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

### DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,  
March 4, 2025.

I hereby appoint the Honorable DAVID ROUZER to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

MIKE JOHNSON,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

### MORNING-HOUR DEBATE

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

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

### AMERICA DESERVES PRESIDENT TRUMP

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Iowa (Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS) for 5 minutes.

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend President Donald Trump for the executive actions he has taken to secure our southern border. Thanks to his leadership, illegal crossings have dropped to the lowest level we have seen in decades. Our communities have suffered for too long under Joe Biden's failed open-border policies.

Crime has surged, fentanyl has poured in, and American jobs have been undermined. Biden's refusal to enforce our immigration laws created a national security crisis, but now with President Trump back in office, we are witnessing the power of real enforcement.

His executive actions are restoring order, protecting American families, and putting our country first. Biden let chaos reign while Trump is bringing security back to our borders.

We must never allow radical left policies to threaten our Nation's safety again. America deserves a leader who enforces the law, defends our borders, and stands up for its citizens, and that leader is Donald Trump.

### REPUBLICANS STAND UP FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I should be standing here today celebrating the Senate's passage of the Protection of Women and Girls in Sports Act, a bill that simply ensures fairness and common sense in athletics. Instead, Senate Democrats made their priorities clear. Mr. Speaker, 45 Senate Democrats voted against protecting women's sports, 45 Senate Democrats voted against keeping women's spaces safe, and 45 Democrats voted against protecting women.

Despite the fact that 80 percent of Americans agree that men do not belong in women's sports, Senate Democrats still chose to ignore reality and put our daughters at risk.

This isn't about politics. This is about fairness, safety, and protecting the integrity of women's sports. This is about a level playing field. If it wasn't obvious before, now it is. Republicans are the party that stands for women. We are the party that defends their right to compete on a level playing field, and while Democrats try to erase the very definition of womanhood, we will never back down. They can slow us down, but they will not stop us. We will keep fighting until every woman and

girl in this country has the protections they deserve.

America's daughters deserve better than what Senate Democrats did last night.

### WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Illinois (Mrs. RAMIREZ) for 5 minutes.

Mrs. RAMIREZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate Women's History Month by uplifting my dear friend, a powerful organizer, Erendira "Ere" Rendon.

Ere has dedicated her life to fighting for the dignity and liberation of immigrant communities.

Hailing from Oaxaca, Mexico, Ere immigrated to the United States in 1990 to be reunited with her father. Ere is 1 of 530,000 from the roughly 3.6 million Dreamers receiving DACA, a program that has been viciously attacked in this Chamber. Inspired by her family's and her own experiences, Ere has fought to expand and affirm immigrant rights, ensuring access to driver's licenses, healthcare regardless of legal status, and funding for necessary legal services.

For nearly 15 years, Ere has organized at the Resurrection Project helping to found the Immigrant Justice Department where she serves as vice president.

Ere is one of the countless "powerful women," "poderosas mujeres" leaders organizing to protect and unite our communities reminding us that immigrants make our communities stronger.

On behalf of Illinois' Third Congressional District, it is my honor to commend Erendira Rendon in this day for her lifelong commitment to ensuring that immigrant communities are seen and that immigrants are valued, uplifted, and loved just as she is.

Congratulations to Ere.

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## POWERFUL WOMEN

Mrs. RAMIREZ. At a time of unserious efforts to establish English as the official language of the United States, I rise today to celebrate my constituent, Angelica Garcia Santos, in a language proudly spoken in Illinois' Third Congressional District.

(English translation of the statement made in Spanish by Mrs. RAMIREZ is as follows:)

In honor of Women's Month, I congratulate community leader and activist Angélica García Santos, my West Chicago constituent.

Angélica began volunteering at IL03's non-profit immigrant advocacy organization, Casa Michoacán, where she now serves as coordinator.

At Casa Michoacán, Angélica provides resources to connect her immigrant neighbors with their community and inform them about their rights.

As an activist, Angélica has also helped advocate for the expansion of healthcare for immigrants, inspired by her own experiences with the healthcare system.

Angélica is one of countless community leaders in my district who feel the urgency of this moment as my Republican colleagues move forward with devastating cuts to federal programs like Medicaid.

Angélica's activism reminds us how much our immigrants contribute to our communities and shape the change they know we need.

On behalf of Illinois' 3rd Congressional District, it is my great honor to congratulate Angélica García Santos for her activism, leadership, and advocacy.

Thank you, Angélica.

En honor al Mes de la Mujer, felicito a la líder comunitaria y activista Angélica García Santos, mi constituyente de West Chicago.

Angélica comenzó como voluntaria en la organización sin fines de lucro de defensa de los inmigrantes de IL03, Casa Michoacán, donde ahora se desempeña como coordinadora.

En Casa Michoacán, Angélica brinda recursos para conectar a sus vecinos inmigrantes con su comunidad e informales sobre sus derechos.

Como activista, Angélica también ha ayudado a defender la expansión del cuidado médico para inmigrantes, inspirada por sus propias experiencias con el sistema de salud.

Angélica es una de los innumerables líderes comunitarios de mi distrito que siente la urgencia de este momento en el que mis colegas republicanos avanzan con recortes devastadores a programas federales como Medicaid.

El activismo de Angélica nos recuerda cuánto contribuyen nuestros inmigrantes a nuestras comunidades y dan forma al cambio que saben que necesitamos.

A nombre del tercer distrito del Congreso de Illinois, es un gran honor para mí felicitar a Angélica García Santos por su activismo, liderazgo y defensa.

Gracias, Angélica.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SELF). The Chair asks the gentlewoman to provide a translation to the desk.

## WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

Mrs. RAMIREZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commemorate Women's History Month and to celebrate the rich contributions of Ukrainians in Illinois—03 by uplifting my constituent, Dr. Mariya Dmytriv-Kapeniak, for her work to honor our shared humanity.

A family medicine doctor, Dr. Dmytriv-Kapeniak exemplifies putting together our vocation into service for humanity. As a proud member of the Illinois Chapter of Ukrainian Medical Association of North America and the president of the Illinois division of Ukrainian Congress Committee of North America, she has secured medical donations and supply donations to help save lives in Ukraine.

This past Sunday I had the honor to stand with her and Ukrainian Americans at a Chicago rally to send a clear message: We who stand for democracy will not be bullied by dictators, not in Ukraine, not in other parts of the world, and not in the United States.

On behalf of Illinois' Third Congressional District, home to thousands of Ukrainians and Ukrainian Americans, it is my honor to commend Dr. Mariya Dmytriv-Kapeniak for her tremendous leadership and commitment to human dignity, to peace, and to democracy.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Mariya and congratulate her.

#### MAKING AMERICA SECURE: HOLDING LEFTIST SANCTUARY CITIES ACCOUNTABLE

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

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, before President Trump got into office recently, America's security was really, really in doubt, especially on our border, so the actions taken by us in this House as well as, very importantly, what President Trump has done to secure our border is incredible. The numbers are down dramatically from the amount of people coming across illegally daily to the mere small number that is still doing so now until such point as we complete the border fence and the other measures taken to have the border completely secure. It is a pretty amazing turnaround.

Tomorrow, the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform will question the mayors of several of our large cities who seem to be just more concerned about the benefits of illegal immigrants than of those of the American people. The mayors of Boston, Chicago, Denver, and New York who have been harboring illegal immigrants as sanctuary areas and have jeopardized the public safety of their own constituents and drained taxpayer resources will be held accountable in this hearing.

These so-called leaders have chosen to ignore Federal immigration laws. They are breaking the law. They brag about it, and they say they will con-

tinue to do so. They chose to shield the illegal immigrants, including criminals, rather than protect the people they were actually elected to serve.

They chose policies that have overwhelmed law enforcement, strained public services, and put American families at risk. They don't seem to care that these tax dollars come from the hardworking people who actually did have eligibility to vote for them.

We House Republicans refuse to let this continue and have continued to take action.

President Trump declared a national emergency and deployed the military to the border to slow down that massive tide. Indeed, it has worked.

He has ended catch and release where basically law enforcement catches somebody at the border, processes them as fast as they can, and turns them loose in the country maybe to come back for a hearing on asylum supposedly within a couple years.

He reestablished the remain in Mexico policy so they are not to just come into the country. If Mexico is going to let them in from the south, then they can deal with it. Remain in Mexico is not automatic passage into the U.S.

He has restarted the border wall construction. Indeed, that makes it so much easier for our law enforcement personnel, our border personnel, to be able to narrow down the tide coming in and focus on what is going to happen there.

He shut down the CBP One app. He has terminated taxpayer-funded benefits for illegal immigrants. We still have States like my home State of California who can't give it away fast enough, at one point \$9.5 billion for illegal immigrants in their health care program at the same time that the State is asking for \$40 billion to get bailed out after the horrific fire situation in southern California.

He has terminated taxpayer benefits overall for illegal immigrants via executive order. We need to back him up on that.

He began transferring criminal aliens to Guantanamo Bay so they don't get away. He classified cartels as foreign terrorist organizations, and indeed they are.

He suspended the U.S. Refugee Admissions Program. He has clawed back DHS funds that were being used for the benefit of housing illegal immigrants while at the same time we have people suffering from disasters.

Here we were able to pass the Laken Riley Act to keep violent criminals off our streets, especially those who are here as illegal immigrants. We passed the Violence Against Women by Illegal Aliens Act to protect these innocent lives.

We passed the HALT Fentanyl Act to stop deadly drugs from flowing across our border. Fentanyl is an existential crisis in this country for so many people. It is so deadly and yet so prevalent. It is sent through Mexico so much by China. Mexico is not being a good neighbor when they keep allowing this.

We passed the Agent Raul Gonzalez Officer Safety Act to give law enforcement the tools they need, as well.

The results are that illegal border crossings, as I mentioned, have dropped dramatically. Apprehensions have fallen by 93 percent because they don't have to apprehend this 93 percent, which is a major victory for border security.

We will not back down. I know President Trump will not back down. We need to move forward because we raise our right hand and swear allegiance to this country and its Constitution. It is our job to make our country strong, to make our country safe, and to serve our own citizens who are already struggling enough with inflation and with choking regulations in some cases. So much is going against the grain of what the founding of this country was about.

I am proud of the work we have been trying to do here on the House floor. I hope we can get more of a bipartisan effort on that as we see the common sense of what we are trying to do. The Senate can take this up and support the leadership President Trump has provided and the results we have seen so strongly so far.

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#### A SERIOUS AND PROFOUND MOMENT

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

Ms. STEVENS. Mr. Speaker, within 12 hours, this very Chamber is going to witness a joint address to Congress. I will take my time and my privilege as a duly elected Member of this Chamber to share some of the sentiments about the state of the Union that is emerging very clearly and loudly from Michigan and on behalf of my constituents.

First and foremost, tariffs that are coming down today on Canada are wreaking havoc on autoworkers, our auto industry, and, frankly, the stock market.

Secondly, I am hearing very grave concerns about the state of Social Security and Social Security's ability to meet its fiduciary commitments to its millions and millions of recipients. Never once in the history of that program has a payment been missed, but the actions of DOGE are disrupting that very agency.

There is also a very palpable fear in my constituents. Veterans who are 100 percent disabled are concerned and fearful that they may or may not be able to continue to receive their medical care.

This is a serious and profound moment. This is a self-inflicted crisis.

I did serve this Nation during a time of real economic crisis during the Great Recession in the administration of Barack Obama. That was when I was in the Treasury Department, working to save General Motors and Chrysler

and millions of American automotive jobs as the companies were staring liquidation in the face.

Mr. Speaker, I will take a moment to share some words. On February 8, at the Sheet Metal Workers union in Oakland County, Michigan, I was joined by an incredible medical expert from Michigan, my friend, Dr. Preetha Iyengar, who happens to be in this very Chamber alongside her family here today.

She read these words, which I would like to share and read on her behalf, and on the behalf of the American people, in this Chamber.

Dr. Iyengar shared:

I am a pediatrician and epidemiologist. After residency, I trained for 2 years at the CDC and then worked in Washington, D.C., at an NGO and the D.C. Health Department.

I am here today to highlight the impact of recent policies and actions on scientific institutions and how that impacts us in Michigan.

Our scientific institutions are being attacked from many angles, but I wanted to highlight three areas: spreading of misinformation, purging of experts and destruction of scientific institutions, and destruction of critical infrastructure.

We are seeing that the current administration's agenda is misinformation and confusion. Federal healthcare and public health institutions are facing unprecedented censorship and harassment. Bans for external communications have crippled international collaborations, with special exceptions given at random and many that have not been restored. Websites with CDC healthcare guidelines used by doctors and public health information used by all of us in the medical community, like vaccine safety information sheets, were forced to be removed without warning.

Dr. Iyengar also mentioned that we now are less safe in protecting ourselves during the flu season, particularly with bird flu.

I may insert the question: How much are egg prices today in the United States of America? People are stealing eggs outside of delivery trucks and engaging in fights in supermarkets across this country. This is the United States of America, and we need an egg price plan.

Dr. Iyengar also went on to say that, as a woman in STEM, she is horrified to see the targeting of DEI programs, and let's say the words: diversity, equity, and inclusion. Equity, which is enshrined in our very Constitution, is something that all equal Members of this Chamber swore an oath to uphold. I will remind people of the rights and the tenets of Article I in our Constitution.

Dr. Iyengar says that she is horrified by the cuts to diversity, equity, and inclusion as a woman in STEM.

Frankly, as the leader of the Women in STEM Caucus, I founded this bipartisan caucus with four Members of this Chamber, two Republicans and two Democrats. It is Women's History Month, and we would like to do some things for women in STEM to meet the workforce challenges and needs of this great Nation. Of course, I cannot, at this present time, tragically, get a Re-

publican Member of Congress to join the Women in STEM Caucus for this term.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair reminds Members that the rules do not allow references to persons in the gallery.

#### RECOGNIZING PHIL GINN

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

Mr. NORMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a truly remarkable individual, Phil Ginn, whose unwavering commitment to his community has been an inspiration to all of us who know him.

His lifetime of service to his family, to his faith, and to his country has made him an institution in his community, and his influence will be felt for generations to come.

Judge Ginn's pursuit of excellence began with his education. He graduated magna cum laude from Appalachian State University and earned his law degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. His legal career spanned over four decades, including 22 years as the senior resident superior court judge for the 24th Judicial District in North Carolina. Throughout his tenure, he upheld the rule of law with wisdom, with fairness, and with integrity.

Judge Ginn's influence extended far beyond the courtroom, where he not only delivered legal rulings but also mentored those around him, always striving to instill truth and justice.

After retiring from the bench in 2014, Judge Ginn transitioned to the business world as he purchased a struggling horizontal pump company in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Over the next 3 years, with the help of key employees and through exemplary leadership, he managed to turn the business into one of the largest privately owned horizontal pump companies in the United States.

In early 2018, Judge Ginn completed the sale of the company and returned to his beloved mountains of western North Carolina.

It is not just in law and business where Judge Ginn's legacy is found. His greatest passion has always been his faith. His devotion led him to serve as chairman of the Southern Evangelical Seminary board of trustees. In 2021, he assumed the role of the sixth president of the board. Under his leadership, the seminary has continued its vital mission to evangelize our culture as a defender and as a disciple of the Christian faith.

Founded in 1992 by Dr. Norman Geisler and Dr. Ross Rhoads, Southern Evangelical Seminary is widely recognized as one of the top 10 evangelical Christian seminaries in the country, offering accredited programs rooted in a classical philosophy of education.

Recently, SES has further enhanced its national standing as one of the premier evangelical seminaries in America through the establishment and

dedication of a new innovative training center in Rock Hill, South Carolina. The center includes a state-of-the-art, fully digital campus that serves as a thriving international body.

Throughout his accomplishments, Judge Ginn has remained a devoted husband, a devoted father, and a devoted grandfather. He and his wife, Lynn, have been married for over 40 years and have raised four daughters, three sons-in-law, and five grandchildren, imparting to them the same values of faith, service, and community that have helped shape his life and legacy.

Above all of his many accomplishments, it is Judge Ginn's unwavering faith in the Lord Jesus Christ that has truly defined his life. In his courtroom, in his office, and in his personal life, the Holy Bible has been a standard of truth, the source of all wisdom, and the promise upon which he stands.

In dealing with his fellow man, he is a person who knows no superiors. He is a person who knows no inferiors. He lives by the values instilled in him at a young age by his parents, the Reverend and Mrs. Charles Ginn, to treat others without regard for position or power, respect elders and love children, work hard, speak the truth, stand for the American flag and those who fight for our freedom, and give generously but quietly.

Judge Ginn's life is a master class in respect, honor, and kindness, and his legacy will be long remembered not just for his accomplishments but for his character.

Judge Ginn's legacy of leadership, compassion, and commitment to justice continues to inspire all who encounter him. He is a man who lives by the Bible and is proof of: "To whom much is given, much will be required."

On behalf of the people of South Carolina's Fifth Congressional District, I extend my deepest congratulations to Judge Ginn and his family on his well-deserved recognition. His life reminds us that true leadership begins with being a good and honorable person.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in giving heartfelt thanks to Judge Phil Ginn.

#### DISASTROUS IMPLICATIONS OF A YEARLONG CR

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

Mr. CISNEROS. Mr. Speaker, Republican leadership has called for a yearlong continuing resolution ahead of next week's government funding deadline.

That is a horrible idea. To be clear, the government funding bill should have been completed last year, but House Republicans made the political decision to punt it to this year because my colleagues wanted to wait for President Trump to move into the White House.

Mr. Speaker, House Republicans got what the majority wanted but still

haven't been able to pass any new funding because their party refuses to accept the responsibility of governing. That is what has led us to this yearlong CR.

Both the President and the Speaker have called for a "clean" CR, but neither of them can articulate what that means.

Not only is Republican leadership struggling to say what my Republican colleagues want to see in it, but a yearlong CR would negatively impact our economy. A yearlong CR creates economic uncertainty and job insecurity because it prevents Federal agencies from making new hires and starting new programs. It delays contracts and applications for grants, which reduce the level of services agencies provide while also increasing costs. It reduces funding for nearly every Federal program that America relies on, such as VA medical care and food assistance programs.

Donald Trump and shadow president Musk have already thrown hundreds of thousands of public employees in limbo. A CR would only exacerbate that uncertainty and endanger their livelihoods.

Mr. Speaker, that is not the only disastrous implication of a yearlong CR. A yearlong CR would undermine our military readiness and our national security. The Department of Defense would have to slow recruiting efforts and delay servicemember moves, throwing our military families into limbo, not to mention it would potentially negate the 14.5 percent pay raise for junior-enlisted servicemembers, delay military housing projects, and undercut initiatives to improve servicemember quality of life and mental health.

Also, since a yearlong CR would not account for inflation, thousands of DOD programs would see cuts. That includes programs that deal with nuclear triad modernization, shipbuilding and ship maintenance, munitions production and replenishment, and U.S. priorities in the Indo-Pacific.

Ultimately, a yearlong CR would force too much uncertainty and stress on our servicemembers and their families, and it would impede our ability to react to national security threats.

Even some of my Republican colleagues agree with me on this point. One Republican colleague has said: "A continuing resolution, CR, is bad for our military and weakens our national security. A CR means new weapons programs cannot get started." Shipbuilding will be delayed. "A yearlong CR means we are not serious about building a military that will deter China, Russia, and Iran."

The White House may be out of touch with reality when it comes to Ukraine and supporting our allies abroad, but their fealty to Vladimir Putin doesn't mean the United States can resign its role in standing for Ukraine and democracies around the world.

Washington Republicans need to get it together. My colleagues on the other

side of the aisle control the White House and Congress. If we have a government shutdown, it falls on the majority and their inability to govern.

#### PAYING TRIBUTE TO JERRY "ICEMAN" BUTLER

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

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to a dear friend, great vocalist, entertainer, outstanding civic and community leader, and a solid member for many years of the Cook County Board of Commissioners with a primary focus on healthcare, Jerry Butler.

Jerry was born in Sunflower, Mississippi, and his parents, like thousands of other Blacks, migrated to Chicago. As a matter of fact, we fondly sometimes call Chicago "northern Mississippi."

Jerry's family lived in the Cabrini-Green area, which was a large public housing development. That is where Jerry, Curtis Mayfield, and their friends, as young teenagers and young adults, sang spirituals and doo-wops, hung out, and had fun.

They ultimately formed a group called The Roosters and then The Impressions. The Impressions were sensational. Jerry performed with them for a bit, and then he went solo.

After leaving the group in 1960, Jerry achieved over 55 Billboard pop and rhythm and blues hits as a solo artist. Some of his top hits were "He Will Break Your Heart," "Let It Be Me," and "Only the Strong Survive." Jerry cowrote the song "For Your Precious Love," which is ranked No. 321 on Rolling Stone magazine's list of the 500 greatest songs of all time.

Jerry was known as the Iceman. He even played a small role in a movie.

Jerry was elected to the Cook County Board of Commissioners in 1985 and served there until he retired in 2018.

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His last election was in 2014 in which he received 80 percent of the votes.

Jerry served as host of PBS' TV music specials such as "Doo Wop 50" and "Doo Wop 51"; "Rock, Rhythm & Doo Wop"; "Rhythm and Blues 40: A Soul Spectacular."

He also served as chairman of the board of the Rhythm & Blues Foundation.

In 1991, Jerry was inducted into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame, along with the other original members of The Impressions: Curtis Mayfield, Sam Gooden, Fred Cash, Richard Brooks, and Arthur Brooks.

When Jerry and I served on the Cook County Board together, I was walking down the hall one morning humming "Moon River," and I passed Jerry's door. He hollered out and said: I hear you. I said: Well, how am I doing? He said: Well, don't quit your day job.

Well, Jerry, I didn't quit my day job. I am still here, and I know that he is

up there in Heaven with all of the other soul singers. We are never going to give him up, and I know that he is up there leading them in glory, hallelujah, His truth is marching on.

The only thing that I can say is Jerry lived a life well done, and I will see him when I get there.

#### HONORING CHIEF OF STAFF, KARI OSMOND

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from New Jersey (Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN) for 5 minutes.

Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN. Mr. Speaker, ask any Member of Congress and they will tell you, none of us could adequately serve our constituents without staffers. They are a necessary component of our office.

Today, I will take a moment to thank my chief of staff, Kari Osmond, who will be leaving our office at the conclusion of today's work.

Kari has been working with me since I was first elected to represent the 12th Congressional District a decade ago, but I have known her since my time in the State assembly.

In fact, we spent so much time together during my first campaign, driving around the 12th Congressional District listening to gospel music, I nearly turned her into a Black Baptist. We preferred Hezekiah Walker's "Every Praise."

Her dedication and her commitment to the people in the four counties that I represent has never wavered in all of the time that I have known her.

Kari is not just a friend. Bill, my husband, and I consider her family. She has been a tremendous professional, a committed organizer, and a courageous leader who has always run toward the fight.

In her time as chief of staff, she also helped me to assemble a talented team committed to representing the values of the 12th Congressional District and fighting for everyday New Jerseyans.

A Congress Member is only as good as their staff, and she has led one of the best on the Hill for the last 4 years and the best in our district office in New Jersey.

I will miss her greatly. I will miss her dearly. I am certain, though, that she will carry her talent and her commitment to service to her new role at the College of New Jersey.

Mr. Speaker, I wish Kari Godspeed, best wishes, and know that she goes with my love.

#### SOCIAL SECURITY IS THE NUMBER ONE ANTIPOVERTY PROGRAM IN UNITED STATES

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

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak and address the Chamber about the Nation's

number one antipoverty program for the elderly and the Nation's number one antipoverty program for children. I speak, of course, of Social Security.

Social Security is currently under attack by the Trump administration with just this weekend, Mr. Speaker, Mr. Trump calling Social Security a scam and Mr. Musk calling Social Security a Ponzi scheme.

Now, Mr. Speaker, I am sure as you know in your district, you have 209,000 Social Security recipients: 157,000 are retirees; 25,000 plus are disabled workers; 10,000 are widows; 3,678 are spouses; and over 12,000 are children. I don't believe that you think that Social Security and the checks that these people receive is a scam or that Social Security is a Ponzi scheme.

In fact, in your district, \$377 million comes into your district monthly that goes to those individuals. Where do they spend that money? They spend that money right back in your district at the grocery store, at the pharmacy, at the dry cleaners, heating and cooling their homes, paying their rent, their mortgage, and putting gasoline in their car.

The brilliance of Franklin Delano Roosevelt still lives on. This is capitalism's answer to have a safety net for people, who through no fault of their own or because they work and ultimately end up retiring, have benefits that they can live on. It is especially more important as people are living longer. They need these benefits that are currently under siege by an administration who has asked Elon Musk to find \$2 trillion in cuts.

Where is he looking? He is looking right at your district, Mr. Speaker, and my district, and the 435 congressional districts, who, on average, receive \$200 million monthly from Social Security where, on average, the more than 145,000 people per district that receive these benefits go directly back to the local economy.

We are looking for three Republicans to stand with a unified Democratic Party and Congress to push forward a bill that was last extended in 1971. Richard Nixon was President of the United States the last time Social Security benefits were extended for your constituents as well as my constituents in Connecticut.

It is long overdue. We have a COLA that doesn't work. We have people that continue to work after they receive Social Security that are taxed on their benefits. We have had teachers and firefighters and police officers, as well, who have been denied benefits. Now, while they are eligible for them, they are not funded and so that money comes out of the trust fund.

President Trump has now proposed a tax cut for Social Security that is unpaid for. That is over a \$900 billion hit to Social Security and all the constituents who receive it.

Mr. Speaker, I know you to be a man of goodwill and you understand your district and what your people need, as

well. It is long overdue for the citizens of the United States to have their Social Security benefits enhanced, not cut.

#### RECESS

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

Accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 39 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 at noon.

#### PRAYER

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

Great and awesome God, Your glory is too wonderful to be seen. Even Your servant Moses, whom You regarded worthy enough to bring forth Your law to Your people wandering in the desert, You covered his face that he would not perish in Your sight.

In our journey through at times the wilderness of faith, it seems You have hidden Your face from us, too. Is it because the brilliance of the righteousness that You demand for us is too great to bear witness to?

Or is it that You are not hidden, but it is we who have turned away from You? The events of these days, the inhumanity of war raging throughout the world, the conflict and controversy in our own country, not to mention the personal unrest in our own lives, all these have grabbed our attention.

Perhaps it is these things that have kept us from seeing Your face, from experiencing Your abiding presence. Perhaps we are looking in the wrong places, searching our social media or our social circles for our answers.

In this season, call us to search our hearts and, in Your mercy, may we find You there. Reveal in our spirits, by the power of Your own holy spirit, what You have always wanted us to see: Your great and wonderful love for us and Your desire for us to live righteously.

We lean on Your everlasting arms and call on Your name as we pray this day.

Amen.

#### THE JOURNAL

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

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

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. WILSON)

come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina 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

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

#### PROTECT DOMESTIC ENERGY PRODUCTION

(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, unhinged bureaucrats have stood in the way of American energy for too long. Overregulation, job-killing policies, and reliance on foreign nations have driven up costs and hurt American families, businesses, and farms.

That changes now as we take measures to unleash America's full energy potential. President Trump has already taken decisive action by declaring a national energy emergency to cut through the bureaucracy, red tape, and nonsense to finally get back on track.

He has rolled back the Biden administration's crippling regulations, ending the so-called Green New Deal policies, and withdrawn from agreements, such as the Paris climate accord, that put other countries first while holding us back and exporting our jobs to the Pacific Rim and others.

We are opening back up the 625 million acres for offshore drilling that were put in recklessly via a last-minute monument. That is a 1,000- by 1,000-mile square, to say no more. The President is opening that back up.

Lifting Biden's ban on liquefied natural gas exports helps get energy flowing again to Europe, helping our allies not be dependent on Russian gas.

We are backing it up in Congress. We are passing legislation to protect domestic energy production and ensure we never face these kinds of restrictions again, including three pieces of legislation this week alone that will be done.

The results are clear: Crude oil prices will have dropped 5 percent and will continue to drop.

#### RECOGNIZING BRANDON JOHNSON

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

Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the Honorable Brandon Johnson, vice chairman of the Greene County Board of Education, as my special guest for the President's address to the joint session of Congress.

Brandon is a Greene County native and has served on the school board since 2020. He was the youngest elected official in our county's history when he was first elected.

Brandon is also a special agent in law enforcement for our State, teaches part time in the basic law enforcement program at Pitt Community College, and serves at his home church of Ormondsville Original Free Will Baptist Church. He is passionate about education and public safety, topics essential for eastern North Carolina and our Nation.

Brandon's father serves on the county board of commissioners, and his greatest inspiration in life comes from his mother, who passed when he was 17.

When my colleagues see Brandon, Members will also see someone driven by his faith and dedicated to shaping the future of Greene County, eastern North Carolina, and America.

I welcome Brandon to our Nation's Capitol.

#### RECOGNIZING RED CROSS MONTH

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

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize March as national Red Cross Month.

Since its founding in 1881, the Red Cross has played a vital role in supporting our communities by providing disaster relief, emergency assistance, and critical health services.

One of the Red Cross' most essential initiatives is its nationwide blood donation program. Today, this program remains a cornerstone of public health, supplying more than 40 percent of the Nation's blood products, yet the need for donation remains urgent.

Every 2 seconds, someone in the United States requires a blood transfusion. However, less than 38 percent of the population is eligible to donate, and only 3 percent of those eligible give blood annually. The critical need for blood and the lifesaving potential that comes with a donation cannot be overstated.

Mr. Speaker, I encourage all healthy Americans to consider giving blood or plasma. A single act of generosity can make all the difference for someone in need.

#### RECOGNIZING GLEANING FOR THE WORLD

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

Mr. McGUIRE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Gleaning For The World, a Christian-based nonprofit in my district, Virginia-05, that helps people recover from disasters.

Mr. Speaker, they have distributed over 100 million pounds of humanitarian aid around the globe. When dev-

astating floods hit southwest Virginia due to Hurricane Helene and when southwest Virginia was hit by harmful snowstorms, Gleaning For The World answered the call.

During my first district work period this year, I visited Gleaning For The World's headquarters in Appomattox County. I was moved by their compassion for their fellow man and their willingness to give to others.

Mr. Speaker, I am thankful for the cheerful givers of Gleaning For The World, and I am honored to have them as my constituents.

#### PROMISES MADE, PROMISES KEPT

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

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, President Donald Trump will deliver his first address tonight before a joint session of Congress since his historic mandate reelection.

Reversing damage caused by the policies of the Biden-Harris administration in order to make America secure and competitive, President Trump is already delivering major wins for American families, reducing illegal border crossings by 98 percent.

President Trump is restoring peace through strength; rooting out waste, fraud, and abuse of taxpayer dollars; and securing tremendous savings for taxpayers.

Led by Speaker MIKE JOHNSON, House Republicans are standing by President Trump to get America back on track, including through the passage of a single bill on the Trump agenda by providing a secure border, unleashing American energy, preventing the largest tax hike in history, creating jobs, and bringing common sense back with limited government, returning power to the people.

In conclusion, God bless our troops as the global war on terrorism continues. Open borders for dictators put all Americans at risk of more 9/11 attacks imminent, as warned by the FBI. President Trump is reinstituting existing laws to protect American families with peace through strength.



PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.J. RES. 42, PROVIDING FOR CONGRESSIONAL DISAPPROVAL OF THE RULE SUBMITTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY RELATING TO "ENERGY CONSERVATION PROGRAM FOR APPLIANCE STANDARDS: CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS, LABELING REQUIREMENTS, AND ENFORCEMENT PROVISIONS FOR CERTAIN CONSUMER PRODUCTS AND COMMERCIAL EQUIPMENT"; PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.J. RES. 61, PROVIDING FOR CONGRESSIONAL DISAPPROVAL OF THE RULE SUBMITTED BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY RELATING TO "NATIONAL EMISSION STANDARDS FOR HAZARDOUS AIR POLLUTANTS: RUBBER TIRE MANUFACTURING"; AND PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF S.J. RES. 11, PROVIDING FOR CONGRESSIONAL DISAPPROVAL OF THE RULE SUBMITTED BY THE BUREAU OF OCEAN ENERGY MANAGEMENT RELATING TO "PROTECTION OF MARINE ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESOURCES"

Mr. LANGWORTHY. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 177 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

#### H. RES. 177

*Resolved*, That upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to consider in the House the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 42) providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of Energy relating to "Energy Conservation Program for Appliance Standards: Certification Requirements, Labeling Requirements, and Enforcement Provisions for Certain Consumer Products and Commercial Equipment". All points of order against consideration of the joint resolution shall be considered as read. The joint resolution shall be considered as read. All points of order against provisions in the joint resolution are waived. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the joint resolution and on any amendment thereto to final passage without intervening motion except: (1) one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce or their respective designees; and (2) one motion to recommit.

SEC. 2. Upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to consider in the House the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 61) providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to "National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Rubber Tire Manufacturing". All points of order against consideration of the joint resolution are waived. The joint resolution shall be considered as read. All points of order against provisions in the joint resolution are waived. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the joint resolution and on any amendment thereto to final passage without intervening motion except: (1) one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Energy and

Commerce or their respective designees; and (2) one motion to recommit.

SEC. 3. Upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to consider in the House the joint resolution (S.J. Res. 11) providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management relating to "Protection of Marine Archaeological Resources". All points of order against consideration of the joint resolution are waived. The joint resolution shall be considered as read. All points of order against provisions in the joint resolution are waived. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the joint resolution and on any amendment thereto to final passage without intervening motion except: (1) one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Natural Resources or their respective designees; and (2) one motion to commit.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. DESJARLAIS). The gentleman from New York is recognized for 1 hour.

Mr. LANGWORTHY. Mr. Speaker, for the purpose of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the gentleman from Colorado (Mr. NEGUSE), pending which I yield myself such time as I may consume. During consideration of this resolution, all time yielded is for the purpose of debate only.

#### GENERAL LEAVE

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

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

There was no objection.

□ 1215

Mr. Speaker, House Resolution 177 provides for consideration of two measures, H.J. Res. 42 and H.J. Res. 61. The rule provides for both bills to be considered under closed rules, with 1 hour of debate each, equally divided and controlled by the chair and the ranking minority member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce or their designees and provides for one motion to recommit.

Additionally, the rule provides for consideration of S.J. Res. 11 under a closed rule, with 1 hour of debate, equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Natural Resources or their designees and provides for one motion to recommit.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of this rule and in support of the underlying legislation.

The rule before us provides an opportunity for Congress to reverse the last-minute attempts at regulatory overreach by the former Biden-Harris administration.

The rule includes consideration of H.J. Res. 42 to provide for congressional disapproval of an eleventh hour Biden Department of Energy rule relating to "Energy Conservation Program For Appliance Standards: Certification Requirements, Labeling Requirements, and Enforcement Provisions for Cer-

tain Consumer Products and Commercial Equipment."

This rule was rushed out by the Biden administration as they worked overtime in their final days to get a fresh round of burdensome product mandates out the door. The rule in question is just one example of the former administration's war on products that the American people used to take for granted: affordable, reliable home appliances.

In an effort to appease a woke mob, the Biden DOE foisted burdensome regulations atop a certification and efficiency standard process that was already drastically broken.

The rule in question requires additional certification, additional labeling, and for manufacturers to meet additional reporting requirements.

By the Department of Energy's own estimates, this one rule will increase annual costs for manufacturers by \$213,000 and result in thousands of hours spent on additional paperwork to meet the new requirements.

Now, make no mistake, with every new standard, rule, prohibition, and restrictions on manufacturers, the American people are left with fewer options that are more expensive and too often perform worse than previous models.

In the last 4 years alone, the Biden administration issued 31 regulations aimed at residential and commercial appliances and equipment with a total cost to industry, and ultimately to the consumer, of at least \$60 billion.

Mr. Speaker, the American people are fed up with the micromanaging regulatory agenda of the previous administration. Their voices were heard very loudly on election day and President Trump has already delivered on his promise to bring regulatory relief to Americans, pausing implementation of seven of the Biden administration's restrictive mandates on home appliances in an effort to undo the previous administration's burdensome policies that have driven up costs, reduced choice, and diminished the quality of Americans' home appliances.

Real financial pain is felt by Americans when rules like this one take effect, and it falls to Congress to ensure that the Department of Energy can course correct away from these anticonsumer and anti-choice requirements.

In that spirit, the rule also provides for consideration of H.J. Res. 61, providing for congressional disapproval of the rules submitted by the Biden EPA relating to the "National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Rubber Tire Manufacturing."

Section 112 of the Clean Air Act mandates emission controls for sources of 187 hazardous pollutants and the EPA is expected to establish technology-based emission standards for sources of these pollutants, as well as specify categories of sources subject to emission standards.

However, surprising to no one, the Biden administration's EPA, at the behest of a radical environmental group,

has disregarded a technology-based, fact-based approach, and completely weaponized this process against the industry.

In a flurry of regulatory activity in their final hours in power, the Biden EPA finalized a rule to impose unnecessary new regulations on our tire manufacturing industry, all with zero environmental benefit.

This is the legacy of not just the Biden administration, but also the Obama administration nearly a decade earlier, a weaponized EPA working at the behest of radical environmental groups to roll out regulation after regulation that drives up cost, kills jobs, and shuts domestic manufacturers all in the zealous pursuit of the left's Green New Deal agenda.

If the EPA's final rule is allowed to survive, we will see tire manufacturers sink millions of dollars into new compliance costs, spend thousands of additional hours in meeting requirements of this rule, and struggle to keep manufacturing here in the United States.

This rule shows us an agency that moved hastily to comply with frivolous lawsuits, using questionable data in the process. For decades, the left has used a sue-and-settle strategy to force the EPA to push for a more aggressive, more onerous, and less affordable set of standards on American job creators, American workers, and American families.

As a Representative of western New York and the Southern Tier, many of my constituents were recently laid off after a tire manufacturing facility announced its closure and decision to move overseas, where CO<sub>2</sub> emissions will almost certainly be higher and the requirements around environmental stewardship are far less stringent.

This is the reality that awaits America's domestic manufacturing base if we allow our regulatory agencies to cater to the radical left and asinine Green New Deal fantasies as they are doing with this rule. H.J. Res. 61 will ensure Congress, through the Congressional Review Act, can put a stop to these unnecessary new costs that threaten the viability of American manufacturing.

Finally, the rule before us provides for consideration of S.J. Res. 11, which provides for congressional disapproval of a rule submitted by the former Biden administration relating to "Protection of Marine Archaeological Resources."

Mr. Speaker, despite the innocuous name, the rule itself could not be more ridiculous. Federal agencies have spent hundreds of millions of taxpayer dollars surveying the seabed of the Gulf of America and have identified to date approximately 4,000 shipwrecks and other sites. Yet this expensive and time-consuming work is apparently not enough.

Under this rule, oil and gas operators seeking to drill offshore in the resource-rich Gulf of America, are now required to do their own additional surveying to "better protect shipwrecks

and other cultural resources on the seabed."

It is lost on no one that this highly redundant, unnecessary regulation is nothing more than a last-ditch discriminatory action by the Biden administration aimed right at our Nation's oil and gas industry.

The mandate will force companies to spend untold resources scouring the seabed for potential shipwrecks, even without any previous indication that such sites may exist.

To be clear, there is already a regulatory framework to mandate a report on potential sites on the seabed when the regional director of the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management has "reason to believe" that an archeological site may exist.

Let's stop pretending that this rule is anything more than a continued effort to bury companies in reporting, run up costs, eat away their time, and move the goalposts for American energy producers.

Time and again, we have seen these tactics used by Democratic administrations and Democrat-run States when it comes time for our oil and gas producers to get to business. In my own State of New York, the few oil and gas producers hanging on in a State that has made it very clear that they are unwelcome, face a deluge of unnecessary and redundant compliance costs like these meant to do one thing: put them out of business.

It is meant to shutter an industry, kill jobs, and leave our Nation more reliant than ever on foreign energy sources. That is what will come from the left's overzealous war on oil and gas production. We simply cannot allow these asinine rules and regulations to go forward at the Federal level.

S.J. Res. 11 will ensure that Congress, in lockstep with President Trump and his administration, can break down the barriers set up in the Biden years and bring down costs for everyday Americans.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this rule, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. NEGUSE. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from New York (Mr. LANGWORTHY) for the customary 30 minutes, and I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I will try to clarify for the American people, those who may be tuning in, certainly the individuals who have joined us in the gallery today, what this debate is all about.

Just by way of context, let's consider what is happening in the world today. I don't know if my colleague from New York has checked his phone, but the stock market is plummeting. The 401(k)'s of residents in New York and residents in Colorado are wiped out. The massive tariffs that the President of the United States applied to our neighbors at midnight we know will increase the price of everything: groceries, fuel, energy, you name it.

There were mass layoffs of Federal workers, mass purges of veterans at different Federal agencies, mass terminations of Forest Service employees in my district working on wildfire mitigation, scientists at NOAA, individuals doing cancer research, all of that is happening as we speak. Yet, here we are in this august body debating what? Labeling requirements for appliances.

That is what the Republicans have decided to spend today debating, labeling requirements for pool heaters. I don't know if the gentleman from New York has a pool. I don't have a pool. I don't understand why we are wasting time in the House of Representatives debating regulatory requirements for pool heaters or labeling requirements for coolers and air-conditioners. Seriously.

The stock market is crashing, and this is how House Republicans choose to spend their time. Government funding is about to dry out 10 days from now and we want to spend our time talking about pool heaters.

Give me a break, Mr. Speaker. Let's get serious. This isn't what the people of the United States elected us to do. I implore my Republican colleagues to come to the table, work with us in good faith, and stand up to the Trump administration that is dismantling Federal agencies in your own districts.

Social Security offices are being shut down. There are constituents who can't get services from the Federal Government because this President has decided to dismantle these agencies piece by piece.

It is time to get our priorities right, Mr. Speaker. I can assure you that the priorities that the House Republicans are pursuing today and have been pursuing for the better part of the last 2½ months are grossly out of step with the values of the American people.

It is why I would hope every Member of this body would oppose the rule.

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

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

Mr. Speaker, I remind my Democratic colleague that the rule we are debating today provides for consideration of H.J. Res. 42 regarding a Department of Energy appliance rule, H.J. Res. 61 regarding an EPA National Emission Standards rule on rubber tire manufacturing, and S.J. Res. 11 regarding the EPA's Bureau of Ocean Energy Management rules requiring burdensome archaeological reports on energy producers.

There will be ample opportunities to debate, amend, and provide suggestions when the appropriate authorizing committees move forward when we begin our work on spending reforms in a budget reconciliation package. We should focus on the legislation before us this week.

I encourage my colleagues to engage in regular order as our authorizing



committees begin to work on our reconciliation and not prejudice their outcomes and make baseless assumptions.

□ 1230

My colleagues across the aisle have mentioned how they find these measures not worthy of our time. This certainly isn't the first time they have mocked House Republican efforts to curb regulations on appliances, from heating systems to dishwashers, refrigerators, and freezers.

If this were such an unserious endeavor as my colleagues across the aisle claim, then why did the administration they supported for 4 years issue at least 31 regulations covering a vast array of different appliances and other products out of the DOE and the EPA? Is \$60 billion foisted on to our Nation's manufacturers and consumers in new regulatory and compliance costs not serious enough for Congress to thoroughly scrutinize?

Democrats seem to be confused about what it is that the American people voted for in November, and one of those items was lowering day-to-day costs that are hurting workers and families. Reversing these regulations is something that House Republicans are deeply committed to doing, and we are working with the administration to actually get this done.

I would also recommend that my colleagues across the aisle speak with the fellow Democrats in their Caucus about how harmful these regulations are and why CRAs to reverse Biden's anti-energy and economically harmful regulations are so important.

Last Congress, Democrats voted with Republicans to pass at least five measures to halt Biden administration green energy regulations, including the following:

A CRA to halt the Biden definition of the Waters of the United States. Nine Democrats voted "yes."

