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

DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
June 12, 2025.

I hereby appoint the Honorable RALPH NORMAN 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.

2025 JUNETEENTH MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL EVENTS IN BIRMINGHAM

(Ms. SEWELL of Alabama was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Ms. SEWELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge June 19 as Juneteenth. On June 19, this Nation will recognize Juneteenth with a Federal holiday. We will gather in the spirit of remembrance, resilience, and recommitment to celebrate a day of delayed liberation, but not undeniable triumph.

On June 19, 1865, more than 2 years after President Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation, Union soldiers arrived in Galveston, Texas, with the news that the last enslaved Black Americans were finally free.

Freedom did not come easily. It came slowly, unevenly, and at a painful cost, but it came. Along with it, generations of Black Americans began the long, unfinished journey toward full equality through Reconstruction, through Jim Crow, through the civil rights movement, and through the voting rights movement even now in our time.

Juneteenth is not just about history. It is about truth telling. It is a reminder that freedom delayed is freedom fought for and that liberation means more than just the breaking of physical chains. It demands justice in our laws, equity in our institutions, dignity in our labor, and respect in our schools, in our neighborhoods, and in our Nation.

My district, Alabama's Seventh Congressional District, will honor Juneteenth with a host of activities. The NAACP in Tuscaloosa will kick it off with a parade on Saturday and a luncheon on Thursday. In Birmingham, we will have a variety of events including a unity breakfast on Friday hosted by DA Danny Carr and the League of Gentlemen.

We will also welcome Major League Baseball back to Birmingham, Alabama, for the second consecutive year. On June 19, 2025, Major League Baseball will return to the Magic City for the 2025 East-West Classic game at Rickwood Field. The game will pay tribute to the Negro leagues and honor Birmingham's important contributions to baseball history.

This year, we will also celebrate the ribbon cutting of the newly refurbished Willie Mays Park in Fairfield, Alabama. Thanks to the generosity of Major League Baseball and the extraordinary efforts of State Senator Merika

Coleman and numerous community partners, the Willie Mays Park will undergo major improvements and will now serve generations of aspiring young baseball players in Jefferson County.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Major League Baseball for their continued investment in Alabama's Seventh Congressional District. We look forward to welcoming them back to the Magic City. Of course, we know how important baseball has been not only to the African-American community but to the American community writ large.

We are excited to welcome Major League Baseball back to Birmingham, Alabama. Thanks to their generosity and the generosity of so many, we will continue to play ball in Alabama's Seventh Congressional District.

Let's play ball.

NATIONAL DAIRY MONTH

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

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, happy National Dairy Month.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of this occasion of National Dairy Month and to honor the hardworking men and women of America's dairy industry, especially those in my home State of Pennsylvania.

As the Representative of Pennsylvania's 15th Congressional District and as chairman of the House Agriculture Committee, I know firsthand the central role that dairy plays in our economy, our communities, and our health.

Pennsylvania is an incredible dairy State. With more than 6,200 dairy farms, we rank second in the Nation in the number of dairy operations and eighth in milk production.

These farms care for nearly one-half million dairy cows and support more

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than 52,000 jobs, generating \$14.7 billion annually for our State's economy.

It is important that in addition to recognizing the success and strength of this industry, we also acknowledge the challenges it takes to produce the dairy products that we all know and love.

Rising costs, outdated Federal regulations, and policies that don't reflect the realities on the ground have all hurt this vital industry. That is why we must continue to fight for a modernized farm bill and for smart bipartisan policies that promote health and strengthen rural communities. In addition, the One Big Beautiful Bill Act we passed out of the House included key victories for our dairy producers.

The bill contains multiple enhancements to the Dairy Margin Coverage program such as increasing tier 1 eligibility from 5 million to 6 million pounds per farm, among other items.

One of those bipartisan policies is the Whole Milk for Healthy Kids Act which I proudly introduced alongside my colleague, Representative KIM SCHRIER, a pediatrician, and a bipartisan coalition in both Chambers of Congress. This bill is about returning whole and reduced fat milk to school cafeterias. It reflects updated science, addresses years of flawed Federal policy, and responds to what parents, schools, and health professionals across the country already know: Kids need access to milk that they will actually drink.

Secretary of Health and Human Services Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., has also voiced support for returning whole milk to school cafeterias. He recognizes its value as a nutrient-rich option that supports child development and academic success.

Milk provides 13 essential nutrients, including calcium, vitamin D, and potassium. These nutrients support bone health, immune function, and long-term well-being. However, today nearly three in four school-age children are not getting their recommended daily intake of dairy.

Since whole milk was removed from schools in 2012, we have seen declines in milk consumption, increased food waste, and growing concerns about childhood nutrition. This legislation is a commonsense solution that simply gives schools the option to serve whole and reduced fat milk once again.

I am pleased to report that the Whole Milk for Healthy Kids Act has already made significant bipartisan progress. It has passed the House Committee on Education and Workforce and most recently the Senate Agriculture Committee with strong support from both sides of the aisle.

With over 300 votes in the House last Congress, this bill is ready to cross the finish line.

Let me be clear. This is a win for everyone involved. It supports our children's health and gives a boost to our Nation's dairy farmers who work hard every day to provide safe, nutritious products.

Mr. Speaker, National Dairy Month is not just a moment of recognition. It is a call to action to stand with rural America, invest in the next generation, and ensure our food policies are rooted in science and not bureaucracy.

Let's finish the work we have started. Let's pass the Whole Milk for Healthy Kids Act. Let's deliver for our farmers, and let's keep making American agriculture stronger, healthier, and, yes, great once again.

CARIBBEAN-AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

(Ms. PLASKETT of the Virgin Islands was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Ms. PLASKETT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Caribbean-American Heritage Month, a time to celebrate the profound contributions of Caribbean Americans to our Nation's fabric.

From our kitchens come flavors that have influenced American cuisine.

Our music echoes across the mainland, starting with Caribbean-American children in the late seventies in the Bronx founding what became hip-hop and rap music.

Our entrepreneurs have built businesses. Our educators have shaped minds, and our artists have colored the American cultural landscape.

Our military and revolutionary mindsets have given Americans Haitian troops during the Revolutionary War, Denmark Vesey during slavery, Sidney Poitier and Harry Belafonte during the civil rights movement, and Colin Powell for his shock and awe.

We have produced judges, athletes, and public servants who carry forward the Caribbean values of hard work, family, and community.

During this Caribbean-American Heritage Month, we honor not just Caribbean Americans, but the enduring spirit of a people who transformed challenge into opportunity, who preserved culture while embracing innovation, and who continue to strengthen America's promise of diversity and inclusion.

RURAL HOSPITALS

Ms. PLASKETT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to address a critical healthcare crisis facing the Virgin Islands. The proposed budget cuts threaten to devastate our already fragile rural hospital system, putting thousands of lives at risk.

The Virgin Islands' remote geography makes our rural hospitals literal lifelines. When someone suffers a heart attack on St. John or faces a medical emergency on St. Croix, these facilities aren't just convenient options. They are the difference between life and death. Unlike mainland rural communities where one might drive 2 hours to reach alternative care, our residents face ocean crossings and weather-dependent transportation.

These proposed cuts would force closures of essential services. We are talk-

ing about dialysis centers, maternal health services, and trauma care that cannot simply be replaced by telemedicine or helicopter transport.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to remember that healthcare equity means ensuring that the ZIP Code, or in my case, the island I call home, doesn't determine whether you live or die. The Virgin Islands cannot afford to lose these vital healthcare anchors.

WOMEN VETERANS DAY

Ms. PLASKETT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the women veterans of the United States Virgin Islands on this Women Veterans Day. From the date that President Truman signed the Women's Armed Services Integration Act into law in 1948, Virgin Islands women have answered our Nation's call to service with unwavering dedication and courage.

These remarkable women have served in every branch of our military. I think of the great Ruby Rouss, the first Black woman to be assigned permanently to the staff of General Dwight D. Eisenhower, among so many others, past and present.

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Women veterans of the Virgin Islands and across our Nation represent the very best of our spirit. They have broken barriers, opened doors for future generations, and demonstrated that courage knows no gender.

On this Women Veterans Day, we say to every woman veteran in our Nation: Your service matters. Your sacrifice is remembered, and your continued leadership makes us all stronger.

HONORING DON GILLESPIE

(Mr. NORMAN of South Carolina was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. NORMAN. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to commemorate a special day for a very special person. On Sunday, June 1, at Westminster Presbyterian Church located in Rock Hill, South Carolina, Senior Pastor Mike Honeycutt called to the pulpit Mr. Don Gillespie.

Don has been an outstanding public servant and a devoted leader in both law enforcement and pastoral care. A man of deep conviction and humble service, Don has dedicated his life to protecting communities, building others up through coaching and ministry, and living out his faith.

Don was born and raised in Rock Hill, South Carolina, by loving Christian parents. He grew up attending First Presbyterian Church and has been a devoted member of Westminster Presbyterian Church since 1992.

From an early age, Don demonstrated a passion for sports, especially baseball and football. This passion carried him through his years at Newberry College, where he attended on a baseball scholarship and lettered all 4 years. During his sophomore year at college, Don was shared the Gospel by a close friend and accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior.

After graduating in 1975 with a degree in history, Don initially planned to teach and coach high school students. Instead, he embarked on a remarkable career in law enforcement when he joined the York County Sheriff's Department, becoming the agency's first narcotics officer.

Over the course of more than two decades, Don rose through the ranks to become chief deputy and played a pivotal role in establishing the narcotics division in 1979 and the special weapons tactical team in 1989, where he served as commander.

Throughout his career, Don continued to pursue professional excellence, graduating from the Southern Police Institute at the University of Louisville in 1981 and the National Academy in Quantico in 1991.

In 1997, following his retirement from law enforcement, Don became the corporate security director at Bowater Pulp and Paper Company, where he served until 2013.

Even while managing these demanding roles, Don remained a dedicated coach and mentor, volunteering as a Dixie youth baseball coach for over 24 years, and leading a high school travel baseball team for a decade. Don has consistently shown a commitment to all the people around him.

In 2014, Don was asked by his pastor to serve as director of pastoral care at Westminster Presbyterian Church. Under his leadership, the ministry has expanded significantly to include programs such as the Stephen Ministry, Grief Share, and a comprehensive pastoral care team. These initiatives, staffed by volunteers trained and equipped by Don, have provided critical support to countless individuals, both inside and beyond the Westminster congregation. His ministry reflects his heart for service and his love for others.

Don's impact on those around him has been profound. He has given a lifetime of service to his community, his church, and his family. He and his wife, Jan, who retired from the 16th Circuit Solicitor's Office, have raised five sons and are the proud grandparents of ten.

I offer my sincere gratitude to Don for his steadfast leadership and dedicated service. He is a man who truly embodies the creed: "To live is to serve." Winston Churchill once said that there will be a time when doing your best isn't good enough. You have got to do what is required.

Don has done what is required to serve his family, his community, and his God.

Mr. Speaker, the only time that I have seen anyone receive a standing ovation in church for his service, it was this man.

TIMOTHY O'CLAIR AND MENTAL HEALTH PARITY

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

Mr. TONKO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to urge all of us to demand mental health parity enforcement in honor of a young man that I once represented, Timothy O'Clair.

I first met Timothy when I served in the State Assembly in New York. Timothy played Little League and had a smile and spirit that burned incredibly bright. He played in the chess club and was an avid bowler.

Timothy enjoyed gymnastics, playing the piano, fishing, golfing, boating, and drawing. He enjoyed the outdoors and was an avid animal lover. However, Timothy suffered from significant mental health challenges, and his family struggled along with him, fighting with insurance companies to get him the care he truly needed.

The insurance companies didn't know the Timothy that I knew. Where we all saw an extraordinary little guy in a fight for his own life, the insurance company saw expenses in a ledger book. They put caps on his care and denied coverage for needed mental health treatment. When Timothy received the care he needed, he thrived. However, his family always knew that those caps and denials of coverage were right around the corner.

Things got worse for Timothy. In order to get him the Medicaid coverage he needed, Timothy's parents were forced to legally disown him. Can you imagine being forced to make that decision in your own family? Unfortunately, for Timothy, even that was not enough.

At 12 years old, Timothy completed suicide.

Timothy's memory will never leave me. His spirit inspired me and a number of other committed advocates to write and advance Timothy's Law in New York State, one of the first mental health parity laws in our country.

Specifically, Timothy's Law required parity in insurance plans between mental health and general health benefits.

Passing Timothy's Law gave me the drive to improve the way that we approach mental health care in America nationwide.

To me, that means reducing the stigma for those seeking care, addressing the growing problem of the youth behavioral health crisis, and giving our healthcare professionals the resources they truly need to adequately recognize and address the challenges those who live with mental illness must grapple with each and every day.

It also means ensuring that parity is fully enforced.

At the Federal level, the Paul Wellstone and Pete Domenici Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act of 2008 sought to correct the imbalance between the benefits afforded mental health and substance use disorders under group health plans and general medical and surgical benefits typically afforded under such plans.

Mr. Speaker, 15-plus years later, we still are seeing major gaps in access and affordability between mental

health and physical healthcare and the need for better enforcement of this law.

For example, studies show that insured people are nearly four times as likely to go out of network and pay higher fees for mental health care than for physical healthcare. With one in five Americans impacted by mental health disorders, we must do better.

After many years of engaging on this issue and Congress passing more laws to strengthen parity, I was excited to see the Biden-Harris administration push to update the final parity rules which will allow for greater access to mental health and substance use disorder care.

These regulations implemented an update in the law to close gaps and improve compliance with parity, which is critical for the 84.5 million Americans with these conditions.

I had hoped that these rules would finally clarify and strengthen protections, while reducing barriers to treatment for mental health. These rules would have required health plans to make changes when they are providing inadequate access to mental health and substance use care.

These rules would have made clear that plans cannot use more restrictive prior authorization, or other medical management techniques, or narrower networks to make it harder for people to access mental health and substance use disorder benefits than their medical benefits.

These rules would also have closed loopholes and required more than 200 additional health plans to comply with the parity law, providing critical protections to 120,000 consumers.

However, in response to a recent lawsuit, the Trump administration released an announcement that it no longer plans to enforce the 2024 regulations to protect individuals with mental health conditions and substance use disorders from discrimination in health insurance.

Together with 17 of my colleagues, I have written to the Trump administration urging them to reverse course on this senseless decision. We shared our strong bipartisan sentiment that this decision "marks a dangerous step in the wrong direction."

We shared that it is clear that health plans are still consistently violating the law and systematically limiting access to mental health and substance use disorder care. Rather than pausing enforcement or reconsidering the regulations, now is the time to strengthen enforcement and meaningfully provide and protect our constituents from discrimination and improve access to care.

There are so many more like Timothy out there right now suffering and in very real danger of losing access to lifesaving treatment. Instead of denying them that care, let's support enforcement of our mental health and addiction parity laws.

For Timothy and his family and friends, the battle continues to achieve this.

HONORING THE LIFE OF DAN WHEELER

(Mr. ROSE of Tennessee was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. ROSE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of a true public servant. Daniel Clyde Wheeler passed away just over 2 months ago.

Dan Wheeler, as most people referred to him, grew up in the Crab Orchard community in Cumberland County, an area I am proud to represent here in Congress.

Like myself, Mr. Wheeler grew up on a family farm. That experience led him to become a staunch advocate for our State's growers and producers.

In 1965, he started a long career working for the Tennessee Farm Bureau Federation where he served as an agent for Marion County and Sequatchie County. In no time, he was representing an entire region encompassing the Cumberland Plateau and the Chattanooga area of Tennessee.

In 1973, Mr. Wheeler became assistant to the president and director of organization for Tennessee Farm Bureau. By 1980, he took on the role of lobbyist for the Farm Bureau Federation, a role he saw as an opportunity to advocate for his fellow farmers across Tennessee and across the Nation. He later was named chief administrative officer of Tennessee Farm Bureau. His dedication led him to become Tennessee's 32nd Commissioner of Agriculture in January of 1995.

I was blessed to succeed Commissioner Wheeler, who I considered to be a man of great knowledge, as well as a personal mentor.

He formed the first-ever Governor's Council on Agriculture and Forestry in Tennessee, an important step that brought key stakeholders to the table. That, I suspect, will be his enduring legacy, bringing growers and producers into the same room as policymakers. That collaboration continues to have a major impact on our State's leading industry, agriculture. Commissioner Wheeler also served as the Southern United States Trade Association president, where he represented 17 States and Territories.

In 2000, he was named Man of the Year in Service to Tennessee Agriculture by Progressive Farmer magazine.

Commissioner Wheeler helped neighbors outside the agriculture industry, as well. He served the Maury County United Way, the Columbia Kiwanis Club, the Maury Regional Hospital Foundation, and the First Farmers and Merchants National Bank of Columbia, Tennessee, on their board of directors.

He leaves behind a wife of 59 years, Carol; two sons, Jim and David; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

I thank Commissioner Dan Wheeler and honor him for his many contributions to our great State of Tennessee.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JOE MOORE

Mr. ROSE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the incredible life of Joe

Moore, who passed away in late March at the age of 90. Mr. Moore lived a life dedicated to agriculture. I, along with many other current and former Tennessee FFA members, consider him to be a mentor, a role model, and indeed a hero.

The Time magazine cover next to me was published after he was named the FFA Star Farmer of America in 1955. Appearing in the October 24, 1955, issue, it shows a 21-year-old Joe Moore, the only active FFA member to make Time's cover.

At the FFA convention that year, judges were impressed at his farming operation conducted in Jackson County, Tennessee, which I am honored to represent today. He had a net worth at that point of \$37,000, at the time, a great deal for someone of his age in the mid-1950s. At that time he was farming 505 acres, 85 of which he owned personally.

I often say farmers are our Nation's original conservationists. Joe Moore is a shining example of why I believe that to be true. The Time article noted how he incorporated modern farming techniques to combat erosion and improve soil health. He carefully monitored the diet of his livestock to keep them healthy. He showed great attention to detail and inspected his animals closely, which enabled him to detect any health issues early.

Mr. Moore found his success off the farm, as well. He was the owner and operator of the Upper Cumberland Oil Company in Cookeville, which sold and distributed Texaco petroleum products for over 30 years.

He also believed in giving back. He is the original founding board member of the Granville Museum in his home community, served as an elder of the Liberty Church of Christ, and was a longtime supporter of FFA in Tennessee.

He lived a long life alongside his wife, Ann, of more than 68 years. He leaves behind a son, a daughter-in-law, and two grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I will end with a quote from Moore from 1955: "Farming is the closest thing to the Lord you can do." I could not agree with him more.

WILDFIRES IN OREGON

(Ms. BONAMICI of Oregon was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Ms. BONAMICI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call attention to a crisis in the American West and across the country. Extreme wildfires now ravage my home State of Oregon every summer, and the threat is growing. I am here today to speak out against cuts to programs that support wildland firefighters and their frontline crews.

For years now, American families in the Pacific Northwest have lived on the edge, wondering if this will be the year they are forced to flee their homes at night with only their children, their pets, and whatever few mementos they

can frantically grab in the moments after the evacuation alert.

I have spoken with Oregonians who lost everything in the blink of an eye; homes, family heirlooms, beloved pets, and, tragically, family members.

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I have spoken with people who demonstrate extraordinary bravery and step into the line of duty as wildland firefighters, sacrificing their safety to protect their neighbors and their communities.

The 2020 Labor Day fires were the most destructive in our State's history. Mr. Speaker, 1.4 million acres burned. More than 4,000 homes were destroyed, and at least nine people died. Smoke filled the air for days throughout the region.

Last year, Oregon saw 1.9 million acres burn, setting a new record.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to set aside political differences on this issue because the danger is spreading. Wildfire season now stretches for much of the year. That threat has reached States that never expected to see megafires. From the scorched hills of Hawaii to smoke-filled skies in New York, this is no longer just a Western States problem. It is a national emergency.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to please listen to the American West when we say that this is a crisis that will kill thousands more until we act. Let's work together on real solutions, like investing in wildfire preparedness and providing better pay and benefits for wildland firefighters.

The administration's current plan of slashing volunteer wildfire crews is a disingenuous attempt to cut costs. It is shortsighted and will cause more loss of property and lives.

I stand ready to work with anyone who is willing to take this threat seriously.

FUNDING CITIZENSHIP AND ASSIMILATION GRANT PROGRAM

Ms. BONAMICI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak out against the weaponization of our Federal Government and the Trump administration's actions to distort agency missions and cancel valuable grant programs.

In March and again in April, I wrote to the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, USCIS, at the Department of Homeland Security regarding a decision they made to abruptly cut funding for the Citizenship and Assimilation Grant Program.

The Immigration and Nationality Act established USCIS to administer immigration benefits and citizenship programs. USCIS oversees lawful immigration into the United States and provides services, including determining eligibility for citizenship, verifying employment eligibility, administering humanitarian programs, and promoting instruction and training on citizenship rights and responsibilities.

As I wrote in my letter to the USCIS, the Citizenship and Assimilation Grant

Program furthers this mission by providing grant funding to organizations that support eligible, lawful permanent residents with the U.S. citizenship application process, civics instruction, and other services to help prepare for naturalization.

If my colleagues haven't been to a naturalization ceremony, I encourage everyone to do this. These are the types of people we want to be U.S. citizens.

In response to my letter, USCIS Acting Deputy Director Kika Scott tried to justify the decision to cancel this program by stating that it no longer effectuates the agency's priorities. That is unacceptable and a frustrating explanation.

First, we frequently hear from our colleagues across the aisle who say that people need to come here legally. As I said, this is a program that helps eligible, lawful permanent residents with the U.S. citizenship process.

Second, Congress already appropriated this funding, so it is illegal and unconstitutional for the administration to block the grant funding just because a President doesn't like immigrants and is doing everything in his power to vilify them.

The United States was built by people who came to this country to seek a better life for themselves and their families. This thoughtless decision is an abuse of power and just one more example of how the Trump administration is scapegoating immigrants.

Today, during Immigrant Heritage Month, I am, once again, calling on USCIS to reinstate the remainder of the canceled grant awards that helped refugees and other aspiring Americans who came to the United States through legal pathways to assimilate and contribute positively to our vibrant communities and the economy.

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

RESCISSIONS PACKAGE IS FIRST STEP

(Mr. STUTZMAN of Indiana was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. STUTZMAN. Mr. Speaker, it is no secret that Congress has a spending problem. We continue to spend taxpayer funds despite our \$36 trillion debt. This level of debt is massive, equaling over \$323,000 per taxpayer when split up among the taxpayers of this country.

If that wasn't bad enough, when we look at this spending, billions of taxpayer dollars are wasted on frivolous efforts to support programs that have no benefit to taxpayers themselves.

I was excited to see President Trump taking an unprecedented approach to curb excessive spending by our Federal agencies by establishing the Department of Government Efficiency. Since established, DOGE has illuminated the

billions of dollars being drained on pointless projects that do nothing to help the American people.

For example, DOGE has exposed million-dollar contracts, including \$3 million to support "Sesame Street" in Iraq and \$6 million for net-zero cities in Mexico. Funding for USAID programs is also frequently going to NGOs that work to promote their liberal agenda in the most conservative parts of the world.

Just imagine \$1 million going to one of the cities in our congressional districts and the impact that it could have there. It is a disgrace that Americans' hard-earned tax dollars are being used to support these programs and organizations under the guise of necessary foreign aid.

In addition to this, Congress continues to prop up the Corporation for Public Broadcasting to promote public media stations like PBS and NPR. Taxpayer dollars should not be used to promote a narrative that demonizes one side of the aisle or another. Yet, that is exactly what these media stations continue to do. NPR and PBS have continued to have an ideological bias, promoting things like critical race theory and the LGBTQ agenda.

From foreign aid to NPR, massive amounts of taxpayer dollars are wasted every day with little to no government oversight. Congress cannot continue to let blank checks go out the door without revisiting the way that these funds are used to help the American people.

This is why I am proud to support the rescissions package sent to Congress by President Trump. This package will claw back \$9.4 billion of wasteful government spending, including \$8.3 billion allocated to dozens of wasteful programs at USAID and \$1.1 billion to prop up the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

This rescissions package is the first step in ensuring that taxpayer dollars are used to promote everyday Americans in very real ways.

I look forward to passing this first rescission package and look forward to continuing to support the work of President Trump and the DOGE team to identify and eliminate wasteful government spending.

END MISUSE OF EMERGENCY SPENDING

Mr. STUTZMAN. Mr. Speaker, speaking of spending, outside of wasteful spending on international aid and public media, Congress has another problem contributing to the national debt: emergency spending.

Over one-third of our current national debt, about \$12 trillion, can be attributed to emergency spending. This is an addiction that needs to be remedied. Shockingly, money used on emergency spending is rarely paid back and most is never used for actual emergencies.

For example, emergency spending during the COVID-19 pandemic spent \$70 million on tourism marketing campaigns in Puerto Rico and another \$6 million to replace irrigation systems

at two golf courses. Other emergency spending bills have dished out \$140 million for infrastructure improvements for Gulf Coast shipyards and \$9.7 million for an assistance program to compensate eligible orchard tree losses.

We cannot continue to use emergency spending to fill gaps in funding that weren't properly appropriated to begin with. This spending not only contributes to the national debt but furthers a spiral of spending for the next fiscal year.

I am proud to have introduced my bill, the Emergency Spending Accountability Act, to correct this gross misuse of emergency spending.

My bill will ensure that every taxpayer dollar spent on emergency spending is fully paid back and accounted for over the following 5 years once the bill passes. Additionally, my bill would restore integrity to the term "emergency spending" by requiring committees to justify why these funds qualify as necessary, sudden, urgent, and unforeseen and are not permanent.

These provisions will help to put Congress back on track toward fiscal responsibility and prevent further abuses of this funding mechanism.

I thank all Members who support this legislation, and I am looking forward to seeing its progress through this body.

ICE, SURVEILLANCE, AND TRUMP

(Ms. OMAR of Minnesota was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Ms. OMAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to denounce the Trump administration's police state tactics in Minneapolis, Los Angeles, New York City, and so many other cities across the country.

We should speak clearly about what is happening.

Masked agents of the state in unmarked vehicles are terrorizing communities. They are disappearing people. They are targeting political opponents of the President.

They are using militarized force to silence, intimidate, and brutalize not just Americans who are exercising their First Amendment rights but also members of the press.

They are partnering with Trump's donors, Silicon Valley oligarchs, for a sinister and deeply un-American agenda of surveillance and criminalization based on people's political views or, in some cases, just based on where they live.

There was a story that Trump told during the campaign about the need to restore law and order, about the need to target criminals. Within moments of assuming the Presidency for the second time, though, his true agenda became clear.

The administration has no interest whatsoever in targeting criminals. What they want is to fulfill Stephen Miller's white nationalist fantasy. They are targeting law-abiding people.

In fact, they are punishing immigrants who are following the law.

Let me say that again: They are punishing immigrants who are following the law.

That is what it means to use IRS data to target people. It means targeting people who are paying their taxes. That is what it means to send agents, with their faces covered by bandanas, to immigration court to arrest people while leaving their hearings. They are punishing people who are doing things the right way by showing up to court and going through the process.

It can be a little easy in politics to point out the hypocrisy on the other side and to point out people's inconsistencies when their own party is in charge. Yet, I can't ignore the irony that the Republican Party has spent my entire life railing about Big Brother when Democrats want to put simple things like energy standards on appliances.

For the last 4 years, the majority has gone on and on about the weaponization of the Federal Government. My Republican colleagues created a special subcommittee here in the House, which I happily voted for, to hammer the idea that Americans were being targeted based on their political views.

I wonder, when the Federal Government is sending marines to break up protests in Los Angeles, why are we hearing little from that side about the States' rights.

I wonder, when unaccountable rogue agencies are partnering with tech companies like Palantir to surveil and profile Americans, why are we hearing so little from the other side about civil liberties.

I also wonder, when people are being arrested, stripped of their green cards, and deported because they do not agree with our government's position on Gaza, why are we hearing so little from that side about the weaponization of the Federal Government.

The American people are right to be disturbed by these unmistakably fascist tactics, and they are showing up in numbers to oppose the militarized raids. They are using their constitutional rights to oppose the brutality of Trump and Miller's policies.

I stand in solidarity with the people in my district and across this country who are coming out to peacefully make their voices heard and demand respect for our constitutional rights and values.

The people who are standing up for their neighbors, standing up for families, and standing up for communities are showing more patriotism and more genuine commitment to our founding ideals than the people running the executive branch. This administration will not last forever, and the reactions of everyday Americans to this authoritarianism give me heart.

A couple of weeks ago, after an ICE raid at a pizzeria in Honesdale, Penn-

sylvania, two people gave quotes to local news that have been making the rounds. One of them said: "It is just made to instill fear, and I am not sure why we need fear in our communities instead of love and caring and community."

That is what we are about in this country, and that is what we will continue to stand up for.

□ 1045

SUPPORTING ISRAELI SECURITY AND PALESTINIAN FREEDOM

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

Mr. NADLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of Israeli security; Palestinian freedom; a just, peaceful, and swift end to the war in Gaza; and an eventual, viable, and negotiated two-state solution.

The situation in Gaza today is dire. I want to be clear. The war in Gaza began with Hamas' brutal attack on innocent Israelis on October 7, the bloodiest day in Jewish history since the Holocaust. For many in the Jewish community, in the United States, and around the world, time stopped on that day and has not yet resumed.

It will resume when all the hostages are home. It will resume when the war is over and the reservists can return to their families. It will resume when there is enough food, water, and medicine in Gaza to alleviate the humanitarian catastrophe. It will resume when families on both sides of the border can sleep peacefully without the constant fear of rockets and bombs falling from the sky. It will resume when there is a lasting, durable, and negotiated cease-fire.

Mr. Speaker, that day need not be far away. Israel achieved its goal of destroying the military capabilities and existential threat of Hamas months ago. Now, Prime Minister Netanyahu should be proclaiming victory and indicating his readiness to withdraw from Gaza contingent on the return of all the hostages, both living and dead.

He should be signaling his willingness to support an international security force on an interim basis to ensure law and order and Israel's support for international investment in the training and equipping of an eventual Palestinian security force. He should be supporting confidence-building measures in the West Bank, which empower the Palestinian Authority contingent on the PA embracing and implementing real reforms. He should not be enacting an annexationist vision while the plague of settler violence runs rampant.

The alternative, Mr. Speaker, is a stark and disturbing picture. This week, Tom Friedman wrote in *The New York Times* that: If "Israel goes ahead with Netanyahu's vow to perpetuate this war indefinitely—to try to achieve . . . the far right's fantasy of ridding

Gaza of Palestinians and resettling it with Israelis—Jews worldwide better prepare themselves, their children, and their grandchildren for a reality they have never known: to be Jewish in a world where the Jewish state is a pariah state, a source of shame, not of pride.

"Because one day, foreign photographers and reporters will be allowed to go into Gaza unescorted by the Israeli Army." And when they do, the full horror of the destruction there will become clear to all.

Friedman continued, Mr. Speaker, writing: "Israel, instead of being seen by Jews as a safe haven from anti-Semitism, will be seen as a new engine generating it; sane Israelis will line up to immigrate to Australia and America rather than beckon their fellow Jews to come Israel's way. That dystopian future is not here yet, but if you don't see its outlines gathering, you are deluding yourself."

Mr. Friedman is not alone in this analysis. Indeed, Mr. Speaker, former Israeli security officials have been speaking out. Last week, two former Israeli Air Force pilots, Brigadier General Asaf Agmon and Colonel Uri Arad, published a letter in Hebrew in the Israeli newspaper *Haaretz*. They wrote: "As the war in Gaza dragged on, it became clear that it was losing its strategic and security purposes and instead served primarily the political and personal interests of the government. It thus became an unmistakably immoral war, and increasingly appeared to be a war of revenge."

I agree with these distinguished former officials. It is clear to me that we long ago reached the point where victory is no longer the goal, and the main obstacle to bringing the hostages home and ending the war is the politics of one man: Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

General Agmon and Colonel Arad are not peace activists, Mr. Speaker. They are former top Israeli Air Force pilots and high-ranking officers. We must heed their calls.

They are not alone, Mr. Speaker. Commanders for Israel's Security is a movement of over 550 retired senior officials from Israel's defense, security and diplomatic services. The "Commanders," as they are often referred to, recently published a letter urging Jewish diaspora voices to speak out in favor of ending the violence in Gaza.

They wrote: "Accused of weakening Israel or betraying their connection to the Jewish state, they are told that those who live abroad or do not serve in the IDF must keep silent. We categorically reject the notion that Jews in the diaspora must remain silent on matters concerning Israel. . . . To those who fear that public criticism undermines Israel, we say that open, honest dialogue only reinforces our democracy and security."

This is true for this body, too, Mr. Speaker. We all must speak up. If our voices contribute to preventing one

more ounce of bloodshed or to the return home of a hostage 1 minute sooner or gets one more piece of bread into the hands of a starving Gazan or helps redeem the moral position of the State of Israel, our words are worth it.

Jewish tradition teaches in Mishnah Sanhedrin that saving one life is like saving the whole world. I hope that we can come together to heed the voices that are speaking out at this moment, and that together we can work to save as many worlds as we can.

HONORING FORMER MEMBER CHARLES B. RANGEL

(Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. NEAL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call attention to the passing of our esteemed colleague and former chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, Charles B. "Charlie" Rangel.

Mr. Rangel served in this House of Representatives for 46 years. He was talented, hilarious to talk to in private and public moments, and an individual who, time and again, offered broad influence on important legislation that passed through this House and eventually became law, including the Affordable Care Act while he was chairman of the Committee.

He was one of the longest serving Members of Congress, but he was also a legislative titan in the sense that 40 bills or resolutions that became law were part of his rich legacy.

He was a friend, ally, and acolyte of the late Speaker Thomas P. "Tip" O'Neill. He was also a dedicated member of the American military and, in fact, was wounded at the Yalu River during the Korean conflict.

His story is that of millions of Americans who, against extraordinary odds, succeeded. Educated by a family from Springfield, Massachusetts, the Putnams, he made his way through NYU and St. John's Law School and became a former assistant district attorney as well as a Member of this House and an assemblyman. He defeated Adam Clayton Powell in a very big upset, and 46 years later, he retired from this institution.

Amongst the most pleasant memories I have of Mr. Rangel, who was a great friend and mentor to me, and I stayed in touch with him many years after he had decided to retire, was his strong sense of independence.

I think for a young man growing up in the thirties and forties in Harlem, there must have been many serious challenges, but he always finished his sentences after a legislative task had been accomplished by saying and referencing "this great country of ours."

After the Yalu River, he wrote a very important book, "And I Haven't Had a Bad Day Since." The humor was clear to all of us as it was delivered with that raspy voice time and again. I know in reference to me it was always "Richard" and we knew what he meant.

One of my last get-togethers with Chairman Rangel was in New York City. I was reminded of that sense of independence as we had a seminar that was conducted by the Democrats on the Ways and Means Committee, and I called to make sure that this former alum would attend.

I asked if we could do anything, like providing him with transportation. He said no. In his early nineties, he would make his way there to the restaurant on his own.

At the end of the night, knowing that he clearly had lost a step in terms of some of that independence as he tried to navigate the staircase going up, I said: Charlie, can I help you with the staircase? And he said: No, you can't.

That was the Charlie Rangel we knew. It wasn't insolence. It was that sense of independence that he always maintained and kept.

I can't tell you how many nights in the Ways and Means Committee when Mr. Rangel would hold forth about the stories of people he had met along the way. The stories were always rather colorful and ended with a laugh. Those very people are part of the strong personalities that make up the institution of the House of Representatives, and he certainly was one of them.

He came from a time very different than the one that we find ourselves in now. It had nothing to do with performative politics and certainly nothing to do with social media. He found a little bit of comfort in taking on his most severe critics on cable TV. He was one of those Members of Congress who would accept an invitation from people who had been harshly critical of him to define his positions.

Charlie Rangel was one of those guys that changed this institution for the better and forever. I still recall those discussions he had as we related conversations to the Chinese Government, to his own upward mobility, to the legislation that he paved the way for. Charlie Rangel always cared about the people in Harlem, and Charlie Rangel always cared about the American people and the United States of America, as well.

He redefined what was possible. He shepherded much of the great legislation that we continue to enjoy today in America, but I will call attention to those statements that he made, Mr. Speaker, by always finishing with what a great country we live in.

DOGE HAS UNFETTERED ACCESS TO PERSONAL DATA

(Mr. LARSON of Connecticut was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I, first and foremost, will associate myself with the remarks of Mr. NEAL from Massachusetts about our dear friend and colleague, Charlie Rangel.

Also, Mr. Speaker, I will point out, as well, that I believe the Representative

from Indiana was on the floor talking about how we should go after PBS and NPR. "Sesame Street" and Big Bird are really culprits here, and every American ought to be really concerned about that.

We still have something we call free press and free opinions. If you think that they are the kind of organization that they are—I believe the other night on the floor they were called communistic, as well. How about we have an open public hearing and debate on that and put legislation forward not in the dark of night but when the public can actually view what you are saying.

Mr. Speaker, I am here today primarily, though, to talk about Social Security and also to enlighten, I hope, my colleagues on the other side. I am very concerned about the Supreme Court's most recent ruling that overturned two lower courts with no logic and said, no, there shouldn't be a pause, that DOGE ought to be able to look at everyone's personal data and records.

To all Social Security recipients and all Americans out there that are tuned in to this, understand what this is about. This is about DOGE having access to the more than 70 million Social Security recipients and everybody who, in fact, is on Social Security, which will include basically the whole Nation.

Why they need this data they don't make clear, but then again, they have never been vetted. They have never had to go through a Senate process. They are a special group status that has no responsibility or accountability and have been given unfettered access to everyone's personal data and information.

I would hope that one Republican—perhaps you, Mr. Speaker—will stand up and speak out against this outrage, because you know how important Social Security is to your district and how many recipients you have and how much money comes into your district on a monthly basis.

Imagine, that hasn't been altered in over 54 years because this body hasn't taken action, but now Elon Musk and Trump will get over the dispute they had because their focus is on privatizing Social Security and going after the \$2.7 trillion of the people's money that is in trust. Their goal is to privatize Social Security by both dismantling it from within by laying off people, cutting phone service, closing regional offices, and suspending more than 7,000 workers under the guise of "we are after fraud and abuse."

They are about to take and use something that could be a very constructive tool in AI, but, no, they are going to be using that tool to go after the people's data and information and the \$2.7 trillion in the trust fund.

Will anyone on the other side of the aisle join Representatives NEAL and JEFFRIES in putting forward a bill that stops DOGE from looking at and taking people's personal data and information?

□ 1100

They have no accountability. The only accountability over Social Security is the United States Congress. If the Republicans remain silent and let this happen, shame on them for letting this happen. There is no way that Americans should be subject to a person who hasn't been verified, people who are going in and looking at their personal data and information.

I think it is disgusting what is going on, and there ought to be hearings and, most importantly, there ought to be a vote. We have a plan. We have a plan not to privatize Social Security, but to enhance it for the first time in over 54 years, to lift the 5 million people that get below-poverty-level checks out of it.

VIOLATIONS OF RIGHTS BY ICE

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

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, it is outrageous and shameful that the President sent in the military to brutalize protesters in Los Angeles. The right to dissent in our country is an American value. This is just evidence, evidence that our country is falling into fascism. It is an abuse of power and a dangerous escalation that will only destabilize our communities and hurt protesters.

I stand with those defending our immigrant neighbors and our fundamental rights. Nothing justifies spending \$134 million of our tax dollars to send in troops to attack fellow Americans.

Mr. Speaker, immigrant communities have been telling us for years, warning us about ICE being rogue, violating their rights. It is outrageous. People are now seeing it for themselves and understanding why we say abolish ICE, which was created in 2003.

I agree with them. I agree that we must abolish ICE and protect our communities and neighbors. It has caused so much needless harm since its creation in 2003.

This month, Mr. Speaker, a high school senior in my district, Maykol Bogoya-Duarte, a high school student 3.5 credits shy of graduating from Western International High School, was on a field trip with his classmates. Local police profiled him—yes, they did—Oh, he can't speak English, let's call immigration. He spoke English just fine.

That set into motion him being separated from his mother, his school community, and ripping away his chance to be able to graduate with his classmates.

ICE cruelty is evident because they sent him to Louisiana. He had paperwork on file. He was trying to do the right thing. He was just a kid. The cruelty is disgusting, and the Trump administration is desperately trying to label kids like Maykol as a criminal.

We must reject this rhetoric and policies that pit our immigrant communities against each other, tear families apart, and put our neighbors in harm's way. Mr. Speaker, it is important to understand the cruelty and how we need to make sure that, again, we protect our community.

CELEBRATING JUNETEENTH

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, Juneteenth marks the official end of slavery in the United States of America, and this day remains deeply meaningful to many of our families in the Michigan 12th Congressional District. The most beautiful, Blackest city is in the 12th District, the city of Detroit.

It is a celebration of freedom, Black resilience, and the ongoing fight for justice for all. In our community, we remember and honor generations of Black Americans who fought for liberation.

As we speak, right now, Republican extremists across our country are attempting to erase Black history right before our eyes. We stand with residents in Detroit and throughout the country who refuse to let Black history be erased. We are committed to uplifting their stories and carrying on the movement for true equity and dignity for all.

Detroit's legacy, its culture, leadership, and resistance are a living testament to Black brilliance and perseverance.

However, we also recognize that freedom was never fully granted. The abolition of slavery contained a clause in the 13th Amendment that still allows slavery to exist as a "punishment for crime." That loophole to this day has fueled mass incarceration, economic exploitation, and generational harm, especially for Black Americans.

That is why I support the abolition amendment, which would strike this shameful exception from our Constitution and end the legalized practice of slavery in the United States.

Detroiters understand that reparations are not just about the past. This is important. They are about addressing the present-day impacts of institutionalized racism, Mr. Speaker. They are about acknowledging the labor, land, and lives stolen, and beginning to repair what has been broken. That is what it is about. We must give our Black neighbors the reparations that they were promised.

This Juneteenth, I ask everyone in this Chamber to join me in honoring our Black neighbors by fighting for what is long overdue: reparations, Black maternal health equity, investments in HBCUs, and real protections for voting rights.

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 11 o'clock and 6 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. HARRIS of North Carolina) at noon.

PRAYER

Reverend Paul Shaughnessy, S.J., St. Cecilia Church, Leominster, Massachusetts, offered the following prayer:

God, our Father in Heaven, hear our prayers for this House and each of its Members. Guide them in the work they do for us this day.

Dedicate them, Lord, in the words of our first American Pope, to the American virtues of peace, justice, and truth.

May they know peace as a gift from God, born only in the heart of those who forswear pride and vindictiveness, and of a desire to communicate rather than clash.

May they act with justice, respecting the dignity of every person, especially the most frail and vulnerable, as the dignity of a creature willed and loved by God.

May each of their actions this day be built upon a love for the truth, the truth which seeks the well-being of each of our citizens.

Hear this prayer, O Lord, of we who are utterly dependent upon You, O Lord, God forever and ever.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

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

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Ms. GARCIA of Texas 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.

WELCOMING REVEREND PAUL SHAUGHNESSY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, Mr. MCGOVERN of Massachusetts was recognized for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate an extraordinary man, a man of faith and courage, Father Paul Shaughnessy. He was born in Worcester, Massachusetts, and currently serves as a parish priest at St. Cecilia's Church in Leominster, Massachusetts, but his impact extends far beyond any district lines.

He is a Jesuit priest and a Navy Chaplain who has dedicated his life to service. He is a graduate of the College of Holy Cross—a classmate of my colleague, Congressman MARK DESAULNIER—and also a graduate of Weston Jesuit School of Theology, and the Naval War College.

Father Shaughnessy served as a member of the Chaplain Corps of the U.S. Navy and served four tours of duty to Iraq, helping sailors and marines cope with life-and-death issues, while also providing spiritual moral guidance. He was a frontline chaplain through brutal fighting in Iraq with my colleague, Congressman SETH MOULTON.

Mr. Speaker, Father Shaughnessy is not just a priest. He is a quiet force who brings peace and strength to those in the toughest of circumstances. I am honored to have him here with us today.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

CELEBRATING WALTER P. GORLEWSKI'S 100TH BIRTHDAY

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

Mr. TIFFANY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate Walter Gorlewski's 100th birthday on June 28. He resides in Eagle River, Wisconsin. I honor his remarkable life and express gratitude for his courageous service in the United States Army with Patton's Third Division in the European-Middle Eastern Theater during World War II.

This theater played a critical role in diverting German strength and controlling important supply routes, ultimately leading to allied victory.

For his acts of valor, Walter was awarded four Bronze Battle Stars, three Overseas Service Bars, and a Good Conduct Medal.

Mr. Speaker, I wish Walter a happy 100th birthday and thank him for his service.

13TH DACA ANNIVERSARY

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

Ms. GARCIA of Texas, Mr. Speaker, I rise today to mark 13 years of protecting Dreamers under DACA, the Deferred Action For Childhood Arrivals program.

Dreamers were brought to this country as children. On average, they were just 6 years old. This is the only home they have ever known. It is here they chose to dream. They became doctors, lawyers, engineers, because that is what Americans do.

Dreamers are in their heart, mind, and soul American. Above all, they are children of God, and God commended us to help them.

For 13 years, Congress has failed to deliver on a permanent solution. We can change that. My American Dream and Promise Act has gotten over 200 sponsors and should be ready for a vote. It would finally give Dreamers the protections they deserve.

Let me say to the people who choose cruelty over courage: No matter how many bans or rollbacks are thrown at us, we are not going anywhere. We are here for the fight, and we will make sure that this bill gets done.

Mr. Speaker, I wish a happy anniversary to Dreamers.

UNITED STATES ARMY'S 250TH BIRTHDAY

(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 ahead of June 14th to celebrate an extraordinary milestone, the United States Army's 250th birthday.

Every year, just a few weeks after Memorial Day, our country celebrates our Army's birthday. This marks the anniversary in 1775 when the Continental Congress authorized the establishment of the Continental Army to defend the 13 American Colonies.

It was the beginning of a force that would go on to secure our freedom, shape our Nation's history, and stand as a pillar of strength in times of war and peace.

As the oldest and largest branch of our Armed Forces, the U.S. Army has played a central role in defending our Nation, upholding our values, and advancing peace around the globe.

For 250 years, generations of soldiers have answered the call of duty using the Army's values: loyalty, duty, respect, selfless service, honor, integrity, and personal courage.

Mr. Speaker, as a proud Army dad, I know the sacrifices made by our servicemembers and their families.

In Congress, I remain committed to supporting legislation that strengthens our national defense and honors the men and women who wear the uniform.

Mr. Speaker, I wish a happy 250th birthday to the United States Army. May their legacy of service continue for generations to come.

RECOGNIZING FATHER PAUL SHAUGHNESSY

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

Mr. DESAULNIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Father Paul Shaughnessy and to welcome him as our guest chaplain for today.

I first met Father Shaughnessy at the College of the Holy Cross in Mr.

McGOVERN's district, in Worcester, Massachusetts. We were classmates, friends, teammates, and we spent an occasional evening in Worcester at an Irish bar having a pint, maybe two—we were young—talking about life.

Father Shaughnessy joined the Jesuits and became an ordained priest before making the noble decision to enlist in the Marines in 1994.

Lieutenant Commander Shaughnessy brought faith and comfort to many soldiers, including a congregation of 32,000 in Iraq.

His impact has earned him a number of accolades, such as Meritorious Service Medals and the Navy and Marine Corps commendation medals.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Father Paul Shaughnessy for his service and for sharing his wisdom and faith with us today.

RECOGNIZING INTERNS ANGEL AND SANDRA

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

Mr. MILLER of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize two exceptional young leaders, Angel and Sandra, our outstanding interns from Don Bosco Cristo Rey High School. These students have demonstrated maturity and a sincere desire to serve.

Throughout their time in our office, they brought a strong work ethic to everything that they did, from assisting with constituent outreach to supporting our office operations. They showed us that the next generation is not only ready to lead but also eager to contribute.

In a time when public service too often goes undervalued, these young interns remind us that civic engagement is alive and well. Their curiosity and commitment give me great hope for the future of our Nation.

Mr. Speaker, I sincerely thank Angel and Sandra for their hard work, their integrity, and their service. They have left a mark here. I have no doubt they will go on to do many great things.

RECOGNIZING FATHER PAUL SHAUGHNESSY

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

Mr. MOULTON. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize my friend, Father Shaughnessy.

I was at a marine reunion this weekend, and we heard remarkable stories of heroism from ordinary Americans who signed up for the Marine Corps, who did heroic things. There were a lot of stories about marines. There were stories about one civilian who was with us in the fight, who, as we were getting hit with incoming rounds, would walk thoughtlessly amongst us to give us comfort. When marines were getting

hit, he didn't seem to care. One marine told a story of him showing up on a stack of marines going into a room, and the marine turned around and said: Father, you probably shouldn't be right here.

Father Shaughnessy never met a marine who didn't respect him, just like he never met an R he could pronounce. Yes, every time he opened his mouth, we knew he was from Worcester, Massachusetts. What he said with his words inspired courage in all of us.

Father Shaughnessy is a friend. He is a leader, and he is an American hero.

RECOGNIZING ALSTOM'S PLANT IN HORNELL

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

Mr. LANGWORTHY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a major milestone for American manufacturing for New York's southern tier.

Alstom, a global leader in smart and sustainable mobility, has opened its new, cutting-edge plant 4 facility in Hornell, New York.

This 135,000-square-foot expansion brings stainless steel railcar body production back to the United States, strengthening our domestic supply chain, and reaffirming Hornell's position as the Nation's premier center for passenger train manufacturing.

Plant 4 isn't just a facility. It is a symbol of what investment in American industry looks like. It will retain 390 good-paying jobs locally and create 258 new ones for families across my district.

These are high-quality, high-tech jobs that provide economic stability and opportunity for the hardworking people of the southern tier.

Production will soon begin on 200 multilevel commuter railcars for Chicago's Metra system, proof that what is built in Hornell rolls across the Nation.

This project is a powerful example of how we strengthen our economy by investing in our communities, empowering our workforce, and leading the way in advanced manufacturing.

I commend Alstom for their continued commitment to Hornell and thank the skilled men and women who are driving this legacy forward.

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CONGRATULATING ENRIQUE ZALDIVAR ON HIS RETIREMENT

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

Mr. CISNEROS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the retirement of a dedicated public servant in California's 31st District.

Enrique Zaldivar has served the city of Baldwin Park as chief executive officer since 2021.

Demonstrating years of leadership and honoring a commitment to serve the nearly 80,000 residents of Baldwin Park as the city's first Mexican-American chief executive officer, Mr. Zaldivar paved his own path to enhance city operations and make our community a better place.

Throughout his tenure, he helped establish the city's Mexican Consulate on Wheels, oversaw new public safety upgrades, and brought vibrant programming to the community.

Mr. Zaldivar is a respected and revered leader. Our community is better because of him.

I congratulate Mr. Zaldivar on his well-deserved retirement.

CONGRATULATING MARTIN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2025

(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 celebrate the historic 2025 graduating class of Martin County High School.

The proud Gators made history with their first graduation since the unification of South Creek High School and Riverside High School. The Gators had their first outdoor graduation ever in the swamp.

There were hugs, smiles, dancing, chest bumps, and even tears.

A touching moment was when Jaden Wiggins' parents accepted his diploma. Only weeks before he was due to graduate, he was tragically killed in a vehicle accident. Yet, his memory remains with his classmates.

The graduation exercise not only ended with the turning of the tassels but also an amazing fireworks demonstration. The spirit of unity was incredible.

I congratulate the parents, teachers, education support professionals, administrators, school board, community, and, above all, the students.

I congratulate the class of 2025.

COMMUNICATION FROM CHAIR OF COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the chair of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, which was read and referred to the Committee on Appropriations:

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Washington, DC, June 11, 2025.

Hon. MIKE JOHNSON,
Speaker of the House, House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: On June 11, 2025, pursuant to section 3307 of Title 40, United States Code, the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure met in open session, with a quorum being present, to consider 30 resolutions included in the General Services Administration's Capital Investment and Leasing Programs.

I have enclosed copies of the resolutions adopted by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure on June 11, 2025.

Sincerely,

SAM GRAVES,

Chairman, Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

Enclosures:

ALTERATION—U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS, LUBBOCK, TX

Resolved by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the United States House of Representatives, that pursuant to 40 U.S.C. §3307, appropriations are authorized for alterations of an existing leased building located at 3510 4th St. in Lubbock, TX for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) at a total estimated project cost of \$2,722,543, a prospectus for which is attached to and included in this resolution.

Provided further, if the General Services Administration delegates to any other agency the authority granted by this resolution, the Administrator of General Services shall oversee and monitor such delegation of authority to ensure such delegation is carried out consistent with the law and authority provided.

Provided further, not later than 30 calendar days after the date on which a request from the Chairman or Ranking Member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives is received by the Administrator of General Services, the Administrator shall provide such Member a response in writing that provides any information requested regarding the project.

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**PROSPECTUS – ALTERATION
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
LUBBOCK, TX**

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Congressional District: 19

Project Summary

The General Services Administration (GSA) proposes alterations of an existing leased building located at 3510 4th St. in Lubbock, TX. The building was constructed in 2020 to house a community-based outpatient clinic (CBOC) for the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and was authorized through the Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014 (P.L. 113-146).

The current lease, which did not exceed the prospectus threshold and therefore was not the subject of a previous prospectus, provides 94,000 net usable square feet and 635 surface parking spaces at an annual, unserviced cost of \$3,256,579 and expires on December 14, 2040.

Description

To maximize the service and efficiencies at the Lubbock CBOC, VA has requested alterations to build out four operating rooms (OR) within the existing leased footprint. The alteration project includes OR build out; installation of OR equipment; replacement/upgrades of fire protection systems; improvements to the electrical infrastructure; plumbing upgrades; renovation of associated common areas; and improvements to the heating ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) systems that may result in energy savings.

These alterations will allow VA to provide podiatry, ophthalmology, and gastrointestinal procedures that fall in the certification for Ambulatory Procedure Center-Basic Invasive Procedure Complexity Designation (APC-Basic).

Major Work Items

Interior construction; HVAC, electrical, fire, and life safety replacement/upgrades; plumbing upgrades; and OR equipment.

Interior Construction	\$202,126
HVAC/Plumbing Replacement/Upgrades	\$968,515
Electrical Replacement/Upgrades	\$790,332
Fire and Life Safety Replacement/Upgrades	\$94,108
Non-Movable Furniture/Equipment	\$322,444
Demolition	\$10,000
General Conditions	<u>\$335,018</u>
Total ETPC	\$2,722,543

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**PROSPECTUS – ALTERATION
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
LUBBOCK, TX**

Prospectus Number: PTX-10-VA25
Congressional District: 19

Project Budget

Design, Permitting, and other General Conditions	\$335,018
Estimated Construction Cost (ECC)	<u>\$2,387,525</u>
Estimated Total Project Cost (ETPC)	\$2,722,543

Approval Requested

(Construction, Management and Inspection): **\$2,387,525¹**

Schedule

	Start	End
Design	FY 2025	FY 2025
Construction	FY 2025	FY 2026

Prior Approval

None

Prior Prospectus-Level Projects in Building (past 10 years):

None

Alternatives

There are no feasible alternatives for this project as replacement of the entire lease is cost prohibitive.

Recommendation

ALTERATION

Justification

The existing lease, once the alterations are complete, will meet the needs of VA; and because the existing lease has favorable rental rates compared to the current estimated rental rates in Lubbock, alteration is considered the most cost-effective alternative.

¹ Balance of approval needed for project equals \$2,387,525 in FY23. This estimate may be escalated by 2.2 percent annually to the effective date of the lease amendment for alterations to account for inflation.

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**PROSPECTUS – ALTERATION
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
LUBBOCK, TX**

Prospectus Number: PTX-10-VA25
Congressional District: 19

Summary of Energy Compliance

The Government will incorporate energy efficiency and sustainability requirements into the alteration. The Government encourages offerors to exceed minimum requirements set forth in the procurement, and to the maximum extent practicable requires offerors to comply with the Energy Star requirement and other statutory and regulatory requirements.

Resolutions of Approval

Resolutions adopted by the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works approving this prospectus will constitute approval to make appropriations to perform alterations in leased space.

Certification of Need

The proposed project is the best solution to meet a validated Government need.

Submitted at Washington, DC, on 9/16/2024

Recommended: Elliot Doomes
Commissioner, Public Buildings Service

Approved: Adam Calmahan
Administrator, General Services Administration

LEASE—U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS
AFFAIRS, MACON, GA

Resolved by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the United States House of Representatives, that pursuant to 40 U.S.C. §3307, appropriations are authorized for a lease of up to 140,277 net usable square feet of space, and 950 parking spaces, for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) for an outpatient clinic in the vicinity of Macon, GA to provide continued and expansion services for the Macon veteran community at a proposed unserviced annual cost of \$6,471,000 for a lease term of up to 20 years, a prospectus for which is attached to and included in this resolution.

Approval of this prospectus constitutes authority to execute an interim lease for all tenants, if necessary, prior to the execution of the new lease.

Provided that, to the maximum extent practicable, the Administrator shall include in the lease contract(s) a purchase option that can be exercised at the conclusion of the firm term of the lease.

Provided further, if the General Services Administration delegates to any other agen-

cy the authority granted by this resolution, the Administrator of General Services shall oversee and monitor such delegation of authority to ensure such delegation is carried out consistent with the law and authority provided.

Provided further, that the Administrator shall require that the delineated area of the procurement is identical to the delineated area included in the prospectus, except that, if the Administrator determines that the delineated area of the procurement should not be identical to the delineated area included in the prospectus, the Administrator shall provide an explanatory statement to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives prior to exercising any lease authority provided in this resolution.

Provided further, not later than 30 calendar days after the date on which a request from the Chairman or Ranking Member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives is received by the Administrator of General Services, the Administrator shall provide such Member a response in writing that pro-

vides any information requested regarding the project.

Provided further, prior to entering into this lease or approving a novation agreement involving a change of ownership under this lease, the Administrator of General Services shall require the offeror or the parties requesting the novation, as applicable, to identify and disclose whether the owner of the leased space, including an entity involved in the financing thereof, is a foreign person or a foreign-owned entity; provided further, in such an instance, the Administrator of General Services shall notify the occupant agency(ies) in writing, and consult with such occupant agency(ies) regarding security concerns and necessary mitigation measures (if any) prior to award of the lease or approval of the novation agreement.

Provided further, the Administrator of General Services shall require tenant agency(ies) to agree to reporting actual utilization data on at least an annual basis during occupancy and such reports are transmitted to the Committee.

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**PROSPECTUS – LEASE
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
MACON, GA**

Prospectus Number: PGA-01-VA25
Congressional District: 02, 08

Executive Summary

The U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) proposes an outpatient clinic lease of approximately 140,277 net usable square feet (NUSF) for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) in the vicinity of Macon, GA.

The lease will be delegated to VA, provide continued services for the Macon veteran community, and provide the necessary expansion services to meet current and projected service delivery gaps for healthcare in the local market.

Description

Occupant:	Veterans Affairs
Current NUSF	18,732 (Macon Outpatient Clinic, Robins Air Force Base Annex)
Estimated Maximum NUSF:	140,277
Expansion/Reduction NUSF:	121,545 (expansion)
Estimated Maximum Rentable Square Feet:	189,374
Expiration Dates of Current Lease(s):	01/31/2028 08/30/2029
Proposed Maximum Leasing Authority:	20 years
Delineated Area:	<u>North:</u> E on Zebulon Rd., N on Bass Rd., E on I-75, E on I-16 <u>East:</u> S on Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd./Boardway, W on Eisenhower Pkwy., S on I-75 <u>South:</u> W on Hartley Bridge Rd., W on Pt. Pleasant Church Rd., W on Bethel Church Rd., W on Eisenhower Pkwy. <u>West:</u> N on Lizella Rd., NW on Lower Thomaston Rd., N on Lamar Rd.
Parking Spaces:	950
Scoring:	Operating Lease
Current Total Annual Cost:	\$568,374 (lease effective 02/01/2018; 10/23/2019)
Current Total Unserved Annual Cost:	\$387,574

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**PROSPECTUS – LEASE
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
MACON, GA**

Prospectus Number: PGA-01-VA25
Congressional District: 02, 08

Estimated Unserviced Rental Rate: ¹	\$46.13 per NUSF
Estimated Total Unserviced Annual Cost: ²	\$6,471,000

Justification

A new 140,277 NUSF lease in Macon, GA, will allow for the replacement and expansion of the existing Macon Outpatient Clinic and the Robins Air Force Base Annex.

The current primary care, mental health, certain specialty care, ancillary, and ambulatory surgery spaces at the existing Macon Outpatient Clinic, Robins Air Force Base Annex, and the Carl Vinson VA Medical Center are inadequate and undersized for the current and projected veteran workload demand for services. Specifically, workload for ambulatory services and procedures and mental health stops and services is projected to increase over the next 20 years.

The new facility will enhance VA outpatient services by closing space gaps identified in VA's **Strategic Capital Investment Planning** process. This new lease will allow VA to provide comprehensive primary care, mental health, specialty care, ambulatory surgery, and ancillary services to the veteran population in the Macon area in a rightsized and state-of-the-art healthcare facility in a timely manner. Being housed in a rightsized, Patient-Aligned Care Team-designed,³ and more accessible facility will allow better optimized VA care delivery, improved veteran satisfaction, increased team coordination, improved workflows, and improved recruitment and retention for VA staff.

The proposed project aligns with the following VA Departmental Strategic Goals:

1. Deliver Timely, Accessible, High-Quality Benefits, Care and Services
 - VA delivers timely, accessible, high-quality benefits, care, and services to meet the unique needs of veterans and all eligible beneficiaries.
2. Improve Experiences, Satisfaction, Accountability and Security
 - VA ensures governance, systems, data, and management best practices improve experiences, satisfaction, accountability, and security.

Summary of Energy Compliance

¹ This estimate is for fiscal year 2025 and may be escalated by 2.2 percent annually to the effective date of the lease to account for inflation. The proposed rental rate is unserviced (taxes, insurance, management, and maintenance and repair reserves included); however, the lease contract may include operating expenses paid by the lessor.

² New leases may contain an escalation clause to provide for annual changes in real estate taxes.

³ Patient-Aligned Care Team design focuses on open office work environments, separation of patient and staff flows, and modular adaptable design.

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**PROSPECTUS – LEASE
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
MACON, GA**

Prospectus Number: PGA-01-VA25
Congressional District: 02, 08

The Government will incorporate energy efficiency and sustainability requirements into the Request for Lease Proposal and other documents related to the procurement of space based on the approved prospectus. The Government encourages offerors to exceed minimum requirements set forth in the procurement, and to the maximum extent practicable requires offerors to comply with the Energy Star requirement and other statutory and regulatory requirements.

Resolutions of Approval

Resolutions adopted by the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works approving this prospectus will constitute approval to make appropriations to lease space in a facility that will yield the required net usable area.

Interim Leasing

The Government will execute such interim leasing actions as are necessary to ensure continued housing prior to the effective date of the new lease. It is in the best interest of the Government to avert the financial risk of holdover tenancy.

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PROSPECTUS – LEASE
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
MACON, GA

Prospectus Number: PGA-01-VA25
Congressional District: 02, 08

Certification of Need

The proposed project is the best solution to meet a validated Government need.

Submitted at Washington, DC, on 9/16/2024

Recommended: Elliot Doomes
Commissioner, Public Buildings Service

Approved: Palmi Carmahan
Administrator, General Services Administration

LEASE—U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS
AFFAIRS, CHICAGO, IL

Resolved by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the United States House of Representatives, that pursuant to 40 U.S.C. §3307, appropriations are authorized for a lease of up to 171,698 net usable square feet of space, and 1,200 parking spaces, for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) for an outpatient clinic in the vicinity of Chicago, IL to provide continued and expansion services for the Chicago veteran community at a proposed unserviced annual cost of \$16,334,000 for a lease term of up to 20 years, a prospectus for which is attached to and included in this resolution.

Approval of this prospectus constitutes authority to execute an interim lease for all tenants, if necessary, prior to the execution of the new lease.

Provided that, to the maximum extent practicable, the Administrator shall include in the lease contract(s) a purchase option that can be exercised at the conclusion of the firm term of the lease.

Provided further, if the General Services Administration delegates to any other agen-

cy the authority granted by this resolution, the Administrator of General Services shall oversee and monitor such delegation of authority to ensure such delegation is carried out consistent with the law and authority provided.

Provided further, that the Administrator shall require that the delineated area of the procurement is identical to the delineated area included in the prospectus, except that, if the Administrator determines that the delineated area of the procurement should not be identical to the delineated area included in the prospectus, the Administrator shall provide an explanatory statement to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives prior to exercising any lease authority provided in this resolution.

Provided further, not later than 30 calendar days after the date on which a request from the Chairman or Ranking Member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives is received by the Administrator of General Services, the Administrator shall provide such Member a response in writing that pro-

vides any information requested regarding the project.

Provided further, prior to entering into this lease or approving a novation agreement involving a change of ownership under this lease, the Administrator of General Services shall require the offeror or the parties requesting the novation, as applicable, to identify and disclose whether the owner of the leased space, including an entity involved in the financing thereof, is a foreign person or a foreign-owned entity; provided further, in such an instance, the Administrator of General Services shall notify the occupant agency(ies) in writing, and consult with such occupant agency(ies) regarding security concerns and necessary mitigation measures (if any) prior to award of the lease or approval of the novation agreement.

Provided further, the Administrator of General Services shall require tenant agency(ies) to agree to reporting actual utilization data on at least an annual basis during occupancy and such reports are transmitted to the Committee.

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PROSPECTUS – LEASE
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
CHICAGO, IL

Prospectus Number: PIL-03-VA25
Congressional District: 01, 04, 07

Executive Summary

The U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) proposes an outpatient clinic lease of approximately 171,698 net usable square feet (NUSF) for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) in the vicinity of Chicago, IL.

The lease will be delegated to VA, provide continued services for the Chicago veteran community, and provide the necessary expansion services to meet current and projected service delivery gaps for healthcare in the local market.

Description

Occupant:	Veterans Affairs
Current NUSF	N/A
Estimated Maximum NUSF:	171,698
Expansion/Reduction NUSF:	171,698
Estimated Maximum Rentable Square Feet:	231,792
Expiration Dates of Current Lease(s):	N/A
Proposed Maximum Leasing Authority:	20 years
Delineated Area:	<u>North:</u> E on W Washington Blvd <u>East:</u> S on S Michigan Ave <u>South:</u> W on W 35th St <u>West:</u> N on S Western Ave
Parking Spaces:	1,200
Scoring:	Operating Lease
Current Total Annual Cost:	N/A
Current Total Unserved Annual Cost:	N/A
Estimated Unserved Rental Rate: ¹	\$95.13 per NUSF
Estimated Total Unserved Annual Cost: ²	\$16,334,000

¹ This estimate is for fiscal year 2025 and may be escalated by 2.2 percent annually to the effective date of the lease to account for inflation. The proposed rental rate is unserved (taxes, insurance, management, and maintenance and repair reserves included); however, the lease contract may include operating expenses paid by the lessor.
² New leases may contain an escalation clause to provide for annual changes in real estate taxes.

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**PROSPECTUS – LEASE
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
CHICAGO, IL**

Prospectus Number: PIL-03-VA25
Congressional District: 01, 04, 07

Justification

A new 171,698 NUSF Outpatient Clinic in the vicinity of Chicago, IL, allows for the expansion of vital outpatient services in the Chicago area by closing space gaps identified in the Strategic Capital Investment Planning process.

The current primary care, mental health, specialty care, and ancillary spaces at the Jesse Brown VA Medical Center are inadequate and undersized for the current and projected veteran workload demand for services. Specifically, workload for ambulatory services and procedures and mental health services is projected to increase over the next 20 years.

This new lease will allow VA to provide comprehensive primary care, mental health, specialty care, and ancillary services to the veteran population in the Chicago area in a rightsized and state-of-the-art healthcare facility in a timely manner. Being housed in a right-sized, Patient-Aligned Care Team-designed,³ and more accessible facility will allow better optimized VA care delivery, improved veteran satisfaction, increased team coordination, improved workflows, and improved recruitment and retention for VA staff.

The proposed project aligns with the following VA Departmental Strategic Goals:

1. Build Long-term Relationships and Trust with Customers and Partners
 - VA consistently communicates with its customers and partners to assess and maximize performance, evaluate needs, and build long-term relationships and trust.
2. Deliver Timely, Accessible, High-Quality Benefits, Care and Services
 - VA delivers timely, accessible, high-quality benefits, care, and services to meet the unique needs of veterans and all eligible beneficiaries.
3. Improve Experiences, Satisfaction, Accountability and Security
 - VA ensures governance, systems, data, and management best practices improve experiences, satisfaction, accountability, and security.

Summary of Energy Compliance

The Government will incorporate energy efficiency and sustainability requirements into the Request for Lease Proposal and other documents related to the procurement of space based on the approved prospectus. The Government encourages offerors to exceed minimum requirements set forth in the procurement, and to the maximum extent

³ Patient-Aligned Care Team design focuses on open office work environments, separation of patient and staff flows, and modular adaptable design.

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**PROSPECTUS – LEASE
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
CHICAGO, IL**

Prospectus Number: PIL-03-VA25
Congressional District: 01, 04, 07

practicable requires offerors to comply with the Energy Star requirement and other statutory and regulatory requirements.

Resolutions of Approval

Resolutions adopted by the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works approving this prospectus will constitute approval to make appropriations to lease space in a facility that will yield the required net usable area.

