OFFERED BY MR. MCKINLEY OF WEST VIRGINIA

In division G, at the end of subtitle A of title III, add the following:

**CHAPTER 10—CARBON CAPTURE UTILIZATION AND STORAGE**

**SEC. 33191. SUPPORTING CARBON CAPTURE UTILIZATION AND STORAGE.**

(a) REPEAL OF CLEAN COAL POWER INITIATIVE.—Subtitle A of title IV of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (42 U.S.C. 15961 et seq.) is repealed.

(b) FOSSIL ENERGY OBJECTIVES.—Section 961(a) of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (42 U.S.C. 16291(a)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(8) Improving the conversion, use, and storage of carbon dioxide from fossil fuels.

“(9) Lowering greenhouse gas emissions across the fossil fuel cycle to the maximum

extent possible, including emissions from all fossil fuel production, generation, delivery, and utilization.

“(10) Preventing, predicting, monitoring, and mitigating the unintended leaking of methane, carbon dioxide, and other fossil fuel-related emissions into the atmosphere.

“(11) Reducing water use, improving water reuse, and minimizing the surface and subsurface environmental impact of the development of unconventional domestic oil and natural gas resources.

“(12) Developing carbon removal and utilization technologies, products, and methods that result in net reductions in greenhouse gas emissions, including direct air capture and storage and carbon use and reuse for commercial application.”.

(c) CARBON CAPTURE AND UTILIZATION TECHNOLOGY COMMERCIALIZATION PROGRAM.—

(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of Energy shall establish a carbon capture and utilization technology commercialization program to significantly improve the efficiency, effectiveness, cost, and environmental performance of fossil fuel-fired facilities.

(2) INCLUSIONS.—The program shall include funding for—

(A) front end engineering design studies for commercial demonstration projects for at least 3 types of advanced carbon capture technology and at least 1 type of direct air capture technology;

(B) commercial demonstration of advanced carbon capture technology projects intended to produce a standard design specification for up to 5 demonstrations of a particular technology type;

(C) commercial demonstration of direct air capture technology projects intended to produce a standard design specification for up to 5 demonstrations of a particular technology type; and

(D) commercialization projects of large-scale carbon dioxide storage sites in saline geological formations that are designed to accept at least 10,000,000 tons per year of carbon dioxide, including activities exploring, categorizing, and developing storage sites and necessary pipeline infrastructure.

(3) FUNDING.—

(A) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated for activities—

(i) under paragraph (2)(A), \$100,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2021 through 2025, and such sums as may be necessary for fiscal years 2026 through 2030;

(ii) under paragraph (2)(B), \$1,500,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2021 through 2025, and such sums as may be necessary for fiscal years 2026 through 2030;

(iii) under paragraph (2)(C), \$250,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2021 through 2025, and such sums as may be necessary for fiscal years 2026 through 2030; and

(iv) under paragraph (2)(D), \$500,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2021 through 2025, and such sums as may be necessary for fiscal years 2026 through 2030.

(B) COST SHARING.—Federal grants under this section shall be limited as follows:

(i) For activities under paragraph (2)(A), the Secretary shall provide not more than 80 percent of project funds.

(ii) For activities under any of subparagraphs (B) through (D) of paragraph (2), the Secretary shall provide not more than 50 percent of project funds.

(d) DIRECT AIR CAPTURE TECHNOLOGY PRIZE PROGRAM.—

(1) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

(A) QUALIFIED CARBON DIOXIDE.—

(i) IN GENERAL.—The term “qualified carbon dioxide” means any carbon dioxide that—

(I) is captured directly from the ambient air; and

(II) is measured at the source of capture and verified at the point of disposal, injection, or utilization.

(ii) INCLUSION.—The term “qualified carbon dioxide” includes the initial deposit of captured carbon dioxide used as a tertiary injectant.

(iii) EXCLUSION.—The term “qualified carbon dioxide” does not include carbon dioxide that is recaptured, recycled, and reinjected as part of the enhanced oil and natural gas recovery process.

(B) QUALIFIED DIRECT AIR CAPTURE FACILITY.—

(i) IN GENERAL.—Subject to clause (ii), the term “qualified direct air capture facility” means any facility that—

(I) uses carbon capture equipment to capture carbon dioxide directly from the ambient air; and

(II) captures more than 10,000 metric tons of qualified carbon dioxide annually.

(ii) EXCLUSION.—The term “qualified direct air capture facility” does not include any facility that captures carbon dioxide—

(I) that is deliberately released from naturally occurring subsurface springs; or

(II) using natural photosynthesis.

(2) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this section, the Secretary of Energy, in consultation with the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, shall establish a direct air capture prize program designed to significantly reward development, demonstration, and deployment of direct air capture technologies.

(3) DIRECT AIR CAPTURE PRIZE PROGRAM.—

(A) AWARDS.—Under the prize program, the Secretary shall provide financial awards in a competitive setting equally for each ton of qualified carbon dioxide captured by a qualified direct air capture facility until appropriated funds are expended. The prize per metric ton shall not exceed—

(i) \$180 for qualified carbon dioxide captured and stored in saline storage formations;

(ii) a lesser amount as determined by the Secretary for qualified carbon dioxide captured and stored in conjunction with enhanced oil recovery operations; or

(iii) a lesser amount as determined by the Secretary for qualified carbon dioxide captured and utilized in any activity consistent with section 45Q(f)(5) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (26 U.S.C. 45Q(f)(5)).

(B) ADMINISTRATION.—

(i) REQUIREMENTS.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this section, the Administrator, in consultation with the Secretary, shall submit requirements for qualifying metric tons of carbon dioxide. In carrying out this clause, the Administrator shall develop specific requirements for—

(I) the process of applying for prizes; and

(II) the demonstration of performance of approved projects.

(ii) DETERMINATION.—For purposes of determining the amount of metric tons of qualified carbon dioxide eligible for prizes under clause (i), the amount shall be equal to the net metric tons of carbon dioxide removal demonstrated by the recipient, subject to the requirements set forth by the Administrator under such clause.

(C) SCHEDULE OF PAYMENT.—The Secretary shall award prizes on an annual basis to qualified direct air capture facilities for metric tons of qualified carbon dioxide captured and verified at the point of disposal, injection, or utilization.

(4) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this subsection \$200,000,000 for the period of fiscal years 2021 through 2025, and

\$400,000,000 for the period of fiscal years 2026 through 2030, to remain available until expended.

(e) INCREASED FUNDING FOR INJECTION WELL PERMITTING.—

(1) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—For activities involved in the permitting by the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency of Class VI wells for the injection of carbon dioxide for the purpose of geologic sequestration in accordance with the requirements of the Safe Drinking Water Act (42 U.S.C. 300f et seq.) and regulations promulgated thereunder by the Administrator on December 10, 2010 (75 Fed. Reg. 77230), there are authorized to be appropriated \$5,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2021 through 2025, and such sums as may be necessary for fiscal years 2026 through 2030.

(2) STATE PERMITTING PROGRAMS.—

(A) GRANTS.—The Administrator shall provide grants to States that receive program approval for permitting Class VI wells for the injection of carbon dioxide pursuant to section 1422 of the Safe Drinking Water Act (42 U.S.C. 300h-1), for the purpose of defraying State expenses related to the establishment and operation of such State permitting programs.

(B) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—For State grants described in subparagraph (A), there are authorized to be appropriated \$50,000,000 for the period of fiscal years 2021 through 2025, and such sums as may be necessary for fiscal years 2026 through 2030.

AMENDMENT NO. 21 OFFERED BY MR. ROUDA OF CALIFORNIA

Page 1220, after line 11, insert the following:

**TITLE VI—OTHER MATTERS**

**SEC. 26001. SMART WATER INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT GRANTS.**

Title II of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1281 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:

**“SEC. 222. SMART WASTEWATER INFRASTRUCTURE TECHNOLOGY.**

“(a) POLICY.—It is the policy of the United States to support the modernization of the Nation’s publicly owned treatment works to maintain reliable and affordable water quality infrastructure that addresses demand impacts, including resiliency to improve public health and natural resources.

“(b) GRANTS.—

“(1) GRANTS TO TREATMENT WORKS.—The Administrator shall make direct grants to owners and operators of publicly owned treatment works for planning, design, construction, and operations training of—

“(A) intelligent wastewater collection systems and stormwater management operations, including technologies that rely on—

“(i) real-time monitoring, embedded intelligence, and predictive maintenance capabilities that improve the energy efficiency, reliability, and resiliency of wastewater pumping systems;

“(ii) real-time sensors that provide continuous monitoring of wastewater collection system water quality to support the optimization of stormwater and wastewater collection systems, with a priority for water quality impacts; and

“(iii) the use of artificial intelligence and other intelligent optimization tools that reduce operational costs, including operational costs relating to energy consumption and chemical treatment; and

“(B) innovative and alternative combined sewer and stormwater control projects, including groundwater banking, that rely upon real-time data acquisition to support predictive aquifer recharge through water reuse and stormwater management capabilities.

“(2) RURAL COMMUNITIES SET-ASIDE.—Of amounts appropriated pursuant to sub-

section (h), the Administrator use not more than 20 percent to make grants to communities with populations not greater than 10,000.

“(c) COST-SHARE.—The non-Federal share of the costs of an activity carried out using a grant under subsection (b) shall be 25 percent.

“(d) EXCEPTION.—The Administrator may waive the cost-share requirement of subsection (c) if the Administrator determines such cost-share would be financially unreasonable due to a community’s ability to comply with such cost-share requirement.

“(e) PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION.—

“(1) GUIDANCE.—Not later than 30 days after the date of enactment of this section, the Administrator shall issue guidance to owners and operators of publicly owned treatment works on how to apply for assistance.

“(2) DECISION ON APPLICATIONS.—The Administrator shall make a determination of whether to make a grant to an applicant within 30 days of receipt of an application. In the case that the Administrator determines an application is deficient, the applicant shall be advised of any such deficiencies and provided the opportunity to resubmit the application.

“(3) DISBURSEMENT.—A grant shall be made not later than 60 days after the date on which the Administrator approves an application.

“(f) COMPLIANCE WITH BUY AMERICA.—The requirements of section 608 shall apply to funds granted under this section.

“(g) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this subsection, and annually thereafter, the Administrator shall submit to Congress a report describing projects funded under this section, results in improving the resiliency of publicly owned treatment works, and recommendations to improve the achievement of the program’s policy. For purposes of the first report to Congress, the Administrator shall report on the program’s implementation, including a description of projects approved and those disapproved. In providing such information, the Administrator shall detail the reasons that a project was not awarded assistance.

“(h) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is authorized to be appropriated \$500,000,000 to carry out this section, to remain available until expended.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 22 OFFERED BY MR. RUIZ OF CALIFORNIA

After section 34105, insert the following:

**SEC. 34106. ACCESS ROAD FOR DESERT SAGE YOUTH WELLNESS CENTER.**

(a) ACQUISITION OF LAND.—

(1) AUTHORIZATION.—The Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting through the Director of the Indian Health Service, is authorized to acquire, from willing sellers, the land in Hemet, California, upon which is located a dirt road known as “Best Road”, beginning at the driveway of the Desert Sage Youth Wellness Center at Faure Road and extending to the junction of Best Road and Sage Road.

(2) COMPENSATION.—The Secretary shall pay fair market value for the land authorized to be acquired under paragraph (1). Fair market value shall be determined—

(A) using Uniform Appraisal Standards for Federal Land Acquisitions; and

(B) by an appraiser acceptable to the Secretary and the owners of the land to be acquired.

(3) ADDITIONAL RIGHTS.—In addition to the land referred to in paragraph (1), the Secretary is authorized to acquire, from willing sellers, land or interests in land as reasonably necessary to construct and maintain the road as required by subsection (b).

(b) CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF ROAD.—

(1) CONSTRUCTION.—After the Secretary acquires the land pursuant to subsection (a), the Secretary shall construct on that land a paved road that is generally located over Best Road to facilitate access to the Desert Sage Youth Wellness Center in Hemet, California.

(2) MAINTENANCE.—The Secretary—

(A) shall maintain and manage the road constructed pursuant to paragraph (1); or

(B) enter into an agreement with Riverside County, California, to own, maintain and manage the road constructed pursuant to paragraph (1).

AMENDMENT NO. 23 OFFERED BY MR. SARBANES OF MARYLAND

Insert the following at the end of title III of division L:

**CHAPTER 4—MISCELLANEOUS**

**SEC. 83501. REAUTHORIZATION OF CHESAPEAKE BAY GATEWAYS AND WATERTRAILS NETWORK.**

Section 502(c) of the Chesapeake Bay Initiative Act of 1998 (54 U.S.C. 320101 note; Public Law 105-312) is amended by striking “2019” and inserting “2025”.

AMENDMENT NO. 24 OFFERED BY MR. SCOTT OF VIRGINIA

At the end of division H, add the following:

**SEC. 40002. DEFINITIONS.**

In this division:

(1) CHESAPEAKE BAY AGREEMENTS.—The term “Chesapeake Bay agreements” means the formal, voluntary agreements—

(A) executed to achieve the goal of restoring and protecting the Chesapeake Bay watershed ecosystem and the living resources of the Chesapeake Bay watershed ecosystem; and

(B) signed by the Chesapeake Executive Council.

(2) CHESAPEAKE BAY PROGRAM.—The term “Chesapeake Bay program” means the program directed by the Chesapeake Executive Council in accordance with the Chesapeake Bay agreements.

(3) CHESAPEAKE BAY WATERSHED.—The term “Chesapeake Bay watershed” means the region that covers—

(A) the Chesapeake Bay;

(B) the portions of the States of Delaware, Maryland, New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia that drain into the Chesapeake Bay; and

(C) the District of Columbia.

(4) CHESAPEAKE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.—The term “Chesapeake Executive Council” means the council comprised of—

(A) the Governors of each of the States of Delaware, Maryland, New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia;

(B) the Mayor of the District of Columbia;

(C) the Chair of the Chesapeake Bay Commission; and

(D) the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

(5) CHESAPEAKE WILD PROGRAM.—The term “Chesapeake Wild program” means the nonregulatory program established by the Secretary under section 40003(a).

(6) GRANT PROGRAM.—The term “grant program” means the Chesapeake Watershed Investments for Landscape Defense grant program established by the Secretary under section 40004(a).

(7) RESTORATION AND PROTECTION ACTIVITY.—The term “restoration and protection activity” means an activity carried out for the conservation, stewardship, and enhancement of habitat for fish and wildlife—

(A) to preserve and improve ecosystems and ecological processes on which the fish and wildlife depend; and

(B) for use and enjoyment by the public.

(8) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service.

**SEC. 40003. PROGRAM ESTABLISHMENT.**

(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall establish a nonregulatory program, to be known as the “Chesapeake Watershed Investments for Landscape Defense program”.

(b) PURPOSES.—The purposes of the Chesapeake WILD program include—

(1) coordinating restoration and protection activities among Federal, State, local, and regional entities and conservation partners throughout the Chesapeake Bay watershed;

(2) engaging other agencies and organizations to build a broader range of partner support, capacity, and potential funding for projects in the Chesapeake Bay watershed;

(3) carrying out coordinated restoration and protection activities, and providing for technical assistance, throughout the Chesapeake Bay watershed—

(A) to sustain and enhance restoration and protection activities;

(B) to improve and maintain water quality to support fish and wildlife, habitats of fish and wildlife, and drinking water for people;

(C) to sustain and enhance water management for volume and flood damage mitigation improvements to benefit fish and wildlife habitat;

(D) to improve opportunities for public access and recreation in the Chesapeake Bay watershed consistent with the ecological needs of fish and wildlife habitat;

(E) to facilitate strategic planning to maximize the resilience of natural ecosystems and habitats under changing watershed conditions;

(F) to utilize green infrastructure or natural infrastructure best management practices to enhance fish and wildlife habitat;

(G) to engage the public through outreach, education, and citizen involvement to increase capacity and support for coordinated restoration and protection activities in the Chesapeake Bay watershed;

(H) to sustain and enhance vulnerable communities and fish and wildlife habitat;

(I) to conserve and restore fish, wildlife, and plant corridors; and

(J) to increase scientific capacity to support the planning, monitoring, and research activities necessary to carry out coordinated restoration and protection activities.

(c) DUTIES.—In carrying out the Chesapeake WILD program, the Secretary shall—

(1) draw on existing plans for the Chesapeake Bay watershed, or portions of the Chesapeake Bay watershed, including the Chesapeake Bay agreements, and work in consultation with applicable management entities, including Chesapeake Bay program partners, such as the Federal Government, State and local governments, the Chesapeake Bay Commission, and other regional organizations, as appropriate, to identify, prioritize, and implement restoration and protection activities within the Chesapeake Bay watershed;

(2) adopt a Chesapeake Bay watershed-wide strategy that—

(A) supports the implementation of a shared set of science-based restoration and protection activities developed in accordance with paragraph (1); and

(B) targets cost-effective projects with measurable results; and

(3) establish the grant program in accordance with section 40004.

(d) COORDINATION.—In establishing the Chesapeake WILD program, the Secretary shall consult, as appropriate, with—

(1) the heads of Federal agencies, including—

(A) the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency;

(B) the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration;

(C) the Chief of the Natural Resources Conservation Service;

(D) the Chief of Engineers;

(E) the Director of the United States Geological Survey;

(F) the Secretary of Transportation;

(G) the Chief of the Forest Service; and

(H) the head of any other applicable agency;

(2) the Governors of each of the States of Delaware, Maryland, New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia and the Mayor of the District of Columbia;

(3) fish and wildlife joint venture partnerships; and

(4) other public agencies and organizations with authority for the planning and implementation of conservation strategies in the Chesapeake Bay watershed.

**SEC. 40004. GRANTS AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.**

(a) CHESAPEAKE WILD GRANT PROGRAM.—To the extent that funds are made available to carry out this section, the Secretary shall establish and carry out, as part of the Chesapeake WILD program, a voluntary grant and technical assistance program, to be known as the “Chesapeake Watershed Investments for Landscape Defense grant program”, to provide competitive matching grants of varying amounts and technical assistance to eligible entities described in subsection (b) to carry out activities described in section 40003(b).

(b) ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—The following entities are eligible to receive a grant and technical assistance under the grant program:

(1) A State.

(2) The District of Columbia.

(3) A unit of local government.

(4) A nonprofit organization.

(5) An institution of higher education.

(6) Any other entity that the Secretary determines to be appropriate in accordance with the criteria established under subsection (c).

(c) CRITERIA.—The Secretary, in consultation with officials and entities described in section 40003(d), shall establish criteria for the grant program to help ensure that activities funded under this section—

(1) accomplish 1 or more of the purposes described in section 40003(b); and

(2) advance the implementation of priority actions or needs identified in the Chesapeake Bay watershed-wide strategy adopted under section 40003(c)(2).

(d) COST SHARING.—

(1) DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR SHARE.—The Department of the Interior share of the cost of a project funded under the grant program shall not exceed 50 percent of the total cost of the project, as determined by the Secretary.

(2) NON-DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR SHARE.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The non-Department of the Interior share of the cost of a project funded under the grant program may be provided in cash or in the form of an in-kind contribution of services or materials.

(B) OTHER FEDERAL FUNDING.—Non-Department of the Interior Federal funds may be provided for not more than 25 percent of the total cost of a project funded under the grant program.

(e) ADMINISTRATION.—The Secretary may enter into an agreement to manage the grant program with an organization that offers grant management services.

**SEC. 40005. REPORTING.**

Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, and annually there-

after, the Secretary shall submit to Congress a report describing the implementation of sections 40002 through 40006 of this Act, including a description of each project that has received funding under this Act.

**SEC. 40006. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as are necessary to carry out sections 40002 through 40006 of this Act.

(b) SUPPLEMENT, NOT SUPPLANT.—Funds made available under subsection (a) shall supplement, and not supplant, funding for other activities conducted by the Secretary in the Chesapeake Bay watershed.

AMENDMENT NO. 25 OFFERED BY MR. WALBERG OF MICHIGAN

Page 718, line 15, strike “race and ethnicity” and insert “race, ethnicity, and mode of transportation”.

AMENDMENT NO. 26 OFFERED BY MR. WALDEN OF OREGON

Page 157, after line 23, insert the following:

**SEC. 1118. FEDERAL GRANTS FOR PEDESTRIAN AND BIKE SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any provision of title 23, United States Code, or any regulation issued by the Secretary of Transportation, section 129(a)(3) of such title shall not apply to a covered public authority that receives funding under such title for pedestrian and bike safety improvements.

(b) NO TOLL.—A covered public authority may not charge a toll, fee, or other levy for use of such improvements.

(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—A covered public authority shall be eligible for the exemption under subsection (a) for 10 years after the date of enactment of this Act. Any such exemption granted shall remain in effect after the effective date described in this section.

(d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the following definitions apply:

(1) COVERED PUBLIC AUTHORITY.—The term “covered public authority” means a public authority with jurisdiction over a toll facility located within both—

(A) a National Scenic Area; and

(B) the National Trail System.

(2) NATIONAL SCENIC AREA.—The term “National Scenic Area” means an area of the National Forest System federally designated as a National Scenic Area in recognition of the outstanding natural, scenic, and recreational values of the area.

(3) NATIONAL TRAIL SYSTEM.—The term “National Trail System” means an area described in section 3 of the National Trails System Act (16 U.S.C. 1242).

(4) PUBLIC AUTHORITY; TOLL FACILITY.—The terms “public authority” and “toll facility” have the meanings such terms would have if such terms were included in chapter 1 of title 23, United States Code.

AMENDMENT NO. 27 OFFERED BY MR. WELCH OF VERMONT

In subtitle B of title III of division G, strike subchapter A of chapter 1 and insert the following:

**Subchapter A—HOPE for HOMES**

**SEC. 33201. DEFINITIONS.**

In this subchapter:

(1) CONTRACTOR CERTIFICATION.—The term “contractor certification” means an industry recognized certification that may be obtained by a residential contractor to advance the expertise and education of the contractor in energy efficiency retrofits of residential buildings, including—

(A) a certification provided by—

(i) the Building Performance Institute;

(ii) the Air Conditioning Contractors of America;

(iii) the National Comfort Institute;

(iv) the North American Technician Excellence;

(v) RESNET;

(vi) the United States Green Building Council; or

(vii) Home Innovation Research Labs; and

(B) any other certification the Secretary determines appropriate for purposes of the Home Energy Savings Retrofit Rebate Program.

(2) CONTRACTOR COMPANY.—The term “contractor company” means a company—

(A) the business of which is to provide services to residential building owners with respect to HVAC systems, insulation, air sealing, or other services that are approved by the Secretary;

(B) that holds the licenses and insurance required by the State in which the company provides services; and

(C) that provides services for which a partial system rebate, measured performance rebate, or modeled performance rebate may be provided pursuant to the Home Energy Savings Retrofit Rebate Program.

(3) ENERGY AUDIT.—The term “energy audit” means an inspection, survey, and analysis of the energy use of a building, including the building envelope and HVAC system.

(4) HOME.—The term “home” means a residential dwelling unit in a building with no more than 4 dwelling units that—

(A) is located in the United States;

(B) was constructed before the date of enactment of this Act; and

(C) is occupied at least 6 months out of the year.

(5) HOME ENERGY SAVINGS RETROFIT REBATE PROGRAM.—The term “Home Energy Savings Retrofit Rebate Program” means the Home Energy Savings Retrofit Rebate Program established under section 33203.

(6) HOMEOWNER.—The term “homeowner” means the owner of an owner-occupied home or a tenant-occupied home.

(7) HOME VALUATION CERTIFICATION.—The term “home valuation certification” means the following home assessments:

(A) Home Energy Score.

(B) PEARL Certification.

(C) National Green Building Standard.

(D) LEED.

(E) Any other assessment the Secretary determines to be appropriate.

(8) HOPE QUALIFICATION.—The term “HOPE Qualification” means the qualification described in section 33202B.

(9) HOPE TRAINING CREDIT.—The term “HOPE training credit” means a HOPE training task credit or a HOPE training supplemental credit.

(10) HOPE TRAINING TASK CREDIT.—The term “HOPE training task credit” means a credit described in section 33202A(a).

(11) HOPE TRAINING SUPPLEMENTAL CREDIT.—The term “HOPE training supplemental credit” means a credit described in section 33202A(b).

(12) HVAC SYSTEM.—The term “HVAC system” means a system—

(A) consisting of a heating component, a ventilation component, and an air-conditioning component; and

(B) which components may include central air conditioning, a heat pump, a furnace, a boiler, a rooftop unit, and a window unit.

(13) MEASURED PERFORMANCE REBATE.—The term “measured performance rebate” means a rebate provided in accordance with section 33203B and described in subsection (e) of that section.

(14) MODELED PERFORMANCE REBATE.—The term “modeled performance rebate” means a rebate provided in accordance with section 33203B and described in subsection (d) of that section.

(15) MODERATE INCOME.—The term “moderate income” means, with respect to a household, a household with an annual income that is less than 80 percent of the area median income, as determined annually by the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

(16) PARTIAL SYSTEM REBATE.—The term “partial system rebate” means a rebate provided in accordance with section 33203A.

(17) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of Energy.

(18) STATE.—The term “State” includes—

(A) a State;

(B) the District of Columbia;

(C) the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico;

(D) Guam;

(E) American Samoa;

(F) the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands;

(G) the United States Virgin Islands; and

(H) any other territory or possession of the United States.

(19) STATE ENERGY OFFICE.—The term “State energy office” means the office or agency of a State responsible for developing the State energy conservation plan for the State under section 362 of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6322).

## PART 1—HOPE TRAINING

### SEC. 33202. NOTICE FOR HOPE QUALIFICATION TRAINING AND GRANTS.

Not later than 30 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary, acting through the Director of the Building Technologies Office of the Department of Energy, shall issue a notice that includes—

(1) criteria established under section 33202A for approval by the Secretary of courses for which credits may be issued for purposes of a HOPE Qualification;

(2) a list of courses that meet such criteria and are so approved; and

(3) information on how individuals and entities may apply for grants under this part.

### SEC. 33202A. COURSE CRITERIA.

#### (a) HOPE TRAINING TASK CREDIT.

(1) CRITERIA.—The Secretary shall establish criteria for approval of a course for which a credit, to be known as a HOPE training task credit, may be issued, including that such course—

(A) is equivalent to at least 30 hours in total course time;

(B) is accredited by the Interstate Renewable Energy Council or is determined to be equivalent by the Secretary;

(C) is, with respect to a particular job, aligned with the relevant National Renewable Energy Laboratory Job Task Analysis, or other credentialing program foundation that helps identify the necessary core knowledge areas, critical work functions, or skills, as approved by the Secretary;

(D) has established learning objectives; and

(E) includes, as the Secretary determines appropriate, an appropriate assessment of such learning objectives that may include a final exam, to be proctored on-site or through remote proctoring, or an in-person field exam.

(2) INCLUDED COURSES.—The Secretary shall approve one or more courses that meet the criteria described in paragraph (1) for training related to—

(A) contractor certification;

(B) energy auditing or assessment;

(C) home energy systems (including HVAC systems);

(D) insulation installation and air leakage control;

(E) health and safety regarding the installation of energy efficiency measures or health and safety impacts associated with energy efficiency retrofits; and

(F) indoor air quality.

(b) HOPE TRAINING SUPPLEMENTAL CREDIT CRITERIA.—The Secretary shall establish cri-

teria for approval of a course for which a credit, to be known as a HOPE training supplemental credit, may be issued, including that such course provides—

(1) training related to—

(A) small business success, including management, home energy efficiency software, or general accounting principles;

(B) the issuance of a home valuation certification;

(C) the use of wifi-enabled technology in an energy efficiency upgrade; or

(D) understanding and being able to participate in the Home Energy Savings Retrofit Program; and

(2) as the Secretary determines appropriate, an appropriate assessment of such training that may include a final exam, to be proctored on-site or through remote proctoring, or an in-person field exam.

(c) EXISTING APPROVED COURSES.—The Secretary may approve a course that meets the applicable criteria established under this section that is approved by the applicable State energy office or relevant State agency with oversight authority for residential energy efficiency programs.

(d) IN-PERSON AND ONLINE TRAINING.—An online course approved pursuant to this section may be conducted in-person, but may not be offered exclusively in-person.

### SEC. 33202B. HOPE QUALIFICATION.

#### (a) ISSUANCE OF CREDITS.

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, or an entity authorized by the Secretary pursuant to paragraph (2), may issue—

(A) a HOPE training task credit to any individual that completes a course that meets applicable criteria under section 33202A; and

(B) a HOPE training supplemental credit to any individual that completes a course that meets the applicable criteria under section 33202A.

(2) OTHER ENTITIES.—The Secretary may authorize a State energy office implementing an authorized program under subsection (b)(2), an organization described in section 33202C(b), and any other entity the Secretary determines appropriate, to issue HOPE training credits in accordance with paragraph (1).

#### (b) HOPE QUALIFICATION.

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may certify that an individual has achieved a qualification, to be known as a HOPE Qualification, that indicates that the individual has received at least 3 HOPE training credits, of which at least 2 shall be HOPE training task credits.

(2) STATE PROGRAMS.—The Secretary may authorize a State energy office to implement a program to provide HOPE Qualifications in accordance with this part.

### SEC. 33202C. GRANTS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall, to the extent amounts are made available in appropriations Acts for such purposes, provide grants to support the training of individuals toward the completion of a HOPE Qualification.

#### (b) PROVIDER ORGANIZATIONS.

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may provide a grant of up to \$20,000 under this section to an organization to provide training online, including establishing, modifying, or maintaining the online systems, staff time, and software and online program management, through a course that meets the applicable criteria established under section 33202A.

(2) CRITERIA.—In order to receive a grant under this subsection, an organization shall be—

(A) a nonprofit organization;

(B) an educational institution; or

(C) an organization that has experience providing training to contractors that work

with the weatherization assistance program implemented under part A of title IV of the Energy Conservation and Production Act (42 U.S.C. 6861 et seq.) or equivalent experience, as determined by the Secretary.

(3) ADDITIONAL CERTIFICATIONS.—In addition to any grant provided under paragraph (1), the Secretary may provide an organization up to \$5,000 for each additional course for which a HOPE training credit may be issued that is offered by the organization.

(c) CONTRACTOR COMPANY.—The Secretary may provide a grant under this section of \$1,000 per employee to a contractor company, up to a maximum of \$10,000, to reimburse the contractor company for training costs for employees, and any home technology support needed for an employee to receive training pursuant to this section. Grant funds provided under this subsection may be used to support wages of employees during training.

(d) TRAINEES.—The Secretary may provide a grant of up to \$1,000 under this section to an individual who receives a HOPE Qualification.

(e) STATE ENERGY OFFICE.—The Secretary may provide a grant under this section to a State energy office of up to \$25,000 to implement an authorized program under section 33202B(b).

#### SEC. 33202D. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this part \$500,000,000 for the period of fiscal years 2021 through 2025, to remain available until expended.

### PART 2—HOME ENERGY SAVINGS RETROFIT REBATE PROGRAM

#### SEC. 33203. ESTABLISHMENT OF HOME ENERGY SAVINGS RETROFIT REBATE PROGRAM.

The Secretary shall establish a program, to be known as the Home Energy Savings Retrofit Rebate Program, to—

(1) provide rebates in accordance with section 33203A; and

(2) provide grants to States to carry out programs to provide rebates in accordance with section 33203B.

#### SEC. 33203A. PARTIAL SYSTEM REBATES.

(a) AMOUNT OF REBATE.—In carrying out the Home Energy Savings Retrofit Rebate Program, and subject to the availability of appropriations for such purpose, the Secretary shall provide a homeowner a rebate, to be known as a partial system rebate, of, except as provided in section 33203C, up to—

(1) \$800 for the purchase and installation of insulation and air sealing within a home of the homeowner; and

(2) \$1,500 for the purchase and installation of insulation and air sealing within a home of the homeowner and replacement of an HVAC system, the heating component of an HVAC system, or the cooling component of an HVAC system, of such home.

#### (b) SPECIFICATIONS.—

(1) COST.—The amount of a partial system rebate provided under this section shall, except as provided in section 33203C, not exceed 30 percent of cost of the purchase and installation of insulation and air sealing under subsection (a)(1), or the purchase and installation of insulation and air sealing and replacement of an HVAC system, the heating component of an HVAC system, or the cooling component of an HVAC system, under subsection (a)(2). Labor may be included in such cost but may not exceed—

(A) in the case of a rebate under subsection (a)(1), 50 percent of such cost; and

(B) in the case of a rebate under subsection (a)(2), 25 percent of such cost.

(2) REPLACEMENT OF AN HVAC SYSTEM, THE HEATING COMPONENT OF AN HVAC SYSTEM, OR THE COOLING COMPONENT OF AN HVAC SYS-

TEM.—In order to qualify for a partial system rebate described in subsection (a)(2)—

(A) any HVAC system, heating component of an HVAC system, or cooling component of an HVAC system installed shall be Energy Star Most Efficient certified;

(B) installation of such an HVAC system, the heating component of an HVAC system, or the cooling component of an HVAC system, shall be completed in accordance with standards specified by the Secretary that are at least as stringent as the applicable guidelines of the Air Conditioning Contractors of America that are in effect on the date of enactment of this Act;

(C) if ducts are present, replacement of an HVAC system, the heating component of an HVAC system, or the cooling component of an HVAC system shall include duct sealing; and

(D) the installation of insulation and air sealing shall occur within 6 months of the replacement of the HVAC system, the heating component of an HVAC system, or the cooling component of an HVAC system.

(c) ADDITIONAL INCENTIVES FOR CONTRACTORS.—In carrying out the Home Energy Savings Retrofit Rebate Program, the Secretary may provide a \$250 payment to a contractor per home for which—

(1) a partial system rebate is provided under this section for the installation of insulation and air sealing, or installation of insulation and air sealing and replacement of an HVAC system, the heating component of an HVAC system, or the cooling component of an HVAC system, by the contractor;

(2) the applicable homeowner has signed and submitted to the Secretary a release form made available pursuant to section 33203E(b) authorizing the contractor access to information in the utility bills of the homeowner; and

(3) the contractor inputs, into the Department of Energy's Building Performance Database—

(A) the energy usage for the home for the 12 months preceding, and the 24 months following, the installation of insulation and air sealing or installation of insulation and air sealing and replacement of an HVAC system, the heating component of an HVAC system, or the cooling component of an HVAC system;

(B) a description of such installation or installation and replacement; and

(C) the total cost to the homeowner for such installation or installation and replacement.

#### (d) PROCESS.—

(1) FORMS; REBATE PROCESSING SYSTEM.—Not later than 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary, in consultation with the Secretary of the Treasury, shall—

(A) develop and make available rebate forms required to receive a partial system rebate under this section;

(B) establish a Federal rebate processing system which shall serve as a database and information technology system that will allow homeowners to submit required rebate forms; and

(C) establish a website that provides information on partial system rebates provided under this section, including how to determine whether particular measures qualify for a rebate under this section and how to receive such a rebate.

(2) SUBMISSION OF FORMS.—In order to receive a partial system rebate under this section, a homeowner shall submit the required rebate forms, and any other information the Secretary determines appropriate, to the Federal rebate processing system established pursuant to paragraph (1).

#### (e) FUNDING.—

(1) LIMITATION.—For each fiscal year, the Secretary may not use more than 50 percent of the amounts made available to carry out this part to carry out this section.

(2) ALLOCATION.—The Secretary shall allocate amounts made available to carry out this section for partial system rebates among the States using the same formula as is used to allocate funds for States under part D of title III of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6321 et seq.).

#### SEC. 33203B. STATE ADMINISTERED REBATES.

(a) FUNDING.—In carrying out the Home Energy Savings Retrofit Rebate Program, and subject to the availability of appropriations for such purpose, the Secretary shall provide grants to States to carry out programs to provide rebates in accordance with this section.

#### (b) STATE PARTICIPATION.—

(1) PLAN.—In order to receive a grant under this section a State shall submit to the Secretary an application that includes a plan to implement a State program that meets the minimum criteria under subsection (c).

(2) APPROVAL.—Not later than 60 days after receipt of a completed application for a grant under this section, the Secretary shall either approve the application or provide to the applicant an explanation for denying the application.

(c) MINIMUM CRITERIA FOR STATE PROGRAMS.—Not later than 6 months after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall establish and publish minimum criteria for a State program to meet to qualify for funding under this section, including—

(1) that the State program be carried out by the applicable State energy office or its designee;

(2) that a rebate be provided under a State program only for a home energy efficiency retrofit that—

(A) is completed by a contractor who meets minimum training requirements and certification requirements set forth by the Secretary;

(B) includes installation of one or more home energy efficiency retrofit measures for a home that together are modeled to achieve, or are shown to achieve, a reduction in home energy use of 20 percent or more from the baseline energy use of the home;

(C) does not include installation of any measure that the Secretary determines does not improve the thermal energy performance of the home, such as a pool pump, pool heater, spa, or EV charger; and

(D) includes, after installation of the applicable home energy efficiency retrofit measures, a test-out procedure conducted in accordance with guidelines issued by the Secretary of such measures to ensure—

(i) the safe operation of all systems post retrofit; and

(ii) that all improvements are included in, and have been installed according to—

(I) manufacturers installation specifications; and

(II) all applicable State and local codes or equivalent standards approved by the Secretary;

(3) that the State program utilize—

(A) for purposes of modeled performance rebates, modeling software approved by the Secretary for determining and documenting the baseline energy use of a home and the reductions in home energy use resulting from the implementation of a home energy efficiency retrofit; and

(B) for purposes of measured performance rebates, methods and procedures approved by the Secretary for determining and documenting the baseline energy use of a home and the reductions in home energy use resulting from the implementation of a home energy efficiency retrofit, including methods

and procedures for use of advanced metering infrastructure, weather-normalized data, and open source standards, to measure such baseline energy use and such reductions in home energy use;

(4) that the State program include implementation of a quality assurance program—

(A) to ensure that home energy efficiency retrofits are achieving the stated level of energy savings, that efficiency measures were installed correctly, and that work is performed in accordance with procedures developed by the Secretary, including through quality-control inspections for a portion of home energy efficiency retrofits completed by each applicable contractor; and

(B) under which a quality-control inspection of a home energy efficiency retrofit is performed by a quality assurance provider who—

(i) is independent of the contractor for such retrofit; and

(ii) will confirm that such contractor is a contractor who meets minimum training requirements and certification requirements set forth by the Secretary;

(5) that the State program include requirements for a homeowner, contractor, or rebate aggregator to claim a rebate, including that the homeowner, contractor, or rebate aggregator submit any applicable forms approved by the Secretary to the State, including a copy of the certificate provided by the applicable contractor certifying projected or measured reduction of home energy use;

(6) that the State program may include requirements for an entity to be eligible to serve as a rebate aggregator to facilitate the delivery of rebates to homeowners or contractors;

(7) that the State program include procedures for a homeowner to transfer the right to claim a rebate to the contractor performing the applicable home energy efficiency retrofit or to a rebate aggregator that works with the contractor; and

(8) that the State program provide that a homeowner, contractor, or rebate aggregator may claim more than one rebate under the State program, and may claim a rebate under the State program after receiving a partial system rebate under section 33203A, provided that no 2 rebates may be provided with respect to a home using the same baseline energy use of such home.

**(d) MODELED PERFORMANCE REBATES.—**

(1) IN GENERAL.—In carrying out a State program under this section, a State may provide a homeowner, contractor, or rebate aggregator a rebate, to be known as a modeled performance rebate, for an energy audit of a home and a home energy efficiency retrofit that is projected, using modeling software approved by the Secretary, to reduce home energy use by at least 20 percent.

**(2) AMOUNT.—**

(A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in section 33203C, and subject to subparagraph (B), the amount of a modeled performance rebate provided under a State program shall be equal to 50 percent of the cost of the applicable energy audit of a home and home energy efficiency retrofit, including the cost of diagnostic procedures, labor, reporting, and modeling.

(B) LIMITATION.—Except as provided in section 33203C, with respect to an energy audit and home energy efficiency retrofit that is projected to reduce home energy use by—

(i) at least 20 percent, but less than 40 percent, the maximum amount of a modeled performance rebate shall be \$2,000; and

(ii) at least 40 percent, the maximum amount of a modeled performance rebate shall be \$4,000.

**(e) MEASURED PERFORMANCE REBATES.—**

(1) IN GENERAL.—In carrying out a State program under this section, a State may pro-

vide a homeowner, contractor, or rebate aggregator a rebate, to be known as a measured performance rebate, for a home energy efficiency retrofit that reduces home energy use by at least 20 percent as measured using methods and procedures approved by the Secretary.

**(2) AMOUNT.—**

(A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in section 33203C, and subject to subparagraph (B), the amount of a measured performance rebate provided under a State program shall be equal to 50 percent of the cost, including the cost of diagnostic procedures, labor, reporting, and energy measurement, of the applicable home energy efficiency retrofit.

(B) LIMITATION.—Except as provided in section 33203C, with respect to a home energy efficiency retrofit that is measured as reducing home energy use by—

(i) at least 20 percent, but less than 40 percent, the maximum amount of a measured performance rebate shall be \$2,000; and

(ii) at least 40 percent, the maximum amount of a measured performance rebate shall be \$4,000.

(f) COORDINATION OF REBATE AND EXISTING STATE-SPONSORED OR UTILITY-SPONSORED PROGRAMS.—A State that receives a grant under this section is encouraged to work with State agencies, energy utilities, nonprofits, and other entities—

(1) to assist in marketing the availability of the rebates under the applicable State program;

(2) to coordinate with utility or State managed financing programs;

(3) to assist in implementation of the applicable State program, including installation of home energy efficiency retrofits; and

(4) to coordinate with existing quality assurance programs.

**(g) ADMINISTRATION AND OVERSIGHT.—**

(1) REVIEW OF APPROVED MODELING SOFTWARE.—The Secretary shall, on an annual basis, list and review all modeling software approved for use in determining and documenting the reductions in home energy use for purposes of modeled performance rebates under subsection (d). In approving such modeling software each year, the Secretary shall ensure that modeling software approved for a year will result in modeling of energy efficiency gains for any type of home energy efficiency retrofit that is at least as substantial as the modeling of energy efficiency gains for such type of home energy efficiency retrofit using the modeling software approved for the previous year.

(2) OVERSIGHT.—If the Secretary determines that a State is not implementing a State program that was approved pursuant to subsection (b) and that meets the minimum criteria under subsection (c), the Secretary may, after providing the State a period of at least 90 days to meet such criteria, withhold grant funds under this section from the State.

**SEC. 33203C. SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR MODERATE INCOME HOUSEHOLDS.**

(a) CERTIFICATIONS.—The Secretary shall establish procedures for certifying that the household of a homeowner is moderate income for purposes of this section.

(b) PERCENTAGES.—Subject to subsection (c), for households of homeowners that are certified pursuant to the procedures established under subsection (a) as moderate income the—

(1) amount of a partial system rebate under section 33203A shall not exceed 60 percent of the applicable purchase and installation costs described in section 33203A(b)(1); and

**(2) amount of—**

(A) a modeled performance rebate under section 33203B provided shall be equal to 80

percent of the applicable costs described in section 33203B(d)(2)(A); and

(B) a measured performance rebate under section 33203B provided shall be equal to 80 percent of the applicable costs described in section 33203B(e)(2)(A).

(c) MAXIMUM AMOUNTS.—For households of homeowners that are certified pursuant to the procedures established under subsection (a) as moderate income the maximum amount—

**(1) of a partial system rebate—**

(A) under section 33203A(a)(1) for the purchase and installation of insulation and air sealing within a home of the homeowner shall be \$1600; and

(B) under section 33203A(a)(2) for the purchase and installation of insulation and air sealing within a home of the homeowner and replacement of an HVAC system, the heating component of an HVAC system, or the cooling component of an HVAC system, of such home, shall be \$3,000;

(2) of a modeled performance rebate under section 33203B for an energy audit and home energy efficiency retrofit that is projected to reduce home energy use as described in—

(A) section 33203B(d)(2)(B)(1) shall be \$4,000; and

(B) section 33203B(d)(2)(B)(ii) shall be \$8,000; and

(3) of a measured performance rebate under section 33203B for a home energy efficiency retrofit that reduces home energy use as described in—

(B) section 33203B(e)(2)(B)(i) shall be \$4,000; and

(C) section 33203B(e)(2)(B)(ii) shall be \$8,000.

(d) OUTREACH.—The Secretary shall establish procedures to—

(1) provide information to households of homeowners that are certified pursuant to the procedures established under subsection (a) as moderate income regarding other programs and resources relating to assistance for energy efficiency upgrades of homes, including the weatherization assistance program implemented under part A of title IV of the Energy Conservation and Production Act (42 U.S.C. 6861 et seq.); and

(2) refer such households, as applicable, to such other programs and resources.

**SEC. 33203D. EVALUATION REPORTS TO CONGRESS.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 3 years after the date of enactment of this Act and annually thereafter until the termination of the Home Energy Savings Retrofit Rebate Program, the Secretary shall submit to Congress a report on the use of funds made available to carry out this part.

(b) CONTENTS.—Each report submitted under subsection (a) shall include—

(1) how many home energy efficiency retrofits have been completed during the previous year under the Home Energy Savings Retrofit Rebate Program;

(2) an estimate of how many jobs have been created through the Home Energy Savings Retrofit Rebate Program, directly and indirectly;

(3) a description of what steps could be taken to promote further deployment of energy efficiency and renewable energy retrofits;

(4) a description of the quantity of verifiable energy savings, homeowner energy bill savings, and other benefits of the Home Energy Savings Retrofit Rebate Program;

(5) a description of any waste, fraud, or abuse with respect to funds made available to carry out this part; and

(6) any other information the Secretary considers appropriate.

**SEC. 33203E. ADMINISTRATION.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall provide such administrative and technical support to contractors, rebate aggregators,

States, and Indian Tribes as is necessary to carry out this part.

(b) INFORMATION COLLECTION.—The Secretary shall establish, and make available to a homeowner, or the homeowner's designated representative, seeking a rebate under this part, release forms authorizing access by the Secretary, or a designated third-party representative to information in the utility bills of the homeowner with appropriate privacy protections in place.

**SEC. 33203F. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary to carry out this part \$1,200,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2021 through 2025, to remain available until expended.

(b) TRIBAL ALLOCATION.—Of the amounts made available pursuant to subsection (a) for a fiscal year, the Secretary shall work with Indian Tribes and use 2 percent of such amounts to carry out a program or programs that as close as possible reflect the goals, requirements, and provisions of this part, taking into account any factors that the Secretary determines to be appropriate.

**PART 3—GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**SEC. 33204. APPOINTMENT OF PERSONNEL.**

Notwithstanding the provisions of title 5, United States Code, regarding appointments in the competitive service and General Schedule classifications and pay rates, the Secretary may appoint such professional and administrative personnel as the Secretary considers necessary to carry out this subchapter.

**SEC. 33204A. MAINTENANCE OF FUNDING.**

Each State receiving Federal funds pursuant to this subchapter shall provide reasonable assurances to the Secretary that it has established policies and procedures designed to ensure that Federal funds provided under this subchapter will be used to supplement, and not to supplant, State and local funds.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 1028, the gentleman from Oregon (Mr. DEFAZIO) and the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. GRAVES) each will control 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Oregon.

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

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of these en bloc amendments which provides consideration of 27 amendments sponsored by Members on both sides of the aisle.

The amendments contained in this en bloc amend various divisions of the bill, and affect highways, transit, rail, safety, water, natural resources, and energy policy in the base bill. Some of these amendments include:

A designation of a route through Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, and Georgia as a future Interstate 14, and designation of a route through Texas and New Mexico as future Interstate 27;

Directing a study on the effectiveness of suicide barriers on physical structures other than bridges;

Clarifying that replacement of functionally obsolete warning devices are eligible under the railway grade crossing program;

Clarifying that transportation demand data and modeling directed by the bill must include an analysis of the level of accuracy of existing modeling tools;

Granting Puerto Rico the authority to begin issuing commercial drivers' licenses, as all States have the authority to do;

Allowing certain Surface Transportation Program funds to be used on local roads, including farm-to-market roads, in rural areas. There is a strong emphasis in this bill on rural areas;

Making grant funds available to States who ban any non-navigational viewing of cellphones while driving;

Requiring the Secretary of Transportation, within 2 years of enactment, to issue a motor vehicle safety standard for newly manufactured commercial motor vehicles to be equipped with a universal electronic vehicle identifier to identify the vehicle for the purposes of roadside inspections and enforcement;

Requiring States that collect data on traffic stops as part of the racial profiling grant program to include the data on the mode of transportation associated with the stop.