A CRA to halt draconian emissions standards on heavy-duty vehicles. Four Democrats voted "yes."

A CRA to halt draconian emission standards on light- and medium-duty vehicles. Eight Democrats voted "yes."

In this Congress, a whopping 11 Democrats voted just last week in support of a CRA on the Biden administration's rule on conservation standards for consumer gas-fired instantaneous water heaters, one of those appliance-related regulations that my colleagues here today claim is not worth our time in the House, but their colleagues voted "yes."

Finally, six Democrats voted "yes" on last week's CRA to halt the Biden-era implementation of a natural gas tax that would harm our Nation's energy producers and consumers.

The Democratic Party is busy pulling their hair out over President Trump, Elon Musk, DOGE, whatever else is their outrage of the day. However, they have lost sight of the kitchen-table issues affecting everyday Americans. They ignore the rising costs hurting

workers and families in order to cater to their own extreme leftwing base. It is so bad that even Members in their own Caucus are breaking ranks to vote for commonsense reforms such as the rolling back of these radical anti-energy agenda items that the Biden administration foisted upon us in the eleventh hour of their administration.

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

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

Mr. Speaker, it feels like I am living in the twilight zone again. I understand the gentleman from New York very much wants to spend a half hour debating labeling requirements for pool heaters. I get it. We all get it. It is important to you. It is not important to me and not important to the people who I represent. In the 5 minutes that you just spent describing the reasons for this bill in your view, the stock market has continued to go down. More corporations have announced that they will be increasing prices later this week because of President Trump's tariffs. I don't understand how you believe that that is lowering costs.

Again, I would implore my colleagues, let's get serious. There are plenty of substantive challenges facing this country that merit and warrant the attention of lawmakers here in Washington. For the record, House Democrats are not scared to debate any single one of them.

Apparently, reports this morning indicate that in the Republican Conference meeting, a member of Republican leadership stood up in the meeting and supposedly told his Conference a simple instruction: Not a single one of you should attend or participate in a townhall.

Why? It is because they are scared of their own constituents, Mr. Speaker. They understand that if they hold a townhall with their community, they will hear outrage from everyday American citizens who are pissed off, who are angry that the prices for everything are going up because of this reckless Trump administration's policies.

Again, you want to spend a half hour, an hour, 8 hours debating labeling requirements for pool heaters? Be my guest. However, don't expect House Democrats to participate in it.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 4 minutes to the distinguished gentleman from California (Mr. TRAN), a veteran who served our country honorably who can speak to the reasons why this amendment is so important.

If we defeat the previous question, I will be offering an amendment to the rule to bring up H.R. 1637, the Protect Veteran Jobs Act.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to direct their remarks to the Chair.

Mr. TRAN. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Colorado for yielding. I rise to urge my colleagues across the aisle to show some humanity and compassion to the thousands of veterans

who have been recklessly dismissed from their civil service jobs at the political whim of this administration.

The men and women who serve our country deserve our unwavering support, not broken promises. The indiscriminate firing of veterans by the Trump administration and Elon Musk dishonors the unwavering commitment that these public servants have dedicated to our country. These heroes stepped up for us, and now we must stand up for them.

This issue is deeply personal to me. I am the son of Vietnamese refugees who fled war and persecution in search of safety and a better life in America. This country welcomed them and gave me the chance to succeed. I joined the Army out of a sense of duty to my country because I wanted to give back to the country that gave me so much. I wanted to protect the very principles of freedom, justice, and decency that we hold dear.

However, I don't see these values in the actions by the Trump administration. I see only chaos, fear, and cruelty.

I have a duty as a Congressman, a veteran, and a proud American to stand up for those who made the highest commitment to us. That is why last week I introduced my first bill, the Protect Veteran Jobs Act, to reinstate veterans who were recklessly terminated without cause under the Trump administration's purge of the Federal workplace. My bill will also hold the executive branch accountable for any future terminations that may occur.

This isn't about politics. This is about basic decency. This is about treating our veterans with the dignity they deserve. Veterans make up over 30 percent of the Federal workforce, and when they are unjustly removed, it impacts all of us. From delays in healthcare services and disability claims to staffing shortages at the VA, the consequences for American families and servicemembers are dire.

Veterans have always had our backs. It is time we step up to have theirs. I urge my Republican colleagues to join us in opposing the previous question so that we can take up this important measure to restore the livelihoods of veterans who have served our country honorably and who have continued to do so through civilian service. Let's reverse course immediately and get these veterans their jobs back.

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

Mr. Speaker, we listen to calls from our Democratic colleagues for compassion and concern. I must ask the question, where was the compassion and concern while they watched prices skyrocket over our constituents over the 4 years of the Biden administration?

Where was the compassion and concern where the Biden regulatory environment smothered the U.S. economy with regulation after regulation, trillions of dollars in off-budget spending,

which soared inflation for the American people? Where was the compassion then?

Where was the outrage when House Republicans were calling for relief for the American people in the last Congress?

They said that we were following the wishes of only President Trump. They followed the Green New Deal playbook to a t, and that is what we are here to debate today are these important rollbacks of the Green New Deal agenda.

We sat idly by and watched our country get invaded by at least 10 million people that came across our country's borders with the direct will of the President to do it. President Trump has proven in just less than 2 short months the ability for a President to roll this all back with executive orders. Yet, the cost to New York alone was \$7 billion in costs on New York taxpayers. Where was the outrage then?

For 8 years, this hysteria has cost them. While they persisted in their witch hunt of President Trump in 2022, Americans contended with 40-year high inflation, after Democrats and President Biden dumped trillions of dollars into a recovering post-COVID economy, which even one of their chief economists told us would create massive inflation. They ignored that guidance.

Did they seek to address everyday Americans' concerns about the direction of our economy? They did not. They doubled down on lawfare against President Trump, and it lost them the House in 2022. In 2024, when the world was on fire with our borders flung open to the invasion of millions of illegal aliens into this country that prompted a crisis in countless communities, including my own, Americans' top concerns coming back time and time again, poll after poll, were the economy and our border. Democrats did no work to address those concerns.

Did Vice President Kamala Harris address them? No, she did not. She didn't make that sale to the American people when she was campaigning across this country. Instead, all we heard was about Kamala brat summer and the last-ditch jittery attempt at once again trying to convince Americans that Trump was somehow a threat to democracy. Democrats lost, historically, on November 5, 2024. They lost the electoral vote, the popular vote, and they lost every swing State on the table.

Did Democrats learn from this smarting defeat since President Trump took office? They clearly have not. Instead, they focus their time again defending USAID slush funds, flat-out government waste, and pretty much every problem, trying to lay it at President Trump's feet, including what he is doing every single day as well as DOGE and how they are trying to fix the crisis and the mess that was left behind by the Biden years.

Mr. Speaker, the American people have time and again responded to

Democratic hair-pulling with, at best, disinterest. Yet, here we are today on the House floor with more of the same.

The rule before us considers legislation focused on ridding American consumers in an industry of harming regulations that are truly impacting their wallets and their financial well-being and our Nation's economic future. I urge my colleagues to quit the hysterics and for once listen to the voices of the American people after years of refusing to do so.

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

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

Mr. Speaker, I have great respect for the gentleman from New York. We have a lot of folks who come to Washington, D.C., to observe these proceedings. I suspect it might seem a little rote to them. I would love to have an actual debate. Maybe there are some folks here from New York, some folks from Colorado who would like to see us engage in some substantive debate.

Therefore, I might ask the gentleman from New York because he ended his last remarks by appealing to the voices of the American people and that he and his Conference, in his view, are standing up for the voices of the American people.

I wonder if the gentleman might answer a question. Mr. LANGWORTHY, have you held a townhall this year? It is not a rhetorical question. I am just asking.

Mr. Speaker, if I might ask the gentleman from New York, I believe colloquies are permitted in this Chamber.

Mr. LANGWORTHY. Are you yielding me your time?

Mr. NEGUSE. I am not. I am asking, rather, through the Speaker to the gentleman from New York if he has held an in-person townhall with the people of New York that he represents this year. I am just curious.

He doesn't have to answer if he doesn't want to answer. It is a yes or no question. It is not a complicated question.

Okay, I will take it as a "no."

Clearly, he has not held a townhall in 2025. I would think he would be jumping up to clarify the record that he, in fact, had met with his constituents, Mr. Speaker, if that were the case. He clearly has not held a townhall. I understand why. I get it, because at this juncture, if House Republicans held townhalls, as their constituents express their outrage and indignation at the mass layoffs of Federal workers, of civil servants and at the tariffs that are increasing prices and at the stock market crashing, if their only response is: We took up a really important bill this week on labeling requirements for pool heaters, I could understand why one would have some trepidation about hosting a townhall under those circumstances.

Again, let us be serious about the work that we are called to do in this body. We are here to lower costs for

working families, to build safer communities, to ultimately ensure that the American people, the American taxpayers, the Constitution is vindicated. It is unfortunate that my colleagues don't feel the same way.

I reserve the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to direct their remarks to the Chair.

□ 1245

Mr. LANGWORTHY. Mr. Speaker, we have seen a lot of masterful theatrics out of the Democratic Party recently, and we are seeing nothing different from that today. It is amazing that people who are so concerned about burdensome regulations and costs on people offer no solutions.

We are here doing the work of that today. We are taking price concerns off of the back of industries. We are preserving jobs. We are creating a brighter future for our communities by getting rid of this eleventh hour rulemaking that was put forward by the Biden administration.

They had all the power to make this country move in the right direction when Democrats controlled all of Congress and the White House following the 2020 elections. They had the ability to make those changes, but they took the country in the wrong direction.

That is why the country, at the ballot box, made the changes that they made. They took the House out of Democratic hands and made Republicans lead the House of Representatives. Then, they did the same with the Senate and the White House in 2024.

That is the report card that the Democratic Party earned because they prioritized the things that the American people did not want prioritized. They haven't read the room. They answer to their woke and angry mobs that they are foisting on Members of Congress and people all over the country right now. It is a very coordinated effort. They deny it, but make no mistake, every U.S. Senator today released a video that has the exact same script. It is very clearly a theatrical performance that the American people are seeing out of Democrats in the U.S. Senate.

We are here with solutions to problems created by the last administration. We are putting them forward to get the job done. We have a timeline that we have to focus on, and that is why these CRAs are so important for us to tackle right now. We have limited legislative days in order to roll back these unnecessary, burdensome regulations that no one asked for and no one wanted. We are getting the job done that we were sent here to do.

Let's look again at the numbers. The Biden administration has issued at least 31 regulations for residential and commercial appliances and equipment, totaling \$60 billion. If my friends on the other side of the aisle don't think that added regulatory costs filter into the price of new appliances, then we

have several bridges available for them to purchase.

Let's look further at some of the regulations that will reap financial savings for American consumers. In one example, under the Biden DOE's dishwasher efficiency standards, Americans are expected to save a whopping \$1.12 under that regulation. Was that necessary to put out there? Of course, it wasn't.

These are savings that the left expected the American people to be excited about as they racked up more regulations and more restrictions that cost us jobs from the results of the Biden years.

Under the latest DOE rule that H.J. Res. 42 would fortunately curb, home appliance manufacturers have already outlined how the rule requires their industry to provide a myriad of unnecessary information and data that is meaningless when demonstrating efficiency but simply is required to meet compliance with the rules.

It is regulations for the sake of regulations, and the American people are left to pay higher prices and have fewer choices.

At the end of the day, Mr. Speaker, my colleagues simply refuse to acknowledge the natural dynamics of the marketplace. When left to their own devices, the American people will seek out the most efficient model of an appliance that they can afford.

I agree with my colleagues when they say that the American people want cost savings, both at sale and with efficiency over the lifecycle of an appliance. What they don't want is government intervention that limits their ability to make those choices themselves. They want to have more affordable options available to fit tighter budgets, not fewer, more expensive choices because unelected bureaucrats at Biden's DOE needed to micromanage what refrigerators, dishwashers, heaters, air-conditioners, you name it, were permissible under unrealistic efficiency standards.

H.J. Res. 42 will help curb these costly, limiting, and anti-natural gas standards from the final days of the gasping Biden administration that were finalized at the behest of his radical climate lobby.

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

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

Mr. Speaker, we have heard a lot about so-called theatrical performances. I didn't realize that asking the simple question of whether or not the gentleman had held a townhall this year counts as theater. I understand it is a forbidden question in the House Republican Conference now as to whether or not one has held a townhall, for obvious reasons.

My constituents certainly don't find that to be an offensive question. We have held five townhalls in the last 2 months. We look forward to holding more because we are going to be re-

sponsive to the American people. I wish my colleagues would do the same.

What I won't do, and I think what the American people won't do, is be lectured by Republicans about rising costs when literally, as we speak, Trump's tariffs are taking hold and beginning the process of increasing prices, which already started 30 days ago, and putting it into overdrive.

These are just a couple of headlines from the last 8 hours. "New England, New York grid operators prepare to collect millions in tariffs on Canadian electricity." The New York Post says that car prices could potentially surge by \$12,000 because of these tariffs.

House Republicans have the audacity to lecture us about increased costs when they are increasing the costs of everything?

By the way, this is not some foreign debate. I represent Colorado. I am proud to represent the great State of Colorado. I have never been to the gentleman's district in upstate New York, but my understanding is that it is pretty close to the Canadian border. There are billions of dollars of economic development in New York and commerce that is transacted between Canada and the United States a mere few miles from the gentleman's district. He describes this as theater?

I am not so sure that the folks in his district and that the people of New York will feel that way as these tariffs begin to kick in. I am sure that the farmers and the ranchers in Colorado that I represent, I can assure you, won't call it theater.

Mr. Speaker, I understand that my colleagues on the other side of the aisle would like to spend every second of every minute of every day talking about the prior President. It has been a half hour now of my colleague on the other side of the aisle starting and ending every sentence with Joe Biden. Donald Trump is the President of the United States.

My colleague reminds us, yes, Republicans have a majority in the House and in the Senate. All I am suggesting is that maybe they should use that majority to do better things than waste everyone's time on labeling requirements for pool heaters. That is it. Maybe we ought to be a little bit more concerned with the 401(k)'s of our constituents, of working families in Buffalo and in Fort Collins, Colorado.

Mr. Speaker, I don't think that is too much to ask, and I reserve the balance of my time.

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

Mr. Speaker, the epiphany that those on the other side of the aisle now have—and they are so concerned about costs and economic concerns—when they fought us tooth and nail on every single action that we tried to take to curb the Biden administration's uncontrollable regulatory environment is just laughable.

We watched, warned, and fought in the 118th Congress to stop an adminis-

tration that created a regulatory environment that has added about \$1.5 trillion in needless regulations that have stifled the growth of industry and jobs in this country. Now, we are seeing them all of a sudden change their tune.

As our new administration is less than a month and a half old, things are moving in the right direction. People have a new view of what the future is. We are fighting hard to preserve a predictable tax code in this country. We are extending the current tax code so that we can have regulatory certainty, tax certainty, so that businesses can thrive and grow and not fear the hammer of government that they did in the Biden years.

There was an explosion after election day of people ready, willing, and able to invest in America. We have seen unprecedented investment come in from overseas, bringing new jobs, new opportunities, and new future creation here to the United States since election day. That will continue because that is what President Trump campaigned on. That is what House Republicans fight for and what we will achieve together.

Mr. Speaker, this epiphany that we have had on the other side of the aisle, that they are now all of a sudden concerned with the costs of everyday Americans, was nowhere to be found for 2 years in the 118th Congress, as we fought every day about the costs of gas and groceries and how it was pinching away because of Biden's inflation and what it had done to the purchasing power of everyday Americans' accounts.

People in probably both of our districts said the same exact thing, that they were watching the American Dream slip away from our kids and grandkids because we couldn't necessarily be certain that the future would be brighter under the current trajectory of this country.

We have saddled the country with \$36.5 trillion in debt. It is a debt service that is higher than what we spend on our national defense. It is an unacceptable legacy that we are leaving to our future generations. We are working every day toward our budget reconciliation to get that under control so that we can be the era that bent the curve on spending and got this country back on track.

Yet, we have other people on the other side of the aisle who want to keep spending levels at the COVID era. COVID fell upon us 5 years ago this week, yet they still want to spend like we are in the midst of an emergency.

It is time that we have a common-sense revolution in this country, commonsense like what we are doing here today: rolling back needless regulations that hurt jobs, hurt workers, and hurt consumers. That is what we were asked to do by our constituents.

These CRAs this week are important because they reinstitute choice in the marketplace. They take the bureaucrats that DOGE is fighting every single day out of the equation and put the

American consumer back in the driver's seat so that we can have choice in our consumer goods, not creating a standard just to justify someone's job in a cubicle somewhere. That is what this government has been about for far too long, but those days are over.

Mr. Speaker, we are now putting common sense in the driver's seat in this country. We are working toward a brighter future for our kids and grandkids.

Mr. Speaker, I am prepared to close, and I reserve the balance of my time.

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

Mr. Speaker, as expected, we have a rebuttal replete with references to the 118th Congress, what Democrats did in the last Congress, assigning blame, and all the rest. I remind my colleague that the Republicans are in charge. They have the majority. They have the ability to shape events. They have a Republican President and a Republican majority in the U.S. Senate.

I can certainly assure my colleague that my constituents, who are seeing their 401(k) balances vanish in real time, would not describe these policies as common sense. The stock market tanking, prices of fuel going up, prices of food going up, prices of cars and vehicles going up, car insurance, home insurance, you name it, under Trump's economy, everything goes up.

By the way, he is unabashed about it. I watched some of his press conference yesterday. He is not hiding it. He has acknowledged it. He has said outright that he knows these tariffs will increase prices in the short term, according to him, and he expects the Republican Conference to defend him tooth and nail as these prices go up.

The gentleman talks about economic growth. The Federal Reserve, the Atlanta branch, just yesterday forecasted negative GDP growth for this quarter. That is the first time in a long time there has been negative GDP growth under President Trump. This is the commonsense agenda that my colleague from New York sells to farmers and ranchers in Colorado? We are not buying it. The American people aren't buying it.

It is why I implore every Member of this body to oppose this rule.

□ 1300

Mr. Speaker, it is also why I would implore everyone to support the amendment to the rule that we would like to pursue by bringing up H.R. 1637, the Protect Veteran Jobs Act, which was brought up previously.

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

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

There was no objection.

Mr. NEGUSE. Mr. Speaker, I am prepared to close, and I reserve the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to direct their remarks to the Chair.

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

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

I will direct my comments to the Chair, to you, Mr. Speaker, to express my frustration, which is the frustration felt by so many of the hard-working people of the great State of Colorado that I have the privilege of representing in the House of Representatives. It is a frustration borne from the realities that they are facing each and every day.

As I mentioned, we have an economy that is in free fall, a stock market that is tanking. They are seeing their neighbors, their friends, public servants, being purged from Federal agencies, hardworking civil servants who do wildfire mitigation work in Colorado and across the Rocky Mountain West, unceremoniously fired.

There are scientists at the NOAA and NWS facilities in Boulder and elsewhere being subject to these mass terminations by a Federal executive who seems intent on dismantling agency after agency. We have a House Republican caucus that is walking with him in lockstep every step of the way as they prepare to slash Medicaid to the tunes of hundreds of billions of dollars.

The frustration that my constituents feel is justified, because notwithstanding every single one of those transgressions, every single one of those challenges, those obstacles that Republicans have manufactured and created in their daily lives, if they tune in to this debate, they will see that the focus is on none of that and instead on the matters that we have discussed today.

My constituents, Mr. Speaker, do not want to see me debating labeling requirements for pool heaters. They don't. I won't speak for what the people of New York have to say about their Representatives. I will just say for Colorado and Coloradans, they expect me to be here pursuing policies that will make their lives easier, that will promote economic growth and a better quality of life. They are not getting it from this House under Republican control. I can assure you of that.

I understand House Republicans, I am sure, will pass the rule and they will get their bill on water heaters and pool heaters and air conditioners passed through the House. They will have a big fancy signing ceremony at the White House where they will celebrate the fact that they repealed a labeling requirement rule that was promulgated a year ago.

I fear for what the broader economic trends will be when they have that signing ceremony. Who knows. But if past is prologue, I am reasonably confident that the economy will continue the free fall unless Republicans work with us, Democrats, in good faith, to pursue policies that would advance opportunity in our country.

That is my humble request, Mr. Speaker. The best way to get started is by opposing the previous question, opposing the rule, opposing the under-

lying bills, and getting back to the business of this House.

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

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

For 4 years, Democrats gaslit the American people in a vain attempt to convince them that costs weren't going up, inflation wasn't real, our economy wasn't in trouble, and there wasn't a crisis at our borders. The American people saw past that deception, and they voted for a President and a Congress that promised to put our country back on track.

Part of fulfilling that promise includes unwinding a slew of burdensome rules, prohibitions, restrictions, and other ticky-tacky attempts to micromanage everyday life for Americans. It also includes ensuring that the woke mob and their radical environmental NGOs can no longer call the shots at these Federal agencies at the expense of our manufacturers, our domestic energy producers, and good-paying jobs.

Mr. Speaker, I strongly support the rule before us today.

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

AN AMENDMENT TO H. RES. 177 OFFERED BY  
MR. NEGUSE OF COLORADO

At the end of the resolution, add the following:

SEC. 4. Immediately upon adoption of this resolution, the House shall proceed to the consideration in the House of the bill (H.R. 1637) to reinstate veteran Federal employees, to require reports from executive branch agencies of the Federal Government on the number of veteran employees fired from such agencies, and for other purposes. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived. The bill shall be considered as read. All points of order against provisions in the bill are waived. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill and on any amendment thereto, to final passage without intervening motion except: (1) one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform or their respective designees; and (2) one motion to recommit.

SEC. 5. Clause 1(c) of rule XIX shall not apply to the consideration of H.R. 1637.

Mr. LANGWORTHY. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time, and I move the previous question on the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on ordering the previous question.

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

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

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on this question are 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 5 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1330

#### AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. BOST) at 1 o'clock and 30 minutes p.m.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Proceedings will resume on questions previously postponed.