Interim Leasing

The Government will execute such interim leasing actions as are necessary to ensure continued housing prior to the effective date of the new lease. It is in the best interest of the Government to avert the financial risk of holdover tenancy.

Certification of Need

The proposed project is the best solution to meet a validated Government need.

Submitted at Washington, DC, on 9/16/2024

Recommended: Elliot Doomes
Commissioner, Public Buildings Service

Approved: Adam Carnahan
Administrator, General Services Administration

LEASE—U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS
AFFAIRS, AKRON, OH

Resolved by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the United States House of Representatives, that pursuant to 40 U.S.C. § 3307, appropriations are authorized for a lease of up to 216,682 net usable square feet of space, and 1,500 parking spaces, for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) for an outpatient clinic in the vicinity of Akron, OH to provide continued and expansion services for the Akron veteran community at a proposed unserviced annual cost of \$11,095,000 for a lease term of up to 20 years, a prospectus for which is attached to and included in this resolution.

Approval of this prospectus constitutes authority to execute an interim lease for all tenants, if necessary, prior to the execution of the new lease.

Provided that, to the maximum extent practicable, the Administrator shall include in the lease contract(s) a purchase option that can be exercised at the conclusion of the firm term of the lease.

Provided further, if the General Services Administration delegates to any other agen-

cy the authority granted by this resolution, the Administrator of General Services shall oversee and monitor such delegation of authority to ensure such delegation is carried out consistent with the law and authority provided.

Provided further, that the Administrator shall require that the delineated area of the procurement is identical to the delineated area included in the prospectus, except that, if the Administrator determines that the delineated area of the procurement should not be identical to the delineated area included in the prospectus, the Administrator shall provide an explanatory statement to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives prior to exercising any lease authority provided in this resolution.

Provided further, not later than 30 calendar days after the date on which a request from the Chairman or Ranking Member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives is received by the Administrator of General Services, the Administrator shall provide such Member a response in writing that pro-

vides any information requested regarding the project.

Provided further, prior to entering into this lease or approving a novation agreement involving a change of ownership under this lease, the Administrator of General Services shall require the offeror or the parties requesting the novation, as applicable, to identify and disclose whether the owner of the leased space, including an entity involved in the financing thereof, is a foreign person or a foreign-owned entity; provided further, in such an instance, the Administrator of General Services shall notify the occupant agency(ies) in writing, and consult with such occupant agency(ies) regarding security concerns and necessary mitigation measures (if any) prior to award of the lease or approval of the novation agreement.

Provided further, the Administrator of General Services shall require tenant agency(ies) to agree to reporting actual utilization data on at least an annual basis during occupancy and such reports are transmitted to the Committee.

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PROSPECTUS – LEASE
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
AKRON, OH

Prospectus Number: POH-06-VA25
Congressional District: 13

Executive Summary

The U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) proposes an outpatient clinic lease of approximately 216,682 net usable square feet (NUSF) for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) in the vicinity of Akron, OH.

The lease will be delegated to VA, provide continued services for the Akron veteran community, and provide the necessary expansion services to meet current and projected service delivery gaps for healthcare in the local market.

Description

Occupant:	Veterans Affairs
Current NUSF	47,842 (Akron Outpatient Clinic, Akron Rehab Clinic, Cleveland Ambulatory Surgery)
Estimated Maximum NUSF:	216,682
Expansion/Reduction NUSF:	168,840 (expansion)
Estimated Maximum Rentable Square Feet:	292,521
Expiration Dates of Current Lease(s):	12/31/2026 02/23/2024 04/13/2024
Proposed Maximum Leasing Authority:	20 years
Delineated Area:	<u>North:</u> E on OH Rt 261, SE on Southeast Ave <u>East:</u> S on N Cleveland Ave/Portage Line Rd <u>South:</u> W on Sanitarium Rd, N on Sunnyside Ave, W on Lakeside Dr, W on Lake Rd, S on Hilbish Ave, W on Krumroy Rd, N on S Arlington Rd, W on Swartz, N on I-77, W on I-277 <u>West:</u> N on I-76, E on I-76, N on SR-59, N on SR-8
Parking Spaces:	1,500
Scoring:	Operating Lease
Current Total Annual Cost:	\$1,798,535 (leases effective 01/02/2003; 02/23/2009; 04/14/2014)
Current Total Unserved Annual Cost:	\$1,225,256

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**PROSPECTUS – LEASE
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
AKRON, OH**

Prospectus Number: POH-06-VA25
Congressional District: 13

Estimated Unserviced Rental Rate: ¹	\$51.20 per NUSF
Estimated Total Unserviced Annual Cost: ²	\$11,095,000

Justification

A new 216,682 NUSF lease in Akron, OH, will allow for the replacement and expansion of the existing Akron Outpatient Clinic, Akron Rehab Clinic, and Cleveland Ambulatory Surgery leases.

The primary care, mental health, specialty care, ambulatory surgery, and ancillary spaces at the existing leases are inadequate and undersized for the current and projected veteran workload demand for services. Specifically, workload for ambulatory services and procedures and mental health services is projected to increase over the next 20 years. Additionally, the consolidation of services from multiple existing leases would create operational efficiencies.

The new facility will enhance VA outpatient services by closing space gaps identified in VA's **Strategic Capital Investment Planning** process. This new lease will allow VA to provide comprehensive primary care, mental health, specialty care, ambulatory surgery, and ancillary services to the veteran population in the Akron area in a rightsized and state-of-the-art healthcare facility in a timely manner. Being housed in a right-sized, Patient-Aligned Care Team-designed,³ and more accessible facility will allow better optimized VA care delivery, improved veteran satisfaction, increased team coordination, improved workflows, and improved recruitment and retention for VA staff.

The proposed project aligns with the following VA Departmental Strategic Goals:

1. Build Long-term Relationships and Trust with Customers and Partners
 - VA consistently communicates with its customers and partners to assess and maximize performance, evaluate needs, and build long-term relationships and trust.
2. Deliver Timely, Accessible, High-Quality Benefits, Care and Services
 - VA delivers timely, accessible, high-quality benefits, care, and services to meet the unique needs of veterans and all eligible beneficiaries.
3. Improve Experiences, Satisfaction, Accountability and Security

¹ This estimate is for fiscal year 2025 and may be escalated by 2.2 percent annually to the effective date of the lease to account for inflation. The proposed rental rate is unserviced (taxes, insurance, management, and maintenance and repair reserves included); however, the lease contract may include operating expenses paid by the lessor.

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**PROSPECTUS – LEASE
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
AKRON, OH**

Prospectus Number: POH-06-VA25
Congressional District: 13

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- VA ensures governance, systems, data, and management best practices improve experiences, satisfaction, accountability, and security.

Summary of Energy Compliance

The Government will incorporate energy efficiency and sustainability requirements into the Request for Lease Proposal and other documents related to the procurement of space based on the approved prospectus. The Government encourages offerors to exceed minimum requirements set forth in the procurement, and to the maximum extent practicable requires offerors to comply with the Energy Star requirement and other statutory and regulatory requirements.

Resolutions of Approval

Resolutions adopted by the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works approving this prospectus will constitute approval to make appropriations to lease space in a facility that will yield the required net usable area.

Interim Leasing

The Government will execute such interim leasing actions as are necessary to ensure continued housing prior to the effective date of the new lease. It is in the best interest of the Government to avert the financial risk of holdover tenancy.

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**PROSPECTUS – LEASE
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
AKRON, OH**

Prospectus Number: POH-06-VA25
Congressional District: 13

Certification of Need

The proposed project is the best solution to meet a validated Government need.

Submitted at Washington, DC, on 9/16/2024

Recommended: Elliot Doomes
Commissioner, Public Buildings Service

Approved: Patricia Carmichael
Administrator, General Services Administration

LEASE—U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS
AFFAIRS, FRANKLIN COUNTY, OH

Resolved by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the United States House of Representatives, that pursuant to 40 U.S.C. 3307, appropriations are authorized for a lease of up to 84,739 net usable square feet of space, and 600 parking spaces, for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) for an outpatient clinic in the vicinity of Franklin County, OH to provide continued and expansion services for the Franklin County veteran community at a proposed unserviced annual cost of \$4,230,000 for a lease term of up to 20 years, a prospectus for which is attached to and included in this resolution.

Approval of this prospectus constitutes authority to execute an interim lease for all tenants, if necessary, prior to the execution of the new lease.

Provided that, to the maximum extent practicable, the Administrator shall include in the lease contract(s) a purchase option that can be exercised at the conclusion of the firm term of the lease.

Provided further, if the General Services Administration delegates to any other agen-

cy the authority granted by this resolution, the Administrator of General Services shall oversee and monitor such delegation of authority to ensure such delegation is carried out consistent with the law and authority provided.

Provided further, that the Administrator shall require that the delineated area of the procurement is identical to the delineated area included in the prospectus, except that, if the Administrator determines that the delineated area of the procurement should not be identical to the delineated area included in the prospectus, the Administrator shall provide an explanatory statement to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives prior to exercising any lease authority provided in this resolution.

Provided further, not later than 30 calendar days after the date on which a request from the Chairman or Ranking Member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives is received by the Administrator of General Services, the Administrator shall provide such Member a response in writing that pro-

vides any information requested regarding the project.

Provided further, prior to entering into this lease or approving a novation agreement involving a change of ownership under this lease, the Administrator of General Services shall require the offeror or the parties requesting the novation, as applicable, to identify and disclose whether the owner of the leased space, including an entity involved in the financing thereof, is a foreign person or a foreign-owned entity; provided further, in such an instance, the Administrator of General Services shall notify the occupant agency(ies) in writing, and consult with such occupant agency(ies) regarding security concerns and necessary mitigation measures (if any) prior to award of the lease or approval of the novation agreement.

Provided further, the Administrator of General Services shall require tenant agency(ies) to agree to reporting actual utilization data on at least an annual basis during occupancy and such reports are transmitted to the Committee.

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PROSPECTUS – LEASE
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
FRANKLIN COUNTY, OH

Prospectus Number: POH-09-VA25
Congressional District: 03

Executive Summary

The U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) proposes an outpatient clinic lease of approximately 84,739 net usable square feet (NUSF) for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) in the vicinity of Franklin County, OH.

The lease will be delegated to VA, provide continued services for the Franklin County veteran community, and provide the necessary expansion services to meet current and projected service delivery gaps for healthcare in the local market.

Description

Occupant:	Veterans Affairs
Current NUSF	9,365 (Columbus VA Mental Health Clinic)
Estimated Maximum NUSF:	84,739
Expansion/Reduction NUSF:	75,374 (expansion)
Estimated Maximum Rentable Square Feet:	114,398
Expiration Dates of Current Lease(s):	07/20/2026
Proposed Maximum Leasing Authority:	20 years
Delineated Area:	<u>North:</u> E on HW 161 <u>East:</u> S on OH-605, S on Reynoldsburg – New Albany Rd, W on E Broad St, S on I-270 <u>South:</u> W on I-70 <u>West:</u> N on S Champion Ave/Governors Pl, N on Joyce Ave, W on E Hudson St, N on Cleveland Ave, NE on Westerville Rd
Parking Spaces:	600
Scoring:	Operating Lease
Current Total Annual Cost:	\$223,043 (lease effective 07/21/2016)
Current Total Unserviced Annual Cost:	\$215,000
Estimated Unserviced Rental Rate: ¹	\$49.91 per NUSF
Estimated Total Unserviced Annual Cost: ²	\$4,230,000

¹ This estimate is for fiscal year 2025 and may be escalated by 2.2 percent annually to the effective date of the lease to account for inflation. The proposed rental rate is unserviced (taxes, insurance, management, and maintenance and repair reserves included); however, the lease contract may include operating expenses paid by the lessor.

² New leases may contain an escalation clause to provide for annual changes in real estate taxes.

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**PROSPECTUS – LEASE
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
FRANKLIN COUNTY, OH**

Prospectus Number: POH-09-VA25
Congressional District: 03

Justification

A new 84,739 NUSF lease in Franklin County, OH, will allow for the replacement and expansion of the existing Columbus VA Mental Health Clinic.

The current mental health, primary care, specialty care, and ancillary spaces at the Columbus VA Mental Health Clinic lease as well as the Chalmers P. Wylie Veterans Outpatient Clinic are inadequate and undersized for the current and projected veteran workload demand for services. Specifically, workload for ambulatory services and procedures and mental health stops and services is projected to increase over the next 20 years.

The new facility will enhance VA outpatient services by closing space gaps identified in VA's **Strategic Capital Investment Planning process**. This new lease will allow VA to provide comprehensive primary care, mental health, specialty care, and ancillary services to the veteran population in the Franklin County area in a rightsized and state-of-the-art healthcare facility in a timely manner. Being housed in a right-sized, Patient-Aligned Care Team-designed,³ and more accessible facility will allow better optimized VA care delivery, improved veteran satisfaction, increased team coordination, improved workflows, and improved recruitment and retention for VA staff.

The proposed project aligns with the following VA Departmental Strategic Goals:

1. Build Long-term Relationships and Trust with Customers and Partners
 - VA consistently communicates with its customers and partners to assess and maximize performance, evaluate needs, and build long-term relationships and trust.
2. Deliver Timely, Accessible, High-Quality Benefits, Care and Services
 - VA delivers timely, accessible, high-quality benefits, care, and services to meet the unique needs of veterans and all eligible beneficiaries.
3. Improve Experiences, Satisfaction, Accountability and Security
 - VA ensures governance, systems, data, and management best practices improve experiences, satisfaction, accountability, and security.

Summary of Energy Compliance

The Government will incorporate energy efficiency and sustainability requirements into the Request for Lease Proposal and other documents related to the procurement of space

³ Patient-Aligned Care Team design focuses on open office work environments, separation of patient and staff flows, and modular adaptable design.

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**PROSPECTUS – LEASE
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
FRANKLIN COUNTY, OH**

Prospectus Number: POH-09-VA25
Congressional District: 03

based on the approved prospectus. The Government encourages offerors to exceed minimum requirements set forth in the procurement, and to the maximum extent practicable requires offerors to comply with the Energy Star requirement and other statutory and regulatory requirements.

Resolutions of Approval

Resolutions adopted by the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works approving this prospectus will constitute approval to make appropriations to lease space in a facility that will yield the required net usable area.

Interim Leasing

The Government will execute such interim leasing actions as are necessary to ensure continued housing prior to the effective date of the new lease. It is in the best interest of the Government to avert the financial risk of holdover tenancy.

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**PROSPECTUS – LEASE
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
FRANKLIN COUNTY, OH**

Prospectus Number: POH-09-VA25
Congressional District: 03

Certification of Need

The proposed project is the best solution to meet a validated Government need.

Submitted at Washington, DC, on 9/16/2024

Recommended: Elliot Doomes
Commissioner, Public Buildings Service

Approved: Adam Carnahan
Administrator, General Services Administration

LEASE—U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS
AFFAIRS, COATESVILLE, PA

Resolved by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the United States House of Representatives, that pursuant to 40 U.S.C. § 3307, appropriations are authorized for a lease of up to 329,909 net usable square feet of space, and 2,250 parking spaces, for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) for a medical center in the vicinity of Coatesville, PA to provide continued and expansion services for the Coatesville veteran community at a proposed unserviced annual cost of \$19,699,000 for a lease term of up to 20 years, a prospectus for which is attached to and included in this resolution.

Approval of this prospectus constitutes authority to execute an interim lease for all tenants, if necessary, prior to the execution of the new lease.

Provided that, to the maximum extent practicable, the Administrator shall include in the lease contract(s) a purchase option that can be exercised at the conclusion of the firm term of the lease.

Provided further, if the General Services Administration delegates to any other agen-

cy the authority granted by this resolution, the Administrator of General Services shall oversee and monitor such delegation of authority to ensure such delegation is carried out consistent with the law and authority provided.

Provided further, that the Administrator shall require that the delineated area of the procurement is identical to the delineated area included in the prospectus, except that, if the Administrator determines that the delineated area of the procurement should not be identical to the delineated area included in the prospectus, the Administrator shall provide an explanatory statement to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives prior to exercising any lease authority provided in this resolution.

Provided further, not later than 30 calendar days after the date on which a request from the Chairman or Ranking Member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives is received by the Administrator of General Services, the Administrator shall provide such Member a response in writing that pro-

vides any information requested regarding the project.

Provided further, prior to entering into this lease or approving a novation agreement involving a change of ownership under this lease, the Administrator of General Services shall require the offeror or the parties requesting the novation, as applicable, to identify and disclose whether the owner of the leased space, including an entity involved in the financing thereof, is a foreign person or a foreign-owned entity; provided further, in such an instance, the Administrator of General Services shall notify the occupant agency(ies) in writing, and consult with such occupant agency(ies) regarding security concerns and necessary mitigation measures (if any) prior to award of the lease or approval of the novation agreement.

Provided further, the Administrator of General Services shall require tenant agency(ies) to agree to reporting actual utilization data on at least an annual basis during occupancy and such reports are transmitted to the Committee.

PROSPECTUS – LEASE
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
COATESVILLE, PA

Prospectus Number: PPA-07-VA25
Congressional District: PA-06

Executive Summary

The U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) proposes a medical center lease of approximately 329,909 net usable square feet (NUSF) for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) in the vicinity of Coatesville, PA.

The lease will be delegated to VA, provide continued services for the Coatesville veteran community, and provide the necessary expansion services to meet current and projected service delivery gaps for healthcare in the local market.

Description

Occupant:	Veterans Affairs
Current NUSF	N/A
Estimated Maximum NUSF:	329,909
Expansion/Reduction NUSF:	329,909 (expansion)
Estimated Maximum Rentable Square Feet:	445,377
Expiration Dates of Current Lease(s):	N/A
Proposed Maximum Leasing Authority:	20 years
Delineated Area:	<u>North:</u> S on Caton Rd, E on Telegraph Rd, N on Hibernia Rd, E on Highspire Rd <u>East:</u> S on PA-282, S on US-322 <u>South:</u> W on Shadyside Rd, W on Strasburg Rd, W on PA-372 <u>West:</u> N on PA-10
Parking Spaces:	2,250
Scoring:	Operating Lease
Current Total Annual Cost:	N/A
Current Total Unserviced Annual Cost:	N/A
Estimated Unserviced Rental Rate: ¹	\$59.71 per NUSF
Estimated Total Unserviced Annual Cost: ²	\$19,699,000

Justification

A new 329,909 NUSF lease in Coatesville, PA, will allow for the relocation of inpatient and outpatient services currently offered at the Coatesville VA Medical Center (VAMC).

¹ This estimate is for fiscal year 2025 and may be escalated by 2.2 percent annually to the effective date of the lease to account for inflation. The proposed rental rate is unserviced (taxes, insurance, management, and maintenance and repair reserves included); however, the lease contract may include operating expenses paid by the lessor.

² New leases may contain an escalation clause to provide for annual changes in real estate taxes.

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**PROSPECTUS – LEASE
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
COATESVILLE, PA**

Prospectus Number: PPA-07-VA25
Congressional District: PA-06

The current inpatient mental health, community living center, primary care, mental health, certain specialty care, and ancillary services at the Coatesville VAMC are inadequate for the current and projected veteran workload demand for services. The existing facility consists mostly of H-style buildings which are not conducive for the efficient patient flow that is required for the delivery of modern healthcare even after renovation due to structural columns in these buildings which restrict design. These restrictions in the facility infrastructure limit the amount of suitable space to accommodate current and projected workload. Additionally, the existing facility currently has a \$143-million facility condition assessment deficit, further hindering the development of modern healthcare space. Continuing to provide healthcare services in this setting leads to high-cost operational inefficiencies. Furthermore, workload for ambulatory services and procedures, mental health services, and acute mental health is projected to increase over the next 20 years.

The new facility will enhance VA inpatient and outpatient services by closing space gaps **identified in VA's Strategic Capital Investment Planning process. This new lease will allow** VA to provide comprehensive inpatient mental health, community living center, primary care, mental health, specialty care, and ancillary services to the veteran population in the Coatesville area in a rightsized and state-of-the-art healthcare facility in a timely manner. Being housed in a right-sized, Patient-Aligned Care Team-designed,³ and more accessible facility will allow better optimized VA care delivery, improved veteran satisfaction, increased team coordination, improved workflows, and improved recruitment and retention for VA staff.

The proposed project aligns with the following VA Departmental Strategic Goals:

1. Deliver Timely, Accessible, High-Quality Benefits, Care and Services
 - VA delivers timely, accessible, high-quality benefits, care and services to meet the unique needs of veterans and all eligible beneficiaries.

Summary of Energy Compliance

The Government will incorporate energy efficiency and sustainability requirements into the Request for Lease Proposal and other documents related to the procurement of space based on the approved prospectus. The Government encourages offerors to exceed minimum requirements set forth in the procurement, and to the maximum extent practicable requires offerors to comply with the Energy Star requirement and other statutory and regulatory requirements.

³ Patient-Aligned Care Team design focuses on open office work environments, separation of patient and staff flows, and modular adaptable design.

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**PROSPECTUS – LEASE
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
COATESVILLE, PA**

Prospectus Number: PPA-07-VA25
Congressional District: PA-06

Resolutions of Approval

Resolutions adopted by the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works approving this prospectus will constitute approval to make appropriations to lease space in a facility that will yield the required net usable area.

Interim Leasing

The Government will execute such interim leasing actions as are necessary to ensure continued housing prior to the effective date of the new lease. It is in the best interest of the Government to avert the financial risk of holdover tenancy.

Certification of Need

The proposed project is the best solution to meet a validated Government need.

Submitted at Washington, DC, on 9/16/2024

Recommended: Elliot Doomes
Commissioner, Public Buildings Service

Approved: Adm. Carman
Administrator, General Services Administration

LEASE—U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS
AFFAIRS, SAN JUAN, PR

Resolved by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the United States House of Representatives, that pursuant to 40 U.S.C. §3307, appropriations are authorized for a lease of up to 249,427 net usable square feet of space, and 300 parking spaces, for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) for a community living center in the vicinity of San Juan, PR to provide continued and expansion services for the San Juan veteran community at a proposed unserviced annual cost of \$10,309,000 for a lease term of up to 20 years, a prospectus for which is attached to and included in this resolution.

Approval of this prospectus constitutes authority to execute an interim lease for all tenants, if necessary, prior to the execution of the new lease.

Provided that, to the maximum extent practicable, the Administrator shall include in the lease contract(s) a purchase option that can be exercised at the conclusion of the firm term of the lease.

Provided further, if the General Services Administration delegates to any other agen-

cy the authority granted by this resolution, the Administrator of General Services shall oversee and monitor such delegation of authority to ensure such delegation is carried out consistent with the law and authority provided.

Provided further, that the Administrator shall require that the delineated area of the procurement is identical to the delineated area included in the prospectus, except that, if the Administrator determines that the delineated area of the procurement should not be identical to the delineated area included in the prospectus, the Administrator shall provide an explanatory statement to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives prior to exercising any lease authority provided in this resolution.

Provided further, not later than 30 calendar days after the date on which a request from the Chairman or Ranking Member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives is received by the Administrator of General Services, the Administrator shall provide such Member a response in writing that pro-

vides any information requested regarding the project.

Provided further, prior to entering into this lease or approving a novation agreement involving a change of ownership under this lease, the Administrator of General Services shall require the offeror or the parties requesting the novation, as applicable, to identify and disclose whether the owner of the leased space, including an entity involved in the financing thereof, is a foreign person or a foreign-owned entity; provided further, in such an instance, the Administrator of General Services shall notify the occupant agency(ies) in writing, and consult with such occupant agency(ies) regarding security concerns and necessary mitigation measures (if any) prior to award of the lease or approval of the novation agreement.

Provided further, the Administrator of General Services shall require tenant agency(ies) to agree to reporting actual utilization data on at least an annual basis during occupancy and such reports are transmitted to the Committee.

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PROSPECTUS – LEASE
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
SAN JUAN, PR

Prospectus Number: PPR-05-VA25
Congressional District: 00

Executive Summary

The U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) proposes a community living center lease of approximately 249,427 net usable square feet (NUSF) for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) in the vicinity of San Juan, PR.

The lease will be delegated to VA, provide continued services for the San Juan Veteran community, and provide the necessary expansion services to meet current and projected service delivery gaps for healthcare in the local market.

Description

Occupant:	Veterans Affairs
Current NUSF	N/A
Estimated Maximum NUSF:	249,427
Expansion/Reduction NUSF:	249,427 (expansion)
Estimated Maximum Rentable Square Feet:	336,726
Expiration Dates of Current Lease(s):	N/A
Proposed Maximum Leasing Authority:	20 years
Delineated Area:	<u>North:</u> E on PR-165, E on PR-22, E on PR-2, N on PR-1, E on PR-26, E on Wilson Ave, E on PR-37, S on Camino de Acceso, E on PR-26, E on Campo Rico Ave <u>East:</u> S on Calle 435, E on Monserrate Ave, S on PR-874, W on PR-887, S on PR-8860, S on Carretera 181, S on PR-894, S on PR-175, S on PR-52, E on PR-38, S on PR-768, S on PR-32 <u>South:</u> W on PR-32, W on PR-172 <u>West:</u> N on PR-7784, N on Turabo Ave, N on PR-34, W on PR-156, N on PR-173, Non PR-1, W on PR-835, W on PR-833, W on PR-830, W on PR-829, N on PR-829, W on PR-861, N on PR-8861, W on PR-861, N on PR-165, E on PR-2, N on PR-165
Parking Spaces:	300
Scoring:	Operating Lease
Current Total Annual Cost:	N/A

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PROSPECTUS – LEASE
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
SAN JUAN, PR

Prospectus Number: PPR-05-VA25
Congressional District: 00

Current Total Unserviced Annual Cost:	N/A
Estimated Unserviced Rental Rate: ¹	\$41.33 per NUSF
Estimated Total Unserviced Annual Cost: ²	\$10,309,000

Justification

A new 249,427 NUSF lease in San Juan, PR, will allow for the relocation of inpatient services currently offered at the San Juan VA Medical Center (VAMC).

The current community living center and ancillary spaces at the San Juan VAMC are inadequate and undersized for the current and projected veteran workload demand for services.

The new facility will enhance VA outpatient services by closing space gaps identified in VA's **Strategic Capital Investment Planning process**. This new lease will allow VA to provide comprehensive community living center and ancillary services to the veteran population in the San Juan area in a rightsized, seismically compliant and state-of-the-art healthcare facility in a timely manner. Being housed in a right-sized and more accessible facility will allow better optimized VA care delivery, improved veteran satisfaction, increased team coordination, improved workflows, and improved recruitment and retention for VA staff.

The proposed project aligns with the following VA Departmental Strategic Goals:

1. Deliver Timely, Accessible, High-Quality Benefits, Care and Services
 - VA delivers timely, accessible, high-quality benefits, care and services to meet the unique needs of veterans and all eligible beneficiaries.

Summary of Energy Compliance

The Government will incorporate energy efficiency and sustainability requirements into the Request for Lease Proposal and other documents related to the procurement of space based on the approved prospectus. The Government encourages offerors to exceed minimum requirements set forth in the procurement, and to the maximum extent practicable requires offerors to comply with the Energy Star requirement and other statutory and regulatory requirements.

¹ This estimate is for fiscal year 2025 and may be escalated by 2.2 percent annually to the effective date of the lease to account for inflation. The proposed rental rate is unserviced (taxes, insurance, management, and maintenance and repair reserves included); however, the lease contract may include operating expenses paid by the lessor.

² New leases may contain an escalation clause to provide for annual changes in real estate taxes.

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PROSPECTUS – LEASE
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
SAN JUAN, PR

Prospectus Number: PPR-05-VA25
Congressional District: 00

Resolutions of Approval

Resolutions adopted by the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works approving this prospectus will constitute approval to make appropriations to lease space in a facility that will yield the required net usable area.

Interim Leasing

The Government will execute such interim leasing actions as are necessary to ensure continued housing prior to the effective date of the new lease. It is in the best interest of the Government to avert the financial risk of holdover tenancy.

Certification of Need

The proposed project is the best solution to meet a validated Government need.

Submitted at Washington, DC, on 9/24/2024

Recommended: Elliot Doomes
Commissioner, Public Buildings Service

Approved: Adm. Carmona
Administrator, General Services Administration

LEASE—U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS
AFFAIRS GREENVILLE, SC

Resolved by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the United States House of Representatives, that pursuant to 40 U.S.C. 3307, appropriations are authorized for a lease of up to 247,841 net usable square feet of space, and 1,700 parking spaces, for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) for an outpatient clinic in the vicinity of Greenville, SC to provide continued and expansion services for the Greenville veteran community at a proposed unserviced annual cost of \$12,801,000 for a lease term of up to 20 years, a prospectus for which is attached to and included in this resolution.

Approval of this prospectus constitutes authority to execute an interim lease for all tenants, if necessary, prior to the execution of the new lease.

Provided that, to the maximum extent practicable, the Administrator shall include in the lease contract(s) a purchase option that can be exercised at the conclusion of the firm term of the lease.

Provided further, if the General Services Administration delegates to any other agen-

cy the authority granted by this resolution, the Administrator of General Services shall oversee and monitor such delegation of authority to ensure such delegation is carried out consistent with the law and authority provided.

Provided further, that the Administrator shall require that the delineated area of the procurement is identical to the delineated area included in the prospectus, except that, if the Administrator determines that the delineated area of the procurement should not be identical to the delineated area included in the prospectus, the Administrator shall provide an explanatory statement to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives prior to exercising any lease authority provided in this resolution.

Provided further, not later than 30 calendar days after the date on which a request from the Chairman or Ranking Member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives is received by the Administrator of General Services, the Administrator shall provide such Member a response in writing that pro-

vides any information requested regarding the project.

Provided further, prior to entering into this lease or approving a novation agreement involving a change of ownership under this lease, the Administrator of General Services shall require the offeror or the parties requesting the novation, as applicable, to identify and disclose whether the owner of the leased space, including an entity involved in the financing thereof, is a foreign person or a foreign-owned entity; provided further, in such an instance, the Administrator of General Services shall notify the occupant agency(ies) in writing, and consult with such occupant agency(ies) regarding security concerns and necessary mitigation measures (if any) prior to award of the lease or approval of the novation agreement.

Provided further, the Administrator of General Services shall require tenant agency(ies) to agree to reporting actual utilization data on at least an annual basis during occupancy and such reports are transmitted to the Committee.

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PROSPECTUS – LEASE
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
GREENVILLE, SC

Prospectus Number: PSC-08-VA25
Congressional District: 03, 04

Executive Summary

The U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) proposes an outpatient clinic lease of approximately 247,841 net usable square feet (NUSF) for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) in the vicinity of Greenville, SC.

The lease will be delegated to VA, provide continued services for the Greenville veteran community, and provide the necessary expansion services to meet current and projected service delivery gaps for healthcare in the local market.

Description

Occupant:	Veterans Affairs
Current NUSF	50,254 (Greenville Outpatient Clinic)
Estimated Maximum NUSF:	247,841
Expansion/Reduction NUSF:	197,587 (expansion)
Estimated Maximum Rentable Square Feet:	334,585
Expiration Dates of Current Lease(s):	03/19/2033
Proposed Maximum Leasing Authority:	20 years
Delineated Area:	<u>North:</u> E on US-123, E on I-385 <u>East:</u> S on I-385 <u>South:</u> W on I-385, W on State Hwy 153 <u>West:</u> N on I-85, N on US-25
Parking Spaces:	1,700
Scoring:	Operating Lease
Current Total Annual Cost:	\$2,074,062 (lease effective 03/20/2013)
Current Total Unserved Annual Cost:	\$2,054,859
Estimated Unserved Rental Rate: ¹	\$51.65 per NUSF
Estimated Total Unserved Annual Cost: ²	\$12,801,000

Justification

A new 247,841 NUSF lease in Greenville, SC, will allow for the replacement and expansion of the existing Greenville Outpatient Clinic.

¹ This estimate is for fiscal year 2025 and may be escalated by 2.2 percent annually to the effective date of the lease to account for inflation. The proposed rental rate is unserved (taxes, insurance, management, and maintenance and repair reserves included); however, the lease contract may include operating expenses paid by the lessor.

² New leases may contain an escalation clause to provide for annual changes in real estate taxes.

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PROSPECTUS – LEASE
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
GREENVILLE, SC

Prospectus Number: PSC-08-VA25
Congressional District: 03, 04

The current mental health, primary care, specialty care, ancillary, and ambulatory surgery spaces at the Greenville Outpatient Clinic and the Wm. Jennings Bryan Dorn VA Medical Center are inadequate and undersized for the current and projected veteran workload demand for services. Specifically, workload for ambulatory services and procedures and mental health services is projected to increase over the next 20 years.

The new facility will enhance VA outpatient services by closing space gaps identified in VA's **Strategic Capital Investment Planning** process. This new lease will allow VA to provide comprehensive primary care, mental health, specialty care, ambulatory surgery, and ancillary services to the veteran population in the Greenville area in a rightsized and state-of-the-art healthcare facility in a timely manner. Being housed in a rightsized, Patient-Aligned Care Team-designed,³ and more accessible facility will allow better optimized VA care delivery, improved veteran satisfaction, increased team coordination, improved workflows, and improved recruitment and retention for VA staff.

The proposed project aligns with the following VA Departmental Strategic Goals:

1. Deliver Timely, Accessible, High-Quality Benefits, Care and Services
 - VA delivers timely, accessible, high-quality benefits, care, and services to meet the unique needs of veterans and all eligible beneficiaries.
2. Improve Experiences, Satisfaction, Accountability and Security
 - VA ensures governance, systems, data, and management best practices improve experiences, satisfaction, accountability, and security.

Summary of Energy Compliance

The Government will incorporate energy efficiency and sustainability requirements into the Request for Lease Proposal and other documents related to the procurement of space based on the approved prospectus. The Government encourages offerors to exceed minimum requirements set forth in the procurement, and to the maximum extent practicable requires offerors to comply with the Energy Star requirement and other statutory and regulatory requirements.

Resolutions of Approval

Resolutions adopted by the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works approving this prospectus will

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PROSPECTUS – LEASE
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
GREENVILLE, SC

Prospectus Number: PSC-08-VA25
Congressional District: 03, 04

constitute approval to make appropriations to lease space in a facility that will yield the required net usable area.

Interim Leasing

The Government will execute such interim leasing actions as are necessary to ensure continued housing prior to the effective date of the new lease. It is in the best interest of the Government to avert the financial risk of holdover tenancy.

Certification of Need

The proposed project is the best solution to meet a validated Government need.

Submitted at Washington, DC, on 9/16/2024

Recommended: Elliot Doomes
Commissioner, Public Buildings Service

Approved: Adam Carnahan
Administrator, General Services Administration

LEASE—U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS
AFFAIRS, KNOXVILLE, TN

Resolved by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the United States House of Representatives, that pursuant to 40 U.S.C. § 3307, appropriations are authorized for a lease of up to 316,595 net usable square feet of space, and 2,150 parking spaces, for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) for an outpatient clinic in the vicinity of Knoxville, TN to provide continued and expansion services for the Knoxville veteran community at a proposed unserviced annual cost of \$13,700,000 for a lease term of up to 20 years, a prospectus for which is attached to and included in this resolution.

Approval of this prospectus constitutes authority to execute an interim lease for all tenants, if necessary, prior to the execution of the new lease.

Provided that, to the maximum extent practicable, the Administrator shall include in the lease contract(s) a purchase option that can be exercised at the conclusion of the firm term of the lease.

Provided further, if the General Services Administration delegates to any other agen-

cy the authority granted by this resolution, the Administrator of General Services shall oversee and monitor such delegation of authority to ensure such delegation is carried out consistent with the law and authority provided.

Provided further, that the Administrator shall require that the delineated area of the procurement is identical to the delineated area included in the prospectus, except that, if the Administrator determines that the delineated area of the procurement should not be identical to the delineated area included in the prospectus, the Administrator shall provide an explanatory statement to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives prior to exercising any lease authority provided in this resolution.

Provided further, not later than 30 calendar days after the date on which a request from the Chairman or Ranking Member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives is received by the Administrator of General Services, the Administrator shall provide such Member a response in writing that pro-

vides any information requested regarding the project.

Provided further, prior to entering into this lease or approving a novation agreement involving a change of ownership under this lease, the Administrator of General Services shall require the offeror or the parties requesting the novation, as applicable, to identify and disclose whether the owner of the leased space, including an entity involved in the financing thereof, is a foreign person or a foreign-owned entity; provided further, in such an instance, the Administrator of General Services shall notify the occupant agency(ies) in writing, and consult with such occupant agency(ies) regarding security concerns and necessary mitigation measures (if any) prior to award of the lease or approval of the novation agreement.

Provided further, the Administrator of General Services shall require tenant agency(ies) to agree to reporting actual utilization data on at least an annual basis during occupancy and such reports are transmitted to the Committee.

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PROSPECTUS – LEASE
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
KNOXVILLE, TN

Prospectus Number: PTN-02-VA25
Congressional District: 02

Executive Summary

The U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) proposes an outpatient clinic lease of approximately 316,595 net usable square feet (NUSF) for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) in the vicinity of Knoxville, TN.

The lease will be delegated to VA, provide continued services for the Knoxville veteran community, and provide the necessary expansion services to meet current and projected service delivery gaps for healthcare in the local market.

Description

Occupant:	Veterans Affairs
Current NUSF	76,349 (William C. Tallent Knoxville Outpatient Clinic, Downtown West VA Clinic, Knoxville Annex I, Knoxville Specialty Care)
Estimated Maximum NUSF:	316,595
Expansion/Reduction NUSF:	240,246 (expansion)
Estimated Maximum Rentable Square Feet:	427,403
Expiration Dates of Current Lease(s):	09/16/2029 01/31/2027 06/30/2032 09/30/2028
Proposed Maximum Leasing Authority:	20 years
Delineated Area:	<u>North:</u> E on Lovell Rd, E on Ball Camp Pike, NE on Schaad Rd, E on Clinton Hwy, E on I-640, E on US-11W/Rutledge Pike, NE on Old Rutledge Pike, E on Mascot Rd <u>East:</u> SW on Andrew Johnson Hwy, S on Kitts Rd, W on Strawberry Plains Pike, W on TN-168, S on US-129 <u>South:</u> W on I-140 <u>West:</u> N on I-140
Parking Spaces:	2,150
Scoring:	Operating Lease
Current Total Annual Cost:	\$2,679,629 (leases effective 09/17/2009; 02/01/2017; 07/01/2022; 10/01/2018)
Current Total Unserved Annual Cost:	\$2,271,097

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PROSPECTUS – LEASE
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
KNOXVILLE, TN

Prospectus Number: PTN-02-VA25
Congressional District: 02

Estimated Unserviced Rental Rate: ¹	\$43.27 per NUSF
Estimated Total Unserviced Annual Cost: ²	\$13,700,000

Justification

A new 316,595 NUSF lease in Knoxville, TN, will allow for the replacement and expansion of the existing William C. Tallent Knoxville Outpatient Clinic, Downtown West VA Clinic, Knoxville Annex I, and Knoxville Specialty Care Lease.

The current mental health, primary care, specialty care, ambulatory surgery, and ancillary spaces at the four existing clinics and the James H. Quillen VA Medical Center are inadequate and undersized for the current and projected veteran workload demand for services. Specifically, workload for ambulatory services and procedures and mental health services is projected to increase over the next 20 years. Additionally, the consolidation of services from multiple existing leases would create operational efficiencies.

The new facility will enhance VA outpatient services by closing space gaps identified in VA's **Strategic Capital Investment Planning** process. This new lease will allow VA to provide comprehensive primary care, mental health, specialty care, ambulatory surgery, and ancillary services to the veteran population in the Knoxville area in a rightsized and state-of-the-art healthcare facility in a timely manner. Being housed in a rightsized, Patient-Aligned Care Team-designed,³ and more accessible facility will allow better optimized VA care delivery, improved veteran satisfaction, increased team coordination, improved workflows, and improved recruitment and retention for VA staff.

The proposed project aligns with the following VA Departmental Strategic Goals:

1. Deliver Timely, Accessible, High-Quality Benefits, Care and Services
 - VA delivers timely, accessible, high-quality benefits, care and services to meet the unique needs of veterans and all eligible beneficiaries.
2. Improve Experiences, Satisfaction, Accountability and Security
 - VA ensures governance, systems, data, and management best practices improve experiences, satisfaction, accountability and security.

¹ This estimate is for fiscal year 2025 and may be escalated by 2.2 percent annually to the effective date of the lease to account for inflation. The proposed rental rate is unserviced (taxes, insurance, management, and maintenance and repair reserves included); however, the lease contract may include operating expenses paid by the lessor.

² New leases may contain an escalation clause to provide for annual changes in real estate taxes.

³ Patient-Aligned Care Team design focuses on open office work environments, separation of patient and staff flows, and modular adaptable design.

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**PROSPECTUS – LEASE
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
KNOXVILLE, TN**

Prospectus Number: PTN-02-VA25
Congressional District: 02

Summary of Energy Compliance

The Government will incorporate energy efficiency and sustainability requirements into the Request for Lease Proposal and other documents related to the procurement of space based on the approved prospectus. The Government encourages offerors to exceed minimum requirements set forth in the procurement, and to the maximum extent practicable requires offerors to comply with the Energy Star requirement and other statutory and regulatory requirements.

Resolutions of Approval

Resolutions adopted by the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works approving this prospectus will constitute approval to make appropriations to lease space in a facility that will yield the required net usable area.

Interim Leasing

The Government will execute such interim leasing actions as are necessary to ensure continued housing prior to the effective date of the new lease. It is in the best interest of the Government to avert the financial risk of holdover tenancy.

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PROSPECTUS – LEASE
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
KNOXVILLE, TN

Prospectus Number: PTN-02-VA25
Congressional District: 02

Certification of Need

The proposed project is the best solution to meet a validated Government need.

Submitted at Washington, DC, on 9/16/2024

Recommended: Elliot Doomes
Commissioner, Public Buildings Service

Approved: Patricia Carnahan
Administrator, General Services Administration

LEASE—U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS
AFFAIRS, SAN ANTONIO, TX

Resolved by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the United States House of Representatives, that pursuant to 40 U.S.C. § 3307, appropriations are authorized for a lease of up to 158,043 net usable square feet of space, and 200 parking spaces, for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) for a community living center in the vicinity of San Antonio, TX to provide continued and expansion services for the San Antonio veteran community at a proposed unserviced annual cost of \$8,053,000 for a lease term of up to 20 years, a prospectus for which is attached to and included in this resolution.

Approval of this prospectus constitutes authority to execute an interim lease for all tenants, if necessary, prior to the execution of the new lease.

Provided that, to the maximum extent practicable, the Administrator shall include in the lease contract(s) a purchase option that can be exercised at the conclusion of the firm term of the lease.

Provided further, if the General Services Administration delegates to any other agen-

cy the authority granted by this resolution, the Administrator of General Services shall oversee and monitor such delegation of authority to ensure such delegation is carried out consistent with the law and authority provided.

Provided further, that the Administrator shall require that the delineated area of the procurement is identical to the delineated area included in the prospectus, except that, if the Administrator determines that the delineated area of the procurement should not be identical to the delineated area included in the prospectus, the Administrator shall provide an explanatory statement to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives prior to exercising any lease authority provided in this resolution.

Provided further, not later than 30 calendar days after the date on which a request from the Chairman or Ranking Member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives is received by the Administrator of General Services, the Administrator shall provide such Member a response in writing that pro-

vides any information requested regarding the project.

Provided further, prior to entering into this lease or approving a novation agreement involving a change of ownership under this lease, the Administrator of General Services shall require the offeror or the parties requesting the novation, as applicable, to identify and disclose whether the owner of the leased space, including an entity involved in the financing thereof, is a foreign person or a foreign-owned entity; provided further, in such an instance, the Administrator of General Services shall notify the occupant agency(ies) in writing, and consult with such occupant agency(ies) regarding security concerns and necessary mitigation measures (if any) prior to award of the lease or approval of the novation agreement.

Provided further, the Administrator of General Services shall require tenant agency(ies) to agree to reporting actual utilization data on at least an annual basis during occupancy and such reports are transmitted to the Committee.

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PROSPECTUS – LEASE
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
SAN ANTONIO, TX

Prospectus Number: PTX-04-VA25
Congressional District: 20, 21, 23

Executive Summary

The U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) proposes a community living center lease of approximately 158,043 net usable square feet (NUSF) for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) in the vicinity of San Antonio, TX.

The lease will be delegated to VA, provide continued services for the San Antonio veteran community, and provide the necessary expansion services to meet current and projected service delivery gaps for healthcare in the local market.

Description

Occupant:	Veterans Affairs
Current NUSF	N/A
Estimated Maximum NUSF:	158,043
Expansion/Reduction NUSF:	158,043
Estimated Maximum Rentable Square Feet:	213,358
Expiration Dates of Current Lease(s):	N/A
Proposed Maximum Lease Term:	20 years
Delineated Area:	<u>North:</u> E on W Loop 1604 N <u>East:</u> S on US-281, S on San Pedro Ave <u>South:</u> W on I-410 <u>West:</u> N on Bandera Rd
Parking Spaces:	200
Scoring:	Operating Lease
Current Total Annual Cost:	N/A
Current Total Unserved Annual Cost:	N/A
Estimated Unserved Rental Rate: ¹	\$50.95 per NUSF
Estimated Total Unserved Annual Cost: ²	\$8,053,000

Justification

A new 158,043 NUSF lease in San Antonio, TX, will allow VA to expand community living center services in a timely and efficient manner to provide high-quality, reliable, accessible care to veterans.

¹ This estimate is for fiscal year 2025 and may be escalated by 2.2 percent annually to the effective date of the lease to account for inflation. The proposed rental rate is unserved (taxes, insurance, management, and maintenance and repair reserves included); however, the lease contract may include operating expenses paid by the lessor.
² New leases may contain an escalation clause to provide for annual changes in real estate taxes.

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PROSPECTUS – LEASE
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
SAN ANTONIO, TX

Prospectus Number: PTX-04-VA25
Congressional District: 20, 21, 23

The current community living center and ancillary spaces at the Audie L. Murphy VA Medical Center are inadequate and undersized for properly delivering modern care. Workload for community living center services is projected to increase over the next 20 years.

The new facility would provide care in a modern, efficient facility, with increased operational efficiencies and sufficient space for community living center services to address the current and projected **space gaps identified in VA's Strategic Capital Investment Planning** process. This new lease will allow VA to provide comprehensive community living center and ancillary services to the veteran population in the San Antonio area in a rightsized and state-of-the-art healthcare facility in a timely manner. Being housed in a rightsized and more accessible facility will allow better optimized care delivery, increased team coordination, and improved workflows for both veterans and VA staff.

The proposed project aligns with the following VA Departmental Strategic Goals:

1. Build Long-term Relationships and Trust with Customers and Partners
 - VA consistently communicates with its customers and partners to assess and maximize performance, evaluate needs, and build long-term relationships and trust.
2. Deliver Timely, Accessible, High-Quality Benefits, Care and Services
 - VA delivers timely, accessible, high-quality benefits, care, and services to meet the unique needs of veterans and all eligible beneficiaries.
3. Improve Experiences, Satisfaction, Accountability and Security
 - VA ensures governance, systems, data, and management best practices improve experiences, satisfaction, accountability, and security.

Summary of Energy Compliance

The Government will incorporate energy efficiency and sustainability requirements into the Request for Lease Proposal and other documents related to the procurement of space based on the approved prospectus. The Government encourages offerors to exceed minimum requirements set forth in the procurement, and to the maximum extent practicable requires offerors to comply with the Energy Star requirement and other statutory and regulatory requirements.

Resolutions of Approval

Resolutions adopted by the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works approving this prospectus will

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PROSPECTUS – LEASE
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
SAN ANTONIO, TX

Prospectus Number: PTX-04-VA25
Congressional District: 20, 21, 23

constitute approval to make appropriations to lease space in a facility that will yield the required net usable area.

Interim Leasing

The Government will execute such interim leasing actions as are necessary to ensure continued housing prior to the effective date of the new lease. It is in the best interest of the Government to avert the financial risk of holdover tenancy.

Certification of Need

The proposed project is the best solution to meet a validated Government need.

Submitted at Washington, DC, on 9/16/2024

Recommended: Elliot Doomes
Commissioner, Public Buildings Service

Approved: Adam Carnahan
Administrator, General Services Administration

AMENDED PROSPECTUS—LEASE—U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS SARASOTA, FL

Resolved by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the United States House of Representatives, that pursuant to 40 U.S.C. § 3307, appropriations are authorized for a lease of up to 109,770 net usable square feet of space, and 750 parking spaces, for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) for an outpatient clinic in the vicinity of Sarasota, FL to provide continued and expansion services for the Sarasota veteran community at a proposed unserviced annual cost of \$7,934,000 for a lease term of up to 20 years, a prospectus for which is attached to and included in this resolution. This resolution amends Prospectus No. PFL-28-VA23 approved July 27, 2023.

Approval of this prospectus constitutes authority to execute an interim lease for all tenants, if necessary, prior to the execution of the new lease.

Provided that, to the maximum extent practicable, the Administrator shall include in the lease contract(s) a purchase option that can be exercised at the conclusion of the firm term of the lease.

Provided further, if the General Services Administration delegates to any other agency the authority granted by this resolution, the Administrator of General Services shall oversee and monitor such delegation of authority to ensure such delegation is carried out consistent with the law and authority provided.

Provided further, that the Administrator shall require that the delineated area of the procurement is identical to the delineated area included in the prospectus, except that, if the Administrator determines that the delineated area of the procurement should not be identical to the delineated area included in the prospectus, the Administrator shall provide an explanatory statement to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives prior to exercising any lease authority provided in this resolution.

Provided further, not later than 30 calendar days after the date on which a request from the Chairman or Ranking Member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives is received by the Administrator of General

Services, the Administrator shall provide such Member a response in writing that provides any information requested regarding the project.

Provided further, prior to entering into this lease or approving a novation agreement involving a change of ownership under this lease, the Administrator of General Services shall require the offeror or the parties requesting the novation, as applicable, to identify and disclose whether the owner of the leased space, including an entity involved in the financing thereof, is a foreign person or a foreign-owned entity; provided further, in such an instance, the Administrator of General Services shall notify the occupant agency(ies) in writing, and consult with such occupant agency(ies) regarding security concerns and necessary mitigation measures (if any) prior to award of the lease or approval of the novation agreement.

Provided further, the Administrator of General Services shall require tenant agency(ies) to agree to reporting actual utilization data on at least an annual basis during occupancy and such reports are transmitted to the Committee.

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**AMENDED PROSPECTUS – LEASE
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
SARASOTA, FL**

Prospectus Number: PFL-25-VA25
Congressional District: 16, 17

Executive Summary

The General Services Administration (GSA) proposes to amend prospectus PFL-28-VA23 for an outpatient clinic lease of approximately 109,770 net usable square feet (NUSF) for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) in the vicinity of Sarasota, FL. The Senate Committee on Environmental and Public Works and the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure approved the original prospectus on July 26, 2023, and July 27, 2023, respectively. This amended prospectus seeks authority to increase the rental rate as, the previously approved rental rate proved to be insufficient for medical space in the current market.

The lease will be delegated to VA, provide continued services for the Sarasota veteran community, and provide the necessary expansion services to meet current and projected service delivery gaps for healthcare in the local market.

Description

Occupant:	Veterans Affairs
Current NUSF	18,068
Estimated Maximum NUSF:	109,770
Expansion/Reduction NUSF:	91,702 (expansion)
Estimated Maximum Rentable Square Feet:	148,190
Expiration Dates of Current Lease(s):	7/31/2025
Proposed Maximum Leasing Authority:	20 years
Delineated Area:	<u>North:</u> E on University Pkwy, N on Market St, N on Nature’s Way, SE on Lakewood Ranch Blvd, E on University Pkwy <u>East:</u> S on Lorraine Rd, W on Fruitville Rd, S on Debrecen Rd, S on Palmer Blvd, S on Lorraine Rd <u>South:</u> W on SR 72 <u>West:</u> N on McIntosh Rd, W on Fruitville Rd, N on Tuttle Ave
Parking Spaces:	750
Scoring:	Operating Lease
Current Total Annual Cost ¹ :	\$505,184 (lease effective 8/1/2015)

¹ Existing lease cost information has been updated to reflect current terms which changed over time.

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**AMENDED PROSPECTUS – LEASE
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
SARASOTA, FL**

Prospectus Number: PFL-25-VA25
Congressional District: 16, 17

Current Total Unserved Annual Cost:	\$344,557
Estimated Unserved Rental Rate ² :	\$72.27 per NUSF
Estimated Total Unserved Annual Cost ³ :	\$7,934,000

Justification

A new 109,770 NUSF lease in Sarasota will allow for the replacement of the existing Sarasota CBOC and the expanded capacity of the C. W. Bill Young VA Medical Center in Bay Pines.

The current space in these facilities is insufficient to meet the projected needs of the veteran community. Space limitations and an increase in workload limit veterans' access to services in a timely manner.

The new facility will enhance VA outpatient services by closing space and utilization gaps identified in VA's Strategic Capital Investment Planning process. The new lease will allow VA to provide comprehensive primary care, mental health, and specialty care services to the Veteran population in the Sarasota area in a rightsized and state-of-the-art healthcare facility.

Summary of Energy Compliance

The Government will incorporate energy efficiency requirements into the Request for Lease Proposals and other documents related to the procurement of space based on the approved prospectus. The Government encourages offerors to exceed minimum requirements set forth in the procurement and to achieve an Energy Star performance rating of 75 or higher⁴.

Resolutions of Approval

Resolutions adopted by the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works approving this prospectus will

² This estimate is for fiscal year 2028 and may be escalated by 2.2 percent annually to the effective date of the lease to account for inflation. The proposed rental rate is unserved (taxes, insurance, management, and maintenance and repair reserves included); however, the lease contract may include operating expenses paid by the lessor.

³ New leases may contain an escalation clause to provide for annual changes in real estate taxes.

⁴ Per the legal authority in 42 U.S.C. § 17091 based on the originating legislation EISA 2007 § 435, with only certain exceptions, federal agencies are not to enter into a contract to lease space in a building that has not earned the ENERGY STAR label in the most recent year.

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**AMENDED PROSPECTUS – LEASE
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
SARASOTA, FL**

Prospectus Number: PFL-25-VA25
Congressional District: 16, 17

constitute approval to make appropriations to lease space in a facility that will yield the required net usable area.

Interim Leasing

The Government will execute such interim leasing actions as are necessary to ensure continued housing prior to the effective date of the new lease. It is in the best interest of the Government to avert the financial risk of holdover tenancy.

Certification of Need

The proposed project is the best solution to meet a validated Government need.

Submitted at Washington, DC, on 3/28/2025

Recommended: 
Commissioner, Public Buildings Service

Approved: 
Administrator, General Services Administration

AMENDED PROSPECTUS—LEASE—U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS, TAMPA, FL

Resolved by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the United States House of Representatives, that pursuant to 40 U.S.C. 3307, appropriations are authorized for a lease of up to 153,528 net usable square feet of space, and 200 parking spaces, for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) for a new Community Living Center in the vicinity of Tampa, FL to provide continued and expansion services for the Tampa veteran community at a proposed unserviced annual cost of \$8,707,000 for a lease term of up to 20 years, a prospectus for which is attached to and included in this resolution. This resolution amends Prospectus No. PFL-21-VA23 approved July 27, 2023.

Approval of this prospectus constitutes authority to execute an interim lease for all tenants, if necessary, prior to the execution of the new lease.

Provided that, to the maximum extent practicable, the Administrator shall include in the lease contract(s) a purchase option that can be exercised at the conclusion of the firm term of the lease.

Provided further, if the General Services Administration delegates to any other agency the authority granted by this resolution, the Administrator of General Services shall oversee and monitor such delegation of authority to ensure such delegation is carried out consistent with the law and authority provided.

Provided further, that the Administrator shall require that the delineated area of the procurement is identical to the delineated area included in the prospectus, except that, if the Administrator determines that the delineated area of the procurement should not be identical to the delineated area included in the prospectus, the Administrator shall provide an explanatory statement to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives prior to exercising any lease authority provided in this resolution.

Provided further, not later than 30 calendar days after the date on which a request from the Chairman or Ranking Member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives is received by the Administrator of General

Services, the Administrator shall provide such Member a response in writing that provides any information requested regarding the project.

Provided further, prior to entering into this lease or approving a novation agreement involving a change of ownership under this lease, the Administrator of General Services shall require the offeror or the parties requesting the novation, as applicable, to identify and disclose whether the owner of the leased space, including an entity involved in the financing thereof, is a foreign person or a foreign-owned entity; provided further, in such an instance, the Administrator of General Services shall notify the occupant agency(ies) in writing, and consult with such occupant agency(ies) regarding security concerns and necessary mitigation measures (if any) prior to award of the lease or approval of the novation agreement.

Provided further, the Administrator of General Services shall require tenant agency(ies) to agree to reporting actual utilization data on at least an annual basis during occupancy and such reports are transmitted to the Committee.

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**AMENDED PROSPECTUS – LEASE
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
TAMPA, FL**

Prospectus Number: PFL-26-VA25
Congressional Districts: 14, 15

Executive Summary

The General Services Administration (GSA) proposes to amend prospectus PFL-21-VA23 for a new Community Living Center (CLC) lease of approximately 153,528 net usable square feet (NUSF) for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) in the vicinity of Tampa, FL. The Senate Committee on Environmental and Public Works and the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure approved the original prospectus on July 26, 2023, and July 27, 2023, respectively. This amended prospectus seeks authority to increase the rental rate as, the previously approved rental rate proved to be insufficient for community living space in the current market.

The lease will be delegated to VA, provide continued services for the Tampa veteran community, and provide the necessary expansion services to meet current and projected service delivery gaps for healthcare in the local market.

Description

Occupant:	Veterans Affairs
Current NUSF	N/A
Estimated Maximum NUSF:	153,528
Expansion/Reduction NUSF:	153,528 (expansion)
Estimated Maximum Rentable Square Feet:	207,263
Expiration Dates of Current Lease(s):	N/A
Proposed Maximum Leasing Authority:	20 years
Delineated Area:	<u>North</u> : Intersection Hwy 41 & Hwy 54, E on Hwy 54, S on I-75, E on E Fowler Ave, NE on Hwy 301 <u>South</u> : W on Dr Martin Luther King Jr Blvd <u>East</u> : S on McIntosh Rd <u>West</u> : N on N Dale Mabry Hwy, N on Hwy 597, N on Hwy 41
Parking Spaces:	200
Scoring:	Operating Lease
Current Total Annual Cost:	N/A
Current Total Unserved Annual Cost:	N/A

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**AMENDED PROSPECTUS – LEASE
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
TAMPA, FL**

Prospectus Number: PFL-26-VA25
Congressional Districts: 14, 15

Estimated Unserved Rental Rate ¹ :	\$56.71 per NUSF
Estimated Total Unserved Annual Cost ² :	\$8,707,000

Justification

A new 153,528 NUSF lease in Tampa, FL will allow for expanded capacity of the Tampa VA Medical Center by moving the current CLC off-site into a right-sized location.

The current space in these facilities is insufficient to meet the projected needs of the veteran community. Space limitations limit veterans' access to services in a timely manner.

The new facility will enhance VA CLC services by closing space gaps identified in VA's Strategic Capital Investment Planning process. The new lease will allow VA to provide CLC and ancillary services to the Veteran population in the Tampa area in a rightsized and state-of-the-art healthcare facility.

Summary of Energy Compliance

The Government will incorporate energy efficiency requirements into the Request for Lease Proposals and other documents related to the procurement of space based on the approved prospectus. The Government encourages offerors to exceed minimum requirements set forth in the procurement and to achieve an Energy Star performance rating of 75 or higher³.

Resolutions of Approval

Resolutions adopted by the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works approving this prospectus will constitute approval to make appropriations to lease space in a facility that will yield the required net usable area.

Interim Leasing

¹ This estimate is for fiscal year 2029 and may be escalated by 2.2 percent annually to the effective date of the lease to account for inflation. The proposed rental rate is unserved (taxes, insurance, management, and maintenance and repair reserves included); however, the lease contract may include operating expenses paid by the lessor.

² New leases may contain an escalation clause to provide for annual changes in real estate taxes.

³ Per the legal authority in 42 U.S.C. § 17091 based on the originating legislation EISA 2007 § 435, with only certain exceptions, federal agencies are not to enter into a contract to lease space in a building that has not earned the ENERGY STAR label in the most recent year.

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**AMENDED PROSPECTUS – LEASE
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
TAMPA, FL**

Prospectus Number: PFL-26-VA25
Congressional Districts: 14, 15

The Government will execute such interim leasing actions as are necessary to ensure continued housing prior to the effective date of the new lease. It is in the best interest of the Government to avert the financial risk of holdover tenancy.

Certification of Need

The proposed project is the best solution to meet a validated Government need.

Submitted at Washington, DC, on 3/28/2025

Recommended: _____



Commissioner, Public Buildings Service

Approved: _____



Administrator, General Services Administration

AMENDED PROSPECTUS—LEASE—U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS, THE VILLAGES, FL

Resolved by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the United States House of Representatives, that pursuant to 40 U.S.C. § 3307, appropriations are authorized for a lease of up to 140,144 net usable square feet of space, and 950 parking spaces, for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) for an outpatient clinic in the vicinity of The Villages, FL to provide continued and expansion services for the The Villages veteran community at a proposed unserviced annual cost of \$9,145,000 for a lease term of up to 20 years, a prospectus for which is attached to and included in this resolution. This resolution amends Prospectus No. PFL-22-VA23 approved July 27, 2023.

Approval of this prospectus constitutes authority to execute an interim lease for all tenants, if necessary, prior to the execution of the new lease.

Provided that, to the maximum extent practicable, the Administrator shall include in the lease contract(s) a purchase option that can be exercised at the conclusion of the firm term of the lease.

Provided further, if the General Services Administration delegates to any other agency the authority granted by this resolution, the Administrator of General Services shall oversee and monitor such delegation of authority to ensure such delegation is carried out consistent with the law and authority provided.

Provided further, that the Administrator shall require that the delineated area of the procurement is identical to the delineated area included in the prospectus, except that, if the Administrator determines that the delineated area of the procurement should not be identical to the delineated area included in the prospectus, the Administrator shall provide an explanatory statement to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives prior to exercising any lease authority provided in this resolution.

Provided further, not later than 30 calendar days after the date on which a request from the Chairman or Ranking Member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives is received by the Administrator of General Services, the Administrator shall provide

such Member a response in writing that provides any information requested regarding the project.

Provided further, prior to entering into this lease or approving a novation agreement involving a change of ownership under this lease, the Administrator of General Services shall require the offeror or the parties requesting the novation, as applicable, to identify and disclose whether the owner of the leased space, including an entity involved in the financing thereof, is a foreign person or a foreign-owned entity; provided further, in such an instance, the Administrator of General Services shall notify the occupant agency(ies) in writing, and consult with such occupant agency(ies) regarding security concerns and necessary mitigation measures (if any) prior to award of the lease or approval of the novation agreement.

Provided further, the Administrator of General Services shall require tenant agency(ies) to agree to reporting actual utilization data on at least an annual basis during occupancy and such reports are transmitted to the Committee.

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**AMENDED PROSPECTUS – LEASE
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
THE VILLAGES, FL**

Prospectus Number: PFL-27-VA25
Congressional District: 6, 11

Executive Summary

The General Services Administration (GSA) proposes to amend prospectus PFL-22-VA23 for an outpatient clinic lease of approximately 140,144 net usable square feet (NUSF) for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), replacing a separate outpatient facility totaling 74,715 NUSF in the vicinity of The Villages, FL. The Senate Committee on Environmental and Public Works and the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure approved the original prospectus on July 26, 2023, and July 27, 2023, respectively. This amended prospectus seeks authority to increase the rental rate as, the previously approved rental rate proved to be insufficient for medical space in the current market. The delineated area in this prospectus is revised to match the delineated area in the approved in the VA prospectus and included in the VA lease solicitation.

The lease will be delegated to VA, provide continued services for The Villages veteran community, and provide the necessary expansion services to meet current and projected service delivery gaps for healthcare in the local market.

Description

Occupant:	Veterans Affairs
Current NUSF:	74,715
Estimated Maximum NUSF:	140,144
Expansion/Reduction NUSF:	65,429 (expansion)
Estimated Maximum Rentable Square Feet:	189,194
Expiration Dates of Current Lease(s):	8/1/2030
Proposed Maximum Leasing Authority:	20 years
Delineated Area:	<u>North</u> : Intersection Hwy 441 & SE Abshier Blvd, W on SE Abshier Blvd, W on SE 110th St, N on S Hwy 475, W on SW 107th Pl, W on Pendleton Way until road ends at I-75 <u>South</u> : E on Hwy 44 <u>East</u> : N on N 14th St, N on Hwy 441 <u>West</u> : S on I-75
Number of Official Parking Spaces:	950
Scoring:	Operating Lease
Current Total Annual Cost ¹ :	\$1,598,349 (lease effective 8/2/2010)

¹ Existing lease cost information has been updated to reflect current terms which changed over time.

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**AMENDED PROSPECTUS – LEASE
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
THE VILLAGES, FL**

Prospectus Number: PFL-27-VA25
Congressional District: 6, 11

Current Total Unserviced Annual Cost:	\$1,442,349
Estimated Unserviced Rental Rate ² :	\$65.25 per NUSF
Estimated Total Unserviced Annual Cost ³ :	\$9,145,000

Justification

A new 140,144 NUSF lease in The Villages will replace the existing The Villages VA Clinic and allow for decompression of the Malcom Randall VA Medical Center.

The current space in these facilities is insufficient to meet the projected needs of the veteran community. Space limitations and an increase in workload limit veterans' access to services in a timely manner.

The new facility will enhance VA outpatient services by closing space gaps identified in VA's Strategic Capital Investment Planning process. The new lease will allow VA to provide comprehensive primary care, mental health, and specialty care services to the veteran population in The Villages area in a rightsized and state-of-the-art healthcare facility.

Summary of Energy Compliance

The Government will incorporate energy efficiency requirements into the Request for Lease Proposals and other documents related to the procurement of space based on the approved prospectus. The Government encourages offerors to exceed minimum requirements set forth in the procurement and to achieve an Energy Star performance rating of 75 or higher⁴.

Resolutions of Approval

Resolutions adopted by the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works approving this prospectus will constitute approval to make appropriations to lease space in a facility that will yield the required net usable area.

² This estimate is for fiscal year 2029 and may be escalated by 2.2 percent annually to the effective date of the lease to account for inflation. The proposed rental rate is unserviced (taxes, insurance, management, and maintenance and repair reserves included); however, the lease contract may include operating expenses paid by the lessor.

³ New leases may contain an escalation clause to provide for annual changes in real estate taxes.

⁴ Per the legal authority in 42 U.S.C. § 17091 based on the originating legislation EISA 2007 § 435, with only certain exceptions, federal agencies are not to enter into a contract to lease space in a building that has not earned the ENERGY STAR label in the most recent year.

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**AMENDED PROSPECTUS – LEASE
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
THE VILLAGES, FL**

Prospectus Number: PFL-27-VA25
Congressional District: 6, 11

Interim Leasing

The Government will execute such interim leasing actions as are necessary to ensure continued housing prior to the effective date of the new lease. It is in the best interest of the Government to avert the financial risk of holdover tenancy.

Certification of Need

The proposed project is the best solution to meet a validated Government need.

Submitted at Washington, DC, on 3/28/2025

Recommended: 

Commissioner, Public Buildings Service

Approved: 

Administrator, General Services Administration

LEASE—U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS
AFFAIRS, BATON ROUGE, LA

Resolved by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the United States House of Representatives, that pursuant to 40 U.S.C. § 3307, appropriations are authorized for a lease of up to 87,878 net usable square feet of space, and 600 parking spaces, for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) for an outpatient clinic in the vicinity of Baton Rouge, LA to provide continued and expansion services for the Baton Rouge veteran community at a proposed unserviced annual cost of \$5,633,000 for a lease term of up to 20 years, a prospectus for which is attached to and included in this resolution.

Approval of this prospectus constitutes authority to execute an interim lease for all tenants, if necessary, prior to the execution of the new lease.

Provided that, to the maximum extent practicable, the Administrator shall include in the lease contract(s) a purchase option that can be exercised at the conclusion of the firm term of the lease.

Provided further, if the General Services Administration delegates to any other agen-

cy the authority granted by this resolution, the Administrator of General Services shall oversee and monitor such delegation of authority to ensure such delegation is carried out consistent with the law and authority provided.

Provided further, that the Administrator shall require that the delineated area of the procurement is identical to the delineated area included in the prospectus, except that, if the Administrator determines that the delineated area of the procurement should not be identical to the delineated area included in the prospectus, the Administrator shall provide an explanatory statement to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives prior to exercising any lease authority provided in this resolution.

Provided further, not later than 30 calendar days after the date on which a request from the Chairman or Ranking Member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives is received by the Administrator of General Services, the Administrator shall provide such Member a response in writing that pro-

vides any information requested regarding the project.

Provided further, prior to entering into this lease or approving a novation agreement involving a change of ownership under this lease, the Administrator of General Services shall require the offeror or the parties requesting the novation, as applicable, to identify and disclose whether the owner of the leased space, including an entity involved in the financing thereof, is a foreign person or a foreign-owned entity; provided further, in such an instance, the Administrator of General Services shall notify the occupant agency(ies) in writing, and consult with such occupant agency(ies) regarding security concerns and necessary mitigation measures (if any) prior to award of the lease or approval of the novation agreement.

Provided further, the Administrator of General Services shall require tenant agency(ies) to agree to reporting actual utilization data on at least an annual basis during occupancy and such reports are transmitted to the Committee.