These are just a few. I look forward to hearing further discussion on these amendments from the various sponsors.

Mr. Speaker, I thank my colleagues on both sides of the aisle for offering these amendments to improve the Moving Forward Act. I urge adoption of the amendment.

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

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to en bloc E.

Of the 171 amendments in this bill, or in this bloc that we are considering, it contains 27 individual amendments carefully selected and grouped by the other side of the aisle with absolutely no input whatsoever from Republicans. Unfortunately, this is par for the course for the way the majority has managed its my-way-or-the-highway bill.

These 27 amendments were picked so the majority could falsely claim that their bill includes bipartisan provisions, when in reality this bill is still nothing more than a partisan wish list.

Mr. Speaker, if a car is a lemon, putting a nice cup holder in it isn't going to make me buy it.

Regardless, we should at least have adequate time or an adequate amount of time to consider and debate each of these amendments individually, because, frankly, there are a number of amendments in here that I do support. But this process has not been open. It should be open. But, instead, we have been dealt a poor hand from a stacked deck.

It would be an understatement to say that I am disappointed by how the majority is rushing this bill, which spends \$1½ trillion of the taxpayers' money through a sham legislative process.

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

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

Mr. Speaker, I would point out that all of these amendments are bipartisan and two of them are solely Republican. So, you know, the gentleman may have general objections to the bill for other reasons, as we discussed yesterday, the emphasis on climate change, and other provisions of the bill for safe drinking water, a substantial increase in wastewater, and all that, but this en bloc should be virtually non-controversial.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from New York (Mr. SUOZZI).

Mr. SUOZZI. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the Moving Forward Act, expertly led by Chairman DEFAZIO.

This transformative \$1.5 trillion infrastructure investment, the largest in our Nation's history, would not only help rebuild America's decaying infrastructure, not only stimulate our post-coronavirus economy, not only create solid middle class jobs, hopefully many of them union jobs, but will also make the most significant investment in protecting our environment in a generation.

Investments here will combat climate change, improve the resiliency of our shorelines, improve water quality for many American communities, and much, much more.

This bill also includes a provision of mine, which incentivizes homeowners in my district, and throughout the Nation, to upgrade their antiquated septic systems by reversing a wrong-headed IRS decision that requires homeowners to pay income taxes on septic system improvement grants that they receive from local governments, such as Suffolk County in my district.

Admittedly, this is not a high-profile provision, but it will help homeowners financially and dramatically improve our environment by reducing the devastating impacts of nitrogen pollution.

Over the past 25 years, as a former mayor, county executive, and now a Member of this body, I have seen firsthand how reducing nitrogen has helped revitalize the Long Island Sound, our national park. This can happen up and down the coast of America.

Investments like these are critical pieces in a comprehensive approach we must take to preserve and protect our environment. I encourage my colleagues to support the bill.

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Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentlewoman from Puerto Rico (Miss GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN).

Miss GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN of Puerto Rico. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding.

I rise to speak on my amendments 12 and 13 included in the en bloc No. 4.

Amendment 12 incorporates my bipartisan bill, H.R. 6050, making Puerto Rico an eligible applicant for the Bureau of Reclamation's WaterSMART Grants as well as its Drought Resiliency Project Grants.

These programs provide Federal funding for water conservation

projects, as well as projects that improve water management to increase resiliency to droughts.

Currently, Puerto Rico is the only territory and noncontiguous jurisdiction in the U.S. where these grants are not available.

Reliable water service is essential, particularly as we confront COVID-19 and we are asking people to wash their hands, and yet, in Puerto Rico we are announcing rationing measures impacting over 140,000 customers. Unfortunately, as much as 59 percent of the water produced by the Puerto Rico Aqueduct and Sewer Authority is lost through a deficient distribution system.

This situation is further complicated by our vulnerability to droughts. In fact, per the U.S. Drought Monitor, 77.48 percent of Puerto Rico is currently under abnormally dry conditions. Approximately 59.84 percent of the island is experiencing drought, while 26.11 percent is facing a severe drought. The Governor of Puerto Rico, as I just told everybody here, has already announced water rationing measures impacting more than 140,000 customers.

Given this reality, Congress should ensure Puerto Rico, just as Alaska and Hawaii and the rest of the U.S. territories, is eligible for WaterSMART and Drought Resiliency Project Grants.

My second amendment, amendment 13, allows Puerto Rico to issue commercial driver's licenses, or CDLs, and makes the island eligible to receive Commercial Driver's License Improvement Grants.

Requirements of CDL licensure promote increased skills, knowledge, and safety of those operating a commercial motor vehicle to a well-established standard.

This amendment provides Puerto Rico a 5-year grace period to come into CDL compliance and provides immediate eligibility for grants to expedite this process.

I urge my colleagues to support this amendment in the en bloc package.

Mr. DEFAZIO. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentlewoman from Oregon (Ms. BONAMICI).

Ms. BONAMICI. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding.

I rise today in support of the en bloc amendments and the Moving Forward Act.

In the last few months, more than 47 million people in this country filed for unemployment. They need our support. The Moving Forward Act will help address our Nation's deteriorating infrastructure and will help us transition to a clean energy economy while creating high-quality, good-paying jobs. My amendment will make meaningful investments in our workforce through registered apprenticeships and paid on-the-job training programs to fill those jobs.

Last year, I worked with Congressman MITCHELL, Senator Kaine, and Senator PORTMAN to introduce the

Building U.S. Infrastructure By Leveraging Demands for Skills, or BUILD Act, to increase workforce diversity in the transportation, infrastructure, and energy sectors.

My amendment includes language from this bill to provide individuals who have historically faced barriers to employment, especially women and people of color, with the support, services, and training they need to succeed and to find better-paying jobs with pre-employment services, early employment support, and continuing employment services.

I thank Chairman DEFAZIO and Chairman SCOTT for their support and leadership.

I urge my colleagues to support not only the en bloc amendments but the underlying bill, as well.

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. GROTHMAN).

Mr. GROTHMAN. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding.

This amendment, which mirrors bipartisan bill H.R. 380 is straightforward. It requires the Federal decision makers at the Department of the Interior to consider the threat of invasive species when installing fishways.

We all know that over time, the number of dams in this country have decreased. As the number of dams has decreased, a benefit is a lot of times fish are able to swim upstream, spawn more, and improve the overall health of our rivers.

However, there are times where there are some fish that are not so good, and that is when we have invasive species. I have a big problem with that on the most significant river in the State of Wisconsin, the Wisconsin River. There is a dam there, and they were talking about putting up a fishway, which, on the face of it, sounds nice.

The problem is, below the dam we have Asian carp; they are large fish, not native to Wisconsin. It would be devastating to the local fish. If they were ever able to work their way over the dam, they would not only pollute the Wisconsin River, but the lakes which feed into the Wisconsin River all over northern Wisconsin could also be polluted. And it is even possible that because there are areas that are kind of dicey, they could even work their way into the Great Lakes and all the way up the Saint Lawrence River.

I appreciate the fact that we have considered this amendment. I hope it is adopted as part of the en bloc.

Mr. DEFAZIO. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentlewoman from Michigan (Mrs. DINGELL).

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Oregon for yielding.

I rise in strong support of this en bloc, which includes an important bipartisan natural infrastructure amendment that adds H.R. 3742, the Recovering America's Wildlife Act to H.R. 2.

When we talk about infrastructure, natural infrastructure, habitat restora-

tion and resilience projects must be part of the conversation.

Such investments not only create jobs, up to 33 created per \$1 million of investment, but they make communities safer. They grow our outdoor recreation economy. And they help recover at-risk wildlife populations.

This amendment will enable States, territories, and Tribes to complete proactive collaborative on-the-ground habitat restoration and the natural infrastructure projects that will recover more than 12,000 wildlife, fish, and plant species of the greatest conservation need.

This amendment is modeled after legislation that has more than 180 bipartisan cosponsors, and it passed out of the Natural Resources Committee with a majority of both Republicans and Democrats.

I thank my colleagues, Representatives Fortenberry and Raskin for co-leading this amendment, as well as everybody who helped get us here today, including Speaker PELOSI, Leader HOYER, Whip CLYBURN, my dear friend, the chairman leading all of this, Chairman McGOVERN, Chairman GRIJALVA, the Natural Resources Committee staff, and the entire RAWA coalition.

I urge my colleagues to support this en bloc and to support this bill. The country needs it.

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentleman from Nebraska (Mr. FORTENBERRY).

Mr. FORTENBERRY. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding, as well as Mr. DEFAZIO for his leadership on this bill.

Mr. Speaker, the Recovering America's Wildlife Act, I believe, is the single most exciting policy development in the conservation space in decades.

As an amendment to today's bill, we are doing three things here: We are protecting ecosystems; we are enhancing community; and we are supporting recreation.

I also add my thanks to Representative DEBBIE DINGELL, who has been a tremendous leader in this particular effort, as well as JAMIE RASKIN, the Congressman from Maryland, for joining us.

Mr. Speaker, most Americans don't know that the Federal Government requires that States do wildlife management planning. This amendment funds that Federal mandate in a more creative fashion, by connecting resource extraction with prudent resource recovery, to help States improve their plans and create a continuity of habitat for multiuse opportunities within communities. That is why we have such a diverse group of persons supporting this bill: Hunters and anglers and birders and hikers and other wildlife enthusiasts, as well as those who are involved in the burgeoning field of ecotourism.

Mr. Speaker, here is another benefit. When something goes wrong, of course, we tend to act. And in this regard, we act through a very important law

called the Endangered Species Act. But this amendment puts preventative measures in place, moving upstream from the emergency room enactment of the Endangered Species Act and moving us from regulation and litigation to collaboration and conservation, which saves huge amounts of government resources, societal resources, while it also enhances our environmental security.

And while there are some structural difficulties with the overall bill from my perspective, nonetheless, this provision is a winner.

Mr. DEFAZIO. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. CUELLAR).

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, I thank Chairman DEFAZIO for yielding. I also thank his staff for working very hard to put this bill together that will add \$1.5 billion to the \$1 trillion that will be added for our highways and the infrastructure that we need. Thank you so much.

I am pleased to offer this bipartisan amendment in order to designate the I-27 Ports-to-Plains Corridor as a future interstate that starts in Laredo, the largest inland port in the country.

I thank JODEY ARRINGTON, BRIAN BABIN, LIZZIE FLETCHER, and BEN LUJÁN for all the work that they have done to get to this point.

This designation will make Texas and New Mexico eligible for increased Federal funding to complete the I-27 highway expansion project, creating economic growth, jobs, and trade opportunities across those two states.

The I-27 expansion would immediately grow the Texas GDP by \$17.2 billion and create 178,000 construction jobs. It would also add 17,710 long-term employment opportunities in the new I-27 corridor. It would also make Laredo the only port of entry that will have I-35, I-69, and I-27 as corridors, also.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues in the House to pass this bipartisan amendment that will help improve trade in south Texas, Texas, and across New Mexico.

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

Mr. DEFAZIO. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. GARCÍA), a member of the committee.

Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of these en bloc amendments, which includes a bipartisan amendment that I filed with Representative GALLAGHER of Wisconsin.

Our amendment combats old practices like the performance metric now known as “level of service” that provides faster, wider roads with more lanes, rather than a holistic analysis that takes into account increased traffic, induced demand, or alternatives like bike and transit access.

Our amendment improves the existing travel demand study included in H.R. 2 to examine ways we can prevent new projects from inadvertently in-

creasing traffic volume, time, or congestion, all of which are bad for drivers and bad for the environment.

We can and must make smarter investments by using current data and best practices, and that is what this bipartisan amendment is all about.

It is endorsed by Transportation for America, the Natural Resources Defense Council, Environmental Law and Policy Center, and the League of Conservation Voters.

Mr. Speaker, I urge adoption of this en bloc.

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

Mr. DEFAZIO. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. SCHNEIDER).

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Mr. SCHNEIDER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H.R. 2, the Moving Forward Act.

At home we have seen firsthand the effects of our Nation’s aging and overburdened infrastructure in crumbling roads, inadequate public transit, and more frequent floods.

Today’s package is not simply about rebuilding our roads, bridges, and rail, though it does all that. The Moving Forward Act is about making smart, transformative investments in our future: investing in rebuilding school infrastructure to help them safely reopen; expanding internet access to underserved communities to close the digital divide; and creating millions of good-paying jobs in the process, lifting up entire communities.

I am particularly proud this legislation has been designed with addressing the climate crisis as a top priority.

Climate change is an existential threat. We see it in rising lake levels, a record level in Lake Michigan. We see it across the country in stronger storms and longer hurricane seasons, longer fire seasons, and disrupted growing seasons.

We have to act now. We have to reduce emissions. We have to build resiliency.

To that end, I am proud that this act includes two clean energy provisions I have previously introduced to promote electric vehicle charging stations and incentivize waste heat to power projects.

This comprehensive package is transformative legislation that will ensure our Nation’s infrastructure is built to ensure our success in the 21st century.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleague to join us in support of this important legislation.

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

Mr. DEFAZIO. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentlewoman from Illinois (Ms. SCHAKOWSKY).

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of the en bloc amendment. I also rise to thank Chairman DEFAZIO for including the Hot Cars Act in the base bill.

There are far too many ways that parents can lose their children that we

can’t control. There are diseases that take the lives of our kids that we are just not equipped today to stop. But we have a duty to do everything that we can to ensure that parents don’t lose a child when we can prevent it.

Fifty-three children died of heatstroke in cars last year. In most cases, parents—good parents—accidentally leave their children in cars. In other cases, kids crawl into an empty car and then somehow can’t get out again.

Education alone cannot solve the problem. Even the most attentive parents can become distracted and inadvertently leave a child in the car.

I have talked to those parents. It is a crushing experience, as you can imagine, one you never get over.

A simple sensor, an alert system, that would notify parents that they have left a child in their car can save lives.

It is really past time for us to enact this crucial legislation. The heat of the summer is really just beginning. Let’s get to it.

Mr. Speaker, I want to thank Mr. DEFAZIO again for including this bill.

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

Mr. DEFAZIO. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. COHEN).

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 2 that Chairman DEFAZIO has helped craft and the en bloc amendment which is being discussed now.

Transportation is Memphis. Memphis is blessed to be on the banks of the greatest river in our country, the Mississippi, and fortunate to have Fred Smith born there, which brought the greatest air cargo company in the world to Memphis, Federal Express. That is our number one employer.

This bill will help airports, investments in airports, and create jobs, helping FedEx and helping Memphis. It will invest in harbors—we have the fifth largest inland harbor in the country—with dredging. That is important for the Port of Memphis.

We have five Class 1 railroads, and there are investments there, and that produces jobs and moves goods and services.

We have two interstate systems and roads that need improvement. This bill will put money into roads and bridges and create those jobs.

It will further put money into broadband, which it is very important to reach into the inner cities to give an opportunity for young people, African Americans in particular, to get access to the internet and all the information that they need to have a good education and a good livelihood later on.

This bill includes several priorities that I have had, including a DUI law that is part of this en bloc amendment that will see to it that there is a study on why DUI convictions aren’t shared by States so that people who have multiple DUIs will be punished accordingly and save innocent potential victims from the carnage of a DUI accident.

It happened in Mississippi. A young Memphis girl was killed by a multiple offender, but nobody knew they were a multiple offender because their convictions were not submitted to a central base.

This also incorporates the Complete Streets Act that makes our planning more in keeping with the 21st century for pedestrians and bicyclers and others who use our roads in alternative ways.

This is an excellent bill. I am proud to support it. It creates jobs. It is good for Memphis. It is good for America.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Chairman DEFAZIO. There is no more important bill than this.

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

Mr. DEFAZIO. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentlewoman from Washington (Ms. SCHRIER).

Ms. SCHRIER. Mr. Speaker, I thank the chairman for yielding to me.

The coronavirus pandemic has taken a severe toll on our economy and has resulted in the permanent loss of countless jobs and highlighted the need for broadband access for workers and students.

That is why the Moving Forward Act is so critical right now. It is a bold infrastructure package that will put America back to work, create new jobs, expand broadband access, and invest in schools and tomorrow's clean energy infrastructure.

I am proud to have included two important wins for Washington in this package.

My bill to fund the Legacy Roads and Trails Program will prioritize culvert repairs and riparian habitat in Washington's forests.

My amendment to ensure transit agencies in King and Pierce Counties have flexibility and predictability will allow them to continue to serve riders during this public health crisis.

Passing the Moving Forward Act now is how we shore up our infrastructure, set the stage for a clean energy future, and restore our economy and families' financial security.

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

Mr. DEFAZIO. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from California (Mr. RUIZ).

Mr. RUIZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of this en bloc amendment, which includes my bill turned into an amendment to authorize the construction of an access road to the Desert Sage Youth Wellness Center in Hemet, California, in my district.

The Desert Sage Youth Wellness Center is the only Indian Health Service youth treatment center in the entire State of California. The only way to get to the facility, however, is by traversing a dirt road that cracks in the heat and washes out in the rain.

The Indian Health Service wasn't able to secure the right-of-way to pave the access road, so my amendment would give the Indian Health Service

the authority to improve and pave the access road to give Tribal youth safe and secure passage to this facility so they can receive treatment and individual counseling in a culturally appropriate way that they need to reach their full potential.

Mr. Speaker, I thank the chairman for his support of my amendment to improve the infrastructure of the Indian Health Service facility in my district and for his work on H.R. 2, the Moving Forward Act.

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

Mr. DEFAZIO. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentlewoman from Massachusetts (Ms. PRESSLEY).

Ms. PRESSLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to offer an amendment to H.R. 2, the Moving Forward Act, and thank my colleagues for their work on this legislation.

Our Nation's transportation and infrastructure policies play a critical role in building healthy and safe communities, but for far too long, they have perpetuated many of our most entrenched inequities.

My amendment would require us to examine how our Nation's transportation policies have impacted and targeted our most vulnerable. It is critical that we understand how transportation policies are criminalizing Black and Brown communities.

Specifically, we have seen violent enforcement of fare evasion policies and the discriminatory placement of speed cameras and other surveillance technology in our lowest income communities.

Mr. Speaker, this is a moment of reckoning. There is a multiracial, multigenerational movement that, for the last month, has been affirming that Black lives matter, demanding an end to racist systems and policies that disproportionately criminalize our Black and Brown neighbors.

We have a mandate to center justice in all of our policymaking. Our transportation policies are no exception.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this amendment.

Mr. DEFAZIO. Mr. Speaker, I have no further speakers on my side, and I am prepared to close if the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. GRAVES) is ready to close.

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

I rise in opposition to this en bloc amendment, and I am, frankly, embarrassed by the process.

I am willing to bet that everyone who sits on the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee is proud of its track record of working across the aisle to get things done. That is the proven track record for success for getting bills actually signed into law, but that is not how our committee has operated during the process on this particular piece of legislation.

If you choose to operate and move legislation in this manner, you are

going to get nothing accomplished; you are not going to get any bill signed into law. The only thing you are going to get out of this process is going to be a press release, and that is it.

This is a sham process, and dusting this massive bill with a few amendments that Republicans support doesn't make it a bipartisan process or a bipartisan product.

When the majority is ready to work across the aisle on responsible legislation, we will continue to stand at the ready to work with them. But I can't vote for this en bloc package, and I cannot vote for the underlying bill.

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

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

In response to that, I will revisit a little bit of yesterday's debate.

President Trump ran on the issue of infrastructure. President Trump met with us a year ago in March. We started out saying we needed \$1 trillion to \$1.3 trillion for infrastructure. He went to \$1.9 trillion, and then he ended up at \$2 trillion.

We discussed and agreed on what would be in an infrastructure bill: roads, bridges, highways, transit, wastewater, drinking water, rail, and broadband. All of those are part of this package.

The total package is less than what the President requested a year ago March. He said \$2 trillion. This is close to \$1.5 trillion. Those components of the bill are about \$1 trillion. So, that would be very close to what he wanted.

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The other components have become necessary because of COVID.

I was talking to the chairman of Education and Labor, and it has become clear that 50 percent of the schools in America do not have HVAC systems that can handle COVID—50 percent. A lot of these schools are pretty darn decrepit. So we are investing a bunch of money to safely educate our kids.

Mr. Speaker, my hometown, Springfield, Oregon, a great place, people have a great public spirit. We have voted to bond ourselves several times for new schools. We have a fabulous new middle school, absolutely incredible. It has a very big trades department, because not all kids are going on the high school track, and we need more trades. We are going to need trades to implement our infrastructure bills. So we need to help.

I remember I went to a post-World War II, brand-new elementary school. That school is still sitting there, and a lot of these schools are not suitable for children at this pandemic time.

It also includes money for housing. We have a housing crisis in most of America. Certainly, on the coast; although, of course, this administration cares nothing for the people who live on the coast. But even in some of the middle of the country, there is a housing crisis. This bill begins to deal with that.

It also begins to deal with our absolutely decrepit public housing. That is Federal public housing, much of which is 50, 60 years old when the Federal Government did things like this, and it needs rehabilitation.

So, yes, we have added a couple of elements to this bill that weren't discussed with the President, but they became necessary because of COVID.

And also the Postal Service, which is more essential today than ever. Trump hates it because Jeff Bezos has Amazon, and he thinks Amazon is getting subsidized by the Postal Service. Actually, no, the Postal Service makes a bunch of money by delivering Amazon packages, but it is difficult to penetrate.

So he wants to destroy the Postal Service, which will actually disproportionately affect the people who voted for him in red States, and particularly rural areas. They are getting their prescriptions and other things delivered by the USPS.

Now, rain, shine, night, day, COVID or not, the Postal Service is doing it, doing it in 35-year-old delivery vehicles. They are decrepit and incredibly expensive to maintain. This bill would help them buy a new fleet and would help them to get through this crisis.

So, yes, there are some other things in this that were not in a traditional infrastructure bill.

As far as the portion of the bill that comes from our committee, the President had seven infrastructure weeks, and we were promised numerous times that they were imminently going to propose a bill. The only bill they ever proposed would have shifted the entire burden to the States and said: Oh, and the private sector will take care of the rest of it.

There wasn't a Republican I am aware of who even supported that stupid proposal. That is it.

But now we are told: Oh, they are on the cusp again, \$2 trillion coming soon.

Well, we are trying to help them deliver here.

We heard: Oh, Presidents don't propose these things. They don't do these things.

We are here on the anniversary of JFK putting transit into transportation. We are here the day after the anniversary of a Republican President, Dwight David Eisenhower, signing the National Interstate and Defense Highways Act and funding it with a trust fund, which hasn't been supplemented since 1993 because the Republicans have been in charge most of that time, and they won't raise the user fee.

Their alternative bill, by the way, doesn't raise the user fee. So they are about \$120 billion out of whack with a bill that only increases highways by 10 percent, zeros out any increase in transit, and does nothing for rail.

So, yes, this is a different product. But this amendment—and I misspoke earlier. Eight of the amendments in this package are fully Republican amendments; the others are bipartisan amendments.

So you can raise concerns about the overall process and the overall bill, but this part is solid, and it should be approved by a large majority in the House.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. All time for debate has expired.

Pursuant to the rule, the previous question is ordered on the amendments en bloc offered by the gentleman from Oregon (Mr. DEFAZIO).

The question is on the amendments en bloc offered by the gentleman from Oregon (Mr. DEFAZIO).

The en bloc amendments were agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

AMENDMENTS EN BLOC NO. 5 OFFERED BY MS.

WATERS OF CALIFORNIA

The SPEAKER pro tempore. It is now in order to consider an amendment en bloc consisting of amendments printed in part F of House Report 116-438.

Ms. WATERS. Mr. Speaker, as the designee of the chair of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and pursuant to House Resolution 1028, I offer an amendment en bloc consisting of the amendments printed in part F of House Report 116-438.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will designate the amendments en bloc.

Amendments en bloc No. 5 consisting of amendment Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, and 25, printed in part F of House Report 116-438, offered by Ms. WATERS of California:

AMENDMENT NO. 1 OFFERED BY MS. ADAMS OF

NORTH CAROLINA

Page 2147, after line 25, insert the following new section:

**SEC. 90114. EXAMINING LOAN MODIFICATIONS TO THE HBCU CAPITAL FINANCING PROGRAM.**

Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Education shall report to the Committee on Education and Labor of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate the results of an analysis to determine the potential benefits and costs of offering loan modifications under the HBCU Capital Financing Program under part D of title III of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1066 et seq.) as described in the report entitled "Action Needed to Improve Participation in Education's HBCU Capital Financing Program" published by Government Accountability Office in June 2018 (GAO-18-455).

AMENDMENT NO. 2 OFFERED BY MRS. AXNE OF IOWA

Page 1714, after line 2, insert the following new section:

**SEC. 60016. GRANT PROGRAM FOR MANUFACTURED HOUSING PRESERVATION.**

(a) AUTHORITY.—The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development shall establish a grant program under this section and, to the extent amounts are made available pursuant to subsection (j), make grants under such program to eligible entities under subsection (b) for acquiring and preserving manufactured housing communities.

(b) ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—A grant under this section may be made only to entities that

meet such requirements as the Secretary shall establish to ensure that any entity receiving a grant has the capacity to acquire and preserve housing affordability in such communities, including—

(1) a nonprofit organization, including land trusts;

(2) a public housing agency or other State or local government agency;

(3) an Indian tribe (as such term is defined in section 4 of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4103)) or an agency of an Indian tribe;

(4) a resident organization in which homeowners are members and have open and equal access to membership; or

(5) such other entities as the Secretary determines will maintain housing affordability in manufactured housing communities.

(c) USE OF GRANT AMOUNTS.—Amounts from a grant under this section may be used only for—

(1) the acquisition and preservation of manufactured housing communities;

(2) such acquisition and preservation, together with costs for making improvements to common areas and community property for acquired manufactured housing communities;

(3) the demolition, removal, and replacement of dilapidated homes from a manufactured housing community.

(d) PRESERVATION; AFFORDABILITY; OWNERSHIP.—A grant under this section may be made only if the Secretary determines that the grantee will enter into such binding agreements as the Secretary considers sufficient to ensure that—

(1) the manufactured housing community acquired using such grant amounts—

(A) will be maintained as a manufactured housing community for a period that begins upon the making of such grant and has a duration not shorter than 20 years;

(B) will be managed in a manner that benefits the residents and maintains their quality of life for a period not shorter than 20 years;

(C) will, for a period not shorter than 20 years, be subject to limitations on annual increases in rents for lots for manufactured homes in such community either through resident control over increases or, if owned by a party other than the residents, as the Secretary considers appropriate to ensure continued affordability and maintenance of the property, but not in any case annually to exceed the percentage that is equal to the percentage increase for the immediately preceding year in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) plus 7 percent, and such rents will comply with any applicable State laws;

(D) will be owned by an entity described in subsection (b) for a period not shorter than 20 years; and

(E) has not been the primary beneficiary of a grant under this section during the preceding 5 years; and

(2) if in the determination of the Secretary the provisions of the agreement have not been met, the grant shall be repaid.

(e) AMOUNT.—The amount of any grant under this section may not exceed the lesser of—

(1) \$1,000,000; or

(2) the amount that is equal to \$20,000 multiplied by the number of manufactured home lots in the manufactured housing community for which the grant is made.

(f) MATCHING FUNDS.—The Secretary shall require a grantee of grant under this section to provide non-Federal matching funds for use only for the same purposes for which the grant is used in an amount equal or exceeding the amount of the grant provided to the grantee. Such non-Federal matching funds

may be provided by State, tribal, local, or private resources and may be a grant or loan, in cash or in-kind.

(g) APPLICATIONS; SELECTION.—

(1) APPLICATIONS.—The Secretary shall provide for eligible entities under subsection (b) to apply for grants under this section, and shall require such applications to contain such assurances as the Secretary may require regarding the availability of matching funds sufficient to comply with subsection (f) and any organizational documents regarding the manufactured housing community for which the grant is made, as may be required by the State in which such community is located. The Secretary shall accept applications on a rolling basis and approve or deny each application within 20 business days of receipt in order to facilitate market-based transactions by an applicant.

(2) SELECTION.—The Secretary shall establish criteria for selection of applicants to receive grants under this section, which criteria shall—

(A) give priority to grantees who would use such grant amounts to carry out activities under subsection (c) within areas having a high concentration of low-, very low-, or extremely low-income families (as such terms are defined in section 3(b) of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437a(b));

(B) give priority to grants for the benefit of communities that have not received a grant under this section during the preceding 10 years; and

(C) ensure that not more than 40 percent of grant funds for any fiscal year are awarded to entities identified in subsection (b)(5).

(h) REPORTS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall submit a report annually regarding the grant program under this section to Committee on Financial Services of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs of the Senate, and shall make each such report publicly available on the website of the Department of Housing and Urban Development. The first such report shall be made for the first fiscal year in which any grants are made under this section and a report shall be made for each fiscal year in which a grantee is subject to the requirements under subparagraph (d)(1)(A).

(2) CONTENTS.—Each such report shall include, for the fiscal year covered by the report—

(A) a description of the grants made under the program, including identification of what type of eligible entity under subsection (b) each grantee is;

(B) for each manufactured home community for which a grant under this section is made, identification of—

(i) the number of manufactured home units in the community at the time of the grant;

(ii) the lot rents in the community at such time; and

(iii) if a manufactured home community was purchased using grant amounts, the purchase price of the community;

(C) summary information identifying the total applications received for grants under this section and total grant funding sought, disaggregated by the types of eligible entities under subsection (b) of the applicants; and

(D) an analysis of the effectiveness of the program, including identification of changes to the number of units and lot rents in communities for which a grant was made, any significant upgrades made to the communities, demographic changes in communities, and, if any community is sold during the period covered under subsection (d), the sale price of the community.

(i) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section, the following definitions shall apply:

(1) MANUFACTURED HOME.—The term “manufactured home” means a structure, transportable in one or more sections, that—

(A) in the traveling mode, is 8 body feet or more in width and 40 body feet or more in length, or when erected on site is 320 square feet or more;

(B) is built on a permanent chassis and designed to be used as a dwelling (with or without a permanent foundation when connected to required utilities) and includes plumbing, heating, air conditioning, and electrical systems; and

(C) in the case of a structure manufactured after June 15, 1976, is certified as meeting the Manufactured Home Construction and Safety Standards issued under the National Manufactured Housing Construction and Safety Standards Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5401 et seq.) by the Department of Housing and Urban Development and displays a label of such certification on the exterior of each transportable section.

Such term shall not include any self-propelled recreational vehicle.

(2) MANUFACTURED HOUSING COMMUNITY.—The term “manufactured housing community” means a community comprised primarily of manufactured homes used primarily for residential purposes.

(3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

(j) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is authorized to be appropriated for grants under this section \$100,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2021 through 2025, of which not more than 5 percent may be used for administration and oversight.

(k) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary shall issue any regulations necessary to carry out this section.

AMENDMENT NO. 3 OFFERED BY MS. BONAMICI OF OREGON

Page 1691, after line 10, insert the following:

**TITLE I—NATIONAL SCENIC BYWAYS PROGRAM.**

At the end of division H, insert the following:

**TITLE II—BUILDING U.S. INFRASTRUCTURE BY LEVERAGING DEMANDS FOR SKILLS (BUILDS)**

**SEC. 40101. DEFINITIONS.**

(1) IN GENERAL.—In this title, except as otherwise provided in this title, the terms have the meanings given the terms in section 3 of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3102).

(2) APPRENTICESHIP, APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM.—The term “apprenticeship” or “apprenticeship program” means an apprenticeship program registered under the Act of August 16, 1937 (commonly known as the “National Apprenticeship Act”; 50 Stat. 664, chapter 663; 29 U.S.C. 50 et seq.), including any requirement, standard, or rule promulgated under such Act, as such requirement, standard, or rule was in effect on December 30, 2019.

(3) CTE TERMS.—The terms “area career and technical education school”, “articulation agreement”, “career guidance and academic counseling”, “credit transfer agreement”, “early college high school”, “high school”, “program of study”, “Tribal educational agency”, and “work-based learning” have the meanings given the terms in section 3 of the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006 (20 U.S.C. 2302).

(4) EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROVIDER.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The term “education and training provider” means an entity listed in

subparagraph (B) that provides academic curriculum and instruction related to targeted infrastructure industries.

(B) ENTITIES.—An entity described in this subparagraph is as follows:

(i) An area career and technical education school, early college high school, or high school providing career and technical education programs of study.

(ii) An Indian Tribe, Tribal organization, or Tribal educational agency.

(iii) A minority-serving institution (as described in any of paragraphs (1) through (7) of section 371(a) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1067q(a))).

(iv) A provider of adult education and literacy activities under the Adult Education and Family Literacy Act (29 U.S.C. 3271 et seq.);

(v) A local agency administering plans under title I of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 720 et seq.), other than section 112 or part C of that title (29 U.S.C. 732, 741);

(vi) A related instruction provider for an apprenticeship program.

(vii) A public institution of higher education (as defined in section 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001)).

(viii) A provider included on the list of eligible providers of training services described in section 122(d) of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3152(d)).

(ix) A consortium of entities described in any of clauses (i) through (viii).

(5) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The term “eligible entity” means—

(A) an industry or sector partnership;

(B) a State board or State workforce development agency, or a local board or local workforce development agency;

(C) an eligible institution, or a consortium thereof;

(D) an Indian Tribe, Tribal organization, or Tribal educational agency;

(E) a labor organization or joint-labor management organization; or

(F) a qualified intermediary.

(6) NONTRADITIONAL POPULATION.—The term “nontraditional population” means a group of individuals (such as a group of individuals from the same gender or race) the members of which comprise fewer than 25 percent of the individuals employed in a targeted infrastructure industry.

(7) QUALIFIED INTERMEDIARY.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The term “qualified intermediary” means an entity that demonstrates an expertise—

(i) in engaging in the partnerships described in subparagraph (B); and

(ii) serving participants and employers of programs funded under this title by—

(I) connecting employers to programs funded under this title;

(II) assisting in the design and implementation of such programs, including curriculum development and delivery of instruction;

(III) providing professional development activities such as training to mentors;

(IV) connecting students or workers to programs funded under this title;

(V) developing and providing personalized support for individuals participating in programs funded under this title, including by partnering with organizations to provide access to or referrals for supportive services and financial advising; or

(VI) providing services, resources, and supports for development, delivery, expansion, or improvement of programs funded under this title.

(B) REQUIRED PARTNERSHIPS.—In carrying out activities under this title, the qualified intermediary shall act in partnerships with—

(i) industry or sector partnerships, including establishing a new industry or sector

partnership or expanding an existing industry or sector partnership;

(ii) partnerships among employers, joint labor-management organizations, labor organizations, community-based organizations, State or local workforce development boards, education and training providers, social service organizations, economic development organizations, Indian Tribes or Tribal organizations, or one-stop operators, or one-stop partners, in the State workforce development system; or

(iii) partnerships among one or more of the entities described in clauses (i) and (ii).

(8) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of Labor.

(9) TARGETED INFRASTRUCTURE INDUSTRY.—The term “targeted infrastructure industry” means an industry, including the transportation (including surface, transit, aviation, maritime, or railway transportation), construction, energy (including the deployment of renewable and clean energy, energy efficiency, transmission, and battery storage), information technology, or utilities industry) to be served by a grant, contract, or cooperative agreement under this title.

#### SEC. 40102. GRANTS AUTHORIZED.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, in consultation with the Secretary of Transportation, the Secretary of Energy, the Secretary of Commerce, the Secretary of Education, and the Chief of Engineers and Commanding General of the Army Corps of Engineers, shall award, on a competitive basis, grants, contracts, or cooperative agreements to eligible entities to plan and implement activities to achieve the strategic objectives described in section 40104(b) with respect to a targeted infrastructure industry identified in the application submitted under section 40103 by such eligible entities.

(b) TYPES OF AWARDS.—A grant, contract, or cooperative agreement awarded under this title may be in the form of—

(1) an implementation grant, contract, or cooperative agreement, for entities seeking an initial grant under this title; or

(2) a renewal grant, contract, or cooperative agreement for entities that have already received an implementation grant, contract, or cooperative agreement under this title.

(c) DURATION.—Each grant awarded under this title shall be for a period not to exceed 3 years.

(d) AMOUNT.—The amount of a grant, contract, or cooperative agreement awarded under this title may not exceed—

(1) for an implementation grant, contract, or cooperative agreement, \$2,500,000; and

(2) for a renewal grant, contract, or cooperative agreement, \$1,500,000.

#### (e) AWARD BASIS.—

(1) GEOGRAPHIC DIVERSITY.—The Secretary shall award funds under this title in a manner that ensures geographic diversity (such as urban and rural distribution) in the areas in which activities will be carried out using such funds.

(2) PRIORITY FOR AWARDS.—In awarding funds under this title, the Secretary shall give priority to eligible entities that—

(A) in the case of awarding implementation grants, contracts, or cooperative agreements—

(i) demonstrate long-term sustainability of a program or activity funded under this title;

(ii) will serve a high number or high percentage of nontraditional populations and individuals with barriers to employment; and

(iii) will provide a non-Federal share of the cost of the activities; and

(B) in the case of awarding renewal grants, contracts, or cooperative agreements—

(i) meet the criteria established in subparagraph (A); and

(ii) have demonstrated ability to meet the—

(I) strategic objectives of the implementation grant, contract or cooperative agreement described in section 40103(b)(4); and

(II) meet or exceed the requirements of the evaluations and progress reports described in section 40104(f).

#### SEC. 40103. APPLICATION.

(a) IN GENERAL.—An eligible entity desiring a grant, contract, or cooperative agreement under this title shall submit an application to the Secretary at such time, in such manner, and containing such information as the Secretary may require, including the contents described in subsection (b).

(b) CONTENTS.—An application submitted under this title shall contain, at a minimum—

(1) a description of the entities engaged in activities funded under the grant, including—

(A) evidence of the eligible entity’s capacity to carry out activities to achieve the strategic objectives described in section 40104(b); and

(B) identification, and expected participation and responsibilities of each key stakeholder in the targeted infrastructure industry described in section 40104(b)(1) with which the eligible entity will partner to carry out such activities;

(2) a description of the targeted infrastructure industry to be served by the eligible entity with funds received under this title, and a description of how such industry was identified, including—

(A) the quantitative data and evidence that demonstrates the demand for employment in such industry in the geographic area served by the eligible entity under this title; and

(B) a description of the local, State, or federally funded infrastructure projects with respect to which the eligible entity anticipates engaging the partners described in paragraph (1)(B);

(3) a description of the workers that will be targeted or recruited by the eligible entity, including—

(A) how recruitment activities will target nontraditional populations to improve the percentages of nontraditional populations employed in targeted infrastructure industries; and

(B) a description of potential barriers to employment for targeted workers, and a description of strategies that will be used to help workers overcome such barriers;

(4) a description of the strategic objectives described in section 40104(b) that the eligible entity intends to achieve concerning the targeted infrastructure industry and activities to be carried out as described in section 40104, including—

(A) a timeline for progress towards achieving such strategic objectives;

(B) a description of the manner in which the eligible entity intends to make sustainable progress towards achieving such strategic objectives; and

(C) assurances the eligible entity will provide performance measures for measuring progress towards achieving such strategic objectives, as described in section 40104(f);

(5) a description of the recognized postsecondary credentials that the eligible entity proposes to prepare individuals participating in activities under this title for, which shall—

(A) be nationally or regionally portable and stackable;

(B) be related to the targeted infrastructure industry that the eligible entity proposes to support; and

(C) be aligned to a career pathway and work-based learning opportunity, such as an

apprenticeship program or a pre-apprenticeship program articulating to an apprenticeship program;

(6) a description of the Federal and non-Federal resources, available under provisions of law other than this title, that will be leveraged in support of the partnerships and activities under this title; and

(7) a description of how the eligible entity or the education and training provider in partnership with such eligible entity under this title will establish or implement plans to be included on the list of eligible providers of training services described in section 122(d) of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3152(d)).

#### SEC. 40104. ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—An eligible entity receiving funds under this title shall carry out activities described this section to achieve the strategic objectives identified in the entity’s application under section 40103, including the objectives described in subsection (b).

(b) STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES.—The activities to be carried out with the funds awarded under this title shall be designed to achieve strategic objectives, including the following:

(1) Recruiting key stakeholders (such as employers, labor organizations, local boards, and education and training providers, economic development agencies, and as applicable, qualified intermediaries) in the targeted infrastructure industry to establish or expand industry and sector partnerships for the purpose of—

(A) assisting the eligible entity in carrying out the activities described in subsection (a); and

(B) convening with the eligible entity in a collaborative structure that supports the sharing of information and best practices for supporting the development of a diverse workforce to support the targeted infrastructure industry.

(2) Identifying the training needs of the State or local area in the targeted infrastructure industry, including—

(A) needs for skills critical to competitiveness and innovation in the industry;

(B) needs of the apprenticeship programs or other paid work-based learning programs supported by the funds; and

(C) the needed establishment, expansion, or revisions of career pathways and academic curriculum in the targeted infrastructure industries to establish talent pipelines for such industry.

(3) Identifying and quantifying any disparities or gaps in employment of nontraditional populations in the targeted infrastructure industries and establishing or expanding strategies to close such gaps.

(4) Supporting the development of consortia of education and training providers receiving assistance under this title to align curricula, recognized postsecondary credentials, and programs to the targeted infrastructure industry needs and the credentials described in section 40103(b)(5), particularly for high-skill, high-wage or in-demand industry sectors or occupations related to the targeted infrastructure industry.

(5) Providing information on activities carried out with such funds to the State and local board and the State agency carrying out the State program under the Wagner-Peyser Act (29 U.S.C. 49 et seq.), including staff of the agency that provide services under such Act, to enable the State agency to inform recipients of unemployment compensation or the employment and training opportunities that may be offered through such activities.

(6) Establishing or expanding partnerships with employers in industry or sector partnerships to attract potential workers from a diverse jobseeker base, including individuals

with barriers to employment and nontraditional populations, by identifying any such barriers through analysis of the labor market data and recruitment strategies, and implementing strategies to help such workers overcome such barriers and increase diversity in the targeted infrastructure industries.

(c) PLANNING ACTIVITIES.—An eligible entity receiving a planning grant, contract, or cooperative agreement under this title shall use not more than \$250,000 of such funds to carry out planning activities during the first year of the grant, contract, or agreement period, which may include—

(1) establishing or expanding industry or sector partnerships described in subsection (b)(1);

(2) conducting outreach to local labor organizations, employers, industry associations, education and training providers, economic development organizations, and qualified intermediaries, as applicable;

(3) recruiting individuals for participation in programs assisted with funds under this title, including individuals with barriers to employment and nontraditional populations;

(4) establishing or expanding paid work-based learning opportunities, including apprenticeship programs or programs articulating to apprenticeship programs;

(5) establishing or implementing plans for any education and training provider receiving funding under this title to be included on the list of eligible providers of training services described in section 122(d) of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3152(d));

(6) establishing or implementing plans for awarding academic credit or providing for academic alignment towards credit pathways for programs or programs of study assisted with funds under this title, including academic credit for industry recognized credentials, competency-based education, work-based learning, or apprenticeship programs;

(7) making available open, searchable, and comparable information on the recognized postsecondary credentials awarded under such programs, including the related skills or competencies and related employment and earnings outcomes;

(8) conducting an evaluation of workforce needs in the local area; or

(9) career pathway and curriculum development or expansion, program establishment, and acquiring equipment necessary to support activities permitted under this section.

(d) EMPLOYER ENGAGEMENT.—An eligible entity receiving funds under this title shall use the grant funds to provide services to engage employers in efforts to achieve the strategic objectives identified in the partnership's application under section 40103(b)(4), such as—

(1) navigating the registration process for a sponsor of an apprenticeship program;

(2) connecting the employer with an education and training provider, to support the development of curriculum for work-based learning opportunities, including the related instruction for apprenticeship programs;

(3) providing training to incumbent workers to serve as trainers or mentors to individuals participating in a work-based learning program funded under this title;

(4) subsidizing the wages and benefits for individuals participating in activities or programs funded under this title for a period of not more than 6 months for employers demonstrating financial need, including due to COVID-19; and

(5) recruiting for employment or participation in programs funded under this title, including work-based learning programs, including—

(A) individuals participating in programs under the Workforce Innovation and Opportu-

nity Act (29 U.S.C. 3101 et seq.), or the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 701 et seq.);

(B) recipients of assistance through the supplemental nutrition assistance program established under the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2011 et seq.);

(C) recipients of assistance through the program of block grants to States for temporary assistance for needy families established under part A of title IV of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 601 et seq.);

(D) individuals with a barrier to employment; or

(E) nontraditional populations in the targeted infrastructure industry served by such funds.

(e) PARTICIPANT SUPPORTS.—The eligible entity receiving funds under this title shall use the grant funds to provide services to support the success of individuals participating in a program supported under this title, which shall include—

(1) in coordination with the State or local board—

(A) training services as described in section 134(c)(3) of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3174(c)(3));

(B) career services as described in section 134(c)(2) of such Act; and

(C) supportive services, such as child care and transportation;

(2) providing access to necessary supplies, materials, technological devices, or required equipment, attire, and other supports necessary to participate in such programs or to start employment;

(3) job placement assistance, including in paid work-based learning opportunities which may include apprenticeship programs, or employment at the completion of a program provided by an education and training provider;

(4) providing career awareness activities, such as career guidance and academic counseling; and

(5) services to ensure individuals served by funds under this title maintain employment after the completion of a program funded under this title for at least 12 months, including through the continuation of services described under paragraphs (1) through (4) as applicable continuation of services described under paragraphs (1) through (4).

(f) EVALUATION AND PROGRESS REPORTS.—Not later than 1 year after receiving a grant under this title, and annually thereafter, the eligible entity receiving the grant shall submit a report to the Secretary and the Governor of the State that the eligible entity serves, that—

(1) describes the activities funded under this title;

(2) evaluates the progress the eligible entity has made towards achieving the strategic objectives identified under section 40103(b)(4); and

(3) evaluates the levels of performance achieved by the eligible entity for training participants with respect to the performance indicators under section 116(b)(2)(A) of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3141(b)(2)(A)) for all such workers, disaggregated by each population specified in section 3(24) of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3102(24)) and by race, ethnicity, sex, and age.

(g) ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.—An eligible partnership may use not more than 5 percent of the funds awarded through a grant, contract, or cooperative agreement under this title for administrative expenses in carrying out this section.

#### SEC. 40105. ADMINISTRATION BY THE SECRETARY.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may use not more than 2 percent of the amount appropriated under section 40106 for each fiscal year for administrative expenses to carry

out this title, including the expenses of providing the technical assistance and oversight activities under subsection (b).

(b) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE; OVERSIGHT.—The Secretary shall provide technical assistance and oversight to assist the eligible entities in applying for and administering grants awarded under this title.

#### SEC. 40106. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this title such sums as may be necessary for fiscal year 2021 and each of the succeeding 4 fiscal years.

#### SEC. 40107. SPECIAL RULE.

Any funds made available under this title that are used to fund an apprenticeship or apprenticeship program shall only be used for, or provided to, an apprenticeship or apprenticeship program that meets the definition of such term in section 40101 of this title, including any funds awarded for the purposes of grants, contracts, or cooperative agreements, or the development, implementation, or administration, of an apprenticeship or an apprenticeship program.

AMENDMENT NO. 4 OFFERED BY MS. BROWNLEY OF CALIFORNIA

Page 1658, after line 14, insert the following:

(1) in subsection (a), by adding at the end the following:

“(3) The Secretary, in consultation with the Administrator of General Services, shall ensure that in acquiring medium- and heavy-duty vehicles for a Federal fleet, a Federal entity shall acquire zero emission vehicles to the maximum extent feasible.”;

AMENDMENT NO. 5 OFFERED BY MR. CÁRDENAS OF CALIFORNIA

At the end of section 50002, add the following:

(g) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Congress that, as the Postal Service replaces or upgrades its fleet of delivery vehicles, the Postal Service should take all reasonable steps to ensure that its vehicles are equipped with climate control units to protect the health and safety of its mail carriers, especially those working in areas of the country that are subject to extreme temperatures.