Votes will be taken in the following order:

Ordering the previous question on House Resolution 177; and

Adoption of House Resolution 177, if ordered.

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

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.J. RES. 42, PROVIDING FOR CONGRESSIONAL DISAPPROVAL OF THE RULE SUBMITTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY RELATING TO "ENERGY CONSERVATION PROGRAM FOR APPLIANCE STANDARDS: CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS, LABELING REQUIREMENTS, AND ENFORCEMENT PROVISIONS FOR CERTAIN CONSUMER PRODUCTS AND COMMERCIAL EQUIPMENT"; PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.J. RES. 61, PROVIDING FOR CONGRESSIONAL DISAPPROVAL OF THE RULE SUBMITTED BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY RELATING TO "NATIONAL EMISSION STANDARDS FOR HAZARDOUS AIR POLLUTANTS: RUBBER TIRE MANUFACTURING"; AND PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF S.J. RES. 11, PROVIDING FOR CONGRESSIONAL DISAPPROVAL OF THE RULE SUBMITTED BY THE BUREAU OF OCEAN ENERGY MANAGEMENT RELATING TO "PROTECTION OF MARINE ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESOURCES"

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfinished business is the vote on ordering the previous question on the resolution (H. Res. 177) providing for consideration of the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 42) providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of Energy relating to "Energy Conservation Program for Appliance Standards: Certification Requirements, Labeling Requirements, and Enforcement Provi-

sions for Certain Consumer Products and Commercial Equipment"; providing for consideration of the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 61) providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to "National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Rubber Tire Manufacturing"; and providing consideration of the joint resolution (S.J. Res. 11) providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management relating to "Protection of Marine Archaeological Resources", on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on ordering the previous question.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 196, nays 187, not voting 49, as follows:

[Roll No. 56]

YEAS—196

Alford	Gimenez	McCaul
Amodei (NV)	Goldman (TX)	McClain
Arrington	Gonzales, Tony	McClintock
Babin	Gooden	McDowell
Bacon	Gosar	McGuire
Baird	Graves	Messmer
Balderson	Greene (GA)	Meuser
Barrett	Griffith	Miller (IL)
Baumgartner	Grothman	Miller (OH)
Bean (FL)	Guest	Miller (WV)
Begich	Guthrie	Miller-Meeks
Bentz	Hageman	Mills
Bice	Hamadeh (AZ)	Moolenaar
Biggs (AZ)	Haridopolos	Moore (AL)
Biggs (SC)	Harrigan	Moore (NC)
Bilirakis	Harris (MD)	Moore (UT)
Bost	Harris (NC)	Moore (WV)
Brecheen	Harshbarger	Moran
Bresnahan	Hern (OK)	Murphy
Buchanan	Higgins (LA)	Nehls
Burchett	Hill (AR)	Newhouse
Burlison	Hinson	Norman
Calvert	Houchin	Nunn (IA)
Cammack	Hudson	Obernolte
Carey	Huizenga	Ogles
Carter (GA)	Hunt	Onder
Carter (TX)	Hurd (CO)	Owens
Ciscomani	Issa	Palmer
Cloud	Jack	Perry
Clyde	Jackson (TX)	Pfluger
Cole	James	Reschenthaler
Collins	Johnson (SD)	Rogers (AL)
Crane	Joyce (OH)	Rogers (KY)
Crank	Joyce (PA)	Rose
Crawford	Kean	Rouzer
Crenshaw	Kelly (MS)	Roy
Davidson	Kelly (PA)	Rulli
De La Cruz	Kennedy (UT)	Rutherford
DesJarlais	Kiggans (VA)	Salazar
Donalds	Kiley (CA)	Scalise
Downing	Kim	Schmidt
Dunn (FL)	Knott	Schweikert
Edwards	Kustoff	Scott, Austin
Elizy	LaLota	Self
Emmer	LaMalfa	Sessions
Estes	Langworthy	Shreve
Evans (CO)	Latta	Simpson
Ezell	Lawler	Smith (MO)
Fallon	Lee (FL)	Smith (NE)
Fedorchak	Letlow	Smith (NJ)
Feenstra	Loudermilk	Smucker
Finstad	Lucas	Stauber
Fischbach	Luna	Stefanik
Fitzgerald	Luttrell	Steil
Fitzpatrick	Mace	Steube
Fleischmann	Mackenzie	Strong
Fong	Malliotakis	Stutzman
Foxx	Maloy	Taylor
Fry	Mann	Tenney
Fulcher	Massie	Thompson (PA)
Gill (TX)	Mast	Tiffany

Timmons  
Turner (OH)  
Valadao  
Wagner  
Weber (TX)

Webster (FL)  
Westerman  
Wied  
Williams (TX)  
Wittman

NAYS—187

Adams	Frost	Olszewski
Aguilar	Garcia (CA)	Omar
Amo	Garcia (IL)	Pallone
Ansari	Garcia (TX)	Panetta
Auchincloss	Gillen	Pappas
Balint	Golden (ME)	Pelosi
Barragan	Goldman (NY)	Perez
Bell	Gonzalez, V.	Peters
Bera	Goodlander	Pingree
Beyer	Gray	Pocan
Bishop	Green, Al (TX)	Pou
Bonamici	Harder (CA)	Pressley
Boyle (PA)	Hayes	Quigley
Brown	Himes	Ramirez
Brownley	Horsford	Randall
Budzinski	Hoyle (OR)	Riley (NY)
Bynum	Huffman	Rivas
Carbajal	Ivey	Ross
Carson	Jackson (IL)	Ruiz
Carter (LA)	Jacobs	Ryan
Casar	Jeffries	Salinas
Case	Johnson (TX)	Sanchez
Casten	Kaptur	Scanlon
Castor (FL)	Keating	Schneider
Castro (TX)	Kelly (IL)	Scholten
Cherfilus-	Kennedy (NY)	Schrier
McCormick	Khanna	Scott (VA)
Chu	Krishnamoorthi	Scott, David
Clark (MA)	Larson (CT)	Sherman
Cleaver	Latimer	Smith (WA)
Clyburn	Lee (PA)	Sorensen
Cohen	Leger Fernandez	Soto
Conaway	Levin	Stansbury
Connolly	Liccardo	Stanton
Correa	Lieu	Stevens
Costa	Loifgren	Strickland
Courtney	Lynch	Subramanyam
Craig	Magaziner	Suozi
Crow	Mannion	Swalwell
Cuellar	Matsui	Sykes
Davids (KS)	McBath	Thanedar
Davis (IL)	McClain Delaney	Thompson (CA)
Davis (NC)	McClellan	Thompson (MS)
Dean (PA)	McCollum	Tlaib
DeGette	McDonald Rivet	Tokuda
DeLauro	McGarvey	Tonko
DelBene	McGovern	Torres (CA)
Deluzio	McIver	Torres (NY)
DeSaulnier	Meeks	Trahan
Dexter	Menendez	Tran
Dingell	Mfume	Turner (TX)
Doggett	Min	Underwood
Elfreth	Moore (WI)	Vargas
Escobar	Morrison	Vasquez
Espallat	Moskowitz	Veasey
Evans (PA)	Moulton	Velázquez
Fields	Mrvan	Vindman
Figures	Mullin	Wasserman
Fletcher	Nadler	Schultz
Foster	Neal	Watson Coleman
Foushee	Neguse	Whitesides
Frankel, Lois	Norcross	Williams (GA)
Friedman	Ocasio-Cortez	Wilson (FL)

NOT VOTING—49

Aderholt	Gottheimer	Pettersen
Allen	Green (TN)	Raskin
Barr	Grijalva	Schakowsky
Beatty	Houlahan	Sewell
Bergman	Hoyer	Sherrill
Boebert	Jayapal	Simon
Cisneros	Johnson (GA)	Spartz
Clarke (NY)	Jordan	Takano
Cline	Kamlager-Dove	Titus
Comer	LaHood	Van Drew
Crockett	Landsman	Van Dwyne
Diaz-Balart	Larsen (WA)	Van Orden
Flood	Lee (NV)	Walberg
Franklin, Scott	McBride	Waters
Garamendi	McCormick	Wilson (SC)
Garbarino	Meng	
Gomez	Morelle	

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Mr. CLEAVER changed his vote from "yea" to "nay."

So the previous question was ordered. The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

Stated for:

Mr. McCORMICK. Mr. Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 56.

Mr. SCOTT FRANKLIN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I missed the previous question vote as I was in a constituent meeting. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 56.

Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 56.

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I was otherwise detained off the floor. Had I been present I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 56.

Stated against:

Ms. McBRIDE. Mr. Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 56.

Ms. LEE of Nevada. Mr. Speaker, My vote was not recorded today. Had it been recorded, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 56.

Ms. SIMON. Mr. Speaker, I missed the vote on ordering the previous question on H. Res. 177. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 56.

Mr. GOMEZ. Mr. Speaker, I was not recorded on Roll Call No. 56. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 56.

Mr. CISNEROS. Mr. Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 56.

Ms. TITUS. Mr. Speaker, I was absent from the floor and the roll call vote on Ordering the Previous Question to provide consideration of the joint resolutions H.J. Res. 42, H.J. Res. 61, and S.J. Res. 11. Had I been present, I would have voted: NO on Roll Call No. 56 on Ordering the Previous Question.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the resolution.

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

#### RECORDED VOTE

Mr. NEGUSE. Mr. Speaker, I demand a recorded vote.

A recorded vote was ordered.

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

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 211, noes 209, not voting 13, as follows:

[Roll No. 57]

AYES—211

Aderholt	Calvert	Fallon
Alford	Cammack	Fedorchak
Amodei (NV)	Carey	Feenstra
Arrington	Carter (GA)	Pinstad
Babin	Carter (TX)	Fischbach
Bacon	Ciscomani	Fitzgerald
Baird	Cline	Fitzpatrick
Balderson	Cloud	Fleischmann
Barr	Clyde	Flood
Barrett	Cole	Fong
Baumgartner	Collins	Foxx
Bean (FL)	Comer	Franklin, Scott
Begich	Crane	Fry
Bentz	Crank	Fulcher
Bergman	Crawford	Garbarino
Bice	Crenshaw	Gill (TX)
Biggs (AZ)	Davidson	Gimenez
Biggs (SC)	DesJarlais	Goldman (TX)
Bilirakis	Donalds	Gonzales, Tony
Boebert	Downing	Gooden
Bost	Dunn (FL)	Gosar
Brecheen	Edwards	Graves
Bresnahan	Emmer	Green (TN)
Buchanan	Estes	Greene (GA)
Burchett	Evans (CO)	Griffith
Burlison	Ezell	Grothman

Guest	Luna
Guthrie	Luttrell
Hageman	Mace
Hamadeh (AZ)	Mackenzie
Haridopolos	Malliotakis
Harrigan	Maloy
Harris (MD)	Mann
Harris (NC)	Massie
Harshbarger	Mast
Hern (OK)	McCaul
Higgins (LA)	McClain
Hill (AR)	McClintock
Hinson	McCormick
Houchin	McDowell
Hudson	McGuire
Huizenga	Messmer
Hunt	Meuser
Hurd (CO)	Miller (IL)
Issa	Miller (OH)
Jack	Miller (WV)
Jackson (TX)	Miller-Meeks
James	Mills
Johnson (LA)	Moolenaar
Johnson (SD)	Moore (AL)
Jordan	Moore (NC)
Joyce (OH)	Moore (UT)
Joyce (PA)	Moore (WV)
Kean	Moran
Kelly (MS)	Murphy
Kelly (PA)	Nehls
Kennedy (UT)	Newhouse
Kiggans (VA)	Norman
Kiley (CA)	Nunn (IA)
Kim	Obermole
Knott	Ogles
Kustoff	Onder
LaHood	Owens
LaLota	Palmer
Langworthy	Perry
Latta	Pfluger
Lawler	Reschenthaler
Lee (FL)	Rogers (AL)
Letlow	Rogers (KY)
Loudermilk	Rose
Lucas	Rouzer

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Adams	Dexter	Lee (NV)
Aguilar	Dingell	Lee (PA)
Amo	Doggett	Leger Fernandez
Ansari	Elfreth	Levin
Auchincloss	Escobar	Liccardo
Balint	Espaillet	Lieu
Barragán	Evans (PA)	Lofgren
Beatty	Fields	Lynch
Bell	Figures	Magaziner
Bera	Fletcher	Mannion
Beyer	Foster	Matsui
Bishop	Foushee	McBath
Bonamici	Frankel, Lois	McBride
Boyle (PA)	Friedman	McClain Delaney
Brown	Frost	McClellan
Brownley	Garamendi	McCollum
Budzinski	Garcia (CA)	McDonald Rivet
Bynum	Garcia (IL)	McGarvey
Carbajal	Garcia (TX)	McGovern
Carter (LA)	Gillen	McIver
Casar	Golden (ME)	Meeks
Case	Goldman (NY)	Menendez
Casten	Gomez	Meng
Castor (FL)	Gonzalez, V.	Mfume
Castro (TX)	Goodlander	Min
Cherfilus-	Gray	Moore (WI)
McCormick	Green, Al (TX)	Morelle
Chu	Harder (CA)	Morrison
Cisneros	Hayes	Moskowitz
Clark (MA)	Himes	Moulton
Clarke (NY)	Horsford	Mrvan
Cleaver	Houlahan	Mullin
Clyburn	Hoyer	Nadler
Cohen	Hoyle (OR)	Neal
Conaway	Huffman	Neguse
Connolly	Ivey	Norcross
Correa	Jackson (IL)	Ocasio-Cortez
Costa	Jacobs	Olshewski
Courtney	Jayapal	Omar
Craig	Jeffries	Pallone
Crockett	Johnson (GA)	Panetta
Crow	Johnson (TX)	Pappas
Cueilar	Kamlager-Dove	Pelosi
Davids (KS)	Kaptur	Perez
Davis (IL)	Keating	Peters
Davis (NC)	Kelly (IL)	Pingree
Dean (PA)	Kennedy (NY)	Pocan
DeGette	Khanna	Pou
DeLauro	Landsman	Pressley
DelBene	Larsen (WA)	Quigley
Deluzio	Larson (CT)	Ramirez
DeSaulnier	Latimer	Randall

Raskin
Riley (NY)
Rivas
Ross
Ruiz
Ryan
Salinas
Sánchez
Scanlon
Schakowsky
Schneider
Scholten
Schrier
Scott (VA)
Scott, David
Sewell
Sherman
Simon
Smith (WA)

Sorensen
Soto
Stansbury
Stanton
Stevens
Strickland
Subramanyam
Suoizzi
Swalwell
Sykes
Takano
Thanedar
Thompson (CA)
Thompson (MS)
Titus
Tlaib
Tokuda
Tonko
Torres (CA)

Torres (NY)
Trahan
Tran
Turner (TX)
Underwood
Vargas
Vasquez
Veasey
Velázquez
Vindman
Wasserman
Schultz
Waters
Watson Coleman
Whitesides
Williams (GA)
Wilson (FL)

#### NOT VOTING—13

Allen	Gottheimer	Sherrill
Carson	Grijalva	Spartz
De La Cruz	Krishnamoorthi	Van Orden
Diaz-Balart	LaMalfa	
Ellzey	Petterson	

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So the resolution was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY. Mr. Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted NO on Roll Call No. 57.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. ALLEN. Mr. Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 56 and AYE on Roll Call No. 57.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. GOTTHEIMER. Mr. Speaker, I missed the following votes, but had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 56, and NAY on Roll Call No. 57.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or votes objected to under clause 6 of rule XX.

The House will resume proceedings on postponed questions at a later time.

#### RECRUITING FAMILIES USING DATA ACT OF 2025

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 579) to amend parts B and E of title IV of the Social Security Act to improve foster and adoptive parent recruitment and retention, and for other purposes.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 579

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

#### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Recruiting Families Using Data Act of 2025”.

#### SEC. 2. STATE PLAN AMENDMENT.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 422 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 622) is amended—

(1) in subsection (b)(7), by inserting “through the development and implementation of a family partnership plan which



meets the requirements of subsection (d) for identification, recruitment, screening, licensing, support, and retention of foster and adoptive families" after "are needed"; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

"(d) FAMILY PARTNERSHIP PLAN REQUIREMENTS.—For purposes of subsection (b)(7), the requirements for a family partnership plan (in this subsection referred to as the 'plan') are the following:

"(1) The plan is developed in consultation with birth, kinship, foster and adoptive families, community-based service providers, technical assistance providers, and youth with lived experience with foster care and adoption.

"(2) The plan describes—

"(A) how the State plans to identify, notify, engage, and support relatives (and others connected to the child) as potential placement resources for children;

"(B) how the State plans to develop and implement child-specific recruitment plans for every child in or entering foster care who needs a foster or adoptive family;

"(C) how the State plans to authentically engage children and youth in recruitment efforts on their behalf;

"(D) how the State plans to use data to establish goals, assess needs, measure progress, reduce unnecessary placements in congregate care, increase permanency, improve placement stability, increase the rate of kinship placements, improve recruitment and retention of families for teens, sibling groups, and other special populations, and align the composition of foster and adoptive families with the needs of children in or entering foster care; and

"(E) how that State will stand up or support foster family advisory boards for the purpose of improving recruitment and retention of foster and adoptive families.

"(3) The plan provides that, not less than annually, the State shall collect and report on the State's actual foster family capacity and congregate care utilization, including the number, demographics, and characteristics of licensed foster families, including prospective adoptive families, the number of such families that haven't received a placement or are not being fully utilized and the reasons therefor, and the number, demographics, and characteristics of children placed in congregate care in-State and out-of-State.

"(4) The plan includes, and shall update not less than annually, a summary of the most recent feedback from foster and adoptive parents and youth regarding licensure, training, support, and reasons why parents stop fostering or why adoptive or legal guardianship placements out of foster care fail or foster and such adoptive of legal guardianship families struggle to meet children's needs.

"(5) The plan includes, and shall update annually, a report on the State's analysis of specific challenges or barriers to recruiting, licensing, and utilizing families who reflect the racial and ethnic background of children in foster care in the State, and the State's efforts to overcome those challenges and barriers.

"(6) The plan includes such other information relating to foster and adoptive parent recruitment and retention as the Secretary may require."

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in paragraph (2), the amendment made by this subsection shall take effect on October 1, 2026.

(2) DELAY PERMITTED IF STATE LEGISLATION REQUIRED.—In the case of a State plan approved under subpart 1 of part B of title IV of the Social Security Act which the Secretary of Health and Human Services deter-

mines requires State legislation (other than legislation appropriating funds) in order for the plan to meet the additional requirements imposed by this subsection, the State plan shall not be regarded as failing to comply with the requirements of such part solely on the basis of the failure of the plan to meet such additional requirements before the first day of the first calendar quarter beginning after the close of the first regular session of the State legislature that begins after the date of enactment of this subsection. For purposes of the previous sentence, in the case of a State that has a 2-year legislative session, each year of such session shall be deemed to be a separate regular session of the State legislature.

### SEC. 3. INCLUSION OF INFORMATION ON FOSTER AND ADOPTIVE FAMILIES IN ANNUAL CHILD WELFARE OUTCOMES REPORT TO CONGRESS.

Section 479A(a) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 679b(a)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (6)(C), by striking "and" after the semicolon;

(2) in paragraph (7)(B), by striking the period and inserting "; and"; and

(3) by adding at the end the following:

"(8) include in the report submitted pursuant to paragraph (5) for fiscal year 2025 or any succeeding fiscal year—

"(A) State-by-State data on the number, demographics, and characteristics of foster and adoptive families in the State, and the number of potential foster and adoptive families not being utilized in the State and the reasons why;

"(B) a summary of the challenges of, and barriers to, being a foster or adoptive parent, including with respect to recruitment, licensure, engagement, retention, and why parents stop fostering, adoptions disrupt or dissolve, or foster or adoptive families struggle, as reported by States based on surveys of foster and adoptive parents; and

"(C) a summary of the challenges and barriers States reported on efforts to recruit a pool of families that reflect the racial and ethnic background of children in foster care in the State, and efforts to overcome those barriers."

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. SMITH) and the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. DAVIS) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Missouri.

#### GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and submit extraneous material on the bill under consideration.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the Recruiting Families Using Data Act introduced by my Ways and Means colleagues, Representatives RANDY FEENSTRA and BRENDAN BOYLE. This bill would make a relatively straightforward but needed update to current law to promote State-level recruitment of foster care families.

Thousands of loving parents open their homes every year to offer care

and support for children in need. By doing so, they provide shelter for children who would otherwise be forced to stay in caseworker offices, hospitals, or hotels. However, many of these same parents, for any number of reasons, stop serving as foster families after only 1 year.

In short, there is a dire need for more foster families in our communities. Much of the foster care system is coordinated at the State level, which means we need to enlist the States in helping expand the number of foster families.

Under current law, States are required, as a condition of receiving funding, to have a plan in place to recruit foster and adoptive families, but we know, based on an analysis by the Department of Health and Human Services, that many States continue to face challenges.

This bill would build on existing law by calling on States receiving Federal funding to develop family partnership plans that lay out their specific process for finding potential foster families and recruiting and retaining them in the foster care system.

The legislation also authorizes the evaluation of key data to ensure we identify what efforts have been successful in expanding the availability of foster families.

I thank Representatives FEENSTRA and BOYLE for introducing this legislation and for their bipartisan leadership on this issue.

Mr. Speaker, I encourage all my colleagues to support this commonsense piece of legislation, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 579, the Recruiting Families Using Data Act.

This legislation is a good example of Congress doing the work our constituents sent us here to do. Last Congress, my former colleague, Dan Kildee, worked closely with Representative FEENSTRA to introduce this bipartisan bill, which is based on solid research and the fundamental principle that if we want to know what is best for foster youth and their families, we should ask them.

The result was this bill, which would require States to create a new family partnership plan to explain how they are identifying, screening, engaging, and supporting foster and adoptive families, in consultation with people with lived experience.

To me, one of the most critical aspects of this will be engaging with the child's family, whether it is by placing foster children with family members directly or making space for kin who can't be foster parents to still support the child and the foster parents.