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**PROSPECTUS – LEASE
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
BATON ROUGE, LA**

Prospectus Number: PLA-13-VA25
Congressional Districts: 2, 6

Executive Summary

The General Services Administration (GSA) proposes an outpatient clinic lease of approximately 87,878 net usable square feet (NUSF) for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) in the vicinity of Baton Rouge, LA. The original proposed lease was projected to be below the prospectus threshold, however, due to market conditions, this proposed lease is now above the prospectus threshold.

The lease will be delegated to VA, provide continued services for the Baton Rouge Veteran community, and provide the necessary expansion services to meet current and projected service delivery gaps for healthcare in the local market.

Description

Occupant:	Veterans Affairs
Current NUSF	58,295
Estimated Maximum NUSF:	87,878
Expansion/Reduction NUSF:	29,583 (expansion)
Estimated Maximum Rentable Square Feet:	118,635
Expiration Dates of Current Lease(s):	29,995 NUSF – 6/3/2024 28,300 NUSF – 7/1/2026
Proposed Maximum Leasing Authority:	20 years
Delineated Area:	<u>North</u> : Route 190 at I-110 to Route 190 at Plank Road to Plank Road at Hooper Road to Hooper Road at Lovett Road to Lovett Road at Joor Road to Joor Road at Greenwell Springs Road to Greenwell Springs Road at Frenchtown Road to Frenchtown Road at Central Throughway <u>East</u> : Burbank Drive at East Highway 30 to Burbank Drive at Highland Road to Highland Road at Route 61 <u>South</u> : Central Throughway at Frenchtown Road to Central Throughway at Florida Boulevard to O’Neal Lane at Florida Boulevard to O’Neal Lane at South Harrells Ferry Road to South Harrells Ferry Road at Jones Creek Road to Jones Creek Road at Coursey Boulevard to Coursey Boulevard at Stumberg Lane to

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
BATON ROUGE, LA

Prospectus Number: PLA-13-VA25
Congressional Districts: 2, 6

	Stumberg Lane at Route 61 to Route 61 at Highland Road
	<u>West:</u> I-110 at Route 190 to I-110 at I-10 to I-10 at East Highway 30 to East Highway 30 at Burbank Drive
Parking Spaces:	600
Scoring:	Operating Lease
Current Total Annual Cost:	\$1,726,087 (leases effective 11/30/2003, 10/1/2010)
Current Total Unserviced Annual Cost:	\$1,558,446
Estimated Unserviced Rental Rate ¹ :	\$64.09 per NUSF
Estimated Total Unserviced Annual Cost ² :	\$5,633,000

Justification

A new 87,878 NUSF lease in Baton Rouge, LA will allow for the replacement and expansion of the existing Baton Rouge North CBOC and Baton Rouge South CBOC leases.

The primary care, mental health, and specialty care spaces at the existing leases are inadequate and undersized for the current and projected veteran workload demand for services. Specifically, workload for ambulatory services and procedures and mental health services is projected to increase over the next 20 years. Additionally, the consolidation of services from multiple existing leases would create operational efficiencies.

The new facility will enhance VA outpatient services by closing space gaps identified in VA’s Strategic Capital Investment Planning process. This new lease will allow VA to provide comprehensive primary care, mental health, specialty care, and ancillary services to the veteran population in the Baton Rouge area in a rightsized and state-of-the-art healthcare facility in a timely manner. Being housed in a right-sized, Patient-Aligned Care Team-designed³, and more accessible facility will allow better optimized VA care delivery, improved veteran satisfaction, increased team coordination, improved workflows, and improved recruitment and retention for VA staff.

The proposed project aligns with the following VA Departmental Strategic Goals:

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² New leases may contain an escalation clause to provide for annual changes in real estate taxes.

³ Patient-Aligned Care Team design focuses on open office work environments, separation of patient and staff flows, and modular adaptable design.

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
BATON ROUGE, LA**

Prospectus Number: PLA-13-VA25
Congressional Districts: 2, 6

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1. Easy Access and Greater Choice
 - VA understands Veterans' needs throughout their lives to enhance their choices and to improve customer experience
 - VA ensures Veterans are informed of, understand, and can get the benefits, care, and services they earned, in a timely manner
 2. Excellent Customer Service and Highly Reliable and Integrated Care
 - VA has collaborative, high-performing and integrated delivery networks that enhance Veteran well-being and independence
 3. Improved Trust, Accountability, and Transparency
 - VA is always transparent to enhance Veterans' choices, to maintain trust, and to be openly accountable for its actions
 4. Transform Business Operations
 - VA's infrastructure improvements, improved decision-making protocols, and streamlined services enable VA to adapt to changing business environments and Veteran needs

Summary of Energy Compliance

The Government will incorporate energy efficiency requirements into the Request for Lease Proposals and other documents related to the procurement of space based on the approved prospectus. The Government encourages offerors to exceed minimum requirements set forth in the procurement and to achieve an Energy Star performance rating of 75 or higher⁴.

Resolutions of Approval

Resolutions adopted by the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works approving this prospectus will constitute approval to make appropriations to lease space in a facility that will yield the required net usable area.

Interim Leasing

The Government will execute such interim leasing actions as are necessary to ensure continued housing prior to the effective date of the new lease. It is in the best interest of the Government to avert the financial risk of holdover tenancy.

⁴ Per the legal authority in 42 U.S.C. § 17091 based on the originating legislation EISA 2007 § 435, with only certain exceptions, federal agencies are not to enter into a contract to lease space in a building that has not earned the ENERGY STAR label in the most recent year.

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**PROSPECTUS – LEASE
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
BATON ROUGE, LA**

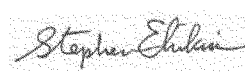
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Congressional Districts: 2, 6

Certification of Need

The proposed project is the best solution to meet a validated Government need.

Submitted at Washington, DC, on 3/28/2025

Recommended: 
Commissioner, Public Buildings Service

Approved: 
Administrator, General Services Administration

AMENDED PROSPECTUS—LEASE—U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS, BALTIMORE, MD

Resolved by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the United States House of Representatives, that pursuant to 40 U.S.C. § 3307, appropriations are authorized for a lease of up to 112,624 net usable square feet of space, and 800 parking spaces, for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) for an outpatient clinic in the vicinity of Baltimore, MD to provide continued and expansion services for the Baltimore veteran community at a proposed unserviced annual cost of \$8,081,000 for a lease term of up to 20 years, a prospectus for which is attached to and included in this resolution. This resolution amends Prospectus No. PMD-13-VA23 approved July 27, 2023.

Approval of this prospectus constitutes authority to execute an interim lease for all tenants, if necessary, prior to the execution of the new lease.

Provided that, to the maximum extent practicable, the Administrator shall include in the lease contract(s) a purchase option that can be exercised at the conclusion of the firm term of the lease.

Provided further, if the General Services Administration delegates to any other agency the authority granted by this resolution, the Administrator of General Services shall oversee and monitor such delegation of authority to ensure such delegation is carried out consistent with the law and authority provided.

Provided further, that the Administrator shall require that the delineated area of the procurement is identical to the delineated area included in the prospectus, except that, if the Administrator determines that the delineated area of the procurement should not be identical to the delineated area included in the prospectus, the Administrator shall provide an explanatory statement to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives prior to exercising any lease authority provided in this resolution.

Provided further, not later than 30 calendar days after the date on which a request from the Chairman or Ranking Member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives is received by the Administrator of General

Services, the Administrator shall provide such Member a response in writing that provides any information requested regarding the project.

Provided further, prior to entering into this lease or approving a novation agreement involving a change of ownership under this lease, the Administrator of General Services shall require the offeror or the parties requesting the novation, as applicable, to identify and disclose whether the owner of the leased space, including an entity involved in the financing thereof, is a foreign person or a foreign-owned entity; provided further, in such an instance, the Administrator of General Services shall notify the occupant agency(ies) in writing, and consult with such occupant agency(ies) regarding security concerns and necessary mitigation measures (if any) prior to award of the lease or approval of the novation agreement.

Provided further, the Administrator of General Services shall require tenant agency(ies) to agree to reporting actual utilization data on at least an annual basis during occupancy and such reports are transmitted to the Committee.

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**AMENDED PROSPECTUS – LEASE
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
BALTIMORE, MD**

Prospectus Number: PMD-12-VA25
Congressional Districts: 7

Executive Summary

The General Services Administration (GSA) proposes to amend prospectus PMD-13-VA23 for an outpatient clinic lease of approximately 112,624 net usable square feet (NUSF) for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), replacing a separate outpatient facility totaling 68,121 NUSF and five parking-only leases in the vicinity of Baltimore, MD. The House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure approved the original prospectus July 27, 2023. This amended prospectus seeks authority to increase the rental rate as, the previously approved rental rate proved to be insufficient for medical space in the current market. Additionally, the Delineated Area has been expanded.

The lease will be delegated to VA, provide continued services for the Baltimore veteran community, and provide the necessary expansion services to meet current and projected service delivery gaps for healthcare in the local market.

Description

Occupant:	Veterans Affairs
Current NUSF:	68,121
Estimated Maximum NUSF:	112,624
Expansion/Reduction NUSF:	44,503 (expansion)
Estimated Maximum Rentable Square Feet:	152,042
Expiration Dates of Current Lease(s):	6/23/2027 3/31/2028
Proposed Maximum Leasing Authority:	20 years
Delineated Area:	<u>North:</u> Intersection Interstate 695 & Route 40, Route 40, Hilton Pkwy, Bypass 40, Belair Rd <u>South:</u> Interstate 895, W Patapsco Ave, S Caton Ave, Interstate 95 <u>East:</u> Bypass 40, Interstate 895 <u>West:</u> Interstate 695
Number of Official Parking Spaces:	800
Scoring:	Operating Lease
Current Total Annual Cost ¹ :	\$1,889,189 (leases effective 6/9/2011, 4/1/2018)
Current Total Unserved Annual Cost:	\$1,770,351

¹ Existing lease cost information has been updated to reflect current terms which changed over time.

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**AMENDED PROSPECTUS – LEASE
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
BALTIMORE, MD**

Prospectus Number: PMD-12-VA25
Congressional Districts: 7

Estimated Unserviced Rental Rate ² :	\$71.75 per NUSF
Estimated Total Unserviced Annual Cost ³ :	\$8,081,000

Justification

A new 112,624 NUSF lease in Baltimore, MD will allow for the replacement and expansion of the existing Baltimore Annex Clinic lease and consolidate five parking leases and allow for decompression of the Baltimore VA Medical Center.

The current space in these facilities is insufficient to meet the projected needs of the veteran community. Space limitations and an increase in workload limit veterans' access to services in a timely manner.

The new facility will enhance VA outpatient services by closing space gaps identified in VA's Strategic Capital Investment Planning process. The new lease will allow VA to provide comprehensive primary care, mental health, and specialty care services to the veteran population in the Baltimore area in a rightsized and state-of-the-art healthcare facility.

Summary of Energy Compliance

The Government will incorporate energy efficiency requirements into the Request for Lease Proposals and other documents related to the procurement of space based on the approved prospectus. The Government encourages offerors to exceed minimum requirements set forth in the procurement and to achieve an Energy Star performance rating of 75 or higher⁴.

Resolutions of Approval

Resolutions adopted by the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works approving this prospectus will constitute approval to make appropriations to lease space in a facility that will yield the required net usable area.

² This estimate is for fiscal year 2029 and may be escalated by 2.2 percent annually to the effective date of the lease to account for inflation. The proposed rental rate is unserviced (taxes, insurance, management, and maintenance and repair reserves included); however, the lease contract may include operating expenses paid by the lessor.

³ New leases may contain an escalation clause to provide for annual changes in real estate taxes.

⁴ Per the legal authority in 42 U.S.C. § 17091 based on the originating legislation EISA 2007 § 435, with only certain exceptions, federal agencies are not to enter into a contract to lease space in a building that has not earned the ENERGY STAR label in the most recent year.

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**AMENDED PROSPECTUS – LEASE
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
BALTIMORE, MD**

Prospectus Number: PMD-12-VA25
Congressional Districts: 7

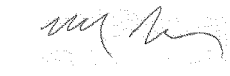
Interim Leasing

The Government will execute such interim leasing actions as are necessary to ensure continued housing prior to the effective date of the new lease. It is in the best interest of the Government to avert the financial risk of holdover tenancy.

Certification of Need

The proposed project is the best solution to meet a validated Government need.

Submitted at Washington, DC, on 3/28/2025

Recommended: 

Commissioner, Public Buildings Service

Approved: 

Administrator, General Services Administration

AMENDED PROSPECTUS—LEASE—U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS, PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MD

Resolved by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the United States House of Representatives, that pursuant to 40 U.S.C. §3307, appropriations are authorized for a lease of up to 85,116 net usable square feet of space, and 600 parking spaces, for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) for an outpatient clinic in the vicinity of Washington, DC and Prince George's County, MD to provide continued and expansion services for the Prince George's County veteran community at a proposed unserviced annual cost of \$5,697,000 for a lease term of up to 20 years, a prospectus for which is attached to and included in this resolution. This resolution amends Prospectus No. PMD-19-VA23 approved July 27, 2023.

Approval of this prospectus constitutes authority to execute an interim lease for all tenants, if necessary, prior to the execution of the new lease.

Provided that, to the maximum extent practicable, the Administrator shall include in the lease contract(s) a purchase option

that can be exercised at the conclusion of the firm term of the lease.

Provided further, if the General Services Administration delegates to any other agency the authority granted by this resolution, the Administrator of General Services shall oversee and monitor such delegation of authority to ensure such delegation is carried out consistent with the law and authority provided.

Provided further, that the Administrator shall require that the delineated area of the procurement is identical to the delineated area included in the prospectus, except that, if the Administrator determines that the delineated area of the procurement should not be identical to the delineated area included in the prospectus, the Administrator shall provide an explanatory statement to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives prior to exercising any lease authority provided in this resolution.

Provided further, not later than 30 calendar days after the date on which a request from the Chairman or Ranking Member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives is received by the Administrator of General

Services, the Administrator shall provide such Member a response in writing that provides any information requested regarding the project.

Provided further, prior to entering into this lease or approving a novation agreement involving a change of ownership under this lease, the Administrator of General Services shall require the offeror or the parties requesting the novation, as applicable, to identify and disclose whether the owner of the leased space, including an entity involved in the financing thereof, is a foreign person or a foreign-owned entity; provided further, in such an instance, the Administrator of General Services shall notify the occupant agency(ies) in writing, and consult with such occupant agency(ies) regarding security concerns and necessary mitigation measures (if any) prior to award of the lease or approval of the novation agreement.

Provided further, the Administrator of General Services shall require tenant agency(ies) to agree to reporting actual utilization data on at least an annual basis during occupancy and such reports are transmitted to the Committee.

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**AMENDED PROSPECTUS – LEASE
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY, MD**

Prospectus Number: PMD-23-VA25
Congressional Districts: 4, 5

Executive Summary

The General Services Administration (GSA) proposes to amend prospectus PMD-19-VA23 for an outpatient clinic lease of approximately 85,116 net usable square feet (NUSF) for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) currently located in two leases, totaling 9,780 NUSF in the vicinity of Washington, DC and **Prince George’s County, MD**. The Senate Committee on Environmental and Public Works and the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure approved the original prospectus on July 26, 2023, and July 27, 2023, respectively. This amended prospectus seeks authority to increase the rental rate as, the previously approved rental rate proved to be insufficient for medical space in the current market.

The lease will be delegated to VA, provide continued services for the **Prince George’s** County veteran community, and provide the necessary expansion services to meet current and projected service delivery gaps for healthcare in the local market.

Description

Occupant:	Veterans Affairs
Current NUSF:	9,780
Estimated Maximum NUSF:	85,116
Expansion/Reduction NUSF:	75,336 (expansion)
Estimated Maximum Rentable Square Feet:	114,907
Expiration Dates of Current Lease(s):	8,500 NUSF – 5/31/2028 1,280 NUSF – 9/30/2030
Proposed Maximum Leasing Authority:	20 years
Delineated Area:	<u>North</u> : Route 214 <u>South</u> : Route 373 <u>East</u> : Route 301 <u>West</u> : Route 210 and the MD/DC Line
Number of Official Parking Spaces:	600
Scoring:	Operating Lease
Current Total Annual Cost ¹ :	\$402,380 (leases effective 10/1/2008, 5/30/2010)
Current Total Unserved Annual Cost:	\$204,135

¹ Existing lease cost information has been updated to reflect current terms which changed over time.

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**AMENDED PROSPECTUS – LEASE
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY, MD**

Prospectus Number: PMD-23-VA25

Congressional Districts: 4, 5

Estimated Unserviced Rental Rate ² :	\$66.93 per NUSF
Estimated Total Unserviced Annual Cost ³ :	\$5,697,000

Justification

A new 85,116 NUSF lease in Prince George’s County, MD will replace and consolidate two existing leases in the Prince George’s County market, including existing Southern Prince George’s County Community-Based Outpatient Clinic (CBOC) and the Southeast Washington, DC CBOC leases.

The current space in these facilities is insufficient to meet the projected needs of the veteran community. Space limitations and an increase in workload limit veterans’ access to services in a timely manner.

The new facility will enhance VA outpatient services by closing space and utilization gaps identified in VA’s Strategic Capital Investment Planning process and will provide a single location in the Prince George’s County area to serve the outpatient care needs of Veterans and their families. The new lease will allow VA to provide comprehensive primary care, mental health, and specialty care services to the veteran population in the Prince George’s County area in a rightsized and state-of-the-art healthcare facility.

Summary of Energy Compliance

The Government will incorporate energy efficiency requirements into the Request for Lease Proposals and other documents related to the procurement of space based on the approved prospectus. The Government encourages offerors to exceed minimum requirements set forth in the procurement and to achieve an Energy Star performance rating of 75 or higher⁴.

Resolutions of Approval

Resolutions adopted by the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works approving this prospectus will

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³ New leases may contain an escalation clause to provide for annual changes in real estate taxes.

⁴ Per the legal authority in 42 U.S.C. § 17091 based on the originating legislation EISA 2007 § 435, with only certain exceptions, federal agencies are not to enter into a contract to lease space in a building that has not earned the ENERGY STAR label in the most recent year.

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MD**

Prospectus Number: PMD-23-VA25
Congressional Districts: 4, 5

constitute approval to make appropriations to lease space in a facility that will yield the required net usable area.

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**AMENDED PROSPECTUS – LEASE
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MD**

Prospectus Number: PMD-23-VA25

Congressional Districts: 4, 5

Interim Leasing

The Government will execute such interim leasing actions as are necessary to ensure continued housing prior to the effective date of the new lease. It is in the best interest of the Government to avert the financial risk of holdover tenancy.

Certification of Need

The proposed project is the best solution to meet a validated Government need.

Submitted at Washington, DC, on 3/28/2025

Recommended: 

Commissioner, Public Buildings Service

Approved: 

Administrator, General Services Administration

AMENDED PROSPECTUS—LEASE—U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS, HAMPDEN COUNTY, MA

Resolved by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the United States House of Representatives, that pursuant to 40 U.S.C. § 3307, appropriations are authorized for a lease of up to 76,685 net usable square feet of space, and 550 parking spaces, for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) for an outpatient clinic in the vicinity of Hampden County, MA to provide continued and expansion services for the Hampden County veteran community at a proposed unserviced annual cost of \$4,097,000 for a lease term of up to 20 years, a prospectus for which is attached to and included in this resolution. This resolution amends Prospectus No. PMA-26-VA23 approved July 27, 2023.

Approval of this prospectus constitutes authority to execute an interim lease for all tenants, if necessary, prior to the execution of the new lease.

Provided that, to the maximum extent practicable, the Administrator shall include in the lease contract(s) a purchase option that can be exercised at the conclusion of the firm term of the lease.

Provided further, if the General Services Administration delegates to any other agency the authority granted by this resolution, the Administrator of General Services shall oversee and monitor such delegation of authority to ensure such delegation is carried out consistent with the law and authority provided.

Provided further, that the Administrator shall require that the delineated area of the procurement is identical to the delineated area included in the prospectus, except that, if the Administrator determines that the delineated area of the procurement should not be identical to the delineated area included in the prospectus, the Administrator shall provide an explanatory statement to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives prior to exercising any lease authority provided in this resolution.

Provided further, not later than 30 calendar days after the date on which a request from the Chairman or Ranking Member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives is received by the Administrator of General Services, the Administrator shall provide

such Member a response in writing that provides any information requested regarding the project.

Provided further, prior to entering into this lease or approving a novation agreement involving a change of ownership under this lease, the Administrator of General Services shall require the offeror or the parties requesting the novation, as applicable, to identify and disclose whether the owner of the leased space, including an entity involved in the financing thereof, is a foreign person or a foreign-owned entity; provided further, in such an instance, the Administrator of General Services shall notify the occupant agency(ies) in writing, and consult with such occupant agency(ies) regarding security concerns and necessary mitigation measures (if any) prior to award of the lease or approval of the novation agreement.

Provided further, the Administrator of General Services shall require tenant agency(ies) to agree to reporting actual utilization data on at least an annual basis during occupancy and such reports are transmitted to the Committee.

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**AMENDED PROSPECTUS – LEASE
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
HAMPDEN COUNTY, MA**

Prospectus Number: PMA-16-VA25
Congressional District: 1

Executive Summary

The General Services Administration (GSA) proposes to amend prospectus PMA-26-VA23 for an outpatient clinic lease of approximately 76,685 net usable square feet (NUSF) for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) in the vicinity of Hampden County, MA. The Senate Committee on Environmental and Public Works and the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure approved the original prospectus on July 26, 2023, and July 27, 2023, respectively. This amended prospectus seeks authority to increase the rental rate as, the previously approved rental rate proved to be insufficient for medical space in the current market.

The lease will be delegated to VA, provide continued services for the Hampden County Veteran community, and provide the necessary expansion services to meet current and projected service delivery gaps for healthcare in the local market.

Description

Occupant:	Veterans Affairs
Current NUSF	24,873
Estimated Maximum NUSF:	76,685
Expansion/Reduction NUSF:	51,812 (expansion)
Estimated Maximum Rentable Square Feet:	103,525
Expiration Dates of Current Lease(s):	2/10/2024
Proposed Maximum Leasing Authority:	20 years
Delineated Area:	<u>North:</u> E on US-202 <u>East:</u> S on Pleasant St, S on East St, S on West St, S on Fuller St, S on Rood St, S on Center St, S on Ludlow Ave, W on Main St, S on Parker St, S on Cooley St <u>South:</u> W on Bicentennial Hwy, W on Allen St, W on Sumner Ave, S on Longhill St, NW on I-91, W on West St, S on Park Ave, W on South Blvd, W on Westfield St, W on Springfield St, W on Union St <u>West:</u> N on US-202
Parking Spaces:	550
Scoring:	Operating Lease

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**AMENDED PROSPECTUS – LEASE
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
HAMPDEN COUNTY, MA**

Prospectus Number: PMA-16-VA25

Congressional District: 1

Current Total Annual Cost ¹ :	\$786,399 (lease effective 2/21/2003)
Current Total Unserved Annual Cost:	\$666,399
Estimated Unserved Rental Rate ² :	\$53.42 per NUSF
Estimated Total Unserved Annual Cost ³ :	\$4,097,000

Justification

A new 76,685 NUSF lease in Hampden County will replace the existing Springfield CBOC and allow for decompression of the Central Western Massachusetts Healthcare System in Northampton.

The current space in these facilities is insufficient to meet the projected needs of the veteran community. Space limitations and an increase in workload limit **veterans' access to** services in a timely manner.

The new facility will enhance VA outpatient services by closing space and utilization gaps **identified in VA's Strategic Capital Investment** Planning process. The new lease will allow VA to provide comprehensive primary care, mental health, and specialty care services to the veteran population in the Hampden County area in a rightsized and state-of-the-art healthcare facility.

Summary of Energy Compliance

The Government will incorporate energy efficiency requirements into the Request for Lease Proposals and other documents related to the procurement of space based on the approved prospectus. The Government encourages offerors to exceed minimum requirements set forth in the procurement and to achieve an Energy Star performance rating of 75 or higher⁴.

¹ Existing lease cost information has been updated to reflect current terms which changed over time.

² This estimate is for fiscal year 2029 and may be escalated by 2.2 percent annually to the effective date of the lease to account for inflation. The proposed rental rate is unserved (taxes, insurance, management, and maintenance and repair reserves included); however, the lease contract may include operating expenses paid by the lessor.

³ New leases may contain an escalation clause to provide for annual changes in real estate taxes.

⁴ Per the legal authority in 42 U.S.C. § 17091 based on the originating legislation EISA 2007 § 435, with only certain exceptions, federal agencies are not to enter into a contract to lease space in a building that has not earned the ENERGY STAR label in the most recent year.

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**AMENDED PROSPECTUS – LEASE
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
HAMPDEN COUNTY, MA**

Prospectus Number: PMA-16-VA25
Congressional District: 1

Resolutions of Approval

Resolutions adopted by the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works approving this prospectus will constitute approval to make appropriations to lease space in a facility that will yield the required net usable area.

Interim Leasing

The Government will execute such interim leasing actions as are necessary to ensure continued housing prior to the effective date of the new lease. It is in the best interest of the Government to avert the financial risk of holdover tenancy.

Certification of Need

The proposed project is the best solution to meet a validated Government need.

Submitted at Washington, DC, on 3/28/2025

Recommended: _____



Commissioner, Public Buildings Service

Approved: _____



Administrator, General Services Administration

AMENDED PROSPECTUS—LEASE—U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS, KANSAS CITY, MO

Resolved by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the United States House of Representatives, that pursuant to 40 U.S.C. § 3307, appropriations are authorized for a lease of up to 102,736 net usable square feet of space, and 700 parking spaces, for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) for an outpatient clinic in the vicinity of Kansas City, MO to provide continued and expansion services for the Kansas City veteran community at a proposed unserviced annual cost of \$6,213,000 for a lease term of up to 20 years, a prospectus for which is attached to and included in this resolution. This resolution amends Prospectus No. PMO-27-VA23 approved July 27, 2023.

Approval of this prospectus constitutes authority to execute an interim lease for all tenants, if necessary, prior to the execution of the new lease.

Provided that, to the maximum extent practicable, the Administrator shall include in the lease contract(s) a purchase option that can be exercised at the conclusion of the firm term of the lease.

Provided further, if the General Services Administration delegates to any other agency the authority granted by this resolution, the Administrator of General Services shall oversee and monitor such delegation of authority to ensure such delegation is carried out consistent with the law and authority provided.

Provided further, that the Administrator shall require that the delineated area of the procurement is identical to the delineated area included in the prospectus, except that, if the Administrator determines that the delineated area of the procurement should not be identical to the delineated area included in the prospectus, the Administrator shall provide an explanatory statement to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives prior to exercising any lease authority provided in this resolution.

Provided further, not later than 30 calendar days after the date on which a request from the Chairman or Ranking Member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives is received by the Administrator of General Services, the Administrator shall provide

such Member a response in writing that provides any information requested regarding the project.

Provided further, prior to entering into this lease or approving a novation agreement involving a change of ownership under this lease, the Administrator of General Services shall require the offeror or the parties requesting the novation, as applicable, to identify and disclose whether the owner of the leased space, including an entity involved in the financing thereof, is a foreign person or a foreign-owned entity; provided further, in such an instance, the Administrator of General Services shall notify the occupant agency(ies) in writing, and consult with such occupant agency(ies) regarding security concerns and necessary mitigation measures (if any) prior to award of the lease or approval of the novation agreement.

Provided further, the Administrator of General Services shall require tenant agency(ies) to agree to reporting actual utilization data on at least an annual basis during occupancy and such reports are transmitted to the Committee.

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**AMENDED PROSPECTUS – LEASE
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
KANSAS CITY, MO**

Prospectus Number: PMO-21-VA25
Congressional Districts: 5, 6

Executive Summary

The General Services Administration (GSA) proposes to amend prospectus PMO-27-VA23 an outpatient clinic lease of approximately 102,736 net usable square feet (NUSF) for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) in the vicinity of Kansas City, MO. The Senate Committee on Environmental and Public Works and the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure approved the original prospectus on July 26, 2023, and July 27, 2023, respectively. This amended prospectus seeks authority to increase the rental rate as, the previously approved rental rate proved to be insufficient for medical space in the current market.

The lease will be delegated to VA, provide continued services for the Kansas City veteran community, and provide the necessary expansion services to meet current and projected service delivery gaps for healthcare in the local market.

Description

Occupant:	Veterans Affairs
Current NUSF	N/A
Estimated Maximum NUSF:	102,736
Expansion/Reduction NUSF:	102,736 (expansion)
Estimated Maximum Rentable Square Feet:	138,694
Expiration Dates of Current Lease(s):	N/A
Proposed Maximum Leasing Authority:	20 years
Delineated Area:	<u>North</u> : E on I-435 <u>East</u> : S on I-435, E on MO-152, S on I-35 <u>South</u> : W on I-35, W on I-29 <u>West</u> : Clay County/Platte County Border
Parking Spaces:	700
Scoring:	Operating Lease
Current Total Annual Cost:	N/A
Current Total Unserviced Annual Cost:	N/A
Estimated Unserviced Rental Rate ¹ :	\$60.47 per NUSF
Estimated Total Unserviced Annual Cost ² :	\$6,213,000

¹ This estimate is for fiscal year 2029 and may be escalated by 2.2 percent annually to the effective date of the lease to account for inflation. The proposed rental rate is unserviced (taxes, insurance, management, and maintenance and repair reserves included); however, the lease contract may include operating expenses paid by the lessor.

² New leases may contain an escalation clause to provide for annual changes in real estate taxes.

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**AMENDED PROSPECTUS – LEASE
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
KANSAS CITY, MO**

Prospectus Number: PMO-21-VA25
Congressional Districts: 5, 6

Justification

A new 102,736 NUSF lease in Kansas City will allow for expanded capacity of the Kansas City VA Medical Center.

The current space in these facilities is insufficient to meet the projected needs of the veteran community. Space limitations and an increase in workload limit veterans' access to services in a timely manner.

The new facility will enhance VA outpatient services by closing space and utilization gaps identified in VA's Strategic Capital Investment Planning process. The new lease will allow VA to provide comprehensive primary care, mental health, specialty care, and outpatient surgical services to the veteran population in the Kansas City area in a rightsized and state-of-the-art healthcare facility.

Summary of Energy Compliance

The Government will incorporate energy efficiency requirements into the Request for Lease Proposals and other documents related to the procurement of space based on the approved prospectus. The Government encourages offerors to exceed minimum requirements set forth in the procurement and to achieve an Energy Star performance rating of 75 or higher³.

Resolutions of Approval

Resolutions adopted by the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works approving this prospectus will constitute approval to make appropriations to lease space in a facility that will yield the required net usable area.

Interim Leasing

The Government will execute such interim leasing actions as are necessary to ensure continued housing prior to the effective date of the new lease. It is in the best interest of the Government to avert the financial risk of holdover tenancy.

³ ³Per the legal authority in 42 U.S.C. § 17091 based on the originating legislation EISA 2007 § 435, with only certain exceptions, federal agencies are not to enter into a contract to lease space in a building that has not earned the ENERGY STAR label in the most recent year.

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**AMENDED PROSPECTUS – LEASE
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
KANSAS CITY, MO**

Prospectus Number: PMO-21-VA25
Congressional Districts: 5, 6

Certification of Need

The proposed project is the best solution to meet a validated Government need.

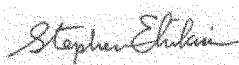
Submitted at Washington, DC, on 3/28/2025

Recommended:



Commissioner, Public Buildings Service

Approved:



Administrator, General Services Administration

AMENDED PROSPECTUS—LEASE—U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS, JACKSONVILLE, NC

Resolved by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the United States House of Representatives, that pursuant to 40 U.S.C. § 3307, appropriations are authorized for a lease of up to 188,917 net usable square feet of space, and 1,300 parking spaces, for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) for an outpatient clinic in the vicinity of Jacksonville, NC to provide continued and expansion services for the Jacksonville veteran community at a proposed unserviced annual cost of \$9,934,000 for a lease term of up to 20 years, a prospectus for which is attached to and included in this resolution. This resolution amends Prospectus No. PNC-16-VA23 approved July 27, 2023.

Approval of this prospectus constitutes authority to execute an interim lease for all tenants, if necessary, prior to the execution of the new lease.

Provided that, to the maximum extent practicable, the Administrator shall include in the lease contract(s) a purchase option that can be exercised at the conclusion of the firm term of the lease.

Provided further, if the General Services Administration delegates to any other agency the authority granted by this resolution, the Administrator of General Services shall oversee and monitor such delegation of authority to ensure such delegation is carried out consistent with the law and authority provided.

Provided further, that the Administrator shall require that the delineated area of the procurement is identical to the delineated area included in the prospectus, except that, if the Administrator determines that the delineated area of the procurement should not be identical to the delineated area included in the prospectus, the Administrator shall provide an explanatory statement to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives prior to exercising any lease authority provided in this resolution.

Provided further, not later than 30 calendar days after the date on which a request from the Chairman or Ranking Member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives is received by the Administrator of General Services, the Administrator shall provide

such Member a response in writing that provides any information requested regarding the project.

Provided further, prior to entering into this lease or approving a novation agreement involving a change of ownership under this lease, the Administrator of General Services shall require the offeror or the parties requesting the novation, as applicable, to identify and disclose whether the owner of the leased space, including an entity involved in the financing thereof, is a foreign person or a foreign-owned entity; provided further, in such an instance, the Administrator of General Services shall notify the occupant agency(ies) in writing, and consult with such occupant agency(ies) regarding security concerns and necessary mitigation measures (if any) prior to award of the lease or approval of the novation agreement.

Provided further, the Administrator of General Services shall require tenant agency(ies) to agree to reporting actual utilization data on at least an annual basis during occupancy and such reports are transmitted to the Committee.

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**AMENDED PROSPECTUS – LEASE
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
JACKSONVILLE, NC**

Prospectus Number: PNC-18-VA25
Congressional District: 3

Executive Summary

The General Services Administration (GSA) proposes to amend prospectus PNC-16-VA23 for an outpatient clinic lease of approximately 188,917 net usable square feet (NUSF) for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), currently located in a separate outpatient facility totaling 15,000 NUSF in the vicinity of Jacksonville, NC. The Senate Committee on Environmental and Public Works and the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure approved the original prospectus on July 26, 2023, and July 27, 2023, respectively. This amended prospectus seeks authority to increase the rental rate as, the previously approved rental rate proved to be insufficient for medical space in the current market.

The lease will be delegated to VA, provide continued services for the Jacksonville veteran community, and provide the necessary expansion services to meet current and projected service delivery gaps for healthcare in the local market.

Description

Occupant:	Veterans Affairs
Current NUSF	15,000
Estimated Maximum NUSF:	188,917
Expansion/Reduction NUSF:	173,917 (expansion)
Estimated Maximum Rentable Square Feet:	255,038
Expiration Dates of Current Lease(s):	12/15/2025
Proposed Maximum Leasing Authority:	20 years
Delineated Area:	<u>North:</u> E on Briarneck Rd from Richlands Hwy, E on Rhodestown Rd, E on Gum Branch Rd, E on Ramsey Rd, S on Kellum Loop Rd, E on Hwy 17s <u>South:</u> Route 24, Hwy 17 <u>East:</u> Halltown Rd, Waters Rd, Old 30 Rd, Piney Green Rd <u>West:</u> Old Maplehurst Rd, Burgaw Hwy, N on Richlands Hwy to Intersection with Briarneck Rd
Number of Official Parking Spaces:	1,300
Scoring:	Operating Lease

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**AMENDED PROSPECTUS – LEASE
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
JACKSONVILLE, NC**

Prospectus Number: PNC-18-VA25
Congressional District: 3

Current Total Annual Cost ¹ :	\$406,189 (lease effective 12/16/2015)
Current Total Unserviced Annual Cost:	\$231,289
Estimated Unserviced Rental Rate ² :	\$52.58 per NUSF
Estimated Total Unserviced Annual Cost ³ :	\$9,934,000

Justification

A new 188,917 NUSF lease in Jacksonville, NC will allow for the replacement and expansion of the existing Jacksonville Community-Based Outpatient Clinic lease.

The current space in this facility is insufficient to meet the projected needs of the veteran community. Space limitations and an increase in workload limit **veterans' access** to services in a timely manner.

The new facility will enhance VA outpatient services by closing space and utilization gaps identified in VA's Strategic Capital Investment Planning process and will provide a single location in the Jacksonville area to serve the outpatient care needs of Veterans and their families. The new lease will allow VA to provide comprehensive primary care, mental health, and specialty care services to the veteran population in the Jacksonville area in a rightsized and state-of-the-art healthcare facility.

Summary of Energy Compliance

The Government will incorporate energy efficiency requirements into the Request for Lease Proposals and other documents related to the procurement of space based on the approved prospectus. The Government encourages offerors to exceed minimum requirements set forth in the procurement and to achieve an Energy Star performance rating of 75 or higher⁴.

¹ Existing lease cost information has been updated to reflect current terms which changed over time.

² This estimate is for fiscal year 2029 and may be escalated by 2.2 percent annually to the effective date of the lease to account for inflation. The proposed rental rate is unserviced (taxes, insurance, management, and maintenance and repair reserves included); however, the lease contract may include operating expenses paid by the lessor.

³ New leases may contain an escalation clause to provide for annual changes in real estate taxes.

⁴ Per the legal authority in 42 U.S.C. § 17091 based on the originating legislation EISA 2007 § 435, with only certain exceptions, federal agencies are not to enter into a contract to lease space in a building that has not earned the ENERGY STAR label in the most recent year.

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**AMENDED PROSPECTUS – LEASE
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
JACKSONVILLE, NC**

Prospectus Number: PNC-18-VA25
Congressional District: 3

Resolutions of Approval

Resolutions adopted by the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works approving this prospectus will constitute approval to make appropriations to lease space in a facility that will yield the required net usable area.

Interim Leasing

The Government will execute such interim leasing actions as are necessary to ensure continued housing prior to the effective date of the new lease. It is in the best interest of the Government to avert the financial risk of holdover tenancy.

Certification of Need

The proposed project is the best solution to meet a validated Government need.

Submitted at Washington, DC, on 3/28/2025

Recommended: _____



Commissioner, Public Buildings Service

Approved: _____



Administrator, General Services Administration

LEASE—U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS
AFFAIRS, ALLENTOWN, PA

Resolved by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the United States House of Representatives, that pursuant to 40 U.S.C. § 3307, appropriations are authorized for a lease of up to 81,719 net usable square feet of space, and 600 parking spaces, for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) for an outpatient clinic in the vicinity of Allentown, PA to replace a separate outpatient facility and provide continued and expansion services for the Allentown veteran community at a proposed unserviced annual cost of \$4,457,000 for a lease term of up to 20 years, a prospectus for which is attached to and included in this resolution.

Approval of this prospectus constitutes authority to execute an interim lease for all tenants, if necessary, prior to the execution of the new lease.

Provided that, to the maximum extent practicable, the Administrator shall include in the lease contract(s) a purchase option that can be exercised at the conclusion of the firm term of the lease.

Provided further, if the General Services Administration delegates to any other agency the authority granted by this resolution, the Administrator of General Services shall oversee and monitor such delegation of authority to ensure such delegation is carried out consistent with the law and authority provided.

Provided further, that the Administrator shall require that the delineated area of the procurement is identical to the delineated area included in the prospectus, except that, if the Administrator determines that the delineated area of the procurement should not be identical to the delineated area included in the prospectus, the Administrator shall provide an explanatory statement to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives prior to exercising any lease authority provided in this resolution.

Provided further, not later than 30 calendar days after the date on which a request from the Chairman or Ranking Member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives is received by the Administrator of General

Services, the Administrator shall provide such Member a response in writing that provides any information requested regarding the project.

Provided further, prior to entering into this lease or approving a novation agreement involving a change of ownership under this lease, the Administrator of General Services shall require the offeror or the parties requesting the novation, as applicable, to identify and disclose whether the owner of the leased space, including an entity involved in the financing thereof, is a foreign person or a foreign-owned entity; provided further, in such an instance, the Administrator of General Services shall notify the occupant agency(ies) in writing, and consult with such occupant agency(ies) regarding security concerns and necessary mitigation measures (if any) prior to award of the lease or approval of the novation agreement.

Provided further, the Administrator of General Services shall require tenant agency(ies) to agree to reporting actual utilization data on at least an annual basis during occupancy and such reports are transmitted to the Committee.

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PROSPECTUS – LEASE
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
ALLENTOWN, PA

Prospectus Number: PPA-11-VA25
Congressional District: 7

Executive Summary

The General Services Administration (GSA) proposes an outpatient clinic lease of approximately 81,719 net usable square feet (NUSF) for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), replacing a separate outpatient facility totaling 31,000 NUSF in the vicinity of Allentown, PA. The original proposed lease was projected to be below the prospectus threshold, however, due to market conditions, this proposed lease is now above the prospectus threshold.

The lease will be delegated to VA to provide continued services for the Allentown veteran community and provide the necessary expansion services to meet current and projected service delivery gaps for healthcare in the local market.

Description

Occupant:	Veterans Affairs
Current NUSF:	31,000
Estimated Maximum NUSF:	81,719
Expansion/Reduction NUSF:	50,719 (expansion)
Estimated Maximum Rentable Square Feet:	110,321
Expiration Dates of Current Lease(s):	3/23/2027
Proposed Maximum Leasing Authority:	20 years
Delineated Area:	<u>North</u> : Intersection Claussville Rd & Kernsville Rd, E on Kernsville Rd, N on Hwy 309, E on Levans Rd, E on Maple St, SE on Mauch Chunk Rd, E on Mechanicsville Rd, N on Hwy 145, E on Lehigh St <u>South</u> : W on Oakhurst Dr, N on Hwy 145, S on Vera Cruz Rd, W on Brunner Rd, W on Main Rd E, W on Main Rd W, W on Shimerville Rd, N & W on Hwy 100, W on Hamilton Blvd <u>East</u> : S on Front St, W on Race St, S on Lehigh St, E on N Irving St, E on Lehigh Valley Thruway, S on Fred B. Rooney Hwy, S on Hill to Hill Bridge, S on Wyandotte St <u>West</u> : N on Hwy 863, N on Ziegels Church Rd, N on Kecks Rd, E on

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**PROSPECTUS – LEASE
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
ALLENTOWN, PA**

Prospectus Number: PPA-11-VA25

Congressional District: 7

Number of Official Parking Spaces:	Seipstown Rd, N on Claussville Rd 600
Scoring:	Operating Lease
Current Total Annual Cost:	\$603,594 (lease effective 3/25/2000)
Current Total Unserved Annual Cost:	\$519,742
Estimated Unserved Rental Rate ¹ :	\$54.53 per NUSF
Estimated Total Unserved Annual Cost ² :	\$4,457,000

Justification

A new 81,719 NUSF lease in Allentown will replace the existing Allentown Satellite Outpatient Clinic and allow for decompression of the Wilkes-Barre VA Medical Center.

The primary care, mental health, specialty care, and ancillary spaces at the Allentown Satellite Outpatient Clinic are inadequate and undersized for the current and projected veteran workload demand for services. Specifically, workload for ambulatory services and procedures and mental health services is projected to increase over the next 20 years.

The new facility will enhance VA outpatient services by closing space gaps identified in VA's **Strategic Capital Investment** Planning process. This new lease will allow VA to provide comprehensive primary care, mental health, specialty care, and ancillary services to the veteran population in the Allentown area in a rightsized and state-of-the-art healthcare facility in a timely manner. Being housed in a right-sized, Patient-Aligned Care Team-designed³, and more accessible facility will allow better optimized VA care delivery, improved veteran satisfaction, increased team coordination, improved workflows, and improved recruitment and retention for VA staff.

The proposed project aligns with the following VA Departmental Strategic Goals:

1. Easy Access and Greater Choice
 - VA understands **veterans' needs throughout their lives to enhance their** choices and to improve customer experience
 - VA ensures veterans are informed of, understand, and can get the benefits, care, and services they earned, in a timely manner
2. Excellent Customer Service and Highly Reliable and Integrated Care

¹ This estimate is for fiscal year 2028 and may be escalated by 2.2 percent annually to the effective date of the lease to account for inflation. The proposed rental rate is unserved (taxes, insurance, management, and maintenance and repair reserves included); however, the lease contract may include operating expenses paid by the lessor.

² New leases may contain an escalation clause to provide for annual changes in real estate taxes.

³ Patient-Aligned Care Team design focuses on open office work environments, separation of patient and staff flows, and modular adaptable design.

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**PROSPECTUS – LEASE
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
ALLENTOWN, PA**

Prospectus Number: PPA-11-VA25

Congressional District: 7

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- VA has collaborative, high-performing and integrated delivery networks that enhance veteran well-being and independence
 - 3. Improved Trust, Accountability, and Transparency
 - VA is always transparent to enhance veterans' choices, to maintain trust, and to be openly accountable for its actions
 - 4. Transform Business Operations
 - VA's infrastructure improvements, improved decision-making protocols, and streamlined services enable VA to adapt to changing business environments and veteran needs

Summary of Energy Compliance

The Government will incorporate energy efficiency requirements into the Request for Lease Proposals and other documents related to the procurement of space based on the approved prospectus. The Government encourages offerors to exceed minimum requirements set forth in the procurement and to achieve an Energy Star performance rating of 75 or higher⁴.

Resolutions of Approval

Resolutions adopted by the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works approving this prospectus will constitute approval to make appropriations to lease space in a facility that will yield the required net usable area.

Interim Leasing

The Government will execute such interim leasing actions as are necessary to ensure continued housing prior to the effective date of the new lease. It is in the best interest of the Government to avert the financial risk of holdover tenancy.

⁴ Per the legal authority in 42 U.S.C. § 17091 based on the originating legislation EISA 2007 § 435, with only certain exceptions, federal agencies are not to enter into a contract to lease space in a building that has not earned the ENERGY STAR label in the most recent year.

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**PROSPECTUS – LEASE
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
ALLENTOWN, PA**

Prospectus Number: PPA-11-VA25
Congressional District: 7

Certification of Need

The proposed project is the best solution to meet a validated Government need.

Submitted at Washington, DC, on 3/28/2025

Recommended: 

Commissioner, Public Buildings Service

Approved: 

Administrator, General Services Administration

LEASE—U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS
AFFAIRS, BEAUFORT, SC

Resolved by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the United States House of Representatives, that pursuant to 40 U.S.C. §3307, appropriations are authorized for a lease of up to 71,663 net usable square feet of space, and 500 parking spaces, for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) for an outpatient clinic in the vicinity of Beaufort, SC to provide continued and expansion services for the Beaufort veteran community at a proposed unserviced annual cost of \$4,680,000 for a lease term of up to 20 years, a prospectus for which is attached to and included in this resolution.

Approval of this prospectus constitutes authority to execute an interim lease for all tenants, if necessary, prior to the execution of the new lease.

Provided that, to the maximum extent practicable, the Administrator shall include in the lease contract(s) a purchase option that can be exercised at the conclusion of the firm term of the lease.

Provided further, if the General Services Administration delegates to any other agen-

cy the authority granted by this resolution, the Administrator of General Services shall oversee and monitor such delegation of authority to ensure such delegation is carried out consistent with the law and authority provided.

Provided further, that the Administrator shall require that the delineated area of the procurement is identical to the delineated area included in the prospectus, except that, if the Administrator determines that the delineated area of the procurement should not be identical to the delineated area included in the prospectus, the Administrator shall provide an explanatory statement to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives prior to exercising any lease authority provided in this resolution.

Provided further, not later than 30 calendar days after the date on which a request from the Chairman or Ranking Member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives is received by the Administrator of General Services, the Administrator shall provide such Member a response in writing that pro-

vides any information requested regarding the project.

Provided further, prior to entering into this lease or approving a novation agreement involving a change of ownership under this lease, the Administrator of General Services shall require the offeror or the parties requesting the novation, as applicable, to identify and disclose whether the owner of the leased space, including an entity involved in the financing thereof, is a foreign person or a foreign-owned entity; provided further, in such an instance, the Administrator of General Services shall notify the occupant agency(ies) in writing, and consult with such occupant agency(ies) regarding security concerns and necessary mitigation measures (if any) prior to award of the lease or approval of the novation agreement.

Provided further, the Administrator of General Services shall require tenant agency(ies) to agree to reporting actual utilization data on at least an annual basis during occupancy and such reports are transmitted to the Committee.

PROSPECTUS – LEASE
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
BEAUFORT, SC

Prospectus Number: PSC-14-VA25
Congressional Districts: 1

Executive Summary

The General Services Administration (GSA) proposes an outpatient clinic lease of approximately 71,663 net usable square feet (NUSF) for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) in the vicinity of Beaufort, SC. The original proposed lease was projected to be below the prospectus threshold, however, due to market conditions, this proposed lease is now above the prospectus threshold.

The lease will be delegated to VA, provide continued services for the Beaufort veteran community, and provide the necessary expansion services to meet current and projected service delivery gaps for healthcare in the local market.

Description

Occupant:	Veterans Affairs
Current NUSF	8,453
Estimated Maximum NUSF:	71,663
Expansion/Reduction NUSF:	63,210 (expansion)
Estimated Maximum Rentable Square Feet:	96,745
Expiration Dates of Current Lease(s):	1/5/2028
Proposed Maximum Leasing Authority:	20 years
Delineated Area:	<u>North</u> : Intersection of Hwy 21/Broad River Rd <u>East</u> : Hwy 21 intersection of Hwy 280/Ribault Rd <u>South</u> : Ribaut Rd/Parris Island Gateway to intersection of Hwy 128/Hwy 170 <u>West</u> : Broad River Rd to intersection of Hwy 170
Parking Spaces:	500
Scoring:	Operating Lease
Current Total Annual Cost:	\$432,774 (lease effective 9/30/2010)
Current Total Unserved Annual Cost:	\$389,497
Estimated Unserved Rental Rate ¹ :	\$65.30 per NUSF
Estimated Total Unserved Annual Cost ² :	\$4,680,000

¹ This estimate is for fiscal year 2028 and may be escalated by 2.2 percent annually to the effective date of the lease to account for inflation. The proposed rental rate is unserved (taxes, insurance, management, and maintenance and repair reserves included); however, the lease contract may include operating expenses paid by the lessor.

² New leases may contain an escalation clause to provide for annual changes in real estate taxes.

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**PROSPECTUS – LEASE
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
BEAUFORT, SC**

Prospectus Number: PSC-14-VA25
Congressional Districts: 1

Justification

A new 71,663 NUSF lease in Beaufort, SC will allow for the replacement and expansion of the existing Beaufort Primary Care Clinic lease.

The current space at the existing lease is inadequate and undersized for the current and projected veteran workload demand for services. Specifically, workload for ambulatory services and procedures and mental health services is projected to increase over the next 20 years.

The new facility will enhance VA outpatient services by closing space gaps identified in VA's **Strategic Capital Investment Planning** process. This new lease will allow VA to provide comprehensive primary care, mental health, specialty care, and ancillary services to the veteran population in the Beaufort area in a rightsized and state-of-the-art healthcare facility in a timely manner. Being housed in a right-sized, Patient-Aligned Care Team-designed³, and more accessible facility will allow better optimized VA care delivery, improved veteran satisfaction, increased team coordination, improved workflows, and improved recruitment and retention for VA staff.

The proposed project aligns with the following VA Departmental Strategic Goals:

1. Easy Access and Greater Choice
 - Veterans are satisfied with the available choices for care, benefits, and services.
 - Eligible veterans choose VA as their provider of choice for their care.
2. Excellent Customer Service and Highly Reliable and Integrated Care
 - Veterans are satisfied with the results of the veteran benefits, care, and services they received.
 - **VA's organizational performance matches or exceeds industry standards for excellence in all its lines of business.**
3. Improved Trust, Accountability, and Transparency
 - **VA is always transparent to enhance veterans' choices, to maintain trust, and to be openly accountable for its actions**
4. Transform Business Operations
 - VA has aligned its strategic footprint and services to ensure it can quickly adapt to changing veteran needs.

³ Patient-Aligned Care Team design focuses on open office work environments, separation of patient and staff flows, and modular adaptable design.

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**PROSPECTUS – LEASE
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
BEAUFORT, SC**

Prospectus Number: PSC-14-VA25
Congressional Districts: 1

Summary of Energy Compliance

The Government will incorporate energy efficiency requirements into the Request for Lease Proposals and other documents related to the procurement of space based on the approved prospectus. The Government encourages offerors to exceed minimum requirements set forth in the procurement and to achieve an Energy Star performance rating of 75 or higher⁴.

Resolutions of Approval

Resolutions adopted by the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works approving this prospectus will constitute approval to make appropriations to lease space in a facility that will yield the required net usable area.

Interim Leasing

The Government will execute such interim leasing actions as are necessary to ensure continued housing prior to the effective date of the new lease. It is in the best interest of the Government to avert the financial risk of holdover tenancy.

⁴ Per the legal authority in 42 U.S.C. § 17091 based on the originating legislation EISA 2007 § 435, with only certain exceptions, federal agencies are not to enter into a contract to lease space in a building that has not earned the ENERGY STAR label in the most recent year.

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**PROSPECTUS – LEASE
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
BEAUFORT, SC**

Prospectus Number: PSC-14-VA25
Congressional Districts: 1

Certification of Need

The proposed project is the best solution to meet a validated Government need.

Submitted at Washington, DC, on 3/28/2025

Recommended:



Commissioner, Public Buildings Service

Approved:



Administrator, General Services Administration

AMENDED PROSPECTUS—LEASE—U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS, CLARKSVILLE, TN

Resolved by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the United States House of Representatives, that pursuant to 40 U.S.C. § 3307, appropriations are authorized for a lease of up to 215,175 net usable square feet of space, and 1,500 parking spaces, for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) for an outpatient clinic in the vicinity of Clarksville, TN to provide continued and expansion services for the Clarksville veteran community at a proposed unserviced annual cost of \$11,925,000 for a lease term of up to 20 years, a prospectus for which is attached to and included in this resolution. This resolution amends Prospectus No. PTN-24-VA23 approved July 27, 2023.

Approval of this prospectus constitutes authority to execute an interim lease for all tenants, if necessary, prior to the execution of the new lease.

Provided that, to the maximum extent practicable, the Administrator shall include in the lease contract(s) a purchase option that can be exercised at the conclusion of the firm term of the lease.

Provided further, if the General Services Administration delegates to any other agency the authority granted by this resolution, the Administrator of General Services shall oversee and monitor such delegation of authority to ensure such delegation is carried out consistent with the law and authority provided.

Provided further, that the Administrator shall require that the delineated area of the procurement is identical to the delineated area included in the prospectus, except that, if the Administrator determines that the delineated area of the procurement should not be identical to the delineated area included in the prospectus, the Administrator shall provide an explanatory statement to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives prior to exercising any lease authority provided in this resolution.

Provided further, not later than 30 calendar days after the date on which a request from the Chairman or Ranking Member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives is received by the Administrator of General Services, the Administrator shall provide

such Member a response in writing that provides any information requested regarding the project.

Provided further, prior to entering into this lease or approving a novation agreement involving a change of ownership under this lease, the Administrator of General Services shall require the offeror or the parties requesting the novation, as applicable, to identify and disclose whether the owner of the leased space, including an entity involved in the financing thereof, is a foreign person or a foreign-owned entity; provided further, in such an instance, the Administrator of General Services shall notify the occupant agency(ies) in writing, and consult with such occupant agency(ies) regarding security concerns and necessary mitigation measures (if any) prior to award of the lease or approval of the novation agreement.

Provided further, the Administrator of General Services shall require tenant agency(ies) to agree to reporting actual utilization data on at least an annual basis during occupancy and such reports are transmitted to the Committee.

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**AMENDED PROSPECTUS – LEASE
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
CLARKSVILLE, TN**

Prospectus Number: PTN-15-VA25
Congressional District: 7

Executive Summary

The General Services Administration (GSA) proposes to amend prospectus PTN-24-VA23 for an outpatient clinic lease of approximately 215,175 net usable square feet (NUSF) for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), replacing a separate outpatient facility totaling 4,722 NUSF in the vicinity of Clarksville, TN. The Senate Committee on Environmental and Public Works and the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure approved the original prospectus on July 26, 2023, and July 27, 2023, respectively. This amended prospectus seeks authority to increase the rental rate as, the previously approved rental rate proved to be insufficient for medical space in the current market.

The lease will be delegated to VA, provide continued services for the Clarksville veteran community, and provide the necessary expansion services to meet current and projected service delivery gaps for healthcare in the local market.

Description

Occupant:	Veterans Affairs
Current NUSF:	4,722
Estimated Maximum NUSF:	215,175
Expansion/Reduction NUSF:	210,453 (expansion)
Estimated Maximum Rentable Square Feet:	290,486
Expiration Dates of Current Lease(s):	9/30/2025
Proposed Maximum Leasing Authority:	20 years
Delineated Area:	<u>North</u> : Intersection Hwy 41 & Hwy 374, E on Hwy 374, N on Hwy 48 <u>South</u> : W on Hwy 76, W on Ashland City Rd, S on Ashland City Rd, W along Wall Branch Stream <u>East</u> : S on Interstate 24 <u>West</u> : W along Cumberland River, continue N along Cumberland River, E along Red River, N on Providence Blvd, N on Highway 41
Number of Official Parking Spaces:	1,500
Scoring:	Operating Lease

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**AMENDED PROSPECTUS – LEASE
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
CLARKSVILLE, TN**

Prospectus Number: PTN-15-VA25

Congressional District: 7

Current Total Annual Cost ¹ :	\$160,000 (lease effective 9/10/2013)
Current Total Unserviced Annual Cost:	\$105,016
Estimated Unserviced Rental Rate ² :	\$55.42 per NUSF
Estimated Total Unserviced Annual Cost ³ :	\$11,925,000

Justification

A new 215,175 NUSF lease in Clarksville will replace the existing Clarksville VA Clinic and allow for decompression at the Nashville VAMC.

The current space in these facilities is insufficient to meet the projected needs of the veteran community. Space limitations and an increase in workload limit veterans' access to services in a timely manner.

The new facility will enhance VA outpatient services by closing space and utilization gaps identified in VA's Strategic Capital Investment Planning process. The new lease will allow VA to provide comprehensive primary care, mental health, and specialty care services to the veteran population in the Clarksville area in a rightsized and state-of-the-art healthcare facility.

Summary of Energy Compliance

The Government will incorporate energy efficiency requirements into the Request for Lease Proposals and other documents related to the procurement of space based on the approved prospectus. The Government encourages offerors to exceed minimum requirements set forth in the procurement and to achieve an Energy Star performance rating of 75 or higher⁴.

Resolutions of Approval

Resolutions adopted by the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works approving this prospectus will

¹ Existing lease cost information has been updated to reflect current terms which changed over time.

² This estimate is for fiscal year 2029 and may be escalated by 2.2 percent annually to the effective date of the lease to account for inflation. The proposed rental rate is unserviced (taxes, insurance, management, and maintenance and repair reserves included); however, the lease contract may include operating expenses paid by the lessor.

³ New leases may contain an escalation clause to provide for annual changes in real estate taxes.

⁴ Per the legal authority in 42 U.S.C. § 17091 based on the originating legislation EISA 2007 § 435, with only certain exceptions, federal agencies are not to enter into a contract to lease space in a building that has not earned the ENERGY STAR label in the most recent year.

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**AMENDED PROSPECTUS – LEASE
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
CLARKSVILLE, TN**

Prospectus Number: PTN-15-VA25
Congressional District: 7

constitute approval to make appropriations to lease space in a facility that will yield the required net usable area.

Interim Leasing

The Government will execute such interim leasing actions as are necessary to ensure continued housing prior to the effective date of the new lease. It is in the best interest of the Government to avert the financial risk of holdover tenancy.

Certification of Need

The proposed project is the best solution to meet a validated Government need.

Submitted at Washington, DC, on 3/28/2025

Recommended: _____



Commissioner, Public Buildings Service

Approved: _____



Administrator, General Services Administration

AMENDED PROSPECTUS—LEASE—U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS, NASHVILLE, TN

Resolved by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the United States House of Representatives, that pursuant to 40 U.S.C. §3307, appropriations are authorized for a lease of up to 157,260 net usable square feet of space, and 1,100 parking spaces, for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) for an outpatient clinic in the vicinity of Nashville, TN to provide continued and expansion services for the Nashville veteran community at a proposed unserviced annual cost of \$13,863,000 for a lease term of up to 20 years, a prospectus for which is attached to and included in this resolution. This resolution amends Prospectus No. PTN-17-VA23 approved July 27, 2023.

Approval of this prospectus constitutes authority to execute an interim lease for all tenants, if necessary, prior to the execution of the new lease.

Provided that, to the maximum extent practicable, the Administrator shall include in the lease contract(s) a purchase option that can be exercised at the conclusion of the firm term of the lease.

Provided further, if the General Services Administration delegates to any other agency the authority granted by this resolution, the Administrator of General Services shall oversee and monitor such delegation of authority to ensure such delegation is carried out consistent with the law and authority provided.

Provided further, that the Administrator shall require that the delineated area of the procurement is identical to the delineated area included in the prospectus, except that, if the Administrator determines that the delineated area of the procurement should not be identical to the delineated area included in the prospectus, the Administrator shall provide an explanatory statement to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives prior to exercising any lease authority provided in this resolution.

Provided further, not later than 30 calendar days after the date on which a request from the Chairman or Ranking Member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives is received by the Administrator of General

Services, the Administrator shall provide such Member a response in writing that provides any information requested regarding the project.

Provided further, prior to entering into this lease or approving a novation agreement involving a change of ownership under this lease, the Administrator of General Services shall require the offeror or the parties requesting the novation, as applicable, to identify and disclose whether the owner of the leased space, including an entity involved in the financing thereof, is a foreign person or a foreign-owned entity; provided further, in such an instance, the Administrator of General Services shall notify the occupant agency(ies) in writing, and consult with such occupant agency(ies) regarding security concerns and necessary mitigation measures (if any) prior to award of the lease or approval of the novation agreement.

Provided further, the Administrator of General Services shall require tenant agency(ies) to agree to reporting actual utilization data on at least an annual basis during occupancy and such reports are transmitted to the Committee.

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**AMENDED PROSPECTUS – LEASE
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
NASHVILLE, TN**

Prospectus Number: PTN-20-VA25
Congressional Districts: 5, 6, 7

Executive Summary

The General Services Administration (GSA) proposes to amend prospectus PTN-17-VA23 for an outpatient clinic lease of approximately 157,260 net usable square feet (NUSF) for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), currently located in three leases totaling 17,857 NUSF in the vicinity of Nashville, TN. The Senate Committee on Environmental and Public Works and the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure approved the original prospectus on July 26, 2023, and July 27, 2023, respectively. This amended prospectus seeks authority to increase the rental rate as, the previously approved rental rate proved to be insufficient for medical space in the current market.

The lease will be delegated to VA, provide continued services for the Nashville veteran community, and provide the necessary expansion services to meet current and projected service delivery gaps for healthcare in the local market.

Description

Occupant:	Veterans Affairs
Current NUSF:	17,857
Estimated Maximum NUSF:	157,260
Expansion/Reduction NUSF:	139,403 (expansion)
Estimated Maximum Rentable Square Feet:	212,301
Expiration Dates of Current Lease(s):	7,990 NUSF – 3/31/2025 4,892 NUSF – 5/1/2027 4,975 NUSF – 9/30/2029
Proposed Maximum Leasing Authority:	20 years
Delineated Area:	<u>North</u> : I-55 (Briley Parkway) from 12 (Ashland City Highway) to I-24 <u>South</u> : Harding Place/Battery Lane from 41A (Nolensville Road), to Belle Meade Boulevard to 70S (West End Avenue) <u>East</u> : I-24 to I-65 to Cumberland River, to I-24, to Thompson Lane to 41A (Nolensville Road), to Harding Place <u>West</u> : 70S (West End Avenue) to 155 White Bridge Pike/Briley Parkway
Number of Official Parking Spaces:	1,100
Scoring:	Operating Lease

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**AMENDED PROSPECTUS – LEASE
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
NASHVILLE, TN**

Prospectus Number: PTN-20-VA25
Congressional Districts: 5, 6, 7

Current Total Annual Cost ¹ :	\$660,666 (leases effective 10/1/2015, 5/1/2019, 1/1/2019)
Current Total Unserviced Annual Cost:	\$598,912
Estimated Unserviced Rental Rate ² :	\$88.15 per NUSF
Estimated Total Unserviced Annual Cost ³ :	\$13,863,000

Justification

A new 157,260 NUSF lease in Nashville, TN will replace and consolidated three existing leases in the Nashville market including the existing **Charlotte Avenue Annex, Women’s Veterans Healthcare Center, and Albion Street VA Clinic.**

The current space in these facilities is insufficient to meet the projected needs of the veteran community. Space limitations and an increase in workload limit **veterans’ access to services** in a timely manner.

The new facility will enhance VA outpatient services by closing space and utilization gaps **identified in VA’s Strategic Capital Investment Planning process. The new lease will allow** VA to provide comprehensive primary care, mental health, and specialty care services to the veteran population in the Nashville area in a rightsized and state-of-the-art healthcare facility.

Summary of Energy Compliance

The Government will incorporate energy efficiency requirements into the Request for Lease Proposals and other documents related to the procurement of space based on the approved prospectus. The Government encourages offerors to exceed minimum requirements set forth in the procurement and to achieve an Energy Star performance rating of 75 or higher⁴.

Resolutions of Approval

¹ Existing lease cost information has been updated to reflect current terms which changed over time.

² This estimate is for fiscal year 2029 and may be escalated by 2.2 percent annually to the effective date of the lease to account for inflation. The proposed rental rate is unserviced (taxes, insurance, management, and maintenance and repair reserves included); however, the lease contract may include operating expenses paid by the lessor.

³ New leases may contain an escalation clause to provide for annual changes in real estate taxes.

⁴ Per the legal authority in 42 U.S.C. § 17091 based on the originating legislation EISA 2007 § 435, with only certain exceptions, federal agencies are not to enter into a contract to lease space in a building that has not earned the ENERGY STAR label in the most recent year.

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**AMENDED PROSPECTUS – LEASE
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
NASHVILLE, TN**

Prospectus Number: PTN-20-VA25
Congressional Districts: 5, 6, 7

Resolutions adopted by the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works approving this prospectus will constitute approval to make appropriations to lease space in a facility that will yield the required net usable area.

Interim Leasing

The Government will execute such interim leasing actions as are necessary to ensure continued housing prior to the effective date of the new lease. It is in the best interest of the Government to avert the financial risk of holdover tenancy.

Certification of Need

The proposed project is the best solution to meet a validated Government need.

Submitted at Washington, DC, on 3/28/2025

Recommended: _____



Commissioner, Public Buildings Service

Approved: _____



Administrator, General Services Administration

AMENDED PROSPECTUS—LEASE—U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS, KILLEEN, TX

Resolved by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the United States House of Representatives, that pursuant to 40 U.S.C. §3307, appropriations are authorized for a lease of up to 196,382 net usable square feet of space, and 1,350 parking spaces, for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) for an outpatient clinic in the vicinity of Killeen, TX to provide continued and expansion services for the Killeen veteran community at a proposed unserviced annual cost of \$11,002,000 for a lease term of up to 20 years, a prospectus for which is attached to and included in this resolution. This resolution amends Prospectus No. PTX-25-VA23 approved July 27, 2023.

Approval of this prospectus constitutes authority to execute an interim lease for all tenants, if necessary, prior to the execution of the new lease.

Provided that, to the maximum extent practicable, the Administrator shall include in the lease contract(s) a purchase option that can be exercised at the conclusion of the firm term of the lease.

Provided further, if the General Services Administration delegates to any other agency the authority granted by this resolution, the Administrator of General Services shall oversee and monitor such delegation of authority to ensure such delegation is carried out consistent with the law and authority provided.

Provided further, that the Administrator shall require that the delineated area of the procurement is identical to the delineated area included in the prospectus, except that, if the Administrator determines that the delineated area of the procurement should not be identical to the delineated area included in the prospectus, the Administrator shall provide an explanatory statement to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives prior to exercising any lease authority provided in this resolution.

Provided further, not later than 30 calendar days after the date on which a request from the Chairman or Ranking Member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives is received by the Administrator of General

Services, the Administrator shall provide such Member a response in writing that provides any information requested regarding the project.

Provided further, prior to entering into this lease or approving a novation agreement involving a change of ownership under this lease, the Administrator of General Services shall require the offeror or the parties requesting the novation, as applicable, to identify and disclose whether the owner of the leased space, including an entity involved in the financing thereof, is a foreign person or a foreign-owned entity; provided further, in such an instance, the Administrator of General Services shall notify the occupant agency(ies) in writing, and consult with such occupant agency(ies) regarding security concerns and necessary mitigation measures (if any) prior to award of the lease or approval of the novation agreement.

Provided further, the Administrator of General Services shall require tenant agency(ies) to agree to reporting actual utilization data on at least an annual basis during occupancy and such reports are transmitted to the Committee.

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**AMENDED PROSPECTUS – LEASE
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
KILLEEN, TX**

Prospectus Number: PTX-19-VA25
Congressional Districts: 11, 17, 31

Executive Summary

The General Services Administration (GSA) proposes amend prospectus PTX-25-VA23, a new outpatient clinic lease of approximately 196,382 net usable square feet (NUSF) for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) in the vicinity of Killeen, TX. The Senate Committee on Environmental and Public Works and the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure approved the original prospectus on July 26, 2023, and July 27, 2023, respectively. This amended prospectus seeks authority to increase the rental rate as, the previously approved rental rate proved to be insufficient for medical space in the current market.