AMENDMENT NO. 6 OFFERED BY MR. COURTNEY OF CONNECTICUT

Page 1707, line 11, strike “or”.

Page 1707, after line 11, insert the following:

(3) activities designed to preserve existing housing by remediation of iron sulfide or other minerals causing housing degradation; or

Page 1707, line 12, strike “(3)” and insert “(4)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 7 OFFERED BY MR. GALLEGUO OF ARIZONA

Page 1232, after line 10, insert the following (and redesignate the succeeding paragraphs accordingly):

(14) NATIVE HAWAIIAN ORGANIZATION.—The term “Native Hawaiian organization” means any organization—

(A) that serves the interests of Native Hawaiians;

(B) in which Native Hawaiians serve in substantive and policymaking positions;

(C) that has as a primary and stated purpose the provision of services to Native Hawaiians; and

(D) that is recognized for having expertise in Native Hawaiian affairs, digital connectivity, or access to broadband service.

Page 1243, after line 20, insert the following:

(3) TRIBAL AND NATIVE HAWAIIAN CONSULTATION AND ENGAGEMENT.—In establishing the Program under paragraph (1), the Assistant

Secretary shall conduct robust, interactive, pre-decisional, transparent consultation with Indian Tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations.

Page 1269, line 5, strike “; and” and insert a semicolon.

Page 1269, after line 7, insert the following:

(D) providing assistance specific to Indian Tribes, tribally designated entities, and Native Hawaiian organizations, including—

(i) conducting annual outreach to Indian Tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations on the availability of technical assistance for applying for or otherwise participating in the Program;

(ii) providing technical assistance at the request of any Indian Tribe, tribally designated entity, or Native Hawaiian organization that is applying for or participating in the Program in order to facilitate the fulfillment of any applicable requirements in subsections (c) and (d); and

(iii) providing additional technical assistance at the request of any Indian Tribe, tribally designated entity, or Native Hawaiian organization that is applying for or participating in the Program to improve the development or implementation of a Digital Equity plan, such as—

(I) assessing all Federal programs that are available to assist the Indian Tribe, tribally designated entity, or Native Hawaiian organization in meeting the goals of a Digital Equity plan;

(II) identifying all applicable Federal, State, and Tribal statutory provisions, regulations, policies, and procedures that the Assistant Secretary determines are necessary to adhere to for the deployment of broadband service;

(III) identifying obstacles to the deployment of broadband service under a Digital Equity plan, as well as potential solutions; or

(IV) identifying activities that may be necessary to the success of a Digital Equity plan, including digital literacy training, technical support, privacy and cybersecurity expertise, and other end-user technology needs; and

**AMENDMENT NO. 8 OFFERED BY MR. GARCÍA OF ILLINOIS**

Page 1714, after line 2, insert the following new section:

**SEC. 60016. LEAD ABATEMENT FOR FAMILIES.**

(a) IDENTIFICATION OF LEAD WATER SERVICE LINES.—

(1) REVIEW.—The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, in consultation with public housing agencies, owners of other federally assisted housing, and the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Administration shall, not later than the expiration of the 24-month period beginning upon the date of the enactment of this Act, undertake and complete a review of all public housing projects and all other federally assisted housing projects to identify any such projects for which the source of potable water is a lead-based water service pipe or pipes.

(2) REPORT.—Upon completion of the review required under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall submit a report to the Congress setting forth the results of the review and identifying any projects for which the source of potable water is a lead-based water service pipe or pipes.

(b) GRANT AUTHORITY.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may make grants to public housing agencies and owners of other federally assisted housing to cover the eligible costs of removing and replacing lead-based water service pipes for housing projects identified pursuant to the review under subsection (a).

(2) ELIGIBLE COSTS.—Amounts from a grant under this subsection may be used only for

costs of removing and replacing a lead-based water service pipe for a housing project.

(3) ASSURANCES.—The Secretary shall require each public housing agency and owner of other federally assisted housing receiving a grant under this subsection for a housing project to make such assurances and enter into such agreements as the Secretary considers necessary to ensure that—

(A) the lead-based water service pipes for the project that will be removed and replaced using such grant amounts are identified; and

(B) all work to remove and replace such pipes is completed before the expiration of the 24-month period beginning upon the initial availability to the agency or owner of such grant amounts.

(4) LIMITATION ON AMOUNTS.—The amount of grant under this subsection with respect to a housing project may not exceed the estimate of the Secretary of the full cost or removing and replacing the lead-based water service pipes for the project identified pursuant to paragraph (3)(A).

(c) FINAL REPORT.—Upon the expiration of the 6-year period beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to the Congress a report identifying the housing projects for which lead-based water service pipes were removed and replaced using grants under subsection (b) and analyzing the effectiveness of the program for such grants.

(d) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section, the following definitions shall apply:

(1) HOUSING PROJECT.—The term “housing project” means a public housing project or a project that is other federally assisted housing.

(2) OTHER FEDERALLY ASSISTED HOUSING.—The term “other federally assisted housing” has the meaning given the term “federally assisted housing” in section 683 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992 (42 U.S.C. 13641), except that such term does not include any public housing project described in paragraph (2)(A) of such section.

(3) LEAD-BASED WATER SERVICE PIPE.—The term “lead-based water service pipe” means, with respect to a housing project, a pipe or other conduit that—

(A) is used to supply potable water for the housing project from outside the project; and

(B) does not satisfy the definition of “lead-free” established under section 1417 of the Safe Drinking Water Act (42 U.S.C. 300g-6).

(4) PUBLIC HOUSING.—The term “public housing” has the meaning given such term in section 3(b) of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437a(b)).

(5) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

(e) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary, after consultation with the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Administration, may issue any regulations necessary to carry out this section.

(f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is authorized to be appropriated for grants under subsection (b)—

- (1) \$90,000,000 for fiscal year 2021;
- (2) \$80,000,000 for fiscal year 2022; and
- (3) \$80,000,000 for fiscal year 2023.

**AMENDMENT NO. 9 OFFERED BY MR. HASTINGS OF FLORIDA**

At the end of division J, add the following:

**SEC. 60015. COMPTROLLER GENERAL REPORT ON HIGH-SPEED INTERNET CONNECTIVITY IN FEDERALLY-ASSISTED HOUSING.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United States shall submit to Congress a report on

broadband service in Federally-assisted housing.

(b) CONTENTS.—The report required under subsection (a) shall include—

(1) an analysis of Federally-assisted housing units that have access to broadband service and the number of such units that do not have access to broadband service, disaggregated by State, county, and congressional district, that includes geographic information and any Federal agency responsible for such units;

(2) an analysis of which such units are not currently capable of supporting broadband service deployment and would require retrofitting to support broadband service deployment, disaggregated by State, county, and congressional district, that includes geographic information and any Federal agency responsible for such units;

(3) an analysis of the estimated costs and timeframe necessary for retrofitting buildings to achieve 100 percent access to broadband service;

(4) an analysis of the challenges to more widespread deployment of broadband service, including the comparative markets dynamics to expansion in rural areas and low-income urban areas, and the challenges to pursuing retrofits to achieve 100 percent access to broadband service;

(5) descriptions of lessons learned from previous retrofitting actions;

(6) an evaluation of the ConnectHome pilot program of the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development; and

(7) recommendations for Congress for achieving 100 percent access to broadband service in Federally-assisted housing.

(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) BROADBAND SERVICE.—The term “broadband service” has the meaning given the term “broadband internet access service” in section 8.1(b) of title 47, Code of Federal Regulations, or any successor regulation.

(2) FEDERALLY-ASSISTED HOUSING.—In this section, the term “Federally-assisted housing” means any single-family or multifamily housing that is assisted under a program administered by the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development or the Secretary of Agriculture.

**SEC. 60016. MASTER PLAN FOR BROADBAND CONNECTIVITY IN FEDERALLY-ASSISTED HOUSING.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, in consultation with other relevant heads of Federal agencies, shall develop a master plan for achieving retrofitting Federally-assisted housing to support broadband service. The Secretary shall submit such plan to Congress not later than 18 months after the date of the enactment of this Act.

(b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the terms “broadband service” and “Federally-assisted housing” have the meanings given in section 60015.

**AMENDMENT NO. 10 OFFERED BY MS. JAYAPAL OF WASHINGTON**

Page 1714, after line 2, insert the following new section:

**SEC. 60016. UNITED STATES INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS.**

(a) REPEAL OF TERMINATION.—Title II of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11311 et seq.) is amended—

(1) by striking section 209 (42 U.S.C. 11319); and

(2) by redesignating sections 207 and 208 (42 U.S.C. 11317, 11318) as sections 208 and 209, respectively.

(b) FUNCTIONS.—Section 203 of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11313) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)—

(A) in paragraph (12), by striking “and” at the end;

(B) in paragraph (13), by striking the period at the end and inserting a semicolon; and

(C) by adding at the end the following new paragraphs:

“(14) rely on evidence-based practices;

“(15) identify and promote successful practices, including the Housing First strategy and the permanent supportive housing model; and

“(16) prioritize addressing disparities faced by members of a population at higher risk of homelessness, including by issuing reports and making recommendations to agencies.”;

(2) in subsection (b)—

(A) in paragraph (1), by inserting “and” after the semicolon;

(B) in paragraph (2), by striking the period at the end and inserting “; and”;

(C) by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(3) make formal reports and recommendations to Federal agencies, which shall include comments on how proposed regulatory changes would impact persons experiencing homelessness, housing instability, or who are cost-burdened.”.

(c) ADVISORY BOARD.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Title II of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act is amended by inserting after section 206 (42 U.S.C. 11316) the following new section:

**SEC. 207. ADVISORY BOARD.**

“(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established an advisory board for the Council.

“(b) MEMBERSHIP.—

“(1) COMPOSITION.—The advisory board shall be composed of not less than 20 individuals, selected in accordance with paragraph (3) from nominees proposed pursuant to paragraph (2), as follows:

“(A) Not less than 10 members shall be individuals who are homeless or experiencing housing instability, or were so during the 5 calendar years preceding appointment to the advisory board or who have been so in the last 5 calendar years.

“(B) Not less than 8 members shall be individuals who are members of, or advocate on behalf of, or both, a population at higher risk of homelessness, including such transgender and gender non-conforming persons, Asian, Black, Latino, Native American, Native Hawaiian, Pacific Islander, and other communities of color, youth in or formerly in the foster care system, and justice-system involved youth and adults.

“(2) NOMINATION.—Nominees for members of the advisory board shall be proposed by any grantee or subgrantee under this Act.

“(3) SELECTION.—Advisory Board members shall be selected as follows:

“(A) At least 5 members shall be selected by the majority party members of the Committee on Financial Services of the House of Representatives and 5 members shall be selected by the minority party members of such committee.

“(B) At least 5 members shall be selected by the majority party members of the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs of the Senate and 5 members shall be selected by the minority party members of such committee.

“(4) TERMS.—Members of the advisory board shall serve terms of 2 years.

“(c) FUNCTIONS.—The advisory board shall review the work of the Council, make recommendations regarding how the Council can most effectively pursue the goal of ending homelessness, and raise specific points of concern with members of the Council who represent Federal agencies.

“(d) MEETINGS.—The advisory board shall meet not less often than twice each year.

“(e) COUNCIL MEETINGS.—The Council shall meet regularly and not less often than once a year with the advisory board and shall provide timely written responses to recommendations, proposals, and concerns issued by the advisory board.

“(f) CHAIRMAN.—The position of Chairman of the advisory board shall be filled by an individual who is a current or former member of the advisory board, is nominated by at least two members of the advisory board, and is confirmed by a vote of not less than 75 percent of the members of the advisory board.

“(g) COMPENSATION.—Any amounts made available for administrative costs of the Council may be used for costs of travel or online access to meetings for participation by members of the advisory board in board meetings, and for per diem compensation to advisory board members for board meetings.

“(h) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—The agencies implementing this Act shall construe this Act in a manner that facilitates and encourage the full participation of advisory board members and shall consider the barriers faced by persons experiencing homelessness and shall endeavor to overcome such barriers to participation.”.

(2) REPRESENTATION OF CHAIRMAN ON COUNCIL.—Section 202(a) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11312(a)) is amended—

(A) by redesignating paragraph (22) as paragraph (21); and

(B) by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(22) The chairman of the advisory board established by section 207.”.

(d) DIRECTOR.—Subsection (a) of section 204 of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11314(a)) is amended—

(1) by striking “(a) DIRECTOR.—The Council shall appoint an Executive Director, who shall be” and inserting the following:

“(a) DIRECTOR.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The chief executive officer of the Council shall be the Executive Director, who shall be appointed in accordance with paragraph (2) and”;

(2) by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(1) PROCESS FOR APPOINTMENT.—A vacancy in the position of Executive Director shall be filled by an individual nominated and appointed to such position by the Council, except that the Council may not appoint any nominee who is not confirmed by approval of 75 percent of the aggregate of all members of the Council and the advisory board under section 207 pursuant to an election in which each such member’s vote is given identical weight. If the Council is unable to agree on an Executive Director, the chairperson of the advisory council shall act as interim Executive Director.”.

(e) DEFINITIONS.—Section 207 of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11317) is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraphs:

“(3) The term ‘Housing First’ means, with respect to addressing homelessness, an approach to quickly and successfully connect individuals and families experiencing homelessness to permanent and affordable housing opportunities and appropriate services without preconditions and low or no barriers to entry, including barriers relating to sobriety, treatment, work requirements, and service participation requirements.

“(4) The term ‘permanent supportive housing’ means housing that provides—

“(A) indefinite leasing or rental assistance; and

“(B) non-mandatory, culturally competent supportive services to assist persons to achieve housing stability and maintain their health and well-being.

“(5)(A) The term ‘population at higher risk of homelessness’ means a group of persons that is defined by a common characteristic and that has been found to experience homelessness, housing instability, or to be cost-burdened at a rate higher than that of the general public.

“(B) Information that may be used in demonstrating such a higher rate includes data generated by the Federal Government, by State or municipal governments, by peer-reviewed research, and by organizations having expertise in working with or advocating on behalf of homeless, housing unstable, or cost-burdened groups.

“(C) Such term shall include populations for which such higher rate has already been demonstrated, including Asian, Black, Latino, Native American, Native Hawaiian, Pacific Islander and other communities of color; persons with disabilities, including mental health disabilities, elderly persons, foster and former foster youth; LGBTQ persons, gender non-binary and gender non-conforming persons, justice system-involved persons, and veterans.”.

(f) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The table of contents in section 101(b) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11301 note) is amended by striking the items relating to sections 209 and 210 and inserting the following:

“Sec. 209. Encouragement of State involvement.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 11 OFFERED BY MS. JAYAPAL OF WASHINGTON

Page 1714, after line 2, insert the following new section:

**SEC. 60016. GAO STUDY OF HOUSING NEEDS OF POPULATIONS AT HIGHER RISK OF HOMELESSNESS.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—No later than the expiration of the 1-year period beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United States shall identify and analyze the housing infrastructure needs of populations at higher risk of homelessness, and shall submit a report to the Congress recommending regulatory, policy, and practice changes that would ensure that Federal agencies better reduce and prevent homelessness and housing instability faced by populations at higher risk of homelessness.

(b) POPULATION AT HIGHER RISK OF HOMELESSNESS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of this section, the term “population at higher risk of homelessness” means a group of persons that is defined by a common characteristic and that has been found to experience homelessness, housing instability, or to be cost-burdened at a rate higher than that of the general public.

(2) HIGHER RATE.—Information that may be used in demonstrating such a higher rate includes data generated by the Federal Government, by State or municipal governments, by peer-reviewed research, and by organizations having expertise in working with or advocating on behalf of homeless, housing unstable, or cost-burdened groups.

(3) INCLUDED POPULATIONS.—Such term shall include populations for which such higher rate has already been demonstrated, including Asian, Black, Latino, Native American, Native Hawaiian, Pacific Islander and other communities of color; persons with disabilities, including mental health disabilities, elderly persons, foster and former foster youth; LGBTQ persons, gender non-binary and gender non-conforming persons, justice system-involved persons, survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, and other intimate partner violence, and veterans.

AMENDMENT NO. 12 OFFERED BY MR.  
LOWENTHAL OF CALIFORNIA

Page 1677, after line 16, insert the following:

**Subtitle E—Other Matters**

**SEC. 33501. WATER REUSE INTERAGENCY WORKING GROUP.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency (referred to in this section as the “Administrator”), shall establish a Water Reuse Interagency Working Group (referred to in this section as the “Working Group”).

(b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of the Working Group is to develop and coordinate actions, tools, and resources to advance water reuse across the United States, including through the implementation of a National Water Reuse Action Plan that creates opportunities for water reuse in the mission areas of each of the Federal agencies included in the Working Group under subsection (c) (referred to in this section as the “Action Plan”).

(c) CHAIRPERSON; MEMBERSHIP.—The Working Group shall be—

(1) chaired by the Administrator; and

(2) comprised of senior representatives from such Federal agencies as the Administrator determines to be appropriate.

(d) DUTIES OF THE WORKING GROUP.—In carrying out this section, the Working Group shall—

(1) with respect to water reuse, leverage the expertise of industry, the research community, nongovernmental organizations, and government;

(2) seek to foster water reuse as an important component of integrated water resources management;

(3) conduct an assessment of new opportunities to advance water reuse and annually update the Action Plan with new actions, as necessary, to pursue those opportunities;

(4) seek to coordinate Federal programs and policies to support the adoption of water reuse;

(5) consider how each Federal agency can explore and identify opportunities to support water reuse through the programs and activities of that Federal agency; and

(6) consult, on a regular basis, with representatives of relevant industries, the research community, and nongovernmental organizations.

(e) REPORT.—Not less frequently than once every 2 years, the Administrator shall submit to Congress a report on the activities and findings of the Working Group.

(f) SUNSET.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2), the Working Group shall terminate on the date that is 6 years after the date of enactment of this Act.

(2) EXTENSION.—The Administrator may extend the date of termination of the Working Group under paragraph (1).

AMENDMENT NO. 13 OFFERED BY MS. MCCOLLUM OF MINNESOTA

Page 1714, after line 2, insert the following:

**SEC. 60016. BUY AMERICA REQUIREMENTS FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT ACTIVITIES.**

Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5301 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:

**“SEC. 5323. BUY AMERICA.**

“(a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary shall not obligate any funds authorized to be appropriated for any project authorized under this title and administered by the Secretary, unless steel, iron, manufactured products, and construction materials used in such project are produced in the United States.

“(b) INAPPLICABILITY.—Subsection (a) shall not apply to the development of any housing, including single-family and multifamily housing.

“(c) WAIVER.—The Secretary may waive the requirements of subsection (a) if the Secretary finds—

“(1) that such requirements would be inconsistent with the public interest;

“(2) that products described in subsection (a) are not produced in the United States in sufficient and reasonably available quantities and of a satisfactory quality; or

“(3) that inclusion of domestic material will increase the cost of the overall project by more than 25 percent.

“(d) NOTICE.—Not later than 15 days before making a determination regarding a waiver described in subsection (b), the Secretary shall provide notification and an opportunity for public comment on the request for such waiver.

“(e) INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS.—This section shall be applied in a manner consistent with the obligations of the United States under international agreements.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 14 OFFERED BY MR. NEGUSE OF COLORADO

Page 1691, after line 20, insert the following:

**SEC. 40002. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO FEDERAL RESEARCH INFRASTRUCTURE.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1007(c)(1) of the America COMPETES Act (42 U.S.C. 6619(c)(1)) is amended by inserting “and funding for research infrastructure” after “research infrastructure”.

(b) GAO REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act and every 3 years thereafter, the Comptroller General of the United States shall submit to Congress a report that includes—

(1) an assessment of the current state of Federal science facilities and related infrastructure, including with respect to climate control systems, the functionality of equipment and the usage of such equipment, the quality of buildings in which such facilities are housed (including the resiliency of such buildings to changes in climate, weather, and natural surroundings), and the safety of the materials used in construction of facilities;

(2) An identification of the facilities in most critical need of repair or renovation;

(3) the estimated costs of completing such repairs of renovations; and

(4) an evaluation of whether facility occupancy is sufficient to meet agency demands.

AMENDMENT NO. 15 OFFERED BY MS. OCASIO-CORTEZ OF NEW YORK

Page 1692, line 14, insert “and \$50,000,000 shall be for updating postal facilities to increase accessibility for disabled individuals, with a focus on such facilities that are included in the National Register of Historic Places” after “vehicles”.

AMENDMENT NO. 16 OFFERED BY MS. OCASIO-CORTEZ OF NEW YORK

Page 1714, after line 2, insert the following new section:

**SEC. 60016. REPEAL OF FAIRCLOTH AMENDMENT.**

Section 9(g) of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437g(g)) is amended by striking paragraph (3) (relating to limitation on new construction).

AMENDMENT NO. 17 OFFERED BY MS. OMAR OF MINNESOTA

Page 1241, after line 18, insert the following new section:

**SEC. 31107. STUDY AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO CONNECT SOCIALLY DISADVANTAGED INDIVIDUALS.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 12 months after the date of the enactment of this act,

the Office of Internet Connectivity and Growth, in consultation with the Commission and the Rural Utility Service of the Department of Agriculture, shall, after public notice and an opportunity for comment, conduct a study to assess the extent to which Federal funds for broadband internet access services, including the Universal Service Fund programs and other Federal broadband service support programs, have expanded access to and adoption of broadband internet access service by socially disadvantaged individuals as compared to individuals who are not socially disadvantaged individuals.

**(b) REPORT AND PUBLICATION.—**

(1) SUBMISSION.—Not later than 18 months after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Office of Internet Connectivity and Growth shall submit a report on the results of the study under subsection (a) to—

(A) the Committee on Energy & Commerce in the House of Representatives;

(B) the Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation of the Senate; and

(C) each agency administering a program evaluated by such report.

(2) PUBLIC PUBLICATION.—Contemporaneously with submitting the report required by paragraph (1), the Office of Internet Connectivity and Growth shall publish such report on the public facing website of—

(A) the National Telecommunications and Information Administration;

(B) the Commission; and

(C) the Rural Utility Service of the Department of Agriculture.

(3) RECOMMENDATIONS.—The report required by paragraph (1) shall include recommendations with regard to how Federal funds for the Universal Service Fund programs and Federal broadband service support programs may be dispersed in a manner that better expands access to and adoption of broadband internet access service by socially disadvantaged individuals as compared to individuals who are not socially disadvantaged individuals.

(c) SOCIALLY DISADVANTAGED INDIVIDUAL.—In this section, the term “socially disadvantaged individual” has the meaning given that term in section 8 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 637).

AMENDMENT NO. 18 OFFERED BY MS. PRESSLEY OF MASSACHUSETTS

Page 1714, after line 2, insert the following new section:

**SEC. 60016. STUDY OF EFFECTS OF CRIMINAL HISTORY ON ACCESS TO HOUSING.**

Not later than the expiration of the 2-year period beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development shall—

(1) conduct and complete a study on the effects of criminal history or involvement with the criminal legal system on access to private and assisted housing, taking into consideration demographic information, type of housing, socio-economic status, geography, nature of the offense, and other relevant factors allowing greater understanding of the impact of criminal history on access to housing; and

(2) submit to the Congress a report setting forth the findings of the study, which shall be disaggregated according to the factors considered pursuant to paragraph (1).

AMENDMENT NO. 19 OFFERED BY MR. RUIZ OF CALIFORNIA

Page 1973, after line 2, insert the following:

**Subtitle E—Tribal Land to Trust**

**SECTION 82501. LANDS TO BE TAKEN INTO TRUST.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—The approximately 2,560 acres of land owned by the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians, numbered 16, 21, 27, and 29 and generally depicted as “BLM Exchange Lands (2,560 Acres)” on the map titled “ACBCI/BLM LAND EXCHANGE” is

hereby taken into trust for the benefit of the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians.

(b) LANDS PART OF RESERVATION.—Lands taken into trust by this section shall be part of the Tribe's reservation and shall be administered in accordance with the laws and regulations generally applicable to property held in trust by the United States for an Indian tribe.

(c) GAMING PROHIBITED.—Lands taken into trust by this section for the benefit of the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians shall not be eligible for gaming under the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (25 U.S.C. 2701 et seq.).

AMENDMENT NO. 20 OFFERED BY MR. RUIZ OF CALIFORNIA

Page 1352, after line 22, insert the following:

**SEC. 31302. UNIVERSAL SERVICE IN INDIAN COUNTRY AND AREAS WITH HIGH POPULATIONS OF INDIAN PEOPLE.**

Section 254(b)(3) of the Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 254(b)(3)) is amended by inserting “and in Indian country (as defined in section 1151 of title 18, United States Code) and areas with high populations of Indian (as defined in section 19 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (Chapter 576; 48 Stat. 988; 25 U.S.C. 5129)) people” after “high cost areas”.

AMENDMENT NO. 21 OFFERED BY MR. RUSH OF ILLINOIS

At the end of title III of division G, add the following new subtitle:

**Subtitle E—Energy Workforce Development**

**CHAPTER 1—OFFICE OF ECONOMIC IMPACT, DIVERSITY, AND EMPLOYMENT**

**SEC. 33501. NAME OF OFFICE.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 211 of the Department of Energy Organization Act (42 U.S.C. 7141) is amended—

(1) in the section heading, by striking “MINORITY ECONOMIC IMPACT” and inserting “ECONOMIC IMPACT, DIVERSITY, AND EMPLOYMENT”; and

(2) in subsection (a), by striking “Office of Minority Economic Impact” and inserting “Office of Economic Impact, Diversity, and Employment”.

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The table of contents for the Department of Energy Organization Act is amended by amending the item relating to section 211 to read as follows:

“Sec. 211. Office of Economic Impact, Diversity, and Employment.”.

**SEC. 33502. ENERGY WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS.**

Section 211 of the Department of Energy Organization Act (42 U.S.C. 7141) is amended—

(1) by redesignating subsections (f) and (g) as subsections (g) and (h), respectively; and

(2) by inserting after subsection (e) the following:

“(f) The Secretary, acting through the Director, shall establish and carry out the programs described in sections 33511 and 33512 of the Moving Forward Act.”.

**SEC. 33503. AUTHORIZATION.**

Subsection (h) of section 211 of the Department of Energy Organization Act (42 U.S.C. 7141), as redesignated by section 33502 of this Act, is amended by striking “not to exceed \$3,000,000 for fiscal year 1979, not to exceed \$5,000,000 for fiscal year 1980, and not to exceed \$6,000,000 for fiscal year 1981. Of the amounts so appropriated each fiscal year, not less than 50 percent shall be available for purposes of financial assistance under subsection (e).” and inserting “\$100,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2020 through 2024.”.

**CHAPTER 2—ENERGY WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT**

**SEC. 33511. ENERGY WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to the availability of appropriations, the Secretary, acting through the Director of the Office of Economic Impact, Diversity, and Employment, shall establish and carry out a comprehensive, nationwide program to improve education and training for jobs in energy-related industries, including manufacturing, engineering, construction, and retrofitting jobs in such energy-related industries, in order to increase the number of skilled workers trained to work in such energy-related industries, including—

(1) encouraging underrepresented groups, including religious and ethnic minorities, women, veterans, individuals with disabilities, unemployed energy workers, and socioeconomically disadvantaged individuals to enter into the science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (in this section referred to as “STEM”) fields;

(2) encouraging the Nation's educational institutions to equip students with the skills, mentorships, training, and technical expertise necessary to fill the employment opportunities vital to managing and operating the Nation's energy-related industries;

(3) providing students and other candidates for employment with the necessary skills and certifications for skilled, semiskilled, and highly skilled jobs in such energy-related industries;

(4) strengthening and more fully engaging Department of Energy programs and laboratories in carrying out the Department's Minorities in Energy Initiative; and

(5) to the greatest extent possible, collaborating with and supporting existing State workforce development programs to maximize program efficiency.

(b) PRIORITY.—In carrying out the program established under subsection (a), the Secretary shall prioritize the education and training of underrepresented groups for jobs in energy-related industries.

(c) DIRECT ASSISTANCE.—In carrying out the program established under subsection (a), the Secretary shall provide direct assistance (including financial assistance awards, technical expertise, and internships) to educational institutions, local workforce development boards, State workforce development boards, nonprofit organizations, labor organizations, and apprenticeship programs. The Secretary shall distribute such direct assistance in a manner proportional to the needs of, and demand for jobs in, energy-related industries, consistent with information obtained under subsections (e)(3) and (i).

(d) CLEARINGHOUSE.—In carrying out the program established under subsection (a), the Secretary shall establish a clearinghouse to—

(1) maintain and update information and resources on training programs for jobs in energy-related industries, including manufacturing, engineering, construction, and retrofitting jobs in such energy-related industries; and

(2) act as a resource for educational institutions, local workforce development boards,

State workforce development boards, nonprofit organizations, labor organizations, and apprenticeship programs that would like to develop and implement training programs for such jobs.

(e) COLLABORATION AND REPORT.—In carrying out the program established under subsection (a), the Secretary—

(1) shall collaborate with educational institutions, local workforce development boards, State workforce development boards, nonprofit organizations, labor organizations, ap-

prenticeship programs, and energy-related industries;

(2) shall encourage and foster collaboration, mentorships, and partnerships among industry, local workforce development boards, nonprofit organizations, labor organizations, and apprenticeship programs that currently provide effective training programs for jobs in energy-related industries and educational institutions that seek to establish these types of programs in order to share best practices and approaches that best suit local, State, and national needs; and

(3) shall collaborate with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the Department of Commerce, the Bureau of the Census, and energy-related industries to—

(A) develop a comprehensive and detailed understanding of the workforce needs of such energy-related industries, and job opportunities in such energy-related industries, by State and by region; and

(B) publish an annual report on job creation in the energy-related industries described in subsection (i)(2).

**(f) GUIDELINES FOR EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.**

(1) IN GENERAL.—In carrying out the program established under subsection (a), the Secretary, in collaboration with the Secretary of Education, the Secretary of Commerce, the Secretary of Labor, and the National Science Foundation, shall develop voluntary guidelines or best practices for educational institutions to help provide graduates with the skills necessary for jobs in energy-related industries, including manufacturing, engineering, construction, and retrofitting jobs in such energy-related industries.

(2) INPUT.—The Secretary shall solicit input from energy-related industries in developing guidelines or best practices under paragraph (1).

(3) ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION INITIATIVES.—The guidelines or best practices developed under paragraph (1) shall include grade-specific guidelines for teaching energy efficiency technology, manufacturing efficiency technology, community energy resiliency, and conservation initiatives to educate students and families.

(4) STEM EDUCATION.—The guidelines or best practices developed under paragraph (1) shall promote STEM education in educational institutions as it relates to job opportunities in energy-related industries.

(g) OUTREACH TO MINORITY-SERVING INSTITUTIONS.—In carrying out the program established under subsection (a), the Secretary shall—

(1) give special consideration to increasing outreach to minority-serving institutions;

(2) make resources available to minority-serving institutions with the objective of increasing the number of skilled minorities and women trained for jobs in energy-related industries, including manufacturing, engineering, construction, and retrofitting jobs in such energy-related industries;

(3) encourage energy-related industries to improve the opportunities for students of minority-serving institutions to participate in industry internships and cooperative work-study programs; and

(4) partner with the Department of Energy laboratories to increase underrepresented groups' participation in internships, fellowships, traineeships, and employment at all Department of Energy laboratories.

(h) OUTREACH TO DISPLACED AND UNEMPLOYED ENERGY WORKERS.—In carrying out the program established under subsection (a), the Secretary shall—

(1) give special consideration to increasing outreach to employers and job trainers preparing displaced and unemployed energy

workers for emerging jobs in energy-related industries, including manufacturing, engineering, construction, and retrofitting jobs in such energy-related industries;

(2) make resources available to institutions serving displaced and unemployed energy workers with the objective of increasing the number of individuals trained for jobs in energy-related industries, including manufacturing, engineering, construction, and retrofitting jobs in such energy-related industries; and

(3) encourage energy-related industries to improve opportunities for displaced and unemployed energy workers to participate in industry internships and cooperative work-study programs.

(i) **GUIDELINES TO DEVELOP SKILLS FOR AN ENERGY INDUSTRY WORKFORCE.**—In carrying out the program established under subsection (a), the Secretary shall, in collaboration with energy-related industries—

(1) identify the areas with the greatest demand for workers in each such industry; and

(2) develop guidelines for the skills necessary for work in the following energy-related industries:

(A) Energy efficiency industry, including work in energy efficiency, conservation, weatherization, retrofitting, or as inspectors or auditors.

(B) Renewable energy industry, including work in the development, engineering, manufacturing, and production of renewable energy from renewable energy sources (such as solar, hydropower, wind, or geothermal energy).

(C) Community energy resiliency industry, including work in the installation of rooftop solar, in battery storage, and in microgrid technologies.

(D) Fuel cell and hydrogen energy industry.

(E) Manufacturing industry, including work as operations technicians, in operations and design in additive manufacturing, 3-D printing, and advanced composites and advanced aluminum and other metal alloys, industrial energy efficiency management systems, including power electronics, and other innovative technologies.

(F) Chemical manufacturing industry, including work in construction (such as welders, pipefitters, and tool and die makers) or as instrument and electrical technicians, machinists, chemical process operators, engineers, quality and safety professionals, and reliability engineers.

(G) Utility industry, including work in the generation, transmission, and distribution of electricity and natural gas, such as utility technicians, operators, lineworkers, engineers, scientists, and information technology specialists.

(H) Alternative fuels industry, including work in biofuel development and production.

(I) Pipeline industry, including work in pipeline construction and maintenance or work as engineers or technical advisors.

(J) Nuclear industry, including work as scientists, engineers, technicians, mathematicians, or security personnel.

(K) Oil and gas industry, including work as scientists, engineers, technicians, mathematicians, petrochemical engineers, or geologists.

(L) Coal industry, including work as coal miners, engineers, developers and manufacturers of state-of-the-art coal facilities, technology vendors, coal transportation workers and operators, or mining equipment vendors.

(j) **ENROLLMENT IN TRAINING AND APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS.**—In carrying out the program established under subsection (a), the Secretary shall work with industry, local workforce development boards, State workforce development boards, nonprofit organi-

zations, labor organizations, and apprenticeship programs to help identify students and other candidates, including from underrepresented communities such as minorities, women, and veterans, to enroll into training and apprenticeship programs for jobs in energy-related industries.

(k) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section \$20,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2020 through 2024.

**SEC. 33512. ENERGY WORKFORCE GRANT PROGRAM.**

(a) **PROGRAM.**—

(1) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—Subject to the availability of appropriations, the Secretary, acting through the Director of the Office of Economic Impact, Diversity, and Employment, shall establish and carry out a program to provide grants to eligible businesses to pay the wages of new and existing employees during the time period that such employees are receiving training to work in the renewable energy sector, energy efficiency sector, or grid modernization sector.

(2) **GUIDELINES.**—Not later than 60 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary, in consultation with stakeholders, contractors, and organizations that work to advance existing residential energy efficiency, shall establish guidelines to identify training that is eligible for purposes of the program established pursuant to paragraph (1).

(b) **ELIGIBILITY.**—To be eligible to receive a grant under the program established under subsection (a) or a business or labor management organization that is directly involved with energy efficiency or renewable energy technology, or working on behalf of any such business, shall provide services related to—

(1) renewable electric energy generation, including solar, wind, geothermal, hydropower, and other renewable electric energy generation technologies;

(2) energy efficiency, including energy-efficient lighting, heating, ventilation, and air conditioning, air source heat pumps, advanced building materials, insulation and air sealing, and other high-efficiency products and services, including auditing and inspection;

(3) grid modernization or energy storage, including smart grid, microgrid and other distributed energy solutions, demand response management, and home energy management technology; or

(4) fuel cell and hybrid fuel cell generation.

(c) **USE OF GRANTS.**—An eligible business with—

(1) 20 or fewer employees may use a grant provided under the program established under subsection (a) to pay up to—

(A) 45 percent of an employee's wages for the duration of the training, if the training is provided by the eligible business; and

(B) 90 percent of an employee's wages for the duration of the training, if the training is provided by an entity other than the eligible business;

(2) 21 to 99 employees may use a grant provided under the program established under subsection (a) to pay up to—

(A) 37.5 percent of an employee's wages for the duration of the training, if the training is provided by the eligible business; and

(B) 75 percent of an employee's wages for the duration of the training, if the training is provided by an entity other than the eligible business; and

(3) 100 employees or more may use a grant provided under the program established under subsection (a) to pay up to—

(A) 25 percent of an employee's wages for the duration of the training, if the training is provided by the eligible business; and

(B) 50 percent of an employee's wages for the duration of the training, if the training

is provided by an entity other than the eligible business.

(d) **PRIORITY FOR TARGETED COMMUNITIES.**—In providing grants under the program established under subsection (a), the Secretary shall give priority to eligible businesses that—

(1) recruit employees—

(A) from the communities that the businesses serve; and

(B) that are minorities, women, persons who are or were foster children, persons who are transitioning from fossil energy sector jobs, or veterans; and

(2) provide trainees with the opportunity to obtain real-world experience.

(e) **LIMIT.**—An eligible business may not receive more than \$100,000 under the program established under subsection (a) per fiscal year.

(f) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section \$70,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2020 through 2024.

**SEC. 33513. DEFINITIONS.**

In this subtitle:

(1) **APPRENTICESHIP.**—The term “apprenticeship” means an apprenticeship registered under the Act of August 16, 1937 (commonly known as the “National Apprenticeship Act”; 50 Stat. 664, chapter 663; 29 U.S.C. 50 et seq.).

(2) **EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION.**—The term “educational institution” means an elementary school, secondary school, or institution of higher education.

(3) **ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND SECONDARY SCHOOL.**—The terms “elementary school” and “secondary school” have the meanings given such terms in section 8101 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7801).

(4) **ENERGY-RELATED INDUSTRY.**—The term “energy-related industry” includes each of the energy efficiency, renewable energy, chemical manufacturing, utility, alternative fuels, pipeline, nuclear energy, oil, gas, and coal industries.

(5) **INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION.**—The term “institution of higher education” has the meaning given such term in section 102 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1002).

(6) **LABOR ORGANIZATION.**—The term “labor organization” has the meaning given such term in section 2 of the National Labor Relations Act (29 U.S.C. 152).

(7) **LOCAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD.**—The term “local workforce development board” means a local board, as defined in section 3 of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3102).

(8) **MINORITY-SERVING INSTITUTION.**—The term “minority-serving institution” means an institution of higher education that is of one of the following:

(A) Hispanic-serving institution (as defined in section 502(a)(6) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1101a(a)(5))).

(B) Tribal College or University (as defined in section 316(b) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1059c(b))).

(C) Alaska Native-serving institution (as defined in section 317(b) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1059d(b))).

(D) Native Hawaiian-serving institution (as defined in section 317(b) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1059d(b))).

(E) Predominantly Black Institution (as defined in section 318(b) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1059e(b))).

(F) Native American-serving nontribal institution (as defined in section 319(b) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1059f(b))).

(G) Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander-serving institution (as defined in section 320(b) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1059g(b))).

(9) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of Energy.

(10) STATE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD.—The term “State workforce development board” means a State board, as defined in section 3 of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3102).

AMENDMENT NO. 22 OFFERED BY MR. SOTO OF FLORIDA

Page 2107, after line 25, insert the following:

**Subtitle G.—Sinkhole Hazard Identification**

**SEC. 84701. SINKHOLE HAZARD IDENTIFICATION.**

(a) PROGRAM.—The Director of the United States Geological Survey shall establish a program to—

(1) study the short-term and long-term mechanisms that cause sinkholes, including extreme storm events, prolonged droughts causing shifts in water management practices, aquifer depletion, and other major changes in water use; and

(2) develop maps that depict zones that are at greater risk of sinkhole formation.

(b) REVIEW OF MAPS.—Once during each 5-year period, or more often as the Director of the United States Geological Survey determines is necessary, the Director shall assess the need to revise and update the maps developed under this section.

(c) WEBSITE.—The Director of the United States Geological Survey shall establish and maintain a public website that displays the maps developed under this section and other relevant information critical for use by community planners and emergency managers.

AMENDMENT NO. 23 OFFERED BY MS. SPEIER OF CALIFORNIA

Page 1303, line 14, strike “; or” and insert a semicolon.

Page 1303, line 22, strike the period at the end and insert “; or”.

Page 1303, after line 22, insert the following:

(D) at least one member of the household has received a Federal Pell Grant under section 401 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1070a) in the most recent academic year.

AMENDMENT NO. 24 OFFERED BY MRS. TORRES OF CALIFORNIA

In division H, add at the end the following:

**SEC. 40002. AMERICAN INFRASTRUCTURE OPPORTUNITY BONDS.**

Chapter 31 of title 31, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by adding at the end the following new subchapter:

“SUBCHAPTER III—AMERICAN INFRASTRUCTURE OPPORTUNITY BONDS

“§ 3131. Issuance of American Infrastructure Opportunity Bonds and use of proceeds

“(a) ISSUANCE OF BONDS.—If the Secretary of the Treasury determines that the real rate is equal to zero percent or less, the Secretary shall—

“(1) issue Government bonds with a face value of \$20,000,000,000; and

“(2) deposit amounts equivalent to the proceeds from such issuance into the Highway Trust Fund, of which 20 percent shall be deposited into the Mass Transit Account established under section 9503(e) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

“(b) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section:

“(1) FEDERAL INTEREST RATE.—The term ‘Federal interest rate’ means the current market yield on outstanding marketable obligations of the United States with remaining periods to maturity of approxi-

mately 1 year, as determined by the Secretary of the Treasury.

“(2) INFLATION RATE.—The term ‘inflation rate’ means the change in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the Department of Labor with respect to the previous calendar month.

“(3) REAL RATE.—The term ‘real rate’ means—

“(A) the Federal interest rate, minus

“(B) the inflation rate.”; and

(2) in the analysis for such chapter, by adding at the end the following:

“SUBCHAPTER III—AMERICAN INFRASTRUCTURE OPPORTUNITY BONDS

“§ 3131. Issuance of American Infrastructure Opportunity Bonds and use of proceeds.”

AMENDMENT NO. 25 OFFERED BY MS. VELÁZQUEZ OF NEW YORK

Page 1698, lines 12 and 13, strike “35 percent and not more than 75” and insert “50”.

Page 1698, strike “including” in line 18 and all that follows through line 21, and insert the following: “which shall not exclude public housing agencies working in good faith to resolve urgent health and safety concerns based on written notification of violations from the Department of Environmental Protection, Department of Justice, or Department of Housing and Urban Development.”.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 1028, the gentlewoman from California (Ms. WATERS) and the gentleman from Louisiana (Mr. GRAVES) each will control 15 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from California.

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

Mr. Speaker, the Moving Forward Act is long overdue, and it comes on the heels of a devastating pandemic that has killed more than 125,000 Americans and shut down much of our economy.

The Moving Forward Act will repair our Nation’s dilapidated roads, bridges, and public transit systems. It will rebuild our drinking water infrastructure, upgrade our schools and hospitals, and improve our affordable housing infrastructure. The Moving Forward Act will also create millions of jobs and help our economy to recover.

This en bloc amendment makes several improvements to H.R. 2, including the addition of new language that would support the infrastructure of historically Black colleges and universities, support long-term affordability of manufactured housing communities, remove lead in public housing, permanently authorize the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness, and make postal offices more accessible for persons with disabilities.

These are positive efforts to more comprehensively address the infrastructure needs of this country, and I commend each of the Members offering an amendment included in this en bloc.

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

Mr. GRAVES of Louisiana. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to this en bloc amendment. I want to put things in perspective.

Mr. Speaker, I mentioned on the floor yesterday that there were approximately 390 amendments filed on this bill—390 amendments filed. There are approximately 148 Democrat amendments and there were 22 Republican amendments that were accepted and allowed to be voted on, but because of this distorted process, those were only being allowed seven votes.

Mr. Speaker, en bloc B, there were 45 Democrat amendments; en bloc C, there were 34 Democrat amendments; en bloc D, there were 28 Democrat amendments; and in this bloc F, there are 25 Democrat amendments—zero Republican amendments in any of those blocs.

The amendments in this bloc, there is another grab bag of the majority’s priorities, many of which take a very generous view of what actual infrastructure is.

This bill is supposed to be infrastructure legislation. The bloc includes everything from air-conditioning for postal vehicles to studying sinkholes, to unworkable vehicle mandates that have zero consideration for actual taxpayer funds. It mandates the acquisition of certain types of vehicles without looking at any type of economic analysis on the use of those taxpayer funds.

It continues to ignore the need for reasonable bipartisan solutions to address our biggest infrastructure needs, and rather than looking forward at solutions, the amendment tries to eliminate longstanding bipartisan agreements that have addressed our infrastructure needs and, instead, put these left-leaning visions in place.

It doesn’t have to be this way. It didn’t have to be this way. We could have come together and written an infrastructure bill that would have easily cleared this Chamber.

Mr. Speaker, I want to remind you, going back to TEA-21 when our distinguished chairman was around, TEA-21, the highway bill, the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century, the vote coming out of this House was 337 “yes” votes—337—to 80 “no” votes.

In SAFETEA-LU, our distinguished chairman emeritus, the dean of the House, led that effort. The vote out of the House was 417 to 9 “no” votes—417 “yes” to 9 “no” votes.

MAP-21, 293 “aye” votes, 127 “no” votes, and I want to make note that our chairman, Chairman DEFAZIO, voted “yes.” He was in the minority but voted “yes.”

And, of course, the FAST Act, once again, when the Republicans were in charge, a big four agreement, when Republicans and Democrats had to come together. The vote was 372 ayes to 54 nays.

Right now, just to demonstrate this is doable, right now, Republicans and Democrats are working together in this very committee on the Water Resources Development Act, including

both resilience and climate provisions in those negotiations.

Mr. Speaker, this is a failure of leadership, and it is incredibly disappointing to watch this continue to happen when we have such urgent needs in this country.

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

Ms. WATERS. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentlewoman from Iowa (Mrs. AXNE), a distinguished member of the Financial Services Committee.

Mrs. AXNE. Mr. Speaker, I thank Chairwoman WATERS and Chairman DEFAZIO for their work.

Manufactured housing can be a critical tool to providing affordable housing and a pathway to homeownership. But in Iowa, that option has been abused by outside investors who have bought up mobile home parks and promptly raised rents to Iowans by as much as 70 percent, and that is simply unconscionable.

We must protect the residents in these communities and preserve these homes as affordable housing. My amendment does exactly that. It provides grants of up to \$1 million for the good actors in this space who will manage the community for the benefit of the residents for the long term.

We all know that America needs more affordable housing, and we need to do what we can to keep that now, not lose it to predatory landlords who are solely looking out for their bottom line.

I urge the adoption of my amendment.

Mr. GRAVES of Louisiana. Mr. Speaker, I yield 5 minutes to the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. STIVERS).

Mr. STIVERS. Mr. Speaker, I thank Ranking Member GRAVES for yielding me the time.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to this en bloc amendment.

There is a lot of bipartisan support for an infrastructure bill, so it is a shame that today we are considering a political messaging bill that is dead on arrival in the Senate.

Part of the reason this legislation will fail is that it is a wish list for progressive priorities, many of which are outside the scope of what Americans consider to be addressing real and immediate transportation needs.

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The bill was drafted without any bipartisan input. As the ranking member on the Housing, Community Development and Insurance Subcommittee, I believe that housing and infrastructure are important enough to merit their own debates.

While there are a few good ideas in this amendment, there are also a few bad ones. The underlying bill spends about \$100 billion on housing programs. That is done without any debate in the House on the House floor other than this 15-minute debate. In fact, we haven't done much debate in the Financial Services Committee. Housing

needs deserve their own debate. They deserve their own time.

The majority would be wise to do hard work and bring truly bipartisan housing-specific bills to the floor. Instead they have chosen to package housing priorities with transportation priorities, which are both important, but it makes it less likely that either one of these will ultimately become law and be addressed.