Last Congress, we marked up this bill in the Ways and Means Committee and sent it to the floor with our unanimous consent. While it passed the House on a strong bipartisan vote, I was disappointed that the bill did not become law. I am glad to support it again. I believe it is a strong complement to the



bipartisan legislation we enacted last year reauthorizing child welfare services, which included many good ideas from both sides of the aisle.

As we continue to hear that Elon Musk and his band of hackers are rampaging through Federal agencies, including the Department of Health and Human Services, firing policy experts, falsely accusing Americans of fraud, freezing and terminating investments that were directed by Congress, I hope we can return to the kind of partnership and genuine concern for vulnerable Americans that sparked both bills.

Move fast and break stuff might be a good model for technology companies, but it is wrong for the programs we have created to protect children.

Mr. Speaker, I support this bill, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Iowa (Mr. FEENSTRA).

Mr. FEENSTRA. Mr. Speaker, as a father of four, I believe that every child deserves a safe and loving home.

Unfortunately, many vulnerable children in our foster care system lack a family that they can call their own due to the shortage of foster families.

This must change, and that is what this bill does.

My bill, the Recruiting Families Using Data Act, would help States uphold and strengthen their diligent recruitment plans by improving their processes with concrete facts and information that identifies, recruits, and retains qualified foster care homes.

If we are going to address the problems facing the foster care system, we need better data on those that are having a problem. That is why this bill is so important.

This legislation would also establish a family advisory board to share best practices, highlight financial obstacles facing foster families, and keep foster families at the center of the systematic changes for improvement.

With the right tools and right resources, we can find a caring home for every child in our foster care program. That is why this bill is so important.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to stand with me for foster families, and support our children and vote for this wonderful bill.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I urge all of my colleagues to support this good bill to help ensure that children in foster care are in safe, appropriate homes.

I further urge my colleagues to work with us to stop these indiscriminate, illegal layoffs and funding cuts which threaten to undermine the good bipartisan work we have done on behalf of vulnerable children.

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

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Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, nearly 400,000 American children today are in the Nation's child welfare sys-

tem and counting on us to help them secure access to a permanent, loving, and stable home. At the same time, thousands of parents across the Nation are ready and willing to provide that love and shelter for kids in need. However, more must be done to link those children with those families who will volunteer to help.

The Recruiting Families Using Data Act will give States the tools and incentives to grow the number of foster families able to care for kids who might otherwise remain stuck in other parts of our welfare system. It is a vote of confidence in the generosity and kindness of potential foster families, and I encourage all of my colleagues to support this legislation.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. CRAWFORD). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. SMITH) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 579.

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

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### CHRONIC DISEASE FLEXIBLE COVERAGE ACT

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 919) to codify Internal Revenue Service guidance relating to treatment of certain services and items for chronic conditions as meeting the preventive care deductible safe harbor for purposes of high deductible health plans in connection with health savings accounts.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 919

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

#### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Chronic Disease Flexible Coverage Act".

#### SEC. 2. SERVICES AND ITEMS FOR CHRONIC CONDITIONS TREATED AS PREVENTIVE CARE.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The additional preventive care services and items for chronic conditions that may be treated as preventive care for purposes of section 223(c)(2)(C) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 as set forth in IRS Notice 2019-45 shall have the same force and effect as if included in the enactment of this Act.

(b) NO INFERENCE.—To the extent not inconsistent with this section, no inference shall be made from subsection (a) with respect to such other rules or guidance as the Secretary has provided, or may provide, with respect to preventive services for purposes of section 223(c)(2)(C) of such Code.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. SMITH) and the gentleman from California (Mr. PANETTA) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Missouri.

#### GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the bill under consideration.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the Chronic Disease Flexible Coverage Act, introduced by Ways and Means Health Subcommittee Chairman VERN BUCHANAN and our Ways and Means colleague, Representative JIMMY PANETTA.

This legislation provides employers and their employees with greater flexibility to design healthcare coverage options that expand access to treatments for chronic diseases.

The chronic disease epidemic has, unfortunately, impacted nearly every family in America and represents a significant share of our healthcare spending. In fact, 90 percent of the \$4.1 trillion this country spends each year on healthcare goes toward chronic disease. This is not surprising when you realize that 60 percent of Americans suffer from some form of chronic disease, whether it be heart disease, diabetes, or cancer.

So many Americans would benefit from having healthcare coverage that is not only more affordable but more responsive to their needs so that they can better manage their health.

Last Congress, the House of Representatives approved a version of this legislation, but unfortunately, we were not able to get the bill across the finish line. However, with President Trump back in the White House, we are moving this bill once again, a bill that further strengthens a policy put in place during the first Trump administration.

For the 53 percent of employers that offer high deductible health plans to their employees, they would now be able to improve those options by allowing predeductible coverage of critical chronic care management services, including beta blockers, blood pressure monitors, glucometers, inhalers, and medications and testing to help individuals with high cholesterol. While the bill includes 14 specific services that could be covered, it leaves the door open for the list to be expanded later, as well.

By providing flexible coverage options for more people living with chronic health conditions, we can help lower their costs and improve their health and well-being.

I thank Representatives BUCHANAN and PANETTA for their leadership on this issue, as well as recognize the work of our Ways and Means Health Subcommittee that held its first hearing this Congress on creating healthier options for families and raising awareness about the chronic disease epidemic we have in this country.

As HHS Secretary Kennedy is shining a light on the chronic disease epidemic, the Ways and Means Committee is leading the charge in Congress to examine the root causes and delivering solutions, including this bill before us today.

I encourage all of my colleagues to once again provide strong bipartisan support for this effort to address chronic disease. I reserve the balance of my time.

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

Mr. Speaker, I thank the chairman of the Ways and Means Committee and, of course, my good friend, Representative VERN BUCHANAN, an excellent member of the Ways and Means Committee for their work on this bill.

With his work, I rise today to support this legislation, the Chronic Disease Flexible Coverage Act. This is bipartisan, commonsense legislation to allow predeductible health coverage for chronic disease patients with a high deductible health plan, otherwise known as HDHP.

This commonsense legislation, as you heard from the chairman, already passed Congress last session under the leadership of my friends and former colleagues, Brad Wenstrup and Earl Blumenauer. It is common sense mainly because, as you heard from the chairman, chronic disease is so common.

Mr. Speaker, 6 in 10 adult Americans have a chronic disease, which is the leading cause of disabilities in the United States of America. Mr. Speaker, 90 percent of our annual health spending goes to chronic disease and mental health management. While these chronic diseases are common, they are also manageable if we just do everything that we can to improve access to care.

In my 19th Congressional District on the central coast of California, the number one thing I hear about from constituents is access to healthcare or, I should say, the lack of access to healthcare. The one thing that is clear, though, is that insurance doesn't do you much good if you can't use it.

In 2023, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, more than 43 percent of people with employer-based coverage had an HDHP. Moreover, 56 percent of employers offer an HDHP. However, nearly 59 percent of Americans—that is nearly 6 in 10 people—lack \$1,000 in savings to handle an emergency expense.

That is exactly why expanding HDHP coverage to offer critical care for some of our most medically vulnerable constituents isn't just the right thing to do. It is the smart thing to do.

The Chronic Disease Flexible Coverage Act codifies IRS guidance to expand the safe harbor for high deductible health plans offering predeductible care for chronic conditions. It lets employers offer first-dollar access to care for patients with diabetes, asthma, high blood pressure, and many more, as the chairman mentioned.

When this IRS guidance was originally issued in 2019, a survey found that 76 percent, or more than three-quarters, of employers expanded predeductible coverage for chronic diseases. Codifying this policy now will save countless lives by helping more patients manage their conditions and stay healthy.

That is why this bill is endorsed by so many, from chronic disease advocates to health benefit groups to small business associations. That is why I recommend my colleagues to vote for the Chronic Disease Flexible Coverage Act.

Again, I thank Congressman BUCHANAN, and I thank the chairman for bringing this bill forward.

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

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Florida (Mr. BUCHANAN).

Mr. BUCHANAN. Mr. Speaker, I thank the chairman for his leadership, as well. I rise today in strong support of my bill, the Chronic Disease Flexible Coverage Act.

This important legislation will expand treatment options for Americans living with chronic diseases provided through their employer's healthcare coverage. My bill allows employers to offer predeductibility on 14 different chronic diseases, especially for those who are on high deductible health plans.

With 6 in 10 Americans living with at least one chronic disease, it is clear to me that we need to have many more options. The cost for chronic diseases in the American economy is enormous, accounting for over \$1 trillion a year, if you can imagine that. Chronic disease also accounts for the overwhelming percentages of preventable deaths in the United States. I believe this initiative will improve patients' health, also reducing costly hospitalizations.

Mr. Speaker, I thank my good friend, Congressman PANETTA, for his leadership and friendship. I really appreciate his working with me on this. I also thank Leader SCALISE and Whip EMMER for bringing this to the floor today.

I urge my colleagues to support this commonsense bill to help give Americans the tools they need for a longer, healthier, and happier life.

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

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. MURPHY).

Mr. MURPHY. Mr. Speaker, we have heard from great speakers talking about the problem with chronic disease in the United States.

One of the issues that face people who have hypertension, kidney disease, and diabetes is that they can't get the medicines or the devices that they need to be able to regulate their condition.

This bill, H.R. 919, helps to solve that problem by giving individuals access to

those lifesaving devices prior to them fulfilling their deductible. This is critical, as we fight chronic disease in the United States. As we have heard, over 90 percent of the expenditures in this country are due to chronic disease.

I know that in my district in eastern North Carolina, the rate of diabetes, obesity, congestive heart failure, and high blood pressure are things that are really, truly killing our population. Being able to access devices so that we can monitor these things is crucial. We have to have availability for these devices for people before they have to pay their full deductible.

I applaud Representative BUCHANAN, Representative PANETTA, and Chairman SMITH for bringing this forward. This is common sense. President Trump tried to do this in his first term. I am very grateful that they are trying to do this again. We want to make America healthy again. That starts with being able to give patients the tools that they need to be healthy. I urge support for H.R. 919 to my colleagues.

Mr. PANETTA. Mr. Speaker, I have no further speakers, and I yield myself the balance of my time for the purpose of closing.

Mr. Speaker, as you have heard, this legislation has bipartisan support and support from a broad coalition of employers and health stakeholders. I appreciate my colleagues on the other side being so concerned and so focused on this. Let's just hope they have that same concern when it comes to Medicaid and Medicare going forward, especially with the reconciliation package.

They understand, and we understand, that it is critical that we start expanding access to preventative care and chronic care management to stem the tide of chronic disease.

Passing the Chronic Disease Flexible Coverage Act will improve long-term health outcomes, let businesses offer superior health benefits, and strengthen healthcare for everyone.

Once again, I encourage my colleagues to support this legislation, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time for the purpose of closing.

Mr. Speaker, this legislation is long overdue, particularly given the enormous size, scope, and cost of America's chronic disease epidemic. It will put more patients in the driver's seat when it comes to managing their health, and open doors for folks to get the treatments that will not only save them money but improve their well-being.

High deductible healthcare plans are already a popular option for employers to offer their workers. Expanding what services can be provided under these plans, specifically to help treat chronic diseases, will only make this a more affordable and useful health coverage choice for patients.

I encourage my colleagues to support the passage of the Chronic Disease Flexible Coverage Act, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. SMITH) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 919.

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

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. After consultation among the Speaker and the majority and minority leaders, and with their consent, the Chair announces that, when the two Houses meet tonight in joint session to hear an address by the President of the United States, only the doors immediately opposite the Speaker and those immediately to his left and right will be open.

No one will be allowed on the floor of the House who does not have the privilege of the floor of the House. Due to the large attendance that is anticipated, the rule regarding the privilege of the floor must be strictly enforced. Children of Members will not be permitted on the floor. The cooperation of all Members is requested.

The practice of purporting to reserve seats prior to the joint session by placement of placards or personal items will not be allowed. Chamber Security may remove these items from the seats. Members may reserve their seats only by physical presence following the security sweep of the Chamber.

All Members are reminded to observe proper decorum as provided in the rules of the House and the Speaker's announced policies of January 3, 2025. Failure to adhere to the standards of decorum detracts from the dignity of the proceedings and presents security challenges for the House.

#### RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until approximately 8:35 p.m. for the purpose of receiving in joint session the President of the United States.

Accordingly, (at 2 o'clock and 30 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

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#### JOINT SESSION OF CONGRESS PURSUANT TO HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 11 TO RE- CEIVE A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker at 8 o'clock and 39 minutes p.m.

The Assistant to the Sergeant at Arms, Mrs. Seton Gardner, announced the Vice President and Members of the

U.S. Senate, who entered the Hall of the House of Representatives, the Vice President taking the chair at the right of the Speaker, and the Members of the Senate the seats reserved for them.

The SPEAKER. The joint session will come to order.

The Chair appoints as members of the committee on the part of the House to escort the President of the United States into the Chamber:

The gentleman from Louisiana (Mr. SCALISE);

The gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. EMMER);

The gentlewoman from Michigan (Mrs. MCCLAIN);

The gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. HUDSON);

The gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. RESCHENTHALER);

The gentleman from Utah (Mr. MOORE);

The gentlewoman from Indiana (Mrs. HOUCHIN);

The gentleman from Oklahoma (Mr. HERN);

The gentleman from New York (Mr. JEFFRIES);

The gentlewoman from Massachusetts (Ms. CLARK);

The gentleman from California (Mr. AGUILAR);

The gentleman from California (Mr. LIEU);

The gentleman from Colorado (Mr. NEGUSE);

The gentlewoman from Washington (Ms. DELBENE); and

The gentlewoman from Michigan (Mrs. DINGELL).

The VICE PRESIDENT. The President of the Senate, at the direction of that body, appoints the following Senators as members of the committee on the part of the Senate to escort the President of the United States into the House Chamber:

The Senator from South Dakota (Mr. THUNE);

The Senator from Wyoming (Mr. BARRASSO);

The Senator from Arkansas (Mr. COTTON);

The Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. LANKFORD);

The Senator from West Virginia (Mrs. CAPITO);

The Senator from South Carolina (Mr. SCOTT);

The Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER);

The Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN);

The Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR);

The Senator from New Jersey (Mr. BOOKER); and

The Senator from Wisconsin (Ms. BALDWIN).

The Assistant to the Sergeant at Arms announced the Dean of the Diplomatic Corps, His Excellency Hersey Kyota, the Ambassador of the Republic of Palau.

The Dean of the Diplomatic Corps entered the Hall of the House of Representatives and took the seat reserved for him.

The Assistant to the Sergeant at Arms announced the Chief Justice of the United States and the Associate Justices of the Supreme Court.

The Chief Justice of the United States and the Associate Justices of the Supreme Court entered the Hall of the House of Representatives and took the seats reserved for them in front of the Speaker's rostrum.

The Assistant to the Sergeant at Arms announced the Cabinet of the President of the United States.

The members of the Cabinet of the President of the United States entered the Hall of the House of Representatives and took the seats reserved for them in front of the Speaker's rostrum.

At 9 o'clock and 13 minutes p.m., the Sergeant at Arms, the Honorable William P. McFarland, announced the President of the United States.

The President of the United States, escorted by the committee of Senators and Representatives, entered the Hall of the House of Representatives and stood at the Clerk's desk.

(Applause, the Members rising.)

The PRESIDENT. Speaker JOHNSON, Vice President VANCE, the First Lady of the United States, Members of the United States Congress, thank you very much.

And to my fellow citizens, America is back. Six weeks ago, I stood beneath the dome of this Capitol and proclaimed the dawn of the golden age of America. From that moment on, it has been nothing but swift and unrelenting action to usher in the greatest and most successful era in the history of our country.

We have accomplished more in 43 days than most administrations accomplished in 4 years or 8 years, and we are just getting started.

I return to this Chamber tonight to report that America's momentum is back. Our spirit is back. Our pride is back. Our confidence is back. And the American Dream is surging bigger and better than ever before.

The American Dream is unstoppable, and our country is on the verge of a comeback, the likes of which the world has never witnessed and perhaps will never witness again. There's never been anything like it.

The Presidential election of November 5th was a mandate like has not been seen in many decades. We won all seven swing States, giving us an electoral college victory of 312 votes. We won the popular vote by big numbers and won counties in our country—and won counties in our country 2,700 to 525 on a map that reads almost completely red for Republican.

Now, for the first time in modern history, more Americans believe that our country is headed in the right direction than the wrong direction. In fact, it is an astonishing record 27-point swing, the most ever.

Likewise, small business optimism saw its single largest 1-month gain ever recorded, a 41-point jump.

The SPEAKER. Members are directed to uphold and maintain decorum in the

House and to cease any further disruptions. That's your warning.

Members are engaging in willful and continuing breach of decorum, and the Chair is prepared to direct the Sergeant at Arms to restore order to the joint session.

Mr. GREEN, take your seat. Take your seat, sir. Take your seat.

Finding that Members continue to engage in willful and concerted disruption of proper decorum, the Chair now directs the Sergeant at Arms to restore order.

Remove this gentleman from the Chamber.

Members are directed to uphold and maintain decorum in the House.

Mr. President, you can continue.

The PRESIDENT. Thank you.

Over the past 6 weeks, I have signed nearly 100 executive orders and taken more than 400 executive actions, a record, to restore common sense, safety, optimism, and wealth all across our wonderful land. The people elected me to do the job, and I am doing it.

In fact, it has been stated by many that the first month of our Presidency—it's our Presidency—is the most successful in the history of our Nation, by many. And what makes it even more impressive is that you know who number two is? George Washington. How about that? How about that? I don't know about that list, but we'll take it.

Within hours of taking the oath of office, I declared a national emergency on our southern border, and I deployed the U.S. military and Border Patrol to repel the invasion of our country. And what a job they have done.

As a result, illegal border crossings last month were by far the lowest ever recorded, ever. They heard my words, and they chose not to come. Much easier that way.

In comparison, under Joe Biden, the worst President in American history, there were hundreds of thousands of illegal crossings a month, and virtually all of them, including murderers, drug dealers, gang members, and people from mental institutions and insane asylums, were released into our country. Who would want to do that?

This is my fifth such speech to Congress, and once again, I look at the Democrats in front of me, and I realize there is absolutely nothing I can say to make them happy or to make them stand or smile or applaud, nothing I can do. I could find a cure to the most devastating disease, a disease that would wipe out entire nations, or announce the answers to the greatest economy in history or the stoppage of crime to the lowest levels ever recorded, and these people, sitting right here, will not clap, will not stand, and certainly will not cheer for these astronomical achievements. They won't do it, no matter what. Five—five times I have been up here. It's very sad, and it just shouldn't be this way.

So, Democrats sitting before me, for just this one night, why not join us in

celebrating so many incredible wins for America? For the good of our Nation, let's work together, and let's truly make America great again.

Every day, my administration is fighting to deliver the change America needs to bring a future that America deserves, and we are doing it. This is a time for big dreams and bold action.

Upon taking office, I imposed an immediate freeze on all Federal hiring, a freeze on all new Federal regulations, and a freeze on all foreign aid.

I terminated the ridiculous green new scam. I withdrew from the unfair Paris climate accord, which was costing us trillions of dollars that other countries were not paying. I withdrew from the corrupt World Health Organization, and I also withdrew from the anti-American U.N. Human Rights Council.

We ended all of Biden's environmental restrictions that were making our country far less safe and totally unaffordable. And, importantly, we ended the last administration's insane electric vehicle mandate saving our autoworkers and companies from economic destruction.

To unshackle our economy, I have directed that for every 1 new regulation, 10 old regulations must be eliminated just like I did in my very successful first term.

And in that first term, we set records on ending unnecessary rules and regulations, like no other President had done before. We ordered all Federal workers to return to the office. They will either show up for work in person or be removed from their job.

And we have ended weaponized government where, as an example, a sitting President is allowed to viciously prosecute his political opponent, like me.

How did that work out? Not too good. Not too good.

And I've stopped all government censorship and brought back free speech in America. It's back.

And 2 days ago I signed an order making English the official language of the United States of America.

I renamed the Gulf of Mexico, the Gulf of America, and, likewise, I renamed for a great President, William McKinley, Mount McKinley again. Beautiful Alaska. We love Alaska.

We've ended the tyranny of so-called diversity, equity, and inclusion policies all across the entire Federal Government and, indeed, the private sector, and our military. And our country will be woke no longer.

We believe that whether you are a doctor, an accountant, a lawyer, or an air traffic controller, you should be hired and promoted based on skill and competence, not race or gender. Very important. You should be hired based on merit, and the Supreme Court in a brave and very powerful decision has allowed us to do so.

Thank you. Thank you very much. Thank you.

We have removed the poison of critical race theory from our public

schools. And I signed an order making it the official policy of the United States Government that there are only two genders, male and female.

I also signed an executive order to ban men from playing in women's sports.

Three years ago, Payton McNabb was an all-star high school athlete, one of the best, preparing for a future in college sports. But when her girls volleyball match was invaded by a male, he smashed the ball so hard in Payton's face, causing traumatic brain injury, partially paralyzing her right side and ending her athletic career. It was a shot like she's never seen before. She's never seen anything like it. Payton is here tonight in the gallery.

And, Payton, from now on schools will kick the men off the girls' team or they will lose all Federal funding.

And if you really want to see numbers, just take a look at what happened in the women's boxing, weightlifting, track and field, swimming, or cycling, where a male recently finished a long-distance race 5 hours and 14 minutes ahead of a woman for a new record by 5 hours. Broke the record by 5 hours. It's demeaning for women, and it's very bad for our country. We're not going to put up with it any longer.

What I have just described is only a small fraction of the commonsense revolution that is now, because of us, sweeping the entire world. Common sense has become a common theme, and we will never go back, never. Never going to let that happen.

Among my very highest priorities is to rescue our economy and get dramatic and immediate relief to working families. As you know, we inherited from the last administration an economic catastrophe and an inflation nightmare. Their policies drove up energy prices, pushed up grocery costs, and drove the necessities of life out of reach for millions and millions of Americans. They've never had anything like it. We suffered the worst inflation in 48 years, but perhaps even in the history of our country. They're not sure. As President, I'm fighting every day to reverse this damage and make America affordable again.