The lease will be delegated to VA, provide continued services for the Killeen veteran community, and provide the necessary expansion services to meet current and projected service delivery gaps for healthcare in the local market.

Description

Occupant:	Veterans Affairs
Current NUSF	N/A
Estimated Maximum NUSF:	196,382
Expansion/Reduction NUSF:	196,382 (expansion)
Estimated Maximum Rentable Square Feet:	265,116
Expiration Dates of Current Lease(s):	N/A
Proposed Maximum Leasing Authority:	20 years
Delineated Area:	<u>North</u> : Intersection Hwy 281 & 84, E on Hwy 84 <u>South</u> : W on Route 29 <u>East</u> : S on Hwy 317, E on Route 7, S on 35, S on H.K. Dodgen Loop, S on State Hwy 95 <u>West</u> : N on Hwy 281
Parking Spaces:	1,350
Scoring:	Operating Lease
Current Total Annual Cost:	N/A
Current Total Unserved Annual Cost:	N/A

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**AMENDED PROSPECTUS – LEASE
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
KILLEEN, TX**

Prospectus Number: PTX-19-VA25
Congressional Districts: 11, 17, 31

Estimated Unserviced Rental Rate ¹ :	\$56.02 per NUSF
Estimated Total Unserviced Annual Cost ² :	\$11,002,000

Justification

A new 196,382 NUSF lease in Killeen, TX, will allow for expanded capacity of the Temple VA Medical Center.

The current space in these facilities is insufficient to meet the projected needs of the veteran community. Space limitations and an increase in workload limit veterans' access to services in a timely manner.

The new facility will enhance VA outpatient services by closing space gaps identified in VA's Strategic Capital Investment Planning process. The new lease will allow VA to provide comprehensive primary care, mental health, and specialty care services to the veteran population in the Killeen area in a rightsized and state-of-the-art healthcare facility.

Summary of Energy Compliance

The Government will incorporate energy efficiency requirements into the Request for Lease Proposals and other documents related to the procurement of space based on the approved prospectus. The Government encourages offerors to exceed minimum requirements set forth in the procurement and to achieve an Energy Star performance rating of 75 or higher³.

Resolutions of Approval

Resolutions adopted by the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works approving this prospectus will constitute approval to make appropriations to lease space in a facility that will yield the required net usable area.

¹ This estimate is for fiscal year 2029 and may be escalated by 2.2 percent annually to the effective date of the lease to account for inflation. The proposed rental rate is unserviced (taxes, insurance, management, and maintenance and repair reserves included); however, the lease contract may include operating expenses paid by the lessor.

² New leases may contain an escalation clause to provide for annual changes in real estate taxes.

³ Per the legal authority in 42 U.S.C. § 17091 based on the originating legislation EISA 2007 § 435, with only certain exceptions, federal agencies are not to enter into a contract to lease space in a building that has not earned the ENERGY STAR label in the most recent year.

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**AMENDED PROSPECTUS – LEASE
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
KILLEEN, TX**

Prospectus Number: PTX-19-VA25
Congressional Districts: 11, 17, 31

Interim Leasing

The Government will execute such interim leasing actions as are necessary to ensure continued housing prior to the effective date of the new lease. It is in the best interest of the Government to avert the financial risk of holdover tenancy.

Certification of Need

The proposed project is the best solution to meet a validated Government need.

Submitted at Washington, DC, on 3/28/2025

Recommended: 
Commissioner, Public Buildings Service

Approved: 
Administrator, General Services Administration

AMENDED PROSPECTUS—LEASE—U.S.
DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS, PLANO, TX

Resolved by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the United States House of Representatives, that pursuant to 40 U.S.C. § 3307, appropriations are authorized for a lease of up to 94,769 net usable square feet of space, and 650 parking spaces, for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) for an outpatient clinic in the vicinity of Plano, TX to provide continued and expansion services for the Plano veteran community at a proposed unserviced annual cost of \$6,706,000 for a lease term of up to 20 years, a prospectus for which is attached to and included in this resolution. This resolution amends Prospectus No. PTX-18-VA23 approved July 27, 2023.

Approval of this prospectus constitutes authority to execute an interim lease for all tenants, if necessary, prior to the execution of the new lease.

Provided that, to the maximum extent practicable, the Administrator shall include in the lease contract(s) a purchase option

that can be exercised at the conclusion of the firm term of the lease.

Provided further, if the General Services Administration delegates to any other agency the authority granted by this resolution, the Administrator of General Services shall oversee and monitor such delegation of authority to ensure such delegation is carried out consistent with the law and authority provided.

Provided further, that the Administrator is authorized to amend the delineated area to the following: on the North Farm to Market 428 to Celina, TX to Market 455 into Anna, TX, on the South PGSA Pkwy turning into Virginia Pkwy, on the East the State Highway 5, and on the West Farm to Market 1385.

Provided further, not later than 30 calendar days after the date on which a request from the Chairman or Ranking Member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives is received by the Administrator of General Services, the Administrator shall provide such Member a response in writing that pro-

vides any information requested regarding the project.

Provided further, prior to entering into this lease or approving a novation agreement involving a change of ownership under this lease, the Administrator of General Services shall require the offeror or the parties requesting the novation, as applicable, to identify and disclose whether the owner of the leased space, including an entity involved in the financing thereof, is a foreign person or a foreign-owned entity; provided further, in such an instance, the Administrator of General Services shall notify the occupant agency(ies) in writing, and consult with such occupant agency(ies) regarding security concerns and necessary mitigation measures (if any) prior to award of the lease or approval of the novation agreement.

Provided further, the Administrator of General Services shall require tenant agency(ies) to agree to reporting actual utilization data on at least an annual basis during occupancy and such reports are transmitted to the Committee.

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**AMENDED PROSPECTUS – LEASE
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
PLANO, TX**

Prospectus Number: PTX-22-VA25
Congressional Districts: 3, 4 and 26

Executive Summary

The General Services Administration (GSA) proposes to amend prospectus PTX-18-VA23 for an outpatient clinic lease of approximately 94,769 net usable square feet (NUSF) for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), currently located in a separate outpatient facility totaling 12,668 NUSF in the vicinity of Plano, TX. The Senate Committee on Environmental and Public Works and the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure approved the original prospectus on July 26, 2023, and July 27, 2023, respectively. This amended prospectus seeks authority to increase the rental rate as, the previously approved rental rate proved to be insufficient for medical space in the current market.

The lease will be delegated to VA, provide continued services for the Plano veteran community, and provide the necessary expansion services to meet current and projected service delivery gaps for healthcare in the local market.

Description

Occupant:	Veterans Affairs
Current NUSF:	12,668
Estimated Maximum NUSF:	94,769
Expansion/Reduction NUSF:	82,101 (expansion)
Estimated Maximum Rentable Square Feet:	127,938
Expiration Dates of Current Lease(s):	7/14/2026
Proposed Maximum Leasing Authority:	20 years
Delineated Area:	North: SRT at North Josey Ln to SRT at Preston Rd to Preston Rd at McDermott Rd to East McDermott Rd at East Main St to East Main St at Angel Pkwy South: Valwood Pkwy at Josey Ln to Valwood Pkwy at Brookhaven Club Dr to Brookhaven Club Dr at Vitruvian Wy to Vitruvian Wy at Spring Valley Rd to Spring Valley Rd at Centennial Blvd to Centennial Blvd at Buckingham Rd to East Buckingham Rd at Pleasant Valley Rd East: Angel Pkwy at East Main St to Angel Pkwy at Dillehay Dr to Dillehay Dr at Parker Rd to Parker Rd at North

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
PLANO, TX**

Prospectus Number: PTX-22-VA25
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	Murphy Rd to Murphy Rd at Bunker Hill Rd to Bunker Hill Rd at Miles Rd to Miles Rd at Pleasant Valley Rd to Pleasant Valley Rd at East Buckingham Rd West: North Josey Ln at SRT to Josey Ln at Valwood Pkwy
Number of Official Parking Spaces:	650
Scoring:	Operating Lease
Current Total Annual Cost ¹ :	\$518,586 (lease effective 7/15/2016)
Current Total Unserved Annual Cost:	\$383,207
Estimated Unserved Rental Rate ² :	\$70.76 per NUSF
Estimated Total Unserved Annual Cost ³ :	\$6,706,000

Justification

A new 94,769 NUSF lease in the vicinity of Plano will replace the existing Plano Outpatient Clinic.

The current space in this facility is insufficient to meet the projected needs of the veteran community. Space limitations and an increase in workload limit veterans’ access to services in a timely manner.

The new facility will enhance VA outpatient services by closing space and utilization gaps identified in VA’s Strategic Capital Investment Planning process and will provide a single location in the Plano area to serve the outpatient care needs of veterans and their families. The new lease will allow VA to provide comprehensive primary care, mental health, and specialty care services to the veteran population in the Plano area in a rightsized and state-of-the-art healthcare facility.

Summary of Energy Compliance

The Government will incorporate energy efficiency requirements into the Request for Lease Proposals and other documents related to the procurement of space based on the approved prospectus. The Government encourages offerors to exceed minimum

¹ Existing lease cost information has been updated to reflect current terms which changed over time.
² This estimate is for fiscal year 2029 and may be escalated by 2.2 percent annually to the effective date of the lease to account for inflation. The proposed rental rate is unserved (taxes, insurance, management, and maintenance and repair reserves included); however, the lease contract may include operating expenses paid by the lessor.
³ New leases may contain an escalation clause to provide for annual changes in real estate taxes.

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**AMENDED PROSPECTUS – LEASE
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
PLANO, TX**

Prospectus Number: PTX-22-VA25
Congressional Districts: 3, 4 and 26

requirements set forth in the procurement and to achieve an Energy Star performance rating of 75 or higher⁴.

Resolutions of Approval

Resolutions adopted by the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works approving this prospectus will constitute approval to make appropriations to lease space in a facility that will yield the required net usable area.

Interim Leasing

The Government will execute such interim leasing actions as are necessary to ensure continued housing prior to the effective date of the new lease. It is in the best interest of the Government to avert the financial risk of holdover tenancy.

Certification of Need

The proposed project is the best solution to meet a validated Government need.

Submitted at Washington, DC, on 3/28/2025

Recommended: _____



Commissioner, Public Buildings Service

Approved: _____



Administrator, General Services Administration

⁴ Per the legal authority in 42 U.S.C. § 17091 based on the originating legislation EISA 2007 § 435, with only certain exceptions, federal agencies are not to enter into a contract to lease space in a building that has not earned the ENERGY STAR label in the most recent year.

AMENDED PROSPECTUS—LEASE—U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS, SALT LAKE CITY, UT

Resolved by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the United States House of Representatives, that pursuant to 40 U.S.C. §3307, appropriations are authorized for a lease of up to 85,046 net usable square feet of space, and 600 parking spaces, for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) for an outpatient clinic in the vicinity of Salt Lake City, UT to provide continued and expansion services for the Salt Lake City veteran community at a proposed unserviced annual cost of \$7,760,000 for a lease term of up to 20 years, a prospectus for which is attached to and included in this resolution. This resolution amends Prospectus No. PUT-20-VA23 approved July 27, 2023.

Approval of this prospectus constitutes authority to execute an interim lease for all tenants, if necessary, prior to the execution of the new lease.

Provided that, to the maximum extent practicable, the Administrator shall include in the lease contract(s) a purchase option that can be exercised at the conclusion of the firm term of the lease.

Provided further, if the General Services Administration delegates to any other agency the authority granted by this resolution, the Administrator of General Services shall oversee and monitor such delegation of authority to ensure such delegation is carried out consistent with the law and authority provided.

Provided further, that the Administrator shall require that the delineated area of the procurement is identical to the delineated area included in the prospectus, except that, if the Administrator determines that the delineated area of the procurement should not be identical to the delineated area included in the prospectus, the Administrator shall provide an explanatory statement to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives prior to exercising any lease authority provided in this resolution.

Provided further, not later than 30 calendar days after the date on which a request from the Chairman or Ranking Member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives is received by the Administrator of General Services, the Administrator shall provide

such Member a response in writing that provides any information requested regarding the project.

Provided further, prior to entering into this lease or approving a novation agreement involving a change of ownership under this lease, the Administrator of General Services shall require the offeror or the parties requesting the novation, as applicable, to identify and disclose whether the owner of the leased space, including an entity involved in the financing thereof, is a foreign person or a foreign-owned entity; provided further, in such an instance, the Administrator of General Services shall notify the occupant agency(ies) in writing, and consult with such occupant agency(ies) regarding security concerns and necessary mitigation measures (if any) prior to award of the lease or approval of the novation agreement.

Provided further, the Administrator of General Services shall require tenant agency(ies) to agree to reporting actual utilization data on at least an annual basis during occupancy and such reports are transmitted to the Committee.

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**AMENDED PROSPECTUS – LEASE
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
SALT LAKE CITY, UT**

Prospectus Number: PUT-24-VA25
Congressional Districts: 1, 2, 3, and 4

Executive Summary

The General Services Administration (GSA) proposes to amend prospectus PUT-20-VA23 for a new outpatient clinic lease of approximately 85,046 net usable square feet (NUSF) for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) in the vicinity of Salt Lake City, UT. The Senate Committee on Environmental and Public Works and the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure approved the original prospectus on July 26, 2023, and July 27, 2023, respectively. This amended prospectus seeks authority to increase the rental rate as, the previously approved rental rate proved to be insufficient for medical space in the current market.

The lease will be delegated to VA, provide continued services for the Salt Lake City Veteran community, and provide the necessary expansion services to meet current and projected service delivery gaps for healthcare in the local market.

Description

Occupant:	Veterans Affairs
Current NUSF	N/A
Estimated Maximum NUSF:	85,046
Expansion/Reduction NUSF:	85,046 (expansion)
Estimated Maximum Rentable Square Feet:	114,812
Expiration Dates of Current Lease(s):	N/A
Proposed Maximum Leasing Authority:	20 years
Delineated Area:	<u>North</u> : E on North Temple St from Interstate 15, E on 2nd Ave, E on Military Way, SE on E Penrose Dr, NE on N Campus Dr to Mario Capecchi Dr <u>South</u> : Interstate 215 <u>East</u> : Mario Capecchi Dr, Foothill Dr, Interstate 80, Interstate 215 <u>West</u> : Interstate 15
Parking Spaces:	600
Scoring:	Operating Lease
Current Total Annual Cost:	N/A
Current Total Unserved Annual Cost:	N/A

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**AMENDED PROSPECTUS – LEASE
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
SALT LAKE CITY, UT**

Prospectus Number: PUT-24-VA25
Congressional Districts: 1, 2, 3, and 4

Estimated Unserviced Rental Rate ¹ :	\$91.24 per NUSF
Estimated Total Unserviced Annual Cost ² :	\$7,760,000

Justification

A new 85,046 NUSF lease in Salt Lake City will allow for expanded capacity of the George E. Wahlen/Salt Lake City VA Medical Center.

The current space in these facilities is insufficient to meet the projected needs of the Veteran community. Space limitations and an increase in workload limit Veterans' access to services in a timely manner.

The new facility will enhance VA outpatient services by closing space gaps identified in VA's Strategic Capital Investment Planning process. The new lease will allow VA to provide comprehensive primary care services to the Veteran population in the Salt Lake City area in a rightsized and state-of-the-art healthcare facility. As part of the proposed comprehensive outpatient care offering, the facility will include a fully staffed Compensation and Pension department.

Summary of Energy Compliance

The Government will incorporate energy efficiency requirements into the Request for Lease Proposals and other documents related to the procurement of space based on the approved prospectus. The Government encourages offerors to exceed minimum requirements set forth in the procurement and to achieve an Energy Star performance rating of 75 or higher⁴.

Resolutions of Approval

Resolutions adopted by the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works approving this prospectus will constitute approval to make appropriations to lease space in a facility that will yield the required net usable area.

¹ This estimate is for fiscal year 2028 and may be escalated by 2.2 percent annually to the effective date of the lease to account for inflation. The proposed rental rate is unserviced (taxes, insurance, management, and maintenance and repair reserves included); however, the lease contract may include operating expenses paid by the lessor.

² New leases may contain an escalation clause to provide for annual changes in real estate taxes.

⁴ Per the legal authority in 42 U.S.C. § 17091 based on the originating legislation EISA 2007 § 435, with only certain exceptions, federal agencies are not to enter into a contract to lease space in a building that has not earned the ENERGY STAR label in the most recent year.

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**AMENDED PROSPECTUS – LEASE
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
SALT LAKE CITY, UT**

Prospectus Number: PUT-24-VA25
Congressional Districts: 1, 2, 3, and 4

Interim Leasing

The Government will execute such interim leasing actions as are necessary to ensure continued housing prior to the effective date of the new lease. It is in the best interest of the Government to avert the financial risk of holdover tenancy.

Certification of Need

The proposed project is the best solution to meet a validated Government need.

Submitted at Washington, DC, on 3/28/2025

Recommended: _____



Commissioner, Public Buildings Service

Approved: _____



Administrator, General Services Administration

AMENDED PROSPECTUS—LEASE—U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS, HAMPTON ROADS, VA

Resolved by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the United States House of Representatives, that pursuant to 40 U.S.C. §3307, appropriations are authorized for a lease of up to 182,230 net usable square feet of space, and 1,250 parking spaces, for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) for an outpatient clinic in the vicinity of Hampton Roads, VA to provide continued and expansion services for the Hampton veteran community at a proposed unserviced annual cost of \$10,497,000 for a lease term of up to 20 years, a prospectus for which is attached to and included in this resolution. This resolution amends Prospectus No. PVA-15-VA23 approved July 27, 2023.

Approval of this prospectus constitutes authority to execute an interim lease for all tenants, if necessary, prior to the execution of the new lease.

Provided that, to the maximum extent practicable, the Administrator shall include in the lease contract(s) a purchase option that can be exercised at the conclusion of the firm term of the lease.

Provided further, if the General Services Administration delegates to any other agency the authority granted by this resolution, the Administrator of General Services shall oversee and monitor such delegation of authority to ensure such delegation is carried out consistent with the law and authority provided.

Provided further, that the Administrator shall require that the delineated area of the procurement is identical to the delineated area included in the prospectus, except that, if the Administrator determines that the delineated area of the procurement should not be identical to the delineated area included in the prospectus, the Administrator shall provide an explanatory statement to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives prior to exercising any lease authority provided in this resolution.

Provided further, not later than 30 calendar days after the date on which a request from the Chairman or Ranking Member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives is received by the Administrator of General Services, the Administrator shall provide

such Member a response in writing that provides any information requested regarding the project.

Provided further, prior to entering into this lease or approving a novation agreement involving a change of ownership under this lease, the Administrator of General Services shall require the offeror or the parties requesting the novation, as applicable, to identify and disclose whether the owner of the leased space, including an entity involved in the financing thereof, is a foreign person or a foreign-owned entity; provided further, in such an instance, the Administrator of General Services shall notify the occupant agency(ies) in writing, and consult with such occupant agency(ies) regarding security concerns and necessary mitigation measures (if any) prior to award of the lease or approval of the novation agreement.

Provided further, the Administrator of General Services shall require tenant agency(ies) to agree to reporting actual utilization data on at least an annual basis during occupancy and such reports are transmitted to the Committee.

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**AMENDED PROSPECTUS – LEASE
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
HAMPTON ROADS, VA**

Prospectus Number: PVA-17-VA25
Congressional Districts: 2, 3

Executive Summary

The General Services Administration (GSA) proposes to amend prospectus PVA-15-VA23 for a new outpatient clinic lease of approximately 182,230 net usable square feet (NUSF) for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) in the vicinity of Hampton Roads, VA. The Senate Committee on Environmental and Public Works and the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure approved the original prospectus on July 26, 2023, and July 27, 2023, respectively. This amended prospectus seeks authority to increase the rental rate as, the previously approved rental rate proved to be insufficient for medical space in the current market.

The lease will be delegated to VA, provide continued services for the Hampton veteran community, and provide the necessary expansion services to meet current and projected service delivery gaps for healthcare in the local market.

Description

Occupant:	Veterans Affairs
Current NUSF:	N/A
Estimated Maximum NUSF:	182,230
Expansion/Reduction NUSF:	182,230 (expansion)
Estimated Maximum Rentable Square Feet:	246,011
Expiration Dates of Current Lease(s):	N/A
Proposed Maximum Leasing Authority:	20 years
Delineated Area:	<u>North</u> : Norview Ave, I-64, Northampton Blvd (SR 13), Independence Blvd <u>South</u> : Kempsville Rd (SR 190), Butts Station Rd, Elbow Rd, Dam Neck Rd, Holland Rd <u>East</u> : Independence Blvd to Holland Rd at Dam Neck Rd <u>West</u> : Tidewater Dr (SR 168), Campostella Rd, N Battlefield Blvd (SR 168) at Kempsville Rd (SR 190)
Number of Official Parking Spaces:	1,250
Scoring:	Operating Lease
Current Total Annual Cost:	N/A
Current Total Unserved Annual Cost:	N/A

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**AMENDED PROSPECTUS – LEASE
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
HAMPTON ROADS, VA**

Prospectus Number: PVA-17-VA25

Congressional Districts: 2, 3

Estimated Unserviced Rental Rate ¹ :	\$57.60 per NUSF
Estimated Total Unserviced Annual Cost ² :	\$10,497,000

Justification

A new 182,230 NUSF lease in Hampton Roads will allow for decompression of the existing outpatient clinics and the Hampton VA Medical Center.

The current space in these facilities is insufficient to meet the projected needs of the veteran community. Space limitations and an increase in workload limit veterans' access to services in a timely manner.

The new facility will enhance VA outpatient services by closing space and utilization gaps identified in VA's Strategic Capital Investment Planning process. The new lease will allow VA to provide comprehensive primary care, mental health, and specialty care services to the veteran population in the Hampton Roads area in a rightsized and state-of-the-art healthcare facility.

Summary of Energy Compliance

The Government will incorporate energy efficiency requirements into the Request for Lease Proposals and other documents related to the procurement of space based on the approved prospectus. The Government encourages offerors to exceed minimum requirements set forth in the procurement and to achieve an Energy Star performance rating of 75 or higher³.

Resolutions of Approval

Resolutions adopted by the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works approving this prospectus will constitute approval to make appropriations to lease space in a facility that will yield the required net usable area.

¹ This estimate is for fiscal year 2028 and may be escalated by 2.2 percent annually to the effective date of the lease to account for inflation. The proposed rental rate is unserviced (taxes, insurance, management, and maintenance and repair reserves included); however, the lease contract may include operating expenses paid by the lessor.

² New leases may contain an escalation clause to provide for annual changes in real estate taxes.

³ Per the legal authority in 42 U.S.C. § 17091 based on the originating legislation EISA 2007 § 435, with only certain exceptions, federal agencies are not to enter into a contract to lease space in a building that has not earned the ENERGY STAR label in the most recent year.

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**AMENDED PROSPECTUS – LEASE
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
HAMPTON ROADS, VA**

Prospectus Number: PVA-17-VA25
Congressional Districts: 2, 3

Interim Leasing

The Government will execute such interim leasing actions as are necessary to ensure continued housing prior to the effective date of the new lease. It is in the best interest of the Government to avert the financial risk of holdover tenancy.

Certification of Need

The proposed project is the best solution to meet a validated Government need.

Submitted at Washington, DC, on 3/28/2025

Recommended: _____



Commissioner, Public Buildings Service

Approved: _____



Administrator, General Services Administration

AMENDED PROSPECTUS—LEASE—U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS, TRI-CITIES, WA

Resolved by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the United States House of Representatives, that pursuant to 40 U.S.C. 3307, appropriations are authorized for a lease of up to 98,635 net usable square feet of space, and 700 parking spaces, for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) for an outpatient clinic in the vicinity of Tri-Cities, WA to provide continued and expansion services for the Tri-Cities veteran community at a proposed unserviced annual cost of \$7,129,000 for a lease term of up to 20 years, a prospectus for which is attached to and included in this resolution. This resolution amends Prospectus No. PWA-29-VA23 approved July 27, 2023.

Approval of this prospectus constitutes authority to execute an interim lease for all tenants, if necessary, prior to the execution of the new lease.

Provided that, to the maximum extent practicable, the Administrator shall include in the lease contract(s) a purchase option that can be exercised at the conclusion of the firm term of the lease.

Provided further, if the General Services Administration delegates to any other agency the authority granted by this resolution, the Administrator of General Services shall oversee and monitor such delegation of authority to ensure such delegation is carried out consistent with the law and authority provided.

Provided further, that the Administrator shall require that the delineated area of the procurement is identical to the delineated area included in the prospectus, except that, if the Administrator determines that the delineated area of the procurement should not be identical to the delineated area included in the prospectus, the Administrator shall provide an explanatory statement to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives prior to exercising any lease authority provided in this resolution.

Provided further, not later than 30 calendar days after the date on which a request from the Chairman or Ranking Member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives is received by the Administrator of General

Services, the Administrator shall provide such Member a response in writing that provides any information requested regarding the project.

Provided further, prior to entering into this lease or approving a novation agreement involving a change of ownership under this lease, the Administrator of General Services shall require the offeror or the parties requesting the novation, as applicable, to identify and disclose whether the owner of the leased space, including an entity involved in the financing thereof, is a foreign person or a foreign-owned entity; provided further, in such an instance, the Administrator of General Services shall notify the occupant agency(ies) in writing, and consult with such occupant agency(ies) regarding security concerns and necessary mitigation measures (if any) prior to award of the lease or approval of the novation agreement.

Provided further, the Administrator of General Services shall require tenant agency(ies) to agree to reporting actual utilization data on at least an annual basis during occupancy and such reports are transmitted to the Committee.

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**AMENDED PROSPECTUS – LEASE
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
TRI-CITIES, WA**

Prospectus Number: PWA-28-VA25
Congressional Districts: 4

Executive Summary

The General Services Administration (GSA) proposes to amend prospectus PWA-29-VA23 for an outpatient clinic lease of approximately 98,635 net usable square feet (NUSF) for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) in the vicinity of Tri-Cities, WA. The Senate Committee on Environmental and Public Works and the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure approved the original prospectus on July 26, 2023, and July 27, 2023, respectively. This amended prospectus seeks authority to increase the rental rate as, the previously approved rental rate proved to be insufficient for medical space in the current market.

The lease will be delegated to VA, provide continued services for the Tri-Cities veteran community, and provide the necessary expansion services to meet current and projected service delivery gaps for healthcare in the local market.

Description

Occupant:	Veterans Affairs
Current NUSF	9,804
Estimated Maximum NUSF:	98,635
Expansion/Reduction NUSF:	88,831 (expansion)
Estimated Maximum Rentable Square Feet:	133,157
Expiration Dates of Current Lease(s):	4/30/2028
Proposed Maximum Leasing Authority:	20 years
Delineated Area:	<u>North</u> : E on I-182, E on HW-240 <u>East</u> : S on US-395 <u>South</u> : W on I-82 <u>West</u> : N on I-82
Parking Spaces:	700
Scoring:	Operating Lease
Current Total Annual Cost ¹ :	\$387,850 (lease effective 5/1/2008)
Current Total Unserved Annual Cost:	\$312,850
Estimated Unserved Rental Rate ² :	\$72.27 per NUSF
Estimated Total Unserved Annual Cost ³ :	\$7,129,000

¹ Existing lease cost information has been updated to reflect current terms which changed over time.
² This estimate is for fiscal year 2028 and may be escalated by 2.2 percent annually to the effective date of the lease to account for inflation. The proposed rental rate is unserved (taxes, insurance, management, and maintenance and repair reserves included); however, the lease contract may include operating expenses paid by the lessor.
³ New leases may contain an escalation clause to provide for annual changes in real estate taxes.

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**AMENDED PROSPECTUS – LEASE
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
TRI-CITIES, WA**

Prospectus Number: PWA-28-VA25

Congressional Districts: 4

Justification

A new 98,635 NUSF lease in Tri-Cities will replace the existing Richland Outpatient Clinic and allow for expanded capacity of the Walla Walla VA Medical Center.

The current space in these facilities is insufficient to meet the projected needs of the veteran community. Space limitations and an increase in workload limit Veterans' access to services in a timely manner.

The new facility will enhance VA outpatient services by closing space and utilization gaps identified in VA's Strategic Capital Investment Planning process. The new lease will allow VA to provide comprehensive primary care, mental health, and specialty care services to the veteran population in the Tri-Cities area in a rightsized and state-of-the-art healthcare facility.

Summary of Energy Compliance

The Government will incorporate energy efficiency requirements into the Request for Lease Proposals and other documents related to the procurement of space based on the approved prospectus. The Government encourages offerors to exceed minimum requirements set forth in the procurement and to achieve an Energy Star performance rating of 75 or higher⁴.

Resolutions of Approval

Resolutions adopted by the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works approving this prospectus will constitute approval to make appropriations to lease space in a facility that will yield the required net usable area.

Interim Leasing

The Government will execute such interim leasing actions as are necessary to ensure continued housing prior to the effective date of the new lease. It is in the best interest of the Government to avert the financial risk of holdover tenancy.

⁴ Per the legal authority in 42 U.S.C. § 17091 based on the originating legislation EISA 2007 § 435, with only certain exceptions, federal agencies are not to enter into a contract to lease space in a building that has not earned the ENERGY STAR label in the most recent year.

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**AMENDED PROSPECTUS – LEASE
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
TRI-CITIES, WA**

Prospectus Number: PWA-28-VA25
Congressional Districts: 4

Certification of Need

The proposed project is the best solution to meet a validated Government need.

Submitted at Washington, DC, on 3/28/2025

Recommended:



Commissioner, Public Buildings Service

Approved:



Administrator, General Services Administration

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

LEASE—NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY
BOARD, WASHINGTON, DC

Resolved by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the United States House of Representatives, that pursuant to 40 U.S.C. § 3307, appropriations are authorized for a lease of up to 145,000 rentable square feet of space for the National Transportation Safety Board, currently located at 429, 470, and 490 L'Enfant Plaza SW in Washington, DC, and a third location at 45065 Bles Park Drive, Ashburn, VA, a delegated lease, at a proposed total annual cost of \$7,250,000 for a lease term of up to 20 years, a prospectus for which is attached to and included in this resolution.

Approval of this prospectus constitutes authority to execute an interim lease for all tenants, if necessary, prior to the execution of the new lease.

Provided that, the Administrator of General Services and tenant agency(ies) agree to apply an overall utilization rate of 317 usable square feet or less per person, except that, if the Administrator determines that the overall utilization rate cannot be achieved, the Administrator shall provide an explanatory statement to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives prior to exercising any lease authority provided in this resolution.

Provided that, except for interim leases as described above, the Administrator may not enter into any leases that are below prospectus level for the purposes of meeting any of the requirements, or portions thereof, included in the prospectus that would result in an overall utilization rate of 317 usable square feet or higher per person.

Provided that, to the maximum extent practicable, the Administrator shall include in the lease contract(s) a purchase option that can be exercised at the conclusion of the firm term of the lease.

Provided further, that the General Services Administration shall not delegate to any other agency the authority granted by this resolution.

Provided further, that the Administrator shall require that the delineated area of the procurement is identical to the delineated area included in the prospectus, except that, if the Administrator determines that the delineated area of the procurement should not be identical to the delineated area included in the prospectus, the Administrator shall provide an explanatory statement to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives prior to exercising any lease authority provided in this resolution.

Provided further, not later than 30 calendar days after the date on which a request from

the Chairman or Ranking Member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives is received by the Administrator of General Services, the Administrator shall provide such Member a response in writing that provides any information requested regarding the project.

Provided further, prior to entering into this lease or approving a novation agreement involving a change of ownership under this lease, the Administrator of General Services shall require the offeror or the parties requesting the novation, as applicable, to identify and disclose whether the owner of the leased space, including an entity involved in the financing thereof, is a foreign person or a foreign-owned entity; provided further, in such an instance, the Administrator of General Services shall notify the occupant agency(ies) in writing, and consult with such occupant agency(ies) regarding security concerns and necessary mitigation measures (if any) prior to award of the lease or approval of the novation agreement.

Provided further, the Administrator of General Services shall require tenant agency(ies) to agree to reporting actual utilization data on at least an annual basis during occupancy and such reports are transmitted to the Committee.

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**PROSPECTUS – LEASE
NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD
WASHINGTON, DC**

Prospectus Number: PDC-02-WA23

Executive Summary

The General Services Administration (GSA) proposes a lease of approximately 145,000 rentable square feet (RSF) for the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB), currently located at 429, 470, and 490 L'Enfant Plaza SW, Washington, DC, and a third location at 45065 Bles Park Drive, Ashburn, VA, a delegated lease. NTSB has occupied space in the buildings at L'Enfant Plaza since 2010 under leases that expire on November 30, 2025, and in the delegated lease since 2003 under a lease that expires on July 31, 2023.

The prospectus lease will provide consolidated continued housing for NTSB and will improve the overall space utilization rates from 630 to 317 usable square feet (USF) per person.

Description

Occupant:	NTSB
Current RSF:	251,515 (Current RSF/USF = 1.12)
Estimated/Proposed Maximum RSF: ¹	145,000 (Proposed RSF/USF = 1.20)
Expansion/Reduction RSF:	106,515 RSF Reduction
Current USF/Person:	630
Estimated/Proposed USF/Person:	317
Expiration Dates of Current Lease(s):	11/30/2025 GSA Leases 07/31/2023 Delegated Lease
Proposed Maximum Lease Term:	20 years
Delineated Area:	Washington, DC, Central Employment Area
Number of Official Parking Spaces:	0
Scoring:	Operating
Current Total Annual Cost:	\$11,596,235 (GSA Leases effective 12/01//2010)
Estimated Rental Rate: ²	\$50.00 / RSF
Estimated Total Annual Cost: ³	\$7,250,000

¹The RSF/USF at the current location is approximately 1.12; however, to maximize competition a RSF/USF ratio of 1.2 is used for the estimated proposed maximum RSF as indicated in the housing plan.

²This estimate is for fiscal year 2026 and may be escalated by 2 percent annually to the effective date of the lease to account for inflation. The proposed rental rate is fully serviced including all operating expenses, whether paid by the lessor or directly by the Government. GSA will conduct the procurement using prevailing market rental rates as a benchmark for the evaluation of competitive offers and as the basis for negotiating with offerors to ensure that lease award is made in the best interest of the Government.

³New leases may contain an escalation clause to provide for annual changes in real estate taxes and operating costs.

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**PROSPECTUS – LEASE
NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD
WASHINGTON, DC**

Prospectus Number: PDC-02-WA23

Background

NTSB is an independent Federal accident investigation agency. Since its creation in 1967, NTSB has been and is making transportation safer by conducting independent accident investigations, advocating safety improvements, and deciding pilots' and mariners' certification appeals.

Justification

NTSB is currently housed at 429, 470, and 490 L'Enfant Plaza SW, Washington, DC, and a third (delegated) lease, located at 45065 Bles Park Drive, Ashburn, VA 20147. The GSA leases expire November 30, 2025, and the delegated lease expires July 31, 2023.

The proposed lease will consolidate NTSB's footprint from three locations into one and reduce the total square footage by over 106,000 RSF. NTSB requires continued housing to carry out its mission.

GSA will consider whether NTSB's continued housing needs should be satisfied in the existing location based on an analysis of other potential locations within the delineated area. If other potential locations are identified, a cost-benefit analysis will be conducted to determine whether the Government can expect to recover the relocation and duplication costs of real and personal property needed for NTSB to accomplish its mission.

Summary of Energy Compliance

GSA will incorporate energy efficiency requirements into the Request for Lease Proposals and other documents related to the procurement of space based on the approved prospectus. GSA encourages offerors to exceed minimum requirements set forth in the procurement and to achieve an Energy Star performance rating of 75 or higher.

Resolutions of Approval

Resolutions adopted by the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works approving this prospectus will constitute approval to make appropriations to lease space in a facility that will yield the required rentable area.

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**PROSPECTUS – LEASE
NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD
WASHINGTON, DC**

Prospectus Number: PDC-02-WA23

Interim Leasing

GSA will execute such interim leasing actions as are necessary to ensure continued housing of the tenant agency prior to the effective date of the new lease. It is in the best interest of the Government to avert the financial risk of holdover tenancy.

OMB Memorandum M-21-25 Implementations and Long-Term Space Requirements

The requirements within this prospectus reflect the known space needs prior to its submission to Congress. Agencies continue to develop their return to physical workplaces strategies consistent with OMB Memorandum M-21-25, incorporate lessons learned while working both in person and under maximum telework during the COVID-19 pandemic, and determine each agency's long-term space posture. Accordingly, the requirements outlined in this prospectus may change prior to award of a lease. In the event that a change results in a revised requirement that makes a material change and does not fit within the acceptable parameters of the congressional resolutions, GSA will submit an amended prospectus for consideration by the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works.

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**PROSPECTUS – LEASE
NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD
WASHINGTON, DC**

Prospectus Number: PDC-02-WA23

Certification of Need

The proposed project is the best solution to meet a validated Government need.

Submitted at Washington, DC, on 10/13/2022

Recommended: 

Commissioner, Public Buildings Service

Approved: 

Administrator, General Services Administration

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

LEASE—DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, ARLINGTON,
VA

Resolved by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the United States House of Representatives, that pursuant to 40 U.S.C. § 3307, appropriations are authorized for a lease of up to 313,595 rentable square feet of space for the Department of Defense's Washington Headquarters Services, currently located at 875 N. Randolph Street in Arlington, VA, at a proposed total annual cost of \$12,230,205 for a lease term of up to 20 years, a prospectus for which is attached to and included in this resolution.

Approval of this prospectus constitutes authority to execute an interim lease for all tenants, if necessary, prior to the execution of the new lease.

Provided that, the Administrator of General Services and tenant agency(ies) agree to apply an overall utilization rate of 202 square feet or less per person, except that, if the Administrator determines that the overall utilization rate cannot be achieved, the Administrator shall provide an explanatory statement to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives prior to exercising any lease authority provided in this resolution.

Provided that, except for interim leases as described above, the Administrator may not enter into any leases that are below prospectus level for the purposes of meeting any of the requirements, or portions thereof, included in the prospectus that would result in an overall utilization rate of 202 square feet or higher per person.

Provided that, to the maximum extent practicable, the Administrator shall include in the lease contract(s) a purchase option that can be exercised at the conclusion of the firm term of the lease.

Provided further, that the General Services Administration shall not delegate to any other agency the authority granted by this resolution.

Provided further, that the Administrator shall require that the delineated area of the procurement is identical to the delineated area included in the prospectus, except that, if the Administrator determines that the delineated area of the procurement should not be identical to the delineated area included in the prospectus, the Administrator shall provide an explanatory statement to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives prior to exercising any lease authority provided in this resolution.

Provided further, not later than 30 calendar days after the date on which a request from

the Chairman or Ranking Member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives is received by the Administrator of General Services, the Administrator shall provide such Member a response in writing that provides any information requested regarding the project.

Provided further, prior to entering into this lease or approving a novation agreement involving a change of ownership under this lease, the Administrator of General Services shall require the offeror or the parties requesting the novation, as applicable, to identify and disclose whether the owner of the leased space, including an entity involved in the financing thereof, is a foreign person or a foreign-owned entity; provided further, in such an instance, the Administrator of General Services shall notify the occupant agency(ies) in writing, and consult with such occupant agency(ies) regarding security concerns and necessary mitigation measures (if any) prior to award of the lease or approval of the novation agreement.

Provided further, the Administrator of General Services shall require tenant agency(ies) to agree to reporting actual utilization data on at least an annual basis during occupancy and such reports shall be transmitted to the Committee.

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**PROSPECTUS – LEASE
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
ARLINGTON, VA**

Prospectus Number: PVA-01-WA23
Congressional District: 8

Executive Summary

The General Services Administration (GSA) proposes a lease of approximately 313,595 rentable square feet (RSF) for the Department of Defense’s (DoD) Washington Headquarters Services (WHS) tenants currently located at 875 N. Randolph Street, Arlington, VA. DoD has occupied space in the building since 2012 under a lease that expires on September 30, 2027.

The new lease will provide continued housing for six DoD tenant agencies and maintain the office and overall space utilization rates of 137 and 202 usable square feet (USF) per person, respectively.

Description

Occupant:	DoD
Current RSF:	313,595 (Current RSF/USF 1.15)
Estimated/Proposed Maximum RSF:	313,595 (Proposed RSF/USF 1.15)
Expansion/Reduction RSF:	None
Current USF/Person:	202
Estimated/Proposed USF/Person:	202
Expiration Dates of Current Lease(s):	9/30/2027
Proposed Maximum Lease Term:	20 years
Delineated Area:	Suburban VA
Number of Official Parking Spaces ¹ :	0
Scoring:	Operating
Current Total Annual Cost:	\$13,346,685
Estimated Rental Rate: ²	\$39.00 / RSF
Estimated Total Annual Cost: ³	\$12,230,205

¹ Security requirements may necessitate control of parking at the leased location in addition to the official parking spaces identified in the prospectus. This may be accomplished as a lessor-furnished service, under an operating agreement with the lessor or part of the Government’s leasehold interest in the building(s). If the additional parking resulting from security requirements is included in the leasehold interest in the building, the proposed total annual cost and maximum proposed rental rate may exceed the amounts indicated above.

² This estimate is for fiscal year 2027 and may be escalated by 2 percent annually to the effective date of the lease to account for inflation. The proposed rental rate is fully serviced including all operating expenses, whether paid by the lessor or directly by the Government. GSA will conduct the procurement using prevailing market rental rates as a benchmark for the evaluation of competitive offers and as the basis for negotiating with offerors to ensure that lease award is made in the best interest of the Government.

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**PROSPECTUS – LEASE
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
ARLINGTON, VA**

Prospectus Number: PVA-01-WA23
Congressional District: 8

Acquisition Strategy

To maximize the flexibility and competition in acquiring space for the WHS, GSA may issue a single, multiple-award solicitation that will allow offerors to provide blocks of space able to meet requirements in whole or in part. All offers must provide space consistent with the delineated area defined by this prospectus.

Background

The WHS's mission is to provide support to multiple DoD components and military departments in the National Capitol region and beyond.

Currently, there are six DoD tenants housed in this facility to include the Pentagon Force Protection Agency (PFPA), Defense Office of Hearings and Appeals (DOHA), Department of the Navy (DON), Headquarters Department of the Army (HQDA), WHS/Cross Functional Teams (CFT), and the Air Force.

Justification

DoD is currently housed at 875 N. Randolph Street, Arlington, VA, in a lease that expires September 30, 2027. DoD requires continued housing to carry out its mission.

GSA will consider whether the Department of Defense's continued housing needs should be satisfied in the existing location based on an analysis of other potential locations within the delineated area. If other potential locations are identified, GSA will conduct a cost-benefit analysis to ensure that award to any other lessor would result in substantial relocation costs or duplication costs of real and personal property needed for the Department of Defense to accomplish its mission that the Government would not recover through competition.

Summary of Energy Compliance

GSA will incorporate energy efficiency requirements into the Request for Lease Proposals and other documents related to the procurement of space based on the approved prospectus. GSA encourages offerors to exceed minimum requirements set forth in the procurement and to achieve an Energy Star performance rating of 75 or higher.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
ARLINGTON, VA**

Prospectus Number: PVA-01-WA23
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Resolutions of Approval

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Commissioner, Public Buildings Service

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Administrator, General Services Administration

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 12 o'clock and 17 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. BABIN) at 1 o'clock and 30 minutes p.m.

RESCISSIONS ACT OF 2025

Mrs. McCLAIN. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to House Resolution 499, I call up the bill (H.R. 4) to rescind certain budget authority proposed to be rescinded in special messages transmitted to the Congress by the President on June 3, 2025, in accordance with section 1012(a) of the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974, and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 499, the bill is considered read.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 4

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 “Rescissions Act of 2025”.

SEC. 2. RESCISSIONS OF BUDGET AUTHORITY.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Pursuant to the special message transmitted by the President on June 3, 2025, to the House of Representatives and the Senate proposing the rescission of budget authority under section 1012 of part B of title X of the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974 (2 U.S.C. 682 et seq.), the rescissions described under subsection (b) shall take effect immediately upon the date of enactment of this Act.

(b) RESCISSIONS.—The rescissions described in this subsection are as follows:

(1) Of the unobligated balances under the heading “International Organizations—Contributions to International Organizations” made available by the Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2024 (division F of Public Law 118–47), \$33,008,764 are permanently rescinded.

(2) Of the unobligated balances under the heading “International Organizations—Contributions to International Organizations” made available by the Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act, 2025 (division A of Public Law 119–4), \$168,837,230 are permanently rescinded.

(3) Of the unobligated balances under the heading “International Organizations—Contributions for International Peacekeeping Activities” made available by the Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2024 (division F of Public Law 118–47), \$203,328,007 are permanently rescinded.

(4) Of the unobligated balances under the heading “International Organizations—Contributions for International Peacekeeping

Activities” made available by the Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act, 2025 (division A of Public Law 119–4), \$157,906,000 are permanently rescinded.

(5) Of the unobligated balances in the first paragraph under the heading “Bilateral Economic Assistance—Funds Appropriated to the President—Global Health Programs” made available by the Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act, 2025 (division A of Public Law 119–4), \$500,000,000 are permanently rescinded.

(6) Of the unobligated balances in the second paragraph under the heading “Bilateral Economic Assistance—Funds Appropriated to the President—Global Health Programs” made available by the Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act, 2025 (division A of Public Law 119–4), \$400,000,000 are permanently rescinded.

(7) Of the unobligated balances under the heading “Department of State—Migration and Refugee Assistance” made available by the Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act, 2025 (division A of Public Law 119–4), \$800,000,000 are permanently rescinded.

(8) Of the unobligated balances under the heading “Bilateral Economic Assistance—Funds Appropriated to the President—Complex Crises Fund” made available by the Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act, 2025 (division A of Public Law 119–4), \$43,000,000 are permanently rescinded.

(9) Of the unobligated balances under the heading “Bilateral Economic Assistance—Funds Appropriated to the President—Democracy Fund” made available by the Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act, 2025 (division A of Public Law 119–4), \$83,000,000 are permanently rescinded.

(10) Of the unobligated balances under the heading “Bilateral Economic Assistance—Funds Appropriated to the President—Economic Support Fund” made available by the Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act, 2025 (division A of Public Law 119–4), \$1,650,000,000 are permanently rescinded.

(11) Of the unobligated balances under the heading “Multilateral Assistance—International Financial Institutions—Contribution to the Clean Technology Fund” made available by the Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act, 2025 (division A of Public Law 119–4), \$125,000,000 are permanently rescinded.

(12) Of the unobligated balances under the heading “Multilateral Assistance—Funds Appropriated to the President—International Organizations and Programs” made available by the Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act, 2025 (division A of Public Law 119–4), \$436,920,000 are permanently rescinded.

(13) Of the unobligated balances under the heading “Bilateral Economic Assistance—Funds Appropriated to the President—Development Assistance” made available by the Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act, 2025 (division A of Public Law 119–4), \$2,500,000,000 are permanently rescinded.

(14) Of the unobligated balances under the heading “Bilateral Economic Assistance—Funds Appropriated to the President—Assistance for Europe, Eurasia and Central Asia” made available by the Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act, 2025 (division A of Public Law 119–4), \$460,000,000 are permanently rescinded.

(15) Of the unobligated balances under the heading “Bilateral Economic Assistance—Funds Appropriated to the President—International Disaster Assistance” made available by the Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act, 2025 (division A of Public Law 119–4), \$496,000,000 are permanently rescinded.

(16) Of the unobligated balances under the heading “United States Agency for International Development—Funds Appropriated

to the President—Operating Expenses” made available by the Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act, 2025 (division A of Public Law 119–4), \$125,000,000 are permanently rescinded.

(17) Of the unobligated balances under the heading “Bilateral Economic Assistance—Funds Appropriated to the President—Transition Initiatives” made available by the Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act, 2025 (division A of Public Law 119–4), \$57,000,000 are permanently rescinded.

(18) Of the unobligated balances under the heading “Bilateral Economic Assistance—Independent Agencies—Inter-American Foundation” made available by the Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act, 2025 (division A of Public Law 119–4), \$27,000,000 are permanently rescinded.

(19) Of the unobligated balances under the heading “Bilateral Economic Assistance—Independent Agencies—United States African Development Foundation” made available by the Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act, 2025 (division A of Public Law 119–4), \$22,000,000 are permanently rescinded.

(20) Of the unobligated balances under the heading “Related Programs—United States Institute of Peace” made available by the Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act, 2025 (division A of Public Law 119–4), \$15,000,000 are permanently rescinded.

(21)(A) Amounts made available for “Corporation for Public Broadcasting” for fiscal year 2026 by Public Law 118–47 are hereby permanently rescinded.

(B) Amounts made available for “Corporation for Public Broadcasting” for fiscal year 2027 by Public Law 119–4 are hereby permanently rescinded.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The bill shall be debatable for 1 hour, equally divided and controlled by the majority leader and the minority leader, or their respective designees.

The gentlewoman from Michigan (Mrs. McCLAIN) and the gentlewoman from Connecticut (Ms. DeLAURO) each will control 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Michigan (Mrs. McCLAIN).

GENERAL LEAVE

Mrs. McCLAIN. Mr. Speaker, I request that all Members have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the measure under consideration.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from Michigan?

There was no objection.

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

Mr. Speaker, I rise to voice my strong support for H.R. 4, the Rescissions Act of 2025.

Last November, the American people sent a clear message to Washington: Stop wasting our tax dollars and get our fiscal house in order.

The President and House Republicans heard the American people. We heard them loud and clear. We are keeping our promises to end the waste, the fraud, and the abuse.

This rescissions package sends \$9.4 billion back to the U.S. Treasury. That is \$9.4 billion of savings that taxpayers won't see wasted.

It is their money, Mr. Speaker. It is, along with our One Big Beautiful Bill Act, the first of many important steps

House Republicans are taking to rein in wasteful spending.

In 2024, the Federal Government spent over \$1.8 trillion, and that is just in discretionary spending. The rescissions are only addressing one-half of 1 percent of that total. Democrats would consider this a rounding error.

This administration has spent months combing through our Federal budget, line by line, identifying waste, fraud, and abuse. Let me tell you, Mr. Speaker, there is a lot.

I think the American people would be hard-pressed, or anyone would be hard-pressed, to say that the government runs so efficiently that we can't find any more efficiencies. However, don't let the fear-mongering from my colleagues on the other side of the aisle fool you, Mr. Speaker.

Those claiming that these rescissions will harm people in other countries—I am going to say that again—those Democrats who are saying that these rescissions will harm people in other countries are missing the point. It is about people in our country being put first. It is about putting Americans first. What a concept.

That is because American citizens support ending the waste, the fraud, and the abuse in places like USAID.

A “yes” vote today will stop wasteful spending on programs like \$500,000 for electric buses in Rwanda, \$4 million for bean systems research, \$67,000 for feeding insect powder to children in Madagascar, and \$3 million for Iraqi “Sesame Street.” Lord knows, the Iraqi children need a little Big Bird in their life. It is a good use of \$3 million of taxpayer money. I might want to use the \$3 million on homeless vets.

How about we take some of that cash back.

Mr. Speaker, \$4 million for sedentary migrants in Colombia. That seems like an oxymoron.

There is \$2.5 million for teaching young children, get this, how to make environmentally friendly reproductive health decisions. I scratch my head on that one.

There is \$833,000 for services for transgender people, sex workers and their clients and sexual networks in Nepal.

The list goes on and on. I am sort of embarrassed to read it.

Americans know the Federal Government is wasting money, and they are wasting Americans' taxpayer money. House Republicans are going to stop wasting our tax dollars. It is really simple. We are focused on actually putting the American people first. We are focusing on the American people whom we represent, not whether the people in Zimbabwe have vegan food to eat, and not electric buses in Rwanda. This is what those on the other side of the aisle want to defend: the waste, the fraud, and the abuse. They actually advocate for it.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in voting “yes” to end the insanity and actually put Americans

first. Let's rescind wasteful spending. It is really simple.

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

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself 5 minutes.

Mr. Speaker, I am opposed to this bill to aid and abet billionaires in stealing from the American people and which does nothing to help the American people with the cost of living.

Since taking office, President Trump and Elon Musk unlawfully have stolen funds appropriated by Congress, passed by Republicans and Democrats in the House and in the Senate, and signed into law by the President, upending the separation of powers and our constitutional order.

For what end?

It is to hand billionaires and the biggest corporations, who already pay little or no taxes, another massive tax break. It is 4.5 trillion of taxpayers' dollars.

Do the Republicans want to talk about wasting taxpayer dollars?

This money is going to the wealthiest people and the biggest corporations. That is where they should save the money.

They want to make our government so broken, so dysfunctional, so starved for resources, and so full of incompetent political lackeys and bereft of experts and professionals that its departments and agencies cannot feasibly achieve the goals and the missions to which they are lawfully directed. That is where we are going.

Ultimately, they want to embrace privatization and give the biggest companies unchecked power. They want to rig the economy against the middle class, workers, and vulnerable families. They want to ensure the American people have no faith in the ability of government to do good in their lives.

Mr. Speaker, there is no inherent authority for the President to impound and steal funds, and there never has been. I don't care if the President is Republican or Democrat. The late Justices Scalia and Rehnquist said so. Chief Justice Roberts and Justice Kavanaugh have said so. By the way, they are no liberal torchbearers.

The Department of Justice and the Government Accountability Office have said so. Over 200 years of American history say so. Our Founding Fathers designed our government so.

Alexander Hamilton said: “But where the purse is lodged in one branch, and the sword in another, there can be no danger.” The power of the purse resides in the United States Congress.

This rescissions package dated May 28, submitted June 3, 134 days after the President began unlawfully freezing funding, is an admission by President Trump and Russ Vought that they are breaking the law by impounding \$425 billion in appropriated funds across the government. They do not care about the consequences for Americans.

This is a bill to codify the rights of billionaires and to rubberstamp the

right of billionaires to steal from rural and vulnerable American communities, children, and the global poor, for the sake of handing even more money to billionaires. Congress needs to fight for the middle class, for the working class, and for the most vulnerable, not to protect the interests of billionaires and big corporations.

Members considering voting for this own the reckless cuts done by Elon Musk.

This is a bill to shut down rural television and radio stations, cutting off coverage of local news, eliminating emergency information like severe weather alerts, and jeopardizing access to PBS KIDS children's programs like “Sesame Street.”

This is a bill to rip lifesaving support away from the hungry, displaced, and sick people in developing countries and conflict zones across the globe and to end programs that treat deadly diseases and prevent pandemics.

This is a bill to abandon the people of Ukraine while they resist Putin's tyranny.

This is a bill to cut \$400 million from PEPFAR, a paragon of American leadership that has saved the lives of 26 million mothers and fathers, sons and daughters. Instead of facing a death sentence, people supported by PEPFAR are raising families, building their communities, and helping their communities grow and develop.

This is a bill that puts America last. When we retreat from the world diplomatically and through our assistance to vulnerable people, then America will be alone, without allies, and in a less stable world without the support of the international community.

Mr. Speaker, do you know who will come out ahead?

China, Russia, and Iran. When people in need see bags of food and flour coming through that say USA, that shows the power of the United States. That now will be traded for food aid from China.

We are here today considering cuts after months of unlawful impoundment, stealing, that will conceal a Republican reconciliation bill to make the billionaires in America even more rich and increase the debt by \$3 trillion. Mr. Speaker, you increase the debt. You rip health insurance away from at least 16 million Americans.

This bill rescinds \$9.4 billion, which Congress just appropriated not even 3 months ago. Now the President is asking the Congress to rubberstamp its proposal to steal from the American people without concern for the consequences. This bill does nothing to help the American people with the cost of living. The President said he was going to bring it down on the first day. He has done nothing but make it worse.

Mr. Speaker, I strongly urge my colleagues to oppose this bill which forfeits our global leadership, undermines national security, and steals from the American people to hand more wealth to billionaires.

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

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

Mrs. McCLAIN. Mr. Speaker, I just want to clarify: We are having a debate on the rescissions package, correct, Mr. Speaker?

Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from Florida (Mr. MAST).

Mr. MAST. Mr. Speaker, I could use my minute for a number of things, but I think I am going to use it now to apologize to all of you in the gallery.

I am sorry. You just literally had to listen to somebody lying to all of you directly.

How many times did she say the word “billionaire”?

How many times did she say that we are trying to do something to enrich billionaires?

That is not taking place at all. We are cutting waste, fraud, and abuse.

Billions of dollars have gone to a Canadian lesbian justice foundation, transgender sex workers networks in Nepal, and a whole list of things. I would say that among the definition of things that we could do to eliminate those programs would be the definition of saving the American taxpayer money.

I am going to leave it at that.

They expect you to believe what they say and not believe what you can see with your own eyes.

Let the American people be the judge of whether that is saving you money or whether that is enriching billionaires.

We want to end programs like LGBTQI in the Caribbean, the Balkans, and Uganda, and all the dollars that we put into trying to support those programs that are waste, fraud, and abuse. Our American tax dollars should not be spent in that way.

I am sorry that they are lying to you in this way, but we are going to work through all this and work to save you all money.

I am sorry that you are all being lied to, but you are going to expect to hear more.

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

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

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentlewoman from Maine (Ms. PINGREE), the distinguished ranking member of the Interior and Environmental Subcommittee of Appropriations.

Ms. PINGREE. Mr. Speaker, I thank my good friend from Connecticut for yielding the time.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong opposition to this reckless attack on public media contained within this rescission bill and the millions of Americans who rely on and treasure their

local public television and radio stations.

Every State will feel the impact of this \$1.1 billion rescission. In fact, 70 percent of these cuts will directly impact local public media stations, \$770 million, including more than \$4 million to my State alone.

In rural states like Maine, local stations and networks like Maine Public are often the most accessible and sometimes the only source of news and information.

Whether it is children's programs like Sesame Street and Daniel Tiger, high school basketball tournament coverage, or trusted news shows like Maine Calling, public media has been a vital part of Mainers' lives for generations.

Speaking of lives, these stations literally save lives. They send out information regarding wildfire evacuations, missing child alerts, and winter storm warnings. Storm warnings are pretty common in Maine. If there is an emergency in your town, chances are the local media station is sounding the alarm and giving the information people need to stay safe.

The purpose of public media is to inform, educate, and engage. It makes people's lives better, and it has undoubtedly made our country stronger.

This President wants nothing more than to destroy it.

This is not about fiscal responsibility or finding waste, fraud, and abuse. Mr. Speaker, do you know how much these services cost each taxpayer per year? They cost less than \$2. That is less than one cup of coffee.

It is certainly not about cutting something people don't like because 76 percent of Americans support public media. In this political climate, that kind of consensus is unheard of.

This is about one thing: the President's vendetta against the free press and his authoritarian desire to control the media.

Public media enriches our lives, nourishes our minds, and makes our communities safer. It deserves to be preserved and protected, not gutted to score political points.

I urge my colleagues to vote “no” on this rescission.

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

Mrs. McCLAIN. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentlewoman from Iowa (Mrs. HINSON).

Mrs. HINSON. Mr. Speaker, Iowans overwhelmingly rejected the Washington status quo in November, demanding an end to unelected bureaucrats misusing taxpayer resources.

President Trump's rescissions package cuts \$9.4 billion, including \$3 million for Iraqi “Sesame Street”, \$6 million for net-zero cities in Mexico, and \$1 million for voter ID in Haiti, not here in the United States.

We are only scratching the surface with this package. Imagine being able to redirect those dollars to veterans' care or specialty crop programs in a State like mine.

This package also rescinds funds for NPR and PBS. For decades, public broadcasting has not adhered to objectivity standards enshrined in law. It has pushed biased narratives and forced inappropriate content on children, like a movie celebrating the sex change of a child, and a feature on the racial origins of fat phobia. I am not sure what that means.

Children should not be fed woke propaganda, certainly not on the taxpayer's dime. That is coming from a former broadcaster.

I thank President Trump for exposing this waste and working to protect Americans' hard-earned dollars. I urge my colleagues to join me in passing this bill.

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

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. COHEN).

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, if there was fraud, there would be arrests. There is not fraud. There have not been arrests. They are depending on the word of Mr. Musk, who took out a chain saw from the President of Argentina and waved it around, a chain saw. He took a chain saw to the budget, not a scalpel.

If my colleagues want to improve something, improve it. Mr. Speaker, regarding the Kennedy Center, if they want to improve it, they want “Hee Haw,” have “Hee Haw,” but don't get rid of the Kennedy Center.

There will be people who will die. This bill is good for Russia and China and undertakers because it is going to have people dying. Bill Gates said this is the richest man in the world, Musk, taking advantage of and killing the poorest children in the world. They are not going to be getting PEPFAR programs created by George Bush. They are not going to get the sustenance they need which is rotting in ships right now.

Don't end it, mend it. This is a terrible bill. This is Musk's bill on drugs.

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

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

Mrs. McCLAIN. Mr. Speaker, I will just remind you, that is fear-mongering at its best.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from Florida (Mr. BEAN).

Mr. BEAN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I thank Chair McCLAIN for the time.

Mr. Speaker, I know there are budget hawks, and I know there are people that care about the deficit, which should be everybody in this room. I know they are getting impatient. They are wondering when is the House going to finally take action and make the DOGE cuts official. The answer, Mr. Speaker, is today.

Today is the day we take the first step in restoring fiscal discipline and getting our Nation back on track. H.R. 4, the Rescissions Act of 2025, cuts unnecessary spending and ensures tax

dollars are not wasted on reckless foreign aid. There will be no more tax dollars to fund DEI programs in Serbia. There will be no more taxes to fund DEI musicals in Ireland and no more tax dollars to fund electric vehicles in Vietnam.

Taxpayers, Mr. Speaker, have said enough is enough. I say enough is enough. Let's pass this bill, Mr. Speaker, and let's go get them.

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

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentlewoman from Washington (Ms. JAYAPAL).

Ms. JAYAPAL. Mr. Speaker, this rescissions package is all about going back on the agreements that Republicans just made in March. It is about the fact that Congress had approved this funding before Elon Musk took a literal chain saw, an illegal chain saw, to foreign aid and public broadcasting and a whole bunch of other things that Americans care about. Then guess what? The courts said no.

Now, Trump has ordered his minions here in this House to go back on their own agreements and undermine their own authority to appropriate money, all so that they can legitimize his sometimes shadow president, Elon Musk.

This is yet another betrayal bill. It slashes U.S. USAID funding even more, and the cuts have already killed 300,000 people across the world. It will kill even more. It destroys our global leadership, and it is yet another attack on free speech in our country by slashing money for public TV and broadcasting that are many Americans' only source of news, weather, and children's programming.

Vote "no" on this bill. It is another betrayal.

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

Mrs. McCLAIN. Mr. Speaker, we can have free speech in America. The government just doesn't need to fund it.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. MESSMER).

Mr. MESSMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 4, the Rescissions Act of 2025.

For decades, Americans have been waiting for their leadership to deliver on the promise that fiscal responsibility was on its way.

Wasteful spending of taxpayer dollars has been overlooked for far too long. For far too many years, leaders have kicked the can down the road, hoping a future Congress would make the hard decisions required to stop the financial bleeding.

As a proud Hoosier, I know that if we are doing our best to live within our means as a family, the government should do no less.

Congress must deliver on the promise of safeguarding American taxpayer dollars. I am proud to vote today to make this first initial step to eliminate wasteful government spending.

The Department of Government Efficiency did our country a great service in lifting the veil on how much fraud, abuse, and terrible waste of taxpayer dollars is truly happening in our government agencies.

By passing the Rescissions Act today, I join my colleagues in showing Americans that we hear them and we know that this change must be made. It is high time we work toward getting our fiscal house in order, and this is the first step.

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

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, I yield 5 minutes to the gentleman from New York (Mr. MEEKS), the distinguished ranking member of the Foreign Affairs Committee.

Mr. MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I thank the ranking member for allowing me to speak.

Mr. Speaker, this rescissions package isn't about fiscal responsibility. It is about abandoning America's legacy of compassion, ceding global leadership, and turning our back on the most vulnerable.

The President's demand to slash \$8.3 billion in lifesaving foreign assistance is plunging America deep into moral bankruptcy. Despite what Secretary Rubio and others have falsely claimed, cuts to U.S. foreign assistance have caused unnecessary deaths around the world. The cuts in this rescissions package, based on outright lies, will cost many more lives.

Now, maybe they don't care about lives, but I think we have a moral obligation that we should. My Republican colleagues should know better. Why? Just months ago they voted for this funding. They understood, and I believe they understand now if they would tell the truth, that we all should know that foreign assistance is smart policy and a national security imperative. Rescinding these funds now will have real and immediate consequences.

This package cuts \$400 million from PEPFAR. These aren't Democratic pet projects as some would have you believe. PEPFAR was established by President George W. Bush and has saved more than 26 million lives, while slowing the spread of HIV/AIDS around the world. Cutting these kinds of funds is another death sentence for children and women who depend upon lifesaving medication that costs us just pennies.

It cuts \$1.3 billion from humanitarian assistance, while over 300 million people around the world urgently need food, shelter, and medical care. These aren't abstract numbers. These are real lives that are at stake.

To justify these cuts, the President has misled the public about the very agencies carrying them out. Take USAID, for example. It has never failed an audit, never been found out of compliance with laws or regulations. In 2022, it ranked third among nine Federal agencies for evidence-based budgeting and decisionmaking.

Let's contrast that with the Department of Defense, who is getting more

money. The Department of Defense has failed its audit. Mr. Speaker, 7 years in a row they have failed their audit. If this was truly about waste, fraud, or abuse, we would be having a lot different conversation here this afternoon.

This package also slashes funding for UNICEF, which works to protect children around the world. It means yanking more than 40 million kids out of school. It eliminates programs that help almost 4 million people have clean drinking water.

Do you know who is excited about this package? I can tell you who is excited about it. China, Russia, North Korea, Iran, they are excited about this package. They would love to do this themselves if they could, because they know that this takes away our strength and our relationships, and then they will try to jump in. They are laughing. They are happy because they see us surrendering, because that is what this is. This is a surrender.

We cannot be fooled by this budget talk. You know what? Look at it. These funds really are less than 1 percent of our overall Federal budget, less than 1 percent.

Meanwhile, if you look at what the Trump administration and our GOP colleagues are doing, they are actually adding deficits of trillions of dollars to give tax breaks to billionaires.

This is not really about fiscal restraint. Saving lives is what we should be talking about. Those billions of dollars that they are going to get in tax cuts are not going to change the lives of those billionaires.

Let us reject this rescission bill. Let us vote "no" and restore the money to save lives.

Mrs. McCLAIN. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. HARRIS).

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Mr. HARRIS of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, if we can't unite and say no to exporting transgender ideology abroad, say no to taxpayer-funded left-wing propaganda, and say no to funding pet projects that put America last, then what is the point of being called a Republican?

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to urge my colleagues to defund NPR, PBS, and USAID. For decades, Republicans have campaigned on being fiscal conservatives, but all we have to show for it is a national debt skyrocketing toward \$37 trillion.

Let me be clear: There is nothing fiscally conservative about forcing taxpayers to fund vegan food promotion in Zambia or voter ID in Haiti. We were sent here to do government differently, and nothing could be a clearer test of our commitment than to pass this rescissions package.

The time to act is today. If we continue on our track, our grandchildren will be enslaved to a debt that will dwarf our current monstrosity.

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentlewoman from Massachusetts (Ms. CLARK), the distinguished Democratic whip.

Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, Sunday is Father's Day, and what do dads want? They want a fair shot. They want to know that if they work hard, they can provide for their families. Yet, right now, most families in America can't even afford the basics.

Mr. Speaker, 60 percent of families in the richest nation on Earth cannot afford the first rung of the American Dream. What are my Republican colleagues doing about that?

The majority voted for a big, ugly bill that makes it even harder to raise a child in America. It takes away healthcare from 16 million Americans. It takes food benefits from working parents. My colleagues on the other side of the aisle are cutting half a trillion dollars from Medicare and hiking the costs of everyday items with their tariffs, all to fund tax breaks for the billionaire class.

That alone is a betrayal of working families, but the GOP is not stopping there. My Republican colleagues are not stopping at dismantling people's financial security. Today, Republicans are threatening their physical security because when you defund public broadcasting, you are defunding emergency broadcasts during hurricane season, tornado season, and wildfire season.

That is not even enough. The majority has to take even more. Today, my colleagues are also voting to dismantle our national security.

There are three shields that defend our homeland: defense, diplomacy, and development. When you destroy our capacity to address famine, control disease, and build infrastructure in developing nations, you are ceding our power to our rivals. You are planting the seeds of future wars.

A prominent Republican said this week that he just couldn't justify these investments. In this debate, I have heard that this is about putting America first. What are Republicans talking about? They just cut food programs and healthcare for American families.

Here is what my Republican colleagues fundamentally don't seem to understand: There is no security for billionaires in this country without security for a hungry child. There is no security for the ultrarich donors without security for working parents.

In the words of President Kennedy: "If a free society cannot help the many who are poor, it cannot save the few who are rich."

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to please vote "no."

Ms. McCLAIN. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. JORDAN).

Mr. JORDAN. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, this bill is really simple. Don't spend money on stupid things, and don't subsidize biased media.

There are all kinds of media that are biased. They can take care of themselves. MSNBC proves that every single day.

Think about the statement just made about NPR. Uri Berliner, an award-winning journalist who worked for NPR for over 20 years, decided NPR had lost its way and asked a basic question: What is the political affiliation of the editors for NPR in the Washington, D.C., area? Guess what he found? Eighty-seven editors' political affiliation was 87 Democrats, zero Republicans—not 44-43, not 50-37, not 60-27. It was 87-0.