Very quickly I will speak to one amendment that, in particular, I think merits more discussion than it will receive today, and it would eliminate the Faircloth Amendment. That was an amendment that passed during the Clinton era that capped the number of housing projects. Bill Clinton signed that into law. I think it is really telling that we are going to undo it without any real debate. That was passed in 1998. That was a consensus change that moved us away from constructing new public housing units after decades of examples, including the infamous Cabrini-Green Homes in Chicago showing the idea that concentrating low-income Americans in inner cities did not reduce poverty, and it did increase crime.

Even more so, it was another Democrat President, Barack Obama, who created an innovative and highly successful Rental Assistance Demonstration project. We had a hearing in the Financial Services Subcommittee on Housing, Community Development and Insurance earlier this year on housing, and a lot of people from the public housing sector talked about how successful the Rental Assistance Demonstration project was at getting private capital to public housing units. It converts them into new, modern, privately owned, project-based section 8 properties. In fact, thanks to RAD and other modernizations, notable housing authorities like San Francisco and Atlanta no longer have any units of public housing, and they have experienced remarkable turnarounds in terms of crime rates and reduced poverty levels.

RAD is a truly bipartisan success story. It has raised \$12.6 billion in private funding to convert 100,000 units of public housing to private-market housing, and it rehabilitated troubled properties creating better outcomes for the residents.

All of this has been achieved without Congress' providing billions of dollars of funding. It has been private money that has funded the RAD program.

Instead of looking to RAD and other modernizations for our housing infrastructure, this bill instead focuses on going backwards to a time of failed housing policies at the very moment when, frankly, we need to be looking at 21st century infrastructure.

It just doesn't make sense that the only way the majority can justify doing it would be to slip an idea like this, with 25 en bloc Democratic amendments, into a partisan 2,300-page bill. That just doesn't make sense. We should have a separate debate about

housing policy. I believe there are a lot of things we could come together on.

Again, the RAD program was started under Secretary Donovan and President Obama. It was a Democratic program that has been very, very successful, and it has been lauded by Republicans and Democrats alike.

I don't think we should be setting unrelated policy in a 2,300-page bill with an en bloc amendment like this. I wish that we had taken a different road.

I, unfortunately, have to oppose this en bloc amendment. But I am hopeful that we can come together and have a focused debate about the future of Federal housing policy, and I believe that we can come together as Republicans and Democrats to find a solution.

Ms. WATERS. Mr. Speaker, I am surprised the gentleman who serves on the Financial Services Committee has not been a part of all of the housing debates we have had, all of the information on housing.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. GARCÍA), a distinguished member of the Financial Services Committee.

Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I give a special thanks to Chair WATERS for helping advance this amendment.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of this en bloc which includes an amendment that I filed with Congresswoman PRESSLEY of Massachusetts, amendment 343, directing the department of Housing and Urban Development to find lead pipes in our Nation's public and federally assisted housing and provide grants to remove them.

Frankly, it is a scandal that we have to bring this legislation to the House floor in 2020, but we do. Chicago has more lead pipes than any other city in the U.S. More than 350,000 homes in my city have lead service lines.

But the problem is nationwide. According to the National Housing Law Project, over 90,000 children nationwide in the Housing Choice Vouchers program have lead poisoning, while another 340,000 living in federally subsidized housing are at risk. These are children.

By now the dangers of lead poisoning are well-known. A 2015 study determined that children in Chicago with lead in their blood were more than 32 percent likely to fail standardized tests by the third grade.

We must remember, removing lead pipes is a racial justice issue.

White flight to the suburbs left some of our oldest municipalities strapped for cash. Most jurisdictions require property owners to pay for the replacement of lead pipes on their own property, and the burden falls heavily on working class Black and Brown communities like mine.

After decades of disinvestment, our Nation's public housing authorities simply do not have the resources to get rid of lead pipes fast enough. It is past time for Congress to act to keep families in this country safe and healthy in

their homes. Housing is infrastructure, and I believe that this amendment is an important part of H.R. 2.

I would like to thank Congresswoman PRESSLEY for joining me in offering this amendment, as well as supporting organizations including the Natural Resources Defense Council and the National Housing Trust.

Mr. Speaker, I urge adoption of this en bloc.

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

Ms. WATERS. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentlewoman from Minnesota (Ms. OMAR), who is a distinguished member on the Education and Labor Committee.

Ms. OMAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of an amendment I authored to strengthen the broadband provisions of H.R. 2.

We often discuss the dangers of the digital divide, and I am proud of the investment we are making today to help close that divide. But as with most issues of economic inequality, its effects run deeper for communities of color, immigrants, and low-income families.

So it is very important for us to quantify the impact that Federal broadband investments have had on socially disadvantaged communities, so that we can assure Federal resources are being invested fairly throughout the country or if these programs are inadvertently widening the racial and wealth connectivity gap.

I hope my colleagues will join me in this important effort.

Mr. GRAVES of Louisiana. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, once again, 25 amendments, and we are being given 30 minutes to debate 25 different amendments. We just effectively approved \$250 million—one-quarter of a billion dollars—in 2 minutes.

These aren't our funds. These are taxpayer funds. This bill had, I believe it was around 1,300, 1,400 pages of text just airdropped in the bill. It wasn't marked up in committee. It was just airdropped in the bill, added to it, and now we are just going to appropriate trillions of dollars in taxpayer funds without adequate consideration.

Once again, Mr. Speaker, I urge rejection of this en bloc, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. WATERS. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from California (Mr. RUIZ), who is a distinguished member of the Energy and Commerce Committee.

Mr. RUIZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the en bloc amendment and urge support for my two amendments that are included.

My first amendment would take land in the San Jacinto and Santa Rosa Mountains into trust for the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians to fulfill an agreement between the Agua Caliente and the Bureau of Land Man-

agement. This bill would help consolidate the checkerboard pattern of land ownership and allow the Tribe to better manage their ancestral lands which contain numerous significant cultural sites, trails, and other elements of their history.

My second amendment, the Tribal Internet Advancement Act, would expand broadband access in Indian Country by adding Tribal lands as a priority for broadband expansion under the FCC's Universal Service Fund.

Last year, the FCC issued a report in response to my bill, the Tribal Broadband Deployment Act, which showed that Tribal nations lag far behind the rest of the population in broadband access. This lack of access to broadband is a significant barrier to economic advancement, education, and, as now evident, telemedicine during the pandemic, and well-being.

So, Mr. Speaker, I urge support for my amendment and H.R. 2, the Moving Forward Act, in order to close the digital divide in Indian Country.

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

Ms. WATERS. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentlewoman from California (Mrs. TORRES), who is a distinguished member of the Appropriations Committee.

Mrs. TORRES of California. Mr. Speaker, while the Moving Forward Act is not perfect, I am glad the bill includes my amendment, the American Infrastructure Opportunity Bonds Act.

This amendment would take advantage of times when interest rates are below the rate of inflation, making borrowing essentially free. The amendment would direct the Treasury to issue government bonds, in effect borrowing at these low interest rates. The amendment then directs the proceeds to the Highway Trust Fund to support infrastructure investment, creating jobs.

This amendment is a smart investment taking advantage of unique interest rates to fund infrastructure in a responsible way. During severe recessions, my amendment will provide crucial support for necessary infrastructure projects helping both those who build and those who rely on roads and public transportation.

Mr. Speaker, I urge its adoption.

Ms. WATERS. I reserve the right to close, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. GRAVES of Louisiana. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time.

Mr. Speaker, once again, I want to highlight what just happened.

We just went and effectively approved an amendment that would allow for \$20 billion in bonds to be issued. We just effectively approved the transfer of 2,500 acres of taxpayer property without the consideration of the Natural Resources Committee, the committee of jurisdiction.

This is like Monopoly money we are sitting here playing with, but the re-

ality is these are taxpayer funds. These aren't our moneys. These are funds of the taxpayers.

This bill has not been through the proper process to ensure that we are actually and legitimately addressing the importance and the integrity of taxpayer funds.

I will say it again: dating back decades, Mr. Speaker, we have had bipartisan legislation related to infrastructure—bipartisan. Dating back to the late 1990s, TEA-21, 337-80; SAFETEA-LU, 417-9; MAP-21, 293-127. I will say it again: our distinguished chairman voted for it. The FAST Act got 372 “aye” votes.

These were all House versions, Mr. Speaker, not the conference report. What we are seeing right now, what we are doing—I believe, again, the number is 148 Democrat amendments compared to, I believe it is 22 Republican amendments.

This is not representation. This entire process is a farce. We just approved perhaps billions of dollars—or we are about to approve billions of dollars—by giving it 30 minutes’ consideration. That is not what we were sent here to do. This process is fatally flawed.

Three hundred ninety amendments distilled down to effectively allowing up to seven votes?

This is a failure in leadership.

Mr. Speaker, I urge rejection of this en bloc. I urge rejection of the underlying bill, and I yield back the balance of my time.

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Ms. WATERS. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, I thank Chairman DEFAZIO for all of his hard work on the Moving Forward Act, and I especially thank him for including my Housing is Infrastructure legislation in this important bill.

My colleague from Ohio has expressed concerns that our committee has not sufficiently debated the housing provisions in this bill. But let me remind him that we held a hearing on H.R. 5187, which is the same text of the housing division in this bill, and that hearing was held in April 2019. We also had a markup on this legislation in February of this year.

So, I don't know where he was when all of this was taking place, but we certainly had sufficient hearings and markup on this bill.

Mr. Speaker, it is clear that Democrats are committed to investing in and improving our Nation's infrastructure, including our affordable housing infrastructure.

Republicans continue to insist that these investments are irresponsible, but I contend that it would be irresponsible not to make these investments. When we have children living in housing that exposes them to lead poisoning and homes in flood zones that are not built to code, we are setting ourselves up for much higher costs down the road. We must make the responsible choice and pass H.R. 2.

Mr. Speaker, this is such a significant piece of legislation, legislation that speaks to the repair of the infrastructure of this country.

Bridges are in disrepair and have been deemed to be dangerous. They may fall apart, and some have. We have water systems in this country—everybody knows about Flint, but there are a lot of more Flints in this Nation, with old pipes, pipes with lead, children exposed to water that could cause them brain damage for the rest of their lives. We have roads and highways that are in great disrepair.

The President of the United States wants to spend \$2 trillion, and I am pleased about that.

I don't know what my colleague on the opposite side of the aisle is so upset about. He is talking about the Republicans didn't get enough amendments. Well, it is not our fault if they don't know how to craft amendments that are appropriate and that should be in this bill. Because in our Committee on Rules, Democrats have been very fair in the way that they have dealt with this.

I don't know what he is so upset about that they didn't get into this bill. No, this bill does not include investment in building a wall, if that is what they are interested in. We are not about building any walls to keep out immigrants from Mexico or anyplace else, if that is what they are interested in.

This bill does not do that. This bill is about making sure that our citizens get the support from their government that they deserve, to make sure that their communities are safer, that our schools are safer, that our drinking water is safer. This is about making sure that we put the resources into this country that are so desperately needed and much of which have been neglected for far too long.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud of this bill and what it is going to do for all of our citizens in this country, north, south, east, and west. I am proud that the leadership of the Democratic Party in this government have taken this as a number one priority, and we are presenting a total piece of legislation that addresses concerns that all of our Members have said they have had.

Mr. Speaker, again, I am proud of the work that Mr. DEFAZIO has done, and I am proud of all the amendments that have been included in this bill. I am pleased that I have the opportunity today to stand here on these en bloc amendments and participate in one of the most important pieces of legislation this House could have ever presented.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. All time for debate has expired.

Pursuant to the rule, the previous question is ordered on the amendments en bloc offered by the gentlewoman from California (Ms. WATERS).

The question is on the amendments en bloc offered by the gentlewoman from California (Ms. WATERS).

The en bloc amendments were agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

AMENDMENTS EN BLOC NO. 6 OFFERED BY MR. GRAVES OF MISSOURI

The SPEAKER pro tempore. It is now in order to consider an amendment en bloc consisting of amendments printed in part G of House Report 116-438.

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I would like to offer amendments en bloc printed in part G.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will designate the amendments en bloc.

Amendments en bloc No. 6 consisting of amendment Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8, printed in part G of House Report 116-438, offered by Mr. GRAVES of Missouri:

AMENDMENT NO. 1 OFFERED BY MR. BOST OF ILLINOIS

Page 210, strike lines 13 through page 213, line 5 and insert the following:

“(3) ELIGIBLE PROJECTS.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subparagraph (B), funds set aside under this subsection may be obligated for any of the following projects or activities:

“(i) Construction, planning, and design of on-road and off-road trail facilities for pedestrians, bicyclists, and other nonmotorized forms of transportation, including sidewalks, bicycle infrastructure, pedestrian and bicycle signals, traffic calming techniques, lighting and other safety-related infrastructure, and transportation projects to achieve compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.).

“(ii) Construction, planning, and design of infrastructure-related projects and systems that will provide safe routes for nondrivers, including children, older adults, and individuals with disabilities to access daily needs.

“(iii) Conversion and use of abandoned railroad corridors for trails for pedestrians, bicyclists, or other nonmotorized transportation users.

“(iv) Construction of turnouts, overlooks, and viewing areas.

“(v) Community improvement activities, including—

“(I) inventory, control, or removal of outdoor advertising;

“(II) historic preservation and rehabilitation of historic transportation facilities;

“(III) vegetation management practices in transportation rights-of-way to improve roadway safety, prevent against invasive species, and provide erosion control; and

“(IV) archaeological activities relating to impacts from implementation of a transportation project eligible under this title.

“(vi) Any environmental mitigation activity, including pollution prevention and pollution abatement activities and mitigation to address stormwater management, control, and water pollution prevention or abatement related to highway construction or due to highway runoff, including activities described in sections 328(a) and 329.

“(vii) Projects and strategies to reduce vehicle-caused wildlife mortality related to, or to restore and maintain connectivity among terrestrial or aquatic habitats affected by, a transportation facility otherwise eligible for assistance under this subsection.

“(viii) The recreational trails program under section 206.

“(ix) The safe routes to school program under section 211.

“(x) Activities in furtherance of a vulnerable road user assessment described in section 148.

“(xi) Any other projects or activities described in section 101(a)(29) or section 213, as such sections were in effect on the day before the date of enactment of the FAST Act (Public Law 114-94).

“(B) PROHIBITION AGAINST EMINENT DOMAIN.—

“(i) IN GENERAL.—Funds set aside under this subsection may not be obligated for any project or activity that includes the exercise of eminent domain authority to carry out such project or activity.

“(ii) EXCEPTION.—Notwithstanding clause (i), funds reserved under this subsection may be obligated for a project or activity that includes the exercise of eminent domain authority if such project or activity is—

“(I) described in section 101(a)(29)(B), as in effect on the day before the date of enactment of the FAST Act (Public Law 114-94);

“(II) an acquisition necessary to achieve compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.); or

“(III) described in the safe routes to school program under section 211.”

AMENDMENT NO. 2 OFFERED BY MR. CRAWFORD OF ARKANSAS

Page 981, strike lines 8 through 11.

Page 981, line 12, strike “(j)” and insert “(i)”.

Page 982, line 21, strike “(k)” and insert “(j)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3 OFFERED BY MR. FULCHER OF IDAHO

Page 1920, after line 19, insert the following:

**SEC. 81324. AQUIFER RECHARGE FLEXIBILITY.**

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This section may be cited as the “Aquifer Recharge Flexibility Act”.

(b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) BUREAU.—The term “Bureau” means the Bureau of Reclamation.

(2) COMMISSIONER.—The term “Commissioner” means the Commissioner of Reclamation.

(3) ELIGIBLE LAND.—The term “eligible land”, with respect to a Reclamation project, means land that—

(A) is authorized to receive water under State law; and

(B) shares an aquifer with land located in the service area of the Reclamation project.

(4) NET WATER STORAGE BENEFIT.—The term “net water storage benefit” means an increase in the volume of water that is—

(A) stored in 1 or more aquifers; and

(B)(i) available for use within the authorized service area of a Reclamation project; or

(ii) stored on a long-term basis to avoid or reduce groundwater overdraft.

(5) RECLAMATION FACILITY.—The term “Reclamation facility” means each of the infrastructure assets that are owned by the Bureau at a Reclamation project.

(6) RECLAMATION PROJECT.—The term “Reclamation project” means any reclamation or irrigation project, including incidental features thereof, authorized by Federal reclamation law or the Act of August 11, 1939 (commonly known as the “Water Conservation and Utilization Act”) (53 Stat. 1418, chapter 717; 16 U.S.C. 590y et seq.), or constructed by the United States pursuant to such law, or in connection with which there is a repayment or water service contract executed by the United States pursuant to such law, or any project constructed by the Secretary through the Bureau for the reclamation of land.

(7) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of the Interior.

(c) FLEXIBILITY TO ALLOW GREATER AQUIFER RECHARGE IN WESTERN STATES.—

(1) USE OF RECLAMATION FACILITIES.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The Commissioner may allow the use of excess capacity in Reclamation facilities for aquifer recharge of non-

Reclamation project water, subject to applicable rates, charges, and public participation requirements, on the condition that—

- (i) the use—
- (I) shall not be implemented in a manner that is detrimental to—
  - (aa) any power service or water contract for the Reclamation project; or
  - (bb) any obligations for fish, wildlife, or water quality protection applicable to the Reclamation project;
- (II) shall be consistent with water quality guidelines for the Reclamation project;
- (III) shall comply with all applicable—
  - (aa) Federal laws; and
  - (bb) policies of the Bureau; and
- (IV) shall comply with all applicable State laws and policies; and

(ii) the non-Federal party to an existing contract for water or water capacity in a Reclamation facility consents to the use of the Reclamation facility under this subsection.

(B) EFFECT ON EXISTING CONTRACTS.—Nothing in this subsection affects a contract—

- (i) in effect on the date of enactment of this Act; and

(ii) under which the use of excess capacity in a Bureau conveyance facility for carriage of non-Reclamation project water for aquifer recharge is allowed.

(2) AQUIFER RECHARGE ON ELIGIBLE LAND.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subparagraphs (C) and (D), the Secretary may contract with a holder of a water service or repayment contract for a Reclamation project to allow the contractor, in accordance with applicable State laws and policies—

(i) to directly use water available under the contract for aquifer recharge on eligible land; or

(ii) to enter into an agreement with an individual or entity to transfer water available under the contract for aquifer recharge on eligible land.

(B) AUTHORIZED PROJECT USE.—The use of a Reclamation facility for aquifer recharge under subparagraph (A) shall be considered an authorized use for the Reclamation project if requested by a holder of a water service or repayment contract for the Reclamation facility.

(C) MODIFICATIONS TO CONTRACTS.—The Secretary may contract with a holder of a water service or repayment contract for a Reclamation project under subparagraph (A) if the Secretary determines that a new contract or contract amendment described in that paragraph is—

(i) necessary to allow for the use of water available under the contract for aquifer recharge under this subsection;

(ii) in the best interest of the Reclamation project and the United States; and

(iii) approved by the contractor that is responsible for repaying the cost of construction, operations, and maintenance of the facility that delivers the water under the contract.

(D) REQUIREMENTS.—The use of Reclamation facilities for the use or transfer of water for aquifer recharge under this subsection shall be subject to the requirements that—

(i) the use or transfer shall not be implemented in a manner that materially impacts any power service or water contract for the Reclamation project;

(ii) before the use or transfer, the Secretary shall determine that the use or transfer—

(I) results in a net water storage benefit for the Reclamation project; or

(II) contributes to the recharge of an aquifer on eligible land; and

(iii) the use or transfer complies with all applicable—

- (I) Federal laws and policies; and
- (II) interstate water compacts.

(3) CONVEYANCE FOR AQUIFER RECHARGE PURPOSES.—The holder of a right-of-way, easement, permit, or other authorization to transport water across public land administered by the Bureau of Land Management may transport water for aquifer recharge purposes without requiring additional authorization from the Secretary where the use does not expand or modify, other than the timing of use, the operation of the right-of-way, easement, permit, or other authorization across public land.

(4) EFFECT.—Nothing in this section creates, impairs, alters, or supersedes a Federal or State water right.

(5) EXEMPTION.—This Act shall not apply to the State of California.

(6) STATE-LED ADVISORY GROUP.—The Secretary may participate in any State-led collaborative, multi-stakeholder advisory group created in any watershed the purpose of which is to monitor, review, and assess aquifer recharge activities.

AMENDMENT NO. 4 OFFERED BY MR. GRAVES OF LOUISIANA

On page 1968, after line 16, insert the following:

(C) PRESERVING THE SUSTAINABILITY OF THE FUNDING SOURCE.—The Secretary shall not award grants to eligible entities for the projects in subsection (a) until the Secretary certifies that the actions in subsection (a) are more nationally significant than the ecological restoration and sustainability of the region (including adjacent coastal areas) responsible for producing such revenue as defined by the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act of 2006 (43 U.S.C. 1331 note).

AMENDMENT NO. 5 OFFERED BY MR. HICE OF GEORGIA

Page 1692, line 1, strike “**ZERO-EMISSION POSTAL FLEET AND**”.

Page 1692, strike line 4 and all that follows through page 1694, line 23.

AMENDMENT NO. 6 OFFERED BY MR. LAMALFA OF CALIFORNIA

Page 984, strike line 16 and all that follows through page 985, line 2 (and redesignate subsequent clauses accordingly).

AMENDMENT NO. 7 OFFERED BY MR. MCKINLEY OF WEST VIRGINIA

Page 1137, after line 10, insert the following:

#### SEC. 22117. CERTIFICATION.

Section 401 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1341) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)—

(A) in paragraph (1)—

(i) in the first sentence—

(I) by inserting “by the applicant” after “any discharge”; and

(II) by inserting “as a result of the federally licensed or permitted activity” after “into the navigable waters”;

(ii) in the second sentence, by striking “activity” and inserting “discharge”;

(iii) in the third sentence, by striking “applications” each place it appears and inserting “requests”;

(iv) in the fifth sentence, by striking “act on” and inserting “grant or deny”; and

(v) by inserting after the fourth sentence the following: “The certifying State, interstate agency, or Administrator shall publish the requirements for certification that meet the applicable provisions of sections 301, 302, 303, 306, and 307. The decision to grant or deny a request shall be based only on the applicable provisions of sections 301, 302, 303, 306, and 307 and the grounds for a decision shall be set forth in writing to the applicant.”;

(B) in paragraph (2)—

(i) in the second sentence—

(I) by striking “such a discharge” and inserting “a discharge made into the navigable

waters by the applicant as described in paragraph (1)”;

(II) by inserting “receipt of the” before “notice”; and

(III) by striking “of application for such Federal license or permit” and inserting “under the preceding sentence”;

(ii) in the third sentence—

(I) by striking “such discharge” and inserting “any discharge made into the navigable waters by the applicant as described in paragraph (1)”;

(II) by striking “any water quality requirement” and inserting “the applicable provisions of sections 301, 302, 303, 306, and 307”;

(iii) in the fifth sentence, by striking “ensure compliance with applicable water quality requirements.” and inserting “ensure any discharge into the navigable waters by the applicant as described in paragraph (1) will comply with the applicable provisions of sections 301, 302, 303, 306, and 307.”; and

(iv) by striking the first sentence and inserting “Not later than 90 days after receipt of a request for certification, the certifying State, interstate agency, or Administrator shall identify in writing all specific additional materials or information that are necessary to make a final decision on a request for certification. On receipt of a request for certification, the certifying State or interstate agency, as applicable, shall immediately notify the Administrator of the request.”;

(C) in paragraph (3)—

(i) in the first sentence, by striking “there will be compliance” and inserting “a discharge made into the navigable waters by the applicant as described in paragraph (1) will comply”; and

(ii) in the second sentence—

(I) by striking “section” and inserting “the applicable provisions of sections”; and

(II) by striking “or 307 of this Act” and inserting “and 307”;

(D) in paragraph (4)—

(i) in the first sentence, by striking “applicable effluent limitations” and all that follows through the period at the end and inserting “any discharge made by the applicant into the navigable waters as described in paragraph (1) will not violate the applicable provisions of sections 301, 302, 303, 306, and 307.”;

(ii) in the second sentence, by striking “will violate applicable effluent limitations or other limitations or other water quality requirements such Federal” and inserting “will result in a discharge made into the navigable waters by the applicant as described in paragraph (1) that violates the applicable provisions of sections 301, 302, 303, 306, and 307, the Federal”; and

(iii) in the third sentence—

(I) by striking “such facility or activity” and inserting “a discharge made by the applicant into the navigable waters as described in paragraph (1)”; and

(II) by striking “section 301, 302, 303, 306, or 307 of this Act” and inserting “sections 301, 302, 303, 306, and 307”; and

(E) in paragraph (5)—

(i) by striking “such facility or activity has been operated in” and inserting “any discharge made by the applicant into the navigable waters as described in paragraph (1) is in”; and

(ii) by striking “section 301, 302, 303, 306, or 307 of this Act” and inserting “sections 301, 302, 303, 306, and 307”; and

(2) in subsection (d), by striking “assure that any applicant for a Federal license or permit will comply with any applicable” and inserting the following: “ensure that any discharge made by the applicant into the navigable waters as described in subsection (a)(1) shall comply with the applicable provisions of sections 301, 302, 303, 306, and 307.”

Any limitations or requirements in the preceding sentence shall become a condition on any Federal license or permit subject to the provisions of this section.

“(e) DEFINITION OF APPLICABLE PROVISIONS OF SECTIONS 301, 302, 303, 306, AND 307.—In this section, the term ‘applicable provisions of sections 301, 302, 303, 306, and 307’ means, as applicable,’; and

(3) in subsection (e) (as so redesignated)—

(A) by striking “with”; and

(B) by striking “other appropriate”; and

(C) by striking “set forth” and all that follows through the period at the end and inserting “implementing water quality criteria under section 303 necessary to support the specified designated use or uses of the receiving navigable water.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 8 OFFERED BY MR. STAUBER OF MINNESOTA

Page 1137, after line 10, insert the following:

**SEC. 22117. PERMITS FOR DREDGED OR FILL MATERIAL.**

Section 404 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1344) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(u) EXCEPTION TO PERMITTING REQUIREMENT.—Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, any person issued a permit by a State for the discharge of dredged or fill material which complies with the requirements of subparagraphs (A) through (H) of subsection (h)(1) shall not be required to obtain a permit under this section.”.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 1028, the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. GRAVES) and the gentleman from Oregon (Mr. DEFAZIO) each will control 15 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Missouri.

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, although I support this amendment, I want to, again, note my continued disappointment in this overall process.

More than once, I faulted the majority’s one-sided committee markup of H.R. 2, but at least we were given time to consider 165 Republican amendments, although 112 were ultimately rejected and mostly through en bloc. But now the majority wants to further stifle consideration of minority amendments by giving us a scant eight Republican amendments out of nearly 400 that were filed. We weren’t even given the courtesy to choose.

In 2015, if everyone remembers, and for those who weren’t here, when the House considered the last surface transportation law, the FAST Act, there were more Democrat-led amendments—remember, Republicans were in the majority. There were more Democrat-led amendments that were agreed to than there were Republican-led amendments that were made in order for today’s debate.

Of course, the FAST Act was a bill that was developed at that time by both the majority and the minority, which is a stark difference from the majority’s bill that we are discussing today.

In fact, I remember the Big Four agreement. If the chairmen of both the subcommittee and the full committee

and the ranking members of both the subcommittee and full committee, if one of us didn’t agree on a provision, then it wasn’t included. It was as simple as that.

Today could have been a great day for all of us, and we could be approving a bill that all of us could be proud of. Instead, we are left with a bill and a process that shreds one of the only bipartisan issues left in Congress. It just shreds it to pieces.

I can answer the gentlewoman who managed the last section of the bill, the financial services section. She said: I don’t understand why everybody is so disappointed in this.

Mr. Speaker, because it is a failure. An absolute failure is what this bill is. And it is not going anywhere, absolutely not going anywhere.

Mr. Speaker, I continue to oppose this partisan process, but I urge my colleagues to support this amendment, and I reserve the balance of my time.

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

Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to this en bloc, which provides for the consideration of eight amendments. The amendments contained in this en bloc amend various divisions of the bill. I will speak to a few that fall within the jurisdiction of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

The gentleman from Illinois (Mr. BOST) would bar the use of eminent domain only for pedestrian and bicycle projects. Oh, by the way, he still supports eminent domain for pipeline projects, a very disruptive one proposed in my district and here on the East Coast and maybe even where he lives. He isn’t dealing with that kind of eminent domain, not dealing with highway eminent domain, not dealing with transit eminent domain. He just doesn’t like alternate modes.

Well, these would only take place under the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Act, which provides strong protection to landowners to ensure that any involuntary land acquisitions are fair, striking the right balance of protecting landowner rights, and construct necessary infrastructure.

Generally, this has been used on rail-to-trail projects or bike projects when there is one reluctant landowner who thinks that nasty people are going to be riding their bikes by the fringe of their property.

In my largest city, Eugene, it took several years to get one landowner to finally allow a circular bike path to transit around the river. One landowner held it up for 3 years because of the concerns about the kind of people who would be riding bikes. Ultimately, a large fence was erected there with the barriers and all that to keep those people out. The path was done, but it shouldn’t have taken 3 years. That all could have been set earlier under the Uniform Relocation Act.

Mr. Speaker, we are reemphasizing transportation alternatives. They were

pretty much done away with during the FAST Act and MAP-21. That means cycling, pedestrians, scooters, and other modes now, which have proved very viable in the time of corona, when people are a little reluctant to get into taxicabs or even Ubers or whatever, if they don’t have their own single-occupancy vehicle.

We can realize a lot more safe commuting. We also have had a disturbing increase in pedestrian cycling deaths. This bill would help with that.

There are also two amendments by the gentleman from West Virginia (Mr. MCKINLEY) that preempt State authority to protect waters within that State.

Now, I understand. Yes, if you are from West Virginia, mountaintop mining removal, dumping in the streams, all that. Great. We wouldn’t want to protect the waters. The water is doing just fine underneath all of that toxic mining waste. And then, well, we did have a little poisoning incident right near the State capital, as I remember, where people couldn’t use the water for quite a while. But, hey, States should not be able to protect their drinking water or recreational waters or any waters within that State.

Then a wonderful one from Mr. STAUBER that would deem—deem, meaning no process necessary—the permits for dredge-and-fill activities, no oversight. That would, of course, overturn the precedents set by the Clean Water Act since 1987. But he is providing backup support to Trump, who is pretty much decimating the Clean Water Act with his dirty water rule.

Then, Mr. LAMALFA says that he wants to make it harder to get a railroad rehabilitation improvement fund grant. Well, he is upset about California’s high-speed rail. Unfortunately, he would make it virtually impossible for the Texas high-speed rail, which, by the way, is a private project and, I believe, supported by many Republicans in this House from Texas. He would make it impossible for them to get a RRIF loan if his amendment should pass. But, hey, he doesn’t like the California high-speed rail, so tough luck to the people from Texas and elsewhere who want high-speed rail.

Mr. Speaker, right now, a lot of the RRIF money remains unused, so we are trying to help expedite that in this bill. He would make it, again, nearly impossible and harder.

Then, Mr. CRAWFORD would take away the 50 percent set-aside for large projects, over \$100 million in the Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvement grant program.

□ 1200

And outside my jurisdiction, Mr. HICE would strike the \$25 billion to the United States Postal Service.

I mentioned this earlier. Trump hates the Postal Service because he thinks that they are subsidizing Amazon. Actually, Amazon is subsidizing the post office, but, hey, we don’t deal with facts downtown here very much anymore—or he doesn’t.

And it would also strike the money that they could use to buy a new fleet of vehicles. They should keep driving around in those crappy 35-year-old vehicles which require massive amounts of maintenance and are, of course, polluting.

So I would also oppose that amendment, even though it is not within my jurisdiction.

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

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, may I inquire as to how much time is remaining.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Missouri has 12½ minutes remaining. The gentleman from Oregon has 9½ minutes remaining.

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. HICE).

Mr. HICE of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to the postal provisions in H.R. 2 and have offered an amendment to strike them from the bill.

As ranking member of the Subcommittee on Government Operations of the Oversight and Reform Committee, I was very much disappointed that we were not consulted on these provisions.

My colleagues from the Oversight and Reform Committee and I have been closely following the financial health of the Postal Service, and we receive, in fact, weekly updates on mail volume, revenue, and cash on hand. The numbers are very clear, what we have received. The \$25 billion postal bailout provided in H.R. 2 is just simply premature. We don't need to go there at this point.

A few weeks ago, I asked the Postmaster General to revise the initial estimates for the direct impact from the pandemic, which included this \$25 billion for modernization. The reality is that, over the last several months, the revenue trends no longer support the Postal Service's multibillion-dollar bailout request. This is because there are much better numbers and performance that has been driven by package volume.

Let me give you some examples.

During the first 11 weeks of the pandemic, the Postal Service earned \$330 million more in revenue than this same time last year. The Postal Service also improved its amount of cash on hand by at least \$600 million. And as of June 4, they had \$13.2 billion in cash.

In addition, while negotiations with the Treasury Department are still ongoing, the Postal Service has yet to even tap into the \$10 billion in lending that was authorized by Congress in the CARES Act.

A long-term plan to turn the Postal Service around is also being developed. My colleagues from the Oversight and Reform Committee and I have called for a 10-year business plan to improve the Postal Service's business model.

And given the start of the new Postmaster General's term, we are hopeful

that an updated plan that outlines specific reforms to put the Postal Service on firm financial footing is going to happen.

But absent revised estimates and a business plan, it is unclear what the true needs of the Postal Service are. I will just say that the USPS was designed to be self-sufficient, a self-sufficient entity. The only way of dealing with that issue is by long-term legislative reform, not a bailout. That is the only way to do it.

So we cannot continue throwing taxpayer money away and particularly adding green new deals. I ask my colleagues to support this amendment.

Mr. DEFAZIO. Madam Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentlewoman from New York (Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY), the chair of the Committee on Oversight and Reform with jurisdiction over the post office.

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding and for his extraordinary leadership on H.R. 2.

I thank my colleague on the other side of the aisle, but I am urging a "no" vote on his amendment. We are in the midst of a national emergency caused by the coronavirus, and it is having a dire effect on the Postal Service.

Despite better-than-expected revenues in recent months, the Postal Service is still at risk of running out of money. It could be forced to cease operations if it does not receive financial assistance from the Federal Government soon. This amendment would eliminate the critical funding that the post office needs.

Throughout the pandemic, the Postal Service has continued to deliver life-saving medications and vital supplies, especially to rural America. If the Postal Service ceases to exist, rural Americans will suffer the most, because it is the only delivery company that serves them.

If any issue should be bipartisan, it is this one, because the post office affects every American and is critical to many of us. The Postal Service helps bind us together and delivers to every address in the Nation, no matter how remote.

But the dedicated staff that braves the coronavirus pandemic every day cannot continue to do their job without reliable transportation or funding. We must fulfill our constitutional duty and act now to save the Postal Service.

I urge my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to oppose this amendment.

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Louisiana (Mr. GRAVES).

Mr. GRAVES of Louisiana. Madam Speaker, I have expressed my frustration about the fact that so few Republican amendments have been allowed to even be debated, yet this is the one en bloc amendment. This is block G, and there are eight Republican amendments—eight—eight Republican amendments where we actually get to debate. And, of course, they are all

wrapped in. Our amendment is No. 349. And, as I have mentioned before, nearly 380 or 390 amendments on this bill.

Our amendment amends page 1968 that I am sure everyone here has read, and what this does is it very simply—it very simply says that, in order for this brand-new urban park grant program that has not been through the committee of jurisdiction, the Natural Resources Committee, if you are going to take money from one area and give it to this urbanized park grant program, you at least need to make sure that the area where the revenues are coming from, which happens to be the area that I represent, that it is sustainable, that it is ecologically sustainable and the community is sustainable and that it would be a better investment for taxpayers to invest in the urban parks than it would be to ensure the ecological and the community resilience or sustainability of these regions.

That is it, a very simple amendment.

I would love to have anybody come explain to me why they are going to vote "no," because we are going to see this amendment voted down in just a few minutes. I would love for anybody—and I would be happy to yield time, Madam Speaker. I would be happy to have anybody explain to me why they are opposed to this amendment and what they are going to explain to people next time we have a hurricane and these communities are decimated. That is what I would love to hear.

So, Madam Speaker, I yield my remaining time to my friends on the other side of the aisle to explain to me the opposition to this amendment.

Mr. DEFAZIO. Madam Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentlewoman from Michigan (Ms. SLOTKIN.)

Ms. SLOTKIN. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of the Moving Forward Act as a critical investment in our Nation's infrastructure.

No matter where you stand politically, the state of our crumbling infrastructure is something that all people, and certainly all Michiganders, agree on.

The disastrous breaching of two major dams in my State last month is all you need to know. It is a cautionary tale for everyone.

We are in need of generational investment in our infrastructure, and this bill includes many of the priorities I have fought for for our district, including major money for high-speed broadband for all Americans, significant funds for upgrades to our schools, and \$40 billion for clean water investment projects, including PFAS treatment.

I am also pleased that the House adopted two of my amendments which protect Michigan's most precious gifts, which is our waters and our water.

One of my amendments is directly related to an issue called Line 5, a pipeline in our beautiful Great Lakes. It

will require the Federal agency responsible for pipeline safety to share information related to pipeline leaks, damage, or disruption with relevant State and local governments.

This is enormously relevant, given the recent disruption of Enbridge's Line 5 pipeline under the Straits of Mackinac. The people of Michigan deserve to be sure of the safety of the pipeline. My amendment would make sure they have the relevant information.

Investing in our country's infrastructure can and should be a bipartisan issue. I urge my colleagues to support on both sides of the aisle.

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. BRADY), the ranking member of the Ways and Means Committee.

Mr. BRADY. Madam Speaker, I first want to thank the ranking member for his insistence that both parties work together to develop and fund infrastructure priorities in America. This is the way it ought to work. This issue has never been partisan in the past. Mr. GRAVES has made the point, we will go to the table and work together. He is exactly right, and I support his efforts.

I rise today to support Representative LAMALFA's amendment to strike certain credit risk premium provisions in the underlying bill. The amendment protects Federal taxpayers all across America, makes sure they are not stuck holding the bag when a specific railroad defaults on its loans.

The author of the original provision readily admits that this is an earmark for Texas Central Railroad in Texas. This is a private company that had claimed for years that they would fund this privately and it would be a State railroad, but they have reneged on that. They are now considering one of these loans to build a high-speed rail between Houston and Dallas.

But Texas Central's train is so risky and their financial situation so poor, they say they can't even pay the risk premium upfront. And for this reason, they request that legislators change the Federal law in order to help the company qualify for a loan they would never receive under standard rules.

This is a huge red flag if I have ever seen one. That is why I feel it is important for legislators of both parties to support Representative LAMALFA's amendment, to ensure that we don't lose important taxpayer protections for these RRIF loans and allow for a prolonged CRP payment schedule.

Here is the situation: Texas Central Railroad is privately funded and a State railroad, and it has always promised to Texas that this "project does not need, does not want, and will not ask for government grants for construction or public money to subsidize operations."

Yet it is now clear that promise, which was used to gain support from citizens in communities across Texas,

was misleading. In April, Texas Central announced they would renege on their original promise; they would now seek Federal stimulus money.

And there is a reason they are doing that. The project's costs have tripled from its original estimates of \$30 billion. These ballooning projections are especially concerning, considering the project also faces other significant hurdles:

Lack of financial feasibility;

They have no power for eminent domain, thank goodness, although they are coming to Washington for power to seize people's lands without their consent;

There are potential safety and funding issues; and

Near uniform opposition from local and State officials along the rural route of this railroad.

Texas Central is now asking House Democrats in the House to include a change in the Green New Deal legislation to make it easier to renege on these loans. We should not condone this. We are in a COVID crisis. Those dollars should be used for healthcare, not a boondoggle.

Mr. DEFAZIO. Madam Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. EVANS).

□ 1215

Mr. EVANS. Madam Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 2, the Moving Forward Act.

Our Nation's public schools are in desperate need of repair, school facilities across the country. I come from the city of Philadelphia, where our average public school buildings are more than 70 years old.

I am proud to say that H.R. 158, the Rehabilitation of Historical Schools Act, which I am the sponsor of, is in this. H.R. 158 allows the historic tax credit to be used for rehabilitation of public school buildings.

President Trump used the historical tax credit to transform an old public building, a post office, into a hotel. I believe that should be made available to fix our schools. Our children all deserve an equal shot at the future, regardless of their ZIP Code.

I stand proudly supporting H.R. 2, because I commend the leadership of my chairman here, who is demonstrating that we need to work this all together.

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, can I inquire as to the time left on both sides?

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. WILD). The gentleman from Missouri has 4½ minutes remaining. The gentleman from Oregon has 5½ minutes remaining.

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I don't have any other speakers. I reserve the balance of my time.

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

Madam Speaker, I would just take this time to thank a few folks for this epic legislation, the transformative

21st century transportation bill and, of course, for things from other committees that we have explained during the debate: Helena Zyblikewycz, my chief counsel on highways and transit, incredible yeoman's work; Auke Mahari-Piersma, who took over rail; Garrett Gee; Jackie Schmitz; Brittany Lundberg, from my hometown; Chris Bell; Andrea Wohleber; Katherine Ambrose; Alice Koethe; Kathy Dedrick; Mohsin Syed, our committee counsel; Jill Harrelson; Maddy Pike; Edward McGlone; Michael Hudspith; Jamie Harrell; and many more on other subcommittees.

I am just going to return to Kathy Dedrick for a moment. I do this sometimes; it always embarrasses her. We used to have a program here called the page program. I thought it was a great thing. A lot of pages went on, a number, to become Members of Congress or to come back and work in government service.

Kathy was my first congressional page, obviously, a few years ago. She is from Lebanon, Oregon. She came back later and worked for me when we did the SAFETEA-LU bill, a few years ago, as my designated person when I chaired the Highways Subcommittee—I mean, when I was ranking member on the Highways Subcommittee. She worked for Al Gore. She worked downtown. At a very auspicious and appropriate time, she came back to be my chief of staff on the committee and has just done absolutely incredible work.

Hopefully, I won't have to be disturbing her at all hours of the day and night and on weekends too much in the near future, and the same to many of my other staff who I have been bothering a lot as we worked through this process and other legislation in these very difficult times.

Madam Speaker, I thank everyone who helped, and I thank those from other committees who contributed so much to the bill.

Madam Speaker, I thank the Republican side. Paul Sass, Jack Ruddy—I am sure that Sam is going to do this, but I am going to do it anyway—Corey Cooke, Michael Falencki, a dozen committees. I said all the other committees.

Office of Legislative Counsel, they have been troopers in putting all this together: Wade Ballou, Karen Anderson, Robert Castro, and Kakuti Lin.

The Congressional Research Service, Christopher Davis sat in on our epic 24-hour markup and provided invaluable advice when we threatened to fall into the parliamentary black hole a couple of times. He kept us out of it.

And then the floor staff and, of course, the Office of the Parliamentarian for their work as we determined jurisdictions and appropriateness of amendments.

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

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Madam Speaker, I would like to lend my support for the gentleman's thank-yous for the staff. We all know that staff works very, very hard on these pieces of legislation, and they put in a tremendous amount of time and effort, regardless of which side that they happen to be on.

Madam Speaker, I want to continue to note how much of a missed opportunity that this is and this was. I support this amendment, but unfortunately, it doesn't fix the overall bill for it to make really too much of a difference.

The sad thing is, is we know we could have come together and written an infrastructure bill that would easily gain bipartisan support, which it needs to become law.

In 2 weeks, the T&I Committee plans to mark up the bipartisan Water Resources Act, and I hope and I expect that it will pass. It is bipartisan at this point because it is a bill that both sides continue to develop together. We have worked together on it. That bipartisan process stands in stark contrast to the process that has been used today.

The water resources bill absolutely has a chance of becoming law, whereas this \$1.5 trillion wish list won't go anywhere after today.

I congratulate my Republican colleagues for their work on these particular amendments, and I would urge Members to support this amendment.

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

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, none of what we do here would happen without countless hours of staff work. I especially want to thank the following members of my own staff, all of whom have worked tirelessly on this bill:

Paul Sass, Jack Ruddy, Corey Cooke, Tara Hupman, Justin Harclerode, Abigail Camp, Nick Christensen, Jamie Hopkins, Tyler Micheletti, Shawn Bloch, Michael Falencki.

Cheryle Tucker, Trey McKenzie, Victor Sarmiento, Drew Feeley, Melissa Beaumont, Johanna Hardy, Ian Bennett, Jon Pawlow, Holly Woodruff Lyons, T. Hunter Presti, John Rayfield.

I also want to thank the Democratic Committee staff for their work on this bill.

Finally, I want to thank the Office of Legislative Counsel, especially Karen Anderson and Robert Casturo, for their long hours and hard work in drafting the bill before us, as well as the majority of amendments offered both at our markup and at Rules Committee. Their professionalism and skill are always appreciated, and we owe them a tremendous debt of gratitude.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. All time for debate has expired.

Pursuant to the rule, the previous question is ordered on the amendments en bloc offered by the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. GRAVES).

The question is on the amendments en bloc offered by the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. GRAVES).

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

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I demand the yeas and nays.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 3 of House Resolution 965, the yeas and nays are ordered.

Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on this question are postponed.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 OFFERED BY MS. FOXX OF NORTH CAROLINA

The SPEAKER pro tempore. It is now in order to consider amendment No. 1 printed in part H of House Report 116-438.

Ms. FOXX of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, I have an amendment at the desk.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will designate the amendment.

The text of the amendment is as follows:

At the end of division H, add the following new section:

SEC. \_\_\_\_ PREVAILING RATE OF WAGE REQUIREMENTS.

(a) REPEALS.—The following provisions are repealed:

(1) Section 113 of title 23, United States Code (and the item relating to such section in the analysis for chapter 1 of such title).

(2) Section 5333(a) of title 49, United States Code.

(b) APPLICABILITY.—

(1) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Subject to paragraph (2), the amendments made by this section shall take effect on the 31st day following the date of enactment of this Act.

(2) EXISTING CONTRACTS.—The amendments made by this section shall not affect any contract in existence on the date of enactment of this Act or made pursuant to an invitation for bids outstanding on such date of enactment.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 1028, the gentlewoman from North Carolina (Ms. FOXX) and a Member opposed each will control 15 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from North Carolina.

Ms. FOXX of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of my amendment to H.R. 2. This amendment will modernize our infrastructure spending to yield more investments in infrastructure projects, more jobs for frontline workers, and equitable spending for communities across our Nation.

I am always hesitant about measures that are brought before this Chamber that are partisan, which is what H.R. 2 is. I am disappointed that Democrats decided to turn the infrastructure bill into a partisan exercise by spending over a trillion dollars, while failing to address this longstanding problem and save taxpayers tens of billions of dollars a year.

Instead of recognizing and addressing ongoing issues with the Highway Trust Fund's inevitable insolvency, this bill relies on deficit spending and adds to the taxpayers' growing burdens at a time when many families are struggling with the uncertainty created by the COVID-19 crisis.

Instead of building the infrastructure Americans need, this bill gives priority to rail lines and urban hubs, even as

Americans across the country begin to flee these high-cost areas.

Instead of building a bipartisan consensus to streamline the project review process, this bill binds the hands of States and localities and burdens the American public with unworkable mandates.

Madam Speaker, at a time when numerous other bills that had been brought to the floor carry a \$1 trillion price tag, without offsetting cost, we must look for ways to rein in out-of-control spending. My amendment would inject a modicum of fiscal research into this \$1.5 trillion bill by reversing a Federal contracting policy that was designed to protect established union work at the expense of would-be competitors, taxpayers, and our Nation's investment in infrastructure.

My amendment will allow us to continue to fund important highway projects by making commonsense reforms to lower the cost of infrastructure contracts funded by the American taxpayer.

The Davis-Bacon Act requires Federal contractors and subcontractors to pay the local prevailing wage for construction projects on which the Federal Government is a party. It sounds innocent, but the devil is always in the details. The prevailing wage is severely dictated not by market forces but by the domination of union bargaining power.

By using this metric, Congress is effectively pricing out any would-be competition for contracts and shielding entrenched interests from competition.

What is the result of Davis-Bacon, which was adopted before Federal minimum wage standards existed? According to a report from the Joint Economic Committee, Davis-Bacon-determined wages tend to inflate labor costs an average of 22 percent above market rates.