Joe Biden especially let the price of eggs get out of control. The egg price is out of control, and we're working hard to get it back down.

Secretary, do a good job on that. You inherited a total mess from the previous administration. Do a good job.

A major focus of our fight to defeat inflation is rapidly reducing the cost of energy. The previous administration cut the number of new oil and gas leases by 95 percent, slowed pipeline construction to a halt, and closed more than 100 power plants. We are opening up many of those power plants right now; and, frankly, we have never seen anything like it. That is why, on my first day in office, I declared a national energy emergency.

As you've heard me say many times, we have more liquid gold under our feet

than any nation on Earth, and by far, and now, I fully authorize the most talented team ever assembled to go and get it. It's called drill, baby, drill.

My administration is also working on a gigantic natural gas pipeline in Alaska, among the largest in the world, where Japan, South Korea, and other nations want to be our partner with investments of trillions of dollars each. There has never been anything like that one. It will be truly spectacular. It's all set to go. The permitting is gotten. And, later this week, I will also take historic action to dramatically expand production of critical minerals and rare earths here in the USA.

To further combat inflation, we will not only be reducing the cost of energy, but we'll be ending the flagrant waste of taxpayer dollars. And, to that end, I have created the brand-new Department of Government Efficiency, DOGE. Perhaps you've heard of it, perhaps, which is headed by Elon Musk, who is in the gallery tonight.

Thank you, Elon.

He's working very hard. He didn't need this. He didn't need this.

Thank you very much. We appreciate it, everybody here. Even this side appreciates it, I believe. They just don't want to admit that.

Just listen to some of the appalling waste we have already identified:

\$22 billion from HHS to provide free housing and cars for illegal aliens;

\$45 million for diversity, equity, and inclusion scholarships in Burma;

\$40 million to improve the social and economic inclusion of sedentary migrants—nobody knows what that is;

\$8 million to promote LGBTQI+ in the African nation of Lesotho, which nobody has ever heard of;

\$60 million for indigenous peoples and Afro-Colombian empowerment in Central America, \$60 million;

\$8 million for making mice transgender. This is real;

\$32 million for a leftwing propaganda operation in Moldova;

\$10 million for male circumcision in Mozambique;

\$20 million for the Arab "Sesame Street" in the Middle East—it's a program—\$20 million for a program;

\$1.9 billion to a recently created decarbonization of homes committee headed up—and we know she's involved—just at the last moment, the money was passed over—by a woman named Stacey Abrams. Have you ever heard of her?

A \$3.5 million consulting contract for lavish fish monitoring;

\$1.5 million for voter confidence in Liberia;

\$14 million for social cohesion in Mali;

\$59 million for illegal alien hotel rooms in New York City—he's a real estate developer. He's done very well;

\$250,000 to increase vegan local climate action innovation in Zambia;

\$42 million for social and behavior change in Uganda;

\$14 million for improving public procurement in Serbia;

\$47 million for improving learning outcomes in Asia. Asia is doing very well with learning. I don't know what we are doing. We should use it ourselves;

And \$101 million for DEI contracts at the Department of Education, the most ever paid, nothing even like it.

Under the Trump administration, all of these scams, and there are far worse, but I didn't think it was appropriate to talk about them, they are so bad. Many more have been found out and exposed and swiftly terminated by a group of very intelligent, mostly young people, headed up by Elon, and we appreciate it. We found hundreds of billions of dollars of fraud.

And we've taken back the money and reduced our debt to fight inflation and other things—taken back a lot of that money. We got it just in time. This is just the beginning.

The Government Accountability Office, a Federal Government office, has estimated annual fraud of over \$500 billion in our Nation, and we are working very hard to stop it. We're going to.

We're also identifying shocking levels of incompetence and probable fraud in the Social Security program for our seniors and that our seniors and people that we love rely on.

Believe it or not, government databases list 4.7 million Social Security members from people aged 100 to 109 years old.

It lists 3.6 million people from ages 110 to 119. I don't know any of them. I know some people that are rather elderly, but not quite that elderly;

3.47 million people from ages 120 to 129;

3.9 million people from ages 130 to 139;

3.5 million people from ages 140 to 149, and money is being paid to many of them, and we're searching right now.

In fact, Pam, good luck. Good luck. You are going to find it. But a lot of money is paid out to people because it just keeps getting paid and paid, and nobody does—and it really hurts Social Security and hurts our country.

1.3 million people from ages 150 to 159; and over 130,000 people, according to the Social Security databases, are aged over 160 years old—we have a healthier country than I thought, Bobby—including, to finish, 1,039 people between the ages of 220 and 229;

1 person between the age of 240 and 249;

And 1 person is listed at 360 years of age, more than 100 years—more than 100 years older than our country.

But we're going to find out where that money is going, and it's not going to be pretty. By slashing all of the fraud, waste, and theft we can find, we will defeat inflation, bring down mortgage rates, lower car payments and grocery prices, protect our seniors, and put more money in the pockets of American families.

And today, interest rates took a beautiful drop, a big, beautiful drop. It's about time.

And in the near future, I want to do what has not been done in 24 years, bal-

ance the Federal budget. We are going to balance it.

With that goal in mind, we have developed in great detail what we are calling the gold card, which goes on sale very, very soon. For \$5 million, we will allow the most successful, job-creating people from all over the world to buy a path to U.S. citizenship. It's like the green card but better and more sophisticated.

And these people will have to pay tax in our country. They won't have to pay tax from where they came. The money that they've made, you wouldn't want to do that, but they have to pay tax, create jobs. They'll also be taking people out of colleges and paying for them so that we can keep them in our country instead of having them being forced out, number one, at the top school, as an example, being forced out and not being allowed to stay and create tremendous numbers of jobs and great success for a company out there.

So while we take out the criminals, killers, traffickers, and child predators who were allowed to enter our country under the open-border policy of these people, the Democrats, the Biden administration, the open border, insane policies that you've allowed to destroy our country, we will now bring in brilliant, hardworking, job-creating people. They are going to pay a lot of money, and we're going to reduce our debt with that money.

Americans have given us a mandate for bold and profound change. For nearly 100 years, the Federal bureaucracy has grown until it has crushed our freedoms, ballooned our deficits, and held back America's potential in every possible way.

The Nation, founded by pioneers and risk takers, now drowns under millions and millions of pages of regulations and debt. Approvals that should take 10 days to get instead take 10 years, 15 years, and even 20 years before you're rejected.

Meanwhile, we have hundreds of thousands of Federal workers who have not been showing up to work. My administration will reclaim power from this unaccountable bureaucracy, and we will restore true democracy to America again.

And any Federal bureaucrat who resists this change will be removed from office immediately because we are draining the swamp. It's very simple. And the days of rule by unelected bureaucrats are over.

And the next phase of our plan to deliver the greatest economy in history is for this Congress to pass tax cuts for everybody. They're in there. They're waiting for you to vote, and I'm sure that the people on my right—I don't mean the Republican right, but my right, right here, I'm sure you're going to vote for those tax cuts because otherwise I don't believe the people will ever vote you into office, so I'm doing you a big favor by telling you that. But I know this group is going to be voting for the tax cut.

Thank you. It's a very, very big part of our plan. We had tremendous success at our first term with it. A very big part of our plan, we're seeking permanent income tax cuts all across the board. And to get urgently needed relief to Americans hit especially hard by inflation, I'm calling for no tax on tips, no tax on overtime, and no tax on Social Security benefits for our great seniors.

And I also want to make interest payments on car loans tax deductible, but only if the car is made in America.

And, by the way, we're going to have growth in the auto industry like nobody's ever seen. Plants are opening up all over the place. Deals are being made. Never seen—that's a combination of the election win and tariffs. It's a beautiful word, isn't it?

That, along with our other policies, will allow our auto industry to absolutely boom. It's going to boom. Spoke to the majors today, all three, the top people, and they're so excited.

In fact, already numerous car companies have announced that they will be building massive automobile plants in America, with Honda just announcing a new plant in Indiana, one of the largest anywhere in the world.

And this has taken place since our great victory on November 5th, a date which will hopefully go down as one of the most important in the history of our country.

In addition, as part of our tax cuts, we want to cut taxes on domestic production and all manufacturing. And just as we did before, we will provide 100 percent expensing. It will be retroactive to January 20th, 2025, and it was one of the main reasons why our tax cuts were so successful in our first term, giving us the most successful economy in the history of our country, first term. We had a great first term.

If you don't make your product in America, however, under the Trump administration, you will pay a tariff and, in some cases, a rather large one. Other countries have used tariffs against us for decades, and now it's our turn to start using them against those other countries.

On average, the European Union, China, Brazil, India, Mexico, and Canada—have you heard of them?—and countless other nations charge us tremendously higher tariffs than we charge them. It's very unfair.

India charges us auto tariffs higher than 100 percent. China's average tariff on our products is twice what we charge them. And South Korea's average tariff is four times higher—think of that, four times higher—and we give so much help militarily and so many other ways to South Korea, but that's what happens.

This is happening by friend and foe. The system is not fair to the United States and never was. And so, on April 2nd—I wanted to make it April 1st, but I didn't want to be accused of April Fools' Day. That's not—just one day will cost us a lot of money, but we're

going to do it on April—I'm a very superstitious person—April 2nd reciprocal tariffs kick in and whatever they tariff us, other countries, we will tariff them. That's reciprocal, back and forth. Whatever they tax us, we will tax them.

If they do nonmonetary tariffs to keep us out of their market, then we will do nonmonetary barriers to keep them out of our market. There's a lot of that, too. They don't even allow us in their market.

We will take in trillions and trillions of dollars that create jobs like we have never seen before. I did it with China and I did it with others, and the Biden administration couldn't do anything about it because there was so much money. They couldn't do anything about it.

We have been ripped off for decades by nearly every country on Earth, and we will not let that happen any longer.

Much has been said over the last 3 months about Mexico and Canada, but we have very large deficits with both of them. But even more importantly, they have allowed fentanyl to come into our country at levels never seen before, killing hundreds of thousands of our citizens, and many very young, beautiful people, destroying families. Nobody has ever seen anything like it.

They are, in effect, receiving subsidies of hundreds of billions of dollars. We pay subsidies to Canada and to Mexico of hundreds of billions of dollars. And the United States will not be doing that any longer. We're not going to do it any longer.

Thanks to our America First policies we're putting into place, we have had \$1.7 trillion of new investment in America in just the past few weeks. The combination of the election and our economic policies that people at SoftBank, one of the most brilliant anywhere in the world, announced a \$200 billion investment. OpenAI and Oracle, Larry Ellison, announced \$500 billion investment, which they wouldn't have done if Kamala had won. Apple announced \$500 billion investment. Tim Cook called me. He said, I cannot spend it fast enough. It's going to be much higher than that, I believe. They'll be building their plants here instead of in China.

And just yesterday, Taiwan Semiconductor, the biggest in the world, most powerful in the world—has a tremendous amount, 97 percent of the market—announced a \$165 billion investment to build the most powerful chips on Earth right here in the USA. And we're not giving them any money.

Your CHIPS Act is a horrible, horrible thing. We give hundreds of billions of dollars, and it doesn't mean a thing. They take our money, and they don't spend it.

All that meant to them—we're giving them no money. All that was important to them was they didn't want to pay the tariffs. So they came and they're building, and many other companies are coming. We don't have to

give them money. We just want to protect our businesses and our people. And they will come because they won't have to pay tariffs if they build in America. So it's very amazing.

You should get rid of the chip act, and whatever is left over, Mr. Speaker, you should use it to reduce debt or any other reason you want to.

Our new trade policy will also be great for the American farmer—I love the farmer—who will now be selling into our home market, the USA. Because nobody is going to be able to compete with you because there's goods that come in from other countries and companies, they're really, really in a bad position in so many different ways. They're uninspected. They may be very dirty and disgusting, and they come in, and they pour in, and they hurt our American farmers. The tariffs will go on agricultural product coming into America, and our—our farmers—starting on April 2nd—it may be a little bit of an adjustment period.

We had that before when I made the deal with China, \$50 billion of purchases, and I said, just bear with me, and they did. They did. Probably have to bear with me again, and this will be even better. That was great. The problem with it was that Biden didn't enforce it. He didn't enforce it. Fifty billion dollars of purchases, and we were doing great, but Biden did not enforce it, and it hurt our farmers.

But our farmers are going to have a field day right now. So to our farmers, have a lot of fun. I love you, too. I love you, too. It's all going to happen.

And I have also imposed a 25 percent tariff on foreign aluminum, copper, lumber, and steel because if we don't have, as an example, steel, and lots of other things, we don't have a military and, frankly, won't have—we just won't have a country very long.

Here today is a proud American steelworker, fantastic person from Decatur, Alabama. Jeff Denard has been working at the same steel plant for 27 years at a job that has allowed him to serve as the captain of his local volunteer fire department, raise 7 children with his beautiful wife, Nicole, and over the years provide a loving home for more than 40 foster children. So great, Jeff. Thank you, Jeff. Thank you, Jeff.

Stories like Jeff's remind us that tariffs are not just about protecting American jobs, they're about protecting the soul of our country. Tariffs are about making America rich again and making America great again, and it's happening, and it will happen rather quickly. There will be a little disturbance, but we're okay with that. It won't be much.

No, you're not. Oh, and look—and look where Biden took us. Very low, the lowest we've ever been.

Jeff, I want to thank you very much.

And I also want to recognize another person who has devoted herself to foster care community. She works so hard on it, a very loving person, our magnificent First Lady of the United



States. Melania's work has yielded incredible results, helping prepare our Nation's future leaders as they enter the workforce.

Our First Lady is joined by two impressive young women, very impressive: Haley Ferguson, who benefited from the First Lady's Fostering the Future initiative and is poised to complete her education and become a teacher and Elliston Berry, who became a victim of an illicit deepfake image produced by a peer. With Elliston's help the Senate just passed the TAKE IT DOWN Act, and this is so important.

Thank you very much, JOHN. JOHN THUNE. Thank you. Stand up, JOHN. Thank you, JOHN. Thank you all very much. Thank you. And thank you to JOHN THUNE and the Senate. Great job to criminalize. The publication of such images online is terrible. Terrible thing. And once it passes the House, I look forward to signing that bill into law. Thank you. And I'm going to use that bill for myself, too, if you don't mind. Because nobody gets treated worse than I do online. Nobody. That's great. Thank you very much to the Senate. Thank you.

But if we truly care about protecting Americans' children, no step is more crucial than securing America's borders. Over the past 4 years, 21 million people poured into the United States. Many of them were murderers, human traffickers, gang members, and other criminals from the streets of dangerous cities all throughout the world. Because of Joe Biden's insane and very dangerous open-border policies, they are now strongly embedded in our country. But we are getting them out and getting them out fast.

And I want to thank Tom Homan. And Kristi, I want to thank you and Paul of Border Patrol. I want to thank you. What a job they've all done. Everybody. Border Patrol, ICE. Law enforcement in general is incredible. We have to take care of our law enforcement. Have to.

Last year, a brilliant 22-year-old nursing student named Laken Riley, the best in her class, admired by everybody, went out for a jog on the campus of the University of Georgia. That morning, Laken was viciously attacked, assaulted, beaten, brutalized, and horrifically murdered. Laken was stolen from us by a savage, illegal alien gang member who was arrested while trespassing across Biden's open southern border and then set loose into the United States under the heartless policies of that failed administration. It was, indeed, a failed administration.

He had then been arrested and released in a Democrat-run sanctuary city, a disaster, before ending the life of this beautiful, young angel.

With us this evening are Laken's beloved mother, Allyson, and her sister, Lauren. Last year, I told Laken's grieving parents that we would ensure their daughter would not have died in vain. That's why the very first bill I

signed into law as your 47th President mandates the detention of all dangerous criminal aliens who threaten public safety. It is a very strong, powerful act. It's called the Laken Riley Act.

So Allyson and Lauren, America will never ever forget our beautiful Laken Hope Riley.

Thank you very much.

Since taking office, my administration has launched the most sweeping border and immigration crackdown in American history, and we quickly achieved the lowest numbers of illegal border crossers ever recorded.

Thank you.

The media and our friends in the Democrat Party kept saying we needed new legislation. We must have legislation to secure the border. But it turned out that all we really needed was a new President.

Thank you.

Joe Biden didn't just open our borders, he flew illegal aliens over them to overwhelm our schools, hospitals, and communities throughout the country. Entire towns like Aurora, Colorado, and Springfield, Ohio, buckled under the weight of the migrant occupation and corruption like nobody's ever seen before, beautiful towns destroyed.

Now just as I promised in my inaugural address, we are achieving the great liberation of America. But there still is much work to be done. Here tonight is a woman I have gotten to know, Alexis Nungaray from Houston, a wonderful woman. Last June, Alexis' 12-year-old daughter, her precious Jocelyn, walked to a nearby convenience store. She was kidnapped, tied up, assaulted for 2 hours under a bridge, and horrifically murdered.

Arrested and charged with this heinous crime are two illegal alien monsters from Venezuela, released into America by the last administration through their ridiculous open border. The death of this beautiful 12-year-old girl and the agony of her mother and family touched our entire Nation greatly.

Alexis, I promised that we would always remember your daughter, your magnificent daughter. And earlier tonight I signed an order, keeping my word to you.

One thing I have learned about Jocelyn is that she loved animals so much. She loved nature. Across Galveston Bay, from where Jocelyn lived in Houston, you'll find a magnificent national wildlife refuge, a pristine, peaceful, 34,000-acre sanctuary for all of God's creatures on the edge of the Gulf of America.

Alexis, moments ago I formally renamed that refuge in loving memory of your beautiful daughter, Jocelyn.

So, Mr. Vice President, if you would, may I have the order.

Thank you very much.

All three savages charged with Jocelyn and Laken's murders were members of the Venezuelan prison gang, the toughest gang, they say, in

the world, known as Tren de Aragua. Two weeks ago, I officially designated this gang, along with MS-13 and the bloodthirsty Mexican drug cartels, as foreign terrorist organizations. They are now officially in the same category as ISIS, and that's not good for them.

Countless thousands of these terrorists were welcomed into the U.S. by the Biden administration. But now every last one will be rounded up and forcibly removed from our country or, if they are too dangerous, put in jails, standing trial in this country because we don't want them to come back ever.

With us this evening is a warrior on the front lines of that battle, Border Patrol Agent Roberto Ortiz, a great guy. In January, Roberto and another agent were patrolling by the Rio Grande near an area known as cartel island—doesn't sound too nice to me—when heavily armed gunmen started shooting at them.

Roberto saw that his partner was totally exposed, in great danger, and he leapt into action, returning fire, and providing crucial seconds for his fellow agent to seek safety and just barely. I have some of the prints of that event, and it was not good.

Agent Ortiz, we salute you for your great courage and for your line of fire that you took and for the bravery that you showed. We honor you, and we will always honor you. Thank you, Roberto, very much. Thank you, Roberto.

And I actually got to know him on my many calls to the border. He is a great, great gentleman.

The territory to the immediate south of our border is now dominated entirely by criminal cartels that murder, rape, torture, and exercise total control. They have total control over a whole nation, posing a grave threat to our national security.

The cartels are waging war on America, and it is time for America to wage war on the cartels, which we are doing.

Five nights ago, Mexican authorities, because of our tariff policies being imposed on them—think of this—handed over to us 29 of the biggest cartel leaders in their country. That has never happened before. They want to make us happy. First time ever.

But we need Mexico and Canada to do much more than they have done, and they have to stop the fentanyl and drugs pouring into the USA. They're going to stop it.

I have sent Congress a detailed funding request, laying out exactly how we will eliminate these threats to protect our homeland and complete the largest deportation operation in American history, larger even than current record holder, President Dwight D. Eisenhower, a moderate man but someone who believed very strongly in borders. Americans expect Congress to send me this funding without delay so I can sign it into law.

So, Mr. Speaker, JOHN THUNE, both of you, I hope you are going to be able to do that.

Mr. Speaker, thank you.

Mr. Leader, thank you. Thank you very much.



And let's get it to me. I'll sign it so fast, you won't even believe it.

And as we reclaim our sovereignty, we must also bring back law and order to our cities and towns.

In recent years, our justice system has been turned upside down by radical left lunatics. Many jurisdictions virtually ceased enforcing the law against dangerous repeat offenders while weaponizing law enforcement against political opponents, like me.

My administration has acted swiftly and decisively to restore fair, equal, and impartial justice under the constitutional rule of law, starting at the FBI and the DOJ.

Pam, good luck.

Kash, wherever you may be, good luck. Good luck.

Pam Bondi, good luck.

So important. Going to do a great job.

Kash, thank you. Thank you, Kash.

They have already started very strong. They are going to do a fantastic job. You are going to be very proud of them.

We are also once again giving our police officers the support, protection, and respect they so dearly deserve. They have to get it. They have such a hard, dangerous job, but we're going to make it less dangerous. The problem is, the bad guys don't respect the law, but they're starting to respect it, and they soon will respect it.

This also includes our great fire departments throughout the country, our firemen and -women are unbelievable people, and I will never forget them. And besides that, they voted for me in record numbers, so I have no choice.

One year ago this month, 31-year-old New York Police Officer Jonathan Diller, unbelievably wonderful person and a great officer, was gunned down at a traffic stop on Long Island. I went to his funeral.

The vicious criminal charged with his murder had 21 prior arrests, and they were rough arrests, too. He was a real bad one. The thug in the seat next to him had 14 prior arrests and went by the name of "Killer." He was a killer. He killed other people, they say, a lot of them.

I attended Officer Diller's service, and when I met his wife and 1-year-old son, Ryan, it was very inspirational actually. His widow's name is Stephanie, and she is here tonight, Stephanie.

Thank you very much, Stephanie. Thank you very much.

Stephanie, we're going to make sure that Ryan knows his dad was a true hero, New York's finest, and we're going to get these cold-blooded killers and repeat offenders off our streets, and we're going to do it fast. Got to stop it.

They get out with 28 arrests. They push people into subway trains. They hit people over the head, back of the head, with baseball bats. We got to get them out of here.