This bill simply says to stop subsidizing—they can make money on their own; all the other media outlets do it—and quit spending taxpayer money, hard-earned taxpayer money, on stupid things.

Mr. Speaker, I urge a "yes" vote.

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from New York (Mr. JEFFRIES), the distinguished Democratic leader.

Mr. JEFFRIES. Mr. Speaker, I thank the distinguished gentlewoman from the great State of Connecticut for yielding and for her tremendous leadership in pushing back against this reckless Republican rescissions package.

It is extraordinary to me that, once again, we are on the floor of the House of Representatives not debating legislation that Republicans bring forward, Mr. Speaker, that is designed to lower the high cost of living in the United States of America, a promise that Republicans repeatedly made last year to the American people and now have repeatedly broken.

Throughout this Congress, not a single bill has been brought to the House floor by my Republican colleagues that addresses the high cost of living in the United States of America—not a single bill.

House Republicans and President Trump promised that costs were going to go down in the United States of America. In fact, the majority has said that costs were going to go down on day one. Yet, we know that costs haven't gone down in this great country, Mr. Speaker. Costs have gone up.

America is too expensive. Housing costs are too high. Grocery costs are too high. Utility costs are too high. Childcare costs are too high. Insurance costs are too high. America is too expensive.

Republicans have decided that, in the face of this affordability crisis in the United States of America, the majority is going to undermine America's ability to protect our national security through the exercise of soft power and addressing in a bipartisan way the HIV and AIDS epidemic, a program that was first put into place by President George W. Bush and has saved the lives of millions of people across the world and, of course, people here at home by fighting against this epidemic.

America is made safer when we are able to invest in diplomacy, develop-

ment, and democracy across the world, particularly in the face of aggressive efforts by China, Russia, and other malignant actors to move the world in a different place.

Mr. Speaker, this reckless Republican rescissions package will undermine America's national security and undermine public health here in this country and across the world. It actually represents an attack on children.

This is extraordinary to me. We are on the floor of the House of Representatives not debating legislation that is designed to make this country and our economy more affordable but actually debating legislation that targets Elmo, Big Bird, Daniel Tiger, and "Sesame Street." That is what we are doing by going after public broadcasting in the United States of America.

"Sesame Street" has a letter of the day. I believe the letter of the day today is C. How appropriate because this Republican bill is cruel, and it cuts children's programming all across the country.

How can this be that Republicans' priority right now does nothing on the economy, nothing to make life more affordable, and nothing to address the high cost of living? Instead, Republicans are attacking Elmo, "Sesame Street," Big Bird, and Daniel Tiger. Republicans' priorities are all wrong.

This is on top of a GOP tax scam, Mr. Speaker, where Republicans are trying to visit on the American people the largest cuts to healthcare in American history, targeting Medicaid, Medicare, the Affordable Care Act, the Children's Health Insurance Program, and women's health by trying to defund Planned Parenthood. That is what Republicans in this Congress are trying to do through the GOP tax scam, this disgusting abomination, the one big, ugly bill.

My Republican colleagues are going after school lunch programs for children, supplemental nutrition assistance for children, and now children's programming.

That doesn't suggest to me that my colleagues on the other side of the aisle are actually trying to strengthen families. This legislation would weaken families. It would weaken our ability to lead throughout the free world and weaken public health and safety for everyday Americans and people all across this country.

Mr. Speaker, I urge a "no" vote.

Also, I am hopeful that my colleagues on the other side of the aisle will at some point actually decide to focus on the issues that matter, to lift children up, not target them; to lift families up, not target them; to lift older Americans up, not target them; to lift veterans up, not target them; and to lift healthcare for everyday Americans up, not target them. That is what House Democrats will continue to do on behalf of the American people. It is high time that our Republican colleagues join us.

Vote "no" against this reckless Republican rescissions package.

Mrs. McCLAIN. Mr. Speaker, that was fear-mongering at its best.

I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. DAVIDSON).

Mr. DAVIDSON. Mr. Speaker, America's resources should always serve America's interests, and 22 rescissions to wasteful foreign aid and biased media totaling \$9.4 billion is a good start.

I commend this legislation because as the national debt climbs toward \$37 trillion, U.S. taxpayers deserve a government that serves them, not radical policies abroad or at home.

The reality is that the radical left has seized these institutions and wielded them for an agenda that doesn't serve America's interests. Wasted government revenues siphoned off the backs of Americans' labor through tax dollars should not be tolerated.

I commend the \$1 billion rescission to the Corporation for Public Broadcasting. Taxpayer funding for woke media entities is absurd. NPR and PBS already have a business model that doesn't need to rely on 150 million Americans' taxed income. It does not need to promote any agenda, including their radical agenda, with stuff like what to do if you experience a micro-aggression or some other promotion of their agenda.

Additionally, international institutions have abandoned their original missions to promote development in exchange for radical gender ideological and climate priorities.

That is why I support the rescissions package, and I urge support for the bill.

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, I yield 5 minutes to the gentlewoman from Florida (Ms. LOIS FRANKEL), the distinguished ranking member of the National Security, Department of State, and Related Programs Subcommittee.

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Ms. LOIS FRANKEL of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in fierce opposition to the Republicans' reckless rescission bill, a backdoor scheme to claw back critical Federal funding that protects America's global leadership, public safeguards, and trusted public broadcasting, all while bypassing congressional constitutional authority.

Let's be clear: This is not a budget tweak. It is an attack on our values; a direct hit to our national health, safety, and prosperity; and a green light for authoritarian overreach.

This package guts essential investments in international development and humanitarian programs, lifesaving tools that fight disease, prevent terrorism, supports democracy, and open markets for American businesses.

Here is the kicker, Mr. Speaker: Congress approved this funding just 2 months ago, and Donald Trump signed it into law. Now, Republicans want to rip it back to cover up the massive hole they are blowing in the deficit with tax giveaways for billionaires. Their so-called fiscal responsibility comes at

the expense of starving children, crumbling democracies, and public-private partnerships that channel American innovation to solve the world's toughest challenges.

Mr. Speaker, foreign assistance, which has long represented just about 1 percent of our national budget, is not charity. It is strategy.

Don't take my word for it. Military leaders from both parties have warned us for years. If we fail to lead with soft power, we will end up paying in blood, bombs, and more boots on the ground.

Cutting foreign assistance will: deepen desperation, fuel extremism, and push fragile societies toward collapse. When that happens, we all pay the price. Refugee crises will surge. Diseases will spread, and trade routes will shut down. Our troops and diplomats face greater danger, and our homeland security is weakened.

Here is an example of what is on the chopping block: PEPFAR, which has saved over 26 million lives and nearly 8 million babies from being born with HIV; food assistance, which stabilizes communities and creates agricultural markets; and public-private partnerships that channel American innovation to solve the world's toughest challenges.

Let's talk about what happens when we pull back. When the United States steps away, others step in and not with good intentions. China is flooding developing countries with infrastructure loans and digital surveillance systems. Russia is exporting mercenaries and disinformation. While we are debating whether to send a bag of rice or a clean water pump, our adversaries are buying influence, forging military alliances, and rewriting the rules of global engagement.

This is not theoretical. This is happening right now. Let's take Africa, for example, a region poised to become one-quarter of the world's population. U.S. assistance has helped build stability there through nutrition programs, education, and public health. If we walk away now, we are not just abandoning our values. We are surrendering one of the world's fastest growing marketplaces to China.

Let's be clear: Regions we assist aren't just aid recipients. They are emerging economies and future trading partners. Pulling back opens the door for authoritarian regimes like China to dominate the future, commerce, connectivity, and development.

This is not just cruel. It is strategically self-defeating and economically foolish.

Make no mistake, this rescission package is Project 2025 in action—dismantling our institutions, silencing oversight, and handing U.S. global leadership over to the dictators on a silver platter, leaving us alone in the world.

This bill attempts to rubberstamp the Trump administration's illegal actions, blocking funding already approved by Congress, firing career public

servants, and hollowing out entire agencies.

Let's be honest. These are not going to lower the costs for American families. It is not going to reduce the deficit, but it will make the world more dangerous.

It will make Americans less safe and less prosperous.

Mr. Speaker, I urge a "no" on this bill.

Mrs. McCLAIN. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from Florida (Mr. FINE).

Mr. FINE. Mr. Speaker, I have heard from my colleagues on the other side that we should be focused on issues that matter, that we should be thinking about our kids.

As I lay awake at night here in Washington—I have only been here a couple months, but as bad as I thought it was going to be. It is far worse because Rome is burning and too many people in this building say that that is a great opportunity to roast marshmallows.

The fact of the matter is, if we can't make these cuts, which are as simple and as easy as you would think—\$6 million to fund media in Gaza, funding PBS and NPR—even if it was a good idea, you can't do it when you are borrowing trillions of dollars a year.

If we can't make these cuts, which should be the easiest imaginable cuts, then there is no hope for us. I am grateful to my leadership for bringing this forward. I am grateful to President Trump for doing it, but make no mistake: This is only the first step if we want to put out the fire.

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentlewoman from Illinois (Ms. KELLY).

Ms. KELLY of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to President Trump's rescission package that steals \$400 million from PEPFAR, a lifesaving global health program.

Let me remind my colleagues that PEPFAR is a bipartisan effort first led by Congresswoman Barbara Lee and signed by President George W. Bush. It has been reauthorized on a bipartisan basis four times.

Right now, Republicans who are supportive of PEPFAR are calling the White House seeking assurances that it will be protected. Do not listen to the President's empty promises. Nothing in this bill protects PEPFAR.

If I were to put it simply, PEPFAR saves lives. It has already saved 26 million lives. That is indisputable, and it should be enough to continue to fund one of the most successful global health programs in history.

If I cannot appeal to my colleague's humanitarian side, perhaps they will listen to all the ways PEPFAR serves American interests. PEPFAR is a cornerstone of global health progress and U.S. diplomacy. If Congress was to bow to President Trump's demands to pull PEPFAR funding, it would leave a gap for China to fill.

Mrs. McCLAIN. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from Louisiana (Mr. SCALISE), the sponsor of the

bill and the majority leader of the House.

Mr. SCALISE. Mr. Speaker, I thank my friend, our conference chair (Mrs. McCLAIN) for managing this time on this important bill.

Mr. Speaker, a lot of people come up here, and they talk about trying to get America's fiscal house in order. They talk about the idea of getting back to balanced Federal budgets. I don't know many people here who are against it.

I know later in this Congress when we put a bill on the floor to require a balanced Federal budget, there will be many Democrats, Mr. Speaker, who will vote "no" on that because when it comes time to actually put your votes on the board to back up the principles that most Americans relish, they walk away. They won't be there when it actually matters.

Everybody can talk about cutting wasteful spending, even if you don't necessarily agree that it is wasteful spending. However, what we are bringing today is wasteful spending, even if you think it might not be as bad as some other things you don't agree with. We all have to agree, Mr. Speaker, that as we just saw a few weeks ago, Moody's downgraded the credit rating of the United States.

It wasn't a recommendation, Mr. Speaker. It wasn't a warning that if you folks don't get your fiscal house in order this might happen. They actually did it. They downgraded the credit rating of the United States because spending has to get under control. The party over there that spent the last 4 years under President Biden spending like drunken sailors, in all due respect to drunken sailors because they don't spend this bad, but the trillions of dollars of debt that were racked up had consequences, Mr. Speaker.

It had consequences not only in terms of our national debt, but it affected the pocketbooks of families all across America because that bloated spending in Washington, which is money we don't have, by the way; and it increased inflation to the point where people couldn't even go to the grocery store to fill up their carts. They couldn't afford to go to the gas station to fill up their cars. They couldn't afford to take out a loan to buy a house because interest rates had gotten so high that today we are spending more money servicing our interest than we are on America's national debt.

These are all real, dramatic facts that concern most Americans. They say: Thank goodness Congress is finally bringing a bill to the floor to start cutting some spending that aren't priorities.

You can call it wasteful if you want. Call it whatever you want, but these aren't things that we can afford to spend, even if you agree with them, because it is not money we have in the bank. It is all borrowed money, Mr. Speaker.

Where did we start? The White House laid out a number of things, but they

looked at that USAID program. They didn't gut the whole thing, but they said there are a number of things that are being done that just don't represent the values of the United States and are being done in foreign countries while we don't have our fiscal house in order here in America, so how about we start there.

I know the Democrats on the other side are acting like, oh, my God, the world is going to stop spinning on its axis if this spending goes away, so why don't we talk about some of the spending that will go away.

Mr. Speaker, again, it is borrowed money, not money we just took out of the bank. It is money we borrowed from countries like China to spend that is a debt to our kids.

To each one of these I list, Mr. Speaker, you should ask: If you vote "yes," you are finally relieving that debt burden, but if you vote "no," you think it is okay to send this bill to our kids. We are not paying for it today, Mr. Speaker, but our kids would if we keep doing it.

If the other side votes no, they want to keep borrowing money from our children to spend a million dollars on voter ID in Haiti. This is the same party that doesn't want voter ID in America, calls it racist, wants to fund voter ID in Haiti. They want to spend \$6 million for net-zero cities in Mexico. I know some of their best supporters are waving a Mexican flag in an American city right now, and they support those efforts. Most Americans don't support those efforts, Mr. Speaker. They want to spend \$3 million for "Iraqi Sesame Street." The minority leader held up a "Sesame Street" character here on the floor as if "Sesame Street" is somehow going to go away.

I was just watching a commercial on TV yesterday where the Cookie Monster was actually doing an advertisement for Netflix because a private company is paying money to run "Sesame Street." It is not going away. It is doing just fine. It is very lucrative.

What will go away is some of the far-left radical views that are being espoused. By the way, when this goes away at NPR, you can still turn on about six or seven other channels and get the same far-left radical views, but they are all going to be private companies, Mr. Speaker, not taxpayer-funded entities.

If somebody wants to pay money to go on one of their services that they stream or get over-the-top or however they get their digital content, they can still do that. There are a lot of options. There has never been more options.

Some people joke that they buy their services for their cable or whatever else they get and that there are 200 channels, but they might only watch 4 or 5 of them. There is still going to be a plethora of options for the American people, but if they are paying their hard-earned dollars to go get content, why should your tax dollars go to only one thing that the other side wants to promote?

Let everybody compete on a fair basis. They can still watch "Sesame Street" in Iraq, but let the Iraqi people pay for it, not the taxpayers of the United States of America's children. Today's taxpayers aren't paying for it because it is all borrowed money.

They want to spend \$2.1 million for climate resilience in Southeast Asia, Latin America, and East Africa; \$500,000 for electric buses in Rwanda. Rwanda is more than free to go buy all the electric buses they want or diesel buses. Why should the taxpayers of America be borrowing money from our children to buy electric buses for Rwanda?

They want to spend \$33,000 for "Being LGBTQI in the Caribbean." It is taxpayer money that a "no" vote today says is more important than strengthening a program like Social Security. I say not.

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Also included is \$643,000 for LGBTQI+ programs in the Western Balkans. This is borrowed money.

Mr. Speaker, there is \$567,000 for LGBTQI+ programs in Uganda and \$5.1 million to strengthen the "resilience of lesbian, gay, bisexual, intersex, and queer global movements." I am not sure what that global movement is. They can continue that movement in some other way, but just not with the taxpayer dollars of the United States of America's children.

Again, there is no bank account that \$5.1 million came out of. It is all borrowed money that a "no" vote says is more important than strengthening Social Security.

There is \$135 million in contributions to the World Health Organization, which we all saw during COVID was the mouthpiece for the Chinese Communist Party. I would imagine if we stop this \$135 million funding, the CCP may pick it up because they were regurgitating their talking points during COVID.

At some point, Mr. Speaker, the question we have all got to answer is: Number one, do you believe in fiscal responsibility? Maybe some people have other priorities than these they would like to defund. If you think these are all things that are worth borrowing money from our children to fund, then that is what the "no" vote represents.

If you think it is time we start somewhere, and here is the place to finally start—not to finish, just the beginning—getting control over spending and respecting those families who are working hard, who are working two shifts at the diner to pay taxes on tips that will soon go away if our One Big Beautiful Bill Act passes, or somebody who is working overtime because you want to send your kid to college and you find out this is where your taxpayer dollars are going and you are disgusted and say, when will somebody do something about it, then today is the day to do something about it.

Talk is cheap. Put the action on the floor. Let's finally get control over

spending in a small way. Start a bigger picture toward a balanced budget. It starts here.

Vote “yes,” to get this done, and let’s keep moving forward to strengthen this great country. I urge a “yes” vote.

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. DOGGETT).

Mr. DOGGETT. Mr. Speaker, where lies are king, the truth is the enemy. Institutions that spread knowledge are defamed as “enemies of the people.” NPR and PBS are targeted here today precisely because they are so good at delivering the truth. Like millions, I tune into both of them daily.

Trump tweets: “. . . RADICAL LEFT ‘MONSTERS THAT SO BADLY HURT OUR COUNTRY!’” What hurts Trump are facts when he demands flat-tery.

This attempt to quash thorough, objective NPR and PBS reporting is a sign of Trump’s weakness, of his drive toward tyranny. Trump doesn’t want a country of engaged, informed Americans. He prefers those who salute on command, like for his North Korean-style, taxpayer-funded, wasteful \$45 million birthday bash this Saturday.

Reject these dangerous DOGE cuts and defend the right of the American people to know.

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

Mrs. MCCLAIN. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from California (Mr. MCCLINTOCK).

Mr. MCCLINTOCK. Mr. Speaker, this is the first of what needs to be many rescission bills stopping the waste of public funds.

The absurd expenditures the majority leader just listed speak volumes about the scandalous corruption and carelessness of a bloated government. Every dollar comes from working American families struggling to pay both their bills and their taxes.

Now, this waste is enabled by two classes of expenditures that we should foreswear forever. One is grants, cash handouts to political favorites with little accountability or oversight, whether directly or through agencies like USAID. The other is subsidies that replace the judgment of consumers with that of politicians, distorting the flow of capital from its highest and best use.

As we express our outrage at this waste and take this first step to claw it back, let us remember that Congress approved all of it, and it is time that we repented before we bankrupt our country.

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. BEYER).

Mr. BEYER. Mr. Speaker, people will die. That is not hyperbole. It is reality.

When you cut PEPFAR, which is the signature program that President George W. Bush created to eradicate the AIDS epidemic, people will die.

OMB Director Russ Vought confirmed that the bill cuts PEPFAR by \$400 million.

When you cut funding to family planning programs, tens of millions will be denied modern contraceptives, resulting in millions of unintended pregnancies and tens of thousands of preventable pregnancy-related deaths.

When you cut funding for international peacekeeping and to people escaping violence, people will die.

When we reduce development assistance that ensures people have access to food and clean water, people will die.

When you cut money to Ukraine for food security and energy grid resilience, more people will die in their war against the Russian invasion.

USAID is our strongest soft power vehicle. Even if you don’t care about how many people will die, it is one of our strongest assets to saving money by decreasing military conflict risk.

I also want to speak up for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, which provides critical kids’ educational programs.

Mr. Speaker, this bill is bad for America. People will die.

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

I can’t take the fear-mongering anymore. Let me correct the truth with the other half of the truth. We are talking about PEPFAR: \$4.4 billion, and we are talking about cutting less than 1 percent from that whole entire program.

We are not saying that you have to cut AIDS. Perhaps let me tell you what other programs that we could cut for the American people. You are saying that people are going to die because you want to cut the funding. We are not saying that.

How about we do this? How about we cut \$3 million for circumcisions, vasectomies, and condoms in Zambia? How about that? How about we cut \$5.1 million that is used to strengthen the resilience of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex, and queer global movement? I have got an idea. How about instead of spending it there, how about we spend that money and invest in American healthcare? I could go on and on, but this fear-mongering has absolutely got to stop.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. SMUCKER).

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

Mr. SMUCKER. Mr. Speaker, this bill represents a tiny fraction of the total we are spending annually. It is a tiny fraction, 0.2 percent, one-fifth of a percent of what President Biden added to the debt over the last 4 years. Yet, Democrats are saying that these savings are cruel. They literally said this will destroy America as we know it. No one outside of the beltway will take them seriously.

Have my Democratic colleagues even looked at what is in this bill before at-

tacking? Is it cruel to suggest that American taxpayers shouldn’t have to pay \$60,000 to celebrate DEI in the Netherlands or \$30,000 to foster “queer-feminist discourse” in Albania?

Is it cruel to cut a program spending \$700,000 to expand fruit and jam sales in Honduras?

By the way, speaking of jam, my last name is Smucker, but even I know that is a bad deal.

Mr. Speaker, I can tell you what will destroy America as we know it, and that is this unsustainable debt that we are passing on to our kids and grandkids. I urge my colleagues to support this rescission package.

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from California (Mr. SHERMAN).

Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Speaker, last month Secretary Rubio responded to me and said no one had died as a result of the gutting of USAID, but Boston University School of Public Health shows us that 300,000 people have died already because they were cut off from food and medicine for tuberculosis, AIDS, and malaria.

The Center for Global Development says that 3.3 million preventable deaths will occur because of the gutting of USAID, but they won’t just die there. Americans will die, too, because when malaria, tuberculosis, and AIDS infect anyone in the world, those diseases replicate. They mutate, and they migrate back here in more virulent forms.

Evan Anzoo, a 5-year-old boy, was cut off from his HIV medications in February and died. He is the first to die at the hands of Elon Musk and Donald Trump.

Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that we observe a full minute of silence in the memory of this child victim. I ask unanimous consent. Let us remember Evan Anzoo.

Mrs. MCCLAIN. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. GILL).

Mr. GILL of Texas. Mr. Speaker, if FOX News or talk radio or any other conservative media outlet came to me and asked us if we should provide them with taxpayer-funded handouts, I would say no, and I believe that most of my colleagues would as well.

I certainly think that far-left propaganda outlets like NPR should be defunded. Remember, this is an outlet that believes writing articles about fat phobia and queer animals constitutes serious journalism. They have the right to say whatever they want to, but they do not have the right to our tax dollars.

To my colleagues who say that this is only a small part of our budget, I would ask them what, outside of border security and national defense, would they like to cut from our budget? They have never seen a foreign country they don’t want to shower with our tax dollars or an illegal alien that they don’t want to give welfare to.

This is a logical first step to get our finances under control. I urge my colleagues to vote for this rescissions bill.

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from Rhode Island (Mr. MAGAZINER).

Mr. MAGAZINER. Mr. Speaker, more than any other day I have been in Congress, the cruelty of the Trump administration and the Republican majority is on display. They are asking us to rubber-stamp Elon Musk's cuts to PEPFAR, which saves millions of lives treating people with HIV, funding for clean water, funding to fight malaria, funding to help people starving from famine.

Donald Trump and Republicans are doing this at the same time they are giving trillions of tax cuts to the rich. While they are at it, they are also cutting educational programming for children, like PBS.

Why are they doing this? It is not to reduce the deficit because this \$9 billion is a fraction of a fraction of the tax cuts they are trying to pass for billionaires. These are the richest people in the world taking food and medicine away from the poorest children in the world.

I have news for Elon Musk and Donald Trump and the billionaires: No matter how much money you have, no matter how many poor people you take food and medicine away from, it will not fill that hole inside of you.

To my colleagues in the House: History will judge us today. You have the chance to be heroes. Vote "no."

Mrs. McCLAIN. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. McDOWELL).

Mr. McDOWELL. Mr. Speaker, today we do what lifelong bureaucrats in this town fear most: We cut their funding.

For far too long, Washington bureaucrats have taken advantage of the American taxpayer, sending their hard-earned money to fund the corrupt foreign aid complex, and pushing government funding for educational programs that groom our children. That stops today.

The Rescissions Act of 2025 is not just a bill. It is a part of a much larger course correction. This bill rips back over \$9 billion from the clutches of globalist NGOs, projects that fund radical gender ideology, and the green new scam.

The great people of North Carolina didn't send me here to manage decline. They sent me here to help President Trump usher in the new golden age. Let the left scream. Let the media moan and groan, but today we are putting Americans first and looking out for their hard-earned tax dollars. I urge a "yes" vote.

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Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentlewoman from California (Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE).

Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong opposition to this package. It is embarrassing. It is trifling. This is a funding package that Republicans actually agreed to and voted on last Congress when they were

in the majority. Republicans must be missing Biden now because they actually had more influence under him than under Trump.

Now, Republicans are going back on their own agreement and giving up their own power with this package. The real question is, why show up here if you have an orange daddy doing your work for you?

This vote actually puts every Republican on record as supporting Elon's attack on democracy when even Steve Bannon said that Elon and DOGE found no waste.

With this package, Republicans are one step closer to a country that looks more like the adversaries we profess to oppose. Americans will be left to clean up this mess, and we will have zero standing in the international community and zero claim to global leadership while you all have killed off Elmo.

I urge my colleagues to vote "no" on this trash.

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

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

Mrs. McCLAIN. Mr. Speaker, I never realized Elmo was more important to my colleagues on the other side of the aisle than the American people, but anyway.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. MEUSER).

Mr. MEUSER. Mr. Speaker, I thank Chairwoman McCLAIN for her leadership.

Mr. Speaker, during President Trump's first term, we had progrowth policies, a progrowth economy, and tax revenue growth. Even after COVID, the Biden administration accelerated the deficit with unchecked spending, causing the deficit to double, which increased service on the debt from \$400 billion in 2019 to nearly \$1 trillion last year. That is why this package takes steps to rein in irresponsible agencies. Some have been taken over by ideologues doing things that are simply not in the interest of the American people.

Maybe USAID has done some good things, but they have also done many things that were totally inappropriate. Agencies like this need to be defunded or reformed. The American people aren't going to put up with it anymore.

To that end, why is the government still funding public television and radio when most people have hundreds of channels to get their news and information from and when these stations are some of the most partisan stations out there? Can you imagine, as was stated earlier, if a conservative station was funded? The left would have screamed, vilified, and exterminated it a long while ago.

Mr. Speaker, let's pass this rescissions package, codify President Trump's spending reductions into law, and save our country along the way.

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

Mrs. McCLAIN. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentlewoman from Colorado (Ms. BOEBERT).

Ms. BOEBERT. Mr. Speaker, I thank the chair for yielding me time.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support today of H.R. 4, President Trump's big, beautiful rescissions package.

This bill slashes radical foreign aid at the State Department, USAID, and the U.S. Institute of Peace for woke gender ideology and equity nonsense that mocks American values. Why are we bankrolling wokeism abroad when ranchers and small business owners in my district are struggling?

H.R. 4 defunds PBS and NPR's biased media circus. For years, taxpayers have been forced to subsidize a public media system that is less about informing and more about indoctrinating.

To my friends across the aisle, I know you love your globalist pet projects, but the American people are fed up. The voters that sent us here are watching, and they are done seeing their dollars shipped overseas and funneled into biased media.

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 4 is a victory for taxpayers, and I urge its adoption.

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

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

Mrs. McCLAIN. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. ONDER).

Mr. ONDER. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 4 to codify President Trump's DOGE tax cuts.

Americans have been awash in unsustainable debt and waste, and Americans have known it long before DOGE began its work. What many didn't realize is just how bad the problem is: \$14 million in cash vouchers for illegals at the southern border, \$3.3 million for being LGBTQ in the Caribbean, \$47,000 for a transgender opera in Colombia, and \$1.5 million to promote LGBTQ employment in Serbia, not to mention the hundreds of millions wasted on the politically biased government media known as NPR.

Enough is enough. We must rein in Washington's reckless spending and hold bureaucrats accountable.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me and put Americans and fiscal sanity first in what I hope will be the first of many rescission bills.

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

Mrs. McCLAIN. Mr. Speaker, may I ask how much time remains on each side.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentlewoman from Michigan has 8 minutes remaining.

Mrs. McCLAIN. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from Florida (Mr. WEBSTER).

Mr. WEBSTER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, the American people have called on

their elected officials to do what they asked, and that is to cut waste, fraud, and abuse. Today, we deliver.

Together with President Trump, we are eliminating billions of dollars of spending, this wasteful spending on leftwing organizations that mock millions of Americans. We will also eliminate wasteful spending on radical programs in lands far, far away that do not put America first.

I have consistently voted to cut the spigot of spending, and I will continue that record by voting to pass this bill today. I urge my colleagues to do the same.

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

Mrs. MCCLAIN. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from West Virginia (Mr. MOORE).

Mr. MOORE of West Virginia. Mr. Speaker, as chairman of the RSC Rescissions Task Force, I am proud to support this bill to codify the DOGE cuts.

The American people know waste, fraud, and abuse when they see it. They want us to eliminate Democrats' radical agenda, including \$5.1 million for global LGBTQ movements, \$3 million for circumcisions in Zambia, and \$833,000 for transgender surgeries in Nepal.

This package also ensures tax dollars aren't used to weaponize media against the American people. The CEO of NPR called President Trump a fascist while claiming her network is unbiased. These outlets can be as insane as they want—they might want to check CNN's ratings before doing that—but they are just not going to do it with American taxpayer dollars anymore.

This rescissions package is only the first step, and I urge my colleagues to support it.

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

Mrs. MCCLAIN. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. HARRIGAN).

Mr. HARRIGAN. Mr. Speaker, the American people are sick and tired of watching Washington burn through their paychecks on wasteful, ridiculous, and downright offensive projects. This rescissions package is our chance to prove that we still remember who we work for here in Washington.

We are cutting \$2.5 million for electric vehicles in Vietnam, \$47,000 for transgender surgeries in Colombia, and nearly \$10 billion for NPR, PBS, and other bloated liberal pet projects that have no place in a responsible budget.

Washington acts like taxpayer dollars are theirs to waste, but they are not. Every cent belongs to the men and women who work long hours, pay their bills, and expect their government to act with a shred of discipline. This is about more than numbers. It is about trust. It is about respect. And it is about time.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to pass this bill and prove that Congress can still do the right thing.

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

Mrs. MCCLAIN. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentlewoman from South Carolina (Ms. MACE).

Ms. MACE. Mr. Speaker, under President Donald Trump's leadership, this rescissions package codifies \$9.4 billion in DOGE cuts by canceling some of the most egregious Biden-era waste, fraud, and abuse.

Here is just some of the funding that we are canceling today: \$4 million for sedentary migrants in Colombia; \$3 million for circumcision, vasectomies, and condoms in Zambia; \$5.1 million to strengthen the resilience of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex, and queer global movements; \$3 million for Iraqi "Sesame Street"; \$2.5 million for teaching young children how to make environmentally friendly reproductive health decisions; and \$833,000 for services for transgender people, sex workers and their clients, and sexual networks in Nepal.

The American people are begging Congress to get off its ass, codify the DOGE cuts, and stop this taxpayer-funded nonsense. Failure is not an option.

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

Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to insert into the RECORD the text of Representative KELLY's amendment immediately prior to the motion to recommit.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from Connecticut?

There was no objection.

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, President Trump promised to bring down the cost of living. He made it worse. He is illegally stealing congressionally approved taxpayer dollars, and these are services for the American people.

If my colleagues want to deal with waste, fraud, and abuse, they have to deal with cutting back on the \$4.5 trillion tax cut for billionaires that the Republicans supported and voted on, tax cuts for billionaires and the biggest corporations.

If my colleagues vote for this bill, they own every reckless cut crafted by Elon Musk. They are rubberstamping illegal cuts, and they own it.

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

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

Mrs. MCCLAIN. Mr. Speaker, I want to be clear. These rescissions should get bipartisan support. We, as elected officials on both sides of the aisle, have been entrusted with the hard-earned tax dollars of the American people.

The duly elected President of the United States has asked this Congress to protect the American people's tax dollars. It is the least we can do. The administration has identified waste, fraud, and abuse of American taxpayer dollars. It is our responsibility as Rep-

resentatives to act on those abuses and rescind the money.

All of us should be able to vote to eliminate \$45 million in duplicative spending in the African development program. We should all be able to support eliminating \$1.7 billion for radical gender projects in the Economic Support Fund. Every Member of this Chamber should be able to support a rescission of \$2.5 billion in the development of assistance programs, which bankrolled corrupt leaders in foreign countries.

Mr. Speaker, the American people are watching their Representatives today, emphasis on "their Representatives." They are watching to see if their Representatives have the courage to actually fight for them or will their Representatives defend waste, fraud, and abuse of the bloated Federal Government.

I can say with certainty that House Republicans will always put the American people first, and I hope the other side of the aisle might have the courage to join us.

Mr. Speaker, I encourage my colleagues to join me in voting "yes" on H.R. 4 so that we can take the necessary first step in rescinding the wasteful spending of American taxpayer dollars.

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

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The SPEAKER pro tempore. All time for debate has expired.

Pursuant to House Resolution 499, the previous question is ordered on the bill.

The question is on the engrossment and third reading of the bill.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, and was read the third time.

MOTION TO RECOMMIT

Ms. KELLY of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I have a motion to recommit at the desk.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. YAKYM). The Clerk will report the motion to recommit.

The Clerk read as follows:

Ms. Kelly of Illinois moves to recommit the bill H.R. 4 to the Committee on Appropriations.

The material previously referred to by Ms. DELAURO is as follows:

Ms. Kelly of Illinois moves to recommit the bill H.R. 4 to the Committee on Appropriations with the following amendment: Strike section 2(b)(6).

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 2(b) of rule XIX, the previous question is ordered on the motion to recommit.

The question is on the motion to recommit.

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

Ms. KELLY of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER
PRO TEMPORE

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

Votes will be taken in the following order:

Passage of S. 331;

The motion to recommit H.R. 4;

Passage of H.R. 4, if ordered;

The motion to recommit H.R. 2056; and

Passage of H.R. 2056, if ordered.

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

HALT ALL LETHAL TRAFFICKING
OF FENTANYL ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfinished business is the vote on passage of the bill (S. 331) to amend the Controlled Substances Act with respect to the scheduling of fentanyl-related substances, and for other purposes, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the passage of the bill.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 321, nays 104, not voting 7, as follows:

[Roll No. 166]

YEAS—321

Adams	Collins	Garamendi
Aderholt	Comer	Garbarino
Alford	Conaway	Gill (TX)
Allen	Costa	Gillen
Amo	Courtney	Gimenez
Amodi (NV)	Craig	Golden (ME)
Arrington	Crane	Goldman (TX)
Auchincloss	Crank	Gonzales, Tony
Babin	Crawford	Gonzalez, V.
Bacon	Crenshaw	Gooden
Baird	Cuellar	Goodlander
Balderson	Dauids (KS)	Gosar
Barr	Davidson	Gottheimer
Barrett	Davis (NC)	Graves
Baumgartner	De La Cruz	Gray
Bean (FL)	DeLauro	Green (TN)
Begich	DelBene	Greene (GA)
Bentz	Deluzio	Griffith
Bergman	DesJarlais	Grothman
Bice	Diaz-Balart	Guest
Biggs (AZ)	Donalds	Guthrie
Biggs (SC)	Downing	Hageman
Bilirakis	Dunn (FL)	Hamadeh (AZ)
Bishop	Edwards	Harder (CA)
Boebert	Elfreth	Haridopolos
Bost	Elzey	Harrigan
Boyle (PA)	Emmer	Harris (MD)
Brecheen	Estes	Harris (NC)
Bresnahan	Evans (CO)	Harshbarger
Buchanan	Ezell	Hern (OK)
Burchett	Fallon	Higgins (LA)
Burlison	Fedorchak	Hill (AR)
Bynum	Feenstra	Himes
Calvert	Fields	Hinson
Cammack	Figures	Horsford
Carbajal	Fine	Houchin
Carey	Fischbach	Houlihan
Carter (GA)	Fitzgerald	Hoyer
Carter (LA)	Fitzpatrick	Hoyle (OR)
Carter (TX)	Fleischmann	Hudson
Case	Flood	Huizenga
Cherfilus-	Fong	Hunt
McCormick	Foster	Hurd (CO)
Ciscomani	Foushee	Issa
Cline	Fox	Ivey
Cloud	Franklin, Scott	Jack
Clyde	Friedman	Jackson (IL)
Cohen	Fry	Jackson (TX)
Cole	Fulcher	James

Johnson (LA)	Miller-Meeks	Sewell
Johnson (SD)	Mills	Sherrill
Johnson (TX)	Min	Shreve
Jordan	Moolenaar	Simpson
Joyce (OH)	Moore (AL)	Smith (MO)
Joyce (PA)	Moore (NC)	Smith (NE)
Kaptur	Moore (UT)	Smith (NJ)
Kean	Moore (WV)	Smucker
Keating	Moran	Sorensen
Kelly (MS)	Morelle	Spartz
Kelly (PA)	Morrison	Stanton
Kennedy (NY)	Moskowitz	Stauber
Kennedy (UT)	Mrvan	Stefanik
Kiggans (VA)	Murphy	Steil
Kiley (CA)	Neal	Steube
Kim	Nehls	Stevens
Knott	Newhouse	Strickland
Kustoff	Norman	Strong
LaHood	Nunn (IA)	Stutzman
LaLota	Obermole	Subramanyam
LaMalfa	Ogles	Suozi
Landsman	Olzewski	Swalwell
Langworthy	Onder	Sykes
Larsen (WA)	Owens	Takano
Larson (CT)	Palmer	Taylor
Latimer	Panetta	Tenney
Latta	Pappas	Thompson (CA)
Lawler	Patronis	Thompson (PA)
Lee (NV)	Pelosi	Tiffany
Letlow	Perez	Timmons
Levin	Perry	Titus
Loudermilk	Peters	Torres (CA)
Lucas	Pfluger	Torres (NY)
Luna	Pou	Tran
Luttrell	Quigley	Turner (OH)
Lynch	Reschenthaler	Valadao
Mace	Riley (NY)	Van Drew
Mackenzie	Rogers (AL)	Van Dwyne
Magaziner	Rogers (KY)	Van Orden
Malliotakis	Rose	Vasquez
Maloy	Ross	Veasey
Mann	Rouzer	Vindman
Mannion	Roy	Wagner
Mast	Ruiz	Walberg
McBride	Rulli	Wasserman
McCaul	Rutherford	Schultz
McClain	Ryan	Weber (TX)
McClain Delaney	Salazar	Webster (FL)
McClintock	Salinas	Westerman
McCormick	Scalise	Whitesides
McDonald Rivet	Schmidt	Wied
McDowell	Schneider	Williams (TX)
McGuire	Scholten	Wilson (FL)
Messmer	Schrier	Wilson (SC)
Meuser	Schweikert	Wittman
Mfume	Scott, Austin	Womack
Miller (IL)	Scott, David	Yakym
Miller (OH)	Self	Zinke
Miller (WV)	Sessions	

NAYS—104

Aguilar	Frankel, Lois	Mullin
Ansari	Frost	Nadler
Balint	Garcia (CA)	Neguse
Barragan	Garcia (IL)	Ocasio-Cortez
Bell	Garcia (TX)	Omar
Bera	Goldman (NY)	Pallone
Beyer	Gomez	Petersen
Bonamici	Green, Al (TX)	Pingree
Brown	Hayes	Pocan
Brownley	Huffman	Pressley
Budzinski	Jacobs	Ramirez
Carson	Jayapal	Raskin
Caspar	Jeffries	Rivas
Casten	Johnson (GA)	Sánchez
Castor (FL)	Kamlager-Dove	Scanlon
Castro (TX)	Kelly (IL)	Boyle (PA)
Chu	Khanna	Schakowsky
Cisneros	Krishnamoorthi	Scott (VA)
Clark (MA)	Lee (PA)	Sherman
Clarke (NY)	Leger Fernandez	Simon
Cleaver	Liccardo	Smith (WA)
Clyburn	Lieu	Soto
Crockett	Lofgren	Stansbury
Crow	Massie	Thanedar
Davis (IL)	Matsui	Thompson (MS)
Dean (PA)	McBath	Tlaib
DeGette	McClellan	Tokuda
Dingell	McCollum	Tonko
Doggett	McGovern	Trahan
Escobar	McIver	Underwood
Espallat	Meeks	Vargas
Evans (PA)	Menendez	Velazquez
Fletcher	Moore (WI)	Waters
	Moulton	Watson Coleman
		Williams (GA)

NOT VOTING—7

Beatty	Lee (FL)	Randall
Correa	Meng	
Finstad	Norcross	

□ 1534

Messrs. DeSAULNIER, JOHNSON of Georgia, KRISHNAMOORTHY, and SHERMAN changed their vote from “yea” to “nay.”

Mr. CONAWAY, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. RUIZ, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Mr. MORELLE, and Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, changed their vote from “nay” to “yea.”

So the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, during Roll Call No. 166 on S. 331, I mistakenly recorded my vote as NAY when I should have voted YEA.

RESCISSIONS ACT OF 2025

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfinished business is the vote on the motion to recommit on the bill (H.R. 4) to rescind certain budget authority proposed to be rescinded in special messages transmitted to the Congress by the President on June 3, 2025, in accordance with section 1012(a) of the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974, offered by the gentlewoman from Illinois (Ms. KELLY), on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk will redesignate the motion.

The Clerk redesignated the motion.

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

This is a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 208, nays 218, not voting 6, as follows:

[Roll No. 167]

YEAS—208

Adams	Clyburn	Frost
Aguilar	Cohen	Garamendi
Amo	Conaway	Garcia (CA)
Ansari	Costa	Garcia (IL)
Auchincloss	Courtney	Garcia (TX)
Balint	Craig	Gillen
Barragan	Crockett	Golden (ME)
Bell	Crow	Goldman (NY)
Bera	Cuellar	Gomez
Beyer	Dauids (KS)	Gonzalez, V.
Bishop	Davis (IL)	Goodlander
Bonamici	Davis (NC)	Gottheimer
Boyle (PA)	Dean (PA)	Gray
Brown	DeGette	Green, Al (TX)
Brownley	DeLauro	Harder (CA)
Budzinski	DelBene	Hayes
Bynum	Deluzio	Himes
Carbajal	DeSaulnier	Horsford
Carson	Dexter	Houlihan
Carter (LA)	Dingell	Hoyer
Caspar	Doggett	Hoyle (OR)
Case	Elfreth	Huffman
Casten	Escobar	Ivey
Castor (FL)	Espallat	Jackson (IL)
Castro (TX)	Evans (PA)	Jacobs
Cherfilus-	Fields	Jayapal
McCormick	Figures	Jeffries
Chu	Fletcher	Johnson (GA)
Cisneros	Foster	Johnson (TX)
Clark (MA)	Foushee	Kamlager-Dove
Clarke (NY)	Frankel, Lois	Kaptur
Cleaver	Friedman	Keating

Kelly (IL)	Mrvan	Sherrill	Scalise	Stefanik	Van Orden	Miller-Meeks	Rose	Stutzman
Kennedy (NY)	Mullin	Simon	Schmidt	Steil	Wagner	Mills	Rouzer	Taylor
Khanna	Nadler	Smith (WA)	Schweikert	Steube	Walberg	Moolenaar	Roy	Tenney
Krishnamoorthi	Neal	Sorensen	Scott, Austin	Strong	Weber (TX)	Moore (AL)	Rulli	Thompson (PA)
Landsman	Neguse	Soto	Self	Stutzman	Webster (FL)	Moore (NC)	Rutherford	Tiffany
Larsen (WA)	Ocasio-Cortez	Stansbury	Sessions	Taylor	Westerman	Moore (UT)	Salazar	Timmons
Larson (CT)	Olzewski	Stanton	Shreve	Tenney	Wied	Moore (WV)	Scalise	Valadao
Latimer	Omar	Stevens	Simpson	Thompson (PA)	Williams (TX)	Moran	Schmidt	Van Drew
Lee (NV)	Pallone	Strickland	Smith (MO)	Tiffany	Wilson (SC)	Murphy	Schweikert	Van Dwyne
Lee (PA)	Panetta	Subramanyam	Smith (NE)	Timmons	Wittman	Nehls	Scott, Austin	Van Orden
Leger Fernandez	Pappas	Suozi	Smith (NJ)	Turner (OH)	Womack	Newhouse	Self	Wagner
Levin	Pelosi	Swalwell	Smucker	Valadao	Yakym	Norman	Sessions	Walberg
Liccardo	Perez	Sykes	Spartz	Van Drew	Zinke	Nunn (IA)	Shreve	Weber (TX)
Lieu	Peters	Takano	Stauber	Van Dwyne		Oberman	Simpson	Webster (FL)
Lofgren	Pettersen	Thanedar				Ogles	Smith (MO)	Westerman
Lynch	Pingree	Thompson (CA)				Onder	Smith (NE)	Wied
Magaziner	Pocan	Thompson (MS)	Beatty	Finstad	Norcross	Owens	Smith (NJ)	Williams (TX)
Mannion	Pou	Titus	Correa	Lee (FL)	Randall	Palmer	Smucker	Wilson (SC)
Matsui	Pressley	Tlaib				Patronis	Spartz	Wittman
McBath	Quigley	Tokuda				Perry	Stauber	Womack
McBride	Ramirez	Tonko				Pfluger	Stefanik	Yakym
McClain Delaney	Raskin	Torres (CA)				Reschenthaler	Steil	Zinke
McClellan	Riley (NY)	Torres (NY)				Rogers (AL)	Steube	
McCollum	Rivas	Trahan				Rogers (KY)	Strong	
McDonald Rivet	Ross	Tran						
McGarvey	Ruiz	Underwood						
McGovern	Ryan	Vargas						
McIver	Salinas	Vasquez						
Meeks	Sánchez	Veasey						
Menendez	Scanlon	Velázquez						
Meng	Schakowsky	Vindman						
Mfume	Schneider	Wasserman						
Min	Scholten	Schultz						
Moore (WI)	Schrier	Waters						
Morelle	Scott (VA)	Watson Coleman						
Morrison	Scott, David	Whitesides						
Moskowitz	Sewell	Williams (GA)						
Moulton	Sherman	Wilson (FL)						

NAYS—218

Aderholt	Fine	LaHood
Alford	Fischbach	LaLota
Allen	Fitzgerald	LaMalfa
Amodei (NV)	Fitzpatrick	Langworthy
Arrington	Fleischmann	Latta
Babin	Flood	Lawler
Bacon	Fong	Letlow
Baird	Fox	Loudermilk
Balderson	Franklin, Scott	Lucas
Barr	Fry	Luna
Barrett	Fulcher	Luttrell
Baumgartner	Garbarino	Mace
Bean (FL)	Gill (TX)	Mackenzie
Begich	Gimenez	Malliotakis
Bentz	Goldman (TX)	Maloy
Bergman	Gonzales, Tony	Mann
Bice	Gooden	Massie
Biggs (AZ)	Gosar	Mast
Biggs (SC)	Graves	McCaul
Bilirakis	Green (TN)	McClain
Boebert	Greene (GA)	McClintock
Bost	Griffith	McCormick
Brescheen	Grothman	McDowell
Bresnahan	Guest	McGuire
Buchanan	Guthrie	Messmer
Burchett	Hageman	Meuser
Burlison	Hamadeh (AZ)	Miller (IL)
Calvert	Haridopolos	Miller (OH)
Cammack	Harrigan	Miller (WV)
Carey	Harris (MD)	Miller-Meeks
Carter (GA)	Harris (NC)	Mills
Carter (TX)	Harshbarger	Moolenaar
Ciscomani	Hern (OK)	Moore (AL)
Cline	Higgins (LA)	Moore (NC)
Cloud	Hill (AR)	Moore (UT)
Clyde	Hinson	Moore (WV)
Cole	Houchin	Moran
Collins	Hudson	Murphy
Comer	Huizenga	Nehls
Crane	Hunt	Newhouse
Crank	Hurd (CO)	Norman
Crawford	Issa	Nunn (IA)
Crenshaw	Jack	Oberman
Davidson	Jackson (TX)	Ogles
De La Cruz	James	Onder
DesJarlais	Johnson (LA)	Owens
Diaz-Balart	Johnson (SD)	Palmer
Donalds	Jordan	Patronis
Downing	Joyce (OH)	Perry
Dunn (FL)	Joyce (PA)	Pfluger
Edwards	Kean	Reschenthaler
Elizey	Kelly (MS)	Rogers (AL)
Emmer	Kelly (PA)	Rogers (KY)
Estes	Kennedy (UT)	Rose
Evans (CO)	Kiggans (VA)	Rouzer
Ezell	Kiley (CA)	Roy
Fallon	Kim	Rulli
Fedorchak	Knott	Rutherford
Feenstra	Kustoff	Salazar

LaHood	LaLota	LaMalfa	Langworthy	Latta	Lawler	Letlow	Loudermilk	Lucas	Luna	Luttrell	Mace	Mackenzie	Malliotakis	Maloy	Mann	Massie	Mast	McCaul	McClain	McClintock	McCormick	McDowell	McGuire	Messmer	Meuser	Miller (IL)	Miller (OH)	Miller (WV)	Miller-Meeks	Mills	Moolenaar	Moore (AL)	Moore (NC)	Moore (UT)	Moore (WV)	Moran	Murphy	Nehls	Newhouse	Norman	Nunn (IA)	Oberman	Ogles	Onder	Owens	Palmer	Patronis	Perry	Pfluger	Reschenthaler	Rogers (AL)	Rogers (KY)	Rose	Rouzer	Roy	Rulli	Rutherford	Salazar
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NOT VOTING—6

Beatty	Finstad	Norcross
Correa	Lee (FL)	Randall

□ 1541

Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana changed his vote from “yea” to “nay.”

Mr. JACKSON of Illinois changed his vote from “nay” to “yea.”

So the motion to recommit was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the passage of the bill.

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

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

The yeas and nays were ordered.

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

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 214, nays 212, not voting 6, as follows:

[Roll No. 168]

YEAS—214

Aderholt	Dunn (FL)	Hunt
Alford	Edwards	Hurd (CO)
Allen	Elizey	Issa
Arrington	Emmer	Jack
Babin	Estes	Jackson (TX)
Bacon	Evans (CO)	James
Baird	Ezell	Johnson (LA)
Balderson	Fallon	Johnson (SD)
Barr	Fedorchak	Jordan
Barrett	Feenstra	Joyce (OH)
Baumgartner	Fine	Joyce (PA)
Bean (FL)	Fischbach	Kean
Begich	Fitzgerald	Kelly (MS)
Bentz	Fleischmann	Kelly (PA)
Bergman	Flood	Kennedy (UT)
Bice	Fong	Kiggans (VA)
Biggs (AZ)	Fox	Kiley (CA)
Biggs (SC)	Franklin, Scott	Kim
Bilirakis	Fry	Knott
Boebert	Fulcher	Kustoff
Bost	Garbarino	LaHood
Brescheen	Gill (TX)	LaLota
Bresnahan	Gimenez	LaMalfa
Buchanan	Goldman (TX)	Langworthy
Burchett	Gonzales, Tony	Latta
Burlison	Gooden	Lawler
Calvert	Gosar	Letlow
Cammack	Graves	Loudermilk
Carey	Green (TN)	Lucas
Carter (GA)	Greene (GA)	Luna
Carter (TX)	Griffith	Luttrell
Ciscomani	Grothman	Mace
Cline	Guest	Mackenzie
Cloud	Guthrie	Maloy
Clyde	Hageman	Mann
Cole	Hamadeh (AZ)	Massie
Collins	Haridopolos	Mast
Comer	Harrigan	McCaul
Crane	Harris (MD)	McClain
Crank	Harris (NC)	McClintock
Crawford	Harshbarger	McCormick
Crenshaw	Hern (OK)	McDowell
Davidson	Higgins (LA)	McGuire
Dunn (FL)	Hill (AR)	Messmer
Edwards	Hinson	Meuser
Elizey	Houchin	Miller (IL)
Emmer	Hudson	Miller (OH)
Estes	Huizenga	Miller (WV)

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

NOT VOTING—6

Beatty Finstad Norcross
Correa Lee (FL) Randall

□ 1552

So the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I have a point of parliamentary inquiry.

As a combat veteran, I want to know—

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will suspend. The gentleman will suspend. The gentleman will suspend. The gentleman will suspend.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion to adjourn offered by the gentleman from California (Mr. THOMPSON).

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

RECORDED VOTE

Mr. THOMPSON of California. 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 206, noes 218, not voting 8, as follows:

[Roll No. 169]

AYES—206

Adams	Crow	Hayes
Aguilar	Cuellar	Himes
Amo	Davids (KS)	Horsford
Ansari	Davis (IL)	Houlahan
Auchincloss	Davis (NC)	Hoyer
Balint	Dean (PA)	Hoyle (OR)
Barragán	DeGette	Huffman
Bell	DeLauro	Ivey
Bera	DelBene	Jackson (IL)
Beyer	Deluzio	Jacobs
Bishop	DeSaulnier	Jayapal
Bonamici	Dexter	Jeffries
Boyle (PA)	Dingell	Johnson (GA)
Brown	Doggett	Johnson (TX)
Brownley	Elfreth	Kamlager-Dove
Budzinski	Escobar	Kaptur
Bynum	Españillat	Keating
Carbajal	Evans (PA)	Kelly (IL)
Carson	Fields	Kennedy (NY)
Carter (LA)	Figures	Khanna
Casar	Fletcher	Krishnamoorthi
Case	Foster	Landsman
Casten	Foushee	Larsen (WA)
Castor (FL)	Frankel, Lois	Larsen (CT)
Castro (TX)	Friedman	Latimer
Cherfilus-	Frost	Lee (NV)
McCormick	Garcia (CA)	Lee (PA)
Chu	Garcia (IL)	Leger Fernandez
Cisneros	Garcia (TX)	Levin
Clark (MA)	Gillen	Liccardo
Clarke (NY)	Golden (ME)	Lieu
Cleaver	Goldman (NY)	Lofgren
Clyburn	Gomez	Lynch
Cohen	Gonzalez, V.	Magaziner
Conaway	Goodlander	Mannion
Costa	Gottheimer	Matsui
Courtney	Gray	McBath
Craig	Green, Al (TX)	McBride
Crockett	Harder (CA)	McClain Delaney

McClellan
McCollum
McDonald Rivet
McGarvey
McGovern
McIver
Meeks
Menendez
Meng
Mfume
Min
Moore (WI)
Morelle
Morrison
Moskowitz
Moulton
Mrvan
Mullin
Nadler
Neal
Neguse
Ocasio-Cortez
Olszewski
Omar
Pallone
Panetta
Pappas
Perez
Peters
Pettersen
Pingree

NOES—218

Aderholt
Alford
Allen
Amodei (NV)
Arrington
Babin
Bacon
Baird
Balderson
Barr
Barrett
Baumgartner
Bean (FL)
Begich
Bentz
Bergman
Bice
Biggs (AZ)
Biggs (SC)
Bilirakis
Boebert
Bost
Brecheen
Bresnahan
Buchanan
Burchett
Burlison
Calvert
Cammack
Carey
Carter (GA)
Carter (TX)
Ciscomani
Cline
Cloud
Clyde
Cole
Collins
Comer
Crane
Crank
Crawford
Crenshaw
Davidson
De La Cruz
DesJarlais
Diaz-Balart
Donalds
Downing
Dunn (FL)
Edwards
Elizy
Emmer
Estes
Evans (CO)
Ezell
Fallon
Fedorchak
Feenstra
Fine
Fischbach
Fitzgerald
Fitzpatrick
Fleischmann
Flood
Fong

Foxx
Franklin, Scott
Fry
Fulcher
Garbarino
Gill (TX)
Gill
Goldman (TX)
Gonzales, Tony
Gooden
Gosar
Graves
Green (TN)
Greene (GA)
Griffith
Grothman
Guest
Guthrie
Hageman
Hamadeh (AZ)
Haridopolos
Harrigan
Harris (MD)
Harris (NC)
Harshbarger
Hern (OK)
Higgins (LA)
Hill (AR)
Hinson
Houchin
Hudson
Huizenga
Hunt
Hurd (CO)
Issa
Jack
Jackson (TX)
James
Johnson (LA)
Johnson (SD)
Jordan
Joyce (OH)
Joyce (PA)
Kean
Kelly (MS)
Kelly (PA)
Kennedy (UT)
Kiggans (VA)
Kiley (CA)
Kim
Knott
Kustoff
LaHood
LaLota
LaMalfa
Langworthy
Latta
Lawler
Letlow
Loudermilk
Lucas
Luna
Luttrell
Mace
Mackenzie
Malliotakis

Subramanyam
Suozzi
Swalwell
Sykes
Takano
Thanedar
Thompson (CA)
Thompson (MS)
Titus
Tlaib
Tokuda
Tonko
Torres (CA)
Torres (NY)
Trahan
Tran
Underwood
Vargas
Vasquez
Veasey
Velázquez
Vindman
Wasserman
Schultz
Waters
Watson Coleman
Whitesides
Williams (GA)
Wilson (FL)

Thompson (PA)
Tiffany
Timmons
Turner (OH)
Valadao
Van Drew
Van Duyne

Van Orden
Wagner
Walberg
Weber (TX)
Webster (FL)
Westerman
Wied

Williams (TX)
Wilson (SC)
Wittman
Womack
Yakym
Zinke

NOT VOTING—8

Beatty Garamendi Pelosi
Correa Lee (FL) Randall
Finstad Norcross

□ 1559

So the motion to adjourn was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA FEDERAL IMMIGRATION COMPLIANCE ACT OF 2025

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfinished business is the vote on the motion to recommit on the bill (H.R. 2056) to require the District of Columbia to comply with federal immigration laws, offered by the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. LYNCH), on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk will redesignate the motion.

The Clerk redesignated the motion.

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

This is a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 205, nays 215, not voting 12, as follows:

[Roll No. 170]

YEAS—205

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

Olszewski
Omar
Pallone
Panetta
Pappas
Perez
Peters
Pettersen
Pingree
Pocan
Pou
Pressley
Quigley
Ramirez
Raskin
Riley (NY)
Rivas
Ross
Ruiz
Ryan
Salinas
Sánchez
Scanlon

Schakowsky
Schneider
Scholten
Schrier
Scott (VA)
Scott, David
Sewell
Sherman
Sherrill
Simon
Smith (WA)
Sorensen
Soto
Stansbury
Stanton
Stevens
Strickland
Subramanyam
Suozzi
Swalwell
Sykes
Takano
Thanedar

Thompson (CA)
Thompson (MS)
Titus
Tlaib
Tokuda
Tonko
Torres (CA)
Torres (NY)
Trahan
Tran
Underwood
Vargas
Vasquez
Veasey
Velázquez
Vindman
Wasserman
Schultz
Waters
Watson Coleman
Whitesides
Williams (GA)
Wilson (FL)

NAYS—215

Aderholt
Alford
Allen
Amodei (NV)
Arrington
Babin
Bacon
Baird
Balderson
Barr
Barrett
Baumgartner
Bean (FL)
Begich
Bentz
Bergman
Bice
Biggs (AZ)
Biggs (SC)
Bilirakis
Boebert
Bost
Brecht
Bresnahan
Buchanan
Burchett
Burlison
Calvert
Cammack
Carey
Carter (GA)
Carter (TX)
Ciscomani
Cline
Cloud
Clyde
Cole
Collins
Comer
Crane
Crank
Crawford
Crenshaw
Davidson
De La Cruz
Diaz-Balart
Donalds
Downing
Edwards
Ellzey
Emmer
Estes
Evans (CO)
Ezell
Fallon
Fedorchak
Feenstra
Fine
Fischbach
Fitzgerald
Fitzpatrick
Fleischmann
Flood
Fong
Foxy
Franklin, Scott
Fry
Fulcher
Garbarino
Gill (TX)
Gimenez
Goldman (TX)

Gonzales, Tony
Gooden
Gosar
Graves
Green (TN)
Greene (GA)
Griffith
Grothman
Guest
Guthrie
Hageman
Hamadeh (AZ)
Haridopolos
Harrigan
Harris (MD)
Harris (NC)
Harshbarger
Hern (OK)
Higgins (LA)
Hill (AR)
Hinson
Houchin
Hudson
Huizenga
Hunt
Hurd (CO)
Issa
Jack
Jackson (TX)
James
Johnson (LA)
Johnson (SD)
Jordan
Joyce (OH)
Joyce (PA)
Kean
Kelly (MS)
Kelly (PA)
Kennedy (UT)
Kiggans (VA)
Kiley (CA)
Kim
Knott
Kustoff
LaHood
LaLota
LaMalfa
Langworthy
Latta
Lawler
Letlow
Loudermilk
Lucas
Luna
Luttrell
Mace
Mackenzie
Malliotakis
Maloy
Mann
Massie
Mast
McCaul
McClain
McClintock
McCormick
McDowell
McGuire
Messmer
Miller (IL)
Miller (OH)

Miller (WV)
Miller-Meeks
Mills
Moolenaar
Moore (AL)
Moore (NC)
Moore (UT)
Moore (WV)
Moran
Nehls
Newhouse
Norman
Nunn (IA)
Obenolte
Ogles
Onder
Owens
Palmer
Patronis
Perry
Pfluger
Reschenthaler
Rogers (AL)
Rogers (KY)
Rose
Rouzer
Roy
Rulli
Rutherford
Salazar
Scalise
Schmidt
Schweikert
Scott, Austin
Self
Sessions
Shreve
Simpson
Smith (MO)
Smith (NE)
Smith (NJ)
Smucker
Spartz
Staubert
Stefanik
Steil
Steube
Strong
Stutzman
Taylor
Tenney
Thompson (PA)
Tiffany
Timmons
Turner (OH)
Valadao
Van Drew
Vandenberg
Vasquez
Veasey
Velázquez
Vindman
Wasserman
Schultz
Waters
Watson Coleman
Williams (GA)
Wilson (FL)

NOT VOTING—12

Beatty
Correa
DelBene
DesJarlais

Dunn (FL)
Finstad
Garamendi
Lee (FL)

Murphy
Norcross
Pelosi
Randall

□ 1605

So the motion to recommit was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the passage of the bill.

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

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

The yeas and nays were ordered.

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

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 224, nays 194, not voting 14, as follows:

[Roll No. 171]

YEAS—224

Aderholt
Alford
Allen
Amodei (NV)
Arrington
Babin
Bacon
Baird
Balderson
Barr
Barrett
Baumgartner
Bean (FL)
Begich
Bentz
Bergman
Bice
Biggs (AZ)
Biggs (SC)
Bilirakis
Boebert
Bost
Brecht
Bresnahan
Buchanan
Burchett
Burlison
Calvert
Cammack
Carey
Carter (GA)
Carter (TX)
Case
Ciscomani
Cline
Cloud
Clyde
Cole
Collins
Comer
Crane
Crank
Crawford
Crenshaw
Cuellar
Davidson
Davis (NC)
De La Cruz
Diaz-Balart
Donalds
Downing
Edwards
Ellzey
Emmer
Estes
Evans (CO)
Ezell
Fallon
Fedorchak
Feenstra
Fine
Fischbach
Fitzgerald
Fitzpatrick
Fleischmann
Flood
Fong
Foxy
Franklin, Scott
Fry
Fulcher
Garbarino
Gill (TX)
Gimenez
Goldman (TX)

Fong
Foxy
Franklin, Scott
Fry
Fulcher
Garbarino
Gill (TX)
Gillen
Gimenez
Golden (ME)
Goldman (TX)
Gonzales, Tony
Gonzalez, V.
Gooden
Gosar
Graves
Gray
Green (TN)
Greene (GA)
Griffith
Guest
Guthrie
Hageman
Hamadeh (AZ)
Haridopolos
Harrigan
Harris (MD)
Harris (NC)
Harshbarger
Hern (OK)
Higgins (LA)
Hill (AR)
Hinson
Houchin
Hudson
Huizenga
Hunt
Issa
Jack
Jackson (TX)
James
Johnson (LA)
Johnson (SD)
Jordan
Joyce (OH)
Joyce (PA)
Kean
Kelly (MS)
Kelly (PA)
Kennedy (UT)
Kiggans (VA)
Kiley (CA)
Kim
Knott
Kustoff
LaHood
LaLota
LaMalfa
Langworthy
Latta
Lawler
Letlow
Loudermilk
Lucas
Luna
Luttrell
Mace
Mackenzie
Malliotakis
Maloy
Mann
Massie
Mast
McCaul
McClain
McClintock
McCormick
McDowell
McGuire
Messmer
Miller (IL)
Miller (OH)

Luttrell
Mace
Mackenzie
Malliotakis
Maloy
Mann
Massie
Mast
McCaul
McClain
McClintock
McCormick
McDonald Rivet
McDowell
McGuire
Messmer
Meuser
Miller (IL)
Miller (OH)
Miller (WV)
Miller-Meeks
Mills
Moolenaar
Moore (AL)
Moore (NC)
Moore (UT)
Moore (WV)
Moran
Murphy
Nehls
Newhouse
Norman
Nunn (IA)
Oberholte
Ogles
Onder
Owens
Palmer
Patronis
Perry
Pfluger
Reschenthaler
Rogers (AL)
Rogers (KY)
Rose
Rouzer
Roy
Rulli
Rutherford
Scalise
Schmidt
Schweikert
Scott, Austin
Self
Sessions
Shreve
Simpson
Smith (MO)
Smith (NE)
Smith (NJ)
Smucker
Spartz
Staubert
Stefanik
Steil
Steube

Strong
Stutzman
Suozzi
Taylor
Tenney
Thompson (PA)
Tiffany
Timmons
Turner (OH)

Valadao
Van Drew
Van Dine
Van Orden
Wagner
Walberg
Weber (TX)
Webster (FL)
Westerman

NAYS—194

Adams
Aguilar
Amo
Ansari
Auchincloss
Balint
Barragan
Bell
Bera
Beyer
Bishop
Bonamici
Boyle (PA)
Brown
Brownley
Budzinski
Bynum
Carbajal
Carson
Carter (LA)
Casar
Casten
Castor (FL)
Castro (TX)
Cherfilus-
McCormick
Chu
Cisneros
Clark (MA)
Clarke (NY)
Cleaver
Clyburn
Cohen
Conaway
Costa
Courtney
Craig
Crockett
Crow
Davids (KS)
Davis (IL)
Dean (PA)
DeGette
DeLauro
Deluzio
DeSaulnier
Dexter
Dingell
Doggett
Elfeth
Escobar
Espallat
Evans (PA)
Fields
Figures
Fletcher
Foster
Foushee
Frankel, Lois
Friedman
Frost
Garcia (CA)
Garcia (IL)
Garcia (TX)
Goldman (NY)
Gomez

Goodlander
Gottheimer
Green, Al (TX)
Harder (CA)
Hayes
Himes
Horsford
Houlahan
Hoyer
Hoyle (OR)
Huffman
Ivey
Jackson (IL)
Jacobs
Jayapal
Jeffries
Johnson (GA)
Johnson (TX)
Kamlager-Dove
Kaptur
Keating
Kelly (IL)
Kennedy (NY)
Khanna
Krishnamoorthi
Landsman
Larsen (WA)
Larson (CT)
Latimer
Lee (NV)
Lee (PA)
Leger Fernandez
Levin
Liccardo
Lieu
Lofgren
Lynch
Magaziner
Mannion
Matsui
McBath
McBride
McClain Delaney
McClellan
McCollum
McGarvey
McGovern
McIver
Meeks
Menendez
Meng
Mfume
Min
Moore (WI)
Morelle
Morrison
Moskowitz
Moulton
Mrvan
Mullin
Nadler
Neal
Neguse
Ocasio-Cortez
Olszewski
Omar

Whitesides
Wied
Williams (TX)
Wilson (SC)
Wittman
Womack
Yakym
Zinke

NOT VOTING—14

Beatty
Correa
DelBene
DesJarlais
Dunn (FL)

Finstad
Garamendi
Grothman
Lee (FL)
Norcross

Pelosi
Randall
Salazar
Simpson

□ 1612

So the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I missed votes due to a previously scheduled family commitment. My grandson, Thomas, graduated from Xavier High School. The ceremony is at St.

Patrick's Cathedral in New York. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 169, YEA on Roll Call No. 170, and NAY on Roll Call No. 171.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Ms. RANDALL. Mr. Speaker, due to family related matters, I was unable to vote on S. 331, H.R. 4, and H.R. 2056. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 166, YEA on Roll Call No. 167, NAY on Roll Call No. 168, AYE on Roll Call No. 169, YEA on Roll Call No. 170, and NAY on Roll Call No. 171.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, I was necessarily absent and missed the following votes on the House Floor. Had I been present, I would have voted accordingly: NAY on Roll Call No. 166, Passage of S. 331; YEA on Roll Call No. 167, Motion to Recommit on H.R. 4; NAY on Roll Call No. 168, Passage of H.R. 4; AYE on Roll Call No. 169, Motion to Adjourn; YEA on Roll Call No. 170, Motion to Recommit on H.R. 2056; and NAY on Roll Call No. 171, Passage of H.R. 2056.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE
SPEAKER

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

WASHINGTON, DC,

June 12, 2025.

I hereby designate the period from Thursday, June 12, 2025, through Sunday, June 22, 2025, as a "district work period" under clause 13 of Rule I.

MIKE JOHNSON,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

MOMENT OF SILENCE IN MEMORY
OF PULSE NIGHTCLUB VICTIMS

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

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, 9 years ago today, on June 12, 2016, at 2:02 a.m., our little happy town of Orlando, Florida, was changed forever as we saw 49 angels killed and 53 others who were injured in a mass shooting during Latin Night at the Pulse nightclub, a safe place for the LGBTQ community located just south of downtown Orlando. At the time, it was the deadliest mass shooting in U.S. history.

I was proud to work on both sides of the aisle in June 2019 to introduce the National Pulse Memorial. In June 2020, it passed the House but did not pass the Senate. Finally, in June 2021, it was introduced, passed into law, and signed by President Biden.

We know that the National Pulse Memorial happened because this was a national tragedy. At the time, we saw memorials and moments of silence across the Nation, across districts, from sea to shining sea.

In remembrance of those who we lost and those who were injured and their families, I ask my colleagues to please stand and join me for a moment of silence.