Additionally, research from Suffolk University found that Davis-Bacon requirements cost U.S. taxpayers an additional \$8.6 billion annually and add 9.9 percent to construction costs.

The Congressional Budget Office has found that removing this burdensome mandate would free up \$13 billion over 10 years. Perhaps that is why the Government Accountability Office advocated for its repeal over 40 years ago.

I know Congress is often derelict in its duty, but that is simply inexcusable. These inflated costs mean bloated government spending and less bang for the taxpayers' buck.

Beyond requiring taxpayers to overpay for construction projects, Davis-Bacon requirements force businesses working on Federal highway projects to comply with burdensome paperwork and reporting regulations, which further inflate costs and slow project completion.

The premise of this bill is that it invests in America. If that is the goal, then we must address this outdated

stumbling block to our Nation's progress. Davis-Bacon concentrates wealth by government fiat instead of growing our economy. It artificially limits the number of construction projects in which we engage. Finally, it limits the number of jobs created.

Madam Speaker, our economy needs expansion, not constraint. Federal spending needs efficiency, not bloated profit-making. People need jobs, not barriers to entry to employment.

Madam Speaker, if we want investment, support my amendment and inject our infrastructure projects with a healthy dose of the 21st century.

Madam Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

□ 1230

Mr. DEFAZIO. Madam Speaker, I rise in opposition to the amendment.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Oregon is recognized for 15 minutes.

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

I am not quite certain what the gentlewoman is objecting to. Now, I realize her State has a \$7.25 an hour minimum wage. Great, work 40 hours a week, live in abject poverty. Okay.

So the wages for Davis-Bacon projects in her State aren't much better. These aren't living wages. They aren't family wages. They aren't wages where you can go home to your family, not have to hold a second job, raise your kids, clothe them, send them to school, give them a good education, maybe help them pay for postsecondary education.

No, she is complaining about carpenters under Davis-Bacon in her State, they earn \$25,000 a year under Davis-Bacon. Wow. Wow. 25,000 bucks a year. That is outrageous. If they worked for the State minimum wage, we could get that down to less than \$20,000 a year. That is great. What kind of carpenter are you going to get for that wage? I don't think you are going to find any living in your State anymore.

Ironworkers, well, they get a bit more, kind of up there on the heights and all that. They get up to almost \$28,000 a year. \$28,000 a year for an ironworker? Amazing.

Oh, and then truck drivers. The heavy truck drivers who work on construction, they get \$13.50 an hour. So she is alarmed at these outrageous wages that are being paid to these people and how it is impinging upon projects in her State. Why, they could get lots of people to do that for \$7.25 an hour. Of course, they wouldn't have any skills, but what the heck.

So, you know, what we have found, first off, these aren't union negotiated, these are done by locale because, yes, these wages would be much higher in other areas. Apparently, in her State you can buy a house for 15 or \$20,000 down there or rent a nice apartment for 400, 300 bucks a month, so you can

live on those kinds of wages. But other places it is not so inexpensive.

And what we are trying to prevent is history. Low-bid contractors that often come in from out of State provide shoddy workmanship, but, yes, it was cheaper, it is cheaper. If you want a crappy job, hire somebody who is the low-bid contractor, who has unskilled people working for them.

We are setting a standard here. Studies show that the most in any region around the country, because these are done in very discrete regions—there are quite a number of regions in her State, I was using the averages here; some of them are even lower, a few are higher. But the average, under a dispassionate analysis by the EPI, would be it could raise wages by as much as 10 percent. Wages are one-quarter of the job cost. So 10 percent of one-quarter would mean you would add 2½ percent to the job so people could have a decent living wage, decent benefits and raise a family, maybe even own a home, car. Wow.

Of course, they couldn't take transit to work if the Republicans were successful in their version of this bill.

You know, we found higher productivity that comes from this. This is a fight we have had many times on this floor, and I am afraid that there will be a number of Republicans who oppose her amendment. I certainly will be asking for a recorded vote.

Madam Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. FOXX of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, you know, the gentleman, I think, maligns the State of North Carolina. I didn't think I would have to really stand here and defend what a wonderful State North Carolina is, but I think it is the fourth largest growing State in the country. People are coming there in droves. It is considered one of the best States in the country for workers. The minimum wage may be \$7.25, but I think we know only about 2 percent of the people in this country are making the minimum wage, and they are entry level people. I think we are talking more about an average wage of about \$20 an hour for people in North Carolina. So that is a straw dog that he is bringing up.

We have a wonderful State, and people are flocking there. The quality of life is great. And I will put up our quality of life in North Carolina against the quality of life in Oregon or anywhere else in the country as a great place to live.

Madam Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

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

I certainly did not mean to have her interpret I am disparaging her State. It is a beautiful State. I visited there. You have some fabulous breweries based there, one from Colorado and one from San Francisco because you have clean water.

Of course, if one of these other amendments earlier is adopted, you

would not have clean water and the breweries might go away, but that is okay, that is just a Republican philosophical talking point.

The gentlewoman said the average wage is \$20 an hour, so I don't know what she is concerned about. I have two pages of Davis-Bacon prevailing wages in North Carolina, and I only see one of about 50 entries that is \$20.92 an hour, so it doesn't seem there is much purpose to her amendment.

Madam Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from New York (Mr. JEFFRIES), the Chair of the Democratic Caucus.

Mr. JEFFRIES. Madam Speaker, I thank the distinguished chair of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee for yielding and for his tremendous leadership as it relates to the Moving Forward Act.

House Democrats throughout the 116th Congress have been working on lowering healthcare costs and bigger paychecks leading with an emphasis on fixing our crumbling bridges, roads, tunnels, airports, mass transportation system, public schools, public housing, and all other aspects of infrastructure.

I oppose this amendment because Davis-Bacon protections are central to the effort to deliver a living wage to everyday Americans.

Here in this country, when you work hard and play by the rules, you should be able to provide a comfortable living for yourself and for your family. But that basic contract has been broken. It is broken because of the globalization of our economy. It is broken because of the outsourcing of good-paying American jobs. It is broken because of poorly negotiated trade deals. It is broken because of the rise of automation. And it is broken because of the decline in unionization.

So the central question that we face in the aftermath of the Great Recession and now in the midst of another dramatic economic decline is, will we be able to preserve the great American middle class and all those who aspire to be part of it? That is what Davis-Bacon prevailing wage protections are all about. And we on this side of the aisle stand with those everyday Americans, stand with those hardworking Americans, yes, stand with those unionized Americans who are pursuing the American Dream, and we should be facilitating that, not undermining it here in the United States Congress.

Vote "no" against this amendment.

Ms. FOXX of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Davis-Bacon stifles competition and discourages small and minority-owned businesses. Small business owners often do not have the financial resources to bid on or win Davis-Bacon contracts. These restrictions mean less infrastructure and fewer jobs in America, but more jobs and higher pay only for union members, concentrating wealth in the hands of the few while many Americans are out of work. That

is something our colleagues seem to be opposed to in every other situation.

Suspending this mandate would make each public construction dollar go at least 10 percent further. This would create more bridges and buildings at the same cost to taxpayers. It would also employ hundreds of thousands more construction workers.

Repealing these restrictions would allow the government to build more infrastructure and create 155,000 more construction-related jobs at the same cost to taxpayers.

Madam Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. DEFAZIO. Madam Speaker, I would like to inquire as to the time left on either side.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Oregon has 8½ minutes remaining. The gentlewoman from North Carolina has 7½ minutes remaining.

Mr. DEFAZIO. Madam Speaker, I yield myself 30 seconds.

I stand corrected. There are three categories out of 50 that get more than \$20 an hour. Blaster. Do you want a blaster that earns \$7.25 an hour? I don't think so. That might not be too good. A crane rough, all terrain up there, they earn \$21.25 an hour in North Carolina. And a slipform machine, laying concrete. So there are three categories who could have their wages reduced or all of these people could have their wages reduced because many are at \$14, \$15, \$16, \$12 an hour even.

And under her amendment, those protections go away. We can have a rush to the bottom. And she somehow is implying that minority contractors want to pay people less or will pay people less or can't afford to pay people. We have very strong disadvantaged business enterprise provisions in this bill.

Madam Speaker, I yield 4 minutes to the gentlewoman from Iowa (Ms. FINKENAUER).

Ms. FINKENAUER. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding.

I am proud to stand here today as a Congresswoman from Iowa's First Congressional District, but even more proud to stand here today as a daughter of a retired union pipe fitter/welder.

And you see I brought something with me today of my dad's. You can see right here it is a sweatshirt actually that he welded in. And you can see right here it has got these tiny little holes from the sparks of his welding torch.

And I kept this sweatshirt actually with me when I was in the State House in Iowa for 4 years to remind me every single day of who I was fighting for and also to give me hope when the Republicans in Iowa went after worker's compensation and collective bargaining in my State, making it harder for folks just like my dad.

Today, I see Congressional Republicans doing the same thing, pushing an amendment to gut Davis-Bacon prevailing wage protections that will make life harder for working families like the one that I grew up in.

And you see, I brought this with me today not because I need a reminder of who I am or where I come from, but clearly, my colleagues across the aisle in this body today need a reminder of the working men and women who have sacrificed day in and day out to provide good lives for their families who don't complain when they get burned from the sparks of a welding torch, who don't complain when they have to wring sweat out of their belt at the end of a hard day's work, which I have seen my father do more times than I would like to count.

You see, what they have done right now with this amendment and the proposals that they have shown us this year are going after, again, the families like the one that I grew up in. What they have done with amendments like this is to try to drive down wages and take away opportunities.

This amendment is outrageous. Without Davis-Bacon how many more workers busting their tails every day will see their paychecks go down and not up? How many more kids like me are going to go weeks without seeing their father or their mother? How many more families will be forced to leave their hometowns just to make ends meet?

Republicans are trying to cut off access to healthcare right now in the middle of a pandemic, and now they are trying to eliminate fair wage protections in the middle of an economic crisis.

This is outrageous, and quite frankly, it is disrespectful. Working families are already struggling to get by. Millions have lost their jobs, and millions more are worried about their job security. And now in the middle of this crisis we are going to take away wage protections? Again, this isn't just outrageous, it is disrespectful, and quite frankly, it is heartless.

Please join me in defeating this amendment, voting "no" and actually showing working men and women across the country who really has their back.

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Ms. FOXX of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, under the nearly \$500 billion surface transportation reauthorization piece of H.R. 2, the Highway Trust Fund, HTF, which pays for Federal highway and transit programs, it will require a \$145 billion general fund bailout to cover the cost of the majority's irresponsible spending decisions.

Instead of trying to find a responsible way to pay for this huge increase in surface transportation funding and address the HTF's long-term solvency issues, the bill simply piles more debt onto future generations.

Infrastructure is vital to our economy and the flow of commerce, but it is reckless to push such a massive bill that relies so heavily on more deficit spending, adds billions of dollars to programs without providing any reforms to reduce costs associated with

the infrastructure project approval process, and ignores the Highway Trust Fund's solvency issue.

In addition, these partisan changes to our Federal transportation programs focus more on climate change and less on building infrastructure projects, creating more uncertainty for transportation workers and businesses.

Rather than kicking the can down the road and burdening future generations with the spending habits of today, we need to recognize and address inefficiencies that have lingered for far too long.

By repealing the Davis-Bacon Act for transportation projects, we can stretch taxpayer dollars further while updating, improving, and advancing the development of our Nation's critical infrastructure.

Madam Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. DEFAZIO. Madam Speaker, may I inquire how much time is remaining on either side.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Oregon has 4½ minutes remaining. The gentlewoman from North Carolina has 6 minutes remaining.

Mr. DEFAZIO. Madam Speaker, I yield 1½ minutes to the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. NORCROSS).

Mr. NORCROSS. Madam Speaker, I thank the chairman for his leadership.

We just heard from a daughter of a fitter out of the UA. I spent 37 years in the construction industry as an electrician.

We heard just the other day that 40 percent of those who make \$40,000 or less are out of work because of the pandemic, yet here we are, in the most deliberative body in the world, where a Member is saying: I want to represent my people by cutting their pay.

Unbelievable that we are hearing this.

They say we must modernize this system. Just because it is old doesn't make it no good. I think many of us can understand that.

They say they can save billions of dollars. Well, let's think about why they want to do it. It is so they can take that billion dollars saved from workers out in the field, who are making pennies an hour, and give it to billionaires like they did 2 years ago.

Let's understand this. They come before us to say: I want to hurt my constituents. I want to pay them less.

Unbelievable that somebody has the guts here on the House floor to say, "I want to screw my constituents by paying them less, no health benefits," time after time. Unbelievable.

This was almost 100 years ago, Senator Davis and Congressman BACON, signed by a Republican President. I guess that was back when Republicans had a conscience because what we are seeing now is an absolute farce.

"Let's save money so we can build more roads."

My God, why don't you go back and give them two bucks an hour so they can't even live?

“We will use them as pavement.” That is what I hear.

Ms. FOXX of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Madam Speaker, you know, the attacks on this amendment are truly uncalled for. No Republican is calling for people to be paid \$2 an hour or to be abused, nobody.

You know, our colleagues on the other side of the aisle, they have a right to their opinion but not to making up things and not to putting words in our mouths. That is just uncalled for.

So, I am not going to really dignify those comments by trying to respond to them except to say that. We are getting sick and tired of people telling others what we think.

Let's just talk about what we do. And what this bill does is waste hard-working taxpayer dollars, and that is what we are trying to protect.

Madam Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. DEFAZIO. Madam Speaker, I yield myself 10 seconds.

The gentlewoman says, save taxpayer dollars. What she wants to do is reduce the pay of skilled workers in America. That is not saving. They are taxpayers, by the way.

Madam Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from New York (Mr. ROSE).

Mr. ROSE of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise in opposition to this amendment.

And, quite frankly, I am dumbfounded. You are aware that this conversation is in public. So I won't put words in your mouth, but I will use your own words.

You say today you don't want to consolidate wealth amongst the few. What do you think your tax scam did?

This is about workers.

You say you are worried about deficit spending. Hallelujah. Suddenly you are worried about it. You weren't worried about deficit spending when it came to endless wars. You weren't worried about deficit spending when it came to a tax scam.

This conversation is in public. You don't get to go back to your districts now and say you are on the side of workers.

But whose side are you on? Because there is one thing this amendment will do. It will boost corporate profits, it will put money in the hands of billionaires, and it will rip off workers.

So today out in public, you reveal yourselves \*\*. We are going to make sure that people remember this.

Ms. FOXX of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, I ask for the gentleman's words to be taken down.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to direct their remarks to the Chair.

Ms. FOXX of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, I ask for the gentleman's words to be taken down. I am not a hypocrite.

Mr. ROSE of New York. \*\*\*.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will suspend.

The Clerk will report the words.

Mr. ROSE of New York. I would like to say that my colleagues across the aisle—

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will suspend. Does the gentleman wish to withdraw his remarks?

Mr. ROSE of New York. No. \*\*\*.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will suspend.

The gentleman from New York is recognized.

Mr. ROSE of New York. I did not mean any disrespect if I caused that. All right?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Does the gentleman ask unanimous consent to withdraw his words?

Mr. ROSE of New York. Yes, of course.

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

Ms. FOXX of North Carolina. May I hear the gentleman say what he said again, please? I am sorry, someone was distracting me, Madam Speaker. I am only asking.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from New York please repeat his request?

Mr. ROSE of New York. I am sorry I offended anybody and I withdraw.

Thank you again.

Ms. FOXX of North Carolina. As I understand it, the gentleman is withdrawing his remarks and asking for unanimous consent that his remarks be withdrawn. Is that correct?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. That is correct.

Ms. FOXX of North Carolina. No objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the words are withdrawn.

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentlewoman from North Carolina is recognized.

Ms. FOXX of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. DEFAZIO. The gentlewoman has the right to close, so I am going to yield the balance of my time to my esteemed colleague from Michigan (Mr. KILDEE).

Mr. KILDEE. Madam Speaker, I thank my friend, the gentleman from Oregon, for yielding, but especially for leading us to this moment where we have the opportunity to do something big and meaningful that will put millions of Americans back to work in a meaningful way and stimulate this economy and also position us to lead in the 21st century.

I will say this, however. We have been through this before. I have been here 8 years, and every year somebody from the other side comes down to this floor to offer the same amendment to take away an important protection that is actually quite simple.

It just simply says people who work for a living ought to be paid a fair

wage, a wage that is consistent with the prevailing wages in the community so that people don't have to work full time and live in poverty, as tens of millions of Americans do right now.

It is pretty straightforward. Thankfully, even when the Democrats were not in the majority, there were enough thoughtful Republicans on the other side who would join with us to protect workers.

But I do find, and I know this is an issue that is very difficult for many of our Members to take, and it is an emotional subject because it is the same Republican leadership that pushed through a tax bill that granted huge economic benefits to a very small number of people at the very top who now want to pull the rug from under working families. This can't stand, and it won't.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The time of the gentleman has expired.

Ms. FOXX of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Madam Speaker, the jobs bill and tax cut bill which Republicans alone passed in 2017 cut taxes for low-income Americans. Again, my colleagues are welcome to their opinions, but they are not welcome to make up facts, and that is what happened. The top 1 percent of the people in this country pay more in taxes as a result of that bill.

Madam Speaker, I grew up extremely poor in a house with no electricity and no running water. My father had to work away from home in the north. I grew up in North Carolina, and he was forced to be a member of a union and he hated it. He hated it because he had to pay union dues that supported policies he didn't support.

He was forced to take breaks. He was forced to slow down jobs. What he wanted to do was do his job and do it well and not come under the heavy hand of union bosses. I learned a long time ago about negative aspects of union membership from my father.

But we are not here today to talk about personal issues; we are here to talk about the future of this country.

I also am the lead Republican on the Education and Labor Committee, and I fought all of my life to help people gain the skills they need to get good jobs and better their lives. I am proud of what I have done over the years, and I will continue to do those things and focus on helping individuals become masters of their own lives and not be the subjects of anyone—not the unions, not the government, not anyone—but preserve their own freedom.

We are here today to consider a massive progressive wish list. The majority has made no attempts to pay for any of the program increases or offset any of the other \$1.5 trillion added to this bill, which puts the American people in debt.

In the surface transportation provisions, \$2 out of every \$5 is tied up in Green New Deal goals. Let's be clear. Also, this bill has no chance of becoming law.

With so many Americans already out of work because of the pandemic, this costly shift in our transportation programs creates more uncertainty and does nothing to address longstanding inefficiencies.

Rather than pushing partisan wish lists that would heap enormous amounts of debt on future generations, we instead need to find commonsense solutions to modernize our infrastructure spending so we can get the most from every dollar invested. That is what Republicans want to do. We are not hypocrites.

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We believe, again, in freedom. We believe in what founded this country, the values that founded this country, and we are about to celebrate Independence Day. That is what we should be focused on: How do we do everything we can to celebrate independence and preserve that for the American people?

One of the ways we do that is by not incurring more debt on their behalf. I ask my colleagues to join me in taking a step toward fiscal restraint by overturning this antiquated law from a by-gone era. At this critical junction in our Nation's history, we need to maximize our commitment to job creation, wise investment, equitable spending, and solutions to our unending deficit.

Support my amendment to get the real investment in our Nation's infrastructure that our citizens deserve.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the previous question is ordered on the amendment offered by the gentlewoman from North Carolina (Ms. FOXX).

The question is on the amendment.

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

Mr. DEFAZIO. Madam Speaker, I demand the yeas and nays.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 3 of House Resolution 965, the yeas and nays are ordered.

Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on this question are postponed.

AMENDMENT NO. 2 OFFERED BY MR. COURTNEY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. It is now in order to consider amendment No. 2 printed in part H of House Report 116-438.

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, I have an amendment at the desk.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will designate the amendment.

The text of the amendment is as follows:

Page 499, after line 22, insert the following:  
**SEC. 1632. VEHICLE WEIGHT LIMITATIONS.**

Section 127(a) of title 23, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(14) With respect to the State of Connecticut, laws and regulations in effect on October 1, 2013, shall be applicable for the purposes of this subsection.”

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 1028, the gen-

tleman from Connecticut (Mr. COURTNEY) and a Member opposed each will control 5 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Connecticut.

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

Madam Speaker, in 2013, the Connecticut General Assembly passed a law which was enacted that tried to modify and did modify, at least at the State level, the truck weight limits for agricultural producers, which, again, is sort of caught in a bit of a geographic box, given the fact that it is an 80,000 limit in Connecticut, 127,000 in Massachusetts for interstates, and 143,000 in the State of New York.

This is a very densely concentrated part of the country, and almost all of their feed, almost all of their silage, a lot of their fuel, and a lot of their equipment comes in from out of State. So when you have got trucks that can carry 120,000 going down the Mass Pike and then enter Connecticut, you are suddenly having a very disruptive, expensive proposition in terms of actually needing more trucks or having to have the products offloaded.

That is why the general assembly passed this statute. They thought they fixed it, but as, of course, we know here, in fact, Federal law has to be modified in order to make it effective. And that really was the purpose of this amendment.

I had the support of the Governor and all of the relevant agencies in Washington.

Truck weights are complicated. We know that, and I think we have really learned a lot in terms of this process.

Again, I will be making a motion which I think will bring this event to a conclusion, but before I do that, I yield 2 minutes to the gentlewoman from Connecticut (Mrs. HAYES), a great advocate for farms in the State of Connecticut, a member of the House Agriculture Committee, and someone who has been very involved in terms of trying to help on this issue.

Mrs. HAYES. Madam Speaker, I thank Congressman COURTNEY for yielding.

Connecticut farmers are in dire need of this amendment. Connecticut's agricultural industry encompasses everything from greenhouses to dairy farms. The greenhouse and nursery industry are the largest agricultural production sectors in the State, and they account for about \$4.7 billion in Connecticut's economy. But these are family farms, not large corporate farms.

When they have to pay more to transport products due to unfair truck weight limits, there is a meaningful impact on their ability to stay afloat. For this reason, the Connecticut Legislature passed a law in 2013 to allow for the increase in truck weights within the State.

However, this change, as my colleague Mr. COURTNEY says, requires a Federal fix to truly take effect. Put-

ting Federal policy in line with State policy would be a lifeline for my local farmers. We are not talking about a hypothetical benefit. We are talking about real, tangible benefits.

This amendment would achieve parity with neighboring States where weight limits are much higher. As you heard, in Connecticut, you can only carry up to 80,000 pounds, unlike our neighbors, Massachusetts, which is up to 127,000 pounds, and New York, which is up to 143,000 pounds. In order to do business with those States, it requires multiple, inefficient trips.

This amendment is not just about fairness. It is about doing what makes sense for most of Connecticut's agricultural sector. This would be a vital lifeline for the industry that is the backbone of my State's economy, and they are already struggling.

I urge my colleagues to at least recognize the importance of this amendment, and I thank my friend, Mr. COURTNEY, for his partnership in this effort.

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, again, I think the gentlewoman described very well the situation that is there. We obviously, as I said, learned a lot in this process in terms of maybe trying to get more reassurance about the precision of the definition of what are agricultural products, as well as making sure that the regulations in Connecticut are beefed up so that the maximum level of truck safety would be incorporated into any such change. As I said, it needs more work.

I want to thank Mr. DEFAZIO for at least listening to us and Mr. McGOVERN for making this amendment in order and Mr. GRAVES, again, for the work that he does on the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee.

As a friend of mine once said when he was redirected out of a seat in the Connecticut Legislature: Don't send me flowers, because I am coming back.

Don't send us flowers, because we want to really bring this issue, sometime in the future, to Congress to try and help really great people who work every day, get up early, and are doing wonderful things in terms of food production and agriculture products.

I ask unanimous consent to withdraw this amendment.

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

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The amendment is withdrawn.

AMENDMENT NO. 3 OFFERED BY MS. TLAIB

The SPEAKER pro tempore. It is now in order to consider amendment No. 3 printed in part H of House Report 116-438.

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Chair, I have an amendment at the desk.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will designate the amendment.

The text of the amendment is as follows:

Page 1464, after line 17, insert the following:

## SEC. 33105. COMPREHENSIVE LEAD SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT.

Section 1459B of the Safe Drinking Water Act (42 U.S.C. 300j-19b) is amended—

- (1) in subsection (d)—
  - (A) by striking “\$60,000,000” and inserting “\$4,500,000,000”; and
  - (B) by striking “2021” and inserting “2025”; and
- (2) by adding at the end the following:

“(f) COMPREHENSIVE LEAD REDUCTION PROJECTS.—

“(1) GRANTS.—The Administrator shall make grants available to eligible entities for comprehensive lead reduction projects that, notwithstanding any other provision in this section, pay to fully replace all lead service lines served by the eligible entity, irrespective of the ownership of the service line and without requiring a contribution to the cost of replacement of any portion of the service line by any individual homeowner.

“(2) PRIORITY.—In making grants under paragraph (1), the Administrator shall give priority to eligible entities serving disadvantaged communities, consistent with subsection (b)(3), and environmental justice communities (with significant representation of communities of color, low-income communities, or Tribal and indigenous communities, that experience, or are at risk of experiencing, higher or more adverse human health or environmental effects).

“(3) NO COST-SHARING.—The Federal share of the cost of a project carried out pursuant to this subsection shall be 100 percent.”.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 1028, the gentlewoman from Michigan (Ms. TLAIB) and a Member opposed each will control 5 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Michigan.

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, first, I want to thank Speaker PELOSI and Leader HOYER for their leadership in bringing this important bill to the floor.

I would also like to thank Chairman PALLONE for working with me on this amendment and Chairpersons DeFazio, Waters, Scott, and others for their leadership; and my colleagues, Representatives DAN KILDEE, Slotkin, Cicilline, and Moore for their cosponsorship of this amendment.

Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of my amendment because everyone deserves clean water, because water is a human right. I rise today because, in the richest country in the world, no family or child should live with poisoned water.

My amendment authorizes \$4.5 billion annually, totaling \$22.5 billion over the next 5 years, to replace dangerous lead water pipes throughout our Nation. This amendment also prioritizes lead pipe replacement projects serving disadvantaged communities, communities of color, low-income communities, and environmental justice communities like mine in Michigan’s 13th Congressional District.

Our residents in Michigan, surrounded by the largest bodies of freshwater in the world, should not be forced to live off bottled water sold by corporations like Nestle, who make billions while paying almost nothing to bottle our water and harm our ecosystem.

Contaminated water has been a fact of life for too many communities, especially Black and Brown communities like Detroit, Flint, Baltimore, Chicago, and more. My amendment will require that lead service lines must be fully replaced and removed. No partial lead service line replacements would be funded.

Our residents deserve so much more than half measures. We owe them their human right to drink clean water. This amendment, Madam Speaker, would change lives for over 9 million homes across the country currently at risk of facing the harms of lead exposure.

The time for environmental justice is now, and this amendment is a crucial step toward finally achieving that.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to vote “yes” on this amendment. I urge them to tell every single individual, family, child, and community in this country that they have a right to clean, safe water.

I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. SHIMKUS. Madam Speaker, I rise in opposition to the amendment.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Illinois is recognized for 5 minutes.

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

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. KILDEE), my good colleague and fellow activist on the human right to water.

Mr. KILDEE. Madam Speaker, I thank my friend and colleague, Congresswoman TLAIB, for her leadership and for bringing this amendment to the floor. I am proud to join her in it.

As many of you know, I represent my hometown of Flint, Michigan. Flint is the community that really brought national attention to this issue of lead in drinking water.

Fifteen thousand children were impacted in Flint, Michigan, because of lead leaching into their drinking water. Those lead service lines were the source of that contamination.

There is no safe level of lead in drinking water. Right now, we have a rule that allows for a certain level of lead. Many communities exceed it, but there is no safe level of lead in drinking water, and we need to do everything we can to eliminate it. This is a big step forward in dealing with it.

And let me just remind my friends, yes, of course, this sort of initiative comes with a price tag. But if you really want to know the price of this issue, come to Flint and you will see the price of failure, the price of lead exposure.

It is not just measured in the half a billion dollars that it has cost to remediate a problem that could have been solved if this program had been in place before, but the cost is measured in the effect that that lead exposure has had on developing small brains and the effect on the trajectory of the lives of those kids forever.

You are not going to get a CBO score that measures the quality of life and

the trajectory of the life of a child whose brain has been affected by exposure to lead. We have a chance to do something about this. We have a chance to prevent the next Flint, Michigan.

My people at home are tough, and they have been through a lot. They don’t want Flint to be an anomaly. It should be an example to the rest of the country.

This is an important amendment that will make even better this bill that I support that invests in the future of our country.

I thank my colleague, Congresswoman TLAIB, for her outstanding leadership on this.

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

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to really understand the human impact of not having clean water around our country. This would help 11,000 communities across our Nation.

I urge my colleagues to support this and vote “yes,” and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. SHIMKUS. Madam Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time.

Madam Speaker, I was here on the floor yesterday evening to debate the amendments under the Energy and Commerce Committee’s jurisdiction that were airdropped into this Transportation and Infrastructure bill. This is another one. Although the intent is good, it is a terrible amendment because it didn’t go through regular order. The committee of jurisdiction didn’t get a chance to understand it and debate it, and I will explain why.

My constituents get tired of process arguments, and also a lot of Members get tired of that. We used to have some very powerful committees in this institution, and Members would develop subject-matter expertise through the years of hearings and detail-focused markups. When we moved bills through regular order it would help avoid unintended consequences above bad public policy, and this amendment is another example of bad public policy.

So while I appreciate the well-meaning sentiments behind the sponsors, including the emphasis the amendment places on prioritizing communities who cannot afford lead pipe replacements, the way this amendment is drafted leaves me with many questions about how it operates and that it won’t actually result in the claims of its sponsors.

First, the amendment authorizes a brand-new comprehensive lead program, which is not well-defined, on top of the existing lead reduction program which is defined. I am sure my colleagues don’t even know we have a lead reduction program right now under current law.

We know the existing lead reduction program contains education and lead service line replacements. All we know

about the comprehensive lead program is that it pays to remove lead service lines. This seems like less but calling it comprehensive certainly suggests more.

In addition, this amendment authorizes \$4.5 billion per year for both programs. Does this mean \$4.44 billion is supposed to go to the new, undefined comprehensive program and \$60 million to the existing defined lead reduction program?

Are they supposed to be treated equally?

On the question of funding, the amount authorized to be spent in 1 year is 300 percent more than the entire amount of Federal funding for major drinking water aid programs. It is actually about one-half of the EPA's entire annual budget.

The regular lead reduction program which was authorized at \$60 million per year and took 4 years to establish is now just starting to award funds. Since the comprehensive program is a separate program, we can expect this program to take longer to get going, but in reality, pushing this unprecedented level of funding out the door might be aspirational rather than realistic. That would be a shame for those communities who need it most.

Second, the amendment waives any requirements for matching funds from the water systems or communities that obtain them. On top of that, this amendment waives any requirement for any person to pay for replacement of their personally-owned portion of lead service lines, whereas the existing program waives this expense for low-income people. This means people who have the financial resources to afford their own replacements don't have to use them at all because the new comprehensive program will pick up the check for them. That is not very progressive. Compensating the wealthy for these replacements both now and in the future is an especially harsh consequence for U.S. taxpayers, but that is what this amendment does.

Flint was a failure at all levels, and it happened because of money in politics. The city of Flint wanted off Detroit water because they felt they were being gouged on their rates.

The city council set an artificial political deadline for transition that wasn't based on the engineering needs of the system's water chemistry.

The State cut the city slack because the city was in receivership and didn't pursue enforcement.

EPA was aware of the high-level readings but minimized their impact to avoid causing a panic and slowed-walked the legal response.

The biggest problem was that no one told the public.

Flint suffered because of that, and the people living in the most neglected areas of Flint suffered the most.

So while this amendment guarantees priority funding for cities and water utilities for low-income folks, this amendment does not mandate that

these households get their lead service lines replaced first or that they target the worst contamination. Let me repeat that. Under this amendment, you can be the reason your city or utility gets moved to the front of the line, but that city does not have to replace the poorest and most dangerous lead service lines.

This is another example of why we shouldn't stick safe drinking water amendments on a transportation bill. It bastardizes the process and creates poor public policy like this amendment.

I ask for a "no" vote.

In fact, Chairman DEFAZIO in the Rules Committee once said: I have no idea what these amendments mean because I had no jurisdiction on this process.

So with that, Madam Speaker, vote "no" on this very poorly drafted amendment, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Ms. MOORE. Madam Speaker, I am pleased to rise in strong support of the Tlaib/Kildee/Slotkin/Cicilline/Moore amendment to help remove dangerous lead pipes in our communities.

Lead paint in housing and water infrastructure containing lead are the two primary, but not the sole, pathways for lead poisoning in our children.

HUD estimates that over 22 million homes (34 percent of the homes built before 1978) have significant lead-based paint hazards. Nationwide, estimates are that there are as many as 10 million lead service lines.

The pernicious impacts of lead poisoning are well known. These impacts are often lifelong and irreversible. Lead poisoning is a serious threat in the State of Wisconsin and particularly in the City of Milwaukee, which has the largest concentration of lead service lines in the state. And it's not just my state. According to the Great Lakes Governor's and Premiers, the Great Lakes region contains the highest concentrations of lead service lines in the United States.

The good news is that lead poisoning is preventable, not inevitable, if we act. It is critical that we start taking steps to boost assistance, especially to localities with extremely high numbers of households served by lead lateral lines, who are least able to pay for the replacement of those lines.

That's what this amendment does.

This amendment would authorize \$4.5 billion dollars per year for 5 years to help pay to fully replace lead service lines across the country with a priority given to low-income and other communities that suffer disproportionately from the harms posed by this threat.

A sustained substantial commitment to federal lead prevention and mitigation efforts is critical if our country is to make serious progress in protecting our nation's children. That's what this amendment does. It raises the federal investment and makes changes to ensure that more households can participate in comprehensive lead reduction projects that fully replace lead lines.

Unfortunately, the households most affected by this problem often have the fewest resources available to pay to replace lead pipes.

It reaffirms a federal commitment to helping get lead pipes out of the ground. Primary pre-

vention—the removal of lead hazards from the environment before a child is exposed—is the most effective way to ensure that children do not experience the harmful effects of lead exposure. These funds will help to ensure that children can grow up healthy and safe while living in homes where they are protected from lead poisoning.

For this small investment, our communities reap great gains. The annual costs of lead poisoning have been estimated at over \$50 billion. As noted in a report by the Pew Charitable Trusts, "In the absence of lead, hundreds of thousands of children would be more likely to realize their full potential thanks to higher GPAs, a better chance of earning high school diplomas and graduating."

This amendment gets us closer to riding our communities of lead service lines and to providing a healthier tomorrow for millions of children and their families. I urge my colleagues to support it.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the previous question is ordered on the amendment offered by the gentlewoman from Michigan (Ms. TLAIB).

The question is on the amendment.

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

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 3 of House Resolution 965, the yeas and nays are ordered.

Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on this question are postponed.

Pursuant to clause 1(c) of rule XIX, further consideration of H.R. 2 is postponed.

## RECESS

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

Accordingly (at 1 o'clock and 21 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1342

## AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Ms. WILD) at 1 o'clock and 42 minutes p.m.

## INVESTING IN A NEW VISION FOR THE ENVIRONMENT AND SURFACE TRANSPORTATION IN AMERICA ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 1(c) of rule XIX, further consideration of the bill (H.R. 2) to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, and for other purposes, will now resume.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

AMENDMENTS EN BLOC NO. 6 OFFERED BY MR. GRAVES OF MISSOURI

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfinished business is the question on the





Miller	Rouzer	Tipton
Mitchell	Roy	Turner
Moolenaar	Rutherford	Wagner
Mooney (WV)	Scalise	Walberg
Mullin	Schweikert	Walden
Murphy (NC)	Scott, Austin	Walker
Newhouse	Sensenbrenner	Walorski
Norman	Shimkus	Waltz
Nunes	Simpson	Watkins
Olson	Smith (MO)	Webster (FL)
Palazzo	Smith (NE)	Wenstrup
Palmer	Smucker	Westerman
Pence	Spano	Williams
Perry	Stauber	Wilson (SC)
Posey	Stefanik	Wittman
Reschenthaler	Steil	Womack
Rice (SC)	Steube	Woodall
Riggleman	Stewart	Wright
Rodgers (WA)	Stivers	Yoho
Roe, David P.	Taylor	Thompson (PA)
Rogers (AL)	Tiffany	Young
Rogers (KY)	Timmons	Zeldin
Rose, John W.		

## NOT VOTING—9

Emmer	Loudermilk	Rooney (FL)
Gallagher	Marchant	Thornberry
King (IA)	Roby	Weber (TX)

□ 1546

Ms. GARCIA of Texas changed her vote from “nay” to “yea.”

So the amendment was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

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(Gomez)	(Evans)	(Cicilline)
Cleaver (Clay)	Lee (CA)	Price (NC)
DeSaulnier	(Huffman)	(Butterfield)
(Matsui)	Lewis (Kildee)	Rush
Frankel (Clark)	Lieu, Ted (Beyer)	(Underwood)
(MA))	Lofgren (Boyle,	Sánchez (Roybal-
Hastings	Brendan F.)	Allard)
(Wasserman	Lowenthal	Serrano
Schultz)	(Beyer)	(Jeffries)
Johnson (TX)	Lowey (Tonko)	Vargas (Levin
(Jeffries)	Meng (Tonko)	(CA))
Khanna (Gomez)	Moore (Beyer)	Watson Coleman
Kirkpatrick	Nadler (Jeffries)	(Pallone)
(Gallego)	Napolitano	Welch
Kuster (NH)	(Correa)	(McGovern)
(Brownley	Payne	Wilson (FL)
(CA))	(Wasserman	(Hayes)
	Schultz)	

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. MCCOLLUM). Pursuant to the rule, the previous question is ordered on the bill, as amended.

The question is on the engrossment and third reading of the bill.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, and was read the third time.

## MOTION TO RECOMMIT

Mr. CRAWFORD. Madam Speaker, I have a motion to recommit at the desk.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is the gentleman opposed to the bill?

Mr. CRAWFORD. Madam Speaker, I am opposed to the bill in its current form.

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

The Clerk read as follows:

Mr. Crawford moves to recommit the bill H.R. 2 to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith, with the following amendment:

At the end of the bill, add the following:

DIVISION N—STATE-OWNED ENTERPRISES  
SEC. 91001. STATE-OWNED ENTERPRISES PROHIBITION.

(a) BUY AMERICA.—None of the funds authorized or made available by this Act, or the amendments made by this Act, may be used in awarding a contract, subcontract, grant, or loan to an entity that—

(1) is owned or controlled by, is a subsidiary of, or is otherwise related legally or financially to a corporation based in a country that—

(A) is identified as a nonmarket economy country (as defined in section 771(18) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1677(18))) as of the date of enactment of this Act;

(B) was identified by the United States Trade Representative in the most recent report required by section 182 of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2242) as a priority foreign country under subsection (a)(2) of that section; and

(C) is subject to monitoring by the Trade Representative under section 306 of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2416); or

(2) is listed pursuant to section 9(b)(3) of the Uyghur Human Rights Policy Act of 2020 (Public Law 116-145).

(b) EXCEPTION.—For purposes of subsection (a), the term “otherwise related legally or financially” does not include a minority relationship or investment.

(c) INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS.—This section shall be applied in a manner consistent with the obligations of the United States under international agreements.

Mr. CRAWFORD (during the reading). Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to dispense with the reading.

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

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Arkansas is recognized for 5 minutes in support of his motion.

Mr. CRAWFORD. Madam Speaker, this amendment will not kill the bill, but will instead ensure that the Democrats’ partisan wish list does not result in a windfall for the Chinese state-owned enterprises.

This amendment would prevent companies owned or controlled by the Chinese regime or the Chinese Communist Party from participating in any project or receiving any fund authorized by this bill.

This is particularly important given the hundreds of billions of dollars for programs like power grid transmission and distribution projects and broadband infrastructure investment.

We can’t afford to allow the Chinese Government to take control of our power grid or broadband system, and we all know that allowing Chinese companies to compete for these projects often opens the door to Chinese Government control.

Time and time again, China has demonstrated its hostility to America’s interests and international standards of transparency and accountability, while violating basic human morality.

China’s industrial plan makes their goal clear: Dominate global innovation and manufacturing by any means necessary. China is buying and stealing American technology explicitly to overtake our semiconductor, robotic, and electric vehicle industries.

Already, China owns a majority of the world’s lithium-ion battery production, more than 60 percent. And the Chinese Government is continually investing to increase that capacity. Already, China exports the most lithium-ion batteries and components of any other country, more than 6 times what the United States exports.

And Chinese Government subsidies are slated to expand their battery production more than 2½ times by 2026.

We have seen what happens when Chinese-Government sponsored companies like Huawei gain a foothold with telecom products, we succumb to state-directed domination of a U.S. industry, and we leave ourselves vulnerable to national security threats, espionage, and IP theft.

Without ensuring that this bill’s \$1.5 trillion spending spree on electric vehicles and other technologies are manufactured by American companies or countries that play by the rules, we will simply be aiding China in achieving its goals.

The issue of protecting our critical infrastructure is a goal many of us share.

In fact, the White House has already taken action to prevent foreign infiltration of our power grid through an executive order on bulk power systems earlier this year, and is working with industry to phase out the use of technology produced in China.

However, I make this motion not just because of China’s economic policies. The Chinese Government is responsible for: government censorship of publications, media, and social media;

The blatant theft of American intellectual property;

Refusal to abide by World Trade Organization rules;

Choosing not to report the coronavirus outbreak for months; and

Frequent mistreatment of minority ethic groups within its borders.

Just this week, Madam Speaker, we learned that in addition to the many atrocities China has committed against the Uighur people, it is now committing genocide.

Hundreds of thousands of women are being subjected to nonconsensual implantation of birth control, forced sterilization, and even forced abortion of their unborn children.

We have a moral obligation to ensure that no government treats its citizens this way, and none of its state-sponsored companies that help them do it benefit from the majority’s spending spree.

But that is what we are doing if we pass this massive spending bill that encourages purchasing products mined and manufactured in China. We invest in their companies and sponsor their tyranny rather than supporting American workers and families.

Madam Speaker, a Democrat amendment applying these restrictions to a portion of the bill already passed 62 to 1 during the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee markup.

In an otherwise hyper-partisan markup, where Democrats refused to accept many Republican-led amendments, it was perhaps the most bipartisan moment—the “where’s the meatloaf,” mute violation notwithstanding—supported by Chairman DEFAZIO. We can do that again here, Madam Speaker.

Adopting this amendment will not kill the bill and not stop the majority from sending its wish list on to the Senate with no plan to pay for it.

But the bare minimum we can do is come together to say that as we build American infrastructure we also build up America, not China.

During the markup of H.R. 2, the chairman said he didn’t care if China was listening in on our discussions, so let’s send a clear message to China now.

Madam Speaker, I urge adoption of the motion to recommit.

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

Mr. DEFAZIO. Madam Speaker, I claim the time in opposition to the motion to recommit.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Oregon is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. DEFAZIO. Madam Speaker, if only we had a President who would take meaningful action against China. It has recently been revealed that the President—regular order, Madam Chair, I hear some kind of wiggling on that side—whining, whining. Okay.

Yeah, we just recently found out that he begged Premier Xi Jinping to buy more farm products to help his reelection.

And, by the way, he said he liked the prison camps, he thought they were a good idea. He actually said that.

So, you know, if we had a President who would act against dictators. Putin murdering U.S. troops, while he is still cozying up to Putin.

So, you know, anything with China is a result of the MFN for China, which granted, came under President Bill Clinton. I voted against it. A large majority of Republicans voted for it. Perhaps we have a different group of Republicans here now who wouldn’t have voted for MFN for China, or would support my resolution to withdraw from the WTO because of the WTO and the dominance of China and its lack of effectiveness. And I hope to have that vote later this year, although it was precluded during this time period by the Rules Committee.

So we have the most stringent Buy America requirements of any part of the government in the Transportation and Infrastructure sections of this bill. Most stringent. We closed the last loopholes for transit and rail being used by Communist government-owned or controlled corporations in China. We have done that.

And, you know, it is time to bring things back to the United States of America. Bring back pharmaceutical production. Let’s stop being driven by the pharmaceutical industry here.

I still remember the Medicaid part D vote, the Republican bill, it prohibited the government from negotiating lower drug prices because Big Pharma runs this place on that side of the aisle.

And now here we have—all of a sudden we developed a concern about human rights and China. Well, you have been pretty absent for the last, oh, let’s see, when you were in the majority until very recently—60 percent of my career has been in the minority. So the last time you held the majority for 10 years or so, you didn’t do anything on any of these things. You had President Bush, he didn’t do anything on these things. You have President Trump who is cozying up to the dictator of China. And now you come here, and say, Oh, we are going to fix all this with this vote.

We have taken the strongest, strongest stand in the infrastructure sections of this bill, and it is fully within the rights of the President to take further action to punish China for these sorts of things.

Madam Speaker, I recommend a “no” vote on this motion to recommit.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to direct their remarks to the Chair.

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

#### PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

Mr. CRAWFORD. Madam Speaker, parliamentary inquiry.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Arkansas will state his parliamentary inquiry.

Mr. CRAWFORD. Madam Speaker, is it appropriate for the gentleman to make comments about the President of the United States on the floor as he did?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair is not going to offer an advisory opinion.

Without objection, the previous question is ordered on the motion to recommit.

There was no objection.

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

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

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 3 of House Resolution 965, the yeas and nays are ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 224, nays 193, not voting 13, as follows:

[Roll No. 137]

YEAS—224

Abraham	Barr	Bucshon	Cartwright	Engel	Garcia (TX)
Aderholt	Bergman	Budd	Case	Escobar	Gomez
Allen	Biggs	Burchett	Casten (IL)	Eshoo	Gonzalez (TX)
Amodei	Bilirakis	Burgess	Castor (FL)	Espaiplat	Green, Al (TX)
Armstrong	Bishop (NC)	Byrne	Castro (TX)	Evans	Grijalva
Arrington	Bost	Calvert	Chu, Judy	Fletcher	Haaland
Axne	Brady	Carter (GA)	Cicilline	Foster	Hastings
Babin	Brindisi	Chabot	Clark (MA)	Frankel	Hayes
Bacon	Brooks (AL)	Cheney	Clarke (NY)	Fudge	Himes
Baird	Brooks (IN)	Cisneros	Clay	Gabbard	Hoyer
Balderson	Buchanan	Cline	Cleaver	Gallego	Huffman
Banks	Buck	Cloud	Clyburn	Garcia (IL)	Jackson Lee
					Jayapal
					Jeffries
					Johnson (GA)
					Johnson (TX)
					Kaptur
					Keating
					Kelly (IL)
					Kennedy
					Khanna
					Kildeer
					Kilmer
					Kirkpatrick
					Kishnamoorthi
					Kuster (NH)
					Langevin
					Larsen (WA)
					Larson (CT)
					Lawrence

Lawson (FL)	Pallone	Sherman
Lee (CA)	Panetta	Sherrill
Levin (CA)	Pascrall	Sires
Levin (MI)	Payne	Smith (WA)
Lewis	Perlmutter	Soto
Lieu, Ted	Peters	Speier
Lofgren	Pingree	Stanton
Lowenthal	Pocan	Stevens
Lowey	Porter	Suozzi
Luján	Pressley	Swalwell (CA)
Lynch	Price (NC)	Takano
Maloney, Carolyn B.	Quigley	Thompson (CA)
Matsui	Raskin	Thompson (MS)
McCullum	Rice (NY)	Titus
McEachin	Richmond	Tlaib
McGovern	Royal-Allard	Tonko
McNerney	Ruppersberger	Torres (CA)
Meeks	Rush	Trahan
Meng	Ryan	Trone
Mfume	Sánchez	Vargas
Moore	Scanlon	Veasey
Morelle	Velázquez	Vela
Moulton	Schakowsky	Visclosky
Nadler	Schiff	Wasserman
Napolitano	Schneider	Schultz
Neal	Schrader	Schultz
Neguse	Scott (VA)	Waterson
Norcross	Scott, David	Watson Coleman
O'Halleran	Serrano	Welch
Ocasio-Cortez	Sewell (AL)	Wilson (FL)
Omar	Shalala	Yarmuth

## NOT VOTING—13

Bishop (UT)	King (IA)	Roby
Carter (TX)	Lamborn	Rooney (FL)
Emmer	Loudermilk	Weber (TX)
Gallagher	Marchant	
Garamendi	Mitchell	

□ 1638

Mr. DOGGETT changed his vote from "yea" to "nay."