I have already signed an executive order requiring a mandatory death pen-

alty for anyone who murders a police officer, and tonight, I'm asking Congress to pass that policy into permanent law.

I'm also asking for a new crime bill getting tough on repeat offenders while enhancing protections for America's police officers so they can do their jobs without fear of their lives being totally destroyed. They don't want to be killed. We're not going to let them be killed.

Joining us in the gallery tonight is a young man who truly loves our police. His name is DJ Daniel. He's 13 years old, and he has always dreamed of becoming a police officer. But in 2018, DJ was diagnosed with brain cancer. The doctors gave him 5 months at most to live. That was more than 6 years ago.

Since that time, DJ and his dad have been on a quest to make his dream come true, and DJ has been sworn in as an honorary law enforcement officer actually a number of times. The police love him, and the police departments love him.

And tonight, DJ, we are going to do you the biggest honor of them all. I am asking our new Secret Service Director, Sean Curran, to officially make you an agent of the United States Secret Service.

Thank you, DJ.

DJ's doctors believe his cancer likely came from a chemical he was exposed to when he was younger.

Since 1975, rates of child cancer have increased by more than 40 percent. Reversing this trend is one of the top priorities for our new Presidential Commission to Make America Healthy Again, chaired by our new Secretary of Health and Human Services, Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.

With the name "Kennedy," you would have thought everybody over here would have been cheering. How quickly they forget.

Our goal is to get toxins out of our environment, poisons out of our food supply, and keep our children healthy and strong.

As an example, not long ago—and you can't even believe these numbers—1 in 10,000 children had autism, 1 in 10,000, and now it is 1 in 36. There's something wrong, 1 in 36. Think of that. So we're going to find out what it is, and there's nobody better than Bobby and all of the people that are working with you. You have the best to figure out what is going on. Okay, Bobby? Good luck. It's a very important job.

Thank you.

My administration is also working to protect our children from toxic ideologies in our schools. A few years ago, January Littlejohn and her husband discovered that their daughter's school had secretly socially transitioned their 13-year-old little girl. Teachers and administrators conspired to deceive January and her husband while encouraging her daughter to use a new name and pronouns, they/them pronoun actually, all without

telling January who is here tonight and is now a courageous advocate against this form of child abuse.

January, thank you. Thank you. Thank you very much. Thank you.

Stories like this are why shortly after taking office I signed an executive order banning public schools from indoctrinating our children with transgender ideology. I also signed an order to cut off all taxpayer funding to any institution that engages in the sexual mutilation of our youth.

And now I want Congress to pass a bill permanently banning and criminalizing sex changes on children and forever ending the lie that any child is trapped in the wrong body. This is a big lie.

And our message to every child in America is that you are perfect exactly the way God made you, because we're getting wokeness out of our schools and out of our military. And it's already out, and it's out of our society. We don't want it. Wokeness is trouble. Wokeness is bad. It's gone. It's gone. And we feel so much better for it, don't we? Don't we feel better?

Our servicemembers won't be activists and ideologues. They will be fighters and warriors. They will fight for our country.

And, Pete, congratulations. Secretary of Defense, congratulations.

And he is not big into the woke movement, I can tell you. I know him well.

I am pleased to report that in January, the U.S. Army had its single best recruiting month in 15 years and that all armed services are having among the best recruiting results ever in the history of our services. What a difference.

And, you know, it was just a few months ago where the results were exactly the opposite. We couldn't recruit anywhere. We couldn't recruit. Now, we're having the best results, just about, that we've ever had. What a tremendous turnaround. It's really a beautiful thing to see. People love our country again. It's very simple. They love our country, and they love being in our military again. So it's a great thing, and thank you very much. Great job. Thank you.

We're joined tonight by a young man, Jason Hartley, who knows the weight of that call of duty. Jason's father, grandfather, and great-grandfather all wore the uniform. Jason tragically lost his dad, who was also a Los Angeles County Sheriff's deputy, when he was just a boy, and now he wants to carry on the family legacy of service. Jason is a senior in high school, a six-letter varsity athlete, a really good athlete they say, a brilliant student with a 4.46—that's good—GPA, and his greatest dream is to attend the U.S. Military Academy at West Point.

And, Jason, that's a very big deal getting in. That's a hard one to get into, but I'm pleased to inform you that your application has been accepted. You will soon be joining the Corps of Cadets.

Thank you. Jason, you're going to be on the long, gray line, Jason.

As Commander in Chief, my focus is on building the most powerful military of the future. As a first step, I'm asking Congress to fund a state-of-the-art golden dome missile defense shield to protect our homeland, all made in the USA. And Ronald Reagan wanted to do it long ago, but the technology just wasn't there, not even close, but now we have the technology. It's incredible, actually. And other place they have it—Israel has it. Other places have it. And the United States should have it, too. Right, Tim, right? They should have it, too. So I want to thank you. But it's very important. This is a very dangerous world. We should have it. We want to be protected, and we're going to protect our citizens like never before.

To boost our defense industrial base, we are also going to resurrect the American shipbuilding industry, including commercial shipbuilding and military shipbuilding.

And for that purpose, I am announcing tonight that we will create a new Office of Shipbuilding in the White House and offer special tax incentives to bring this industry home to America where it belongs. We used to make so many ships. We don't make them anymore very much, but we're going to make them very fast, very soon. It will have a huge impact.

To further enhance our national security, my administration will be reclaiming the Panama Canal, and we've already started doing it. Just today, a large American company announced they are buying both ports around the Panama Canal and lots of other things having to do with the Panama Canal and a couple of other canals.

The Panama Canal was built by Americans for Americans, not for others, but others could use it. But it was built at tremendous cost of American blood and treasure. 38,000 workers died building the Panama Canal. They died of malaria. They died of snakebites and mosquitoes, not a nice place to work. They paid them very highly to go there, knowing there was a 25 percent chance that they would die. The most expensive project also that was ever built in our country's history if you bring it up to modern day costs.

It was given away by the Carter administration for \$1, but that agreement has been violated very severely. We didn't give it to China. We gave it to Panama, and we're taking it back.

And we have Marco Rubio in charge. Good luck, Marco. Now we know who to blame if anything goes wrong.

No. Marco's been amazing, and he's going to do a great job. Think of it. He got 100 votes. You know, he was approved with actually 99, but the 100th was this gentleman, and I feel very certain, so let's assume he got 100 votes. And I am either very, very happy about that, or I am very concerned about it, but he's already proven—I mean, he's a great gentleman.

He's respected by everybody, and we appreciate you voting for Marco. He's going to do a fantastic job. Thank you.

Thank you. He's doing a great job. Great job.

And I also have a message tonight for the incredible people of Greenland. We strongly support your right to determine your own future, and if you choose, we welcome you into the United States of America.

We need Greenland for national security and even international security, and we're working with everybody involved to try and get it. But we need it really for international world security, and I think we're going to get it. One way or the other, we're going to get it.

We will keep you safe. We will make you rich, and, together, we will take Greenland to heights like you have never thought possible before. It's a very small population, but very, very large piece of land and very, very important for military security. America is once again standing strong against the forces of radical Islamic terrorism.

Three and a half years ago, ISIS terrorists killed 13 American servicemembers and countless others in the Abbey Gate bombing during the disastrous and incompetent withdrawal from Afghanistan. Not that they were withdrawing. It was the way they withdrew, perhaps the most embarrassing moment in the history of our country.

Tonight, I am pleased to announce that we have just apprehended the top terrorist responsible for that atrocity, and he is right now on his way here to face the swift sword of American justice.

And I want to thank especially the government of Pakistan for helping arrest this monster. This was a very momentous day for those 13 families, who I actually got to know very well, most of them, whose children were murdered and the many people that were so badly—over 42 people so badly injured on that fateful day in Afghanistan. What a horrible day.

Such incompetence was shown that, when Putin saw what happened, I guess he said: Wow, maybe this is my chance. That's how bad it was. It should have never happened. Grossly incompetent people.

I spoke to many of the parents and loved ones, and they're all in our hearts tonight. I just spoke to them on the phone. We had a big call. Every one of them called, and everybody was on the line, and they did nothing but cry with happiness. They were very happy, as happy as you can be under those circumstances. Their child, brother, sister, son, daughter was killed for no reason whatsoever.

In the Middle East, we are bringing back our hostages from Gaza. In my first term, we achieved one of the most groundbreaking peace agreements in generations, the Abraham Accords, and now we're going to build on that foundation to create a more peaceful and prosperous future for the entire region.

A lot of things are happening in the Middle East. People haven't been talk-

ing about that so much lately with everything going on with Ukraine and Russia, but a lot of things are happening in the Middle East. It's a rough neighborhood, actually.

I am also working tirelessly to end the savage conflict in Ukraine. Millions of Ukrainians and Russians have been needlessly killed or wounded in this horrific and brutal conflict, with no end in sight. The United States has sent hundreds of billions of dollars to support Ukraine's defense, with no security, with no anything.

Do you want to keep it going for another 5 years? Yeah? Yeah. You would say. Pocahontas says: Yes.

Two thousand people are being killed every single week. More than that. They're Russian young people. They're Ukrainian young people. They're not Americans, but I want it to stop.

Meanwhile, Europe has, sadly, spent more money buying Russian oil and gas than they have spent on defending Ukraine, by far. Think of that. They've spent more buying Russian oil and gas than they have defending, and we've spent perhaps \$350 billion, like taking candy from a baby. That's what happened, and they've spent \$100 billion.

What a difference that is. And we have an ocean separating us, and they don't. But we're getting along very well with them, and lots of good things are happening.

Biden has authorized more money in this fight than Europe has spent by billions and billions of dollars. It's hard to believe that they wouldn't have stopped it and said at some point: Come on, let's equalize. You've got to be equal to us.

But that didn't happen.

Earlier today, I received an important letter from President Zelenskyy of Ukraine.

The letter reads: Ukraine is ready to come to the negotiating table as soon as possible to bring lasting peace closer. Nobody wants peace more than the Ukrainians, he said. My team and I stand ready to work under President Trump's strong leadership to get a peace that lasts. We do really value how much America has done to help Ukraine maintain its sovereignty and independence. Regarding the agreement on minerals and security, Ukraine is ready to sign it at any time that is convenient for you.

I appreciate that he sent this letter. Just got it a little while ago.

Simultaneously, we've had serious discussions with Russia and have received strong signals that they are ready for peace. Wouldn't that be beautiful? Wouldn't that be beautiful? Wouldn't that be beautiful?

It's time to stop this madness. It's time to halt the killing. It's time to end this senseless war. If you want to end wars, you have to talk to both sides.

Nearly 4 years ago, amid rising tensions, a history teacher named Marc Fogel was detained in Russia and sentenced to 14 years in a penal colony—

rough stuff. The previous administration barely lifted a finger to help him. They knew he was innocent, but they had no idea where to begin. But, last summer, I promised his 95-year-old mother, Malphine, that we would bring her boy safely back home.

After 22 days in office, I did just that, and they are here tonight.

To Marc and his great mom, we are delighted to have you safe and sound and with us.

As fate would have it, Marc Fogel was born in a small, rural town, in Butler, Pennsylvania—have you heard of it?—where his mother has lived for the past 78 years.

I just happened to go there last July 13th for a rally. That was not pleasant. And that is where I met his beautiful mom right before I walked onto that stage, and I told her I would not forget what she said about her son. And I never did, did I? I never forgot.

Less than 10 minutes later, at that same rally, gunfire rang out, and a sick and deranged assassin unloaded eight bullets from his sniper's perch into a crowd of many thousands of people. My life was saved by a fraction of an inch, but some were not so lucky.

Corey Comperatore was a firefighter, a veteran, a Christian, a husband, a devoted father, and, above all, a protector. When the sound of gunshots pierced the air—it was a horrible sound—Corey knew instantly what it was and what to do. He threw himself on top of his wife and daughters and shielded them from the bullets with his own body. Corey was hit really hard. You know the story from there. He sacrificed his life to save theirs.

Two others, very fine people, were also seriously hit, but thankfully, with the help of two great country doctors—we thought they were gone, and they were saved. So, those doctors had great talent. We're joined by Corey's wife, Helen, who was his high school sweetheart, and their two beloved daughters, Allyson and Kaylee. Thank you.

To Helen, Allyson, and Kaylee, Corey is looking down on his three beautiful ladies right now, and he's cheering you on. He loves you. He is cheering you on.

Corey was taken from us much too soon, but his destiny was to leave us all with a shining example of the selfless devotion of a true American patriot. It was love like Corey's that built our country, and it's love like Corey's that is going to make our country more majestic than ever before.

I believe that my life was saved that day in Butler for a very good reason. I was saved by God to make America great again. I believe that.

Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you very much.

From the patriots of Lexington and Concord to the heroes of Gettysburg and Normandy, from the warriors who crossed the Delaware to the trailblazers who climbed the Rockies, and from the legends who soared at Kitty

Hawk to the astronauts who touched the Moon, Americans have always been the people who defied all odds, transcended all dangers, made the most extraordinary sacrifices, and did whatever it took to defend our children, our country, and our freedom.

And as we have seen in this Chamber tonight, that same strength, faith, love, and spirit is still alive and thriving in the hearts of the American people.

Despite the best efforts of those who would try to censor us, silence us, break us, destroy us, Americans are today a proud, free, sovereign, and independent Nation that will always be free, and we will fight for it till death. We will never let anything happen to our beloved country because we are a country of doers, dreamers, fighters, and survivors.

Our ancestors crossed a vast ocean, strode into the unknown wilderness, and carved their fortunes from the rock and soil of a perilous and very dangerous frontier. They chased our destiny across a boundless continent. They built the railroads, laid the highways, and graced the world with American marvels like the Empire State Building, the mighty Hoover Dam, and the towering Golden Gate Bridge.

They lit the world with electricity; broke free of the force of gravity; fired up the engines of American industry; vanquished the Communists, Fascists, and Marxists all over the world; and gave us countless modern wonders sculpted out of iron, glass, and steel.

We stand on the shoulders of these pioneers who won and built the modern age, these workers who poured their sweat into the skylines of our cities, these warriors who shed their blood on fields of battle and gave everything they had for our rights and for our freedom.

Now, it is our time to take up the righteous cause of American liberty, and it is our turn to take America's destiny into our own hands and begin the most thrilling days in the history of our country.

This will be our greatest era. With God's help, over the next 4 years, we are going to lead this Nation even higher, and we are going to forge the freest, most advanced, most dynamic, and most dominant civilization ever to exist on the face of this Earth. We are going to create the highest quality of life, build the safest and wealthiest and healthiest and most vital communities anywhere in the world.

We are going to conquer the vast frontiers of science, and we are going to lead humanity into space and plant the American flag on the planet Mars and even far beyond.

And through it all, we are going to rediscover the unstoppable power of the American spirit, and we are going to renew unlimited promise of the American Dream.

Every single day, we will stand up and we will fight, fight, fight for the country our citizens believe in and for the country our people deserve.

My fellow Americans, get ready for an incredible future because the golden age of America has only just begun. It will be like nothing that has ever been seen before.

Thank you. God bless you, and God bless America.

(Applause, the Members rising.)

At 11 o'clock and 4 minutes p.m., the President of the United States, accompanied by the committee of escort, retired from the Hall of the House of Representatives.

The Assistant to the Sergeant at Arms escorted the invited guests from the Chamber in the following order:

The members of the President's Cabinet;

The Chief Justice of the United States and the Associate Justices of the Supreme Court;

The Dean of the Diplomatic Corps.

#### JOINT SESSION DISSOLVED

The SPEAKER. The Chair declares the joint session of the two Houses now dissolved.

Accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 4 minutes p.m.), the joint session of the two Houses was dissolved.

The Members of the Senate retired to their Chamber.

#### MESSAGE OF THE PRESIDENT REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE ON THE STATE OF THE UNION

Mr. SCALISE. Madam Speaker, I move that the message of the President be referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union and ordered printed.

The motion was agreed to.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Mr. SCALISE. Madam Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 6 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, March 5, 2025, at 10 a.m. for morning-hour debate.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

EC-504. A letter from the Acting Solicitor General, Department of Justice, transmitting the Department's decision in *Dellinger v. Bessent*, No. 25-5028 (D.C. Cir.), pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 530D(a)(1); Public Law 107-273, Sec. 202(a); (116 Stat. 1771); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-505. A letter from the Manager, Legal Litigation and Support, AGC-010, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Modification of Class D and Class E Airspace; Abbotsford Airport, Abbotsford, BC [Docket No.: FAA-2024-2440; Airspace Docket No. 24-ANM-86] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received February 24, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law

104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-506. A letter from the Manager, Legal Litigation and Support, AGC-010, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; ATR-GIE Avions de Transport Regional Airplanes [Docket No.: FAA-2024-2418; Project Identifier MCAI-2024-00239-T; Amendment 39-22943; AD 2025-02-10] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received February 24, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-507. A letter from the Manager, Legal Litigation and Support, AGC-010, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Canada Limited Partnership (Type Certificate Previously Held by C Series Aircraft Limited Partnership (CSALP); Bombardier, Inc.) Airplanes [Docket No.: FAA-2024-1893; Project Identifier MCAI-2023-01050-T; Amendment 39-22953; AD 2025-03-05] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received February 24, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-508. A letter from the Manager, Legal Litigation and Support, AGC-010, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; DAHER AEROSPACE (Type Certificate Previously Held by SOCATA) Airplanes [Docket No.: FAA-2024-2413; Project Identifier MCAI-2023-00982-A; Amendment 39-22941; AD 2025-02-08] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received February 24, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-509. A letter from the Manager, Legal Litigation and Support, AGC-010, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Saab AB Airplanes [Docket No.: FAA-2024-2016; Project Identifier MCAI-2024-00111-T; Amendment 39-22948; AD 2025-02-15] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received February 24, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-510. A letter from the Manager, Legal Litigation and Support, AGC-010, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Airbus SAS Airplanes [Docket No.: FAA-2024-2138; Project Identifier MCAI-2024-00124-T; Amendment 39-22955; AD 2025-03-07] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received February 24, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-511. A letter from the Manager, Legal Litigation and Support, AGC-010, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes [Docket No.: FAA-2024-2137; Project Identifier AD-2023-00297-T; Amendment 39-22932; AD 2025-01-08] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received February 24, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-512. A letter from the Manager, Legal Litigation and Support, AGC-010, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; FS 2001 Corp, FS 2002 Corporation, FS 2003 Corporation, Piper, and Piper Aircraft, Inc. Airplanes [Docket No.: FAA-2023-1893; Project Identifier AD-2023-00389-A; Amendment 39-22944; AD 2025-02-11] (RIN:

2120-AA64) received February 24, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-513. A letter from the Manager, Legal Litigation and Support, AGC-010, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Airbus SAS Airplanes [Docket No.: FAA-2024-2145; Project Identifier MCAI-2024-00077-T; Amendment 39-22954; AD 2025-03-06] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received February 24, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-514. A letter from the Manager, Legal Litigation and Support, AGC-010, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Costruzioni Aeronautiche Tecnam S.P.A. Airplanes [Docket No.: FAA-2025-0202; Project Identifier MCAI-2024-00739-A; Amendment 39-22957; AD 2025-03-09] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received February 24, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-515. A letter from the Manager, Legal Litigation and Support, AGC-010, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes [Docket No.: FAA-2024-2408; Project Identifier AD-2024-00362-T; Amendment 39-22958; AD 2025-03-10] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received February 24, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. GREEN of Tennessee: Committee on Homeland Security. House Resolution 114. Resolution directing the Secretary of Homeland Security to transmit to the House of Representatives certain documents relating to Department of Homeland Security policies and activities related to domestic preparedness and collective response to terrorism and the Department's cybersecurity activities, adversely (Rept. 119-10). Referred to the House Calendar.

## PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions of the following titles were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. CISCOMANI (for himself, Mr. WESTERMAN, Mr. TIFFANY, Mr. FULCHER, Mr. ROUZER, Mr. CARTER of Georgia, Mr. CRENSHAW, Ms. TENNEY, and Ms. MALLIOTAKIS):

H.R. 1820. A bill to address the public safety issues and environmental destruction currently impacting Federal lands along the southern border, enhance border security through the construction of navigable roads on Federal lands along the southern border, provide U.S. Customs and Border Protection access to Federal lands to improve the safety and effectiveness of enforcement activities, allow States to place temporary barriers on Federal land to secure the southern border, reduce the massive trash accumulations and environmental degradation along the southern border, reduce the cultivation of illegal

cannabis on Federal lands, mitigate wildland fires caused by illegal immigration, and prohibit migrant housing on Federal lands; to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committees on Agriculture, the Budget, and 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 Mr. CALVERT:

H.R. 1821. A bill to deny Federal funding to any State or political subdivision of a State that has in effect any law, policy, or procedure that prevents or impedes a State or local law enforcement official from maintaining custody of an alien pursuant to an immigration detainer issued by the Secretary of Homeland Security, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. FEENSTRA (for himself, Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina, and Mr. MORAN):

H.R. 1822. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude from gross income interest received on certain loans secured by rural or agricultural real property; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. BERGMAN (for himself and Mr. BOST):

H.R. 1823. A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and the Comptroller General of the United States to report on certain funding shortfalls in the Department of Veterans Affairs; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mrs. BICE (for herself, Ms. SHERILL, Ms. HOULAHAN, Mr. GOTTHEIMER, and Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina):

H.R. 1824. A bill to amend titles 10 and 38, United States Code, to extend certain benefits to members of the National Guard who incur disabilities while performing State active duty; 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. BIGGS of Arizona:

H.R. 1825. A bill to direct the Secretary of Education to eliminate the Office of Enforcement within the Office of Federal Student Aid, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and Workforce.

By Mr. CARBAJAL (for himself, Mr. LAWLER, Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas, and Mr. CISCOMANI):

H.R. 1826. A bill to implement or strengthen programs that increase the supply of quality child care services by enhancing the wages of child care workers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and Workforce.