HONORING FALLEN OFFICER GABRIEL FACIO

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

Mr. BIGGS of Arizona. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the memory and selfless service of Officer Gabriel Facio of the Apache Junction Police Department: End of watch, June 8, 2025.

Gabriel was wounded in the line of duty on June 2, 2025, while attempting to apprehend a suspect who was brandishing a weapon and waving it at motorists and residents. Gabriel and his fellow officers bravely responded to the call and pursued the suspect further south.

After using all available means to bring in the suspect without incident, the commands were not obeyed, and the suspect could not be brought down with less lethal tools. The suspect fired his weapon at Gabriel and his fellow officers, who returned fire. Sadly, in the exchange, Gabriel was struck in the face before the suspect was hit and taken into custody.

Gabriel fought valiantly but could not overcome the wounds he sustained. Six days later, he passed away at only 46 years old, surrounded by his family and fellow officers.

We honor his sacrifice as the first Apache Junction police officer to be killed in the line of duty. He was beloved by his fellow officers and his dear family, with whom we mourn.

Gabriel, we pray for your family and brothers in blue. Your service and protection of the people of Apache Junction in Arizona's Fifth District will live on forever. Thank you, and may God welcome you home.

Mr. Speaker, I ask for a moment of silence.

□ 1620

WOMEN IN THE MILITARY

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

Ms. HOULAHAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today as a veteran of the United States Air Force on this national Women Veterans Day to tell Secretary Hegseth and President Trump that women who raise their hand and swear an oath to protect and defend this Nation are not going anywhere and we will not be silent.

From the earliest days of our Nation, women have always served, both officially and unofficially, facing off against America's enemies. Today, women make up nearly 18 percent of the Active-Duty force and 22 percent of our National Guard and Reserve.

Studies prove that their service improves innovation and mission outcomes, making our military stronger, smarter, and more prepared to face the challenges of modern warfare.

The administration's artificial barriers on who can lead and who can serve are disrespectful and irrespon-

sible. Firing and pushing aside decorated female leaders who earned their positions diminishes military readiness and devalues the standards and integrity of the very military itself.

Women in our military are not insignificant or inconsequential. We are indeed essential, and we cannot be pushed out or erased.

REMEMBERING AVA MOORE

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

Ms. VAN DUYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart to honor Ava Moore, a tremendous young woman from the 24th Congressional District. She was a leader, a patriot, and a bright light in our north Texas community.

From the first time that we reviewed her application to the U.S. Air Force Academy, it was clear that she was destined for greatness.

In May, Ava was home for just a short break before heading off to basic training. While kayaking with friends on Grapevine Lake, Ava's life was taken in a senseless and preventable tragedy. Our entire office is heartbroken about her loss.

I had the privilege of speaking with Ava's father, a man of great faith, kindness, and forgiveness. Even in the face of unimaginable loss, he told me that he was remaining hopeful and positive because, in his own words, that is how Ava would have wanted it.

Our Nation is at a loss with Ava's passing. May we honor her by remembering the incredible woman that she was. May God bring peace to her family, knowing that her legacy and her example will last with all of us.

HONORING REVEREND WILLIE
RAINWATER

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

Ms. JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary life and legacy of Reverend Willie Rainwater of Carrollton, Texas.

Reverend Rainwater was more than a pastor. He was a pillar of justice, a steward of history, and a relentless voice for civil rights.

From preserving the Carrollton Black Cemetery to organizing the city's annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Day parade for more than 25 years, he brought our community together in the spirit of equity and remembrance.

His work wasn't just in the pulpit. It was in the streets, in our schools, in our city hall meetings, and in the daily struggle to make north Texas more just and united.

Reverend Rainwater now joins his beloved wife, Juanita, with whom he shared a life of faith, service, and community leadership. Together, they made north Texas better.

Today, we remember a man whose faith was inseparable from action, whose love for his neighbors left an imprint on our institutions, and whose memory is a blessing to us all. May we continue to carry his torch forward.

RECOGNIZING ADAM WYATT AND RIA GANDOTRA

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

Mr. MACKENZIE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize two exceptional students from the greater Lehigh Valley, Adam Wyatt and Ria Gandotra, recipients of the 2025 Congressional Award Gold Medal, the highest honor Congress can bestow upon a civilian youth.

Adam, a student at Nazareth Area High School and an Eagle Scout, has used the program to build leadership skills, service, and discipline. From studying Russian and leading his family on a 19-day European tour to interviewing local veterans, he has taken on challenges that show real initiative and follow-through.

Ria, a student at Moravian Academy, volunteered at a camp for children with special needs, worked to better herself academically, played on her school's tennis team, and planned a family trip to Toronto. Her work reflects both compassion and determination and a clear commitment to personal and civic growth.

Adam and Ria exemplify the values of service, perseverance, and personal development. I am proud to recognize their achievements and the positive impact they have had on their local community as young leaders in the greater Lehigh Valley.

HONORING LEADERS AND ADVOCATES

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

Mr. LATIMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize a group of Westchester residents who have taken on the role of civic involvement on issues of importance to the local, county, State, and Federal level. I am speaking about the leaders and advocates in my home district.

These individuals have taken on that most traditional of American values, which is active citizenship in matters of public policy. We have seen our values such as the right to vote, the rights of free speech and due process, and the rights to benefits earned through honest work or service to our Nation under attack.

It will take everyday citizens to stand up and say, no, we don't agree with what is happening today. We see a better future for America.

I recognize Margaret Bradbury, Kim Snyder, and Rhiannon Navin in New Rochelle; Jenny Geer in Mamaroneck;

Suki van Dijk in Rye; Khrista Tahmin in Eastchester; Jenny Bernhard and Liz Scafidì in White Plains; Gaby Bordwin and Marjorie Hsu in the Rivertowns; Eileen O'Connor and Elizabeth de Bethune in Yonkers; Susan Van Dolsen of Harrison; and Shannon Powell of Mamaroneck.

The work they are doing has earned our respect and deserves our praise.

ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY IN GOVERNMENT

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

Mr. BEAN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, \$168 billion was the amount the Federal Government improperly paid last year. We paid some bills two or three times. We paid the wrong invoices altogether. We paid invoices we didn't know we paid because there was no tracking mechanism.

If only, Mr. Speaker, there was a bill to require the Department of the Treasury to ensure accuracy and eligibility in Federal spending.

Wait, there is. I just filed it, Mr. Speaker. It is the Delivering On Government Efficiency in Spending Act, DOGE in Spending Act.

The war on waste, fraud, and abuse begins today by requiring the Treasury Department to simply track, verify, and cross-check payments. That is what the DOGE in Spending Act will do.

Mr. Speaker, the American people deserve accountability and transparency. I urge all my colleagues to join me, and I am saving a cosponsorship for each of them.

Mr. Speaker, let's deliver results. Let's go get them.

HONORING WOMEN VETERANS DAY

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

Ms. TOKUDA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of national Women Veterans Day.

Last week, I spoke with a combat veteran from Kaneohe, Hawaii, my hometown. She was among the first class of women to graduate from West Point. Two decades after leaving the Army, she returned to serve as a chaplain. She deployed to Afghanistan, earned Airborne and Air Assault qualification, and was awarded the Legion of Merit and five Meritorious Service Medals.

Yet she felt compelled to come all the way to Washington, D.C., to join in a veterans protest on D-day because the very progress she helped to secure she now saw being callously unraveled.

These include women's history erased from Defense websites; senior female leaders pushed out; accountability on sexual assault fading; and a narrow, male-centric culture of lethality that sidelines women in service.

She asked me: How is it we are fighting and having to refight the battles we have already won?

Shame on this administration for turning its back on women like my constituent who have worn the uniform and are now made to fight again for the dignity and respect they have already earned.

Women veterans are watching, and they will not be silent.

□ 1630

FREDERICA ACADEMY BASEBALL TEAM

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

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Frederica Academy baseball team who won the program's first-ever State championship this season.

Since 1969, Frederica Academy has earned 76 State titles across all its athletic programs, except for one. Their baseball program had battled a history of ups and downs, not quite being able to finish the drill, until now.

Fighting back from near elimination early in the playoffs, the St. Simon's team overcame adversity to make their first State title series since 2018. The boys swept their opponents from Pinewood Christian to earn the GIAA Class 3A baseball State championship and made history for their athletic program.

Under Head Coach Tim Orlosky, these young men exhibited persistence, sportsmanship, and humility in their title run.

Mr. Speaker, join me in congratulating this team of incredible young men and everybody who supported them in their journey to achieve history for Frederica Academy.

RESCISSION PACKAGE

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

Ms. GILLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to address the cruel rescission package that passed the House strictly on partisan lines.

Let me be clear: This legislation is a shameful, backwards attempt to cancel \$9.8 billion in funding that had already been passed into law. It cuts critical investments in lifesaving programs that support reproductive health and education.

It also slashes funding for the U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief, also known as PEPFAR. This bipartisan initiative has been supported by both parties for 20 years.

As a volunteer who stood on the front lines of the AIDS epidemic, I witnessed firsthand and remember when an HIV diagnosis was tantamount to a death sentence. However, because of programs like PEPFAR, this is no longer so.

In fact, since its launch in 2003, PEPFAR has saved 26 million lives and enabled 8 million babies to be born without HIV infection.

This package also threatens funding to public broadcasting like NPR and PBS which educate, inform, and enrich the lives of Americans.

The American people have been clear that they want Congress to lower costs and make life easier for working families. Instead, we are spending our time threatening health programs and trying to take "Sesame Street" off the air.

CALIFORNIANS CAN NOW DRIVE A CAR OF THEIR CHOICE

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

Mr. KILEY. Mr. Speaker, today was a tremendous victory for sanity in California. I had the opportunity to join President Trump at the White House where he signed into law a resolution I introduced to reverse Gavin Newsom's ban on gas cars once and for all.

I want to thank my colleagues here in Congress on both sides of the aisle who joined us in passing this and getting it to the President's desk where it was signed into law today.

Because of its passage, Californians can now continue to drive a car of their choice rather than one that is dictated to them by the government.

We are pretty close to killing the high-speed rail disaster once and for all, as well, so we can invest money in our roads where it is needed. I think, Mr. Speaker, that we truly are on a path back to sanity in California.

CALIFORNIANS SHOULD CONTINUE TO PEACEFULLY PROTEST

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

Mr. TAKANO. Mr. Speaker, in just 1 week, this administration has conducted raids into my community to meet arbitrary deportation quotas. They have unnecessarily sent National Guard and marines, which have only inflamed peaceful protest, and they have thrown down to the ground a U.S. Senator, my U.S. Senator, and handcuffed him for trying to ask questions to DHS Secretary Noem.

This is happening because the administration does not like that they have different opinions from the State of California.

My constituents deserve more from their President, and our democracy deserves more from the President. I stand with all Californians who want to keep pushing, keep using our voice, and keep peacefully protesting the actions of this lawless President.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BEGICH). Members are reminded not to engage in personalities toward the President.

RECOGNIZING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF 4-H STUDENTS FROM FILLMORE COUNTY, NEBRASKA

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

Mr. SMITH of Nebraska. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the accomplishments of 4-H students from Fillmore County, Nebraska. They competed in the American Rocketry Challenge national finals last month.

Selected from over 1,000 entries from across the Nation, the students qualified as national finalists after designing, building, flight testing, and launching their rocket under highly specified requirements to target an impressive 790 feet and land while keeping the rocket's payload intact.

On May 16, I was delighted to welcome members of the club, which calls itself the STEAM Punks, to the Rockets on the Hill event, along with Coach Kristina Woods. Team leaders Kelsey Ellison and Ruby Long, displayed their model, the product of a 2-month engineering process.

Through their hard work and technical excellence, these young people have made Nebraska's Third District proud. With such dedication, they will continue to reach even greater heights.

GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE, NOT OF THE KING

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

Mrs. McCLELLAN. Mr. Speaker, on January 6, 2021, a crowd of people stormed the Capitol seeking for the second time in American history to take by force what they could not win at the ballot box.

Capitol Police were beaten as they tried to protect Members of this body and the Vice President of the United States from harm. Congressional leaders begged President Trump to send in the National Guard. He refused. However, Virginia, the birthplace of American democracy, did.

Four years later, President Trump pardoned the individuals who sought to harm Members of Congress and who did hurt Capitol Police who swear to keep us safe.

Now, as people exercise their constitutional right to protest, President Trump has deployed the National Guard and the Marines, and now an administration that ignores the Constitution it swore to preserve, protect, and defend seeks to intimidate, assault, and arrest Members of Congress exercising their oversight duties outlined in that same constitution, like Representative LAMONICA McIVER and Senator ALEX PADILLA.

Next year we have the opportunity to celebrate 250 years of a remarkable idea of power derived from the people, not from a king, but only if we take action now.

SAYRE POSEY, UTAH'S STATE TEACHER OF THE YEAR

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

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to recognize Utah's State Teacher of the Year, Sayre Posey, an outstanding educator who embodies the mission of the Merit Caucus: excellence, innovation, and high expectations.

She comes from a long line of teachers. Her great-grandfather taught in a one-room schoolhouse in West Virginia, and her mom is a retired kindergarten teacher.

Now, teaching eighth grade U.S. history at Northwest Middle School in Salt Lake City, Ms. Posey brings history to life through project-based learning. Her students have earned honors at regional and State national history day competitions.

She is proof that when we empower great educators and focus on merit, then our students thrive.

Mr. Speaker, I thank her for her leadership and proudly recognize her service today.

HONORING ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS ON THEIR 90TH ANNIVERSARY

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

Mrs. SYKES. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the 90th anniversary of Alcoholics Anonymous, a global, peer-led and spiritual-based, 12-step program, an organization founded in Ohio's 13th Congressional District in my hometown of Akron, Ohio.

In June of 1935, a meeting between Bill W., a New York stockbroker, and Dr. Bob, an Akron surgeon, both struggling with alcoholism, sparked a movement that would change millions of lives around the world.

With the guidance of Dr. William Silkworth, they came to understand that alcoholism is not a moral failure but a disease of the mind and body that requires treatment. From that understanding and their commitment to helping others, Alcoholics Anonymous was born.

What began as one small group meeting at Akron City Hospital has now grown into a global fellowship with 123,000 groups in 180 countries and literature translated into more than 100 languages.

With an estimated membership of over 2 million people, Alcoholics Anonymous has helped countless individuals find hope, recovery, and community.

AA's legacy of humility and service is reflected in its traditions, especially the principles of anonymity and putting service before self. Those who are members are dedicated, because each year they make the pilgrimage to Akron on Founders' Day to pay tribute

to Dr. Bob and provide hope and support for one another.

Today I am proud to stand here to celebrate the 90th year of Alcoholics Anonymous and their healing and perseverance. I am very proud this extraordinary legacy began in Ohio's 13th Congressional District.

□ 1640

HONORING HOOSIER VETERANS

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

Mr. SHREVE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to spotlight the over 32,000 honorable Hoosier veterans across Indiana's Sixth District.

A recurring theme I have heard from veterans as I move around the district is how difficult it can be to obtain the care that they have earned through their service. I am listening to these concerns and working hard to address them.

I had the opportunity this month to welcome our Secretary of Veterans Affairs, Mr. Doug Collins, to the Roudebush VA Medical Center back home in Indiana, where we discussed these very concerns close to our Hoosier veterans.

I am supporting legislation that ensures that our veterans receive the care and benefits that they have earned. I will continue to fight for my Hoosier veterans from my post here in Washington and back home in my district.

ACCOUNTABILITY FOR JUDICIARY INVESTIGATIONS

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

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, a judiciary cannot stand as a pillar of trust and independence unless it is also anchored in accountability. Yet, as it stands, Federal judges facing serious misconduct allegations can stop an investigation in its tracks by simply stepping down from the bench. This loophole not only undermines public trust but leaves serious questions unanswered about conduct unexamined.

My legislation, the TRUST Act, would fix this by requiring an investigation to continue even if the judge resigns or retires to avoid accountability. This cannot and should not be a partisan issue. Congress must act to ensure that credible allegations follow judges beyond the robe, and that retirement or resignation is not mistaken for resolution.

I encourage all of my colleagues to support this legislation.

HONORING OTTO FREDERICK WARMBIER

(Mrs. KIM asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. KIM. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor and remember Otto Frederick Warmbier as June 19 marks 8 years since his tragic death at the hands of the North Korea regime.

Otto was a dedicated young man who graduated as salutatorian of his high school in Ohio before attending the University of Virginia.

While on a school tour in North Korea in 2015, Otto was imprisoned and tortured by the North Korea regime. He died just a few days after his release at just 22 years young.

Otto experienced what no human being should ever have to go through. May his story continue to remind us of all the atrocities the North Korea regime is capable of.

Mr. Speaker, we remember, and we will continue to honor Otto and his memories. In Korean: "Ulineun Otto-leul yeong-wonhi gieok-hal geos-ibnida."

FUNDING FOR EDESIA'S PLUMPY'NUT

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

Mr. MAGAZINER. Mr. Speaker, today the House majority took a shameful vote to cut billions of dollars of aid that goes to PEPFAR to treat people around the world with HIV. They cut aid for malaria. They cut aid for clean water around the world.

Thankfully, this bill did not cut funding for emergency food aid like Plumpy'Nut. The problem is that even though this funding has not been cut and it is still available, the Trump administration still continues to hold up the money instead of getting it to companies like Edesia in North Kingstown, Rhode Island, who manufacture this food aid to ship it around the world. We continue to have a now 5-month pause in the delivery of emergency food aid to starving children.

The Trump administration needs to keep its word to deliver this food aid. The money is available so that lives can be saved.

This is the 21st time that I have spoken on the House floor demanding that the Trump administration restore emergency food aid. I will continue to speak every legislative day until they do it.

HONORING JOHN M. STUCKEY, JR.

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

Mr. JACK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of a man whose legacy was marked by intellect, integrity, and a deep devotion to profession and family, Mr. John M. Stuckey, Jr., who passed away on May 30.

John was born on August 9, 1939, in Shreveport, Louisiana, and was a grad-

uate and lifelong supporter of Louisiana State University.

Following college, he moved to Washington, D.C., where he earned his law degree from George Washington University, and served his country as an intelligence officer in the United States Army.

After his honorable discharge as a captain, John worked in the legislative branch in which we all serve, as the chief of staff to Senator Bill Brock.

Thereafter, he and his wife, Sandra, moved to Newnan, Georgia, and established Roanoke Farm, from where John would become a pioneering leader of the Georgia Republican Party. He led President Nixon's campaign in our State and was later elected and served as chairman of the Georgia Republican Party from 1987 to 1989.

In Newnan, he spent many lunches at Mama Lucia's, where he regaled his friends with stories of history, sports, and politics.

He was integral in the establishment of Brown's Mill Battlefield historic site, and he raced with his grandchildren on John Deere Gator rides across the family farm.

John is survived by his wife, Sandra; his son, and my friend, John; his daughter, Aaron; and four wonderful grandchildren.

John M. Stuckey's service to his country and legacy across our community will be felt for generations to come.

PULSE SHOOTING ANNIVERSARY

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

Mr. FROST. Mr. Speaker, 9 years ago today, 49 lives were stolen and ripped away from us at Pulse nightclub in my district, in my home of Orlando, Florida, a safe haven for Orlando's LGBTQ+ community that was turned into the site of unimaginable horror and a mass grave.

Pulse was more than just a club. It was love. It was joy. It was freedom and a space for a community facing constant adversity, from our State, and people like in our inner administration.

Just today, Governor Ron DeSantis deleted from the annual anniversary statement the words and acronyms "LGBTQ+" and "Hispanic," when most of the people who were killed that day were from the LGBTQ+ community and Hispanic. This was armed bigotry, and it was armed hate.

I am oftentimes asked why I don't join moments of silence that include Republicans for gun violence, and the reason why is because they refuse to do anything about it. I am not going to be a prop in some social media video that is posted later to placate constituents about ending gun violence. I am going to continue to honor them with action, not just with thoughts and prayers.

□ 1650

STANDING WITH SENATOR ALEX PADILLA

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

Ms. RIVAS. Mr. Speaker, Americans watched today in horror as the Trump administration assaulted a United States Senator.

Senator ALEX PADILLA is not only the senior U.S. Senator in California, but he is my childhood friend, my mentor, and the Senator to my constituents of the 29th Congressional District in California.

What we witnessed today were actions of an authoritative government. The Trump administration quickly resorted to violent actions to silence Senator PADILLA, erase our democracy, and rewrite our Nation's values.

Every American should be outraged at how the Trump administration is treating anyone who dares to stand in their way. Whether you are a U.S. Senator, a U.S. citizen, or an immigrant, no one is protected by the Trump regime. It is my job to ensure that my constituents, immigrants, and all Americans are protected from this administration's horrible actions.

If a U.S. Senator is treated this way on camera, imagine how they are treat-

ing immigrants when the cameras are off.

Mr. Speaker, I stand today as a proud daughter of immigrants. I stand with Senator PADILLA. I stand for all the residents of California's 29th Congressional District.

PUBLICATION OF BUDGETARY MATERIAL

COMMITTEE ALLOCATIONS IN H. CON. RES. 14
THE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON THE BUDGET
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON THE BUDGET,
Washington, DC, June 12, 2025.

Mr. Speaker, pursuant to section 4002(a) of the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2025 (H. Con. Res. 14), I hereby submit for printing in the Congressional Record the 302(a) allocations for the Committee on Appropriations and authorizing committees of the House of Representatives consistent with that concurrent resolution.

Section 4002(a) of H. Con. Res. 14 authorized the Chair of the Committee on the Budget to file 302(a) allocations consistent with the budgetary levels established in H. Con. Res. 14. This filing authority was necessary because there was no joint statement of managers accompanying H. Con. Res. 14. Under section 301(e)(2)(F) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, the allocations are required to be included in the report accompanying the budget resolution.

These allocations are enforced by section 302(f) of the Congressional Budget Act of

1974, which prohibits the consideration of legislation that would cause the applicable committee's allocation of new budget authority to be exceeded. For authorizing committees, section 302(f) applies to the budget year, fiscal year 2025, or for the total period of fiscal years 2025 through 2034. For appropriations bills, section 302(f) applies only to the budget year—fiscal year 2025.

These allocations apply to bills, joint resolutions, and amendments thereto or conference reports thereon, considered by the House of Representatives subsequent to this filing.

Associated tables are attached. These allocations are made for the purposes of enforcing titles III and IV of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, and other budgetary enforcement provisions.

If there are any questions on these allocations in the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2025, please contact Mary Popadiuk or Brad Watson of the Budget Committee.

Sincerely,
JODEY C. ARRINGTON,
Chairman, Committee on the Budget.

ALLOCATION OF SPENDING AUTHORITY FOR HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS		
(in millions of dollars)		
	2025	
Base Discretionary Action:		
BA		1,605,900
OT		1,816,643
Current Law Mandatory:		
BA		1,687,331
OT		1,666,493

ALLOCATIONS OF SPENDING AUTHORITY FOR HOUSE AUTHORIZING COMMITTEES

(On-budget amounts in millions of dollars)

		2025	2025–2034
Agriculture:			
Current Law	BA	18,922	1,178,977
	OT	19,048	1,201,029
Resolution Change	BA	0	–230,000
	OT	0	–230,000
Total	BA	18,922	948,977
	OT	19,048	971,029
Armed Services:			
Current Law	BA	275,077	1,928,185
	OT	273,022	1,932,056
Resolution Change	BA	10,000	100,000
	OT	10,000	100,000
Total	BA	285,077	2,028,185
	OT	283,022	2,032,056
Financial Services:			
Current Law	BA	11,197	125,003
	OT	–12,206	–159,987
Resolution Change	BA	–100	–1,000
	OT	–100	–1,000
Total	BA	11,097	124,003
	OT	–12,306	–160,987
Education & Workforce:			
Current Law	BA	35,563	389,018
	OT	41,160	325,493
Resolution Change	BA	–33,000	–330,000
	OT	–33,000	–330,000
Total	BA	2,563	59,018
	OT	8,160	–4,507
Energy & Commerce:			
Current Law	BA	754,602	10,436,000
	OT	789,057	10,545,457
Resolution Change	BA	–88,000	–880,000
	OT	–88,000	–880,000
Total	BA	666,602	9,556,000
	OT	701,057	9,665,457
Foreign Affairs:			
Current Law	BA	60,101	501,230
	OT	51,338	493,407
Resolution Change	BA	0	0
	OT	0	0
Total	BA	60,101	501,230
	OT	51,338	493,407
Oversight & Government Reform:			
Current Law	BA	161,073	1,792,578
	OT	163,273	1,763,601
Resolution Change	BA	–5,000	–50,000
	OT	–5,000	–50,000
Total	BA	156,073	1,742,578
	OT	158,273	1,713,601
Homeland Security:			
Current Law	BA	2,750	25,835
	OT	2,861	26,766
Resolution Change	BA	9,000	90,000
	OT	9,000	90,000
Total	BA	11,750	115,835
	OT	11,861	116,766
House Administration:			
Current Law	BA	25	251

ALLOCATIONS OF SPENDING AUTHORITY FOR HOUSE AUTHORIZING COMMITTEES—Continued
(On-budget amounts in millions of dollars)

		2025	2025–2034
Resolution Change	OT	10	136
	BA	0	0
Total	OT	0	0
	BA	25	251
	OT	10	136
Natural Resources:			
Current Law	BA	15,760	134,317
	OT	15,217	144,409
Resolution Change	BA	–100	–1,000
	OT	–100	–1,000
Total	BA	15,660	133,317
	OT	15,117	143,409
Judiciary:			
Current Law	BA	16,896	198,264
	OT	18,093	196,886
Resolution Change	BA	11,000	110,000
	OT	11,000	110,000
Total	BA	27,896	308,264
	OT	29,093	306,886
Transportation & Infrastructure:			
Current Law	BA	102,871	1,041,036
	OT	25,251	217,229
Resolution Change	BA	–1,000	–10,000
	OT	–1,000	–10,000
Total	BA	101,871	1,031,036
	OT	24,251	207,229
Science, Space & Technology:			
Current Law	BA	1,220	4,375
	OT	1,674	17,196
Resolution Change	BA	0	0
	OT	0	0
Total	BA	1,220	4,375
	OT	1,674	17,196
Small Business:			
Current Law	BA	0	0
	OT	14	16
Resolution Change	BA	0	0
	OT	0	0
Total	BA	0	0
	OT	14	16
Veterans Affairs:			
Current Law	BA	383	248,033
	OT	391	244,933
Resolution Change	BA	0	0
	OT	0	0
Total	BA	383	248,033
	OT	391	244,933
Ways & Means:			
Current Law	BA	2,060,467	25,899,091
	OT	2,087,330	25,949,730
Resolution Change	BA	0	0
	OT	0	0
Total	BA	2,060,467	25,899,091
	OT	2,087,330	25,949,730

JOINT RESOLUTIONS PRESENTED
TO THE PRESIDENT

Kevin F. McCumber, Clerk of the House, reported that on June 6, 2025, the following joint resolutions were presented to the President of the United States for approval:

H.J. Res. 89. Providing congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to “California State Motor Vehicle and Engine and Nonroad Engine Pollution Control Standards; The ‘Omnibus’ Low NOX Regulation; Waiver of Preemption; Notice of Decision”.

H.J. Res. 88. Providing congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to “California State Motor Vehicle and Engine Pollution Control Standards; Advanced Clean Cars II; Waiver of Preemption; Notice of Decision”.

H.J. Res. 87. Providing congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to “California State Motor Vehicle and Engine Pollution Control Standards; Heavy-Duty Vehicle and Engine Emission Warranty and Maintenance Provisions; Advanced Clean Trucks; Zero Emission Airport Shuttle; Zero-Emission Power Train Certification; Waiver of Preemption; Notice of Decision”.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 13 of rule I, the House stands adjourned until 9:30 a.m. tomorrow.

Thereupon (at 4 o’clock and 50 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Friday, June 13, 2025, at 9:30 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS,
ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker’s table and referred as follows:

EC–1112. A letter from the Senior Bureau Official, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Transmittal No. DDTC 25-005, pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC–1113. A letter from the Senior Bureau Official, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Transmittal No. DDTC 24-110, pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC–1114. A letter from the Senior Bureau Official, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Transmittal No. DDTC 24-090, pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC–1115. A letter from the Senior Bureau Official, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Department Notification Number: RSAT 25-10998 pursuant to Section 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC–1116. A letter from the Branch Chief, Office of Sustainable Fisheries — Southeast Region, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration’s temporary rule — Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; 2025 Recreational Accountability Measure and Closure for Gag in the South Atlantic [Docket No.: 230914-0219; RTID 0648-XE741] received June 6, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

EC–1117. A letter from the Branch Chief, Office of Sustainable Fisheries — GARFO, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration’s temporary rule — Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Atlantic Herring Fishery; 2025 Management Area 1B Possession Limit Adjustment [Docket No: 230316-0077] (RTID 0648-XE604) received June 6, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

EC–1118. A letter from the Branch Chief, Office of Sustainable Fisheries — Greater Atlantic Region, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration’s temporary rule — Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Atlantic Bluefin Tuna Fisheries; General Category January Through March Quota Transfer

[Docket No.: 220919-0193; RTID 0648-XE544] received June 6, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

EC-1119. A letter from the Branch Chief, Sustainable Fisheries Division — West Coast Region, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Pacific Halibut Fisheries of the West Coast; 2025 Catch Sharing Plan and Recreational Fishery Management Measures [Docket No.: 250327-0056] (RIN: 0648-BN41) received June 6, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

EC-1120. A letter from the Branch Chief, Office of Sustainable Fisheries — Southeast, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Comprehensive Fishery Management Plans for Puerto Rico, St. Croix, and St. Thomas and St. John; Correction [Docket No.: 250325-0049] (RIN: 0648-BD32) received June 6, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

EC-1121. A letter from the Branch Chief, Office of Sustainable Fisheries — Alaska Region, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's temporary rule — Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod by Catcher Vessels Greater Than or Equal to 60 Feet (18.3 Meters) Length Overall Using Pot Gear in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area [Docket No.: 240304-0068] (RTID 0648-XE585) received June 6, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

EC-1122. A letter from the Branch Chief, Office of Sustainable Fisheries — Alaska Region, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's temporary rule — Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod by Vessels Using Pot Gear in the Western Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska [Docket No.: 240227-0061] (RTID 0648-XE582) received June 6, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

EC-1123. A letter from the Branch Chief, Office of Sustainable Fisheries — Greater Atlantic Region, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Monkfish Fishery; 2025 Monkfish Specifications [Docket No.: 250402-0059; RTID 0648-XE621] received June 6, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

EC-1124. A letter from the Branch Chief, Office of Sustainable Fisheries — Alaska Region, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's temporary rule — Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod by Catcher Vessels Using Trawl Gear in the Central Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska [Docket No.: 240227-0061; RTID 0648-XE587] received June 6, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

EC-1125. A letter from the Branch Chief, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's temporary rule — Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Atlantic Bluefin Tuna Fisheries; Closure of the General Category January

Through March Fishery for 2025 [Docket No.: 220919-0193; RTID 0648-XE643] received June 6, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

EC-1126. A letter from the Branch Chief, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's temporary rule — Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Atlantic Bluefin Tuna Fisheries; Closure of the Angling Category Southern Area Trophy Fishery for 2025 [Docket No.: 220919-0193; RTID 0648-XE633] received June 6, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

EC-1127. A letter from the Branch Chief, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's temporary rule — Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Atlantic Bluefin Tuna Fisheries; Closure of the Angling Category Gulf of America Trophy Fishery for 2025 [Docket No.: 220919-0193; RTID 0648-XE733] received June 6, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

EC-1128. A letter from the NMFS, Branch Chief, Office of Sustainable Fisheries — Greater Atlantic Regional Fisheries Office, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Northeast Skate Complex; 2025 Specifications [Docket No.: 250414-0067; RTID 0648-XE684] received June 6, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

EC-1129. A letter from the NMFS, Branch Chief, Office of Sustainable Fisheries — GAR, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's temporary rule — Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act Provisions; Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Northeast Multispecies Fishery; Fishing Year 2025 Measures [Docket No.: 250424-0072] (RIN: 0648-BN64) received June 6, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

EC-1130. A letter from the Branch Chief, Office of Sustainable Fisheries — Alaska Region, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod by Catcher/Processors Using Hook-and-Line Gear in the Central Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska [Docket No.: 250312-0037; RTID 0648-XE810] received June 6, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

EC-1131. A letter from the Marine Resources Management Specialist, Office of Protected Resources, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Taking and Importing Marine Mammals; Taking Marine Mammals Incidental to Pacific Islands Fisheries Science Center Fisheries Research [Docket No.: 250505-0076] (RIN: 0648-BG31) received June 6, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

EC-1132. A letter from the NMFS, Branch Chief, Office of Sustainable Fisheries — West Coast Region, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — International Fisheries; Pacific Tuna Fisheries; 2025-2026 Commercial Fishing Restrictions for Pacific Bluefin Tuna in the Eastern Pacific Ocean

[Docket No.: 250430-0075] (RIN: 0648-BN29) received June 6, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

EC-1133. A letter from the NMFS, Branch Chief, Office of Sustainable Fisheries — HMS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's temporary rule — Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Atlantic Bluefin Tuna Fisheries; Closure of the Angling Category Southern New England Area Trophy Fishery for 2025 [Docket No.: 220919-0193; RTID 0648-XE757] received June 6, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

EC-1134. A letter from the NMFS, Branch Chief, Office of Sustainable Fisheries — Alaska Region, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's temporary rule — Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod by Vessels Using Jig Gear in the Central Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska [Docket No.: 250312-0037; RTID 0648-XE811] received June 6, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

EC-1135. A letter from the Branch Chief, Office of Sustainable Fisheries — Alaska Region, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's temporary rule — Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod by Catcher/Processors Using Trawl Gear in the Central Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska [Docket No.: 230224-0053; RTID: 0648-XD154] received June 6, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

EC-1136. A letter from the Branch Chief, Office of Sustainable Fisheries — Alaska Region, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's temporary rule — Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod by Vessels Using Jig Gear in the Western Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska [Docket No.: 230224-0053] (RTID: 0648-XD088) received June 6, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

EC-1137. A letter from the Branch Chief, Office of Sustainable Fisheries — GARFO, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's temporary rule — Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Summer Flounder Fishery; Quota Transfer From North Carolina to Virginia [Docket No.: 231215-0305; RTID: 0648-XE732] received June 6, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

EC-1138. A letter from the Branch Chief, Office of Sustainable Fisheries — Greater Atlantic, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's temporary rule — Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Mackerel, Squid, and Butterfish Fishery; Longfin Squid 2023 Trimester II Quota Harvested [Docket No.: 230724-0172; RTID: 0648-XD211] received June 6, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

EC-1139. A letter from the Branch Chief, Office of Sustainable Fisheries — HMS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's temporary rule — Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Atlantic Bluefin Tuna Fisheries; Closure of the General Category June

Through August Fishery for 2023 [Docket No.: 220919-0193; RTID: 0648-XD222] received June 6, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

EC-1140. A letter from the Branch Chief, Office of Sustainable Fisheries — HMS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's temporary rule — Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Atlantic Bluefin Tuna Fisheries; Closure of the Angling Category Gulf of Maine Area Trophy Fishery for 2023 [Docket No.: 220919-0193; RTID: 0648-XD073] received June 6, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

EC-1141. A letter from the Branch Chief, Office of Sustainable Fisheries — West Coast Region, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's temporary rule — Pacific Halibut Fisheries of the West Coast; Catch Sharing Plan; Inseason Action [Docket No.: 230331-0089; RTID: 0648-XD129] received June 6, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

EC-1142. A letter from the Branch Chief Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries — West Coast Region, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's inseason modification of 2023 management measures — Fisheries Off West Coast States; Modification of the West Coast Salmon Fisheries; Inseason Actions #1-10 [Docket No.: 230508-0124; RTID: 0648-XD072] received June 6, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

EC-1143. A letter from the Branch Chief, Office of Sustainable Fisheries — West Coast, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's temporary rule — Pacific Halibut Fisheries of the West Coast; Inseason Action for the 2023 Area 2A Pacific Halibut Directed Commercial Fishery [Docket No.: 230615-0151; RTID: 0648-XD142] received June 6, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

EC-1144. A letter from the Branch Chief, Office of Sustainable Fisheries — [SERO], National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's temporary rule — Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; 2023-2024 Recreational Closure for Gulf of Mexico Greater Amberjack [Docket No.: 1206013412-2517-02; RTID: 0648-XD100] received June 6, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

EC-1145. A letter from the Branch Chief, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's temporary rule — Fisheries Off West Coast States; Emergency Action To Temporarily Modify Continuous Transit Limitations for California Recreational Vessels [Docket No.: 240229-0063] (RIN: 0648-BL80) received June 6, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

EC-1146. A letter from the Manager, Legal Litigation and Support, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Amendment of United States Area Navigation (RNAV) Route Q-436; Northcentral United States [Docket No.: FAA-2024-2618; Airspace Docket No.: 24-AGL-18] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received June 9, 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-1147. A letter from the Manager, Legal Litigation and Support, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Establishment of United States Area Navigation (RNAV) Routes T-492 and T-494; Eastern United States [Docket No.: FAA-2024-2405; Airspace Docket No.: 24-ASO-17] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received June 9, 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-1148. A letter from the Manager, Legal Litigation and Support, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Modification of Class E Airspace; Colusa County Airport, Colusa, CA [Docket No.: FAA-2024-2048; Airspace Docket No.: 24-AWP-101] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received June 9, 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-1149. A letter from the Manager, Legal Litigation and Support, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Amendment of Colored Federal Airways Green 8 (G-8), Green 10 (G-10), Green 12 (G-12), and Red 99 (R-99); Revocation of Colored Federal Airway Blue 27 (B-27) and Alaskan Very High Frequency Omnidirectional Range Federal Airway V-619 in Alaska [Docket No.: FAA-2024-2533; Airspace Docket No.: 22-AAL-26] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received June 9, 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-1150. A letter from the Manager, Legal Litigation and Support, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Renaming of Gulf of Mexico High and Gulf of Mexico Low Offshore Airspace Areas [Docket No.: FAA-2025-0956; Airspace Docket No.: 25-AWA-2] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received June 9, 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-1151. A letter from the Manager, Legal Litigation and Support, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Amendment of Class E Airspace; Tarboro, NC [Docket No.: FAA-2024-1980; Airspace Docket No.: 24-ASO-21] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received June 9, 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-1152. A letter from the Manager, Legal Litigation and Support, 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-2024-2326; Project Identifier MCAI-2023-01048-T; Amendment 39-23023; AD 2025-09-02] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received June 9, 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-1153. A letter from the Manager, Legal Litigation and Support, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; MHI RJ Aviation ULC (Type Certificate Previously Held by Bombardier, Inc.) Airplanes [Docket No.: FAA-2025-0021; Project Identifier MCAI-2024-00612-T; Amendment 39-23030; AD 2025-09-09] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received June 9, 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-1154. A letter from the Manager, Legal Litigation and Support, FAA, Department of

Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes [Docket No.: FAA-2024-2665; Project Identifier AD-2024-00203-T; Amendment 39-23033; AD 2025-09-12] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received June 9, 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-1155. A letter from the Manager, Legal Litigation and Support, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Amendment of Jet Routes J-26, J-64 and J-181, and VOR Federal Airways V-10 and V-156; and Revocation of VOR Federal Airway V-262 in the Vicinity of Bradford, IL [Docket No.: FAA-2024-2588; Airspace Docket No.: 24-AGL-17] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received June 9, 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-1156. A letter from the Manager, Legal Litigation and Support, AGC-010, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Office's final rule — Amendment of Class E Airspace; Mineral Wells, TX [Docket No.: FAA-2024-2529; Airspace Docket No.: 24-ASW-14] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received June 9, 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. GUTHRIE: Committee on Energy and Commerce. H.R. 2481. A bill to require online dating service providers to provide fraud ban notifications to online dating service members, and for other purposes (Rept. 119-153). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. GUTHRIE: Committee on Energy and Commerce. H.R. 2269. A bill to require certain products to be labeled with "Do Not Flush" labeling, and for other purposes (Rept. 119-154). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. GUTHRIE: Committee on Energy and Commerce. H.R. 1737. A bill to direct the Secretary of Commerce to submit to Congress a report containing an assessment of the value, cost, and feasibility of a trans-Atlantic submarine fiber optic cable connecting the contiguous United States, the United States Virgin Islands, Ghana, and Nigeria (Rept. 119-155). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. GUTHRIE: Committee on Energy and Commerce. H.R. 1679. A bill to direct the Secretary of Commerce, in coordination with the heads of other relevant Federal departments and agencies, to conduct an inter-agency review of and report to Congress on ways to increase the global competitiveness of the United States in attracting foreign direct investment (Rept. 119-156). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. GUTHRIE: Committee on Energy and Commerce. H.R. 1770. A bill to direct the Consumer Product Safety Commission to establish a pilot program to explore the use of artificial intelligence in support of the mission of the Commission and to direct the Secretary of Commerce and the Federal Trade Commission to study and report on the use of blockchain technology and tokens,

respectively (Rept. 119-157). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. GUTHRIE: Committee on Energy and Commerce. H.R. 1767. A bill to require the Consumer Product Safety Commission to promulgate a mandatory consumer product safety standard with respect to retractable awnings (Rept. 119-158). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. GUTHRIE: Committee on Energy and Commerce. H.R. 1520. A bill to prohibit discrimination on the basis of mental or physical disability in cases of organ transplants (Rept. 119-159). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. GUTHRIE: Committee on Energy and Commerce. H.R. 1082. A bill to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to conduct a national, evidence-based education campaign to increase public and health care provider awareness regarding the potential risks and benefits of human cell and tissue products transplants, and for other purposes (Rept. 119-160). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. CARTER of Texas: Committee on Appropriations. H.R. 3944. A bill making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026, and for other purposes (Rept. 119-161). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

DISCHARGE OF COMMITTEE

Pursuant to section 125(c) of the Uruguay Round Agreements Act, House Joint Resolution 93. The Committee on Ways and Means discharged from further consideration. Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions of the following titles were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Ms. BONAMICI (for herself, Mrs. HOUCHIN, Mr. COURTNEY, Mr. LAWLER, and Ms. SCHRIER):

H.R. 3939. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to provide students with disabilities and their families with access to critical information needed to select the right college and succeed once enrolled; to the Committee on Education and Workforce.

By Mr. MCCLINTOCK:

H.R. 3940. A bill to repeal the Jones Act restrictions on coastwise trade, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. WILSON of South Carolina (for himself, Mr. PANETTA, Mr. STUTZMAN, Mr. CORREA, Mr. BERGMAN, Ms. JAYAPAL, Mrs. LUNA, and Mr. LEVIN):

H.R. 3941. A bill to repeal the Caesar Syria Civilian Protection Act of 2019; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on the Judiciary, and Financial Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Ms. BONAMICI (for herself and Ms. KELLY of Illinois):

H.R. 3942. A bill to amend titles XIX and XXI of the Social Security Act to enhance financial support for rural and safety net hospitals providing maternity, labor, and delivery services to vulnerable populations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on En-

ergy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Ms. BONAMICI (for herself, Mr. TAKANO, Ms. BALINT, Ms. BARRAGÁN, Mrs. BEATTY, Mr. CARSON, Ms. CASTOR of Florida, Mr. COURTNEY, Ms. CROCKETT, Mr. DESAULNIER, Mrs. DINGELL, Mr. DOGGETT, Mr. GARAMENDI, Ms. JACOBS, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY, Mr. LYNCH, Mr. MCGOVERN, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, Mr. MULLIN, Mr. PETERS, Ms. SALINAS, Ms. SCANLON, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Ms. STRICKLAND, Mr. THANEDAR, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Ms. TOKUDA, Mr. TONKO, Mr. RASKIN, and Ms. SHERRILL):

H.R. 3943. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to require institutions of higher education to provide notice to students receiving work-study assistance about potential eligibility for participation in the supplemental nutrition assistance program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and Workforce.

By Mr. AMO (for himself, Mr. FROST, and Mr. GOLDMAN of New York):

H.R. 3945. A bill to amend chapter 44 of title 18, United States Code, to prohibit a person from engaging in the business of destroying firearms unless such person has received a license to do so from the Attorney General, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BACON (for himself, Mr. GROTHMAN, Mr. ZINKE, Mr. GARBARINO, Mr. BERGMAN, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. CISCOMANI, Mr. BENTZ, Mr. VAN DREW, Ms. MALLIOTAKIS, Mr. WEBSTER of Florida, Mr. AMODEI of Nevada, Mr. FITZGERALD, Mr. CAREY, Mr. BURCHETT, Mr. WITTMAN, Mr. HARIDOPOLOS, Mr. BEAN of Florida, Mr. BUCHANAN, Ms. SALINAS, Ms. TITUS, Mr. QUIGLEY, Mr. DOGGETT, Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina, Mr. GOTTHEIMER, Mr. CARTER of Louisiana, Ms. LEE of Pennsylvania, Ms. PEREZ, Mr. MCGARVEY, Ms. PETTERSEN, Mr. CASTEN, Mr. GOLDMAN of New York, Ms. HOYLE of Oregon, Mrs. HARSHBARGER, Ms. BARRAGÁN, Mrs. CHERFILUS-MCCORMICK, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY, Ms. SCANLON, Mr. THANEDAR, Mr. SORESENSEN, Mr. EVANS of Pennsylvania, Ms. NORTON, Ms. MACE, Mr. GOODEN, Mr. NEHLS, Ms. TENNEY, Mrs. LUNA, and Ms. SCHAKOWSKY):

H.R. 3946. A bill to amend the Animal Welfare Act to provide for greater protection of roosters, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. BERA:

H.R. 3947. A bill to streamline enrollment in health insurance affordability programs and minimum essential coverage, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Ms. BROWNLEY:

H.R. 3948. A bill to require the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement to further develop, finalize, and implement updated regulations for offshore oil and gas pipelines to address long-standing limitations regarding its ability to ensure active pipeline integrity and address safety and environmental risks associated with decommissioning, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. BURLISON:

H.R. 3949. A bill to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to exempt from CFATS regulations certain propane tanks, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security, 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. CARTER of Georgia:

H.R. 3950. A bill to defend women's rights and protect freedom of conscience by using clear and accurate language and policies recognizing that women are biologically female and men are biologically male, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on Oversight and Government Reform, Foreign Affairs, Financial Services, Education and Workforce, Homeland Security, and 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. CISCOMANI (for himself, Ms. PEREZ, and Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina):

H.R. 3951. A bill to amend the Veterans' Benefits Improvements Act of 1996 and the Johnny Isakson and David P. Roe, M.D. Veterans Health Care and Benefits Improvement Act of 2020 to improve the temporary licensure requirements for contract health care professionals who perform medical disability examinations for the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. CLEAVER (for himself, Mr. LYNCH, Mr. MEEKS, and Mr. TORRES of New York):

H.R. 3952. A bill to authorize the Department of Housing and Urban Development to transform neighborhoods of extreme poverty into sustainable, mixed-income neighborhoods with access to economic opportunities, by revitalizing severely distressed housing, and investing and leveraging investments in well-functioning services, educational opportunities, public assets, public transportation, and improved access to jobs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. CONAWAY (for himself and Ms. SIMON):

H.R. 3953. A bill to amend section 9(g) of the Small Business Act to require the Federal agencies with an SBIR or STTR program to collect and make available additional information on recipients of awards under such program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business, and in addition to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. COURTNEY (for himself, Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania, Ms. DELBENE, and Mr. ESTES):

H.R. 3954. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to count a period of receipt of outpatient observation services in a hospital toward satisfying the 3-day inpatient hospital stay requirement for coverage of skilled nursing facility services under Medicare, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means, 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 Ms. CRAIG (for herself and Mr. VAN DREW):

H.R. 3955. A bill to improve supply chain resiliency for critical drug products with vulnerable supply chains and ensure that reserves of critical drugs and active pharmaceutical ingredients are maintained to prevent supply disruptions in the event of drug shortages or public health emergencies; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas (for herself and Mr. LUCAS):

H.R. 3956. A bill to amend the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to enter into self-determination contracts and self-governance agreements with Indian entities to administer the food distribution program on Indian reservations; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas (for herself and Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota):

H.R. 3957. A bill to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to authorize the President to provide certain fire management assistance to Indian Tribal Governments, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. DIAZ-BALART (for himself and Mr. SCOTT FRANKLIN of Florida):

H.R. 3958. A bill to require the United States Postal Service to notify postal customers and relevant officials when operations are temporarily suspended at a post office, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Mr. DOWNING (for himself and Mr. FIELDS):

H.R. 3959. A bill to except quotations of fixed-income securities from certain regulatory requirements, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. DUNN of Florida:

H.R. 3960. A bill to provide that a project to replace or improve a communications facility following a major disaster or an emergency declared by the President is not subject to requirements to prepare certain environmental or historical preservation reviews, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Natural Resources, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. FALLON (for himself, Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia, Mr. MCQUIRE, Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana, Mr. MCCORMICK, and Mr. GOODEN):

H.R. 3961. A bill to prohibit the Secretary of Defense from entering into software source code contracts with entities with certain relationships with China, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. FIGURES (for himself, Mr. MAST, Mr. LARSEN of Washington, Mr. HARIDOPOLOS, Ms. BONAMICI, and Mr. LALOTA):

H.R. 3962. A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to reauthorize the National Estuary Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. GARAMENDI (for himself, Ms. BROWNLEY, Mr. LYNCH, and Ms. TLAIIB):

H.R. 3963. A bill to amend title 23, United States Code, to require that public employees perform construction inspection work for federally funded highway projects, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. GOMEZ (for himself and Ms. DELBENE):

H.R. 3964. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the low-income

housing tax credit for projects designated to serve extremely low-income households; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. TONY GONZALES of Texas (for himself, Mr. CORREA, Mr. MCCAUL, Mr. THANEDAR, Ms. MALLIOTAKIS, Mr. MAGAZINER, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. MOSKOWITZ, Mr. STAUBER, Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina, Ms. DE LA CRUZ, and Mr. KENNEDY of New York):

H.R. 3965. A bill to establish in U.S. Customs and Border Protection a pilot program to adopt dogs from local animal shelters to be trained as support dogs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security.

By Mr. GOODEN (for himself and Mr. TIFFANY):

H.R. 3966. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the public reporting of certain contributions received by charitable organizations from foreign governments and foreign political parties; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. GROTHMAN (for himself, Mr. MANN, Mr. ROSE, and Mr. RULLI):

H.R. 3967. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently allow a tax deduction at the time an investment in qualified property is made, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mrs. HAYES (for herself, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Ms. NORTON, Mr. MAGAZINER, Mr. FIELDS, Mr. MOULTON, Mrs. RAMIREZ, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mrs. CHERFILUS-MCCORMICK, Ms. CROCKETT, Ms. LEE of Pennsylvania, Mr. THANEDAR, Ms. TLAIIB, Mr. GOLDMAN of New York, Mr. CASE, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, Mr. KENNEDY of New York, Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania, Mr. LYNCH, and Mr. BELL):

H.R. 3968. A bill to authorize the establishment of a comprehensive school-based violence prevention program to assist youth at highest risk for involvement in gun violence in local communities and schools, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Ms. HOULAHAN (for herself, Ms. STRICKLAND, and Ms. JACOBS):

H.R. 3969. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to repeal the restriction on the use of funds and facilities of the Department of Defense for abortion care; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. JACKSON of Texas:

H.R. 3970. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Army to accelerate the procurement of the future long range assault aircraft by initiating early production of not more than 24 such aircraft, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Ms. JAYAPAL (for herself, Ms. ADAMS, Mr. AMO, Ms. ANSARI, Ms. BALINT, Ms. BARRAGAN, Mrs. BEATTY, Mr. BEYER, Ms. BONAMICI, Mr. BOYLE of Pennsylvania, Ms. BROWN, Ms. BROWNLEY, Ms. BUDZINSKI, Mr. CARSON, Mr. CARTER of Louisiana, Mr. CASAR, Mr. CASTEN, Mr. CASTRO of Texas, Mrs. CHERFILUS-MCCORMICK, Ms. CHU, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mr. CLEAVER, Mr. COHEN, Ms. CROCKETT, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania, Ms. DELAURO, Ms. DELBENE, Mr. DELUZZO, Mr. DESAULNIER, Ms. DEXTER, Mrs. DINGELL, Mr. DOGGETT, Ms. ESCOBAR, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Mr. EVANS of Pennsylvania, Mr. FIELDS, Mrs. FOUSHEE, Mr. FROST, Mr. GARAMENDI, Mr. GARCIA of California, Ms. GARCIA of Texas, Mr. GARCIA of Illinois, Mr. GOLDMAN of New York, Mr. GOMEZ, Mr. GREEN of Texas, Mrs. HAYES, Mr. HORSFORD, Ms. HOYLE of Oregon, Mr. HUFFMAN, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Ms. JACOBS,

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, Mr. KHANNA, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY, Ms. LEE of Pennsylvania, Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ, Mr. LYNCH, Mr. MAGAZINER, Ms. MATSUI, Ms. MCBRIDE, Ms. MCCLELLAN, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mrs. MCIVER, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. MENG, Mr. MFUME, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, Mr. MULLIN, Mr. NADLER, Ms. NORTON, Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ, Ms. OMAR, Ms. PINGREE, Mr. POCAN, Ms. PRESSLEY, Mr. QUIGLEY, Mrs. RAMIREZ, Ms. ROSS, Ms. SALINAS, Ms. SANCHEZ, Ms. SCANLON, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia, Ms. SIMON, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Ms. STANSBURY, Ms. STEVENS, Mr. SWALWELL, Mrs. SYKES, Mr. TAKANO, Mr. THANEDAR, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Ms. TLAIIB, Ms. TOKUDA, Mr. TORRES of New York, Mrs. TRAHAN, Mr. VARGAS, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia, and Ms. WILSON of Florida):

H.R. 3971. A bill to enhance the rights of domestic employees, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and Workforce, and in addition to the Committees on House Administration, Energy and Commerce, Ways and Means, Oversight and Government Reform, and the Judiciary, 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. JOHNSON of South Dakota (for himself, Mr. SHREVE, and Mr. HURD of Colorado):

H.R. 3972. A bill to authorize funding for electric vehicle charging infrastructure programs to be used for other highway projects, 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. KEATING (for himself, Mr. QUIGLEY, and Mr. MCGOVERN):

H.R. 3973. A bill to provide temporary war risk insurance for certain commercial vessels operating importing goods to, or exporting goods from, Ukraine; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Ms. KELLY of Illinois (for herself, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Ms. MCCLELLAN, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, Mrs. BEATTY, Ms. BROWN, Ms. SEWELL, Ms. NORTON, Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE, Ms. STRICKLAND, and Ms. LEE of Pennsylvania):

H.R. 3974. A bill to establish an Inter-agency Task Force to examine the conditions and experiences of Black women and girls in education, economic development, healthcare, labor and employment, housing, justice and civil rights, to promote community-based methods for mitigating and addressing harm and ensuring accountability, and to study societal effects on Black women and girls, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on Education and Workforce, Energy and Commerce, and Financial Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for

consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. KENNEDY of New York (for himself, Mr. HUFFMAN, Ms. BARRAGAN, Ms. NORTON, Mr. NEGUSE, Ms. TOKUDA, Ms. TLAIB, and Ms. CHU):

H.R. 3975. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a lookback rule in the case of certain federally declared disasters for amounts related to earned income for purposes of determining certain tax credits; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. KUSTOFF (for himself, Mr. HARDER of California, and Mr. OWENS):

H.R. 3976. A bill to establish due process requirements for the investigation of intercollegiate athletics, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and Workforce.

By Mr. LANDSMAN (for himself, Mrs. BEATTY, Mr. BACON, Mr. LAWLER, Mr. NUNN of Iowa, Mr. CARSON, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, Ms. BROWN, Mrs. HOUGHIN, and Mr. EVANS of Pennsylvania):

H.R. 3977. A bill to amend the Transportation, Treasury, Housing and Urban Development, the Judiciary, the District of Columbia, and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act, 2006 and the United States Housing Act of 1937 to allow for housing assistance to certain individuals enrolled as students at an institution of higher education, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. LATTA (for himself and Mr. PETERS):

H.R. 3978. A bill to amend the definition of "production facility" in the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 to exclude an equipment or device capable of reprocessing spent nuclear fuel in a manner that does not separate plutonium from other transuranic elements, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. LAWLER (for himself and Mr. RILEY of New York):

H.R. 3979. A bill to require the Secretary of Agriculture to provide information and education tools to farmers on the cost savings, energy savings, water conservation, and carbon emissions reductions that can be realized through the use of energy-efficient pumping systems, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. LAWLER (for himself and Mr. ESPAILLAT):

H.R. 3980. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting through the Administrator of the Health Resources and Services Administration, to award grants for expanding, modernizing, or streamlining emergency department operations; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Ms. LEE of Nevada (for herself and Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia):

H.R. 3981. A bill to amend title 36, United States Code, to grant a Federal charter to the Veterans Association of Real Estate Professionals; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. LETLOW:

H.R. 3982. A bill to establish a Tariff Response and Damages to Exports fund, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. LUTTRELL:

H.R. 3983. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the quality of the adjudication of claims for benefits under the

laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Ms. MACE (for herself, Mr. BIGGS of Arizona, Mr. GILL of Texas, Ms. BOEBERT, Mr. BOSAR, and Mr. STEUBE):

H.R. 3984. A bill to amend section 235 of the Immigration and Nationality Act to remove certain exceptions with respect to the inspection of applicants for admission; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. MCBATH (for herself, Mr. BACON, Ms. ROSS, Mrs. BICE, Ms. JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. CISCOMANI, Mrs. HAYES, and Mr. NUNN of Iowa):

H.R. 3985. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to establish notification requirements for policies and information concerning expectant and parenting students, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and Workforce.

By Ms. MORRISON (for herself, Mr. PAPPAS, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mr. FIELDS, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. TRAN, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Ms. SIMON, Mr. LATIMER, Mr. CONAWAY, Mr. HUFFMAN, Mrs. MCIVER, Ms. GOODLANDER, Ms. LEE of Nevada, Mr. KENNEDY of New York, Mr. CARBAJAL, Mr. THANEDAR, Mr. NEGUSE, Mr. LANDSMAN, and Mr. CARSON):

H.R. 3986. A bill to exempt small business concerns from duties imposed pursuant to the national emergency declared on April 2, 2025, by the President; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. NORMAN (for himself, Ms. MACE, Mr. BUCHANAN, and Mrs. BIGGS of South Carolina):

H.R. 3987. A bill to prohibit sanctuary jurisdictions from receiving community development block grants; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. OLSZEWSKI (for himself, Ms. CRAIG, Ms. MCBRIDE, Mr. THANEDAR, Ms. NORTON, Mrs. MCIVER, Mr. FIELDS, Mr. MULLIN, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY, Mr. RASKIN, Ms. PETTERSEN, and Ms. ELFRETH):

H.R. 3988. A bill to direct the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development and the Director of the Bureau of the Census to conduct a study and submit a report about how Federal agencies identify and record cases of housing loss in the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services, and in addition to the Committee on 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 Mr. PANETTA (for himself, Mr. TONY GONZALES of Texas, and Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia):

H.R. 3989. A bill to retain language proficiency and readiness to support national security goals of the United States; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. PANETTA (for himself and Ms. TOKUDA):

H.R. 3990. A bill to provide Medicaid assistance to individuals and families affected by a disaster or emergency, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Ms. PEREZ (for herself and Mrs. KIM):

H.R. 3991. A bill to amend the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990 to include as a high-priority research and extension area research on microplastics and

per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances on farmland; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. PERRY (for himself, Mr. TIFFANY, Mr. OGLES, and Mr. HARRIGAN):
H.R. 3992. A bill to recognize Somaliland of the Federal Republic of Somalia as a separate, independent country; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. PETERS (for himself, Ms. PELOSI, Mr. TAKANO, Mr. VARGAS, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Ms. TOKUDA, Mr. CARTER of Louisiana, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY, Ms. NORTON, Mr. GARAMENDI, Ms. JACOBS, Ms. SÁNCHEZ, and Mr. LEVIN):

H.R. 3993. A bill to prohibit the Secretary of the Navy from changing the names of certain naval vessels; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Ms. ROSS (for herself, Mrs. MCBATH, and Mr. BACON):

H.R. 3994. A bill to improve data collection related to student parents pursuing higher education, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and Workforce.

By Ms. SCHRIER:

H.R. 3995. A bill to establish a State public option through Medicaid to provide Americans with the choice of a high-quality, low-cost health insurance plan; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. SCHWEIKERT:

H.R. 3996. A bill to amend title XI of the Social Security Act to establish a pilot program for testing the use of a predictive risk-scoring algorithm to provide oversight of payments for durable medical equipment and clinical diagnostic laboratory tests under the Medicare program; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. SCOTT of Virginia (for himself, Ms. OMAR, Ms. BONAMICI, and Mr. MCGARVEY):

H.R. 3997. A bill to protect children from oppressive child labor and unsafe workplaces, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and Workforce.

By Mr. SELF:

H.R. 3998. A bill to amend the Arms Export Control Act to increase the threshold triggering certain notification requirements with respect to licenses for the exportation of firearms; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. STEIL (for himself, Mr. BERGMAN, Mr. BOST, Mr. FITZGERALD, Mr. GROTHMAN, and Mr. VAN ORDEN):

H.R. 3999. A bill to amend title 4, United States Code, to allow for cemetery flags to be displayed in an upright position directly adjacent to the grave sites of deceased members of the Armed Forces or veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. STEUBE:

H.R. 4000. A bill to prohibit persons who are not citizens of the United States, except for those from the "Five Eyes", from accessing or entering Department of Energy sites and facilities; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. TAKANO:

H.R. 4001. A bill to provide that no Federal funds may be used to support, finance, assist, or contribute to the Centro de Confinamiento del Terrorismo maximum security prison in Tecoluca, El Salvador; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on the Judiciary,

and Appropriations, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Ms. VAN DUYNE (for herself, Mr. CUELLAR, Mr. HERN of Oklahoma, Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS, Mr. BIGGS of Arizona, Mr. YAKYM, Mr. HARRIS of Maryland, Mr. DUNN of Florida, Mr. PFLUGER, and Mr. McCORMICK):

H.R. 4002. A bill to repeal changes made by health care reform laws to the Medicare exception to the prohibition on certain physician referrals for hospitals; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. VASQUEZ (for himself and Mr. CISCOMANI):

H.R. 4003. A bill to direct the Secretary of Commerce to develop a national strategy for supporting economic opportunity in border communities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Financial Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Ms. VELÁZQUEZ:

H.R. 4004. A bill to prohibit U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents conducting immigration enforcement operations from wearing facial coverings, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. VINDMAN (for himself and Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia):

H.R. 4005. A bill to amend title IV of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to establish the UNPLUGGED Schools Grant Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and Workforce.

By Mr. VINDMAN (for himself and Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia):

H.R. 4006. A bill to require the Director of the Department of Defense Education Activity to establish policy prohibiting the use of cellular phones and other distracting devices by students in DODEA schools, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services, 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 Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN (for herself, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Mr. LYNCH, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. FIELDS, Ms. SEWELL, Ms. NORTON, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Ms. TITUS, Ms. TLAIB, Mr. DOGGETT, Ms. PETTERSEN, Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK, Ms. SCHOLTEN, Mr. BELL, Mr. KEATING, Ms. LEE of Pennsylvania, Mrs. DINGELL, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, Mr. MOULTON, Mr. POCAN, Mr. LATIMER, Mr. GARCIA of California, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mrs. McIVER, Ms. BARRAGÁN, Mr. VEASEY, Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois, Mrs. HAYES, Mr. LANDSMAN, Mrs. BEATTY, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. CARTER of Louisiana, Mr. MFUME, Mrs. FLETCHER, Ms. MATSUI, Mr. MAGAZINER, Mr. STANTON, Mr. MULLIN, Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, and Mr. SWALWELL):

H.R. 4007. A bill to unfreeze and release funding for grant agreements of the National Institutes of Health, prohibit termination of such agreements for active and ongoing re-

search, require the inclusion of termination clauses in such agreements, and prohibit termination of such agreements for no longer effectuating program goals or agency priorities; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. WEBER of Texas (for himself, Mr. BACON, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. LANGWORTHY, Mr. LUCAS, and Ms. STEFANIK):

H.R. 4008. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide increased locality pay rates to certain Bureau of Prisons employees whose duty stations are located in the pay locality designated as “Rest of U.S.”, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Ms. CROCKETT (for herself, Ms. SIMON, Ms. BALINT, Mrs. BEATTY, Ms. BROWN, Ms. BROWNLEY, Mr. CARSON, Ms. CASTOR of Florida, Ms. DEGETTE, Ms. DELBENE, Mr. DELUZIO, Mr. DOGGETT, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Mr. EVANS of Pennsylvania, Mr. FROST, Mr. GARAMENDI, Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois, Mr. GREEN of Texas, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Ms. JAYAPAL, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, Mr. KHANNA, Ms. LEE of Pennsylvania, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Mr. McGOVERN, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, Ms. NORTON, Ms. OMAR, Mr. PALLONE, Ms. PRESSLEY, Mrs. RAMIREZ, Ms. STRICKLAND, Mr. THANEDAR, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Ms. TLAIB, Mr. VARGAS, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, and Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia):

H. Con. Res. 37. Concurrent resolution urging the establishment of a United States Commission on Truth, Racial Healing, and Transformation; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BILIRAKIS:

H. Res. 507. A resolution expressing support for the designation of June 10 as “FSGS Awareness Day”; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. BOST (for himself and Mr. CARBAJAL):

H. Res. 508. A resolution supporting the designation of the week of September 14 through September 20, 2025, as “National Truck Driver Appreciation Week”; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Ms. BROWN (for herself, Mrs. McIVER, Ms. STANSBURY, Mrs. FOUSHEE, Mrs. MCBATH, Ms. McCLELLAN, Ms. KAPTUR, Ms. NORTON, Mr. FROST, Ms. CROCKETT, Mr. EVANS of Pennsylvania, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK, Mrs. BEATTY, Ms. TLAIB, Ms. SCANLON, Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia, Mrs. SYKES, Mr. THANEDAR, Mr. BELL, Ms. STEVENS, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Mr. MFUME, Mr. AMO, Ms. OMAR, Mr. PETERS, Mr. CARTER of Louisiana, Mrs. RAMIREZ, Mr. DOGGETT, Mrs. DINGELL, Ms. JACOBS, Mr. DESAULNIER, Ms. ANSARI, Mr. SOTO, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Ms. BALINT, Mr. BISHOP, and Mr. NADLER):

H. Res. 509. A resolution expressing support for the designation of June 2025 as “Black Music Month”; to the Committee on Education and Workforce.

By Ms. CASTOR of Florida:

H. Res. 510. A resolution recognizing the 20th anniversary of the Children’s Hospital Association’s Family Advocacy Day and honoring the contributions of children’s hospitals and their patients and families; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mrs. FOUSHEE:

H. Res. 511. A resolution honoring the unbreakable spirit, bravery, and legacy of

women veterans and supporting recognition of “Women Veterans Recognition Day”; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

By Mr. GOMEZ (for himself, Mr. BOYLE of Pennsylvania, Mr. CARSON, Mr. CASTRO of Texas, Mr. DELUZIO, Mr. FIGURES, Mr. GOLDMAN of New York, Mr. KENNEDY of New York, Mr. MAGAZINER, Mr. MCGARVEY, Mr. MOULTON, Ms. NORTON, Mr. SUBRAMANYAM, Mr. SWALWELL, Ms. TLAIB, Mr. VARGAS, and Mr. VEASEY):

H. Res. 512. A resolution expressing support for the designation of Sunday, June 15, 2025, as “Father’s Day”; to the Committee on Education and Workforce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Ms. HOULAHAN (for herself, Ms. MATSUI, Mr. BACON, and Mr. FITZPATRICK):

H. Res. 513. A resolution supporting the designation of the second Friday of June as “National Service and Conservation Corps Day”; to the Committee on Education and Workforce.

By Mr. SOTO (for himself, Mr. FROST, Ms. CASTOR of Florida, Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK, Mr. MOSKOWITZ, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Ms. NORTON, Mr. TORRES of New York, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, Mr. QUIGLEY, Mr. NADLER, Mr. CARSON, Ms. BUDZINSKI, Mr. MOULTON, Mr. VARGAS, Mrs. TRAHAN, Ms. BALINT, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY, Mr. LYNCH, Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania, Ms. TLAIB, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Mr. BEYER, Mr. MULLIN, Mr. GARCIA of California, Mrs. FOUSHEE, Ms. ANSARI, Mr. TAKANO, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, Mr. HERNÁNDEZ, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Ms. DEXTER, Ms. LOIS FRANKEL of Florida, Mr. KENNEDY of New York, and Mr. GREEN of Texas):

H. Res. 514. A resolution commemorating 9 years since the Pulse nightclub shooting in Orlando, Florida, on June 12, 2016; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY STATEMENT

Pursuant to clause 7 of rule XII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the following statements are submitted regarding the specific powers granted to Congress in the Constitution to enact the accompanying bill or joint resolution.

By Ms. BONAMICI:

H.R. 3939.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8

By Mr. McCLINTOCK:

H.R. 3940.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 3

By Mr. WILSON of South Carolina:

H.R. 3941.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1 Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution.

By Ms. BONAMICI:

H.R. 3942.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1 Section 8

By Ms. BONAMICI:

H.R. 3943.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1 Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution
By Mr. CARTER of Texas:

H.R. 3944.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

The principal constitutional authority for this legislation is clause 7 of section 9 of article I of the Constitution of the United States (the appropriation power), which states: "No Money shall be drawn from the Treasury, but in Consequence of Appropriations made by Law . . . "In addition, clause 1 of section 8 of article I of the Constitution (the spending power) provides: "The Congress shall have the Power . . . to pay the Debts and provide for the common Defence and general Welfare of the United States . . . "Together, these specific constitutional provisions establish the congressional power of the purse, granting Congress the authority to appropriate funds, to determine their purpose, amount, and period of availability, and to set forth terms and conditions governing their use.