Mrs. RODGERS of Washington, Messrs. DAVIDSON of Ohio, COX of California, PETERSON, SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York, and LOEBSACK changed their vote from "nay" to "yea."

So the motion to recommit was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

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Cárdenas	Lawson (FL)	Pingree
(Gomez)	(Evans)	(Cicilline)
Cleaver (Clay)	Lee (CA)	Price (NC)
DeSaulnier (Matsui)	(Huffman)	(Butterfield)
Frankel (Clark MA))	Lewis (Kildee)	Rush
Hastings (Wasserman Schultz)	Lieu, Ted (Beyer)	(Underwood)
	Loftgren (Boyle, Brendan F.)	Sánchez (Roybal-Allard)
	Lowenthal (Beyer)	Serrano (Jeffries)
Johnson (TX) (Jeffries)	Lowey (Tonko)	Vargas (Levin CA))
Khanna (Gomez)	Meng (Tonko)	Moore (Beyer)
Kirkpatrick (Gallego)	Nadler (Jeffries)	Watson Coleman (Pallone)
Kuster (NH) (Brownley CA))	Napolitano (Correa)	Welch (McGovern)
	Payne (Wasserman)	Wilson (FL) (Hayes)

Mr. DEFAZIO. Madam Speaker, pursuant to instructions of the House in the motion to recommit, I report the bill, H.R. 2, back to the House in its entirety with an amendment.

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

The Clerk read as follows:

Amendment offered by Mr. DEFAZIO of Oregon:

At the end of the bill, add the following:

## DIVISION N—STATE-OWNED ENTERPRISES

## SEC. 91001. STATE-OWNED ENTERPRISES PROHIBITION.

(a) BUY AMERICA.—None of the funds authorized or made available by this Act, or

the amendments made by this Act, may be used in awarding a contract, subcontract, grant, or loan to an entity that—

(1) is owned or controlled by, is a subsidiary of, or is otherwise related legally or financially to a corporation based in a country that—

(A) is identified as a nonmarket economy country (as defined in section 771(18) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1677(18))) as of the date of enactment of this Act;

(B) was identified by the United States Trade Representative in the most recent report required by section 182 of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2242) as a priority foreign country under subsection (a)(2) of that section; and

(C) is subject to monitoring by the Trade Representative under section 306 of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2416); or

(2) is listed pursuant to section 9(b)(3) of the Uyghur Human Rights Policy Act of 2020 (Public Law 116-145).

(b) EXCEPTION.—For purposes of subsection (a), the term "otherwise related legally or financially" does not include a minority relationship or investment.

(c) INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS.—This section shall be applied in a manner consistent with the obligations of the United States under international agreements.

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri (during the reading). Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to dispense with the reading.

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

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the amendment.

The amendment was agreed to.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the engrossment and third reading of the bill.

The bill 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 bill.

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

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 3 of House Resolution 965, the yeas and nays are ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 233, nays 188, not voting 10, as follows:

[Roll No. 138]

YEAS—233

Adams	Carbalal	Costa
Aguilar	Cárdenas	Courtney
Allred	Carson (IN)	Cox (CA)
Axne	Cartwright	Craig
Barragán	Case	Crist
Bass	Casten (IL)	Crow
Beatty	Castor (FL)	Cuellar
Bera	Castro (TX)	Cunningham
Beyer	Chu, Judy	Davids (KS)
Bishop (GA)	Cicilline	Davis (CA)
Blumenauer	Cisneros	Davis, Danny K.
Blunt Rochester	Clark (MA)	Dean
Bonamici	Clarke (NY)	DeFazio
Boyle, Brendan F.	Clay	DeGette
Brindisi	Cleaver	DeLauro
Brown (MD)	Clyburn	DelBene
Brownley (CA)	Cohen	Delgado
Bustos	Connolly	Demings
Butterfield	Cooper	DeSaulnier

Dingell	Lawson (FL)	Royal-Allard
Doggett	Lee (CA)	Ruiz
Doyle, Michael F.	Levin (CA)	Ruppersberger
Engel	Levin (MI)	Rush
Escobar	Lieu, Ted	Ryan
Eshoo	Lipinski	Sánchez
Espailat	Loebsack	Scanlon
Evans	Lofgren	Schakowsky
Finkenauer	Lowenthal	Schiff
Fitzpatrick	Lowey	Schneider
Fletcher	Luján	Schrader
Foster	Luria	Schrirer
Frankel	Lynch	Scott (VA)
Fudge	Malinowski	Scott, David
Gabbard	Maloney,	Serrano
Gallego	Carolyn B.	Sewell (AL)
Garamendi	Maloney, Sean	Shalala
García (IL)	Matsui	Sherman
Garcia (TX)	McBath	Sherrill
Golden	McCullum	Sires
Gomez	McEachin	Slotkin
Gonzalez (TX)	McGovern	Smith (NJ)
Gottheimer	McNerney	Smith (WA)
Green, Al (TX)	Meeks	Thompson
Grijalva	Meng	Soto
Haaland	Mifune	Spanberger
Harder (CA)	Moore	Speier
Hastings	Morelle	Stanton
Hayes	Moulton	Stevens
Heck	Micarsel-Powell	Suozzi
Higgins (NY)	Murphy (FL)	Swalwell (CA)
Himes	Nadler	Takano
Horn, Kendra S.	Napolitano	Thompson (CA)
Horsford	Neal	Thompson (MS)
Houlahan	Neguse	Titus
Hoyer	Norcross	Tlaib
Huffman	O'Halleran	Tonko
Jackson Lee	Ocasio-Cortez	Torres (CA)
Jayapal	Omar	Torres Small (NM)
Jeffries	Pallone	Trahan
Johnson (GA)	Panetta	Underwood
Johnson (TX)	Pappas	Trone
Kaptur	Pascrall	Van Drew
Keating	Payne	Vargas
Kelly (IL)	Pelosi	Veasey
Kennedy	Perlmutter	Visclosky
Khanna	Peters	Wasserman
Kildee	Phillips	Schultz
Kilmer	Pingree	Waterson
Kim	Pocan	Watson Coleman
Kind	Porter	Welch
Kirkpatrick	Pressley	Wexton
Krishnamoorthi	Price (NC)	Wild
Kuster (NH)	Quigley	Wilson (FL)
Lamb	Raskin	Yarmuth
Langevin	Rice (NY)	
Larsen (WA)	Richmond	
Larson (CT)	Rose (NY)	
Lawrence	Rouda	

## NAYS—188

Abraham	Comer	Harris
Aderholt	Conaway	Hartzler
Allen	Cook	Hern, Kevin
Amash	Crawford	Herrera Beutler
Amodei	Crenshaw	Hice (GA)
Armstrong	Curtis	Higgins (LA)
Arrington	Davidson (OH)	Hill (AR)
Babin	Davis, Rodney	Holding
Bacon	DesJarlais	Hollingsworth
Baird	Diaz-Balart	Hudson
Balderson	Duncan	Huizenga
Banks	Dunn	Hurd (TX)
Barr	Estes	Johnson (LA)
Bergman	Ferguson	Johnson (OH)
Biggs	Fleischmann	Johnson (SD)
Bilirakis	Flores	Jordan
Bishop (NC)	Fortenberry	Joyce (OH)
Bishop (UT)	Foxx (NC)	Joyce (PA)
Bost	Fulcher	Katko
Brady	Gaetz	Keller
Brooks (AL)	Garcia (CA)	Kelly (MS)
Brooks (IN)	Gianforte	Kelly (PA)
Buchanan	Gibbs	King (NY)
Buck	Gohmert	Kinzinger
Bucshon	Gonzalez (OH)	Kustoff (TN)
Budd	Gooden	LaHood
Burgess	Gosar	LaMalfa
Byrne	Granger	Lamborn
DeFazio	Graves (GA)	Latta
DeGette	Graves (LA)	Lesko
DeLauro	Graves (MO)	Long
DeSaulnier	Chabot	Lucas
DeVito	Cheney	Griffith
DelBene	Cline	Grothman
Delgado	Cloud	Luetkemeyer
Demings	Collard	Marshall
DeSaulnier	Cole	Massie
Deutch	DeGrazio	Mast
	Collins (GA)	McAdams

McCarthy	Rodgers (WA)	Thornberry
McCaul	Roe, David P.	Tiffany
McClintock	Rogers (AL)	Timmons
McHenry	Rogers (KY)	Tipton
McKinley	Rose, John W.	Turner
Meuser	Rouzer	Upton
Miller	Roy	Wagner
Mitchell	Rutherford	Walberg
Moolenaar	Scalise	Walden
Mooney (WV)	Schweikert	Walker
Mullin	Scott, Austin	Walorski
Murphy (NC)	Sensenbrenner	Waltz
Newhouse	Shimkus	Watkins
Norman	Simpson	Webster (FL)
Nunes	Smith (MO)	Wenstrup
Olson	Smith (NE)	Westerman
Palazzo	Smucker	Williams
Palmer	Spano	Wilson (SC)
Pence	Stauber	Wittman
Perry	Stefanik	Womack
Peterson	Steil	Woodall
Posey	Steube	Wright
Reed	Stewart	Yoho
Reschenthaler	Stivers	Young
Rice (SC)	Taylor	Zeldin
Riggleman	Thompson (PA)	

## NOT VOTING—10

Carter (TX)	Lee (NV)	Rooney (FL)
Emmer	Loudermilk	Weber (TX)
Gallagher	Marchant	
King (IA)	Roby	

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Ms. CASTOR of Florida changed her vote from “nay” to “yea.”

So the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. EMMER. Madam Speaker, on July 1st, I was unable to be present in the House Chamber to cast my vote on amendments and passage of H.R. 2. If present, I would have voted YEA on the Graves en bloc amendment no. 6 (RC No. 134), NAY on the Foxx Amendment (RC No. 135), NAY on the Tlaib Amendment (RC No. 136), YEA on the Motion to Re-commit (RC No. 137), and NAY on H.R. 2 (RC No. 138).

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. KING of Iowa. Madam Speaker, I was unable to vote on July 1, 2020 due to not being in D.C. Had I been present, I would have voted yes on rollcall No. 134; yes on rollcall No. 135; no on rollcall No. 136; yes on rollcall No. 137; and no on rollcall No. 138.

## MEMBERS RECORDED PURSUANT TO HOUSE RESOLUTION 965, 116TH CONGRESS

Cárdenas (Gomez)	Lawson (FL)	Pingree (Evans)
Cleaver (Clay)	Lee (CA)	Price (NC)
DeSaulnier (Matsui)	(Huffman)	(Butterfield)
Frankel (Clark MA))	Lewis (Kildee)	Rush
Hastings (Wasserman Schultz)	Lieu, Ted (Beyer)	(Underwood)
Johnson (TX) (Jeffries)	Lofgren (Boyle)	Sánchez (Roybal-Allard)
Khanna (Gomez)	Brendan F.)	Serrano
Kirkpatrick (Gallego)	Lowenthal (Beyer)	(Jeffries)
Kuster (NH) (Brownley CA))	Lowey (Tonko)	Vargas (Levin)
	Meng (Tonko)	(CA))
	Moore (Beyer)	Watson Coleman (Pallone)
	Napolitano (Correa)	Welch
	Payne (Wasserman Schultz)	(McGovern)
		(Hayes)

## AUTHORIZING THE CLERK TO MAKE CORRECTIONS IN EN- GROSSMENT OF H.R. 2, INVEST- ING IN A NEW VISION FOR THE ENVIRONMENT AND SURFACE TRANSPORTATION IN AMERICA ACT

Mr. DEFAZIO. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that in the engrossment of H.R. 2, the Clerk be authorized to correct section numbers, punctuation, spelling, and cross-references and to make such other technical conforming changes as may be necessary to accurately reflect the actions of the House.

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

There was no objection.

## RESIGNATION AS MEMBER OF COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE, SPACE, AND TECHNOLOGY

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following resignation as a member of the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, June 30, 2020.

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

DEAR SPEAKER PELOSI: I write to respectfully tender my resignation as a member of the Science, Space and Technology Committee. It has been an honor to serve in this capacity.

Very respectfully,

PETE OLSON,  
*Member of Congress.*

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the resignation is accepted.

There was no objection.

## ELECTING MEMBERS TO CERTAIN STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND RANKING A CERTAIN MEMBER ON A CERTAIN STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Ms. CHENEY. Madam Speaker, by direction of the House Republican Conference, I send to the desk a privileged resolution and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

## H. RES. 1037

*Resolved*, That the following named Members be, and are hereby, elected to the following standing committees of the House of Representatives:

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY: Mr. Tiffany. COMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT AND REFORM: Mr. Palmer, to rank immediately before Mr. Cloud.

COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE, SPACE, AND TECHNOLOGY: Mr. Garcia of California, Mr. Tiff-

any. COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE: Mr. Garcia of California.

*Resolved*, That the following named Member be, and is hereby, ranked as follows on the following standing committee of the House of Representatives:

COMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT AND REFORM: Mr. Comer, to rank before Mr. Jordan.

Ms. CHENEY (during the reading). Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be considered as read.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from Wyoming?

There was no objection.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

## COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

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

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, July 1, 2020.

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

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on July 1, 2020, at 1:25 p.m.:

That the Senate Passed S. 123.

That the Senate Passed S. 2864.

That the Senate Passed S. 3758.

That the Senate Passed S. 4104.

That the Senate Passed S. 4116.

Appointments:

Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

CHERYL L. JOHNSON.

## HONG KONG AUTONOMY ACT

Mr. SHERMAN. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Affairs, the Committee on Financial Services, the Committee on the Judiciary, the Committee on Ways and Means, and the Committee on Rules be discharged from further consideration of the bill (H.R. 7440) to impose sanctions with respect to foreign persons involved in the erosion of certain obligations of China with respect to Hong Kong, and for other purposes, and I ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. FINKENAUER). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

The text of the bill is as follows:

## H.R. 7440

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

## SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the “Hong Kong Autonomy Act”.

(b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents for this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.

Sec. 2. Definitions.

Sec. 3. Findings.

Sec. 4. Sense of Congress regarding Hong Kong.

Sec. 5. Identification of foreign persons involved in the erosion of the obligations of China under the Joint Declaration or the Basic Law and foreign financial institutions that conduct significant transactions with those persons.

Sec. 6. Sanctions with respect to foreign persons that contravene the obligations of China under the Joint Declaration or the Basic Law.

Sec. 7. Sanctions with respect to foreign financial institutions that conduct significant transactions with foreign persons that contravene the obligations of China under the Joint Declaration or the Basic Law.

Sec. 8. Waiver, termination, exceptions, and congressional review process.

Sec. 9. Implementation; penalties.

Sec. 10. Rule of construction.

## SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.

In this Act:

(1) ALIEN; NATIONAL; NATIONAL OF THE UNITED STATES.—The terms “alien”, “national”, and “national of the United States” have the meanings given those terms in section 101 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101).

(2) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES AND LEADERSHIP.—The term “appropriate congressional committees and leadership” means—

(A) the Committee on Armed Services, the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, the Committee on Foreign Relations, the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, the Committee on the Judiciary, the Select Committee on Intelligence, and the majority leader and the minority leader of the Senate; and

(B) the Committee on Armed Services, the Committee on Financial Services, the Committee on Foreign Affairs, the Committee on Homeland Security, the Committee on the Judiciary, the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, and the Speaker and the minority leader of the House of Representatives.

(3) BASIC LAW.—The term “Basic Law” means the Basic Law of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People’s Republic of China.

(4) CHINA.—The term “China” means the People’s Republic of China.

(5) ENTITY.—The term “entity” means a partnership, joint venture, association, corporation, organization, network, group, or subgroup, or any other form of business collaboration.

(6) FINANCIAL INSTITUTION.—The term “financial institution” means a financial institution specified in section 5312(a)(2) of title 31, United States Code.

(7) HONG KONG.—The term “Hong Kong” means the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People’s Republic of China.

(8) JOINT DECLARATION.—The term “Joint Declaration” means the Joint Declaration of the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the People’s Republic of China on the Question of Hong Kong, done at Beijing on December 19, 1984.

(9) KNOWINGLY.—The term “knowingly”, with respect to conduct, a circumstance, or a result, means that a person has actual knowledge of the conduct, the circumstance, or the result.

(10) PERSON.—The term “person” means an individual or entity.

(11) UNITED STATES PERSON.—The term “United States person” means—

(A) any citizen or national of the United States;

(B) any alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence in the United States;

(C) any entity organized under the laws of the United States or any jurisdiction within the United States (including a foreign branch of such an entity); or

(D) any person located in the United States.

## SEC. 3. FINDINGS.

Congress makes the following findings:

(1) The Joint Declaration and the Basic Law clarify certain obligations and promises that the Government of China has made with respect to the future of Hong Kong.

(2) The obligations of the Government of China under the Joint Declaration were codified in a legally-binding treaty, signed by the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and registered with the United Nations.

(3) The obligations of the Government of China under the Basic Law originate from the Joint Declaration, were passed into the domestic law of China by the National People’s Congress, and are widely considered by citizens of Hong Kong as part of the de facto legal constitution of Hong Kong.

(4) Foremost among the obligations of the Government of China to Hong Kong is the promise that, pursuant to Paragraph 3b of the Joint Declaration, “the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region will enjoy a high degree of autonomy, except in foreign and defence affairs which are the responsibilities of the Central People’s Government”.

(5) The obligation specified in Paragraph 3b of the Joint Declaration is referenced, reinforced, and extrapolated on in several portions of the Basic Law, including Articles 2, 12, 13, 14, and 22.

(6) Article 22 of the Basic Law establishes that “No department of the Central People’s Government and no province, autonomous region, or municipality directly under the Central Government may interfere in the affairs which the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region administers on its own in accordance with this Law.”.

(7) The Joint Declaration and the Basic Law make clear that additional obligations shall be undertaken by China to ensure the “high degree of autonomy” of Hong Kong.

(8) Paragraph 3c of the Joint Declaration states, as reinforced by Articles 2, 16, 17, 18, 19, and 22 of the Basic Law, that Hong Kong “will be vested with executive, legislative and independent judicial power, including that of final adjudication”.

(9) On multiple occasions, the Government of China has undertaken actions that have contravened the letter or intent of the obligation described in paragraph (8) of this section, including the following:

(A) In 1999, the Standing Committee of the National People’s Congress overruled a decision by the Hong Kong Court of Final Appeal on the right of abode.

(B) On multiple occasions, the Government of Hong Kong, at the advice of the Government of China, is suspected to have not allowed persons entry into Hong Kong allegedly because of their support for democracy and human rights in Hong Kong and China.

(C) The Liaison Office of China in Hong Kong has, despite restrictions on interference in the affairs of Hong Kong as detailed in Article 22 of the Basic Law—

(i) openly expressed support for candidates in Hong Kong for Chief Executive and Legislative Council;

(ii) expressed views on various policies for the Government of Hong Kong and other internal matters relating to Hong Kong; and

(iii) on April 17, 2020, asserted that both the Liaison Office of China in Hong Kong and the Hong Kong and Macau Affairs Office of the State Council “have the right to exercise supervision . . . on affairs regarding Hong Kong and the mainland, in order to ensure correct implementation of the Basic Law”.

(D) The National People’s Congress has passed laws requiring Hong Kong to pass laws banning disrespectful treatment of the national flag and national anthem of China.

(E) The State Council of China released a white paper on June 10, 2014, that stressed the “comprehensive jurisdiction” of the Government of China over Hong Kong and indicated that Hong Kong must be governed by “patriots”.

(F) The Government of China has directed operatives to kidnap and bring to the mainland, or is otherwise responsible for the kidnapping of, residents of Hong Kong, including businessman Xiao Jianhua and bookseller Gui Minhai.

(G) The Government of Hong Kong, acting with the support of the Government of China, introduced an extradition bill that would have permitted the Government of China to request and enforce extradition requests for any individual present in Hong Kong, regardless of the legality of the request or the degree to which it compromised the judicial independence of Hong Kong.

(H) The spokesman for the Standing Committee of the National People’s Congress said, “Whether Hong Kong’s laws are consistent with the Basic Law can only be judged and decided by the National People’s Congress Standing Committee. No other authority has the right to make judgments and decisions.”.

(10) Paragraph 3e of the Joint Declaration states, as reinforced by Article 5 of the Basic Law, that the “current social and economic systems in Hong Kong will remain unchanged, as so will the life-style.”.

(11) On multiple occasions, the Government of China has undertaken actions that have contravened the letter or intent of the obligation described in paragraph (10) of this section, including the following:

(A) In 2002, the Government of China pressured the Government of Hong Kong to introduce “patriotic” curriculum in primary and secondary schools.

(B) The governments of China and Hong Kong proposed the prohibition of discussion of Hong Kong independence and self-determination in primary and secondary schools, which infringes on freedom of speech.

(C) The Government of Hong Kong mandated that Mandarin, and not the native language of Cantonese, be the language of instruction in Hong Kong schools.

(D) The governments of China and Hong Kong agreed to a daily quota of mainland immigrants to Hong Kong, which is widely believed by citizens of Hong Kong to be part of an effort to “mainlandize” Hong Kong.

(12) Paragraph 3e of the Joint Declaration states, as reinforced by Articles 4, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, and 39 of the Basic Law, that the “rights and freedoms, including those of person, of speech, of the press, of assembly, of association, of travel, of movement, of correspondence, of strike, of choice of occupation, of academic research and of religious belief will be ensured by law” in Hong Kong.

(13) On multiple occasions, the Government of China has undertaken actions that have contravened the letter or intent of the obligation described in paragraph (12) of this section, including the following:

(A) On February 26, 2003, the Government of Hong Kong introduced a national security bill that would have placed restrictions on freedom of speech and other protected rights.

(B) The Liaison Office of China in Hong Kong has pressured businesses in Hong Kong not to advertise in newspapers and magazines critical of the governments of China and Hong Kong.

(C) The Hong Kong Police Force selectively blocked demonstrations and protests expressing opposition to the governments of China and Hong Kong or the policies of those governments.

(D) The Government of Hong Kong refused to renew work visa for a foreign journalist, allegedly for hosting a speaker from the banned Hong Kong National Party.

(E) The Justice Department of Hong Kong selectively prosecuted cases against leaders of the Umbrella Movement, while failing to prosecute police officers accused of using excessive force during the protests in 2014.

(F) On April 18, 2020, the Hong Kong Police Force arrested 14 high-profile democracy activists and campaigners for their role in organizing a protest march that took place on August 18, 2019, in which almost 2,000,000 people rallied against a proposed extradition bill.

(14) Articles 45 and 68 of the Basic Law assert that the selection of Chief Executive and all members of the Legislative Council of Hong Kong should be by “universal suffrage.”

(15) On multiple occasions, the Government of China has undertaken actions that have contravened the letter or intent of the obligation described in paragraph (14) of this section, including the following:

(A) In 2004, the National People’s Congress created new, antidemocratic procedures restricting the adoption of universal suffrage for the election of the Chief Executive of Hong Kong.

(B) The decision by the National People’s Congress on December 29, 2007, which ruled out universal suffrage in 2012 elections and set restrictions on when and if universal suffrage will be implemented.

(C) The decision by the National People’s Congress on August 31, 2014, which placed limits on the nomination process for the Chief Executive of Hong Kong as a condition for adoption of universal suffrage.

(D) On November 7, 2016, the National People’s Congress interpreted Article 104 of the Basic Law in such a way to disqualify 6 elected members of the Legislative Council.

(E) In 2018, the Government of Hong Kong banned the Hong Kong National Party and blocked the candidacy of pro-democracy candidates.

(16) The ways in which the Government of China, at times with the support of a subservient Government of Hong Kong, has acted in contravention of its obligations under the Joint Declaration and the Basic Law, as set forth in this section, are deeply concerning to the people of Hong Kong, the United States, and members of the international community who support the autonomy of Hong Kong.

#### SEC. 4. SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING HONG KONG.

It is the sense of Congress that—

(1) The United States continues to uphold the principles and policy established in the United States-Hong Kong Policy Act of 1992 (22 U.S.C. 5701 et seq.) and the Hong Kong Human Rights and Democracy Act of 2019 (Public Law 116-76; 22 U.S.C. 5701 note), which remain consistent with China’s obligations under the Joint Declaration and certain promulgated objectives under the Basic Law, including that—

(A) as set forth in section 101(1) of the United States-Hong Kong Policy Act of 1992 (22 U.S.C. 5711(1)), “The United States should play an active role, before, on, and after July 1, 1997, in maintaining Hong Kong’s confidence and prosperity, Hong Kong’s role as

an international financial center, and the mutually beneficial ties between the people of the United States and the people of Hong Kong.”; and

(B) as set forth in section 2(5) of the United States-Hong Kong Policy Act of 1992 (22 U.S.C. 5701(5)), “Support for democratization is a fundamental principle of United States foreign policy. As such, it naturally applies to United States policy toward Hong Kong. This will remain equally true after June 30, 1997.”;

(2) although the United States recognizes that, under the Joint Declaration, the Government of China “resumed the exercise of sovereignty over Hong Kong with effect on 1 July 1997”, the United States supports the autonomy of Hong Kong in furtherance of the United States-Hong Kong Policy Act of 1992 and the Hong Kong Human Rights and Democracy Act of 2019 and advances the desire of the people of Hong Kong to continue the “one country, two systems” regime, in addition to other obligations promulgated by China under the Joint Declaration and the Basic Law;

(3) in order to support the benefits and protections that Hong Kong has been afforded by the Government of China under the Joint Declaration and the Basic Law, the United States should establish a clear and unambiguous set of penalties with respect to foreign persons determined by the Secretary of State, in consultation with the Secretary of the Treasury, to be involved in the contravention of the obligations of China under the Joint Declaration and the Basic Law and the financial institutions transacting with those foreign persons;

(4) the Secretary of State should provide an unclassified assessment of the reason for imposition of certain economic penalties on entities, so as to permit a clear path for the removal of economic penalties if the sanctioned behavior is reversed and verified by the Secretary of State;

(5) relevant Federal agencies should establish a multilateral sanctions regime with respect to foreign persons involved in the contravention of the obligations of China under the Joint Declaration and the Basic Law; and

(6) in addition to the penalties on foreign persons, and financial institutions transacting with those foreign persons, for the contravention of the obligations of China under the Joint Declaration and the Basic Law, the United States should take steps, in a time of crisis, to assist permanent residents of Hong Kong who are persecuted or fear persecution as a result of the contravention by China of its obligations under the Joint Declaration and the Basic Law to become eligible to obtain lawful entry into the United States.

#### SEC. 5. IDENTIFICATION OF FOREIGN PERSONS INVOLVED IN THE EROSION OF THE OBLIGATIONS OF CHINA UNDER THE JOINT DECLARATION OR THE BASIC LAW AND FOREIGN FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS THAT CONDUCT SIGNIFICANT TRANSACTIONS WITH THOSE PERSONS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, if the Secretary of State, in consultation with the Secretary of the Treasury, determines that a foreign person is materially contributing to, has materially contributed to, or attempts to materially contribute to the failure of the Government of China to meet its obligations under the Joint Declaration or the Basic Law, the Secretary of State shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees and leadership a report that includes—

(1) an identification of the foreign person; and

(2) a clear explanation for why the foreign person was identified and a description of the activity that resulted in the identification.

(b) IDENTIFYING FOREIGN FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS.—Not earlier than 30 days and not later than 60 days after the Secretary of State submits to the appropriate congressional committees and leadership the report under subsection (a), the Secretary of the Treasury, in consultation with the Secretary of State, shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees and leadership a report that identifies any foreign financial institution that knowingly conducts a significant transaction with a foreign person identified in the report under subsection (a).

(c) EXCLUSION OF CERTAIN INFORMATION.—

(1) INTELLIGENCE.—The Secretary of State shall not disclose the identity of a person in a report submitted under subsection (a) or (b), or an update under subsection (e), if the Director of National Intelligence determines that such disclosure could compromise an intelligence operation, activity, source, or method of the United States.

(2) LAW ENFORCEMENT.—The Secretary of State shall not disclose the identity of a person in a report submitted under subsection (a) or (b), or an update under subsection (e), if the Attorney General, in coordination, as appropriate, with the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the head of any other appropriate Federal law enforcement agency, and the Secretary of the Treasury, determines that such disclosure could reasonably be expected—

(A) to compromise the identity of a confidential source, including a State, local, or foreign agency or authority or any private institution that furnished information on a confidential basis;

(B) to jeopardize the integrity or success of an ongoing criminal investigation or prosecution;

(C) to endanger the life or physical safety of any person; or

(D) to cause substantial harm to physical property.

(3) NOTIFICATION REQUIRED.—If the Director of National Intelligence makes a determination under paragraph (1) or the Attorney General makes a determination under paragraph (2), the Director or the Attorney General, as the case may be, shall notify the appropriate congressional committees and leadership of the determination and the reasons for the determination.

(d) EXCLUSION OR REMOVAL OF FOREIGN PERSONS AND FOREIGN FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS.—

(1) FOREIGN PERSONS.—The President may exclude a foreign person from the report under subsection (a), or an update under subsection (e), or remove a foreign person from the report or update prior to the imposition of sanctions under section 6(a) if the material contribution (as described in subsection (g)) that merited inclusion in that report or update—

(A) does not have a significant and lasting negative effect that contravenes the obligations of China under the Joint Declaration and the Basic Law;

(B) is not likely to be repeated in the future; and

(C) has been reversed or otherwise mitigated through positive countermeasures taken by that foreign person.

(2) FOREIGN FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS.—The President may exclude a foreign financial institution from the report under subsection (b), or an update under subsection (e), or remove a foreign financial institution from the report or update prior to the imposition of sanctions under section 7(a) if the significant transaction or significant transactions of the foreign financial institution that merited inclusion in that report or update—

(A) does not have a significant and lasting negative effect that contravenes the obligations of China under the Joint Declaration and the Basic Law;

(B) is not likely to be repeated in the future; and

(C) has been reversed or otherwise mitigated through positive countermeasures taken by that foreign financial institution.

(3) NOTIFICATION REQUIRED.—If the President makes a determination under paragraph (1) or (2) to exclude or remove a foreign person or foreign financial institution from a report under subsection (a) or (b), as the case may be, the President shall notify the appropriate congressional committees and leadership of the determination and the reasons for the determination.

(e) UPDATE OF REPORTS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Each report submitted under subsections (a) and (b) shall be updated in an ongoing manner and, to the extent practicable, updated reports shall be resubmitted with the annual report under section 301 of the United States-Hong Kong Policy Act of 1992 (22 U.S.C. 5731).

(2) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to terminate the requirement to update the reports under subsections (a) and (b) upon the termination of the requirement to submit the annual report under section 301 of the United States-Hong Kong Policy Act of 1992 (22 U.S.C. 5731).

(f) FORM OF REPORTS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Each report under subsection (a) or (b) (including updates under subsection (e)) shall be submitted in unclassified form and made available to the public.

(2) CLASSIFIED ANNEX.—The explanations and descriptions included in the report under subsection (a)(2) (including updates under subsection (e)) may be expanded on in a classified annex.

(g) MATERIAL CONTRIBUTIONS RELATED TO OBLIGATIONS OF CHINA DESCRIBED.—For purposes of this section, a foreign person materially contributes to the failure of the Government of China to meet its obligations under the Joint Declaration or the Basic Law if the person—

(1) took action that resulted in the inability of the people of Hong Kong—

(A) to enjoy freedom of assembly, speech, press, or independent rule of law; or

(B) to participate in democratic outcomes; or

(2) otherwise took action that reduces the high degree of autonomy of Hong Kong.

**SEC. 6. SANCTIONS WITH RESPECT TO FOREIGN PERSONS THAT CONTRAVENE THE OBLIGATIONS OF CHINA UNDER THE JOINT DECLARATION OR THE BASIC LAW.**

(a) IMPOSITION OF SANCTIONS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—On and after the date on which a foreign person is included in the report under section 5(a) or an update to that report under section 5(e), the President may impose sanctions described in subsection (b) with respect to that foreign person.

(2) MANDATORY SANCTIONS.—Not later than one year after the date on which a foreign person is included in the report under section 5(a) or an update to that report under section 5(e), the President shall impose sanctions described in subsection (b) with respect to that foreign person.

(b) SANCTIONS DESCRIBED.—The sanctions described in this subsection with respect to a foreign person are the following:

(1) PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS.—The President may, pursuant to such regulations as the President may prescribe, prohibit any person from—

(A) acquiring, holding, withholding, using, transferring, withdrawing, transporting, or exporting any property that is subject to the jurisdiction of the United States and with re-

spect to which the foreign person has any interest;

(B) dealing in or exercising any right, power, or privilege with respect to such property; or

(C) conducting any transaction involving such property.

(2) EXCLUSION FROM THE UNITED STATES AND REVOCATION OF VISA OR OTHER DOCUMENTATION.—In the case of a foreign person who is an individual, the President may direct the Secretary of State to deny a visa to, and the Secretary of Homeland Security to exclude from the United States, the foreign person, subject to regulatory exceptions to permit the United States to comply with the Agreement regarding the Headquarters of the United Nations, signed at Lake Success June 26, 1947, and entered into force November 21, 1947, between the United Nations and the United States, or other applicable international obligations.

**SEC. 7. SANCTIONS WITH RESPECT TO FOREIGN FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS THAT CONDUCT SIGNIFICANT TRANSACTIONS WITH FOREIGN PERSONS THAT CONTRAVENE THE OBLIGATIONS OF CHINA UNDER THE JOINT DECLARATION OR THE BASIC LAW.**

(a) IMPOSITION OF SANCTIONS.—

(1) INITIAL SANCTIONS.—Not later than one year after the date on which a foreign financial institution is included in the report under section 5(b) or an update to that report under section 5(e), the President shall impose not fewer than 5 of the sanctions described in subsection (b) with respect to that foreign financial institution.

(2) EXPANDED SANCTIONS.—Not later than two years after the date on which a foreign financial institution is included in the report under section 5(b) or an update to that report under section 5(e), the President shall impose each of the sanctions described in subsection (b).

(b) SANCTIONS DESCRIBED.—The sanctions described in this subsection with respect to a foreign financial institution are the following:

(1) LOANS FROM UNITED STATES FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS.—The United States Government may prohibit any United States financial institution from making loans or providing credits to the foreign financial institution.

(2) PROHIBITION ON DESIGNATION AS PRIMARY DEALER.—Neither the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System nor the Federal Reserve Bank of New York may designate, or permit the continuation of any prior designation of, the foreign financial institution as a primary dealer in United States Government debt instruments.

(3) PROHIBITION ON SERVICE AS A REPOSITORY OF GOVERNMENT FUNDS.—The foreign financial institution may not serve as agent of the United States Government or serve as repository for United States Government funds.

(4) FOREIGN EXCHANGE.—The President may, pursuant to such regulations as the President may prescribe, prohibit any transactions in foreign exchange that are subject to the jurisdiction of the United States and involve the foreign financial institution.

(5) BANKING TRANSACTIONS.—The President may, pursuant to such regulations as the President may prescribe, prohibit any transfers of credit or payments between financial institutions or by, through, or to any financial institution, to the extent that such transfers or payments are subject to the jurisdiction of the United States and involve the foreign financial institution.

(6) PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS.—The President may, pursuant to such regulations as the President may prescribe, prohibit any person from—

(A) acquiring, holding, withholding, using, transferring, withdrawing, transporting, importing, or exporting any property that is subject to the jurisdiction of the United States and with respect to which the foreign financial institution has any interest;

(B) dealing in or exercising any right, power, or privilege with respect to such property; or

(C) conducting any transaction involving such property.

(7) RESTRICTION ON EXPORTS, REEXPORTS, AND TRANSFERS.—The President, in consultation with the Secretary of Commerce, may restrict or prohibit exports, reexports, and transfers (in-country) of commodities, software, and technology subject to the jurisdiction of the United States directly or indirectly to the foreign financial institution.

(8) BAN ON INVESTMENT IN EQUITY OR DEBT.—The President may, pursuant to such regulations or guidelines as the President may prescribe, prohibit any United States person from investing in or purchasing significant amounts of equity or debt instruments of the foreign financial institution.

(9) EXCLUSION OF CORPORATE OFFICERS.—The President may direct the Secretary of State, in consultation with the Secretary of the Treasury and the Secretary of Homeland Security, to exclude from the United States any alien that is determined to be a corporate officer or principal of, or a shareholder with a controlling interest in, the foreign financial institution, subject to regulatory exceptions to permit the United States to comply with the Agreement regarding the Headquarters of the United Nations, signed at Lake Success June 26, 1947, and entered into force November 21, 1947, between the United Nations and the United States, or other applicable international obligations.

(10) SANCTIONS ON PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICERS.—The President may impose on the principal executive officer or officers of the foreign financial institution, or on individuals performing similar functions and with similar authorities as such officer or officers, any of the sanctions described in paragraphs (1) through (8) that are applicable.

(c) TIMING OF SANCTIONS.—The President may impose sanctions required under subsection (a) with respect to a financial institution included in the report under section 5(b) or an update to that report under section 5(e) beginning on the day on which the financial institution is included in that report or update.

**SEC. 8. WAIVER, TERMINATION, EXCEPTIONS, AND CONGRESSIONAL REVIEW PROCESS.**

(a) NATIONAL SECURITY WAIVER.—Unless a disapproval resolution is enacted under subsection (e), the President may waive the application of sanctions under section 6 or 7 with respect to a foreign person or foreign financial institution if the President—

(1) determines that the waiver is in the national security interest of the United States; and

(2) submits to the appropriate congressional committees and leadership a report on the determination and the reasons for the determination.

(b) TERMINATION OF SANCTIONS AND REMOVAL FROM REPORT.—Unless a disapproval resolution is enacted under subsection (e), the President may terminate the application of sanctions under section 6 or 7 with respect to a foreign person or foreign financial institution and remove the foreign person from the report required under section 5(a) or the foreign financial institution from the report required under section 5(b), as the case may be, if the Secretary of State, in consultation with the Secretary of the Treasury, determines that the actions taken by the foreign

person or foreign financial institution that led to the imposition of sanctions—

(1) do not have a significant and lasting negative effect that contravenes the obligations of China under the Joint Declaration and the Basic Law;

(2) are not likely to be repeated in the future; and

(3) have been reversed or otherwise mitigated through positive countermeasures taken by that foreign person or foreign financial institution.

(c) TERMINATION OF ACT.—

(1) REPORT.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than July 1, 2046, the President, in consultation with the Secretary of State, the Secretary of the Treasury, and the heads of such other Federal agencies as the President considers appropriate, shall submit to Congress a report evaluating the implementation of this Act and sanctions imposed pursuant to this Act.

(B) ELEMENTS.—The President shall include in the report submitted under subparagraph (A) an assessment of whether this Act and the sanctions imposed pursuant to this Act should be terminated.

(2) TERMINATION.—This Act and the sanctions imposed pursuant to this Act shall remain in effect unless a termination resolution is enacted under subsection (e) after July 1, 2047.

(d) EXCEPTION RELATING TO IMPORTATION OF GOODS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The authorities and requirements to impose sanctions under sections 6 and 7 shall not include the authority or requirement to impose sanctions on the importation of goods.

(2) GOOD DEFINED.—In this subsection, the term “good” means any article, natural or manmade substance, material, supply, or manufactured product, including inspection and test equipment, and excluding technical data.

(e) CONGRESSIONAL REVIEW.—

(1) RESOLUTIONS.—

(A) DISAPPROVAL RESOLUTION.—In this section, the term “disapproval resolution” means only a joint resolution of either House of Congress—

(i) the title of which is as follows: “A joint resolution disapproving the waiver or termination of sanctions with respect to a foreign person that contravenes the obligations of China with respect to Hong Kong or a foreign financial institution that conducts a significant transaction with that person.”; and

(ii) the sole matter after the resolving clause of which is the following: “Congress disapproves of the action under section 8 of the Hong Kong Autonomy Act relating to the application of sanctions imposed with respect to a foreign person that contravenes the obligations of China with respect to Hong Kong, or a foreign financial institution that conducts a significant transaction with that person, on \_\_\_\_\_, relating to \_\_\_\_\_.”, with the first blank space being filled with the appropriate date and the second blank space being filled with a short description of the proposed action.

(B) TERMINATION RESOLUTION.—In this section, the term “termination resolution” means only a joint resolution of either House of Congress—

(i) the title of which is as follows: “A joint resolution terminating sanctions with respect to foreign persons that contravene the obligations of China with respect to Hong Kong and foreign financial institutions that conduct significant transactions with those persons.”; and

(ii) the sole matter after the resolving clause of which is the following: “The Hong Kong Autonomy Act and any sanctions imposed pursuant to that Act shall terminate

on \_\_\_\_\_.”, with the blank space being filled with the termination date.

(C) COVERED RESOLUTION.—In this subsection, the term “covered resolution” means a disapproval resolution or a termination resolution.

(2) INTRODUCTION.—A covered resolution may be introduced—

(A) in the House of Representatives, by the majority leader or the minority leader; and

(B) in the Senate, by the majority leader (or the majority leader’s designee) or the minority leader (or the minority leader’s designee).

(3) FLOOR CONSIDERATION IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.—If a committee of the House of Representatives to which a covered resolution has been referred has not reported the resolution within 10 legislative days after the date of referral, that committee shall be discharged from further consideration of the resolution.

(4) CONSIDERATION IN THE SENATE.—

(A) COMMITTEE REFERRAL.—

(i) DISAPPROVAL RESOLUTION.—A disapproval resolution introduced in the Senate shall be—

(I) referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs if the resolution relates to an action that is not intended to significantly alter United States foreign policy with regard to China; and

(II) referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations if the resolution relates to an action that is intended to significantly alter United States foreign policy with regard to China.

(ii) TERMINATION RESOLUTION.—A termination resolution introduced in the Senate shall be referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs and the Committee on Foreign Relations.

(B) REPORTING AND DISCHARGE.—If a committee to which a covered resolution was referred has not reported the resolution within 10 calendar days after the date of referral of the resolution, that committee shall be discharged from further consideration of the resolution and the resolution shall be placed on the appropriate calendar.

(C) PROCEEDING TO CONSIDERATION.—Notwithstanding Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, it is in order at any time after the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs or the Committee on Foreign Relations, as the case may be, reports a covered resolution to the Senate or has been discharged from consideration of such a resolution (even though a previous motion to the same effect has been disagreed to) to move to proceed to the consideration of the resolution, and all points of order against the resolution (and against consideration of the resolution) are waived. The motion to proceed is not debatable. The motion is not subject to a motion to postpone. A motion to reconsider the vote by which the motion is agreed to or disagreed to shall not be in order.

(D) RULINGS OF THE CHAIR ON PROCEDURE.—Appeals from the decisions of the Chair relating to the application of the rules of the Senate, as the case may be, to the procedure relating to a covered resolution shall be decided without debate.

(E) CONSIDERATION OF VETO MESSAGES.—Debate in the Senate of any veto message with respect to a covered resolution, including all debatable motions and appeals in connection with the resolution, shall be limited to 10 hours, to be equally divided between, and controlled by, the majority leader and the minority leader or their designees.

(5) RULES RELATING TO SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.—

(A) TREATMENT OF SENATE RESOLUTION IN HOUSE.—In the House of Representatives, the following procedures shall apply to a covered

resolution received from the Senate (unless the House has already passed a resolution relating to the same proposed action):

(i) The resolution shall be referred to the appropriate committees.

(ii) If a committee to which a resolution has been referred has not reported the resolution within 10 legislative days after the date of referral, that committee shall be discharged from further consideration of the resolution.

(iii) Beginning on the third legislative day after each committee to which a resolution has been referred reports the resolution to the House or has been discharged from further consideration thereof, it shall be in order to move to proceed to consider the resolution in the House. All points of order against the motion are waived. Such a motion shall not be in order after the House has disposed of a motion to proceed on the resolution. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the motion to its adoption without intervening motion. The motion shall not be debatable. A motion to reconsider the vote by which the motion is disposed of shall not be in order.

(iv) The resolution shall be considered as read. All points of order against the resolution and against its consideration are waived. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the resolution to final passage without intervening motion except 2 hours of debate equally divided and controlled by the offeror of the motion to proceed (or a designee) and an opponent. A motion to reconsider the vote on passage of the resolution shall not be in order.

(B) TREATMENT OF HOUSE RESOLUTION IN SENATE.—

(i) RECEIVED BEFORE PASSAGE OF SENATE RESOLUTION.—If, before the passage by the Senate of a covered resolution, the Senate receives an identical resolution from the House of Representatives, the following procedures shall apply:

(I) That resolution shall not be referred to a committee.

(II) With respect to that resolution—

(aa) the procedure in the Senate shall be the same as if no resolution had been received from the House of Representatives; but

(bb) the vote on passage shall be on the resolution from the House of Representatives.

(ii) RECEIVED AFTER PASSAGE OF SENATE RESOLUTION.—If, following passage of a covered resolution in the Senate, the Senate receives an identical resolution from the House of Representatives, that resolution shall be placed on the appropriate Senate calendar.

(iii) NO SENATE COMPANION.—If a covered resolution is received from the House of Representatives, and no companion resolution has been introduced in the Senate, the Senate procedures under this subsection shall apply to the resolution from the House of Representatives.

(C) APPLICATION TO REVENUE MEASURES.—The provisions of this paragraph shall not apply in the House of Representatives to a covered resolution that is a revenue measure.

(6) RULES OF HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND SENATE.—This subsection is enacted by Congress—

(A) as an exercise of the rulemaking power of the Senate and the House of Representatives, respectively, and as such is deemed a part of the rules of each House, respectively, and supersedes other rules only to the extent that it is inconsistent with such rules; and

(B) with full recognition of the constitutional right of either House to change the rules (so far as relating to the procedure of

that House) at any time, in the same manner, and to the same extent as in the case of any other rule of that House.

**SEC. 9. IMPLEMENTATION; PENALTIES.**

(a) **IMPLEMENTATION.**—The President may exercise all authorities provided under sections 203 and 205 of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1702 and 1704) to the extent necessary to carry out this Act.

(b) **PENALTIES.**—A person that violates, attempts to violate, conspires to violate, or causes a violation of section 6 or 7 or any regulation, license, or order issued to carry out that section shall be subject to the penalties set forth in subsections (b) and (c) of section 206 of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1705) to the same extent as a person that commits an unlawful act described in subsection (a) of that section.

**SEC. 10. RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.**

Nothing in this Act shall be construed as an authorization of military force against China.

AMENDMENT OFFERED BY MR. SHERMAN

Mr. SHERMAN. Madam Speaker, I have an amendment at the desk.

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

The Clerk read as follows:

On page 35, line 16, strike “calendar” and insert “legislative”.

The amendment was agreed to.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

**EXTENDING AUTHORITY FOR COMMITMENTS FOR THE PAYCHECK PROTECTION PROGRAM**

Ms. CRAIG. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to take from the Speaker’s table the bill (S. 4116) to extend the authority for commitments for the paycheck protection program and separate amounts authorized for other loans under section 7(a) of the Small Business Act, and for other purposes, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from Minnesota?

There was no objection.

The text of the bill is as follows:

S. 4116

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

**SECTION 1. EXTENDING AUTHORITY FOR COMMITMENTS FOR THE PAYCHECK PROTECTION PROGRAM AND SEPARATING AMOUNTS AUTHORIZED FOR OTHER 7(A) LOANS.**

Section 1102(b) of title I of division A of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (Public Law 116-136) is amended to read as follows:

“(b) COMMITMENTS FOR PPP AND OTHER 7(A) LOANS.—

“(1) PPP LOANS.—During the period beginning on February 15, 2020 and ending on August 8, 2020, the amount authorized for commitments under paragraph (36) of section 7(a) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 636(a)) shall be \$659,000,000,000.