By Mr. CARBAJAL (for himself, Mr. LAWLER, Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas, and Mr. CISCOMANI):

H.R. 1827. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the employer-provided child care credit and the dependent care assistance exclusion; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. COHEN:

H.R. 1828. A bill to direct the Secretary of Transportation to issue rules requiring the inclusion of new safety equipment in school buses, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Education and Workforce, 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. CRANE:

H.R. 1829. A bill to require the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain lands within the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Ms. FEDORCHAK:

H.R. 1830. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 840 Front Street in Casselton, North Dakota, as the "Commander Delbert Austin Olson Post Office"; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Mr. GOTTHEIMER:

H.R. 1831. A bill to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to carry out a pilot program for the prevention and mitigation of acts of terrorism using motor vehicles, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security.

By Mr. MAGAZINER:

H.R. 1832. A bill to establish "Golden Sea Bream" as an acceptable market name for *Stenotomus chrysops*; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Ms. MALLIOTAKIS:

H.R. 1833. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to rename the standard deduction the guaranteed deduction, and to add a bonus amount to the guaranteed deduction for taxable years 2026 and 2027; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. MCGOVERN:

H.R. 1834. A bill to advance policy priorities that will break the gridlock; to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committees on Natural Resources, House Administration, Transportation and Infrastructure, Agriculture, Science, Space, and Technology, Education and Workforce, Foreign Affairs, Intelligence (Permanent Select), Small Business, the Judiciary, Homeland Security, Financial Services, Veterans' Affairs, Ways and Means, Rules, Ethics, Energy and Commerce, the Budget, and Oversight and Government Reform, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mrs. MCIVER (for herself, Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Ms. TITUS, Mr. VARGAS, Ms. NORTON, Ms. BARRAGÁN, Mrs. FOUSHEE, Mr. THANEDAR, Mr. KHANNA, Mr. MANNION, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Ms. TLAIB, Mr. GARCIA of California, Ms. TOKUDA, Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ, Mr. TURNER of Texas, Mr. LANDSMAN, Ms. BONAMICI, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Ms. ANSARI, Mr. IVEY, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. CARTER of Louisiana, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Ms. SIMON, Mr. PANETTA, Ms. CROCKETT, Mr. BEYER, Mr. CARSON, Mr. EVANS of Pennsylvania, Ms. PRESSLEY, Mrs. RAMIREZ, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Mr. KENNEDY of New York, Ms. BROWN, Mr. POCAN, Ms. UNDERWOOD, Mr. COHEN, Mr. CLEAVER, Mr. BISHOP, Ms. MENG, Mr. MEEKS, Mr. TONKO, Mr. MCGOVERN, Ms. LEE of Pennsylvania, Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia, Mr. OLSZEWSKI, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Ms. ADAMS, Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois, Ms. SCANLON, Mr. CONNOLLY, Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania, Mrs. TORRES of California, Mr. BELL, Mr. LATIMER, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Mrs. TRAHAN, Ms. MCCLELLAN, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Mr. CONAWAY, Mr. HERNÁNDEZ, Ms. CHU, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, Ms. JAYAPAL, Ms. WATERS, Ms. PETERSEN, and Mr. FIELDS):

H.R. 1835. A bill to require the reinstatement of recently terminated probationary Federal employees, and for other purposes;

to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, 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. OBERNOLTE:

H.R. 1836. A bill to amend the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012 to provide for an application for a Federal easement, right-of-way, or lease with respect to a communications facility installation to be deemed granted if not granted or denied by the specified deadline, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, 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. ONDER (for himself, Mr. MOORE of Alabama, Mr. NEHLS, Mr. GILL of Texas, Mr. HARRIS of Maryland, Mr. HARIDOPOLOS, and Mr. HARRIS of North Carolina):

H.R. 1837. A bill to require aliens seeking admission to the United States as non-immigrants to pay a bond or cash payment and to impose penalties on such aliens who fail to timely depart the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. PLASKETT (for herself and Mr. MOORE of Alabama):

H.R. 1838. A bill to amend the Rural Electrification Act of 1936 to improve access to broadband telecommunications services in rural areas, including by encouraging the provision of broadband loans and grants to increase broadband service in rural ports, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, 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. ROY:

H.R. 1839. A bill to prevent use of United Nations facilities located in the United States by the ICC, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Ms. SANCHEZ:

H.R. 1840. A bill to provide for phase-out of de minimis treatment under the Tariff Act of 1930, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. SHERMAN (for himself, Mr. BIGGS of Arizona, Ms. CHU, Mr. MIN, Mr. MOYLAN, Ms. NORTON, Mr. AMO, Ms. BROWNLEY, Mr. CASAR, Mr. CARSON, Mr. CORREA, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Mr. FROST, Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois, Mr. GOTTHEIMER, Mr. GREEN of Texas, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Ms. JAYAPAL, Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE, Mr. KHANNA, Mr. LEVIN, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. MCGOVERN, Ms. OMAR, Ms. PINGREE, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Ms. STRICKLAND, Mr. TAKANO, Ms. TITUS, Mr. TONKO, Mr. TRAN, and Mr. VARGAS):

H.R. 1841. A bill to review current restrictions on travel to North Korea, call for a formal end to the Korean War, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Ms. TENNEY (for herself and Ms. ROSS):

H.R. 1842. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow certain veterinary expenses for pets and service animals to be treated as amounts paid for medical care for purposes of a health savings account or flexible savings account; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK (for herself and Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin):

H. Res. 185. A resolution recognizing the need of Congress to prevent, address, and treat obesity as a disease in the United States on this World Obesity Day, March 4, 2025; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. CONNOLLY (for himself, Ms. NORTON, Mr. LYNCH, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY, Mr. KHANNA, Mr. MFUME, Ms. BROWN, Ms. STANSBURY, Mr. GARCIA of California, Mr. FROST, Ms. LEE of Pennsylvania, Mr. CASAR, Ms. CROCKETT, Ms. RANDALL, Mr. SUBRAMANYAM, Ms. ANSARI, Mr. BELL, Ms. SIMON, Mr. MIN, Ms. PRESSLEY, and Ms. TLAIB):

H. Res. 186. A resolution of inquiry requesting the President to transmit certain documents to the House of Representatives relating to the conflicts of interest of Elon Musk and related information; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Mr. MFUME (for himself, Mr. CONNOLLY, Ms. NORTON, Mr. LYNCH, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY, Mr. KHANNA, Ms. BROWN, Ms. STANSBURY, Mr. GARCIA of California, Mr. FROST, Ms. LEE of Pennsylvania, Mr. CASAR, Ms. CROCKETT, Ms. RANDALL, Mr. SUBRAMANYAM, Ms. ANSARI, Mr. BELL, Ms. SIMON, Mr. MIN, Ms. PRESSLEY, and Ms. TLAIB):

H. Res. 187. A resolution of inquiry requesting the President to transmit certain information to the House of Representatives referring to the termination, removal, placement on administrative leave, moved to another department of Federal employees and Inspectors General of agencies; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Mr. MULLIN (for himself, Mrs. RAMIREZ, Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia, Ms. NORTON, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Ms. TLAIB, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Mr. THANEDAR, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. SOTO, Ms. BARRAGÁN, Mr. SWALWELL, Mrs. TORRES of California, Mr. KHANNA, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Mrs. MCIVER, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, and Mr. GREEN of Texas):

H. Res. 188. A resolution affirming the obligation of the President of the United States to comply with court orders; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

## 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 Mr. CISCOMANI:

H.R. 1820.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I of the U.S. Constitution

By Mr. CALVERT:

H.R. 1821.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

The constitutional authority of Congress to enact this legislation is provided by Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution, specifically clause 1 and clause 18.

By Mr. FEENSTRA:

H.R. 1822.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8, clause 1  
By Mr. BERGMAN:  
H.R. 1823.  
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:  
Article 1, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution.

By Mrs. BICE:  
H.R. 1824.  
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8, Clauses 14, 16, and 18.  
By Mr. BIGGS of Arizona:  
H.R. 1825.  
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:  
Article I, Section 8.

By Mr. CARBAJAL:  
H.R. 1826.  
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:  
The constitutional authority of Congress to enact this legislation is provided by Article I, Section 8, clause 1 of the United States Constitution which provides Congress with the power to lay and collect Taxes, Duties, Imposts and Excises to provide for the general Welfare of the United States.

By Mr. CARBAJAL:  
H.R. 1827.  
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:  
The constitutional authority of Congress to enact this legislation is provided by Article I, Section 8, clause 1 of the United States Constitution which provides Congress with the power to lay and collect Taxes, Duties, Imposts and Excises to provide for the general Welfare of the United States.

By Mr. COHEN:  
H.R. 1828.  
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:  
Article I, Section 8

By Mr. CRANE:  
H.R. 1829.  
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:  
Article IV, Section 3, clause 2

By Ms. FEDORCHAK:  
H.R. 1830.  
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:  
Article I, Section 8, Clause 7:

The Congress shall have Power . . . To establish Post Offices and post Roads; . . ."

By Mr. GOTTHEIMER:  
H.R. 1831.  
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:  
Article I, Section 8

By Mr. MAGAZINER:  
H.R. 1832.  
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:  
Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution

By Ms. MALLIOTAKIS:  
H.R. 1833.  
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:  
Article I Section 8 Clause 1

By Mr. MCGOVERN:  
H.R. 1834.  
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:  
Article I, Section 8

By Mrs. MCIVER:  
H.R. 1835.  
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:  
Spending Clause, Article I, Section 8, Clause 1

Necessary and Proper Clause, Article 1, Section 8, Clause 18

By Mr. OBERNOLTE:  
H.R. 1836.  
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8  
By Mr. ONDER:  
H.R. 1837.  
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:  
Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution.

By Ms. PLASKETT:  
H.R. 1838.  
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:  
Article 1, Section 8 of the United States Constitution

By Mr. ROY:  
H.R. 1839.  
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8  
By Ms. SANCHEZ:  
H.R. 1840.  
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:  
Article I, Section 8.

By Mr. SHERMAN:  
H.R. 1841.  
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution  
By Ms. TENNEY:  
H.R. 1842.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:  
Article I

### ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 7 of rule XII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions, as follows:

H.R. 173: Mr. LANDSMAN.  
H.R. 307: Ms. WILSON of Florida.  
H.R. 349: Mr. KHANNA, Ms. SCHOLTEN, Mr. LYNCH, Ms. NORTON, Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas, Mr. LALOTA, Mr. CORREA, Mr. TONKO, Mr. RUIZ, Mr. MEUSER, Ms. CHU, Ms. SCANLON, and Ms. PINGREE.

H.R. 381: Ms. ADAMS.  
H.R. 404: Mr. HARRIGAN.  
H.R. 407: Ms. SCHOLTEN.  
H.R. 425: Mr. LATTA.  
H.R. 433: Ms. CHU and Mr. GOTTHEIMER.  
H.R. 452: Mr. ROUZER, Ms. CASTOR of Florida, and Mr. PFLUGER.

H.R. 482: Mrs. LUNA and Mr. GILL of Texas.  
H.R. 516: Ms. MALOY and Mr. MOORE of North Carolina.

H.R. 521: Mr. ISSA.  
H.R. 633: Mr. KHANNA, Mrs. BICE, Mr. KEAN, Mr. SUOZZI, Mr. GOLDMAN of Texas, and Ms. BOEBERT.

H.R. 690: Mr. OWENS.  
H.R. 703: Mr. HARRIGAN.  
H.R. 724: Mr. BEGICH.  
H.R. 785: Mr. LALOTA.

H.R. 787: Ms. GOODLANDER.  
H.R. 801: Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. BOST, and Mr. HARRIS of Maryland.

H.R. 821: Mr. CASE.  
H.R. 833: Mr. HARRIGAN.

H.R. 842: Mr. RUTHERFORD, Mr. BAUMGARTNER, Mr. HARIDOPOLOS, Mr. BEAN of Florida, Mr. ROGERS of Alabama, Mr. FLEISCHMANN, Mr. BENTZ, Mr. EVANS of Colorado, Mr. VALADAO, Mr. PANETTA, Mr. CLEAVER, Mr. SORESENSEN, Mr. CARBAJAL, Mr. EVANS of Pennsylvania, Ms. MATSUI, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. TONKO, Ms. BROWNLEY, Mrs. BICE, and Mr. AUCHINCLOSS.

H.R. 846: Mr. POCAN.  
H.R. 861: Mr. DOGGETT and Mr. RASKIN.  
H.R. 862: Mr. LALOTA.

H.R. 909: Ms. DE LA CRUZ, Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia, Mr. GRAVES, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. LUCAS, Mr. LANDSMAN, Mr. BERGMAN, and Mr. DELUZZIO.

H.R. 973: Ms. FRIEDMAN.

H.R. 979: Mr. MRVAN, Ms. KAPTUR, and Mr. WOMACK.

H.R. 989: Mr. HOYER, Ms. STRICKLAND, and Ms. CHU.

H.R. 995: Mr. COURTNEY and Mr. CISNEROS.  
H.R. 999: Mr. SUOZZI.

H.R. 1004: Mr. LANDSMAN.  
H.R. 1013: Mr. MORELLE.

H.R. 1046: Mr. McDOWELL.  
H.R. 1065: Ms. CHU.

H.R. 1086: Mr. LANDSMAN.  
H.R. 1103: Mr. FINSTAD and Mr. BACON.

H.R. 1110: Ms. BOEBERT.  
H.R. 1145: Mr. GRIJALVA.

H.R. 1151: Mr. SUOZZI, Ms. BUDZINSKI, Mr. GOLDEN of Maine, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. BISHOP, and Mr. VALADAO.

H.R. 1158: Mr. HOYER.  
H.R. 1175: Mr. SHREVE.

H.R. 1177: Ms. MALLIOTAKIS and Mr. PANETTA.

H.R. 1181: Mr. FEENSTRA and Mr. SMITH of Nebraska.

H.R. 1193: Ms. PEREZ.  
H.R. 1195: Mr. HARRIGAN.

H.R. 1196: Ms. MCCLELLAN, Mr. EVANS of Pennsylvania, Ms. JOHNSON of Texas, and Ms. STRICKLAND.

H.R. 1206: Mr. KENNEDY of Utah.  
H.R. 1207: Mr. HURD of Colorado.

H.R. 1229: Mr. PALLONE, Mr. KENNEDY of New York, Mr. GROTHMAN, Ms. MENG, Mr. BRESNAHAN, Mr. HARRIGAN, Mr. SUOZZI, Mr. RUTHERFORD, Mr. LALOTA, Mr. MEEKS, and Mr. LANGWORTHY.

H.R. 1232: Mr. ROUZER.  
H.R. 1241: Mr. TAYLOR.

H.R. 1243: Mr. HARRIGAN.  
H.R. 1251: Mr. THANEDAR.

H.R. 1262: Mr. CISCOMANI, Ms. BONAMICI, Mr. FITZPATRICK, and Mr. VICENTE GONZALEZ of Texas.

H.R. 1278: Mr. BAIRD.  
H.R. 1284: Mr. BISHOP, Ms. SHERRILL, and Mr. DELUZZIO.

H.R. 1285: Mr. NORCROSS.  
H.R. 1300: Mr. MILLER of Ohio.

H.R. 1307: Ms. CHU.  
H.R. 1314: Mr. KHANNA.

H.R. 1329: Mr. LATIMER, Ms. PELOSI, Mr. SHREVE, Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania, Mr. EZZELL, Mr. BAIRD, Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania, Mrs. MCIVER, Mr. TONKO, and Mr. ALFORD.

H.R. 1361: Mr. MURPHY.  
H.R. 1379: Mr. LANDSMAN.

H.R. 1383: Ms. STANSBURY, Mr. SIMPSON, Ms. SALINAS, Mr. DOWNING, Ms. BYNUM, Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ, Ms. BUDZINSKI, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, and Ms. SCHAKOWSKY.

H.R. 1410: Ms. HOYLE of Oregon and Mrs. HAYES.

H.R. 1422: Mr. HARRIGAN, Mr. BRESNAHAN, Mr. BAUMGARTNER, Mr. SUOZZI, Mr. LALOTA, Ms. MENG, Mr. RUTHERFORD, Mr. CONAWAY, Mr. LANGWORTHY, and Mr. NORCROSS.

H.R. 1437: Mr. MRVAN, Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas, Ms. CHU, Mr. COSTA, and Mr. MOULTON.

H.R. 1439: Mr. CASE.  
H.R. 1443: Mrs. HAYES.

H.R. 1447: Mr. HARRIS of Maryland.  
H.R. 1448: Mr. THANEDAR.

H.R. 1463: Mr. PFLUGER.  
H.R. 1464: Mr. MORELLE.

H.R. 1470: Mr. FITZPATRICK.  
H.R. 1477: Mr. CONAWAY.

H.R. 1479: Mr. GOLDMAN of Texas.  
H.R. 1494: Mr. WESTERMAN.

H.R. 1505: Mrs. HAYES.

H.R. 1517: Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas, Mr. BOST, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, and Mr. PANETTA.

H.R. 1524: Mr. FITZPATRICK.  
H.R. 1529: Mr. VALADAO, Mr. COSTA, and Mr. BOST.

H.R. 1564: Mr. NEGUSE and Mr. MRVAN.  
H.R. 1566: Mr. BENTZ and Mr. DELUZZIO.

H.R. 1576: Mr. SMITH of New Jersey and Mr. BAUMGARTNER.

H.R. 1585: Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia.  
 H.R. 1603: Mr. GILL of Texas.  
 H.R. 1611: Mr. LANDSMAN.  
 H.R. 1627: Ms. PETTERSEN, Mr. CONNOLLY, Mr. TONKO, Mr. COHEN, Mr. MOULTON, Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina, Ms. TENNEY, Mrs. MILLER of West Virginia, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. KEATING, Ms. HOULAHAN, Mr. DELUZIO, Mrs. DINGELL, Mr. OBERNOLTE, Mrs. TRAHAN, Ms. TOKUDA, Mr. HARDER of California, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Ms. SCANLON, Mr. LAWLER, Mr. BACON, and Ms. BARRAGÁN.  
 H.R. 1629: Mr. FITZPATRICK.  
 H.R. 1637: Ms. CRAIG, Ms. CHU, Ms. JOHNSON of Texas, and Mr. QUIGLEY.  
 H.R. 1638: Ms. BONAMICI.  
 H.R. 1645: Ms. JAYAPAL.  
 H.R. 1651: Mr. GRAVES, Mrs. BICE, Mr. McDOWELL, Mr. GOSAR, and Ms. LEE of Florida.  
 H.R. 1656: Mr. HUDSON.  
 H.R. 1657: Mr. FITZPATRICK, Ms. STRICKLAND, Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas, Mr. THANEDAR, Ms. MATSUI, and Mr. RYAN.  
 H.R. 1668: Mrs. BIGGS of South Carolina and Mr. KENNEDY of Utah.  
 H.R. 1674: Mr. NEGUSE.  
 H.R. 1684: Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE.  
 H.R. 1690: Mr. BAIRD.  
 H.R. 1700: Ms. ANSARI.  
 H.R. 1702: Mr. COLE.  
 H.R. 1704: Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mrs. RAMIREZ, Ms. TLAIB, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, and Ms. WILSON of Florida.  
 H.R. 1705: Ms. SALINAS.  
 H.R. 1713: Ms. TOKUDA, Mr. BARR, Mr. NUNN of Iowa, Mr. ROUZER, and Ms. DE LA CRUZ.  
 H.R. 1715: Ms. JOHNSON of Texas and Ms. KELLY of Illinois.  
 H.R. 1718: Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. FIGURES, and Ms. WILSON of Florida.  
 H.R. 1725: Ms. OMAR and Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina.

H.R. 1733: Mr. FITZPATRICK.  
 H.R. 1734: Mr. LAWLER.  
 H.R. 1735: Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina.  
 H.R. 1742: Ms. CHU, Ms. CLARKE of New York, and Ms. FRIEDMAN.  
 H.R. 1772: Mrs. MILLER of Illinois.  
 H.R. 1777: Mr. GRIFFITH.  
 H.R. 1786: Mr. FROST, Ms. SALAZAR, Mr. MOSKOWITZ, Mr. WEBER of Texas, and Ms. CASTOR of Florida.  
 H.R. 1788: Mr. MCGOVERN, Ms. TLAIB, Mrs. CHERFILUS-MCCORMICK, Ms. NORTON, and Mr. FIELDS.  
 H.R. 1793: Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina.  
 H.R. 1810: Ms. MCBRIDE, Mr. LATIMER, and Mr. CORREA.  
 H.R. 1811: Ms. OMAR.  
 H.J. Res. 61: Mr. NUNN of Iowa.  
 H.J. Res. 63: Mr. CLEAVER, Mr. QUIGLEY, Mr. GREEN of Texas, Mrs. FOUSHEE, Mr. DOGETT, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Ms. DEGETTE, Ms. STEVENS, Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE, Ms. BARRAGÁN, Mr. MRVAN, Ms. CASTOR of Florida, Ms. SHERRILL, Mr. MEEKS, Mr. THANEDAR, Ms. MENG, Ms. TLAIB, Mr. EVANS of Pennsylvania, Mr. COHEN, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, Mr. LYNCH, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Mr. GOLDMAN of New York, Mr. GARCIA of California, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Mr. MCGOVERN, Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ, Ms. STRICKLAND, Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia, Mr. POCAN, Mr. FROST, Ms. LEE of Pennsylvania, Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Ms. STANSBURY, Ms. BALINT, Mr. MULLIN, Mr. MOULTON, Ms. CHU, Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois, Ms. JACOBS, Mr. MAGAZINER, Ms. BONAMICI, Ms. BUDZINSKI, Mr. DELUZIO, Mr. CARSON, Mrs. MCBATH, Mr. CASTRO of Texas, Mr. MFUME, Mr. LIEU, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mr. VEASEY, Mr. SWALWELL, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Mr. CARBAJAL, Mr. CASAR, Mr. VARGAS, Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia, Mr. TORRES of New York, Mr.

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H. Con. Res. 4: Mr. ROSE, Mr. FINSTAD, Mr. NUNN of Iowa, Mr. BALDERSON, Mr. GOLDEN of Maine, Mr. LAWLER, and Mr. TIFFANY.

H. Con. Res. 16: Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania, Mr. MEUSER, Mr. BISHOP, and Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas.

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H. Res. 145: Mr. CLYDE.

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