By Mr. AMO:

H.R. 3945.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1

By Mr. BACON:

H.R. 3946.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 3

By Mr. BERA:

H.R. 3947.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 18

By Ms. BROWNLEY:

H.R. 3948.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8

By Mr. BURLISON:

H.R. 3949.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section VIII of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. CARTER of Georgia:

H.R. 3950.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8 of the Constitution

By Mr. CISCOMANI:

H.R. 3951.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8

By Mr. CLEAVER:

H.R. 3952.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8.

By Mr. CONAWAY:

H.R. 3953.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

The General Welfare Clause found in Article I, Section 8, Clause 1 of the U.S. Constitution.

By Mr. COURTNEY:

H.R. 3954.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8

By Ms. CRAIG:

H.R. 3955.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 3 of the U.S. Constitution

By Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas:

H.R. 3956.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

This bill is enacted pursuant to the power granted to Congress under Article 1, Section 8 of the United States Constitution.

By Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas:

H.R. 3957.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

This bill is enacted pursuant to the authority under Article I Section 8 of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. DIAZ-BALART:

H.R. 3958.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution.

By Mr. DOWNING:

H.R. 3959.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8

By Mr. DUNN of Florida:

H.R. 3960.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1 Section 8 Clause 3 of the U.S. Constitution.

By Mr. FALLON:

H.R. 3961.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8

By Mr. FIGURES:

H.R. 3962.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1 Section 8

By Mr. GARAMENDI:

H.R. 3963.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 3

By Mr. GOMEZ:

H.R. 3964.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Clause 1 of Section 8 of Article I of the Constitution

By Mr. TONY GONZALES of Texas:

H.R. 3965.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8

By Mr. GOODEN:

H.R. 3966.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

The Constitutional authority on which this bill rests is the power of Congress to lay and collect taxes, duties, imposts, and excises to pay the debts and provide for the common Defense and general welfare of the United States, as enumerated in Article I, Section 8, Clause 1 Thus, Congress has the authority not only to increase taxes, but also, to reduce taxes to promote the general welfare of the United States of America and her citizens Additionally, Congress has the Constitutional authority to regulate commerce among the States and with Indian Tribes, as enumerated in Article 1, Section 8, Clause 3.

By Mr. GROTHMAN:

H.R. 3967.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8

By Mrs. HAYES:

H.R. 3968.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 18, "To make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States, or in any Department or Officer thereof."

By Ms. HOULAHAN:

H.R. 3969.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8 of the United States Constitution

By Mr. JACKSON of Texas:

H.R. 3970.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution

By Ms. JAYAPAL:

H.R. 3971.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

This bill is enacted pursuant to the power granted to Congress under Article I of the United States Constitution and its subsequent amendments, and further clarified and interpreted by the Supreme Court of the United States.

By Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota:

H.R. 3972.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution

By Mr. KEATING:

H.R. 3973.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8

By Ms. KELLY of Illinois:

H.R. 3974.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Clause 18 of Section 8 of Article 1 of the Constitution

By Mr. KENNEDY of New York:

H.R. 3975.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Clause 3, Section 8, Article 1 of the Constitution

By Mr. KUSTOFF:

H.R. 3976.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Under Article 1, Section 8, the Necessary and Proper Clause. Congress shall have power to make all laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing powers and all Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States, or in any Department of Officer thereof.

By Mr. LANDSMAN:

H.R. 3977.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I Section VIII

By Mr. LATTA:

H.R. 3978.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

This resolution is enacted pursuant to the power granted to Congress under Article I, Section 8, Clause 3 of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. LAWLER:

H.R. 3979.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 18 of the United States Constitution

By Mr. LAWLER:

H.R. 3980.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Clause 8, Section 18 of the U.S. Constitution

By Ms. LEE of Nevada:

H.R. 3981.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 18 provides Congress with the power to "make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States, or in any Department or Officer thereof."

By Ms. LETLOW:

H.R. 3982.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 1

By Mr. LUTTRELL:

H.R. 3983.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8. To make laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into execution the foregoing powers, and all other powers vested by this Constitution in the government of the United States, or in any department or officer thereof.

By Ms. MACE:
H.R. 3984.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution.
By Mrs. MCBATH:
H.R. 3985.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article I, Section 8, Clause 3—The Interstate Commerce Clause
By Ms. MORRISON:
H.R. 3986.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article I, Section 8, Clause 18 of the United States Constitution states that “Congress shall have the authority to make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by the Constitution in the Government of the United States or in any Department of Office thereof.”
By Mr. NORMAN:
H.R. 3987.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article 1, Section 8
By Mr. OLSZEWSKI:
H.R. 3988.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
To direct the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development and the Director of the Bureau of the Census to conduct a study and submit a report about how Federal agencies identify and record cases of housing loss in the United States, and for other purposes (Article I, Section 8, Clause 18).
By Mr. PANETTA:
H.R. 3989.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article I, Section 8, clause 1
By Mr. PANETTA:
H.R. 3990.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article I, Section 8, Clause 18
By Ms. PEREZ:
H.R. 3991.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article I of the US Constitution
By Mr. PERRY:
H.R. 3992.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article 1 section 8 of the United States Constitution
By Mr. PETERS:
H.R. 3993.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article I, Section 8
By Ms. ROSS:
H.R. 3994.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article I, Section 8
By Ms. SCHRIER:
H.R. 3995.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
This bill is enacted pursuant to the power granted to Congress under Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution.
By Mr. SCHWEIKERT:
H.R. 3996.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article 1, Section 8
By Mr. SCOTT of Virginia:
H.R. 3997.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution of the United States.

By Mr. SELF:
H.R. 3998.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article I, Section 8
By Mr. STEIL:
H.R. 3999.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution.
By Mr. STEUBE:
H.R. 4000.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article I Section 8
By Mr. TAKANO:
H.R. 4001.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article 1 Section 8
By Ms. VAN DUYNE:
H.R. 4002.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article 1, Section 8
By Mr. VASQUEZ:
H.R. 4003.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article 1, section 8, Clauses 1 and 18 of the United State Constitution, to provide for the general welfare and make all laws necessary and proper to carry out the powers of the Congress.
By Ms. VELÁZQUEZ:
H.R. 4004.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article IV, Section 3, Clause 2
The Congress shall have Power to dispose of and make all needful Rules and Regulations respecting the Territory or other Property belonging to the United States;. . .
By Mr. VINDMAN:
H.R. 4005.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article I, Section 8, Clause 18
By Mr. VINDMAN:
H.R. 4006.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article I, Section 8, Clause 18
By Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN:
H.R. 4007.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article I, Section 8, Clause 18: [The Congress shall have Power . . .] To make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States, or in any Department or Officer thereof.
By Mr. WEBER of Texas:
H.R. 4008.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article 1, Section 8

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 7 of rule XII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions, as follows:

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H.R. 260: Mr. FINE.
H.R. 335: Mr. TAYLOR.
H.R. 349: Mrs. MCCLAIN DELANEY.
H.R. 425: Mr. KUSTOFF.
H.R. 583: Mrs. HAYES.
H.R. 842: Mr. KUSTOFF.
H.R. 909: Mr. MOSKOWITZ and Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas.

H.R. 914: Mr. COSTA.
H.R. 929: Ms. PETTERSEN.
H.R. 946: Mr. GRAY and Mr. CRENSHAW.
H.R. 979: Mr. FRY.
H.R. 1004: Mr. GOLDMAN of Texas.
H.R. 1151: Mr. FRY.
H.R. 1177: Mr. VAN DREW.
H.R. 1207: Mrs. FISCHBACH.
H.R. 1266: Mr. VAN DREW.
H.R. 1267: Mr. LAWLER.
H.R. 1269: Mr. HORSFORD, Mr. HUFFMAN, and Ms. DEXTER.
H.R. 1273: Mrs. RADEWAGEN and Mr. JACKSON of Illinois.
H.R. 1319: Mr. BAUMGARTNER.
H.R. 1331: Mrs. MCIVER.
H.R. 1340: Mr. MANN and Mr. SUOZZI.
H.R. 1383: Ms. FRIEDMAN.
H.R. 1385: Mr. BURCHETT.
H.R. 1436: Mr. CAREY.
H.R. 1496: Mr. GARAMENDI.
H.R. 1509: Ms. JAYAPAL.
H.R. 1551: Mr. GARBARINO, Mrs. HINSON, Mr. BOST, Mr. PAPPAS, Mr. NORMAN, and Mr. NEWHOUSE.
H.R. 1564: Mr. HORSFORD, Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia, Mr. NADLER, and Mr. THANEDAR.
H.R. 1575: Mr. ALLEN.
H.R. 1576: Ms. PEREZ.
H.R. 1611: Ms. DELBENE.
H.R. 1643: Mr. TAYLOR.
H.R. 1662: Mr. SORENSEN.
H.R. 1685: Mr. VAN DREW.
H.R. 1761: Mr. STEUBE.
H.R. 1818: Ms. CRAIG.
H.R. 1822: Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas.
H.R. 1860: Ms. TITUS, Ms. ELFRETH, Mr. VASQUEZ, Ms. McDONALD RIVET, Ms. LOFGREN, and Mr. HORSFORD.
H.R. 1877: Mr. FIELDS, Mrs. BEATTY, and Ms. JOHNSON of Texas.
H.R. 1933: Mrs. HAYES.
H.R. 1949: Mr. WILSON of South Carolina.
H.R. 1992: Ms. BARRAGAN.
H.R. 2038: Mrs. FOUSHEE, Ms. JAYAPAL, and Mr. MCGARVEY.
H.R. 2084: Mr. SWALWELL.
H.R. 2094: Mr. NEWHOUSE.
H.R. 2189: Ms. TENNEY.
H.R. 2199: Mr. MANN.
H.R. 2202: Mr. WESTERMAN and Mr. STAUBER.
H.R. 2232: Mr. GOLDEN of Maine.
H.R. 2245: Mr. VAN DREW.
H.R. 2398: Ms. NORTON.
H.R. 2462: Mr. HILL of Arkansas.
H.R. 2485: Ms. DELBENE.
H.R. 2510: Ms. JOHNSON of Texas.
H.R. 2547: Mr. PANETTA.
H.R. 2548: Ms. BONAMICI.
H.R. 2572: Mr. PERRY.
H.R. 2586: Mrs. MCBATH and Ms. TLAIB.
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H.R. 2708: Mr. PERRY, Mr. FLEISCHMANN, Mr. BARRETT, and Mr. HARIDOPOLOS.
H.R. 2715: Mr. NEHLS.
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H.R. 2808: Mr. TIFFANY.
H.R. 2881: Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, and Mr. GOTTHEIMER.
H.R. 2999: Mr. PETERS.
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H.R. 3607: Ms. LOFGREN.
H.R. 3613: Mr. CUELLAR.
H.R. 3639: Mr. KENNEDY of New York.
H.R. 3660: Mr. WILSON of South Carolina.
H.R. 3683: Ms. BARRAGÁN.
H.R. 3697: Mr. BERGMAN.
H.R. 3699: Mr. BENTZ and Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS.
H.R. 3702: Ms. BARRAGÁN and Ms. SCANLON.
H.R. 3703: Ms. SCANLON and Ms. BARRAGÁN.
H.R. 3704: Ms. BARRAGÁN and Ms. SCANLON.
H.R. 3757: Mrs. BEATTY, Mr. KHANNA, Mr. THANEDAR, Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ, Ms. CHU, Ms. BROWNLEY, Mr. HUFFMAN, Ms. WILSON of Florida, and Mr. CASTEN.
H.R. 3784: Mrs. HAYES.
H.R. 3806: Mr. BACON.
H.R. 3828: Mr. GREEN of Texas.
H.R. 3835: Ms. STEFANIK.
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H.R. 3861: Mr. NORMAN.
H.R. 3867: Mr. GROTHMAN and Ms. CASTOR of Florida.
H.R. 3870: Mr. LATTI.
H.R. 3874: Mr. GOMEZ.
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H.R. 3909: Mr. MANN.
H.R. 3916: Mr. DESAULNIER, Ms. DELBENE, Mrs. MCIVER, Mr. HORSFORD, Mr. QUIGLEY, Mr. NADLER, Mr. TONKO, Mr. TORRES of New York, and Mr. MFUME.
H.R. 3917: Mr. OWENS.
H.R. 3920: Mr. STEUBE.
H.R. 3926: Mr. VAN DREW.
H.R. 3930: Mr. TONKO and Mr. COHEN.
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H. Con. Res. 8: Mr. BURCHETT.
H. Res. 394: Mrs. DINGELL.
H. Res. 475: Mr. SELF and Mr. BABIN.
H. Res. 483: Mr. BELL, Mr. CRANK, Mr. HARRIGAN, Mr. GREEN of Tennessee, Mr. CASE, and Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia.
H. Res. 494: Mr. SELF.



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EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will proceed to executive session and resume consideration of the following nomination, which the clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read the nomination of William Long, of Missouri, to be Commissioner of Internal Revenue for the remainder of the term expiring November 12, 2027.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Iowa.

250TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY

Mr. GRASSLEY. On June 14, 1775, the Continental Congress passed a resolution creating what we know today as the United States Army. Since its establishment 250 years ago, tens of millions of American patriots have put their lives on the line to protect national security, defend our allies, and fight tyranny and terror from distant shores.

Today, the Army is comprised of roughly 450,000 Active-Duty servicemen, 325,000 National Guardsmen, and 176,000 members of the Reserve, making the U.S. Army the largest branch of the military.

I want to thank our brave men and women in uniform for their sacrifices to our country. Their dedication and their selflessness have made our Nation safer, and the first priority of the Federal Government ought to be our own national security.

Now, we have to think back to President George Washington's first annual address to Congress, where he said: To be prepared for war is one of the most effectual means of preserving the peace in the world.

That includes a nonnegotiable tenet of America's national security, which is "peace through strength."

I have said before and I want to reiterate, we must be prepared at all times

to stamp out aggression because weakness is provocative. An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure, and a strong and capable military is the best way to do that.

In a few short weeks, we will celebrate Independence Day. I encourage all Americans to recognize and appreciate the freedoms that the Army has defended for 250 years, and I will continue to defend that in the future. And I want to thank President Trump for bringing attention to the 250th birthday of the U.S. Army with the festivities that are going on this weekend in Washington, DC.

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The majority leader is recognized.

HALT ALL LETHAL TRAFFICKING OF FENTANYL ACT

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, later today our friends in the House will be voting on the HALT Fentanyl Act. This is important legislation, and I am glad that it will soon be on its way to the President's desk.

I don't need to tell anybody about the terrible impact of drug overdoses in this country—many of them caused by fentanyl. More Americans die of drug overdoses each year than the number of Americans who died in the entirety of the Vietnam war.

Just 3 years ago, the New England Journal of Medicine estimated we were losing 22 teenagers every week to drug overdoses. Twenty-two teenagers every week, that is like losing an entire high school classroom week after week, and no part of this country has been spared from the influx of fentanyl.

The Senate met at 11 a.m. and was called to order by the President pro tempore (Mr. GRASSLEY).

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Our Father in Heaven, we thank You for the beautiful diversity in the human family, for its varied shapes and sizes, its features and colors, its abilities and talents. Deliver us from the forces that would destroy our unity by eliminating our differences. Lord, bless the Members of this body. Help them in their debates to distinguish between substance and semantics, between rhetoric and reality. Free them from personal and partisan preoccupations that would defeat their aspirations and deprive Americans of just and equitable solutions. Lord, remind our lawmakers of the wisdom of Romans 8:28, which states: "In everything God is working for the good of those who love him who are called according to His purposes."

We pray in Your holy Name. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The President pro tempore 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.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SHEEHY). Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

CONCLUSION OF MORNING BUSINESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Morning business is closed.

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We certainly have seen it in my home State of South Dakota. Enough fentanyl was seized in Sioux Falls, SD, last year to kill 2.5 million people.

Law enforcement reports that the cartels have a presence in our area, and the price of a single pill has dropped from \$40 a few years ago to just \$5 per pill today, largely due to the growing supply.

As bad as this situation is today, it was much worse a few years ago. Before 2018, the fentanyl analogs that were killing so many Americans were generally classified as schedule II substances, meaning regulations were less stringent and violations carried lighter penalties.

And if a particular analog was moved to schedule I, the cartels would simply alter the chemical composition slightly, which meant the new analog wasn't subject to stricter enforcement even though it was no less deadly, but that ended in 2018 when the Trump administration temporarily reclassified all fentanyl analogs under schedule I. And Congress has extended that temporary reclassification several times because it works.

Now it is time to make that permanent. That is where the HALT Fentanyl Act comes in. It will permanently classify fentanyl analogs as what we know them to be: the deadliest kind of drugs. And it will ensure that law enforcement has an important tool to go after the people bringing this poison into our country and peddling it in our communities.

I want to thank Senators CASSIDY and JOHNSON and Chairman GRASSLEY for their leadership on this issue and for getting this bill to this point. I expect today's vote in the House will be broadly bipartisan, as it was in the Senate, and it will soon be signed into law by President Trump—all made possible by their efforts.

The HALT Fentanyl Act has drawn support from law enforcement officers and State attorneys general, and perhaps, most significantly, it has the support of families of numerous Americans who have died from fentanyl overdoses. And I am grateful to those families for their passionate advocacy on this issue and on passage of this bill.

The HALT Fentanyl Act is just one step in the fight against the scourge of fentanyl. In the coming weeks, we will be taking up legislation to address another aspect of the fight, securing our borders. Much of the fentanyl in our country comes across an international border so securing our borders is a key step to preventing shipments of this poison from getting into our country in the first place, and the bill we will be voting on in the coming weeks will make a generational investment in border security, including finishing the border wall and investing in personnel and technology to stop illegal aliens and illegal drugs from getting across.

Too many Americans have lost their lives to drug overdoses. And so many of

those deaths were caused by a single pill containing a lethal dose of fentanyl. Republicans will continue our efforts to end this crisis and prevent illegal drugs from getting into our country and devastating our communities.

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

RECOGNITION OF THE MINORITY LEADER

The Democratic leader is recognized.

TRUMP ADMINISTRATION

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I don't often agree with the conservative Wall Street Journal editorial board, but they had it right this morning in their op-ed. They said:

Trump Has No China Trade Strategy.

That is what The Wall Street Journal said.

Trump Has No China Trade Strategy.

I agree, Trump has no China trade strategy.

Yesterday, President Trump shouted from the mountaintops that a trade deal with China has been "done," but in reality, nothing of the sort happened.

It is typical Trump. He just makes things up that he thinks please himself and please his rightwing for the moment. In truth, Donald Trump struck a feeble truce and calls it a victory.

In fact, calling this a "truce," calling it "feeble" would be putting it kindly. Donald Trump's actions with China and the handshake yesterday accomplished virtually nothing. China has outfoxed him, and we are just back where we started.

After months of Donald Trump trying to talk tough on China, China today has more leverage over the United States than when Trump started on this venture. Donald Trump's trade war has been a colossal failure and a chaotic mess, with virtually nothing to show for it.

Donald Trump should go back to the drawing board and start over and come up with a plan that actually goes after China, by joining with our allies instead of going to war with them, by having them be allies with us to put pressure on China. And that will make action against China much tougher and more successful, instead of what Trump did, alienating our allies and having them ally with China instead of us.

And Donald Trump should tell Mr. Navarro to get another job. This man has had terrible advice, in Donald Trump's first term and now in Donald Trump's second term.

Two months since America's supposed "Liberation Day," it is clear that Donald Trump's trade strategy is not working, and his main problem is

that he doesn't have a coherent strategy at all. Donald Trump's only move seems to be creating chaos. It is as if he wakes up in the morning and picks a country out of a hat. It just pops into his head, and he runs with it—no strategy, no coherence, no understanding or appreciation of what occurred the day before or might occur the day after. He has turned markets manic, and he has paralyzed business.

Business leaders you talk to, from one end of America to the other—big business, medium-size business, small business—say they are paralyzed. They can't move because they don't know what he is going to do next on tariffs. And given how erratic and inconsistent he has been, who can blame them.

One Kentucky small business owner, a Trump supporter who runs a baseball goods company, described this trade war as "a vacation from hell." To millions of American businesses, that is exactly what has happened. This is a vacation from hell, self-imposed by Donald Trump.

As the summer break begins, and families start traveling around the country, that is exactly what Americans are feeling as well: a vacation from hell, thanks to Donald Trump's tariff policies.

SNAP

Mr. President, on SNAP cuts, after Senate Republicans spent weeks promising they would moderate the extreme policies in Donald Trump's Big Beautiful Bill, last night, they doubled down. The Senate Agriculture Committee released the text of their portion of the bill, and the cuts to food assistance are as cruel, harmful, and as extreme as what came out of the House. They gave it a fresh coat of paint and pretended it is somehow more moderate, when, in reality, it is not.

What happened to all of those Republicans—the Senate Republicans—who said they wanted to moderate the House's SNAP cuts?

The plan they came up with is the House bill's evil twin with a slightly nicer suit. It would still be the most aggressive cuts to food assistance in American history—hundreds of billions in cuts, just as punitive as when it came out of the House.

Eight million Americans—3 million children and seniors—would be in danger of losing benefits. States would still carry the burden in a way they never had to before. And Republican State Governors are going to start complaining; let me assure our Republican colleagues.

Under the Senate plan, a State like North Carolina could be penalized \$438 million in 2028. States have to balance their budgets. A blow like this would be crippling, forcing States to make impossible decisions about who gets to keep their food benefits and who will be forced to go hungry.

I urge Senate Republicans to throw this latest plan away. It is not moderate at all. Again, the Senate's SNAP

proposal is basically the House version proposal's evil twin, dressed in a slightly nicer suit.

And one other thing, to take food out of the mouths of hungry kids, all they want is to fill their little tummies and give it in tax cuts to billionaires—how perverse, how cruel, even vicious—even vicious. And then they come up with these shibboleths: Oh, people aren't working. Oh, people are cheating.

They have no proof. They just cut.

It is mean. It is against what our Scriptures teach us. And this—feeding the hungry; giving drink to the poor, to the thirsty—should not be a political issue. It should not be a partisan issue. It should be a moral issue.

SILENCERS

Mr. President, on guns, as we speak, Republicans are once again trying to jam through a reckless, extreme giveaway to the gun lobby, a provision that will endanger our kids, betray law enforcement, and lead to more gun deaths. Despite their so-called Big Beautiful Bill, Republicans snuck in a radical measure to reverse nearly a century—100 years—of commonsense gun rules on silencers.

Senate Democrats will fight this dangerous provision with every tool at our disposal, including trying to strike it in the Byrd bath.

Parents don't want silencers on their streets. Police don't want silencers on their streets. The only ones who do? The gun lobby. And that is exactly who this provision is written for.

Silencers have been used in mass killings, murders. Lawbreakers, they are the ones who want silencers. And they have been used in targeted assassinations, in crimes where bystanders didn't even know gunshots had been fired, until it was too late.

There is nothing common sense about making these deadly devices easier to buy, easier to make, easier to use in crimes.

To the extreme Republicans—they are extremists these days—who slipped this silencer sneak attack into their bill: Shame on you. Shame on you for putting the gun lobby over the lives of our kids. Shame on you for endangering families and law enforcement.

All the law enforcement people I speak to don't want this Republican proposal because they know that the people who want silencers are the criminals who our brave police and others are fighting.

Shame on you, Republican rightwing and all the Republicans, even when they know they are wrong, who go along with that rightwing for adding fuel to America's gun epidemic.

As I said, police departments across America have been clear: Silencers make their jobs harder, delaying response times, making it harder to catch criminals, harder to solve gun crimes, and, yes, easier for criminals to get away with murder. You cannot call yourself pro-law enforcement while voting to put more silencers in criminals' hands.

If Republicans get their way, it will be open season for criminals with silencers. Senate Democrats will fight this provision at the parliamentary level and at every other level with everything we have got.

NOMINATION OF WILLIAM LONG

Mr. President, on the IRS nomination today, this one is another doozy. Senate Republicans want to put a tax fraudster in charge of the IRS.

Let me repeat that. Senate Republicans want to put a tax fraudster in charge of the IRS.

And I wish that was just a figure of speech. But in a little over an hour, Senate Republicans will vote on the confirmation of William Long to be the Commissioner of the IRS. I will vehemently oppose Long's nomination.

To have a tax fraudster and swindler like Mr. Long in charge of the IRS is abominable. It shows the only thing Donald Trump cares about is helping cheaters and liars get ahead, while leaving honest, hard-working families in the dust.

Mr. Long's background has nothing that makes him qualified to be IRS Commissioner. His only qualification, like so many of Trump's nominees who have had no experience, no knowledge, is that he is a MAGA cheerleader.

He had no expertise in tax policy while in Congress. After he left office, he joined the tax scam industry. In one instance, Mr. Long was paid over \$60,000 by firms that sold totally fabricated tax credits to investors and small businesses.

When asked about his role in this scheme in Committee, Long refused to answer. When investigators sent him questions, he went dark.

After Long's nomination was announced, the CFO of the company that swindled those businesses told its investors not to worry; they will soon have a buddy at the IRS who will take off the heat.

This is rank corruption. Donald Trump naming someone as compromised as Mr. Long is just allowing corruption to be winked at, nodded at, and even approved.

Under Mr. Long, the IRS will become the "Department of MAGA Crooks." Donald Trump will use the IRS, as he has used other Agencies, to punish his political opponents and to help cheaters and tax evaders, all while hard-working families watch billionaires pay less in taxes.

I implore Senate Republicans to reject Long for being IRS Commissioner.

BROADBAND

Mr. President, finally, on broadband, last Friday, Secretary Lutnick and the administration delayed nearly \$43 billion in funding to help 25 million Americans get access to affordable high-speed internet. This funding is vital for kids to do their homework and for families to stay connected. States have worked hard to get this funding program up and running, but now, to help Starlink—we know who owns that—the administration has thrown everyone back to square one.

Donald Trump seems to find endless ways to go after States like New York, and this decision delaying broadband funding does just that. It will endanger \$660 million in funding to help the hundreds of thousands of New Yorkers—many in rural areas, Republican districts—who lack broadband access.

I joined with Ranking Member CANTWELL and Senator LUJAN in urging the administration not to delay this funding, but they did it anyway. It is shameful, and I will keep pushing the administration to change course.

I urge the Trump administration: Don't turn your back on rural families lacking broadband just to help Starlink.

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

JUDICIARY

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, the first few months of this administration, we witnessed unprecedented, unacceptable attacks on the Federal judiciary by President Trump and his allies.

In one particularly egregious example, President Trump demanded the impeachment of a Federal judge who ruled against the administration, and President Trump said this man was "a Radical Left Lunatic, a troublemaker and agitator." That is a direct, specific quote from the President of the United States about a sitting Federal judge.

On Memorial Day, President Trump referred to members of the bench as "USA HATING JUDGES" and "MONSTERS WHO WANT OUR COUNTRY TO GO TO HELL." That is a direct quote from the President of the United States about sitting Federal judges.

This kind of reckless, inflammatory language is part of the President's ongoing attempt to intimidate the Federal judiciary. We are supposed to take this as acceptable conduct? It should be condemned by all political leaders, regardless of your political party. But my Republican colleagues have said nothing in response to these attacks on Federal judges. It is the "silence of the lambs."

In April, one of my Republican colleagues had the courage to say out loud why Republicans are not speaking up. As she put it, "We are all afraid."

Their fear is simply emboldening this President. Last month, President Trump was asked if he needs to uphold the Constitution. In response, he said:

I don't know.

It was shocking to hear that response from the President—even this President—and it demonstrates just how little regard he has for our fundamental rights and our Constitution. Yet my Republican colleagues are silent.

Their unwillingness to speak truth to power calls to mind a line from "A Man for All Seasons":

When statesmen foresake their own private conscience for the sake of their public duties, they lead their country by a short route to chaos.

The American people have already seen and suffered through the chaos that has come from the silence of our elected officials. So long as they fail to speak up, the chaos and lawlessness will continue.

It is not only President Trump who is intimidating judges and attacking judicial independence; House Republicans are acting as accomplices, filing Articles of Impeachment against six Federal judges simply because they ruled against President Trump.

House Republicans have continued their attack on the judiciary with their reconciliation bill they passed last month. Buried in this 1,000-page bill is a provision that would strip Federal courts of their ability to enforce a contempt citation when a party fails to comply with certain types of injunctions. The contempt power is integral to the authority of the Federal courts. Without the contempt power, parties could simply disregard court orders.

Currently, Trump administration officials know that if they violate court orders, they can be held in contempt and subject to fines or even jail time. But President Trump doesn't want the courts or anyone else to stand in his way, and that led House Republicans to advance a provision prohibiting courts from enforcing some contempt citations. This would let President Trump pursue his agenda without any concern of being held accountable in the courts, and it would prevent courts from enforcing contempt citations in all manner of cases, whether the injunction issues today, tomorrow, or even 10 years ago.

Maybe House Republicans thought no one would notice this provision. Maybe they thought nobody would have the nerve to oppose the President. But I can tell you, the Senate Democrats read the provision. We noticed it. We spoke out against it all week, and we will do everything in our power to ensure it does not become law.

The attacks on the judiciary not only threaten our Constitution, they threaten the judges and their families themselves. Recent reporting has revealed a dramatic spike in threats against judges. Between the beginning of March and the end of May, 197 Federal judges were threatened. Judges and their families have received threats in the form of anonymous pizza deliveries to their homes. These deliveries are meant to show that the perpetrator knows exactly where the judges and their families live. So far, more than 100 pizzas have been delivered to more than a dozen judges and their relatives.

It is not a laughing matter. At least 20 of these deliveries were made using the name of Judge Esther Salas's son Daniel Anderl, who was murdered—

murdered—at his family's home by a former litigant. Even Justice Amy Coney Barrett's family has been reportedly receiving unsolicited pizza deliveries.

Whether I agree with these judges when it comes to their philosophy is beside the point. This is frightening. Judge Salas herself has characterized the deliveries as "psychological warfare" that sends the message: "Do you want to end up like Judge Salas? 'Do you want to end up like Daniel?'"

These instances are sickening. They threaten not only judges and their families but judicial independence and the rule of law. They must be investigated, and they must be stopped.

Over a month ago, as ranking member of the Senate Judiciary Committee, I sent a letter to Attorney General Pam Bondi and FBI Director Kash Patel. I asked them to investigate the deliveries and other threats against Federal judges and provide information on steps they have taken to protect these judges and their families. I have yet to receive a response.

On Tuesday, I sent another letter urging them once again to investigate these threats against judges and highlighting the need for action. The Federal judiciary and our government can wait no longer.

Last week, I met with three Federal judges to discuss judicial security. Judge Salas was among them. Her experience is a reminder how important judicial security is and how much is at stake. Our meeting also served as a reminder of how our judges have shown tremendous courage in the face of these ongoing threats.

We should all be grateful for their public service and their willingness to don black robes and act without fear or favor. We should also be grateful for law enforcement officials protecting our judges. But it is not enough to merely acknowledge and appreciate the courage and dedication of our judges and law enforcement.

The Justice Department and the FBI must investigate and must act now. The President and his allies must stop these attempts to intimidate a coequal branch of government, and congressional Republicans need to step up publicly and stand behind these judges.

In the meantime, I will continue to stand up for the judiciary and highlight the need to protect our judges, and I will continue to stand against those who threaten our judges and the rule of law, whether from the right or the left. I hope my Republican colleagues will find their voices and join me.

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The bill clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. MERKLEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

GUIDING AND ESTABLISHING NATIONAL INNOVATION FOR U.S. STABLECOINS ACT

Mr. MERKLEY. Colleagues, we are at an extraordinary time when there is a "Government For Sale" sign on the White House lawn. We have never seen this in the history of the United States of America.

President Trump is engaged in an extraordinary level of corruption. Let me just provide two examples.

As President, he said to the world: Come and buy my meme coin, my Trump coin, and you will be invited to a very special dinner to have access to me. And the 220 people who buy the most coins over a multimonth period, hold onto them. You will be invited.

This dinner was held 2 weeks ago, and 220 people spent an estimated \$150 million in order to attend that dinner.

A meme coin is basically a nothingburger. What is it? It is not something you can do international transactions on. It is nothing you can print out and put on your wall. It is, simply, kind of a hobby coin.

People didn't pay \$150 million for a digital hobby coin. They paid it because the President said: This will give you access to me and my team. And he provided that access. And he said: The top 25 buyers of this coin will get something extra special, some extra special tour. Initially, it was said it would be of the White House. Later, it was not clear if it would be at the White House. In fact, there is no transparency.

We do not have a list of who these 220 people are or what they paid. But we do know one of these individuals; that is the individual Javier Selgas. He is the CEO of Freight Technologies. He said: We bought \$2 million of the Trump meme coin, and we are planning to buy \$20 million of the Trump coin in order to influence the policy of how freight is treated between Mexico and the United States of America.

He was very clear about it: We are buying access, and we are buying influence.

What happens with that money? It simply goes into Trump's pocket. Is he producing an item of any value that he is selling? No. He is selling access and influence. So that is one example.

Then, he has another crypto enterprise in which he is inviting folks to use a digital coin, a different type of digital coin called a stablecoin; use it in international transactions: Give me your dollars. I will invest your dollars. I get to keep all the proceeds from those investments, and you can use my digital coin called USD1 for international business transactions.

Why would you use this coin instead of just using the dollars themselves? To make special affection on behalf of the President of the United States of America.

There is a company, MGX. MGX is tied to the Government of the United Arab Emirates. MGX said: "We will buy \$2 billion of your coins."

That makes the \$2 million from Freight Technologies or the \$20 million

they were planning pretty small chump change because now you have a company saying we will buy \$2 billion of your coins.

And what did they say they wanted? They said they wanted advanced AI chips, artificial intelligence chips. They wanted a world-leading AI center to be built in the United Arab Emirates.

Now, technically, it would be done through MGX. But who is the chair of MGX? The national security advisor for the Government of UAE.

So what transpired is UAE says: We want this AI center.

MGX, associated with the government, says: We will buy \$2 billion of your digital coins.

And the President goes to the Middle East and says: Do you know what, I support establishing an advanced AI center, and we will partner with it in Abu Dhabi.

Abu Dhabi is one of the Emirates of UAE.

So here we have Freight Technologies on one type of coin saying we are buying these coins to get influence. Now you have MGX and UAE buying \$2 billion of coins in order to get influence. This is the U.S. Government for sale in a way we have never seen. This is the Mount Everest of corruption.

And right at this moment, the Senate is debating a cryptocurrency bill. Isn't this the moment we should debate whether or not Federal elected officials—ourselves, the Vice President, the President, members of the Cabinet—should be offering for sale our personal coins in order for people to give us money? Because, really, it is just like somebody handing us a sack of money. That is what this is like.

Forbes magazine has now estimated that within the first few months of the Trump administration, the Trump family has built value in their crypto industry of \$1 billion. If he had not been elected, it would be worth nothing. But because he is pumping it as President, both the meme coin and USD1 the stablecoin, the world is saying: If we want influence, we have to buy these coins. Just like in his first administration, folks said: If we want influence, we have to stay at his properties. We have to book his hotel rooms. We have to hold our events at his special locations, be it his golf courses or his hotel conference centers.

But those hotel rooms or booking conference centers in his first term are nothing on the order of magnitude of selling these cryptocurrency coins.

That \$2 billion that Trump holds, his family holds, even if 4 percent is invested, that is \$80 million a year. And with the passage of this bill, if we do not put an anti-corruption measure into this bill, the world will be saying: Just as we rented his hotel rooms when we do an international business transaction, we have to use USD1.

That is why we should be debating amendments on this bill. We have a responsibility to address the concerns of

the people of the United States of America.

And from our very beginning—from the very beginning—on through the last now 250 years, we have been concerned about corruption and having our government end up for sale. If we turn the clock back to our Founders, Hamilton said we put an emoluments clause in our Constitution so our elected leaders could not be bribed:

[M]any mortifying examples of the prevalence of foreign corruption in republican governments.

It was to counter that foreign corruption that he had already witnessed in republican governments. So in establishing our Republic, with our separation of powers, with our checks and balances, with our vision of government by and for the people, you can't allow the elected leaders to take bribes or to take, if you will, tribute money to influence.

People say: Well, it is not a bribe if it is not tied to a specific act. Obviously, the CEO of Freight Technologies had a specific act in mind. He wanted to change a rule regarding freight transactions between Mexico and the United States of America. Clearly, the UAE had a specific desire in mind. They wanted AI chips, and they got them.

Maybe in a court you could not establish a direct this-for-that—quid pro quo, if you will—but certainly these companies knew what they were doing. They were buying access and influence. So in that sense it is at least a payment of money to the President of the United States to gain access and gain influence, and that is exactly the type of corruption that Hamilton said he had witnessed “mortifying examples,” and so we put a clause into the Constitution to say this could not be done.

All right. So we have a responsibility. We took an oath to the Constitution. Every single colleague, all 53 across the aisle, took the same oath to the Constitution. So now is the time to actually debate this issue and defend the Constitution. If you are not willing to debate an amendment to defend the Constitution, then essentially you are ignoring your oath to the Constitution; you are violating your oath to the Constitution of the United States of America.

When this bill came to the floor, the majority leader said we will have an open amendment process, and that was a factor considered by many colleagues when they voted for moving this bill to the floor, that there would be an opportunity for amendments. But now that the bill is here, suddenly, the Republican leadership that controls the floor says: No. We are closing off amendments. We are not going to allow any examination of the corruption that is present through this industry. We are not going to allow any examination of the loopholes in the regulatory framework that is in this bill. We are not going to allow any examination of the scams being enacted on ordinary citizens using these digital currency—these cryptocurrency ATMs.

I had never even heard of these ATMs. It turns out that there are over 300 of them in my State of Oregon. I have asked my colleagues on both sides of the aisle: Have you heard of these? They said no.

But one of our colleagues was very familiar with this form of scam on senators—Senator DURBIN. He has an amendment that should be considered.

So because it is so important that we take this moment and we honor our responsibility to examine these issues, I will be coming back to the floor in order to offer a point of order that this bill violates the Senate pay-go provisions and, therefore, we shouldn't be doing this bill until that is remedied. I will also be coming back to table the blocking amendment that the majority leader put in place to prevent anyone from offering amendments. So both those votes will occur about half an hour from now.

Let's get our heads together about our responsibilities as Senators representing the people of the United States. Let's get our heads together about our responsibility to the Constitution. Let's get our heads together about taking on this open sale of the government being conducted out of the Oval Office, just down Pennsylvania Avenue.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. HAGERTY). The Senator from Rhode Island.

Mr. REED. Mr. President, I rise today to discuss S. 1582, the so-called GENIUS Act.

Several weeks ago, when the majority leader said we would have votes on amendments, I took him seriously, and I was one of the first to file. And we could have been voting on amendments—my amendments, those of my colleagues—at any time in the last few weeks, but that hasn't happened.

That is regrettable because the GENIUS Act, as it is currently drafted, is, I believe, fundamentally flawed. The GENIUS Act exposes taxpayers, consumers, and the financial system to unacceptable risk and creates venues for criminals, terrorists, and rogue governments to finance their illicit activities.

Among other things, this bill places the U.S. Government stamp of approval on Tether, the world's largest stablecoin, which is based in El Salvador and favored by North Korea, Russian arms dealers, ransomware attackers, the Iranian military, the drug cartels, and so many other criminal organizations.

The GENIUS Act takes already weak State laws and makes them weaker and applies them nationwide, making it possible for stablecoin companies to operate with near-zero capital and unable to withstand a financial crisis. It is possible for stablecoin companies to avoid getting an audit. It is impossible for the government to revoke a stablecoin company's charter, even if it turns out to be a Ponzi scheme or if an executive dips into customer funds.

The GENIUS Act buys into the belief that the billionaires running the industry know what they are doing and that the marriage of complex financial products and complex technology simply can't fail. The one thing the billionaires do know how to do is protect their interests.

But, not surprisingly, this bill leaves open the door to bailouts, which we have seen time and time again for other lightly regulated nonbanks that got into trouble, like Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, AIG, and Bear Stearns.

When there is a run on a stablecoin—and there very likely will be a run one day—the industry will turn to the American taxpayer for a bailout, and the GENIUS Act paves the way for that to happen with no limits on the Federal Reserve's authority to prop up the industry.

Finally, this bill perpetuates Donald Trump's naked corruption. It actually green-lights the name of Trump's stablecoin, USD1, and it allows Trump's handpicked regulators to write the rules of the road governing his most recent business venture.

We need to provide real guardrails that will protect consumers, real tools for our national security Agencies to address this new technology, and real authority for regulators to intervene in a crisis—real guardrails and real tools, not words on a page that give only the aura of regulation and protection with no teeth.

My amendments and those offered by colleagues on both sides of the aisle would provide these tools and authorities. However, it appears that we won't have the opportunity to consider a single one of them and improve this legislation. Because of that, I would urge my colleagues to oppose this bill.

With that, Mr. President, I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The bill clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. LANKFORD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

TRIBUTE TO CHRISTIAN JASPERSEN

Mr. LANKFORD. Mr. President, just like you do, I get a lot of requests in my office. I get about 150,000 emails a year. I don't know how many different requests that I get to come in for personal meetings, both in-state and here in Washington, DC, but a few weeks ago I got a video request from a bow-tied 8-year-old asking for a meeting with me—a person I had never met before, but he said he wanted to be able to come in and talk to me about rare childhood diseases. And I have to tell you, you would have to see the video to be able to see the meeting request that I got in from Christian Jaspersen.

He is from Keota, OK, which no one can find here without using Google Maps, I promise you. But he was enthu-

siastically wanting to be able to share his story about a complex medical history and how things have gone for him. So we said yes.

Christian was born with a very rare medical condition that most of us couldn't pronounce, much less want to be able to live with. He was born with his intestines outside of his abdomen. That impacts about 1,500 babies a year. It is extremely rare.

Patients are born sometimes with their intestines or other organs outside their abdomen. You can imagine the damage that that does, even while they are still in the womb.

Well, he required a ton of surgeries. Several surgeries were required immediately after birth. Several digestive impacts on him will be felt for a lifetime. He spent 5 months in NICU after birth. He lost a significant portion of his intestinal tissue during those different surgeries. It has impacted his nutritional intake and his bowel function, as you can imagine.

There were some clinicians that had recommended to go ahead and remove all of it, and he would spend the rest of his life living on IV nutrition. But he was able to get a second opinion from Boston Children's Hospital. They left out from beautiful Oklahoma and headed for Boston for that second opinion.

They provided some alternative care for him, and he is growing and doing well at now 8½. He is not just 8; he is 8½. He credits his doctors for saving his life and allowing him to live his best life now. He still has to go back to Boston often, and there are unique challenges that he faces with insurance and with all the challenges of travel and, quite frankly, the finances that go along with that, but he is a very spunky young man with an extremely large personality.

He played the role of Christopher Robin in a youth production of "Winnie the Pooh" recently, and I bet people would pay to see that twice. He also has political aspirations. When I had the opportunity to be able to meet him and his brothers, Noah and Lane, and his mom Rachel yesterday, we had that opportunity to be able to sit down and talk. Christian told me all about the disease that he has struggled with, the treatments that he has had, the heroes at Boston Children's who have worked alongside of him, but he also informed me to be prepared to see him again because he will be a Supreme Court Justice in the days ahead. And he just might be.

So for Christian and for his wonderful family and for all that has happened and the heroes at Boston Children's and for the research that they have done, I have to express the gratitude of my State for all of that work because that is a lot of work to invest in that young man. And he is determined not to waste the investment that has been put into him but to live his best life and to be extremely productive in the days ahead.

I am grateful to the Oklahomans that spent so much time with him,

working to guard his life in the earliest days, and for the folks at Boston Children's.

I look forward to "Chief Justice Christian" in the days ahead and seeing the work that he does and how that pans out for all of us as a country.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Oregon.

NOMINATION OF WILLIAM LONG

Mr. WYDEN. Mr. President, in a few minutes, the Senate will vote on whether to put somebody who is up to their eyeballs in tax scams, corruption, and coverups in charge of the IRS. This ought to be an easy no.

It is one corruption bombshell after another with former Congressman Billy Long—fake tax credits, scam tax advice, shadowy political donations that went straight into his pocket, promises of personal favors, and no-show jobs with high-paying Federal salaries.

Yesterday came the latest revelation. My Finance Committee staff investigators determined that Long appears to be implicated in a major bribery scheme in his old congressional district. The scandal unfolded while he was in office.

Twelve people in Missouri and Arkansas pled guilty or went to jail when these crimes were prosecuted. It was a criminal case the size of the Ozarks.

Court documents identified him in one guilty plea as "U.S. Representative #1." That is the guilty plea of a man named Donald Andrew Jones, D.A. Jones. Jones's prosecution involved kickbacks and other illicit payments, a network of executives, and the misuse of charity funds in Springfield, MO, his hometown. The Justice Department's summary of the case describes "payments routed through different business entities or lobbying firms" as well as D.A. Jones's "advocacy services, including direct contact with elected and appointed public officials."

The guilty plea describes multiple communications in which Jones said he interacted with Billy Long, "U.S. Representative #1." It includes discussions of services performed by Long's office. It includes descriptions of interactions with Long's top adviser. It includes Jones directing political donations and offering to hand-deliver a check to Billy Long to guarantee he was immediately aware of the money's source.

For his role in this bribery scheme, Jones got a prison sentence of a year and a day behind bars.

The Finance Committee held Billy Long's nomination hearing a few weeks ago. I asked several questions in writing about this matter that were informed by certain reports brought to my investigations team. I laid out the names of all the characters and organizations involved in this massive bribery scandal.

I asked the former Congressman whether he or his campaign received payments from anybody involved. I asked whether he was an unindicted co-conspirator in a Federal criminal case

involving any of them. I asked whether he was ever interviewed by Federal prosecutors or law enforcement agents in relation to this criminal investigation. I asked if he ever acknowledged to the Department of Justice that he received bribes from individuals involved or if he struck any kind of cooperation agreement to avoid prosecution. I asked whether his decision to leave Congress in any way related to his involvement in this investigation or a condition to avoid prosecution.

Here is the answer:

"I had nothing to do with any of this and I do not know any of these people or organizations."

Colleagues, this is just impossible to believe. We are talking about a major bribery scandal that unfolded in Billy Long's hometown—not even on the other side of the district. He is implicated in a guilty plea as "U.S. Representative #1." The idea that he doesn't know anybody involved is just absurd.

I am convinced, colleagues, there is more to this story. Senators ought to ask themselves whether they want to be on the record supporting this nomination when the rest of it comes to light.

In my view, this nomination should never have come to the Senate floor. Billy Long never did any serious legislating on tax issues. He has no experience in tax policy. What he does have is experience in tax fraud.

He left office in 2023 after an unsuccessful Senate campaign. He went straight into the tax fraud industry. He teamed up with a bunch of sketchy operators selling tax deals that were sleazy at best. He got paid to promote fake Tribal tax credits by a firm called White River Energy. Neither Long nor White River can tell us what Tribe they acquired these so-called tax credits from.

The IRS confirmed to my staff that the credits were fake. They said that the promoters of them could face prosecution.

The same day a Bloomberg News article exposed this scheme, December 19—just a few days after Donald Trump announced Long's nomination—the CFO of the company got on a call with investors and told them they would soon have friends at the IRS to clean up their mess. My investigators obtained the audio. We have it on tape.

Not long thereafter, White River executives started cutting checks to Long's failed Senate campaign that had ended years before. Between their donations and others that poured in after his nomination went public, Billy Long was able to stuff \$130,000 into his own pockets by repaying his personal campaign loans.

Now he has refused to answer any questions about this scheme and his role in it.

If that is not enough reason to oppose this nominee, let me talk briefly about the employee retention tax credit. This was a small business rescue program

Congress created during the depths of the pandemic. But after it expired, the scamsters came in, and they turned it into a firehose of fraud.

Billy Long must have seen an opportunity, and he used his credibility as a former Congressman to sling these tax credits to anybody who would listen. We have him on tape saying that "everybody qualifies" for the ERTC. That is a lie. He bragged about getting money for a funeral home even though the pandemic was a boom time for that kind of business due to the number of Americans dying of COVID-19.

Finance Committee investigators obtained another recording, this time of an executive at a firm called Appreciation Financial that sold the scam-ridden tax credits. He said he made the Congressman his guest to the inauguration earlier this year. He said they had dinner and spent a few nights together. His exact quote on the subject of IRS enforcement around employee retention credits is this:

"We could be worried about promoter audits now but we don't have to worry about any of that now with Billy coming in."

I asked Long about this at his nomination hearing in written questions, whether he knew this executive and what he promised him. There was no real answer either time.

Now, colleagues, I will say it again. That ought to be enough to vote down this nomination, but if you want more scandal, let's talk about no-show jobs at the Office of Personnel Management.

Back in March, Mr. Long was made a senior advisor to the Director of OPM. Our staff asked Mr. Long in a due diligence meeting what his responsibilities were there. He picked up a recent OPM press release, read it word for word, and then said he worked on it. When asked for additional detail or more examples of his duties, he mumbled a few things about retirement and proof-reading—no other information. Now, the Congressman is a talkative guy. His brevity on this subject speaks for itself.

After that meeting, Finance Committee investigators obtained copies of internal OPM work calendars belonging to Billy Long and three persons who were hired with him. They were nearly blank—a scant meeting here and there; no evidence of legitimate work being performed.

An investigative reporter for the Talking Points Memo dug into the matter. Neither Billy Long nor OPM would provide any real answers either.

It sure looks to me like the former Congressman got high-paying, no-show jobs for himself and three others. If they were doing real work, they would have told us what they were doing. They have nothing to lose if everything is on the level.

Somebody who ripped off the taxpayer by accepting a no-show job on a maxed-out salary cannot be trusted to run the IRS. Colleagues, it is that simple.

And let's remember, this was going on just as the Trump-Musk-DOGE crowd were first breaking into OPM with the goal of terrorizing public servants and triggering mass layoffs.

So I close with just one question: How can the Senate possibly—possibly—put this individual in charge of our tax system?

The reality is that this is all about fairness.

It wouldn't be all that difficult for the Trump administration to go back and find a tax expert or somebody with lots of management experience to run this vital Agency. We had great working relationships with the first Trump IRS Commissioner, Chuck Rettig. This is not about whether you have an "R" or a "D" next to your name. There are serious issues to deal with when it comes to the Tax Code—protecting taxpayer data, building on our improvements in taxpayer service.

The Trump administration is signaling that the wealthy have a green light to commit tax fraud, and that is outrageous, with huge implications and consequences for years to come.

The bottom line is, fairness matters at the IRS. Independence matters at the IRS. Ethics and honesty matter at the IRS. The American people aren't going to get any of that—none—from Billy Long. He is surrounded, in my view, by a cloud of corruption, and we ought to keep that away from the IRS at all costs.

Mr. President, I urge my colleagues to oppose the Long nomination that we will vote on in a few minutes.

I yield the floor.

Mr. CRAPO. Mr. President, I rise today to urge my colleagues to vote in favor of the confirmation of Congressman Billy Long, who is nominated to serve as Commissioner of the Internal Revenue Service.

The IRS is responsible for helping American taxpayers understand and meet their tax responsibilities, and enforcing the law with integrity and fairness.

However, the Agency has been plagued by inefficiencies, outdated systems, and low employee morale, despite an influx of funding.

At his confirmation hearing, Congressman Long pledged to refocus the IRS on its primary mission to collect Federal taxes and placed an emphasis on prioritizing IT modernization and improving customer service.

He also stated unequivocally that politicization has no place at the agency.

American taxpayers will benefit from these initiatives, and I look forward to working with Congressman Long to ensure they are implemented, if confirmed.

I also thank Congressman Long again for his time spent working through the Finance Committee's rigorous nomination process.

Despite accusations to the contrary, Congressman Long made clear in both verbal and written responses that he

worked as an independent contractor when performing tax consulting work for Capitol Edge Strategies. He never worked at White River or anywhere else on Native American Tribal tax credits.

With respect to contributions made to his Senate campaign, Congressman Long has stated repeatedly that he followed Federal Election Commission guidelines.

I am confident that Congressman Long is equipped to lead the IRS as Commissioner. I encourage my colleagues to join me in advancing his nomination.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from North Carolina.

Mr. TILLIS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to begin the vote now scheduled for a later time.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there an objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

VOTE ON LONG NOMINATION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the Long nomination?

Mr. BUDD. I ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There appears to be a sufficient second.

The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant bill clerk called the roll.

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Arizona (Mr. GALLEGO), the Senator from Georgia (Mr. OSSOFF), and the Senator from California (Mr. PADILLA) are necessarily absent.

The result was announced—yeas 53, nays 44, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 308 Ex.]

YEAS—53

Banks	Graham	Moreno
Barrasso	Grassley	Mullin
Blackburn	Hagerty	Murkowski
Boozman	Hawley	Paul
Britt	Hoeven	Ricketts
Budd	Husted	Risch
Capito	Hyde-Smith	Rounds
Cassidy	Johnson	Schmitt
Collins	Justice	Scott (FL)
Cornyn	Kennedy	Scott (SC)
Cotton	Lankford	Sheehy
Cramer	Lee	Sullivan
Crapo	Lummis	Thune
Cruz	Marshall	Tillis
Curtis	McConnell	Tuberville
Daines	McCormick	Wicker
Ernst	Moody	Young
Fischer	Moran	

NAYS—44

Alsobrooks	Hickenlooper	Sanders
Baldwin	Hirono	Schatz
Bennet	Kaine	Schiff
Blumenthal	Kelly	Schumer
Blunt Rochester	Kim	Shaheen
Booker	King	Slotkin
Cantwell	Klobuchar	Smith
Coons	Lujan	Van Hollen
Cortez Masto	Markey	Warner
Duckworth	Merkley	Warnock
Durbin	Murphy	Warren
Fetterman	Murray	Welch
Gillibrand	Peters	Whitehouse
Hassan	Reed	Wyden
Heinrich	Rosen	

NOT VOTING—3

Gallego	Ossoff	Padilla
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The nomination was confirmed.

(Mr. SULLIVAN assumed the Chair.)

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. HAGERTY). Under the previous order, the motion to reconsider is considered made and laid upon the table and the President will be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

GUIDING AND ESTABLISHING NATIONAL INNOVATION FOR U.S. STABLECOINS ACT

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will resume legislative session and consideration of S. 1582, which the clerk will report.

The senior assistant executive clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1582) to provide for the regulation of payment stablecoins, and for other purposes.

Pending:

Thune (for Hagerty/Gillibrand) amendment No. 2307, in the nature of a substitute.

Thune amendment No. 2308 (to amendment No. 2307), to change the enactment date.

Thune amendment No. 2309 (to amendment No. 2308), to change the enactment date.

Thune amendment No. 2310 (to the language proposed to be stricken by amendment No. 2307), to change the enactment date.

Thune amendment No. 2311 (to amendment No. 2310), to change the enactment date.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Oregon.

MOTION TO TABLE

Mr. MERKLEY. I move to table amendment No. 2310, so I can have an amendment considered to the bill, an amendment that would end current and potential crypto corruption by Federal elected officials, including the President, Vice President, and all Members of Congress.

I ask for the yeas and nays.

VOTE ON MOTION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion to table.

Is there a sufficient second?

There appears to be a sufficient second.

The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant executive clerk called the roll.

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Arizona (Mr. GALLEGO), the Senator from Georgia (Mr. OSSOFF), and the Senator from California (Mr. PADILLA) are necessarily absent.

The result was announced—yeas 45, nays 52, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 309 Leg.]

YEAS—45

Alsobrooks	Durbin	King
Baldwin	Fetterman	Klobuchar
Bennet	Gillibrand	Lujan
Blumenthal	Hassan	Markey
Blunt Rochester	Heinrich	Merkley
Booker	Hickenlooper	Murphy
Cantwell	Hirono	Murray
Coons	Kaine	Paul
Cortez Masto	Kelly	Peters
Duckworth	Kim	Reed

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Shaheen
Slotkin
Smith
Van Hollen
Warner

Warnock
Warren
Welch
Whitehouse
Wyden

NAYS—52

Banks	Graham	Moreno
Barrasso	Grassley	Mullin
Blackburn	Hagerty	Murkowski
Boozman	Hawley	Ricketts
Britt	Hoeven	Risch
Budd	Husted	Rounds
Capito	Hyde-Smith	Schmitt
Cassidy	Johnson	Scott (FL)
Collins	Justice	Scott (SC)
Cornyn	Kennedy	Sheehy
Cotton	Lankford	Sullivan
Cramer	Lee	Thune
Crapo	Lummis	Tillis
Cruz	Marshall	Tuberville
Curtis	McConnell	Wicker
Daines	McCormick	Young
Ernst	Moody	
Fischer	Moran	

NOT VOTING—3

Gallego	Ossoff	Padilla
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The motion was rejected.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. There will now be up to 2 minutes of debate equally divided between the two leaders or their designees.

Mr. GRAHAM. Mr. President, I yield back all the time on our side.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Oregon.

POINT OF ORDER

Mr. MERKLEY. Mr. President, my colleagues will remember the phrase "Senate pay-as-you-go," or better known as pay-go. It was initiated by my colleagues across the aisle to say each bill should be paid for, and they created a point of order to that effect.

But this bill is not paid for. It spends \$115 million. Cost that. And there is no offsetting revenue of any kind. So it violates the Senate pay-go rule.

Now, I know all my colleagues like to say they are fiscal conservatives, and they wanted to stand up for this pay-go rule. Well, this is a chance to actually exercise some fiscal restraint.

Already, we have the situation where we are talking about making tax cuts permanent that will cost \$50 trillion in this coming "Big, Not So Beautiful Bill"—\$50 trillion in new debt compared to current law, incredibly irresponsible. Well, here is a chance to do a small item that is fiscally responsible. Honor your previous commitment to the philosophy of Senate pay-go and vote for this point of order.

Mr. President, since all time has been yielded back by my colleague, I raise a point of order that the pending amendment violates section 4106 of the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2018, H. Con. Res. 71 of the 115th Congress, the Senate pay-as-you-go, better known as pay-go, point of order.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from South Carolina.

MOTION TO WAIVE

Mr. GRAHAM. Mr. President, pursuant to section 904 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 and the waiver provisions of applicable budget resolutions, I move to waive all applicable sections of that act and applicable

budget resolutions for purposes of Senate amendment No. 2307, and I ask for the yeas and nays.

VOTE ON MOTION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion. Is there a sufficient second?

There appears to be a sufficient second.

The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant bill clerk called the roll.

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Arizona (Mr. GALLEGO), the Senator from Georgia (Mr. OSSOFF), and the Senator from California (Mr. PADILLA) are necessarily absent.

The result was announced—yeas 64, nays 33, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 310 Leg.]

YEAS—64

Alsobrooks	Graham	Moreno
Banks	Grassley	Mullin
Barrasso	Hagerty	Murkowski
Blackburn	Hassan	Ricketts
Booker	Heinrich	Risch
Boozman	Hickenlooper	Rosen
Britt	Hoeven	Rounds
Budd	Husted	Schiff
Capito	Hyde-Smith	Schmitt
Cassidy	Johnson	Scott (FL)
Collins	Justice	Scott (SC)
Cornyn	Kelly	Sheehy
Cortez Masto	Kennedy	Slotkin
Cotton	Kim	Sullivan
Cramer	Lankford	Thune
Crapo	Lee	Tillis
Cruz	Lujan	Tuberville
Curtis	Lummis	Warner
Daines	Marshall	Warnock
Ernst	McConnell	Wicker
Fischer	McCormick	Young
Gillibrand	Moran	

NAYS—33

Baldwin	Kaine	Sanders
Bennet	King	Schatz
Blumenthal	Klobuchar	Schumer
Blunt Rochester	Lujan	Shaheen
Cantwell	Markey	Smith
Coons	Merkley	Van Hollen
Duckworth	Murphy	Warnock
Durbin	Murray	Warren
Fetterman	Paul	Welch
Hawley	Peters	Whitehouse
Hirono	Reed	Wyden

NOT VOTING—3

Gallego	Ossoff	Padilla
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The PRESIDING OFFICER. On this vote, the yeas are 64, the nays are 33. Three-fifths of the Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative, the motion is agreed to.

The motion was agreed to.

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask consent that the next two votes be 10-minute votes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

AMENDMENTS WITHDRAWN

Under the previous order, all amendments pending to S. 1582 with the exception of amendment No. 2307 are withdrawn.

The amendments were withdrawn.

VOTE ON AMENDMENT NO. 2307

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question now occurs on adoption of the amendment.

The yeas and nays were previously ordered.

The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant executive clerk called the roll.

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Arizona (Mr. GALLEGO), the Senator from Georgia (Mr. OSSOFF), and the Senator from California (Mr. PADILLA) are necessarily absent.

The result was announced—yeas 67, nays 30, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 311 Leg.]

YEAS—67

Alsobrooks	Graham	Moreno
Banks	Grassley	Mullin
Barrasso	Hagerty	Murkowski
Blackburn	Hassan	Ricketts
Booker	Heinrich	Risch
Boozman	Hickenlooper	Rosen
Britt	Hoeven	Rounds
Budd	Husted	Schiff
Capito	Hyde-Smith	Schmitt
Cassidy	Johnson	Scott (FL)
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Cotton	Kim	Sullivan
Cramer	Lankford	Thune
Crapo	Lee	Tillis
Cruz	Lujan	Tuberville
Curtis	Lummis	Warner
Daines	Marshall	Warnock
Ernst	McConnell	Wicker
Fetterman	McCormick	Young
Fischer	Moody	
Gillibrand	Moran	

NAYS—30

Baldwin	Kaine	Sanders
Bennet	King	Schatz
Blumenthal	Klobuchar	Schumer
Blunt Rochester	Markey	Shaheen
Cantwell	Merkley	Smith
Coons	Murphy	Van Hollen
Duckworth	Murray	Warren
Durbin	Paul	Welch
Hawley	Peters	Whitehouse
Hirono	Reed	Wyden

NOT VOTING—3

Gallego	Ossoff	Padilla
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The amendment (No. 2307), in the nature of the substitute, was agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. MORENO). The minority leader.

Mr. SCHUMER. I ask consent to address the Chamber for 20 seconds.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ALEX PADILLA

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I just saw something that sickened my stomach—the manhandling of a U.S. Senator. We need immediate answers to what the hell went on.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader.

WAIVING QUORUM CALL

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to waive the mandatory quorum call with respect to Calendar No. 66, S. 1582.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

CLOTURE MOTION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The cloture motion having been presented under rule XXII, the Chair directs the clerk to read the motion.

The senior assistant executive clerk read as follows:

CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on Calendar No. 66, S. 1582, a bill to provide for the regu-

lation of payment stablecoins, and for other purposes.

John Thune, David McCormick, Bernie Moreno, John R. Curtis, Bill Hagerty, Cindy Hyde-Smith, Markwayne Mullin, Ashley B. Moody, Tim Scott of South Carolina, Tom Cotton, Deb Fischer, James E. Risch, Katie Boyd Britt, Lindsey Graham, Shelley Moore Capito, Jim Justice, John Barrasso.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the mandatory quorum call under rule XXII has been waived.

The question is, Is it the sense of the Senate that debate on S. 1582, a bill to provide for the regulation of payment stablecoins, and for other purposes, as amended, shall be brought to a close?

The yeas and nays are mandatory under the rule.

The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant bill clerk called the roll.

Mrs. MURRAY. I announce that the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN), the Senator from Arizona (Mr. GALLEGO), the Senator from Maine (Mr. KING), the Senator from Georgia (Mr. OSSOFF), the Senator from California (Mr. PADILLA), and the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) are necessarily absent.

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 67, nays 27, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 312 Leg.]

YEAS—67

Alsobrooks	Graham	Moreno
Banks	Grassley	Mullin
Barrasso	Hagerty	Murkowski
Blackburn	Hassan	Ricketts
Booker	Heinrich	Risch
Boozman	Hickenlooper	Rosen
Britt	Hoeven	Rounds
Budd	Husted	Schiff
Capito	Hyde-Smith	Schmitt
Cassidy	Johnson	Scott (FL)
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Cotton	Kim	Sullivan
Cramer	Lankford	Thune
Crapo	Lee	Tillis
Cruz	Lujan	Tuberville
Curtis	Lummis	Warner
Daines	Marshall	Warnock
Ernst	McConnell	Wicker
Fetterman	McCormick	Young
Fischer	Moody	
Gillibrand	Moran	

NAYS—27

Baldwin	Kaine	Schatz
Bennet	Klobuchar	Schumer
Blumenthal	Markey	Shaheen
Blunt Rochester	Merkley	Smith
Cantwell	Murphy	Van Hollen
Coons	Murray	Warren
Duckworth	Paul	Welch
Hawley	Peters	Whitehouse
Hirono	Reed	Wyden

NOT VOTING—6

Durbin	King	Padilla
Gallego	Ossoff	Sanders

The PRESIDING OFFICER. On this vote the yeas are 67, the nays are 27.

Three-fifths of the Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative, the motion is agreed to.

The motion was agreed to.

The Senator from Florida.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

MORNING BUSINESS

Mrs. MOODY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to legislative session for a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The Democratic leader.

ALEX PADILLA

Mr. SCHUMER. I mentioned a few minutes ago, I had seen a video that sickened my stomach of a U.S. Senator being manhandled, we now know, by Federal agents and dragged out of a hearing room.

Now there is a second video that is even worse. He has been thrown to the ground—again, manhandled, brutally taken down, handcuffed. It was disgusting.

Anyone who looks at this—it will turn their stomach to look at this video and see what happened. It reeks—reeks—of totalitarianism. This is not what democracies do.

Senator PADILLA was there legitimately in that building to ask questions of what is going on in California, which everybody wants to know answers to. We don't get answers when we ask the administration questions in one way or another. So Senator PADILLA was exercising his duty as a Senator for his constituents to try and find out what happened and, instead, he gets manhandled, thrown out of the room, thrown on the ground, and handcuffed.

We need a full investigation immediately as to what happened and who did what and what is going to be done to see that this doesn't happen again to Senator PADILLA or other American citizens who are seeking their right to redress. It is despicable; it is disgusting; it is so un-American—so un-American—and we need answers. We need answers immediately.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from New Mexico.

ALEX PADILLA

Mr. LUJÁN. Mr. President, I am sure the American people right now are just starting to see what happened to the U.S. Senator from California—the senior Senator from California—ALEX PADILLA. He is at a press conference in California, where the Secretary of Homeland Security is, and he wants to ask some questions, with all that is going on in California. Look, I don't know what all happened, but Federal agents took him down—took down a U.S. Senator—saying that they are doing their job.

Why aren't more people down here speaking up about this nonsense?

This is ridiculous. I would use some other language, but I would probably get tossed off the floor right now.

Growing up on a small farm and cleaning a barn, my dad taught me how to take a shovel to all the stuff that came out of the animals. You know what that is called. I know what it is called. And some of the animals that did that were males. They were bulls. And the stuff that came out of them has a few names to it. I will call it manure today.

This is nonsense. This is awful. How can these Federal agents get away with this?

Is the President of the United States telling folks to go down and start arresting U.S. Senators, taking them down to the floor? Is that what we have come to, the executive branch doing this to our colleagues?

This is a Democrat. What happens when it happens to a Republican? Will I hear from my Republican colleagues then to say: No, we should not do this, Mr. President. Back down. Back off. You are wrong.

Will someone here have the backbone to tell the President of the United States: You crossed the line. Stop it.

I am so disappointed, so disappointed. And as a Latino U.S. Senator, for this to happen to another Hispanic here—there are several of us who are Hispanics here, Democrats and Republicans. Speak up.

When one of my predecessors was here, Dennis Chavez, there were places he could not eat in this town because of the color of his skin, because he was from a State called New Mexico.

Are we going to use our voices? Are we better than this in the United States of America? Or are we going to show all the other folks in the world who choose to do this to the people who were duly elected by their people? No, just go arrest them. Throw them down on their face. Treat them like garbage.

We are better than this in America, you all. We have got to speak up. I hope, by tonight, every Democrat and Republican Member of this body has the courage to say something. This has gone too far. It is not right.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Oregon.

ALEX PADILLA

Mr. MERKLEY. Mr. President, I have come to the floor to say I am extremely outraged that the executive branch's security team has shoved a U.S. Senator out of a room, has proceeded to put that U.S. Senator on the ground and to handcuff that Senator. This is what we expect to see in authoritarian nations that can't tolerate a question, and they start to attack the institutions.

What we are seeing in the United States right now, we are seeing it in the form of the President willfully breaking the law on the rules control-

ling the executive branch, time and time again. We see it in his attack on the press, his attack on the universities, his attack on extorting law firms. We see it in the form of him using the Trump v. United States lawsuit to say: I, the President, am above the law, and I could issue pardons to the whole executive branch, who is above the law.

That is not the way it works in a republic. At least, it is not the way it works if we are a republic.

If we, through a subservient Congress and in combination with a deferential Supreme Court, slide into this authoritarian state, then we have failed our oath to the Constitution.

It is absolutely wrong that any U.S. Senator, for attempting to ask a question, be treated in this fashion.

I double down on the call of Leader SCHUMER. This merits a full bipartisan investigation—bipartisan because all of us are Members of the legislative branch. All of us have taken an oath to the Constitution, and all of us should stand up for each other and certainly our ability to explore the policies of this administration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from New Jersey.