“(2) OTHER 7(A) LOANS.—During fiscal year 2020, the amount authorized for commit-

ments for section 7(a) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 636(a)) under the heading ‘BUSINESS LOANS PROGRAM ACCOUNT’ under the heading ‘SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION’ under title V of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2020 (Public Law 116-93; 133 Stat. 2475) shall apply with respect to any commitments under such section 7(a) other than under paragraph (36) of such section 7(a).”

The bill was ordered to be read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

**APPOINTMENT OF INDIVIDUAL TO THE PUBLIC INTEREST DECLASSIFICATION BOARD**

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces the Speaker’s appointment, pursuant to section 703(c) of the Public Interest Declassification Act of 2000 (50 U.S.C. 3161 note), and the order of the House of January 3, 2019, of the following individual on the part of the House to the Public Interest Declassification Board for a term of 3 years:

John Tierney, Salem, Massachusetts

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY, AMERICA**

(Ms. JACKSON LEE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, as America approaches her birthday, I want to wish the American people, in this most challenging time, a happy birthday.

I want to be reminded of those whose status in this country is not a status of equality, but I do want to acknowledge the importance of the birthday and the freedom and democracy in this Nation.

I want to thank the men and women of the United States military, and I want to acknowledge that any threat against those in the United States military is a serious threat. Any Commander in Chief that initially assesses a threat as a hoax should not be in that position.

The Russian threat of bounty on our soldiers in Afghanistan must be fully investigated by every jurisdictional committee in the United States Congress, but there must be a response to Russia, because those soldiers are precious and they are precious in the fight for freedom and to their families and to this Nation.

Again, as we wish a happy birthday, let us be reminded that those who have fallen in battle have fallen to continue to build on the democracy and the justice that we fought for and to make those who are yet equal, equal in the eyes of the law. We continue to fight. We must continue to defend our soldiers as they defend us.

Happy birthday, America.

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**DEFENDING POLICE**

(Mr. PALAZZO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PALAZZO. Madam Speaker, just a year ago, south Mississippi mourned the senseless murder of Officer Robert McKeithen, and this month, Mississippi lost one of our sheriff’s deputies, James Blair, in the line of duty.

Despite the dangers from criminals and lawlessness in our communities, some in America continue to call for defunding and dismantling police departments across the country. While we watched stores looted and cities burned by street thugs and anarchists, the men and women of law enforcement were labeled as the enemy.

Madam Speaker, police officers are not the enemy. They are the thin blue line standing between good and evil, civilization and chaos. I stand here today in 100 percent support of defending our police officers and not defunding them.

Madam Speaker, I ask all the good citizens of America to stand up and do the same. Defunding law enforcement is not the answer to the problems of this country. Removing criminals from our streets is.

May God bless the men and women in blue and their families.

**ONE \$1,200 CHECK IS NOT ENOUGH**

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

Ms. CLARKE of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to reemphasize the urgent need for the U.S. Senate to pass the HEROES Act.

Communities across the country have been and continue to be ravaged by the health and economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. One \$1,200 check is not enough to cover 3 months of expenses for millions of out-of-work Americans, and many families are still missing a check.

Millions of Americans are behind on rent and unable to pay their bills, worried they may be evicted from their homes. Frontline workers are risking their lives and the lives of their loved ones to ensure that our communities and our people can continue to thrive.

The coronavirus is resurging across the country, and this administration is shutting down Federal testing sites in impacted communities.

The HEROES Act will provide payments to families, create a national moratorium on evictions and foreclosures, provide hazard pay for frontline workers, and provide billions for testing and contact tracing.

While Americans suffer from this crisis, the leadership on the Senate side sits behind his desk, refusing to hold votes on a bill that will provide support and relief for millions of Americans in need.

Madam Speaker, it is time for Senator McCONNELL to lead with empathy and pass this legislation.

As a representative of one of the hardest hit communities by the

coronavirus, I know, now more than ever, we must pass this landmark bill into law, and do it now.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF COACH CHARLES RIPLEY

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

Mr. HILL of Arkansas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of one of Arkansas' great coaching legends, Mr. Charles Ripley, who passed away this week at the age of 74.

In his 27-year tenure at the Little Rock School District, Coach Ripley led the Parkview Patriots to five boys State basketball titles and an overall record of 487-152.

In 1995, Coach Ripley was hired as the head basketball coach of Westark Community College in Fort Smith and then returned to Little Rock to serve as the athletic director and men's basketball coach at Arkansas Baptist College.

Coach Rip is a real hero to so many in our community and is in the Arkansas Sports Hall of Fame.

The Arkansas Baptist College Foundation has established the Rip It Scholarship Fund to fund and honor his long-time efforts to fund and assist student-athletes at Arkansas Baptist College.

I join all Arkansans in honoring this remarkable life.

Madam Speaker, I also want to say that I congratulate the House on concurring with the Senate on extending the PPP program date until August 8. This will help small businesses all over our country.

#### CORONAVIRUS MAKES NEED FOR AFFORDABLE HEALTHCARE VITAL

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

Mrs. FLETCHER. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Enhancement Act.

At this unprecedented moment in our country's history, when the novel coronavirus has made plain the vital need for affordable and accessible healthcare for people across our country, I was proud to cast my vote in favor of this bill, which builds on the Affordable Care Act.

Ten years ago, the Affordable Care Act expanded access to healthcare for millions across Texas and across the country. Since that time, we have also learned of critical improvements needed to the ACA to ensure that care is both affordable and accessible.

This bill lowers the cost of prescription drugs, caps premiums, and protects people with preexisting conditions.

Vitally important for Texas, with the highest rate of uninsured people in the country, this bill encourages States that haven't expanded Medicaid to do

so. And I will work with leaders in Texas to make sure that we do.

These are priorities for people across my district, across my State, and across our country. As we battle this public health crisis, I am glad the legislation that is necessary and timely has passed the House, and I urge the Senate to do the same.

#### MOVING FORWARD ON PATH TO SUSTAINABILITY

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

Mr. LEVIN of California. Madam Speaker, today, the House of Representatives took a significant step forward for the American people by passing the Moving Forward Act, a \$1.5 trillion legislative package to invest in America's infrastructure and create jobs. I am proud to support this legislation.

Among other things, this package will help combat the climate crisis and grow clean energy jobs. It includes my Public Land Renewable Energy Development Act, which facilitates renewable energy development on public lands and sets a goal to develop 25 gigawatts of renewable energy generation on our public lands by 2025.

I also worked to ensure that the package includes local priorities like my Desalination Development Act, which will provide Federal funding for desalination projects like those in my district.

Finally, the Moving Forward Act includes my amendment to authorize nearly \$3.4 billion to construct, maintain, and renovate Department of Veterans Affairs capital infrastructure. The amendment also prioritizes service-disabled, veteran-owned small businesses to complete many of these projects.

Ultimately, the Moving Forward Act puts our country on the path to a more sustainable future, and I urge the Senate to take it up immediately.

#### RECOGNIZING CHRIST CORDON

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

Mr. DUNN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember an outstanding member of the Panama City community, Christ Cordon.

Christ passed away last week. He was a devoted husband, father, and friend to me as well as many others.

He owned a small business and quietly gave to organizations, individuals, and causes he believed in. He generously contributed to the Children's Advocacy Center, checking on and supporting them after Hurricane Michael.

The fact that Christ gave so much without seeking any recognition speaks volumes about his character. His death is a truly huge loss for our

community. He was exceptional. He leaves behind a loving wife and a young son.

I am grateful for the time that I had with Christ Cordon and for the privilege of calling him my friend. I encourage all of us to think about the impact we have made on our communities, and how we can continue to serve our communities in the future, just as Christ did.

#### ADDRESSING INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS IN OUR COUNTRY

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

Mr. PANETTA. Madam Speaker, I am proud to have supported H.R. 2, the Moving Forward Act.

This comprehensive infrastructure package will make clean energy investments, create more affordable housing, and improve broadband across the United States.

I am proud that H.R. 2 included many of my bills, including the green bus tax credit, so that Monterey-Salinas Transit and Santa Cruz METRO, in my district, can get their fleets of zero-emission buses on the roads and also my Clean Energy Production Parity Act to support linear generators manufactured in California.

H.R. 2 also includes my amendments to increase the Reforestation Trust Fund for more job-creating environmental infrastructure and to give greater flexibility to communities using EDA funding so that we can better target Federal funding for economic recovery projects.

It is past time to address the infrastructure needs of our country. That is why I urge my colleagues in the Senate to, hopefully, take up and pass H.R. 2, so that we can continue to move our country forward to meet the challenges of tomorrow.

#### HONORING BRANDON CASERTA

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

Mr. MOULTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Brandon Caserta.

Brandon was a 21-year-old United States Navy petty officer. He couldn't get mental health help when he needed it, and as a result, he died from suicide on the flightline of his squadron in Norfolk, Virginia.

Last week, on the second anniversary of the day that Brandon's parents, Patrick and Teri, lost their son, I was proud to introduce the Brandon Act. I am also proud to have successfully added this bill to the NDAA today in the House Armed Services Committee in honor of Brandon.

With the Brandon Act, servicemembers can seek mental health help whenever they need it, even outside the chain of command, which is important

in cases of hazing, bullying, or anything else our heroes want to handle privately by self-referral.

We won't get Brandon back, but his legacy will be the servicemembers' lives he saves when this bill becomes law. Let's pass the Brandon Act for Brandon, Teri, and Patrick Caserta, and for every servicemember who wants mental health help but can't get it. We owe it to them.

#### RECOGNIZING BUD COOK

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

Ms. WILD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Bud Cook, the northeast Pennsylvania program director for the Nature Conservancy.

For more than 40 years, Bud has been one of the foremost advocates for conservation and environmental protection in my community and in Pennsylvania.

For decades, Bud has led efforts to conserve and protect nature in the Greater Lehigh Valley and beyond. He established Monroe County Citizens for Open Space and led a pioneering fundraising campaign in support of land protection, and he has mentored generations of conservation advocates who have gone on to spearhead successful campaigns of their own.

Bud's quick wit and passion for his work have endeared him to many and helped create opportunities for collaboration in communities that might otherwise be divided, bringing together citizens united by their mutual desire to protect their beloved natural environment.

Bud's legacy can be experienced in the Hauser Nature Center in Long Pond, in the Cherry Valley National Wildlife Refuge, and innumerable places across my community where natural beauty is protected and preserved in our time and for generations to come.

As Bud prepares to retire and start a new chapter, I want to recognize his exceptional contributions.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of a grateful community, we thank and congratulate him for all he has done.

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#### ISSUES OF THE DAY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2019, the gentlewoman from Michigan (Ms. STEVENS) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.

Ms. STEVENS. Madam Speaker, it is an honor to join you in the Chamber this evening. I thank all of our professional staff, as well; our parliamentarian, our readers, our clerks, our typists for their continued commitment to this institution in this climate.

It certainly feels different. We recognize that the well is no longer open for

this time period, that we speak from the desk and from the chairs, and yet, we still speak. We still deliberate. We still conduct the dialogue and the discourse of democracy, for that is what we do in this institution, we erect and pass the Nation's laws.

And oftentimes we hear from the public that it feels so polarized, that it feels too heated, that it feels stagnant because of the polarization. Why can't you just work together? You hear that all the time. I hear that from my district that is comprised of so many Independents, people who are not registered as Democrat or Republican. They are registered to vote, and they are good Americans in Michigan's 11th district, but they are looking for us to work together.

And in part, Madam Speaker, it is because I represent so many manufacturers, so many individuals who are engineers, who are dedicated makers and creators, so many educators, people passing those technical skills down to the next generation, Madam Speaker. I know you have many of those in your district in eastern Iowa. That is something us midwestern ladies have in common, the districts we represent are full of the people who make things. And they go to work every day not under a partisan circumstance, right, they go to work to produce, to give a good day's effort for that on-time delivery. That is the privilege I have representing the largest concentration of suppliers in America.

The world changed very quickly in 2020, this new decade in this still fledgling century. It changed so quickly with the coronavirus pandemic. Almost overnight schools stopped, work stopped. Health and safety paramount. The listening and the engagement with the science, the patience that we had to provide for the science with a new virus that swept the globe in a fiscal quarter, less than a fiscal quarter. Many infected, many perished tragically and unfortunately, and yet, our economy changed as a result.

And I think it is worth noting where our economy is today and what I am seeing out of my incredible district, a manufacturing district. We have some sayings in Michigan, the metro Detroit area. We call ourselves "metro Detroit." It is southeastern Michigan. It is just an absolutely remarkable place. And we say, you know, Detroit hustles harder, that Detroit hustles harder. And I like to say that Detroit always rises, that we rise when times are steady, and we certainly rise when times are tough. And we have done it before, Madam Speaker.

There is a fly in here, but I don't mind having a little fly buzzing around the floor. Who'd a thunk? But the words continue.

Detroit always rises. And we say that because 10 years ago we were staring at the edge of another cliff. Our auto industry was looking at bankruptcy, true liquidation, in the face. And it wasn't just a nameplate company, it wasn't

just General Motors and Chrysler and Ford, but it was the thousands of suppliers with the hundreds of thousands of jobs, 900,000 jobs on the line.

And Democrats and Republicans together said, We are not going to let Main Street fail. We are going to continue to be a first world Nation with industrial assets. And that is what we did with the CARES Act. Overwhelming support passed by a Republican Senate, a Democratic House, signed by a Republican President standing up for the hardworking American and for our industrial assets that we will continue to make cars in America.

Little known fact about southeastern Michigan, we have an incredible aerospace sector, a diversified supply chain. We just launched a rocket, SpaceX, into outer space. So many of the suppliers in my region, so many of the incredible workers helped produce the parts and components that go into those rockets. It is absolutely remarkable what we continue to do and the workforce that bests all the expectations.

So what did we do when this pandemic hit and we had to say, Guess what? For the health and safety of everyone, auto manufacturing is ceased for the time being. It had to shelter, it had to hibernate. But then they stood up and said, We are going to make protective personal equipment. Ford with their respirators. General Motors with the ventilators. Chrysler with a million-masks source and on and on down the supply chain.

The hand sanitizer coming from Michigan Enterprises. It has been unbelievable having those conversations.

AlphaUSA located right in Livonia, Michigan, right where our incredible district office is located. I saw them shortly before we went into the shutdown, a UAW-run supplier company and they were making the PPE. Now, we keep our fingers on the pulse of this manufacturing sector.

And we, by the way, recognize that today it is an incredibly special day, not only because it is America's birthday coming up and we salute all of our good men and women, our veterans, our current members of our Armed Forces, and those who, throughout our communities, are going to safely engage in recognizing America's birthday.

But we are also going to recognize what July 1st is, which is, it is the new day of our competitive framework as a North American continent. The USMCA. What the freshman class, with so many of us, came here to see done right, not for some, you know, bad action for the prescription drugs or anything along those lines, but to say, We are going to make things in America. We are going to increase Buy American content. We are going to make and produce and sell to the world, and by golly, we got this trade deal done.

And so now we can go and win, and we can compete more effectively

against China. We know they are a problem. We know they are not good actors. We know they manipulate their currency. We know that they dump. But yet, it is a new dynamic here with this trade deal, and it begins today.

And I am on the phone with the trade ambassador and the deputy trade ambassador and all our manufacturers working on an effective and fair implementation, recognizing that given this pandemic, given the low demand, that sales are down. It is on the front page of our Detroit newspapers today, the free press and the news, the projected almost-40-percent decline in auto sales.

Remember my friends, Detroit hustles harder. Detroit always rises. We rise to the industrial call in this Nation. That is what we did in World War II. And we don't say those things because they are clichés. We don't hearken to the Greatest Generation because it is trite. It is because we can do big things in this Nation collectively and together. We can fight common enemies. We can protect the health and safety of everyone together.

Look at what is manifesting in the neighborhoods around this country. Certainly, in the incredible neighborhoods that I represent. Right across the street from me is an industrial park right off of Auburn Road. And then you go on down and there is a nursing home. Heroes work here.

We value work in America. And there is no better time than this era that we have found ourselves in with the respect and dignity for the value of work and organized labor and a 21st century labor movement that is going to protect enforceable standards and make sure that no one has to go to work afraid, but that they can successfully go to work and produce that outcome. Everyone matters. No one should be left behind.

Our schools, the envy, frankly, in my opinion, in my district, the envy of the world because of our training programs. We have more first robotics teams in Michigan than in any other State in the country.

Now, I was looking forward to going to Worlds, okay, it is located in Michigan. It has teams from all over the world competing, not just because they are making amazing robotic machines and pieces of equipment, but they are doing strategy, they are doing communications, they are doing sales, they are doing diplomacy. These students give me hope, and we owe them all a debt, not just of gratitude but of responsibility.

We talked a lot about the class of 2020. We talked a lot about the class. They didn't get to go through their traditional sayonaras, the traditional graduations, the proms, the engagements. Some of them have senioritis to begin with. They are ready for that next step. They are ready for that training program, that engineering degree.

Oakland University, located in my district, an amazing engineering school

leading in cybersecurity. We are a hub for cybersecurity in Michigan's 11th District in partnership with Automation Alley. And yet we think about our students who are still coming through the pipeline who missed out on a sports season, who missed out on a computer science class, and yet they are not even seniors. And we have got to think very carefully and effectively and collectively as a government, not just exclusively as the House of Representatives as one Chamber, but in partnership with our government actors.

This is why I talk to the dozens of mayors from Michigan's 11th District every week. My friends, from Commerce, to Canton, to Plymouth, to Troy. We are on the phone with one another working, deliberating, identifying, and engaging. How do we get the best results possible for the most amount of people who we represent and work for in the given time? And that is what we are doing for our students.

So I want to remind every student from the Chamber of which I am delivering this address, the House of Representatives, we work for you and we will continue to be accountable to you and for you. We will listen to you, and we are so proud of you.

For the recently graduated seniors who are going to go off to that freshman year or to that new job or to join our military, we salute you. We are grateful for you.

And for those of you still making your way through, we are not going to leave you behind, and we are going to continue to listen to you and see all the ways in which you use the tools before you to succeed. It is absolutely remarkable.

And we are going to continue with your intellect, your talent, your brilliance to be leaders in Michigan of the manufacturing economy.

Where the world looks to us leading on electric vehicle technology, companies like soulbrain that make the chemicals, the electrolytes that go into the lithium-ion batteries. They are the only one in the region, and they are one of two in the United States.

So we talk a lot about Buy American. Buy American. American jobs. Of course, we do. We are the country that makes things that the entire world wants to buy. And when we look at the complexity of supply chains and sourcing Buy American and who chooses to expand their business, we love when they come to Michigan. We do that because we have the right policies in place, and we have the right tapestry here.

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We are looking at our countless downtowns, small communities. I represent the suburbs, the downtown areas, the sole proprietors, the individual companies that are not reliant on a brand name, but they are reliant on themselves. They are entrepreneurs. It is really quite remarkable the leadership that they have shown.

We are going to continue to listen to them and compete on fair and level playing fields. That is certainly a big part of it.

We are going to recognize what a diverse workforce gets us, what the competition for talent gives us, and we are certainly going to talk with our community stakeholders.

We did so much in the CARES Act, Madam Speaker, to make sure that we stood up for the small businesses of America, the small businesses in our district. It is absolutely imperative to make sure that our small businesses can compete.

Now that some of our companies are back online and we are seeing our auto manufacturing go back—I was just at a great company, Clips & Clamps, a tool and die company. They bought a brand-new stamping machine, just gleaming, absolutely beautiful. They turned on the stamper; I cheered. Just amazing, the humming of making things in this country.

You have to understand the supply chain. You have to understand the complexity that goes into the payment cycles and the receivables and the need for fair and proper assurance.

We only have to bat our eyes a couple of times and then we remember what we were looking at when we had the largest drop in automotive sales in recent history. In 2008, credit dried up, and our suppliers were left wondering, "Am I going to get paid? Am I going to continue to be able to do the on-time delivery?" We have to do that today, right?

Liquidity in the supply chain is a real thing, and boy, is it complex to talk about. It certainly doesn't fit into a nice hashtag or a 140-character sound bite.

We wrote the Secretary of the Treasury about this. Senator GARY PETERS and I, along with the Michigan delegation.

This is a great coming together of our government if we can get this done and make sure that our suppliers can continue to supply the original equipment manufacturers. That is all they are asking for. That is all we are looking for in that.

I believe, with the right wherewithal in the Treasury, you can bring the banks together, you can listen to the workforce, you can make sure people still have jobs and that we continue to make things and compete as effectively as possible.

OPS Solutions is located in Wixom. I invite everyone to come over to Wixom, Michigan, home of the shuttered Ford Lincoln plant from 2007, a rebuilt area.

There were people who were singing the swan song of my region not too long ago. We know what they were saying. We stood up and said something different.

OPS Solutions is run by Paul Ryznar and his incredible team of people doing light-guided parts assembly. You can do it from home. You can do it with a

disability. It is something for all workers.

We talk about education and the need for equal funding in education. We talk about educating students of all abilities and jobs for people with all abilities. OPS Solutions was formed in the downturn in Ryznar's basement, a furloughed auto engineer creating this incredible new enterprise.

OPS Solutions just today joined the World Economic Forum, one of 50 companies in the advanced manufacturing and technology space.

The quiet humming that comes out of Michigan's 11th District is the determination for where the world is going to go with how we make things, how we sell things, and how we operate in a digital economy.

When we think about the plight of these last 20 years—I was talking to another small business owner in my district in the retail sector. "Oh, boy," he was saying, "these last 20 years have really been a whopper. We had 9/11. We had a recession. Now, we have a global pandemic. And every day, I am going into work, and I am working to sell, and I am working to connect with customers. And now, it is really different, connecting with customers."

You look at us as a Nation, and so many of these students today, these young adults, were just being born when our Twin Towers fell down and when our Pentagon was attacked.

I was a young freshman myself at American University, dropped off for school, a kid from the Midwest who got a chance to study political science at an incredible school just a few miles from the Pentagon. My mom and my brother dropped me off, and they left.

I had been talking to my mom about my new Government 101 political science course. I said, "Mom, I am so excited. This is such an amazing class. It is four credits, and that extra credit is experiential learning, and we get to go to the Pentagon." That was the last conversation I had with my mom before 9/11/2001.

She was calling my dorm room. She was calling my dorm room, and she was trying to get in touch with me. Everyone was trying to get in touch with their loved ones, before the smartphone. She couldn't get through.

I signed on to AOL Instant Messenger: "Hey, mom."

What happened next, as a Nation? It is a long story, but economically, we were the ones who proliferated the internet in Industry 4.0, as some people like to describe it, the industrial Internet of Things, making faster, better, closer together, re-localizing manufacturing, re-shoring the production of things.

I believe that device, those flat-screen devices, came from the great innovation of America.

That is what we celebrate. That is what we work toward. That is the tapestry that we are working to put together in this Chamber.

Come visit us at the House Science, Space, and Technology Committee

under EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON's fabulous leadership, Chair EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON, an incredible leader.

Shortly before this pandemic was declared, we passed a bipartisan energy and R&D package through the committee. JIM BAIRD and I, my ranking member, as I have the privilege of serving as the chair for the Research and Technology Subcommittee, passed the Building Blocks of STEM Act, investing in our next generation through the National Science Foundation.

We can do these things with a return on the taxpayer dollar, by the way. We can have the conversation about effective and efficient spending. Just as this institution made money from the auto rescue, the taxpayer made money.

I am optimistic about what is ahead. I am committed to what is ahead because of the stories and the people whom I have the privilege of working alongside in Michigan's 11th District.

I thank you, Madam Speaker, for your time and your diligence this evening, and all the people who continue to make our House of Representatives hum.

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

#### CENTENNIAL OF AMERICAN LEGION EARL GRAHAM POST 159

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2019, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. FLORES) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.

Mr. FLORES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 100-year anniversary of American Legion Earl Graham Post 159.

American Legion Post 159 was chartered 13 February 1920 and named after First Lieutenant Cyrus Earl Graham, Texas A&M University class of 1916.

Lieutenant Graham was a member of the United States Army Air Corps and was killed in action in France on 9 November 1918.

From the beginning, The American Legion created an egalitarian organization open to membership regardless of race, gender, or religion. Post 159 has embodied these goals and has been a community-minded organization since its inception 100 years ago.

During this period, Post 159 has been dedicated to serving the local Brazos Valley community through events such as the Brazos County Fair and the historical Juneteenth Celebration, both of which were hosted on The American Legion grounds. These events saw over 1,000 people come together to embrace our community.

Post 159 of The American Legion continues its commitment to the community to this day, with programs that provide activities for local youth and veterans, as well as support for Active Duty military members serving overseas.

The annual Resource Fair and Veterans Assistance program provides over

\$20,000 in financial assistance to veterans in need.

Madam Speaker, it is clear that The American Legion Earl Graham Post 159 has had a significant and positive impact on the Brazos Valley during its 100-year history.

I have requested the United States flag be flown over our Nation's Capitol to recognize this significant milestone and their contributions to our veterans and to our community.

As I close today, I urge all Americans to continue praying for our country, for our veterans, and for our military men and women who protect us and for our first responders who keep us safe at home.

#### HONORING CLIFFORD SPIEGELMAN, PH.D.

Mr. FLORES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Dr. Clifford Spiegelman of College Station, Texas, who passed away on 14 May 2020.

Dr. Spiegelman, known as Cliff to his family and friends, was born on 15 May 1948 in Long Island, New York, to Charlie and Doris Spiegelman.

In school, he was recognized as an accomplished athlete and won numerous awards for track and other sports. He also excelled in the classroom and pursued a career in academics, receiving his bachelor of science from the State University of New York at Buffalo in 1970, his master's degree in managerial economics from Northwestern University in 1973, and his Ph.D. in statistics and applied mathematics from Northwestern University in 1976.

Cliff started his career with the agency now known as the National Institute of Standards and Technology, commonly called NIST. He later became a tenured professor at the Department of Statistics at Texas A&M University.

Serving on the faculty at Texas A&M for over 30 years, Cliff became renowned in his field and a highly sought-after expert in the application of statistical expertise to forensic science, chemistry, and medicine. In 2019, he was named a distinguished professor of statistics, the university's highest rank for faculty. His contributions to the field of statistics were further recognized in his appointment as a regents professor in 2019.

Cliff was particularly known for his helpful nature and deep commitment to justice and fairness in the criminal justice system. He was nationally recognized for his research on statistical interpretation of criminal evidence, such as bullet fragment analysis and firearm tool marks.

He was a fierce advocate of accuracy by investigators to prevent false convictions. He further expanded his advocacy through his work with the Innocence Project, testifying pro bono in evidentiary admissibility hearings and providing research that played critical roles in overturning false convictions of innocent individuals.

His commitment to justice extended outside of the courtroom as well. He

served on the Texas Forensic Science Commission as well as the Texas Holocaust and Genocide Commission, where he worked to ensure that the death statistics of the Holocaust and other genocides are reliably reported.

Dr. Spiegelman leaves a professional legacy that is unmatched in his field. However, his proudest accomplishments were outside of the workplace.

Cliff married Dr. Katherine Bretzlaaff in 1990, a fellow professor at Texas A&M. Together, they raised two daughters, Lindsey and Abigail, who each carry their parents' commitments to academic excellence, strong work ethic, and kindness to those around them.

In the tributes written by the many individuals and organizations positively impacted by Cliff's work, nearly all spoke of Cliff's pride in his family and his frequent excitement to share the achievements of his daughters.

Madam Speaker, Dr. Clifford Spiegelman's life was defined by his outstanding accomplishments as a professor, mentor, and expert in statistics, as well as his commitment to his family and friends. He will be forever remembered for his strong principles and commitment to excellence and as a devoted husband, father, and friend.

My wife, Gina, and I offer our deepest and heartfelt condolences to the Spiegelman family. I have requested the United States flag be flown over our Nation's Capitol to honor the life, legacy, and service of Dr. Clifford Spiegelman.

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HONORING THE LIFE OF LEWIS MERRIMAN BUTTERY

Mr. FLORES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Mr. Lewis Merriman Buttery of Lampasas, Texas, who passed away on 20 December 2008. Lewis Buttery was born on 20 March 1924 in San Angelo, Texas, to Albert James and Dorothy Hoss Butter.

On his 18th birthday, just 3 months after the attack on Pearl Harbor, he attempted to enlist in the United States Navy. He had hoped to join his older brothers in service—one, an Army artillery officer, and the other, a naval aviator. Unfortunately, Lewis was denied enlistment at that time due to health issues.

This denial only strengthened his resolve to serve his country. Each month he attempted to enlist until he was finally accepted and sworn in on 20 October 1942.

Lewis was called to Active Duty in June of 1943 and was sent to the University of Texas to continue pursuit of his engineering degree. He was later sent to Midshipmen School at Columbia University in New York. In March 1944, Lewis was commissioned as an ensign and ordered to San Francisco to complete gunnery school.

He was ultimately assigned to USS Patrol Craft Escort 880 in Adak, Alaska, as a gunnery officer.

In preparation for the invasion of Japan, his ship was converted into a weather ship, and he became the aeronautical, or weather, officer. The ship was transferred to the Marshall-Gilbert Islands area to transmit weather observations and to guide Army Air Corps bombers which were preparing the way for the invasion of Japan. The invasion did not occur due to the atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, after which Japan quickly surrendered.

Prior to being released to Inactive Duty in the Ready Reserve in July 1946, he became the executive officer of the ship and was promoted to lieutenant junior grade.

Lewis was called back to Active Duty in June 1950 at the start of the Korean war, but his orders were ultimately canceled before he could reach his ship in San Diego. Ultimately, Lieutenant Buttery received an honorable discharge in 1954.

Following World War II, Mr. Buttery came home and finished his degree in chemical engineering at the University of Texas at Austin. He also married Virginia Kerzee in Limestone County, Texas, raised a family, and had a successful career.

Lewis was also a student of maps and cartography. Prior to the war in 1941, he completed courses in surveying and mapping at Texas A&M University and continued that avocation through the rest of his life. During his extensive work-related travels, Mr. Buttery collected numerous atlases and maps, which he and his wife later donated to the University of Texas at Arlington's Cartographic History Library.

He was a founding member of the Texas Map Society and author of numerous monograph and facsimile portfolios devoted to early Texas. One of his works, entitled, "Regional Maps of Texas: 1720-2001; Region 1 North Texas," contains many valuable insights about the mapping history of large portions of Texas. The maps that he and Virginia donated and the works that he published will continue to educate future generations interested in cartographic history.

He was very proud of his time in the Navy and believed that it molded and shaped him throughout the remainder of his life. In recognition of this, the "Navy Hymn" was solemnly played at his funeral.

I have requested that a United States flag be flown over our Nation's Capitol to honor the life, legacy, and service of Lewis Merriman Butter.

As I close today, I urge all Americans to continue praying for our country in these difficult times, for our military men and women who protect us, and the first responders who protect us at home.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MICHAEL TY SPRADLIN

Mr. FLORES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Senior Airman Michael Ty Spradlin of Bryan, Texas, who passed away on 5 February 2020. Known as Ty to his family and friends, he was killed in a motorcycle accident at Yokota Air Force Base in Japan.

Ty was born 5 March 1991 in Wheelock, Texas, to Theresa Lynn Spradlin and Michael Todd Spradlin. He graduated from Bryan High School in 2009 and enlisted in the United States Air Force in 2012.

Over his 8 years of service in the United States Air Force, Ty worked as a crew chief on a variety of C-130 planes. He traveled to many countries and enjoyed the opportunity to see the world.

During his service, Ty traveled to the Philippines, Australia, Thailand, Kuwait, and Korea. He served at three different squadrons over those 8 years, including: the 353rd Special Operations Group, Kadena Air Force Base in Okinawa, Japan; the 755th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base in Arizona; and the 374th Maintenance Squadron, Yokota Air Force Base in Japan.

Senior Airman Spradlin bravely served his country, and his legacy will be forever woven into our American military history. Ty was not only a proud public servant; he was a friend to all, a loving son, a brother, and an uncle.

My wife, Gina, and I offer our deepest and heartfelt condolences to the Spradlin family.

I have requested the United States flag be flown over our Nation's Capitol to honor the life, legacy, and service of Senior Airman Michael Ty Spradlin.

As I close today, I urge all Americans to continue praying for our country, for our veterans, for our military men and women, and for our first responders who protect us at home.

HONORING THE LIFE OF WAYNE PURSELLEY

Mr. FLORES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Wayne Purselley of Waco, Texas, who passed away on 29 February 2020.

Wayne was born on 27 June 1932 in Loving, Texas, to Herman and Ida Purselley. He attended Texas A&M University and, upon graduation, was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the United States Air Force, ultimately serving for 22 years. He flew 6,000 hours as navigator and served as a missile launch officer before retiring as a lieutenant colonel.

Following his retirement from the Air Force, Wayne became a teacher and planetarium director for Richfield High School in Waco, where he wrote and taught the "Christ Revealed in the Stars" lecture series for many years.

Wayne was a dedicated member of Highland Baptist Church for 45 years, where he served in both leadership and teaching roles. In addition to his many roles within the church community, Wayne served as the president of the local Military Officers Association of America chapter, as well as the chairman of the McLennan County Republican Club.

Wayne served our community and country for many years, and his legacy will be forever woven into our American history.

Wayne was a committed and faithful husband to his wife, Barbara; a loving

father; a committed teacher; a mentor; a community servant; and a friend to many.

My wife, Gina, and I offer our deepest and heartfelt condolences to the Purselley family.

I have requested the United States flag be flown over our Nation's Capitol to honor the life, legacy, and service of Wayne Purselley.

As I close today, I urge all Americans to continue praying for our country, for our veterans, for our military men and women who protect us, and for our first responders who keep us safe at home.

HONORING THE LIFE OF COLONEL GLENN STARNES

Mr. FLORES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Colonel Glenn Starnes, who passed away on 30 March 2020.

Glenn was born 27 January 1959 as the second son of Charles and LaVerne Starnes. He graduated from Texas A&M University in 1981 and was commissioned as an officer in the United States Marine Corps.

Colonel Starnes led a life of service to both his country as a dedicated marine and to the Texas A&M community as a member of the Office of the Commandant's staff.

Glenn served in the Marines for 30 years and commanded at every level, from field artillery battery to field artillery regiment. While serving his country, he was stationed in seven States and two countries. He fought in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom through two tours of duty in 2003 and 2005. Glenn also served on joint duty with the U.S. Central Command and later served as an exchange officer with the United Kingdom's Joint Headquarters.

Colonel Starnes was awarded the Legion of Merit with two Gold Stars, the Bronze Star with Combat "V" Device, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal with Gold Star, and the title of Officer of the Order of the British Empire from the Queen of England.

After 30 years of service Glenn retired from the Marine Corps in 2011.

In 2012, Colonel Starnes joined the Texas A&M University community as assistant commandant for operations and training for A&M's internationally recognized Corps of Cadets.

In his 8 years on this job, Glenn was a tireless worker who loved the Corps and the opportunity to serve as mentor for many of its members.

He was highly respected by his colleagues, and many Aggies feel fortunate enough to call him friend. Colonel Starnes' 30 years of dedicated service embody the core values of Texas Aggies: respect, excellence, leadership, loyalty, integrity, and selfless service. His loss will be deeply felt by the Texas A&M community and the Corps of Cadets.

Madam Speaker, Colonel Starnes served his country proudly for many years, and his legacy will be forever

woven into our American history. He was not only a dedicated public servant, he was a loving son, a husband, a father, an effective mentor, and a loyal friend to hundreds.

My wife, Gina, and I offer our deepest and heartfelt condolences to the Starnes family.

I have requested the United States flag be flown over our Nation's Capitol to honor the life, legacy, and service of Colonel Glenn Starnes.

As I close today I urge all Americans to continue praying for our country, for our veterans, for our military men and women who keep us safe, and for our first responders who keep us safe at home.

HONORING THE LIFE OF LIEUTENANT COMMANDER DENNIS LEE HASSMAN

Mr. FLORES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Lieutenant Commander Dennis Lee Hassman of College Station, who passed away on 12 April 2020.

Lieutenant Commander Hassman graduated from Texas A&M University in 1988 and subsequently enlisted in the United States Navy.

During his 20 years in the Navy, he served as a remote control mission commander and E-2C airborne mission commander. Dennis also served as a naval flight officer and antiterrorism/force protection officer. In 2005, Lieutenant Commander Hassman received an MBA from the Naval Postgraduate School.

In 2008, Dennis retired from the Navy and returned to Texas A&M University to serve as a member of the Office of the Commandant's staff and as a cadet training officer for A&M's internationally recognized Corps of Cadets.

During this time, he worked closely with cadets, providing guidance and direction to cadets at the unit, major unit, and Corps levels.

Madam Speaker, Dennis served his country proudly for many years, and his legacy will be forever woven into our American history. The passing of Lieutenant Commander Hassman will be deeply felt by all of those in the Texas A&M community and by his family and his friends.

My wife, Gina, and I offer our deepest and heartfelt condolences to the Hassman family.

I have requested the United States flag be flown over our Nation's Capitol to honor the life, legacy, and service of Lieutenant Commander Dennis Hassman.

As I close today, I ask all Americans to continue praying for our country during these difficult times, for our veterans, for our military men and women who protect us, and for our first responders who keep us safe at home.

HONORING THE LIFE OF EDWIN H. COOPER

Mr. FLORES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Edwin H. Cooper of San Marcos, Texas. Edwin passed away on 29 March 2020.

Edwin was born 3 September 1930 to Margaret and Leslie Cooper. He graduated from San Marcos High School in

1949 and enrolled in Texas A&M University, where he was a proud member of the fighting Texas Aggie band. While at Texas A&M, Cooper was also a member of the Alpha Zeta Fraternity and was a distinguished student.

During the summer of 1951, Edwin married his high school sweetheart, Peggy Jean Martin.

In 1953, Edwin received a bachelor of science in wildlife management degree and was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the United States Army. He attended Armor Basic Camp in Fort Knox, Kentucky, before being assigned to the Second Armored Division in Baumholder, Germany.

After his honorable discharge, Edwin returned to Texas and his family to work as an assistant agriculture county agent in Travis County.

Edwin's professional career combined his two loves: wildlife and Texas A&M University. Beginning as a specialist in wildlife conservation, he worked his way up to director of office school relations and coordinator of special projects—Education Information Services, all at Texas A&M University.

Edwin's professional experience also included specialist in wildlife conservation at the Texas Agriculture Extension Service, assistant to President Earl Rudder, director of civilian student activities, assistant to President Jack K. Williams, director of admissions; dean of admissions and records, director—Office of School Relations, and coordinator of special projects—Education Information Services, all at Texas A&M University.

He is the author of four books, including one entitled: "Forty Years at Aggieland," published in 2013, which detailed his career at Texas A&M.

Upon his retirement, Edwin and his wife, Peggy, moved to Camp Creek Lake in Robertson County, where he continued to enjoy fishing, hunting, and spending time outdoors with his family and friends.

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Edwin's civic involvement included vice president of the Bryan-College Station Jaycees, president of the Brazos County A&M Club, councilman of the Texas A&M Association of Former Students, and vice president of the Bryan-College Station Chamber of Commerce, and Board of Directors of the Aggie Band Association.

Mr. Cooper has served as a member of the Board of Trustees of the A&M Consolidated Independent School District, chairman of the Board of the St. Joseph Hospital, class agent of the Texas A&M class of 1953, president of the Executive Committee of College Board-Southwest Region, and trustee to College Board. He also served 2 years as chairman of the National Membership Committee of College Board. Edwin was enthusiastically involved in Methodist church activities in Bryan-College Station and in Franklin, Texas.

Madam Speaker, Edwin served his country proudly for many years, and

his legacy will be forever woven into our American history. Edwin was not only a public servant; he was a proud Texas Aggie, a devout Methodist, and a committed family man. I will always remember Mr. Cooper because his signature is affixed to my Texas A&M diploma.

My wife, Gina, and I offer our deepest and heartfelt condolences to the Cooper family. I have requested that a United States flag be flown over our Nation's Capitol to honor the life, legacy, and service of Edwin H. Cooper.

As I close today, I urge all Americans to continue to pray for our country during these difficult times, for our veterans, for our military men and women who protect us, and for our first responders who keep us safe at home.

HONORING COLONEL DAVID MCINTYRE, PH.D.

Mr. FLORES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Dr. David McIntyre of College Station, Texas, who passed away on 8 June 2020.

Dr. McIntyre was born on 13 May 1949, in Houston, Texas, to David and Mary McIntyre. From a young age, Dave felt a sense of duty and a call to selfless service which guided him throughout his life. He followed this call to the United States Military Academy at West Point where he was commissioned as armor officer in 1971. Following graduation from Airborne School and U.S. Army Ranger School, Dave was assigned as a scout platoon leader and jumpmaster in the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg in North Carolina.

Over 30 years of dedicated service, Dave traveled all over the United States and to more than 45 foreign countries. He served with an armored cavalry reconnaissance unit at the Czechoslovakian border, flew to the base of Mt. Everest in a Russian Mi-17 Hip helicopter, participated in the changing of the guard with the Gurkha Rifles at the Khyber Pass, and led a delegation to Angkor Wat.

In addition to his many years of service in the field, Dave placed great focus on academics and serving our country through education. He graduated with honors from the Command and General Staff College and earned his first master's degree from Auburn University. He then went on to serve as a professor of English literature at West Point while earning a Ph.D. from the University of Maryland. After 30 years of service, Dave retired as a colonel from his post as Dean of Faculty and Academics at the National War College in Washington, D.C.

In June 2008 Dave was appointed to the National Security Education Board by President George W. Bush and confirmed by the Senate. He served on this board for 4 years until 2012. From 2010 to 2014 he was a Distinguished Visiting Fellow at the Homeland Security Studies and Analysis Institute in Washington, D.C. His time in D.C. also included providing congressional testimony and national strategic documents for the Army Chief of Staff and

serving on the National Board of Directors of the InfraGard National Members Alliance. In addition to serving on many other boards and committees, he also served as a board member of the Homeland Security and Defense Education Consortium.

Following his retirement, David accepted a position as a professor at Texas A&M University through his role as founding director of the Texas A&M Bush School of Government and Public Service graduate Certificate in Homeland Security program, his legacy of expertise in homeland security will live long through the knowledge and expertise in homeland security that he shared with his students.

Also, while serving as a professor at Texas A&M, Dave continued to advise the U.S. Government on many projects and published a series of textbooks on homeland security. Dave also spoke at conferences and events as a premier subject matter expert of homeland security.

Dave's life was dedicated to his call to service, and through this journey he met his wife, Cathy. Together they raised two sons who share their father's spirit of service. He relished spending time with his family and seven grandchildren at home in College Station, Texas.

I first met Colonel McIntyre when he and I ran for this congressional seat in 2010. As I got to know him, I found him to be a fierce competitor, a policy expert, a committed public servant, a man of integrity, and an ultimate gentleman. I can tell you firsthand that we will miss his contributions to Brazos Valley and to our Nation.

Madam Speaker, Dr. David McIntyre's life was defined by his outstanding accomplishments as Army officer, professor, an expert in homeland security, as well as his commitment to his family and friends. He will be forever remembered as a true leader in his field, a devoted husband, father, and friend.

My wife, Gina, and I offer our deepest and heartfelt condolences to the McIntyre family. I have requested that the United States flag be flown over our Nation's Capitol to honor the life, legacy, and service of Dr. David McIntyre.

As I close today, I urge all Americans to continue praying for our country during these difficult times, for our veterans, for our military men and women who protect us, and for our responders who keep us safe at home.

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

#### POLICE REFORM

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2019, the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. FITZPATRICK) is recognized for the remainder of the hour as the designee of the minority leader.

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to talk about the very important topic of police reform and qualified immunity.

Last week, I joined my colleagues on both sides of the aisle in voting in favor of the Justice in Policing Act, a bill that the National Fraternal Order of Police said, "we believe, after good-faith discussions, will create a law that will have a positive impact on law enforcement and policing in our country."

My Republican colleagues who voted in favor of this bill did so because we must move the legislative process and negotiations forward so we can begin to repair the social contract again between our police officers around the nation and the communities that they serve.

That being said, we believe that the qualified immunity provision in the bill, as it is currently drafted, must be fixed so that we can ensure that we protect our hero police officers both from physical harm and potentially frivolous lawsuits.

Qualified immunity is a judicially created doctrine that grants government officials who are performing discretionary functions immunity from civil suits unless the plaintiff shows that the official violated clearly established statutory or constitutional rights that a reasonable person would have been aware of.

Madam Speaker, to put it simply, qualified immunity states that if an officer acts in good faith and is doing what he or she believes is in line with their responsibilities of being a police officer, then they are protected from personal liability.

While I believe that qualified immunity is a very important doctrine, it should be reformed but not abolished. There must be reforms that address personal responsibility, accountability, and transparency in law enforcement, no doubt. However, the Justice in Policing Act includes a provision on qualified immunity that must be amended in conference committee prior to final passage. I, for one, will be insisting on that prior to any bill being sent to the President's desk.

Madam Speaker, as it currently stands, this provision would specify that a defendant is not immune from lawsuits just because they were acting in a way that they thought was reasonable or lawful at the time or because they were not violating a clearly established law.

The overwhelming majority of our Nation's police officers conduct themselves responsibly, appropriately, and within the confines of the law. Madam Speaker, I know this because I was one myself. We must reform qualified immunity to allow our police officers to act in a way they need to to perform their jobs while also removing protections that would shield those who illegally deny citizens of the rights given to them by the United States Constitution.

Having served as a lifelong Federal law enforcement agent and a Federal prosecutor, I will be playing an active role in bridging this gap and bringing

our law enforcement officials in our communities together, as will my Republican colleagues who voted in favor, as we move to conference committee to merge the Senate and House proposals into one bill that works for everybody and protects our police officers.

I will insist that the final package be written in a way that both protects citizens' constitutional and civil rights and preserves the noble profession of law enforcement—the profession that I have dedicated the majority of my adult life to, the profession that my great-uncle Phil sacrificed his life and paid the ultimate price for having been killed in the line of duty as an NYPD police officer.

Madam Speaker, this moment calls on all of us to come together and repair this social contract so that we as Americans can start to heal. I firmly believe that we are all capable of rising to this challenge because my own community in Bucks and Montgomery Counties in Pennsylvania has been a model when it comes to police-community relations.

We need to apply the community model of my amazing colleagues back home in law enforcement, always making improvements based on self-reflection, listening, understanding, and learning, and show the rest of our Nation and the world that we are a country of law and order, a country that respects the rights, dignity, and equality of every single individual, and a country where police officers are one with the communities in which they serve, which is certainly the case back home.

I am so proud of our law enforcement officers. We have a chance at real positive change, Madam Speaker. Let us not miss this moment. We can support our law enforcement officers and enact meaningful reform. I, for one, will be insisting on both before any final bill goes to the President's desk.

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

#### AND STILL I RISE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2019, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Texas (Mr. GREEN) for 30 minutes.

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Madam Speaker, and still I rise. And I rise tonight to express my support for H.R. 2, the Moving Forward Act.

I have supported this legislation because it is not only good for my congressional district, it is also good for the country.

This legislation will allow us to do something that I think is quite important. I sit on the Financial Services Committee, and it allows us to address housing as a part of our Nation's infrastructure. The Honorable MAXINE WATERS has worked tirelessly to get housing included in this legislation. I believe it will benefit many people, especially those people who may find themselves with rent due and an inability to pay their bills.

I also am proud to say that it will help our ports. We have the Port of Houston, and that is a port that is very significant as it relates not only to Houston but to the country.

It will help with our schools, and it will help with broadband. It is a very good piece of legislation.

But there is one additional thing in this legislation that I think would be of benefit, not only to the young people in this country but also to our police officers. This is H. Res. 169 which is a piece of legislation that emanated in my office. This would have a driver and an officer safety education component.

We talk about the conversations that African American parents have with their children. This is a conversation that takes place because of a history that we too well understand. This legislation addresses that conversation, but it addresses it not only as it relates to the young person, the person who is going to be driving the car, it also addresses it as it relates to the officer.

It would grant States moneys for grants such that they would be able to train officers about the interactions with civilians and train civilians, give them the education that they need so that they will understand how to properly interact with officers.

Understanding can change the course of history. It can make a difference in the lives of people. My hope is that with this legislation in H.R. 2 it will cause somebody to benefit from just knowing how to interact with a person who happens to be a police officer or a police officer getting a better understanding of how to interact with someone from a given community.

As important as this piece of legislation is, I do understand that if we are to have the kind of change that we seek, we will probably have to have another piece of legislation that I am proud to offer. This is a piece of legislation calling for a department of reconciliation. A lot of what is happening in our country is systemic. It is institutionalized. If we want to deal with systemic and institutionalized problems, especially as they relate to race, then we need to have a department so that we can approach these systemic issues not only in the short term but over the years and over the decades.

This department of reconciliation will, of course, have a secretary of reconciliation. This secretary will have the responsibility of devising the strategy and implementing a strategy to eliminate racism and invidious discrimination in our country.

□ 1845

This department will be properly funded. We would like to see it funded with a minimum of 10 percent of what the Department of Justice receives. This would be the equivalent—the money would not come from the Department of Justice—but the equivalent of 10 percent of what the Department of Justice receives as a minimum in funding.

This department would be one that would give us the opportunity to look into the future and devise a means by which we can avoid some of the systemic problems that we currently have.

Madam Speaker, my hope is that this resolution will get the support of my colleagues. It has gained support every day, and I look forward to getting the continued support of my colleagues for the resolution. The resolution, of course, is the forerunner to a bill, a bill that will actually develop this department of reconciliation.

We found that there is a Labor Department, and this Labor Department, of course, deals with issues associated with labor. We have other departments that are specialties. They specialize in dealing with certain issues. Well, why not a department of reconciliation so that we can do something that has long been needed since the Emancipation Proclamation?

While we had the invidious discrimination known as segregation, through the years, we have not done what we need to do, and that is reconcile, settle our differences, come to a conclusion as to what is appropriate when it comes to some of the icons that we have in this country with reference to Civil War memorabilia and where it can be placed. These kinds of things can be resolved through the department of reconciliation.

Madam Speaker, my hope is that we will have the department available to us in the near future. My hope is that this is something that Presidential candidates will embrace and want to talk about. I will surely put it before candidates when given the opportunity because the secretary will report directly to the President of the United States. This will give us the insight that we need into the Office of the Presidency. And the President can, of course, provide legislation by and through the secretary.

It is a good piece of legislation, and my hope is that we will get it passed.

Finally, this: I am honored to say that I, too, support law enforcement. My uncle was a deputy sheriff. He had a great amount of influence on my life. I believe that I am in Congress today because of some things that he said and urged me to do.

Madam Speaker, I support law enforcement. I don't paint all law enforcement officers with the same brush, just as I don't want all protesters to be painted with the same brush.

I support the right to peacefully protest. I believe that if we who support the protest movements and support peace officers, if we would actually let people know that there are some persons who are in the police forces that are not acceptable because of their behavior, and there are some people who are associating themselves with the protest movement who are not acceptable because of their behavior—persons who do things that are inappropriate, persons who would burn buildings, this

is inappropriate. I don't support that. Officers who would put their knees on the necks of persons, that is inappropriate. No one would support that, I would hope.

Madam Speaker, I just think that, as we move forward, let's not conclude that there is something wrong with the protest movement because of some of the people who associate themselves with the movement, just as I don't conclude that there is something wrong with all police officers because of the actions and behavior of some police officers. There are people within both of these entities that I speak of who are good, and the bad ones, we, of course, should eliminate.

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

#### ISSUES OF THE DAY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2019, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Texas (Mr. GOHMERT) for 30 minutes.

Mr. GOHMERT. Madam Speaker, I thank my good friend, Judge AL GREEN. He is a brother, and I appreciate him very much. We have differences of opinion, but I know we are going to end up the same place together.

Madam Speaker, there is so much that has been going on that has been disrupting the country, and I am not sure what all my good friend, a former judge in Houston, was saying. I didn't get to hear that. But I believe he was addressing some of the unrest.

He and I both want to see freedom. We want to see equality. We want to see people treated fairly and equally. Those are things we share, and I know that is what is on his heart.

But I am highly concerned about the legitimate peaceful protests that were taking place as a result of the cruel death, the killing of George Floyd. And his family, and the way they approached it, was inspirational. There deserve to be protests over that horrendous death.

The Floyd family pointed out they did not want the legacy of George Floyd to be violence and suffering and death and looting. That was not, and is not, what they want for the memory and legacy of George Floyd.

But the movement has been hijacked. The violence they don't want, just the justice they want. It has been hijacked. And it is very important that Americans understand what is going on here, so that it is not just those who have spent our lifetimes studying history that see so clearly what is going on by instigators who want to see the country that has been in an ongoing state of getting better and better—for years, even with unfairness and inequality, it has still been the hope of the world when it comes to freedom and a shot at equality.

Antifa, short for antifascist—and there has been no greater irony in the

world that Hitler and Stalin—two mad men, evil men with a globalist desire—ended up against each other. Of course, it is quite ironic that when they got together and signed a treaty, both of them, behind the scenes, were talking about the day when that individual would breach the treaty with the other.

One of the things Stalin was so furious about when Hitler moved east was that Hitler broke the treaty before Stalin had the chance to. They were two evil people, and they were pushing an evil idea: with Hitler, the evil of fascism; with Stalin, the evil of Marxism, communism, socialism, whatever you want to call it. It is all about the same thing.

So, you have communism and fascism. Both of them want globalism. They want to control the world, and they don't want anybody else to control it. They want to control it.

The treachery and the evil that went under both of those leaders is legendary. Hitler killed over 6 million Jews in some of the most horrific and evil ways conceivable. Stalin did the same thing, except he killed many millions more.

Then in China, decades after that came Mao, who brought communism to China. It is hard to get your arms around a proper number. We know Stalin killed around 20 million Ukrainians, starving them to death, but he killed no telling how many millions more. You just look at the evil treatment of the poor Polish people that when he liberated them, he took so many who were what he saw as good slave labor and brought them back in slavery to the Soviet Union, where they either worked as slaves under Stalin or they were killed.

When the Iron Curtain fell, just as many historians, including a brilliant historian I eagerly learned under at Texas A&M—she was not allowed back in the Soviet Union after she wrote about the evil that was done to so many of the Polish officers and people. One of my favorite history teachers, she was terrific, brilliant. But when the Iron Curtain fell, we found out the things that she said and discovered, and others did, were exactly right.

Reagan was right. It was an evil empire. And the one Hitler was trying to build was just about as evil—in some ways, much more evil.

But it is important that young people and millennials understand what we are talking about here. This country, warts and all, has been, as movie-maker Ron Maxwell said, "a history of liberation." It wasn't founded on slavery. It was on the march toward liberation, each step.

So many Christians, like the Pilgrims and so many others, came to avoid persecution for being Christians. Sometimes, people came who were considered unwanted in other countries.

If you look at the original draft of the Declaration of Independence, Thomas Jefferson, who owned slaves,

had entered what probably was the biggest paragraph setting out a grievance against King George. It is spelled out in this grievance against King George, that he ever allowed slavery to get going in the Colonies, because it was so terrible. It was evil, and it took too long and cost too many lives to get rid of it.

By the way, that grievance didn't end up in the final draft because there were States that objected, that supported slavery. So that grievance Jefferson had originally put in was taken out. It was not in the final draft.

□ 1900

But it took a war that took half a million lives in a country that didn't have half a million lives to spare, devastated the United States.

Lincoln believed the Union should be held together, and it would be held together, and this would be the capital of the whole country.

And he wanted no malice to anyone at the end of the war. He wanted to bring the country together. But it took an ordained Christian minister named Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and so many others, including some who served in Congress, it took them standing for equality and what is right to ensure that the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution would mean what it said.

In some ways, in recent years, we have been distracted by people who have been at war, on offense against Christianity, so that now we are to the point where, if you believe what Jesus said, as set out in the New Testament, then you, among so many millions now in our country, are to be an object of scorn and hate.

So, as you see these groups that are really Marxist groups—antifascist does not mean it is a good group; it means it is Marxist. And that is where they want to take us, and it means Christianity will be persecuted to the extent we have seen, with the horrors we have seen over the centuries since Jesus was here.

So there is an article by Igor Norinsky, June 28, in American Greatness, talking about Black Lives Matter.

I really don't believe at all that there is a single member of Congress who doesn't agree Black lives matter. I don't know anybody who is in Congress who does not believe that Black lives matter.

This article starts out saying: "To the 60 percent of Americans not polling for Trump, many firmly left-of-center, a thought experiment as November draws nearer: What must be true so that Trump gets your vote? It is a miserable question because many Americans are, to put it mildly, negative on the President."

The article goes on—don't have time to go through the whole thing. But the point is made here: "The emotional call-and-response appeal of 'black lives matter'"—and that is with little B, little L, little M—"entices all who repeat

it into believing they are antiracists and that everyone else must be the opposite. But ‘black lives matter’—with small letters—which no one disagrees with, is not the same as”—capitalized—“Black Lives Matter.”

They had what they believed at one time—that has since been taken down, as I understand it—and substituted for one that is a little more palatable, but make no mistake: You look at the history of this group, it is a Marxist group.

The article points out: “Communism,” which is simply “Marxism applied, was responsible for over 100 million deaths during the last century alone, which says nothing of the psychological terror, the Auschwitz of the mind, that imprisoned the untold millions who did not perish. The systematic oppression and terror Marxist ideas engendered is nowhere better described than Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn’s ‘Gulag Archipelago,’ a painstaking and harrowing account of the forced labor camp system under Soviet Communism. In a telling passage, he provides an insight into the engine that made the tyranny possible.”

And he quotes from Solzhenitsyn:

“Macbeth’s self-justifications were feeble—and his conscience devoured him. Yes, even Iago was a little lamb, too. The imagination and spiritual strength of Shakespeare’s evildoers stopped short at a dozen corpses. Because they had no ideology. Ideology—that is what gives evildoing its long-sought justification and gives the evildoer the necessary steadfastness and determination. That is the social theory which helps to make his acts seem good instead of bad in his own or other’s eyes. . . . That was how the agents of the Inquisition fortified their wills . . . the colonizers, by civilization; the Nazis, by race. . . . Without evildoers, there would have been no Archipelago.”

The writer says: “I was spared those horrors thanks, in part, to being born near the dismal end of the Soviet Union and thanks, in part, to the courage of parents who dared seek permission to leave from a central authority notoriously brutal to the unbelievers. As Jews ostensibly bound for Israel, we had the great fortune of being unwanted anyway. Almost all of your life’s possessions stay behind—they belong to ‘the people,’ after all—but the scars most certainly do not. Scars travel with you. The many hundreds of thousands of refugees and exiles from Communist countries living in America today can fill entire libraries with the stories behind those scars. Go seek them out and listen.”

“Whether in Stalin’s Russia, Mao’s China, Pol Pot’s Cambodia, the precepts of Marxism led humanity as close to the abyss as it has ever come.”

“Neither do Marxism’s purveyors and apologists all sit in Beijing. For years, many intellectuals in the West openly espoused Marxism. Its great utopian appeal should come as no surprise par-

ticularly in our present age of social justice. Solzhenitsyn would later lament at the West’s failure to accept the grim warnings of his testimonial.”

And, again, from Solzhenitsyn: “Modern society is hypnotized by socialism. It is prevented by socialism from seeing the mortal danger it is in. And one of the greatest of all is that you have lost all sense of danger; you cannot even see where it’s coming from as it moves swiftly toward you.”

“You imagine you see danger in other parts of the globe and hurl arrows from your depleted quiver there. But the greatest danger of all is that you have lost the will to defend yourselves.”

Hate Donald Trump if you want. So far, for now, we have that freedom. But the fact is, he saw the dangers from China before anybody in public office did and talked about them.

But anyway, Solzhenitsyn wrote that “in 1976 as the United States was deep into the Cold War. Nearly 45 years later, long after the Cold War has ended, the generation that is driving today’s revolutionary agenda has little to no conception of what socialism is and what brand of misery it left in its wake. It is nearly impossible to cultivate any sense of dread or urgency in a society where connection to that chapter of the human experience has all but been severed. But we have to try.”

And he is so right.

“BLM,” he says, “is pure ideology. It appears bent on redefining America and its institutions pursuant to progressively tribalistic commandments. Draped in the powerful, albeit deceptive, cover of racial indignation”—which we should all stand for equality there—“the movement has convinced many Americans that being White is an original sin, that America is evil, and that the sinner’s day in court has arrived. It prescribes class struggle, exponentially amplified by the battle cry of racial reckoning.”

“Revolutions vilify the past.”

And he goes on.

But it is important that people understand that, as we try and move closer and closer to end any injustice in America—it will never be perfect, but it is the closest humanity has ever gotten, and still there are things we can do to make it better—it is critical to understand the evil that is so close to taking over and embracing this country, because we have generations now that have not learned true history. They have learned some misbegotten professor’s idea, as he or she dealt with their own hate and own prejudice, as they rewrote our history.

But if you look fairly at the history, you see injustice, none more so than slavery’s existence.

But if you go back to the late 1940s, early 1950s, when Whittaker Chambers, who had had a very unpleasant childhood, unpleasant family life growing up, thought maybe communism, Marxism was the way to go, and he began

working with people like Alger Hiss, who was one of the most respected people in the State Department, right at the top. And because he had an Ivy League education, Ivy Leaguers loved the man, just thought he was fantastic.

But both Alger Hiss, Whittaker Chambers, and others with whom they worked and believed in communism, were working to bring down the United States, just as antifa and so many others are today.

When Whittaker Chambers began to see that this Marxism that he thought so much of actually caused more suffering than the very type of government he was trying to bring down, that was revolutionary in his mind, and he realized he was fighting the wrong people.

His book “Witness”—I should have read it years and years ago, but it is only in the last couple of years I read it. Some great statements he has in his book.

“Few men are so dull that they do not know that the crisis exists and that it threatens their lives at every point. It is popular,” he said, “to call it a social crisis. It is, in fact, a total crisis—religious, moral, intellectual, social, political, economic. It is popular to call it a crisis of the Western world. It is in fact a crisis of the whole world. Communism . . . is itself a symptom and an irritant of that crisis.”

He quoted Stalin’s statement: “Is it not true that social democracy and social fascism are twins?”

Our current chairman of the Judiciary Committee has gotten very upset when some of us have pointed out that Hitler and Hitler’s party were the National Socialist Workers Party in Germany. And he tried to draw that distinction, but Stalin himself says: Isn’t it true that social democracy and social fascism are really twins?

But Dostoevsky, he quoted, saying: “The problem of communism is not economic problem; the problem of communism is the problem of atheism.”

I have seen it, lived it for a summer in the Soviet Union. They didn’t want Christianity. They only allowed one authorized seminary. I was told, when I visited there, that they allowed only 40 people to go to the only authorized seminary back during those oppressive years under communism.

Whittaker Chambers says: “One day the Communist really hears those screams. The screams . . . do not merely reach his mind. They pierce beyond. They pierce to his soul.”

“A communist breaks because he must choose at last between irreconcilable opposites—God or man, soul or mind, freedom or communism.”

□ 1915

This Marxist ideology that is being pushed on us by groups that hate America is very dangerous. Chambers points out “. . . the crisis of the Western world exists to the degree it is indifferent to God. It exists to the degree in which the Western world actually

shares communism's materialist vision, is so dazzled by the logic of the materialist interpretation of history, of politics, and economics, that it fails to grasp that, for it, the only possible answer to the communist or Marxist challenge is to choose either faith in God or faith in man. . . ."

He said: "Freedom is a need of the soul and nothing else. It is in striving toward God that the soul strives continually after a condition of freedom."

I think every American has felt that.

He says: "God alone is the insider and guarantor of freedom. He is the only guarantor. External freedom is only an aspect of interior freedom. Political freedom, as the Western world has known it, is only a political reading of the Bible. Religion and freedom are indivisible. Without freedom, the soul dies. Without the soul, there is no justification for freedom."

Vladimir Ilyich Lenin made this comment on religion in a November 1913 letter: "Every religious idea of God, even flirting with the idea of God, is unutterable vileness . . . of the most dangerous kind."

I think that is why, on visiting that sole recognized seminary at Zagorsk decades ago, I was struck because there was a building there, and on the side of the building—this is where you turn into the gates of the seminary—was a big painting of Lenin's face and the words: "Lenin s nami." "Lenin is with us."

So anyone going into this Christian seminary had to see, as they went in, that message from the government. You may be going into this Christian seminary, but don't ever forget it is Lenin who is with us.

Now, I had a chance to see Lenin in his tomb. There were rumors that his ear was deteriorated and had been replaced by a rubber ear. I don't know if that was true, but Lenin was not with us, I can verify. He is long gone to his just reward, such as it was.

Whittaker Chambers said: "If I had rejected only communism, I would have rejected only one political expression of the modern mind, the most logical because the most brutal in enforcing the myth of man's material perfectibility. What I sensed, without being able to phrase it was what has since been phrased with the simplicity of an axiom."

This axiom is: "'Man cannot organize for himself without God; without God, man can only organize the world against man.' The gas ovens of Buchenwald and the communist execution cellars exist first within the minds."

He said: "What I grasped was that religion begins at the point where reason and knowledge are powerless and forever fail—the point at which man senses the mystery of his good and evil, his suffering, and his destiny as a soul in search of God."

"Against liberalism's social optimism," which is progress by reform, "and the social optimism revolutionary left," which is progress by

force, "Dostoevsky asserted the eternal necessity of the soul to be itself. But he discerned that the moment man indulged his freedom to the point where he was also free from God, it led him into tragedy, evil, and often the exact opposite of what had been intended. In human terms, there was no solution for the problem of evil."

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

#### ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 4(b) of House Resolution 967, the House stands adjourned until tomorrow at 10 a.m.

Thereupon (at 7 o'clock and 20 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Thursday, July 2, 2020, at 10 a.m.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

4632. A letter from the OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule—Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Modification of DFARS Clause "Notification of Anticipated Contract Termination or Reduction" (DFARS Case 2019-0019) [Docket: DARS-2019-0060] (RIN: 0650-AK56) received June 18, 2020, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Armed Services.

4633. A letter from the OSD Federal Liaison Officer, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule—Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Market Research and Consideration of Value for the Determination of Price (DFARS Case 2019-D027) [Docket: DARS-2019-0050] (RIN: 0750-AK65) received June 18, 2020, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Armed Services.

4634. A letter from the OSD Federal Register Liaison, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule—Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Repeal of Annual Reporting Requirements to Congressional Defense Committees (DFARS Case 2020-D004) [Docket: DARS-2020-0015] (RIN: 0750-AK91) received June 18, 2020, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Armed Services.

4635. A letter from the OSD Federal Register Liaison, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule—Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Justification and Approval Threshold for 8(a) Contracts (DFARS Case 2020-D006) [Docket: DARS-2020-0016] (RIN: 0750-AK93) received June 18, 2020, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Armed Services.

4636. A letter from the OSD Federal Liaison Officer, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule—Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Qualifications Requirements for Contracting Positions (DFARS Case 2020-D012) [Docket: DARS-2020-0017] (RIN: 0750-AK99) received June 18, 2020, pursuant to 5

U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Armed Services.

4637. A letter from the Director, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, transmitting the Bureau's final rule—Home Mortgage Disclosure (Regulation C) [Docket No.: CFPB-2019-0021] (RIN: 3170-AA76) received June 18, 2020, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Financial Services.

4638. A letter from the Director, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, transmitting the Bureau's final rule—Remittance Transfers Under the Electronic Fund Transfer Act (Regulation E) [Docket No.: CFPB-2019-0058] (RIN: 3170-AA96) received June 18, 2020, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Financial Services.

4639. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Modernizing Ignitable Liquids Determinations [EPA-HQ-OLEM-2018-0830; FRL-10006-71-OLEM] (RIN: 2050-AG93) received June 18, 2020, 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.

4640. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Fulvic acid; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance [EPA-HQ-OPP-2018-0152; FRL-10007-74] received June 18, 2020, 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.

4641. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Plywood and Composite Wood Products Residual Risk and Technology Review [EPA-HQ-OAR-2016-0243; FRL-10009-65-OAR] (RIN: 2060-AO66) received June 18, 2020, 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.

4642. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Maine: Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revisions [EPA-R01-RCRA-2019-0617; FRL-10010-59-Region 1] received June 18, 2020, 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.

4643. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Finding of Failure To Attain the 1987 24-Hour PM10 Standard; Reclassification as Serious Nonattainment; Pinal County, Arizona [EPA-R09-OAR-2020-0151; FRL-10010-56-Region 9] received June 18, 2020, 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.

4644. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's correcting amendment—Air Plan Approval; California; Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District; Reasonably Available Control Technology [EPA-R09-OAR-2019-0528; FRL-10007-00-Region 9] received April 23, 2020, 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.

4645. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Environmental Protection

Agency Acquisition Regulation (EPAAR); Award Team Incentive [EPA-HQ-OARM-2018-0610; FRL-10006-81-OMS] received April 23, 2020, 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.

4646. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Standards of Performance for New Residential Wood Heaters, New Residential Hydronic Heaters and Forced-Air Furnaces [EPA-HQ-OAR-2018-0195; FRL-10006-74-OAR] (RIN: 2060-AU00) received April 23, 2020, 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.

4647. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Air Plan Approval; Nebraska; Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department (LLCHD) [EPA-R07-OAR-2019-0666; FRL-10008-62-Region 7] received May 8, 2020, 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.

4648. A letter from the Chief, Office of Policy, Regulation and Analysis, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — Air Quality Control, Reporting, and Compliance [Docket ID: BOEM-2018-0038] (RIN: 1010-AE02) received June 18, 2020, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

4649. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, National Park Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — Alaska; Hunting and Trapping in National Preserves [NPS-AKRO-27791; PPAKAKROZ5, PPMRLE1Y.L00000] (RIN: 1024-AE38) received June 18, 2020, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

4650. A letter from the Branch of Delisting and Foreign Species, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Removing the Borax Lake Chub From the List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife [Docket No.: FWS-R1-ES-2017-0035; FF09E22000 FXES1130900000 201] (RIN: 1018-BA43) received June 18, 2020, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

4651. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Uniform National Discharge Standards for Vessels of the Armed Forces—Phase II Batch Two [EPA-HQ-OW-2016-0351; FRL-9949-12-OW] (RIN: 2040-AF53) received June 18, 2020, 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.

#### 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 Ms. CRAIG (for herself and Mr. BALDERSON):

H.R. 7437. A bill to extend the authority for commitments for the paycheck protection program and separate amounts authorized for other loans under section 7(a) of the Small Business Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business.

By Mr. GOSAR (for himself, Mr. BIGGS, Mr. HARRIS, Mrs. LESKO, Mr. GROTHMAN, Mr. COMER, Mr. HICE of Georgia, Mr. GOHMERT, Mr. PERRY, and Mr. YOHO):

H.R. 7438. A bill to amend section 719 of title 31, United States Code, to require the Comptroller General of the United States to analyze certain legislation in order to prevent duplication of and overlap with existing Federal programs, offices, and initiatives, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Reform, and in addition to the Committees on the Budget, and Rules, 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 and Mr. BANKS):

H.R. 7439. A bill to establish the Retirement Savings Lost and Found, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Education and Labor, 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. SHERMAN (for himself, Mr. YOHO, Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York, Mr. CURTIS, Mr. CONNOLLY, Mr. BARR, Mr. SUOZZI, Mr. RESCHENTHALER, Ms. SPANBERGER, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. GUEST, and Mr. PERRY):

H.R. 7440. A bill to impose sanctions with respect to foreign persons involved in the erosion of certain obligations of China with respect to Hong Kong, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on Financial Services, the Judiciary, Ways and Means, and Rules, 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; considered and passed.

By Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana (for herself and Miss RICE of New York):

H.R. 7441. A bill to expedite hiring by the Department of Veterans Affairs of medical department personnel separating from the Armed Forces, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on 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 Mr. ALLEN:

H.R. 7442. A bill to extend the authorization for Augusta Canal National Heritage Area; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. ALLRED (for himself and Mr. HAGEDORN):

H.R. 7443. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide the representative or record of a claimant for compensation or benefits administered by the Secretary an opportunity to review a proposed determination regarding that claim; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. BACON:

H.R. 7444. A bill to direct the Secretary of Defense to review and report to Congress on the status of the professional military education enterprise, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. BOST (for himself, Mr. CUNNINGHAM, and Mr. DAVID P. ROE of Tennessee):

H.R. 7445. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand eligibility for home loans from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to certain members of the reserve compo-

nents of the Armed Forces; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. CARTWRIGHT (for himself, Mr. MCNERNEY, Mr. CONNOLLY, Mr. HUFFMAN, Mr. GRIJALVA, Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire, Mr. KHANNA, Mr. POCAN, Ms. LEE of California, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Mr. TONKO, Mr. WELCH, Mr. COHEN, Mr. RASKIN, Ms. NORTON, Ms. PINGREE, and Mr. HIMES):

H.R. 7446. A bill to establish the Financing Energy Efficient Manufacturing Program at the Department of Energy to provide financial assistance to promote energy efficiency and onsite renewable technologies in manufacturing facilities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 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. CLYBURN (for himself, Mr. UPTON, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, Mrs. HAYES, Mr. SUOZZI, Mr. COX of California, Mrs. BUSTOS, Mr. REED, Mr. BALDERSON, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Mr. RICE of South Carolina, Mr. DUNCAN, Mr. NORMAN, Ms. SPANBERGER, Mr. TRONE, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. PALAZZO, Mr. WRIGHT, and Mr. GOTTHEIMER):

H.R. 7447. A bill to direct the Federal Communications Commission to take certain actions to accelerate the Rural Digital Opportunity Fund Phase I auction, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. CONNOLLY (for himself and Mr. HICE of Georgia):

H.R. 7448. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to make permanent the authority of the United States Patent and Trademark Office to conduct a telework travel expenses program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

By Mr. COURTNEY (for himself, Ms. CASTOR of Florida, Mr. CICILLINE, Mr. CISNEROS, Ms. DELBENE, Mrs. DINGELL, Mrs. HAYES, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Mr. KILMER, Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Mr. LUJÁN, Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York, Mr. McGOVERN, Ms. NORTON, Mr. PERLMUTTER, Ms. PINGREE, Miss RICE of New York, Mr. RYAN, Ms. SÁNCHEZ, Mr. SERRANO, Ms. SLOTKIN, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Mr. SUOZZI, Mr. SWALWELL of California, Mr. TAKANO, Mrs. TRAHAN, Mr. WELCH, Mr. HIMES, and Ms. WILSON of Florida):

H.R. 7449. A bill to refinance Federal and private student loans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and Labor.

By Mr. CRIST (for himself and Mr. POSEY):

H.R. 7450. A bill to direct the Secretary of Commerce, acting through the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, to designate organizations as National Centers of Excellence in Harmful Algal Bloom Research, Prevention, Response, and Mitigation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, 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 Mr. EVANS:

H.R. 7451. A bill to provide forgivable physical disaster loans to businesses damaged due to civil unrest, and for other purposes; to the

Committee on Small Business, and in addition to the Committee on the Budget, 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. FINKENAUER:

H.R. 7452. A bill to require the Secretary of Agriculture to provide relief from hardship due to the COVID-19 pandemic to certain borrowers of rural development loans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mrs. FLETCHER:

H.R. 7453. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit members of the Armed Forces to continue to participate in Skillbridge programs after their date of discharge or separation from active duty in the Armed Forces; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. FULCHER:

H.R. 7454. A bill to amend the Agricultural Act of 2014 to modify the treatment of revenue from timber sale contracts and certain payments made by counties to the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior under good neighbor agreements, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, 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. GABBARD (for herself, Mr. YOUNG, and Mr. CASE):

H.R. 7455. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services to make adjustments to payment rates for skilled nursing facilities under the Medicare program to account for certain unique circumstances; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Education and Labor, 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. GARCIA of Texas (for herself, Mr. YOUNG, Mr. BROWN of Maryland, Mr. BABIN, and Mr. PALAZZO):

H.R. 7456. A bill to establish a grant program for domestic maritime workforce training and education, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. GIBBS (for himself and Mr. CUELLAR):

H.R. 7457. A bill to establish a national motor carrier safety selection standard for entities that contract with certain motor carriers to transport goods, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. HAGEDORN:

H.R. 7458. A bill to provide supplemental appropriations to provide direct assistance for domestic pork producers and during the COVID-19 pandemic, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Appropriations, and in addition to the Committee on the Budget, 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. HARDER of California (for himself, Mr. FOSTER, Mr. SOTO, Ms. NORTON, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Mr. CARSON of Indiana, Ms. JACKSON LEE, and Mr. SAN NICOLAS):

H.R. 7459. A bill to authorize the President to reestablish the Coronavirus Service Corps as a means of providing gainful employment to unemployed and underemployed citizens of the United States through the performance of useful public work, and for other pur-

poses; to the Committee on Education and Labor.

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself and Mr. GRAVES of Louisiana):

H.R. 7460. A bill to extend the authority for the establishment by the Peace Corps Commemorative Foundation of a commemorative work to commemorate the mission of the Peace Corps and the ideals on which the Peace Corps was founded, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. LEVIN of California:

H.R. 7461. A bill to authorize appropriations for the Department of Veterans Affairs for construction and maintenance, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. LYNCH:

H.R. 7462. A bill to provide for nationwide, on-the-ground road safety assessments focused on pedestrian and bicycle safety; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York:

H.R. 7463. A bill to require States to meet assisted living facility reporting requirements to qualify for future COVID-19 response funds; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 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 Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York (for himself, Mr. DEFazio, Mr. GRAVES of Missouri, and Mr. GIBBS):

H.R. 7464. A bill to amend title 46, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Transportation to establish a merchant mariner education loan program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Ms. NORTON:

H.R. 7465. A bill to require the Secretary of the Interior to remove the Andrew Jackson statue and marble base in Lafayette Square in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Ms. NORTON (for herself and Ms. GABBARD):

H.R. 7466. A bill to require the Secretary of the Interior to remove the Emancipation Monument from Lincoln Park in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. PANETTA:

H.R. 7467. A bill to amend the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965 to allow a grantee of revolving loan funds to transfer certain funds to other eligible projects; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Financial 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 Mr. RASKIN (for himself and Mr. CICILLINE):

H.R. 7468. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to impose prohibitions relating to machines designed for the manufacturing of frames or receivers for firearms; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. DAVID P. ROE of Tennessee:

H.R. 7469. A bill to establish an advisory commission regarding eligibility for health care furnished by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. RUIZ:

H.R. 7470. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to help build a stronger

health care workforce; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 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 Mr. RUSH:

H.R. 7471. A bill to require frontline personnel of the Department of Homeland Security, air carriers, rail carriers, and employees of airports and train stations to wear personal protective equipment when interacting with members of the public, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Homeland Security, 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. SPEIER (for herself, Ms. DEGETTE, Mrs. DINGELL, Mr. CARSON of Indiana, Ms. BARRAGAN, Mr. LYNCH, Mr. RASKIN, Mr. SAN NICOLAS, Mr. TAKANO, and Mr. HASTINGS):

H.R. 7472. A bill to authorize the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to award grants to eligible State, Tribal, and territorial public health agencies to develop and administer a program for digital contact tracing for COVID-19, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. SWALWELL of California (for himself and Mr. KATKO):

H.R. 7473. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow small businesses to defer the payment of certain employment taxes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mrs. TRAHAN (for herself, Ms. SPEIER, and Mr. CISNEROS):

H.R. 7474. A bill to direct the Secretary of Defense to issue guidance for the review of suicide events involving members of the Armed Forces, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. VELA:

H.R. 7475. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide that the period of a nationwide pandemic is a special enrollment period under the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

By Mr. VELA:

H.R. 7476. A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit a report to Congress on programs to notify veterans of potential exposure to certain herbicide agents outside of Vietnam, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN (for herself and Ms. OMAR):

H.R. 7477. A bill to require the Secretary of Labor to establish a program to provide grants for job guarantee programs; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Education and Labor, 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. WEXTON (for herself, Ms. NORTON, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. RASKIN, Mr. CONNOLLY, Mr. BROWN of Maryland, Mr. BEYER, Ms. DEAN, Mr. TRONE, Mr. MCNERNEY, Mr. BLUMENAUER, and Mr. HUFFMAN):

H.R. 7478. A bill to require Federal agencies to conduct a benefit-cost analysis on relocations involving the movement of employment positions to different areas, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

By Mr. YOUNG (for himself, Mr. COLE, and Mrs. RADEWAGEN):

H.R. 7479. A bill to provide for a regional center for security studies for the Arctic in

the Department of Defense, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota:

H. Res. 1036. A resolution expressing support for the Fourth of July, America's birthday, and bringing celebration and fireworks to our Nation's "Shrine of Democracy" at Mount Rushmore; to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

By Ms. CHENEY:

H. Res. 1037. A resolution electing Members to certain standing committees of the House of Representatives and ranking a certain Member on a certain standing committee of the House of Representatives; considered and agreed to.

By Ms. JACKSON LEE (for herself, Ms. KENDRA S. HORN of Oklahoma, Mr. LEWIS, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, Ms. ADAMS, Mr. HASTINGS, Mr. CARSON of Indiana, Mr. VEASEY, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Ms. SEWELL of Alabama, Ms. FUDGE, Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. RUSH, Ms. JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. MEEKS, Mr. CLAY, Ms. MOORE, Mr. WELCH, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mr. RASKIN, Ms. HAALAND, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Ms. DEGETTE, Mrs. HAYES, Mrs. BEATTY, Ms. NORTON, Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia, Ms. LEE of California, Mr. LEVIN of Michigan, Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER, Mrs. MURPHY of Florida, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. EVANS, Ms. PINGREE, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. SUOZZI, Mr. DEUTCH, Mr. GREEN of Texas, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts, Mr. RICHMOND, Mrs. FLETCHER, Ms. CASTOR of Florida, Mr. HUFFMAN, Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. NADLER, Ms. ESCOBAR, Mr. LOWENTHAL, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Mr. LYNCH, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. GONZALEZ of Texas, Ms. SHERRILL, Mr. RUPPERSBERGER, Mrs. LURIA, Ms. PORTER, Mr. CICILLINE, Mr. MORELLE, Mr. GRIJALVA, Ms. OMAR, Ms. SPANBERGER, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Ms. BONAMICI, Ms. MENG, Mr. CÁRDENAS, Mr. GOMEZ, Ms. PLASKETT, Ms. SCANLON, Mr. ALLRED, Ms. WEXTON, Mr. TRONE, Ms. LOFGREN, and Ms. GARCIA of Texas):

H. Res. 1038. A resolution recognizing the forthcoming centennial of the 1921 Tulsa Race Massacre; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Education and Labor, 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 Miss GONZALEZ-COLÓN of Puerto Rico (for herself, Mrs. MURPHY of Florida, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. POSEY, Ms. SHALALA, Mr. SOTO, Mr. STEUBE, Mr. HASTINGS, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mr. WEBSTER of Florida, Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. LEWIS, Mr. KING of New York, Mr. DIAZ-BALART, Mr. SAN NICOLAS, Mr. COLE, and Mr. CONNOLLY):

H. Res. 1039. A resolution expressing support for the designation of April 13, 2020, as "National Borinqueneers Day"; to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, 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. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia (for himself, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER, Mr. CONNOLLY, Ms. MOORE, Mr. HURD of Texas, Ms. NORTON, Mrs. LAWRENCE, Mr. BUTTERFIELD, Mr. RUSH, Mr. GRIJALVA, and Mr. VAN DREW):

H. Res. 1040. A resolution supporting the designation of July 2020 as Uterine Fibroids Awareness Month; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

#### CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY STATEMENT

Pursuant to clause 7 of rule XII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the following statements are submitted regarding the specific powers granted to Congress in the Constitution to enact the accompanying bill or joint resolution.

By Ms. CRAIG:

H.R. 7437.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8 of the United States Constitution

By Mr. GOSAR:

H.R. 7438.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, clause 18 (the Necessary and Proper Clause) which gives Congress the power 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 Ms. BONAMICI:

H.R. 7439.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8

By Mr. SHERMAN:

H.R. 7440.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution

By Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana:

H.R. 7441.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Clause 8

By Mr. ALLEN:

H.R. 7442.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8

Section 8—Powers of Congress. 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. ALLRED:

H.R. 7443.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution, which gives Congress the power 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. BACON:

H.R. 7444.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8 provides Congress the authority to "make rules for the government and regulation of the land and naval forces"

By Mr. BOST:

H.R. 7445.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8

By Mr. CARTWRIGHT:

H.R. 7446.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 3 (relating to the power of Congress to regulate Commerce with foreign Nations, and among the several States, and with the Indian Tribes.)

By Mr. CLYBURN:

H.R. 7447.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8

By Mr. CONNOLLY:

H.R. 7448.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution

By Mr. COURTNEY:

H.R. 7449.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8

By Mr. CRIST:

H.R. 7450.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8

By Mr. EVANS:

H.R. 7451.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Art. I., Sec. 8 of the Constitution: "The Congress shall have Power To lay and collect Taxes, Duties, Imposts and Excises, to pay the Debts and provide for the common Defence and general Welfare of the United States . . ."

By Ms. FINKENAUER:

H.R. 7452.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 3: "The Congress shall have Power . . . to regulate Commerce with foreign Nations, and among the several States, and with the Indian Tribes"

By Mrs. FLETCHER:

H.R. 7453.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

The constitutional authority on which this bill rests is the power of Congress to make rules for the government and regulation of the land and naval forces, as enumerated in Article I, Section 8, Clause 14 of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. FULCHER:

H.R. 7454.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 14: To make Rules for the Government and Regulation of the land and naval Forces.

By Ms. GABBARD:

H.R. 7455.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

The United States Constitution, Article 1, Section 8.

By Ms. GARCIA of Texas:

H.R. 7456.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

This bill is enacted pursuant to the power granted to Congress under Article I, Section 8, Clause 18 of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. GIBBS:

H.R. 7457.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 3 of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. HAGEDORN:

H.R. 7458.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Under Article I, Section 8, the Necessary and Proper Clause. Congress shall have

power to make all laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers and all Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States, or any Department or Officer thereof.

By Mr. HARDER of California:

H.R. 7459.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8

By Mr. KENNEDY:

H.R. 7460.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8, of the Constitution

By Mr. LEVIN of California:

H.R. 7461.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8 of the United States Constitution

By Mr. LYNCH:

H.R. 7462.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8, Cl. 18

By Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York:

H.R. 7463.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 18 (Necessary and Proper Clause)

By Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York:

H.R. 7464.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Sec. 8

By Ms. NORTON:

H.R. 7465.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

clause 18 of section 8 of article I of the Constitution.

By Ms. NORTON:

H.R. 7466.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

clause 18 of section 8 of article I of the Constitution.

By Mr. PANETTA:

H.R. 7467.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, clause 18

By Mr. RASKIN:

H.R. 7468.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8

By Mr. DAVID P. ROE of Tennessee:

H.R. 7469.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8 of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. RUIZ:

H.R. 7470.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, section 8, Clauses 1 and 18 of the United States Constitution, to provide for the general welfare and make all laws necessary and proper to carry out the powers of Congress.

By Mr. RUSH:

H.R. 7471.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8

By Ms. SPEIER:

H.R. 7472.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

This bill is enacted pursuant to the power granted to Congress under Article 1, Section 8 of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. SWALWELL of California:

H.R. 7473.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, section 8; Sixteenth Amendment

By Mrs. TRAHAN:

H.R. 7474.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. VELA:

H.R. 7475.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8

By Mr. VELA:

H.R. 7476.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8

By Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN:

H.R. 7477.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, 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 the Constitution in the Government of the United States, or in any Department or Officer thereof.

By Ms. WEXTON:

H.R. 7478.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 3

By Mr. YOUNG:

H.R. 7479.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8

The constitutional authority of Congress to enact this legislation is provided by Article I, section 8 of the United States Constitution (clause 14), which provides Congress with the power to make rules for the government and regulation of the land and naval forces.

#### ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 7 of rule XII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions, as follows:

H.R. 40: Mr. MFUME, Mr. DEFAZIO, Mr. VEASEY, and Ms. SCANLON.

H.R. 372: Mr. KIM.

H.R. 445: Mrs. DEMINGS.

H.R. 584: Mr. LEVIN of California.

H.R. 865: Ms. PLASKETT.

H.R. 1069: Mrs. NAPOLITANO.

H.R. 1083: Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas.

H.R. 1109: Mr. O'HALLERAN.

H.R. 1694: Mrs. BEATTY.

H.R. 1766: Mrs. MURPHY of Florida, Mr. VELA, Mr. VEASEY, and Mr. AGUILAR.

H.R. 1776: Mr. KHANNA.

H.R. 2048: Mr. AGUILAR.

H.R. 2208: Ms. JAYAPAL.

H.R. 2279: Mr. SIRES, Mr. CLEAVER, Mr. NADLER, Mr. MALINOWSKI, Mr. COLE, Ms. DEAN, Mr. HASTINGS, Ms. SHALALA, and Mr. HARDER of California.

H.R. 2329: Mr. FOSTER, Mr. CASTEN of Illinois, and Mr. CISNEROS.

H.R. 2350: Mr. LIPINSKI.

H.R. 2431: Mr. MCADAMS.

H.R. 2526: Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ.

H.R. 2654: Mrs. NAPOLITANO.

H.R. 2730: Mr. CARTWRIGHT.

H.R. 2775: Mr. HORSFORD.

H.R. 3082: Mr. POCAN.

H.R. 3114: Mrs. LURIA.

H.R. 3306: Mr. COOPER.

H.R. 3316: Mr. CARSON of Indiana.

H.R. 3348: Mr. TIFFANY.

H.R. 3453: Mr. MAST and Mrs. AXNE.

H.R. 3739: Mr. GOHMERT.

H.R. 3827: Ms. MATSUI.

H.R. 3884: Miss RICE of New York.

H.R. 3934: Mr. MURPHY of North Carolina and Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota.

H.R. 3975: Mr. MARSHALL.

H.R. 4027: Mr. TIFFANY.

H.R. 4179: Mr. PERLMUTTER, Mrs. HAYES, and Mr. TAKANO.

H.R. 4301: Mr. RUSH.

H.R. 4681: Mrs. BEATTY.

H.R. 4701: Mr. LEVIN of Michigan.

H.R. 4764: Mr. AGUILAR.

H.R. 5265: Ms. SHALALA.

H.R. 5434: Mr. PERRY.

H.R. 5971: Mr. TAYLOR.

H.R. 5995: Mr. HASTINGS, Ms. PINGREE, Mr. HURD of Texas, and Mr. EMMER.

H.R. 6082: Mrs. RADEWAGEN.

H.R. 6131: Mr. CONNOLLY, Mr. MFUME, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, and Mr. LOWENTHAL.

H.R. 6192: Mr. RASKIN.

H.R. 6257: Mr. STIVERS.

H.R. 6336: Mr. ROY.

H.R. 6393: Mr. BAIRD.

H.R. 6394: Mr. PAPPAS.

H.R. 6425: Mr. KENNEDY.

H.R. 6482: Mr. BAIRD.

H.R. 6506: Mr. ROSE of New York.

H.R. 6515: Mr. McGOVERN.

H.R. 6519: Mr. MOONEY of West Virginia.

H.R. 6626: Mr. McGOVERN, Ms. NORTON, and Mr. HUFFMAN.

H.R. 6644: Mr. MCADAMS and Mr. SUOZZI.

H.R. 6646: Mrs. NAPOLITANO and Mr. HECK.

H.R. 6708: Mr. DAVID P. ROE of Tennessee.

H.R. 6763: Ms. CRAIG.

H.R. 6794: Mr. HIMES, Mr. CASTEN of Illinois, Ms. DEAN, Mr. MEEKS, Mr. AGUILAR, Mr. GREEN of Texas, Ms. VELAZQUEZ, Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER, and Mr. CLEAVER.

H.R. 6829: Ms. DEAN, Ms. SHALALA, Mr. PERLMUTTER, Mr. ROUZER, Mr. MORELLE, and Mr. GARCÍA of California.

H.R. 6848: Mr. LOEBSACK.

H.R. 6885: Mr. BAIRD and Mr. TIFFANY.

H.R. 6902: Mr. VEASEY.

H.R. 6909: Ms. BARRAGÁN and Mr. CARSON of Indiana.

H.R. 6918: Mr. CORREA.

H.R. 6958: Mr. HARDER of California and Mr. COOPER.

H.R. 6959: Ms. DELAUR.

H.R. 6990: Mr. COSTA.

H.R. 6994: Mr. MOONEY of West Virginia.

H.R. 7023: Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER, Mr. KATKO, Mr. KIM, and Mr. HURD of Texas.

H.R. 7027: Mr. RYAN and Mr. CARSON of Indiana.

H.R. 7029: Mr. STIVERS.

H.R. 7032: Mr. RUTHERFORD and Ms. WILD.

H.R. 7048: Ms. SHERRILL.

H.R. 7062: Mr. BROWN of Maryland.

H.R. 7072: Mr. COLE.

H.R. 7078: Mr. CÁRDENAS.

H.R. 7092: Mr. LIPINSKI and Mr. BACON.

H.R. 7117: Mr. VELA.

H.R. 7136: Ms. NORTON.

H.R. 7177: Mr. CARSON of Indiana, Ms. NORTON, and Mrs. BEATTY.

H.R. 7179: Mr. TIFFANY.

H.R. 7197: Ms. MUCARSEL-POWELL, Mr. MCNERNEY, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Mr. COSTA, Mrs. McBATH, Mr. ROSE of New York, Mrs. DINGELL, and Mr. O'HALLERAN.

H.R. 7216: Ms. CRAIG.

H.R. 7226: Mr. NORMAN.

H.R. 7227: Mr. DESAULNIER.

H.R. 7232: Ms. WILD.

H.R. 7265: Mr. WALBERG and Mr. PERLMUTTER.

H.R. 7285: Mr. GOSAR.

H.R. 7289: Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD.

H.R. 7308: Mr. LIPINSKI, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. CARBAJAL, Mr. MCKINLEY, Mr. MICHAEL F. DOYLE of Pennsylvania, Mr.

SCHNEIDER, Mr. CARSON of Indiana, Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas, Mr. PANETTA, Mr. BUTTERFIELD, Mr. RYAN, Mr. LEVIN of California, Mrs. DINGELL, Mr. LEVIN of Michigan, Mr. SWALWELL of California, Ms. NORTON, Mr. PERLMUTTER, Mr. WEBER of Texas, and Ms. SLOTKIN.

H.R. 7317: Mr. LOWENTHAL.

H.R. 7326: Mr. GROTHMAN.

H.R. 7358: Mr. PALMER, Mr. BROOKS of Alabama, and Mrs. LESKO.

H.R. 7371: Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN.

H.R. 7380: Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York and Mr. SERRANO.

H.R. 7383: Mrs. RADEWAGEN and Ms. VELÁZQUEZ.

H.R. 7415: Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. SCHWEIKERT, Mr. HASTINGS, and Mr. ALLRED.

H.R. 7425: Mr. ROUZER, Mr. HAGEDORN, Mr.

MARSHALL, and Mr. BALDERSON.

H. Res. 783: Mr. STEUBE.

H. Res. 823: Mr. GROTHMAN.

H. Res. 902: Mr. TED LIEU of California, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, and Mr. PETERS.

H. Res. 972: Mr. LOEBSACK, Ms. JUDY CHU of California, Mrs. LURIA, Mr. CALVERT, Mr. LEVIN of California, Mr. TAKANO, and Ms. NORTON.

H. Res. 989: Ms. NORTON.

H. Res. 990: Mr. DEFAZIO, Mr. POCAN, Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER, Mr. CLAY, Mr. WELCH, Mr.

RICHMOND, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, and Mr. BISHOP of Georgia.

H. Res. 992: Mr. TED LIEU of California, Mr. CASTRO of Texas, Mr. SHERMAN, and Mr. PERLMUTTER.

H. Res. 1010: Mr. LOWENTHAL.

H. Res. 1014: Ms. OMAR and Mrs. HAYES.

H. Res. 1024: Ms. ESCOBAR and Mr. PHIL-LIPS.

H. Res. 1032: Ms. ESCOBAR and Mr. KILDEE.

H. Res. 1033: Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. KINZINGER, Mr. MEEKS, Mr. VARGAS, Ms. TITUS, Mr. SHERMAN, Mr. CONNOLLY, Mr. COSTA, and Mr. SIRES.

H. Res. 1035: Mr. TED LIEU of California and Mr. SMITH of Washington.