ALEX PADILLA

Mr. BOOKER. Mr. President, I never thought I would imagine having to stand here and discuss what I saw today: a U.S. Senator, in his own community, in the city in which he grew up, elected under the authority of the people, stepping forward to get answers to legitimate questions, and we see him being thrown to the ground after being removed from a room forcibly and put into handcuffs by multiple people.

This, to me, is such an abuse of authority. It is a violent act. There can be no justification of seeing a Senator forced to their knees, laid flat on the ground, their hands twisted behind their back, and being put into restraints. If you see the video, at that point, he is not fighting; he is not pushing.

But this is a pattern and a practice. This is not an isolated incident. I remind people that in my own community, in the city of Newark, we had a Congresswoman and a mayor at a facility. The mayor, invited into the gate; the Congress people, invited into a conference room; and then the mayor, asked to leave, who did leave; and then numerous agents run out to arrest that mayor. Now, the judge in this case said it was outrageous and reprimanded the Trump administration for the arrest in and of itself.

We see, time and time again, this administration trying to precipitate a response by the misuse and the abuse of force. This is more akin to authoritarian governments.

When you see a democratic nation having their executive begin to arrest mayors, begin to arrest judges, begin to arrest a U.S. Senator who is simply

asking for answers to their questions, to remove them from a room forcibly, to throw them to the ground, to put them in restraints, this is something that we should not tolerate. And by we—this is not Democrats and Republicans. This is we in this body.

We have a constitutional obligation to provide oversight to the executive; a constitutional obligation to ask questions, to make inquiries; a constitutional obligation to check and balance the authority of the executive.

So here we saw, before our eyes, a Senator in their district, in their State, asking questions, and we see him being shoved out of a room—but it did not stop there—shoved to the ground, shoved onto his belly, and have his arms pulled behind his back. This should outrage every U.S. Senator.

Mr. SCHIFF. Would the Senator yield for a question?

Mr. BOOKER. I would yield for a question while retaining the right to the floor.

Mr. SCHIFF. I thank the Senator for yielding.

I just watched footage of our colleague—my California colleague—Senator ALEX PADILLA, being forcibly removed from a briefing by the Secretary of Homeland Security's staff. He went there to observe and to ask questions, and I watched with horror on this video, seeing these agents grab my colleague—my fellow Senator from California—grab him, push him out of the hearing, as he was identifying himself as a U.S. Senator, bringing him into a hallway, bringing him down to the ground, bringing his arms behind his back. I saw this happen to my colleague, and I am shocked by how far we have descended in the first 140 days of this administration, where we have a President calling out the military over the objection of a Governor to try to intimidate and interfere with law enforcement in California, calling out the Marines to try to inflame tensions in our city; and, now, this latest act, when a U.S. Senator goes to demand questions about the lawfulness or lawlessness of these actions, to see him tackled to the ground, brought to the ground.

What is becoming of our democracy? Are there no limits to what this administration will do? Is there no line they will not cross? We see lawlessness after lawlessness. We see threats to judges of impeachment and of physical harm. We see arrests of Members of Congress. And now this.

All of us have lived as part of a generation since World War II that was used to seeing our freedoms ever expanding. We saw walls coming down. We saw new democracies being born. We came to think that somehow this was inevitable like the laws of nature; that it was the moral arc of the universe always bending toward justice, only to see that it was not bending toward justice.

And to see this now at home; to see, in the United States of America, the

executive use force like this against a Member of a coequal branch of government; to see that it has come to this already—and not a peep yet from my colleagues on the other side of the aisle, no whisper of dissent yet. I hope that changes. I hope that changes.

The Founders separated the powers between the executive and the legislative and the judiciary because they wanted to set ambition against ambition—ambition of one institution against another—to protect all of our freedom, but that requires that we go beyond our partisan affiliations and when something is wrong—dead wrong—when something is a threat to our democracy, that we call it out regardless of party. And this is wrong. This is wrong.

We ask: How do you lose a democracy? How does one lose a democracy? This is how you lose a democracy: actions like today. But even more importantly than what has just happened is what will happen in the next 24 hours. Will this be roundly condemned? Will this be roundly condemned or somehow will we just fall down some partisan line again and see another leap toward autocracy in this country?

ALEX PADILLA is one of the most decent people I know, one of the most dedicated public servants I know, someone of just the greatest character. We all know him well in this institution. He embodies public service. He never forgot where he came from. He came from very humble origins, and he never forgot where he came from.

And the beauty of this country is you can come from a very humble origin, and you can end up here. When I first got here, Jon Tester, a farmer from Montana and a Senator from Montana, told me about a conversation he had with John D. Rockefeller when he got here. He said Rockefeller told him: You and I came from very different places, but we both ended up here.

It is the beauty of America that ALEX PADILLA could end up here, by dint of his brilliance and his integrity and his compassion. And all of that is at risk. All of that is at risk right now if we let the abusive handling of this good man and so many other good men and women around the country—if we let this go without our firmest opposition, without our strongest pushback, without our strongest defense of our democracy.

With that, I ask the Senator from New Jersey whether he will yield to the Senator to my right, yield for a question.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CURTIS). Senator, excuse me. Let me consult the Parliamentarian for just a second.

The 10 minutes allotted to the Senator in morning business has expired. Another Senator may seek recognition in his or her own right.

The Senator from Washington.

ALEX PADILLA

Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, I come to the floor this afternoon to the U.S.

Senate, a place where people are elected by their constituents to come here to be their voice—every one of us, Republicans and Democrats, elected by the people whom we represent to come here and be their voice and to do the job.

What is that job? To make sure that we are being their voice and speaking out for them. And part of that has to be asking questions. Part of that has to be demanding accountability, has to be getting information so we can do the best job possible.

It is unacceptable that a U.S. Senator, in his own home State, elected by millions of people, went to ask a question for his constituents, to get an answer, and was brutally thrown to the ground and handcuffed. That is wrong, and I cannot believe that we don't have Senators on both sides of the aisle calling this out as outrageous.

This is what a democracy is about. It is about us coming to the U.S. Senate, speaking out, asking questions, getting information so we can be their voice.

What happens when that voice is stifled? What happens when that voice is thrown to the floor and handcuffed? Our democracy is lost.

I have been here for more than 32 years. I have come to this floor often to speak out, to be angry, to be a voice for my people. I have never come this close to having tears in my eyes as I speak to both sides of this aisle about this horrendous incident that occurred.

We are a democracy, but we can lose that democracy. It can be gone unless all of us speak out and forcibly reject what happened to a U.S. Senator and to send the message that in this democracy it is just, it is right, it is part of our responsibility to speak up, to ask questions, and to be able to have the knowledge we need to represent the people that we come here for.

We use our voices, we use our votes to be a part of this democracy, not violence. When violence is done by someone representing this administration in a forceful way against a U.S. Senator, how does any one of us go home and tell our constituents that they can be part of a democracy, speak out about what they believe in?

This is so wrong. This is so wrong. I hope others speak up and speak out and, as a voice, we say we want our democracy to succeed. And in order to succeed, we need to be able to use our voices and to use our votes and to ask questions without being forcibly thrown to the ground, without being arrested by speaking up.

I say to the entire country: We have a democracy. We will lose it if we can't use our voices. We will lose this democracy. None of us should be silent. None of us.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Connecticut.

ALEX PADILLA

Mr. MURPHY. Mr. President, this feels like a defining moment for the

country but also for this body. I understand that it may take a few moments for our Republican colleagues to watch the full video, to gather some additional facts, to come to a conclusion. But we need our Republican colleagues to be on the floor right now with us because this is not simply an assault on Senator PADILLA. This is not an assault on Democratic Senators. This is an assault on the rule of law. This is an assault on our democracy. And ultimately, we are robbing the ability of every single Senator to do our job if we are now going to be threatened with violence when we simply try to stand up for our constituents.

Now, we all have townhalls, and we are all often met with constituents who oppose us, sometimes very vocally. But, speaking for myself, I don't ask law enforcement to throw my constituents to the ground and violently handcuff them because they have a different opinion from me. You know why I don't do that? Because we don't do that in a democracy. We don't do that against ordinary citizens, and we certainly don't allow the administration and the law enforcement that works for the administration to do that to a U.S. Senator.

We will enter a banana republic if we don't find a way—Republicans and Democrats—to come together around this essential question of protecting our ability and our right as Senators to speak up for our constituents.

Now, I understand that my Republican colleagues are going to need some time to gather the facts, but we already have a statement from the Department of Homeland Security that has accused Senator PADILLA of being "disrespectful," as if that is a rationalization for violence.

Watch the video. Even if you believe that he was "disrespectful"—and, given the times, that is certainly in the eye of the beholder—that never justifies what we saw on that video: throwing anyone—never mind an elected representative of the people—to the ground to be handcuffed.

They say that he didn't identify who he was, and yet—watch the video—he clearly states:

I am Senator ALEX PADILLA.

They are going to spin this. But I am begging my Republican colleagues: Don't let them do it. Protect our ability as servants of the people to speak up for the people that we represent. Make sure that we do not normalize this kind of violence simply because the White House doesn't agree with people who dissent.

If this is how a U.S. Senator can be treated, then none of us ultimately are immune. If this is how a U.S. Senator can be treated, none of our constituents are safe.

This is a test for the country, but this is a test for the U.S. Senate as well.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Virginia.

ALEX PADILLA

Mr. KAINE. Mr. President, 2 days from today, June 14, is Flag Day in the United States. It is the day every year where we celebrate the flag, but it is not the piece of cloth that we celebrate; we celebrate core American values. And the most core American value is the one that we take an oath of office to, the Constitution of the United States.

The Constitution includes a Bill of Rights, and one of the most important pieces of the Bill of Rights is the First Amendment. It was drafted by Virginian James Madison, and it talks about the fact that there can't be laws or legal restrictions against the right of the people to peacefully assemble and petition government for redress of grievances.

That right is not something we are allowed. That right is something we are guaranteed.

My colleague and our friend ALEX PADILLA, born and raised in Los Angeles, loves his hometown—an MIT-educated, baseball-playing engineer who returned to his home, who served on the Los Angeles City Council and now serves in this body—has some very legitimate questions about why, in an unprecedented way, the National Guard and the U.S. Marines have been deployed into his city, over the objections of the mayor, over the objections of the Governor, in a historically unprecedented way and in a way such as to escalate tensions in his town rather than to reduce them.

So he decided to go to a peaceful public assembly. It was a press conference. It wasn't a private meeting to which he was not allowed entrance. A press conference's purpose is to share information with the public.

My colleague ALEX PADILLA, who goes to Wednesday prayer breakfast with me every week with a bipartisan group of colleagues, attended a public event so he could ask a question about why his hometown was being besieged by the Marines and National Guard over the objection of the mayor and the objection of the Governor.

His question was a grievance. He doesn't agree with the policies of the administration. He is guaranteed in this document the right to petition government for redress of grievances as an American, which is what we are supposed to do.

The Framers of the Constitution who put this in the First Amendment did it to protect the rights of ALEX PADILLA and all of us, but they did it for another reason. They did it because they believed it would help democracy work better, that democracy works better when people can speak freely. Democracy works better when people can profess their religion, when the press can operate freely. And democracy works better when people can gather peacefully and share their dissenting points of view. It makes our democracy work better.

Make no mistake, the effort to manhandle our colleague to push him out

of the room for asking an inconvenient question, to handcuff him, is an attempt to shut him up. It is an attempt to shut everybody up if you have a dissenting view from this administration. That is why the administration has deployed the military in an unprecedented way. They want to intimidate you.

They want to make you decide that although you were granted this as a right, they want to make you afraid to exercise the right. As I conclude, I would just say this: On Flag Day, I would encourage Americans of all kinds, find a peaceful assembly on June 14—on Flag Day—and attend it and show that you are a brave and patriotic American that embraces the First Amendment to the Constitution, and you will not allow anyone to intimidate you.

I was a missionary in Honduras in 1980 and 1981, and it was an authoritarian society. And no one was guaranteed the right to assemble or complain. You might do it and be OK one day; the next day you might be arrested; the next day you might be disappeared or even killed.

That is not who we are. We need brave, patriotic Americans to stand up, just as Senator PADILLA has done, and insist upon their right to peacefully assemble and present whatever critiques or complaints they have about policies that they find to be objectionable.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Hawaii.

ALEX PADILLA

Mr. SCHATZ. Mr. President, I have given a lot of speeches on this floor, and this is the least prepared but the most clear I ever will be: This is the stuff of dictatorships. It is actually happening.

A U.S. Senator was manhandled, shoved to the ground, and cuffed. He identified himself:

I am Senator Alex Padilla.

That should be enough. That should be enough. A U.S. Senator who is, by the way, protected by the speech and debate clause of the Constitution of the United States and a specific statute that allows him to oversee immigration facilities, and he says: I am a Senator, and I have a question.

To CHRIS MURPHY's point, they said, well, he was being disrespectful. Being disrespectful is legal. Being disrespectful is American. Being disruptive is OK if it is just using your words and not your body. This is the stuff of dictatorships. And the thing that is making me most terrified is I see zero Republicans, except for the Presiding Officer, in this Chamber. And I understand, if it is not a member of your own party, you want some context.

There is no context that justifies this action.

ALEX PADILLA is not required to be impeccable in every single way in order

to exercise his responsibilities as an American and as one of the two that represents California in the U.S. Senate. This is the stuff of dictatorships.

One of the officers who throws him to the ground as he is clearly complying, cuffs him face down on the carpet, and they say: There is no recording in here.

It is a damn press conference. It is for recording. They didn't want to hear his speaking.

And if the internet has got it accurately, the Secretary was there and delivering her remarks within earshot the whole time. She has command authority over those agents who are arresting a leader in the legislative branch.

This is not something on the internet for us to argue about. We all know what we saw. We all know what we saw. I remain hopeful that Leader THUNE and other Republicans can walk us back from the brink, but I am not so sure anymore.

So as Trump's Department of Homeland Security raises the stakes and continues with a series of provocations to justify increasingly authoritarian actions, we have two obligations. One is to establish that as a legislative branch, we are not going to stand for this. And the other is those people who are peacefully protesting: Be very disciplined this weekend. Be very peaceful this weekend.

If we are going to win, we need to maintain the high ground. And I don't mean we blue; we Democrats. I mean we Americans who believe in this system of government. I have never, ever—other than January 6—been so outraged at the conduct of an administration.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from New Jersey.

ALEX PADILLA

Mr. KIM. Mr. President, I have no words to describe just the absurdity of this moment and the dangers to our country and our Union. For us to be able to stand here on the floor of the Senate in this Chamber that many such important decisions have been made in, a place of deliberation—it is not only in this room that we as Senators should be able to voice the concerns that we have about the direction of our country and the problems that our Nation faces, that we get to be sworn in as U.S. Senators, that we try to do our best, that we are U.S. Senators—United States Senators—that we represent this entire Nation as a body.

And the idea that just—as I just saw the video—one of my colleagues here is thrown to the floor, handcuffed, humiliated—it is not a humiliation of that individual Senator; it is a humiliation of this body.

The shameful by which that was perpetrated, that the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security—shame upon those that instigated this, that followed through on this.

It is something that all of us collectively need to stand against. This isn't about partisanship. It is about what does this institution, what does this body mean and whether or not our words and our actions, as dictated by our oath that we swear to the Constitution of article I, as well, that lays out what our job is, that that is very much under threat right now.

I feel for my colleague. I don't know what is happening right now. I hope that we are able to get greater clarity about that, but what we see and what we saw on that video transpire, I hope that is something that every American in this country sees, that they see the actions that have taken place.

As someone who has worked in other nations—I worked in diplomacy and national security; I worked in nations with authoritarian leadership—I never thought I would see anything like this here at home—transpire here in the way that we saw it unfold.

Again, the humiliation befalls our body as a whole. Now the question is, What will the Senate do to stand up for ourselves? That is something that I hope every single Senator is thinking about right now.

This is not a time to put your finger up in the air and figure out which way the wind is blowing, to try to think through what type of reaction might come from the White House if we speak out against this.

This is a time for us to stand up together and stand up for each other and for this institution. And not just right now. It is about: What credibility do we have as a body going forward?

And I know, I get it. I am new here. I am one of the newer members here. I came here—I wanted to serve in this body because of what it stood for. I wanted to serve in this institution because I believe that this is an institution of incredible honor, integrity.

And even at this challenging moment in this country's history, we need this body to be able to come together.

So I call on all of my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to condemn this action, to stand united with one voice, standing up for ourselves. Otherwise, we will just cast ourselves to the margins of irrelevance in this Nation right now.

What point is it for us to stand up and show up to work every day if this is the kind of treatment that can befall any of us in this day, right now, in this country? I am outraged, and I hope others are too.

This is not a time to be silent. This is a time for us to be united and show the rest of the country what this institution means. Otherwise, we might as well go home. I, for one, want to fight for my colleague, fight for each other, fight for the Senate, and fight for our democracy.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Arizona.

ALEX PADILLA

Mr. KELLY. Mr. President, I have to say this week stood out for me personally with some positive notes and some real downers.

The week didn't start great. We saw the President of the United States—for the first time, I think, in possibly my lifetime—send troops without a request from the Governor into a State because people were protesting.

And, sure, some could make an argument that maybe a few protesters got over somebody's perceived line, but they were largely peaceful protests.

What the President did is beyond his authority. It is illegal. And it was not a good start to the week, I have to say.

I also have to say there was some positive things this week. I got to meet your grandson. I think he said he was 15 years old. He got to go to the Air and Space Museum, a place that I love, a place that makes our country stand out in the best of ways. It shows what we can do when we work together, when we bring the full force of the United States behind doing things that are positive.

We sent people to the Moon in the 1960s. Your grandson got to see some of that hardware over at the Air and Space Museum.

But I also have to say that the end of this week was rather outrageous and horrific, and it was brought to the American people, I strongly believe, because of the attitude of this President and his ability to just work outside of the boundaries of what most Americans feel are in accordance with our values and our ethics.

What happened today to Senator PADILLA was outrageous. It was violent. It is a scary thing to see happen in the United States of America.

ALEX PADILLA is a great guy. He is thoughtful. He is passionate. He is just trying to serve his constituents in the best way he knows how by doing the thing that is in our Constitution—freedom of speech, article I—by exercising his constitutional rights and his rights as a U.S. Senator to ask some questions of government officials. He was doing his job.

His job is oversight, oversight of the Department of Homeland Security. This is in a Federal building, and this didn't happen in isolation. The Trump administration has arrested a mayor and a Member of Congress and a labor leader.

The other day, I think, I mentioned the one highlight of this week, which was your grandkid, and the low light—besides this, at the end of the week—is what happened at Fort Bragg the other day: the President of the United States going to a U.S. military base and using soldiers as political props.

That is not who we are as a country. And I have to say, what I saw today is leading us down a dangerous path, and we cannot retreat to partisan corners. Senator SCHATZ mentioned that, other than the Presiding Officer, I don't think there are any other Republicans

showing outrage for one of their colleagues on the other side of the aisle being violently handled by law enforcement.

This is wrong. This is not putting our country first. And I have to say, I hope we can turn things around here in the coming weeks. But in my lifetime, and certainly in my time in public office and in my time serving this country, I have never seen anything like I have seen this week.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Massachusetts.

ALEX PADILLA

Ms. WARREN. Mr. President, this is a horrifying moment in our Nation's history. Today, U.S. Senator ALEX PADILLA was violently removed from a public briefing for asking questions on behalf of the people he represents, people in California who deserve answers about the brutal crackdown on protesters.

I have watched the video, as many of you have as well. Let me just describe what it shows. Officers pushed Senator PADILLA backward, out of the room, as he said the words: I am Senator PADILLA. I have questions for the Secretary.

He was then shoved to the ground. When the Senator complied with the officers and went on his knees, he was forcibly pinned onto his stomach. He was ordered to put his hands behind his back. He can be heard on the video saying he is trying to comply with their orders. Officers then put handcuffs on the Senator while he was lying on the ground. His staff was then told to stop recording the handcuffing.

He was put in handcuffs for asking a simple question. He was put in handcuffs for doing his job as a U.S. Senator. He was put in handcuffs for standing up for the Constitution of the United States. He was put in handcuffs for representing the people of California.

Now, if you are not yet convinced that President Trump and his administration are trying to suppress free speech, then just watch the video. Watch the video. If you are not yet convinced that President Trump and his administration are trying to undermine the foundations of our democracy, watch the video. If you are not yet convinced that President Trump and his administration are hellbent on punishing people with differing opinions than those of the President, then watch the video.

And here is the really chilling part. Make no mistake, what happened to Senator PADILLA today is happening every day all across this country. Every day, DHS agents are throwing people to the ground and violently handcuffing them while they are not resisting, detaining them for exercising their First Amendment rights of free speech. Every day, Donald Trump is making this Nation look more and more like a fascist state.

If this is how Federal agents treat a U.S. Senator who peacefully asked questions of this administration, then we all have to ask: How far will they go? How violent will they get?

I know my Republican colleagues can see what happened today was wrong, but will any Republican Senator speak up for our democracy?

They know Senator PADILLA's character. They know that Senator PADILLA is a kind man, a man who is concerned for his children, a man who is concerned for his home, a man who has dedicated his life to public service, a man who is a patriot.

Where are our Republican colleagues? Where is the Republican Senate? Where are you? Stand up and speak out.

This is a continuation of what we have been seeing: Intimidate every other check on Presidential power in this country. Fire the civil service. Get rid of those people. Threaten to imprison judges. Criminally charge House Members who try to visit an ICE facility. Arrest Senators who ask questions.

This is not a drill. This is an assault on our democracy. I am calling on my Republican colleagues to join us in demanding a bipartisan investigation into this incident.

What happened at this press conference was disgraceful. It was un-American. And every Member of the U.S. Senate should condemn it and condemn it now.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Oregon.

ALEX PADILLA

Mr. WYDEN. Mr. President, I was on my way to the floor to talk about clean energy policy this afternoon, but I have to join my colleagues in addressing the shocking video out of Los Angeles. I have now looked at it. If you are following at home, our colleague Senator PADILLA was carrying out his constitutional responsibilities to conduct oversight and defend the people he represents. At that time, he was physically accosted and shoved out of a press conference, pushed to the ground, and handcuffed at a press conference being held by Kristi Noem.

It is a horrifying video, truly horrifying. And I am of the view—why I especially wanted to come to the floor—it is not about it happening to a U.S. Senator. Here is what it is about: If they will do this to a sitting U.S. Senator in front of a room full of media, imagine what is being done to powerless people in secret.

In Portland, in my hometown, we have had firsthand experience with this kind of activity—faceless, unidentifiable agents with guns staring down peaceful protesters. In Portland, it was a “wall of moms.” My neighbors—we all said then it is un-American, and I say it again this afternoon: What we have seen on our screens is un-American. It doesn't have the support of the American people, this kind of anti-democratic conduct.

I will close simply by saying this: This has to change. Peaceful Americans cannot have this kind of abuse rained down on them for the next 3½ years. It has to end now.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Washington.

ALEX PADILLA

Ms. CANTWELL. Mr. President, I come to the floor to join my colleagues to express outrage over the actions taking place in Los Angeles when our dear colleague ALEX PADILLA, Senator PADILLA, was thrown out of an event where he was just simply trying to express his opinion on behalf of the millions of Californians that he represents.

It is so interesting to me that this situation happened because not that long ago in the State of Washington, in Olympia, we had a bill signing, and it is no secret in the State of Washington that a guy named Tim Eyman is probably the antithesis of what our Governor Bob Ferguson believes.

He fights him on all sorts of initiatives to the people about policies that Mr. Eyman wants to express. So he is a noted individual in our State.

So Mr. Eyman shows up at a press conference to basically protest a bill that the Governor is going to sign.

And he gets into the Governor's office, and he stands right behind our Governor. One of our legislators, who basically wants the Governor to know that this individual, who he disagrees with—doesn't support this bill—has now snuck into the Governor's press conference.

So what does our Governor do? He turns around, and he looks at Mr. Eyman, and he says, “Oh, why are you here?”

And he said, “I'm here to protest this.”

And the Governor turns around and delivers his remarks. Because, you know why? Because our Governor was not afraid what Tim Eyman said. Our Governor didn't think, You throw him out of the building, and he is just a constituent.

It is not like he is a State rep. It is not like he got elected by people. Our Governor was not afraid to let this voice be heard. But somehow, ICE and Homeland Security are afraid of the voice of ALEX PADILLA. They are afraid of ALEX PADILLA's presence in a room.

Now, how can that be in the United States of America that a Senator elected by the people of his State, who simply wants to go to a public meeting and have his voice heard on behalf of his constituents, is handcuffed and thrown to the ground?

It is not acceptable. Our colleagues on the other side of the aisle need to say, “This is not acceptable.”

Are we trying to freeze the voice of dissent? Are we trying to say that we cannot understand what true public policy discourse is about? I think we

showed in Olympia, WA, that we are big enough to take it, that we know that if somebody disagrees with us, we are not going to get them thrown out.

And in this case, to have a U.S. Senator handcuffed and thrown to the ground is disrespectful. It is an atrocity. We need to understand how this is happening and if this administration or this side of the aisle thinks that is the way you treat the voice of a U.S. Senator expressing dissent.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Maryland.

ALEX PADILLA

Ms. ALSOBROOKS. Mr. President, I stand today, and I am shaking. I am so angry. I am so enraged with the treatment that I witnessed today of my colleague Senator PADILLA. This is not the America—this is not the America—that each of us comes here each day to stand on behalf of.

There are some who are saying they don't recognize this America, and I want to ring the bell today for all who are watching, for all who are listening. We have now crossed a line.

This is a dangerous day in the history of our country. When a Senator who was in a Federal building, where he had a right to be, to do an oversight responsibility on behalf of the citizens who have elected him to the Senate of the United States, and when he was there to carry out his duties, he was there peacefully, and he decided to ask a question.

And in Donald Trump's America, asking a question and pushing back caused him to be manhandled for the whole world to see—manhandled, treated like a person who had come off the street. The thuggish behavior that I saw today is absolutely unacceptable.

To put hands on this peaceful man, who is not only a Senator, he is a father, and he is a husband. He is a person. He is a venerable part of our society, who was there on behalf of the people who have elected him and who was treated violently today.

You could see his hands up in the air. You could see his hands up in the air. And that was not enough. He was taken to the ground, and he was handcuffed.

And what was the explanation that was given?

It was an explanation that any reasonable person can look and know will be a full-on lie: that he looked like an attacker.

Well, if this doesn't cause every person under the sound of my voice to shudder today, I don't know what to say about it, because today it is Senator PADILLA, and—do you know what?—tomorrow, it can be any one of us.

This is not what democracy looks like. This is anything but a democracy. The right to free speech is sacred in our country. The right to free speech is sacred, and today we watched it violated in horrible ways that we will account for.

We, as a country, if we continue along this road, I tell you, we will account for it. It was Dr. Martin Luther King who said that the arc of the moral universe is long, but it does bend toward justice.

This injustice cannot stand. This cannot stand. And I tell you, America, let's be careful. We cannot continue along this road. We absolutely cannot. We must continue to encourage and allow free speech. It is the right of every person in this country.

Today, I am sickened, and I am angry, and something must happen. These people must be held to account for what happened to Senator PADILLA today.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Delaware.

ALEX PADILLA

Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER. Mr. President, you can see and feel and hear the anger, the disappointment, and the concern for the future of our country.

Senator ALEX PADILLA is probably one of the first people that took time to sit down with me as a freshman Senator to prepare me for this job. He serves this body and his State with intelligence and with grace and with poise. So to see my colleague pushed, manhandled, taken to the ground, arms put behind his back—this person who anyone who meets will say is more of a gentle giant than someone who deserves that kind of treatment.

It blows my mind. I think that is the thing. I am shocked. I am numb. I am angry. I think part of it is because Senator PADILLA is a Senator, but there are people every day right now across this country who are facing this kind of concern about their treatment when peacefully trying to exhibit the voice of America. But also, for him, he was just doing his job of oversight.

Similarly, some of us also have spoken up about LAMONICA MCIVER from New Jersey, also a Member of Congress doing her job—oversight.

If we don't have that ability as Senators and Congresspeople, what does that mean for all of the citizens of this country?

So in this moment, this is a pivotal moment. This is an opportunity for our leadership here in this Chamber as well as the other Members on the Democratic side and the Republican side to say: This is unacceptable. That is really what this is about.

When the incident happened, we were all on this floor, and I remember seeing the video and the shock that I felt. It literally took my breath away. And I turned to other Members on the floor to say: Have you seen this? And they had not seen it. I walked across the aisle to my Republican colleagues. Republican colleagues had not seen it. And there was a sense of shock as well.

So what remains to be seen is what we do with that shock, what we do with that indignation, what we do with the

fact that ALEX PADILLA was doing his job on behalf of his constituents and on behalf of this country. That is what remains to be seen: Where do we go from here?

You have heard folks talk about free speech, peaceful assembly, the ability to do our job of oversight, but ultimately what this is about is the foundation of this country.

I am just shaking my head. I am shaking my head, but I am also resolute in the fact that we were called here for this moment. As bad as things may be, as bad as they may seem, we were called here for such a time as this, and the question is, What do we do with this time?

So I ask my colleagues again on both sides of the aisle to speak up against not only this incident but the incidents that we are seeing across this country. I ask my colleagues to come together on behalf of not only the American people but the democracy on which this country stands.

I will continue to stand with ALEX PADILLA. I will continue to stand with those folks around this country who are facing this same kind of unacceptable behavior.

Lastly, I would also mention that we do have a role and a responsibility. There are three branches of government. Thank God for the courts right now holding it down. But this moment is the moment. There won't be a light switch that says "Oh, democracy is gone." That is not how it happens. I have heard my good friend CHRIS MURPHY talk about that, that it is piece by piece, moment by moment, we see it chipped away.

Well, we have an opportunity and a responsibility to make sure we do not let this slip away.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Delaware.

ALEX PADILLA

Mr. COONS. Mr. President, having just viewed a video of my friend and colleague Senator ALEX PADILLA being manhandled, thrown to the ground, and handcuffed after identifying himself as Senator ALEX PADILLA and attempting to ask a question of Secretary of Homeland Security Kristi Noem in Los Angeles, I am shaken, I am angry, and I am gravely concerned about our path forward in this body and our Nation.

Democracy is a gift hard won and hard earned by the sacrifice of millions who have served, fought, and died, some in moments of tumult and challenge on the beaches of Normandy, on the fields of Gettysburg.

From the very beginning of our Nation until this moment, millions of Americans have stepped forward and said: I will risk it all so that my children and those I do not know can live free lives. Knowing the burdens of tyranny, knowing what it meant to live under the heel of a King, our forefathers risked everything.

In nations around the world that I have visited on your behalf as a Senator, people yearning for freedom and people recently free have come and spoken about how much the American example means to them.

Earlier this year, I was at a global security conference, concerned about what was happening in our Nation, about our division in the dialogue, and I heard three young parliamentarians from other countries talk about how hard they were working.

Part of our job as Senators is to ask hard questions. It is to pose challenges. It is to test the Cabinet of the President, to visit Federal facilities, to ask questions that are sometimes uncomfortable or unwelcome. Just this week, I was at three committee hearings and had three members of the Cabinet in front of me. Did they want to answer my questions? Probably not, but they did.

If a Senator of the United States who identifies himself as a Senator—in at least the video I just saw—gets handled this way, gets thrown to the ground and handcuffed, what is happening to those who have no such title or voice? If this gentle and decent and caring man is treated this way, what is happening along the margins in the dark spaces in the places we cannot see?

So I call on my Republican friends and colleagues to look hard at this moment and say: What comes next? What comes next? Are we to be at risk of arrest if we threaten to ask a question or deign to interrupt? Is our very service here as Senators hanging in the balance in this moment? As we all learn more of the facts of what happened in Los Angeles, the future of what will happen here in our country and in the world will wait on your answer.

Was this an overresponse? Was this a misuse of force? Was this a disrespect of the very Senate itself? Is this a moment when, as our Founders who wrote the Federalist Papers dreamed, my colleagues in the Senate will show their loyalty to the role, to the check and balance, to the independence of the Senate, more than they will show their loyalty to their party and their President and demand an answer, an apology, and a different path forward? Or is this a moment when all of us will watch this video of our friend—a member of the Judiciary Committee, a representative, a Senator of Los Angeles and the State of California—being roughly mishandled and say: Huh, too bad. At least it wasn't me.

If we answer this moment with silence, we will be damned, and our children and the world will say: They didn't really mean it.

The members of my family who served in the U.S. military knew that signing on that line meant being willing to give everything, and I believe and have been told that they understood that service to be in service of freedom—not in service of any particular President or party, any particular State or moment, but in service of democracy.

Democracy is a fragile flower, and around the world, people look to what we do to know what they should do. There are petty, tin-pot dictators, authoritarians, and strongmen around the world who will watch this video and be encouraged and think this is the way to silence their critics.

I can't image a Member of this Chamber who knows ALEX PADILLA, who has had the blessing of sitting with him in moments when he is asked questions or engaged in discourse, who thinks of him as anything other than a reasoned, reasonable, mild-mannered Senator. But even if he were not, even if he were outspoken, loud, aggressive, annoying, the title "Senator" and the role we have should entitle him to ask a question at a press conference. If the result is this mistreatment, heaven help us all, and heaven help our democracy.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. HUSTED). The Senator from New Jersey.

ALEX PADILLA

Mr. BOOKER. Mr. President, I want to thank the Chair.

Clearly, the voices of my colleagues and I are calling this what it is, which is a crossroads for this body.

One of our Members—it matters not what their party—who was in their State was forcibly removed when he was asking for accountability from the executive branch. He was taken out of that room forcibly by multiple men, who then—even when he identified himself, even when he was pulled out of that room, he was then forced to the ground, pushed upon his face, his hands wrenched behind his back, and he was put in restraints.

This is a crossroads for this body. This is not a partisan issue; it is one about who we are as a body. Will we let the abuses of the executive branch physically take a Member of this body and drive them to the ground and put them in restraints?

And why? Why? Well, we are starting to get answers already. Here is Tricia McLaughlin, who is the Assistant Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security. This is her statement.

Senator PADILLA chose disrespectful political theatre and interrupted a live press conference without identifying himself or having his Senate security pin on as he lunged toward Secretary Noem.

Mr. PADILLA was told repeatedly to back away and did not comply with officers' repeated commands. @SecretService thought he was an attacker and officers acted appropriately.

The statement concludes that:

Secretary Noem met with Senator PADILLA after and held a 15 minute meeting.

We know this is not true because we hear with our own ears on the tape Senator PADILLA identifying himself; further "disrespectful political theatre" is not a justification to remove a U.S. Senator in their own State at a public press conference and violently

push them out of the room, drive them to the ground, put them on their stomach, and handcuff them.

Disrespectful behavior? This is our democracy. You have a right to speak up. You have a right to free speech. You have a right to stand and do the job that you swore an oath in this Chamber to do, to uphold the Constitution of the United States of America. And one of your jobs is to provide a check and a balance to the administration. One of your jobs is to give accountability to the administration.

I know the other 99 Members of this body, and if disrespectful behavior is a justification for violent reprisal from the administration, how many Members of this body—how many Members of this body—would be subjected to that?

This is a farce of a justification and, therefore, we are at a crossroads. Will my colleagues on the other side of the aisle—will my Republican colleagues—justify the treatment of one of the Members of this body, justify the violence against one of the Members of this body, justify a Member of this body being thrown upon the ground and put in handcuffs—for what? For disrespectful behavior.

If you think it stops with one, you are inviting it for the all because it does not. You are inviting it for every Member of this body.

If the Obama administration or the Biden administration said that a Senator on the other side of the aisle was being disrespectful and threw that Senator violently onto the ground and put him into handcuffs, this body would be full of my colleagues on the other side of the aisle condemning what the Biden Justice Department did or the Obama Justice Department.

This should not be about partisanship; this should be about patriotism. This should not be about tribalism; it should be standing up and being a leader in this moment.

This is wrong. This violence is wrong.

But let me be more personal. I tried to understand why this particularly upset me, and I think my colleague from Delaware spoke to that because of ALEX PADILLA's reputation in this body of being a kind and gentle person. We all know him, the goodness and the decency that he has. He is not one of the louder Senators. He is not one of the performative Senators. He has a reputation, as my colleague from Delaware said, on both sides of the aisle for being a gentle man.

But I think what was really hard for me to see was that a Member of this body was driven to his knees and made to kneel before authorities. That is what got me. I think when I saw him driven to his knees forcibly, something there got me.

You see, we know ALEX PADILLA's story. It is an unusual story for this body. His family came here as Mexican immigrants. His father was a short-order cook. His mother cleaned homes. They did those jobs that don't always

come with esteem or respect. They did those jobs where, when people see them, they sometimes look down on them. They did those jobs that are often marginalized despite their dignity.

They raised their son to serve. He went to MIT. They raised their son to work hard, to show grit, to rise. They got to watch their son become a city councilperson in L.A. They got to watch their son ascend to be the secretary of state for California. They got to watch their son come to this body.

And this son of Mexican immigrants who cleaned homes and served food, this man with equal dignity in this body, today, was driven violently to his knees as if made to kneel before the authority of the executive because he was so-called disrespectful. That should offend the consciousness, not just of the other 99 Members of this body, it should offend the conscience of this country because if you can make ALEX PADILLA forcibly kneel before this executive, when does it stop?

He is a U.S. Senator. And if you can force him to kneel to his knees violently, when does it stop? What does it say to other Americans who want to speak up? What does it say to other Americans that want to exercise their constitutional duty? What does it say to other Americans this weekend when they want to peacefully protest? What does it say to other Americans from humble backgrounds who know poverty, that if a U.S. Senator who stands up to do his job can be made to heel, driven to his knees, violently handcuffed, what does it say? What message does it send?

Everybody in this body should see that this is a crossroads. They treated a Member of the U.S. Senate violently after he identified himself; dragged him out of the room, threw him upon the ground, and put him in handcuffs. Every Member of this body should object to that. Why? Because the statement was that he was disrespectful. That is unacceptable. That is offensive. That is un-American.

So why is there silence right now? Why aren't my colleagues saying—I don't care if it is a Republican, a Democrat, or an Independent, when you drive a man to his knees in the United States of America, that is wrong, that is wrong, that is wrong. This is a test. This is a crossroads. This is a day in which the character of this body will be defined.

ALEX PADILLA, a man of infinite decency, generosity of spirit, who, whether you disagree with him or not, is so well-liked in this body, who today, in a time of understandable outrage in Los Angeles, went to be with his constituents to get answers. And when he walked into a room and saw a Cabinet Secretary and raised his voice to ask questions, he was met with violence. They heaped upon him indignities. They drove him to his knees and then to his face and they put him in cuffs.

Well, they didn't just assault the physicality of ALEX PADILLA, they did

not succeed in assaulting his dignity. I know he rose off that ground with the same dignity he had before they threw him upon it. What they assaulted today is the dignity of this body. What is in question now is a truth of who we are and what we stand for.

This is an abuse of power. This is a violent act unjustifiably taken on a Member of this body. The question is, Who will we be as a Senate? The question is, How will we respond? Will we defend this institution or will we yield to the tactics of authoritarian, violent leaders?

I see my colleague here from Maryland. I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Maryland.

ALEX PADILLA

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. President, I thank my friend and colleague from New Jersey.

It is hard to contain my emotion appropriately on the Senate floor. This is a moment that every American should be outraged about, and every American should be angry, and not only angry about what happened to Senator PADILLA but fearful for our democracy because we are at a crossroads when it comes to the rule of law and respect for our democracy and our Constitution in the United States of America.

I felt compelled to cancel the rest of my meetings this evening to come right here to the floor to join my colleagues in speaking out, not just for a fellow Senator but for the future of the rule of law and due process in the United States of America.

I had to rewind that video three or four times to see if this was really happening. And I saw the earlier video come out of him being, essentially, dragged out of the room, roughed up, and then the other video of him lying on his stomach, handcuffed with people standing around him.

Then the lies went out that the Senator from New Jersey just mentioned. I am reading this statement from the Department of Homeland Security:

Senator PADILLA chose disrespectful political theatre and interrupted a live press conference without identifying himself.

That is a lie. Just look at the video. You can see him coming in and saying: I am Senator PADILLA, the senior Senator from California. He wanted to ask a question. We all have a lot of questions. He is a U.S. Senator, he should be able to ask a question about what is happening in his State of California.

You know, we had the President of the United States, just a few weeks ago in response to a question, saying he wasn't sure if he had to comply with the Constitution of the United States. The President of the United States who is sworn to take an oath to uphold the Constitution said he wasn't sure if he had to comply with the Constitution. You have senior administration officials like Steve Miller talking about suspending habeas corpus in the United

States of America. Habeas corpus is the core to due process that makes sure that people cannot be deprived of their liberty without a fair trial and a fair hearing.

And here we have ALEX PADILLA going in to ask a question, and he is tackled; he is roughed up; he is dragged out of the room; he is put on the floor and handcuffed. This is a President who also the other day, when asked if he would arrest the Governor of California or whether his people should arrest the Governor of California, he said: Yeah, I think maybe they should.

Think about that.

This is an administration that arrested the mayor of a major city. This is lawless behavior from this administration. This is what a dictatorship looks like. This is what happens when one person tries to grab all the power, when they say: I don't know if I have to comply with the Constitution of the United States.

The Constitution of the United States is designed to have checks and balances. It is designed to make sure that our liberties are protected. The Bill of Rights protects all of us. And yet you see the President of the United States and his henchmen and his henchwomen trampling over due process, trampling over the First Amendment in the country, and trampling on a U.S. Senator from California who said: Madam Secretary, I have a question.

I am looking forward to hearing about what question Senator PADILLA wanted to ask because I know Senator PADILLA, and I know he had a good question to ask of the Secretary of Homeland Security, but he didn't get a chance. This is a press conference. The Secretary of Homeland Security is taking questions. The U.S. Senator representing the people of that State elected to represent the people of that State had a question. He didn't get to ask it because he was dragged out of the room and thrown on the floor and arrested. I want to know what that question was going to be, and I know that Senator PADILLA will tell us. We will probably find out then why the Secretary of Homeland Security didn't want to hear the question, because this administration wants to shut down questions except from the journalists that they like. They belittle journalists who ask them any question that they see as critical. That is also what authoritarian leaders do; they push aside people who ask hard but meaningful questions and just call on the people who will ask them the softball question.

You have already seen this at play at the Oval Office during press conferences, the President will say: Oh, I like that reporter. Oh, that is a terrible question. What he means is, it is a question that he doesn't like. And, usually, the question he doesn't like are questions that are right on target and go to the heart of what is happening in our country.

So Senator PADILLA had a question. He didn't get a chance to ask it.

I want to build on another point my colleagues have made, and that is a real appeal to our Senate Republican colleagues, because in these first months—4 or 5 months—of the Trump administration, we have seen the actions of a lawless President.

You know, it is unprecedented in the United States to have over 260 lawsuits filed in Federal courts. Right? This doesn't happen normally. It is because of the massive lawbreaking that we have seen going on—attacks on civil liberties, attacks on due process is part of that, attacks on the First Amendment, the illegal withholding of funds that have been appropriated by the Congress.

The courts didn't do it alone, colleagues. Every Member of this body is sworn to uphold the Constitution—the Constitution the President of the United States now says he is not sure if he has to comply with.

I believe Senators here want to take those constitutional responsibilities seriously. But if we are going to do that, we have to stand up at moments like this—not Democratic Senators alone but Republican Senators too—because if you let the executive do this to ALEX PADILLA today, some other executive, some other President can do it to somebody else tomorrow. If you can do this to ALEX PADILLA, imagine how vulnerable other citizens and others in this country are to this kind of tyranny and abuse.

So I hope this will be a moment where people come together and stand up and say: Regardless of policy differences on different issues, we are all here to debate those issues and disagree, but there are some things we should consider fundamental and sacrosanct, and that is the idea of rule of law and due process.

What we witnessed here was the outrage that we have come to see in countries with authoritarian leaders. That is what we witnessed, and it is a pattern. But today was the most graphic example to date where a U.S. Senator was, essentially, taken down as he introduced himself and said "I have a question."

So I have a question for all of our colleagues: What are we going to do about it? Who are we? What do we stand for? Are we going to uphold the Constitution?

I am looking forward to hearing the question Senator PADILLA wanted to ask, but I also ask all of us a question, and that is, Are we going to use this moment to stand up for decency and to stand up for the fair treatment of every American?

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Connecticut.

ALEX PADILLA

Mr. MURPHY. Mr. President, I agree with my friend from Maryland. This

has to be a moment where we just drop our political affiliations, where we decide that we are Americans; that the Constitution matters; that dissent defines America; and we say and do the right thing.

I think there is still time for our Republican colleagues here to speak out. I understand they may still want to collect more facts, but as each minute and each hour passes, it is becoming clear that the main justification seems to be simply that Senator PADILLA was showing some level of disrespect.

The first comments from our Republican colleagues, I think if you are an American who cares about free speech, are really concerning. One of our colleagues in the Senate said this:

[Senator PADILLA] has a responsibility to his constituents to show up at work, not to try to make a spectacle of himself.

Well, that is certainly a legitimate opinion. You can criticize any of us for engaging in a spectacle. But spectacle is not illegal. Raising your voice is not a crime in this country. Protesting your government does not, cannot, and should not result in you being delivered to the ground by law enforcement and handcuffed.

Another of our colleagues says:

Was he disruptive? [Well.] he got what he wanted.

Once again, the standard here seems to be disruption; that if you are speaking truth to power, then you are going to be met by violence.

The definition of this country, the fundamental nature of America, is that protest is not met by violence. Protest is celebrated in this Nation; that what defines America against the rest of the world, against the totality of previous human history is that we protect the right of human beings living in the United States of America to raise protest—loud protest, sometimes disruptive protest—against their government. And, frankly, we protect that right equally, whether it is a U.S. Senator or an ordinary citizen with no formal power.

So we can say today, well, this is really dangerous that a U.S. Senator got thrown to the ground and handcuffed simply because they spoke up at a press conference. But it is no more concerning that it is happening to a U.S. Senator than what is happening to many other citizens and residents of this country who, right now, are being met with equal physical force.

We don't expect any different treatment of U.S. Senators than of ordinary citizens. But many ordinary citizens in Los Angeles, right now, are being treated with the same kind of force that ALEX PADILLA was met with today.

So there is still time for us to come together and say: In this country, speaking truth to power, even in a disruptive way, is never rationalization for violence.

But I will tell you, the first couple of statements from my Republican colleagues are deeply worrying. They mis-

read the fundamental nature of this country.

If we now live in a world where simple disagreements—vocal disagreements—where protest with this administration becomes justification for violence, I don't know how you can define that as America any longer.

As someone who was sitting in this Chamber—I think at this very same desk—on January 6, it shouldn't be lost on us that there are forms of political protests that are protected by this administration—celebrated, even. And then there are forms of political protests, as you saw today, that are met with violence.

There are individuals out on the street today in America who, just a few years ago, were in this building or on the outskirts of this building beating the hell out of police officers—violently, savagely attacking police officers; tasers to the throat; rendering those police officers unconscious; metal poles being hammered onto the heads of police officers. And in an exceptional moment, the President of the United States, in celebration of their violence, pardoned them and put them back out on the street, sending the unequivocal message that if you engage in violent protest on behalf of the White House, you get out of jail free.

Pair that together with the message that is being received by the American public now on a daily basis, most prominently and visibly today, that if you engage in peaceful protests—Senator PADILLA was asking a question; he identified himself as a U.S. Senator—of the administration, you will be met by violence. You carry out violence on behalf of the White House, you are excused. You lodge normal, protected protest against this White House, you are thrown to the ground and handcuffed, even if you are a U.S. Senator, though it should not matter.

The early reaction here, it should be chilling because once this becomes normalized, I don't know how you put it back in the bottle.

We shouldn't assume that this democracy survives forever. This is a revolutionary experiment, 250 years in. It is fragile. This idea that we govern ourselves, this idea that we respect through rule and force of law people who disagree with us—0.0001 percent of humans have ever lived under a system like that in which they decide for themselves the law, their protests, even against the most powerful people in the country, is protected by law. That idea is unnatural. It is, in some ways, almost destined to fall apart.

Yet for 250 years, we have not let it fall apart. We have decided that our fealty to the idea of free speech, of protected free speech, even if it rubs up against the ruling elites, the ruling class of the White House, the most powerful people in the country in an uncomfortable way, will be protected.

For 250 years, we have together—Republicans and Democrats—decided that that principle of free speech was more

important than our political stripes, than loyalty to our party's leader or our party's ideas.

At some point tonight, a Republican has to come down to this floor. At some point this weekend, some of our Republican colleagues have to speak out on behalf of this fundamental American idea, on behalf of the U.S. Senate, on behalf of our colleague.

We can still fight on tax policy and immigration policy. We can have big disagreements about the reconciliation bill. It will not harm my Republican colleagues' ability to render argument on the things that matter to them.

It is OK for us to agree that what happened to ALEX PADILLA 2 hours ago crosses a line. It doesn't compromise my Republican colleagues' integrity as Republicans to decide that there is still right or wrong; that not everything is black or white; that two plus two sometimes has to still equal four.

What happened to Senator PADILLA should not have happened. He identified himself. It is not true that he didn't identify himself. What happened to him in the room is not justifiable; but, certainly, what happened to him outside of the room isn't justifiable. Once he was removed from the room, being thrown to the ground as he is identifying himself as a Senator, being handcuffed can't be justified.

So we are going to hang around on this floor in hopes that, at some point, somehow—and I know not all of our Republican colleagues are still in town—they speak up on behalf of this basic premise, this basic foundational idea of America: that even when protest rubs you the wrong way, even when you don't like the form or substance of it, that we are no longer the country that we love, the country that we teach our kids about, if we don't find a way to come together to object to protest being met with this kind of violence.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from California.

ALEX PADILLA

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. President, a little more than a couple of hours ago, my friend and colleague Senator ALEX PADILLA attended a press conference in the Federal building in Los Angeles being held by the Secretary of Homeland Security, Kristi Noem. Instead of treating him with respect, instead of answering his questions, he was grabbed by her security detail, he was physically forced from the room, forced to the ground, his arms pinned behind his back.

This assault on a Member of the U.S. Senate is unlike anything I have ever seen, perhaps unlike anything anyone in this Chamber has ever seen, and it crystallizes the threat posed to our country and its democracy. If the administration can so mistreat a Member of this body, what can it do to every other American? What can it do to

every other resident of the United States of America? What can it do to you? What can it do to your neighbor and to your community?

The abusive treatment of Senator ALEX PADILLA, however, did not take place in isolation. It took place at a time of heightened tension in Los Angeles and around the Nation.

Earlier this week, I returned from my home in Los Angeles, a city in which thousands have peacefully protested the administration's harsh immigration policies and in which the President has ordered the mobilization of thousands of National Guardsmen and hundreds of marines in order to deal with a few hundred vandals and miscreants that local law enforcement was more than capable of subduing.

And the question is, Why? Why order in the military if they are not necessary? Why order in the military over the objection of local and State officials? Why go to the expense? Why go to the trouble? Why undertake such an obvious provocation? Why, in a city of over 500 square miles, did Donald Trump believe it was necessary to escalate so dramatically over the vile acts of a small number of people in the space of a few blocks?

These are some of the questions I imagine that ALEX PADILLA wanted to ask the Secretary of Homeland Security.

But now, today, we must add one more question: Why would they treat Senator ALEX PADILLA with such forceful and disgraceful disregard, forcing him to the ground? Why?

And the answer involves failure and distraction and disrespect and disregard—failure of the President's immigration protocol, failure of his economic policy, a desire to distract from these failures, disrespect of our military and its role in civil society, and disregard of our democracy and the principles upon which our Nation was founded.

Let's start with failure: the failure of Donald Trump's immigration policy; the failure, in particular, of his promise to deport massive numbers of violent criminals, a failure that was inevitable because it was based on a lie, a foundational lie—foundational to his campaign and to his Presidency—the original lie of the Trump campaign, the one he spoke as he descended the golden escalator in 2015 and suggested to the American people that most of the folks coming to this country as immigrants and migrants were murderers and rapists and violent criminals bent on doing harm to the American people, that foreign nations had opened their prisons and let out their worst offenders so that they could come to the United States and destroy our way of life.

It was a big lie. It was an audacious lie but a lie that the President hoped he could ride, a wave of fear that he could in turn ride into office.

The truth, of course, is the vast number of people coming to this country

are peaceful, hard-working people who want nothing more than an opportunity to get ahead, to enjoy a good life, and to provide for themselves and for their family.

The American people understood this, but they also understood that our border was broken, that our system was chaotic, that the immigration system was itself broken, that asylum cases took too long to adjudicate, and people waiting lawfully to immigrate should be given priority over those who do not.

As President, Donald Trump promised his focus would be on the deportation of violent criminals, but he also promised mass deportations. And the only way to square that conflict between the very specific and the very broad was to go back to that original lie that all immigrants are violent criminals who mean us harm.

If you can make the country believe that, you don't have to be targeted in your immigration raids, you don't have to go through the painstaking work of tracking down people with criminal records who don't want to be found. If you believe the lie that all immigrants are violent criminals, then you can do broad immigration sweeps at restaurants or on farms, in garment factories or high school graduations, in random neighborhoods and homes, or at the Home Depot.

"Just go out there and arrest illegal aliens," the President's Deputy Chief of Staff, a frustrated Stephen Miller, demanded after berating Department officials for the slow pace of their operations. Three thousand arrests a day the administration insisted on as a new quota, and gone was any pretense of looking for violent offenders.

And so the indiscriminate raids and the indiscriminate cruelty began to multiply, picking up people who show up for immigration appointments or to take the oath of citizenship, only to deport them; separating fathers from their sons and daughters, mothers from their children, husbands from their wives; a farmworker who worked in the fields for decades—hard work, back-breaking work, work in the heat and the cold, work during a deadly pandemic when others stayed home, work that most U.S. citizens do not want to do and will not do—chased through the fields that they harvested to be taken away from their families; a mother chased down the street by hooded ICE agents, away from her terrified and screaming teenage daughter.

Americans did not vote for this, do not want this. And in the midst of this, the American people started to speak out—at first, in small ways, in private conversations, after the deportation of their neighbors; and then in more public ways, at townhalls and in letters to the editor, on social media, and in gatherings at their schools; and then, as the raids increased in their scope and the scope of their cruelty, by taking to the streets, as is our God-given right and also a right given by our Constitution.

Some of those protests have taken place in Los Angeles, where Angelenos gathered to speak out against these actions, against the separation of families and the injury to our communities and our economy.

And in the midst of these protests, some number of agitators were attracted by the conflict and saw it as an opportunity to vandalize, assault law enforcement, and engage in other reprehensible conduct. Like moths to a flame, every city has these miscreants, and so does Los Angeles. They care not about immigration policy or immigrants or migrants who are affected, and our State and local law enforcement are more than capable of dealing with them—and they did.

But amidst the failure of his immigration policies and the backlash, Donald Trump saw an opportunity. His economic policy was in tatters. His tariffs were not improving our trade with other nations and instead were prompting the boycott of American goods by close allies like Canada and causing layoffs at American ports, higher prices at Target and Walmart and elsewhere.

He had to fend off Amazon plans to include a line item for the Trump tariff tax on each transaction, which would have made it even more obvious to the American people that he was betraying the central promise of his campaign: to bring prices down when they are going up.

And his Big Beautiful Bill was in trouble over a big, ugly pricetag. Far from reducing the debt or the deficit, the bill was revealed to cost taxpayers a whopping \$2.4 trillion added to the national debt. He was borrowing the money from our kids and our grandkids to fund a tax cut for himself and his rich friends.

Even the world's richest man and, heretofore, the President's biggest benefactor, Elon Musk, called the bill a "disgusting abomination" and made it clear that Republicans should be ashamed of voting for it.

And the opportunity Donald Trump saw in all this failure was this: Call in a distraction. Call in the troops. Call in the marines—not to save a city but to save himself from drowning in failure. And so he did: 4,000 troops from California's National Guard and 700 from the Marines.

And the reaction in Los Angeles, of course, was the one that he desired: escalation, not deescalation; more conflict, not less; more chaos—and the kind of chaos he thrives on, the kind of chaos where the insurrectionist-come-President, the man who, on his first day, pardoned hundreds of criminals who beat police officers, could somehow try to reclaim the mantle of a law-and-order President.

It has not worked. It will not work. Americans have a long memory and will not soon forget the images of January 6, when the President sat calmly in the White House dining room, dining on burgers and fries, while our Capitol

Police were under assault. And the same man who called in the Guard to handle a comparatively small number of criminals and vandals in L.A. refused to call in the Guard to stop thousands of them from ransacking this Capitol.

The last time a President called in the National Guard over the objection of the Governor of a State was in 1965, when the segregationist Governor of Arkansas ignored a ruling of the Supreme Court and refused to integrate the schools in that State. Lyndon Johnson did so to avoid violence and to protect the students trying to attend.

Those circumstances could not be more different than today, when our President has called in the Guard knowing it is more likely to provoke violence than to stop it.

"We must reject any thinking of our cities as a 'battlespace' that our uniformed military is called upon to 'dominate,'" a Secretary of Defense once said. "At home," he said, "we should use our military only when requested to do so, on very rare occasions, by state governors."

Those are the words of Donald Trump's Secretary of Defense—not Pete Hegseth, of course, not the FOX News version of a Defense Secretary, and not the Trump Defense Secretary before him or the one before that. No, those were the words of the first Trump Defense Secretary, James Mattis, perhaps the only Trump Cabinet member in his first term or the present term to leave his office with a stronger reputation than before he arrived.

"Militarizing our response," Mattis said, "sets up a conflict . . . a false conflict—between the military and civilian society. It erodes the moral ground that ensures a trusted bond between men and women in uniform and the society they are sworn to protect, and of which they themselves are a part."

"Keeping public order," he said, "rests with civilian state and local leaders who best understand their communities and are answerable to them."

Now, in California, we love our National Guard. We revere them, as we do the Marines. The Guard is always there when we need them, during fires and floods, after devastating earthquakes. They serve us at home and abroad, always protecting our interests, our lives, our homes, and our freedom.

There is a bond between us, a bond of respect, affection, and trust that must not be broken. Donald Trump does not understand this. He cannot understand it any more than he can understand why people choose a life of military service.

The man who once called soldiers, sailors, marines, and airmen who fight and have died on our Nation's behalf "suckers and losers" could not possibly understand. Nor does he care about misusing them if it suits his personal or political interest as his partisan, disrespectful and inflammatory speech

at Fort Bragg makes clear, as does his commandeering of the military for a costly parade to celebrate his birthday this weekend.

Now, there is a birthday worth celebrating this weekend, but it is not the President's. That is the 250th anniversary of the U.S. Army, an Army that my father was very proud to serve in.

We can and should honor the Army. But a celebration of the vanity of a President who does not himself celebrate the military but only his control over it, that is not a cause for celebration.

Our Founders understood the need to insulate the military from internal domestic affairs, from the raucous and often divisive nature of the political process dominated by party or faction.

For centuries, too, so has this Congress, prohibiting the use of the military for domestic law enforcement purposes, except for narrow—very narrow—circumstances of rebellion and insurrection.

This is vital not only for the protection of the country from a man who would abuse the military to become a King but also to protect the military from the lack of trust that would accompany its subversion to a partisan end.

Our country is approaching its 250th birthday. It is worth remembering why we chose to separate ourselves from our British masters. The preamble of the Declaration of Independence is familiar to us all in its poetic recitation of truths that are self-evident.

But what has been lost to us over time were the long list of grievances set out in that document, grievances that drove the impetus for revolution:

"The history of the present King of Great Britain," it reads, "is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations," this is what our Founders wrote, "all having in direct object the establishment of an absolute Tyranny over these States."

The Declaration provides in its list of grievances:

"He has obstructed the Administration of Justice."

"He has erected a multitude of New Offices, and sent hither swarms of Officers to harass our people," they enumerated.

"He has made Judges dependent on his Will alone," our Founders charged. "For cutting off our Trade with all parts of the world," they objected.

"For depriving us, in many cases, of the benefits of Trial by Jury," they declared.

"For transporting us beyond Seas to be tried for pretended offenses," they cited in words all too prescient for today.

"He has kept among us, in times of peace, Standing Armies, without the Consent of our legislatures."

"Quartering large bodies of armed troops among us."

"He has affected to render the Military independent of and superior to the Civil power."

All of these grievances so vivid at the time of the Revolution—our Revolution—are so vivid today. And today they can be distilled into a single image—that of Senator ALEX PADILLA on the ground, face to the ground, and in handcuffs. If you are looking for an image of our democracy in handcuffs, look no further.

America, we have a choice. We can rededicate ourselves to the vision of our Founders, one born of struggle against autocracy, one pledged to a form of self-governance that elevated the people over the powerful, that believed we possessed sufficient virtue to be self-governing, that we did not need to be governed by a despot.

We can rededicate ourselves to that vision or we can continue to travel down our present path of incivility, of division, of might not making right but making wrong, a celebration not of self-governance but of self-destruction.

I believe in this country. I believe we are a great country because we always strive to be a good country. I believe in the country because of good people like ALEX PADILLA—wonderful people, beautiful people, courageous people, patriotic people.

ALEX PADILLA's story is the story of all of us, the story of what is possible in this country. He is a good and decent man. He is a great and capable Senator. He deserved better than what he got in that Federal building in Los Angeles. The American people deserve better than what he got in the Federal building in Los Angeles.

Let us remember ourselves. Let us remember who we are. We are the country of Jefferson and of Lincoln and of Washington. We are the country of John Lewis, and we are the country of giants.

We stand on their shoulders. We owe our life, our liberty, the opportunity to pursue happiness to their brilliant legacy.

We have come to the rescue and liberation of other worlds, of other parts of this globe. We have fought for democracy. We have championed democracy and human rights. We believed in treating others as we would treat ourselves. This is who we are.

ALEX PADILLA face down in a Federal building, forced to the ground by agents of the Secretary of Homeland Security—this is not who we are.

I can't help but think of the words of my late and wonderful colleague Elijah Cummings because they have always been such a potent reminder: We are better than this. We are better than this. We are not a country that sends the Marines into a city—not to restore order but to create disorder.

We are a better country than that. We are not a country that needs to have a parade honoring our President to showcase our military might on his birthday. We are a better country than this.

There have been giants who have served in our military. There have been giants that have served in this body,

great people. They came from all different backgrounds. And the strength of this country—that is still so possible. You could come from any beginning and end up here. And we have been a country that has welcomed people from around the world because we have understood they bring their genius and their work ethic and their striving with them, and it has lifted our country forward.

We have that beautiful Statue of Liberty not because we disdain immigrants, not because we view them as a threat, but because we celebrate what they have brought to this country. And I think in the last several years, we have forgotten who we are.

Every now and then, we just need to step back from the abyss and remind ourselves of where we came from and that in this greatest Nation on Earth what is possible.

I didn't serve with ALEX PADILLA in the State legislature, and I didn't get to serve with him or really get to know him well until I came to this body. And I told my colleagues when I got here: You all are wonderful people, but nobody—nobody—did better than I did in whom I got as my seatmate. I mean that with all my heart. He is a good and genuine and decent and capable and brilliant man.

I will never forget that image I saw today because, to me, it is the image of what is best in this country being brought to the ground.

I ask every Member of this body to think about the legacy we have been charged with protecting and what we are going to do from this day forward to make sure that this incredible experiment in self-governance continues and that we never see an act like we saw 2 hours ago take place again in the United States of America.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from New Jersey.

ALEX PADILLA

Mr. BOOKER. Mr. President, I just want to first thank my colleague from California for stating so plainly about the character of the individual we are talking about.

We have justifiable disagreements in this body. We have strong-held beliefs in this body. We have real debates and arguments in this body. But it has been generations and generations and generations since there has been violence in this body.

I stand with my back toward the Chamber where there was the caning of Sumner during the slavery debates, and a House Member came over and beat a U.S. Senator within an inch of his life.

You see, there is this decorum here where we have this mutual respect, and we understand violence is absolutely unacceptable.

And if there is anybody that shows that kind of decency and that kind of peace, my colleague from California

put it so plainly—ALEX PADILLA, like many of my colleagues, even across the aisle—he is one of the people of true character here. I think that is why today has hurt so many of us personally is because of what this breach of this body actually means to all of us.

We know of dangers of violence in a democracy and the insidiousness that violence presents or that fear of violent reprisal presents.

Jefferson said it so eloquently:

When people fear their government, there is tyranny. When the government fears [its] people, there is liberty.

What is so disturbing when you see a Member of this body thrown to the floor, a knee on his shoulder, arms being wrenched behind him after he has identified himself as a U.S. Senator is literally what ALEX PADILLA said.

I am going to pull from what I know he has already said publicly, but this is what he also has written privately.

ALEX PADILLA says:

If [this is] what they do to a . . . Senator with a question, imagine what they [are doing] to farm workers, day laborers, cooks, and [the] other [of the] nonviolent immigrants they are targeting.

You see, ALEX PADILLA knows something about this country, which is that we are all, as Martin Luther King so eloquently wrote in those letters from the Birmingham Jail, when he was jailed for his nonviolent civil disobedience—what ALEX PADILLA knows is what King said so eloquently; that we are all caught in an inescapable network of mutuality tied to a common garment of destiny that injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere, that when you have a President that so exceeds his constitutional authority, that he begins to do things to infringe upon the fundamental rights and securities of other Americans, it is a threat to all Americans.

This is why right across the way—I can almost see it looking through these windows—why the Supreme Court, with nominees from both parties, with three Donald Trump appointees on it, ruled 9 to 0 in support of the due process rights of someone in our country that was not even a citizen of this Nation—because in the Constitution, using the words “any Person,” knowing that if you erode the due process rights of anybody in this Nation, it is a threat to the due process rights of everyone in this Nation.

Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.

Understand what we saw today: A U.S. Senator forcibly removed from a room in a Federal building—a Federal official forcibly removed from a Federal building after he identified himself as a U.S. Senator. But after he was out of that building, they did not stop there. They drove our colleague to his knees and then forcibly shoved him upon his face, wrenched his arms behind him, and ALEX PADILLA writes: If they do that me, what are they doing to farmworkers and cooks and domestics?

What are they doing to other people? What does that mean if they are using the violent force of government unjustly against him? This is a breach. This body has not seen such a breach in my lifetime or longer where the executive has treated an honorable Member of this body in this way.

That should be enough, but our colleague correctly points out that if we are in an environment where that is happening to a U.S. Senator, what does it say—if the Government of the United States is unjustly taking violent action against a U.S. Senator, dear God, what does it mean for other Americans? That is what ALEX PADILLA asked today.

Now, I will tell you this: This is not an isolated incident. That is the challenge. We have already seen the actions taken against a mayor, a local government official who himself was forcibly handcuffed, dragged into a police vehicle, held for hours as a prisoner, and then, when he finally got before a judge, that judge reprimanded this administration for an abuse of their power.

ALEX PADILLA sees this with the violation of the due process rights of individuals going on in this country. ALEX PADILLA sees this with a mayor in America unjustly incarcerated, handcuffed, held.

This is the challenge we have in this moment.

I love this quote by my favorite author, James Baldwin, who wrote this letter the night authorities came and arrested Angela Davis.

He said:

If they come for you in the morning, then they will come for me at night.

This administration, in its abuse of power, in the audacity of handcuffing, of violently assaulting, of forcibly pushing to his knees and onto his stomach a U.S. Senator—what does that say?

We all gather right there as Senators to raise our hand and swear our oath to uphold the Constitution, but we are not the only ones. Members of the Supreme Court do that. They are not the only ones with Members of this body; administrative officials do that as well. We are bound by the laws of this land.

The terrifying thing for every American should be a government that is not restrained by the law, a government that misuses its power—and not just its power; its power to use violence unjustly against its citizenry. That is when we slip away from our democratic ideals, from our constitutional principles, and slide towards an authoritarian government that wants to make its people heel before them, kneel before them.

That is what I physically saw with my own eyes—a Member of this body being driven to his knees for asking a question, for standing up to speak truth to power. What was the response? The response was violence—being dragged out of that room, being forced to his knees, being thrown prostrate, and being handcuffed.

Here is the thing that frustrates me the most: Is this another day where the lead stories will be about the actions of this administration? We have seen a week where it is violating a tradition that has gone back before I was born where the Federal Government activating Federal troops in a community goes through—in fact, I know the statute: title 10, section 12406—that they should go through the Governors, work in coordination with them. But, no, this was a provocative incident, moving military troops at the expense of taxpayers into a community where even the leader of the police department says this is wrong.

All of this, from the beginning of our week to this unprecedented action of violently removing a U.S. Senator from a Federal building, from a room, thrown upon the ground, driven to his knees, and handcuffed—this is all purposefully being done in our country by a President that has a different view of his authorities as President; that if a judge criticizes him, he believes it is wrong.

He drew reprimand from the Supreme Court for his calling out Justices whose opinions he disagrees with. This is a President that doesn't believe in the checks and balances of our Constitution.

But the frustrating thing about all of this is that it is distracting us—this dangerous, violent distraction—from the bill we should be discussing on this floor about the ripping away of healthcare from millions of Americans, the cutting of food stamps for millions of children, the cutting of services for disabled Americans, the cutting of support for our senior citizens.

This monumental moment, the biggest transfer of wealth from working people in America to millionaires and billionaires; this moment that should be dominating our attention and our focus; this imminent bill that is being debated and discussed here in the Senate right now that has such incredible consequences, putting \$2.4 trillion more of debt in our country and raising the energy costs on the average American by hundreds of dollars; this bill that would raise the premiums of people in our Nation by hundreds of dollars; this bill that merits debate and discussion because it is so violative of our common values; this bill that takes food away from the hungry, healthcare away from the sick, and takes working people and makes their challenges harder, all to give more tax cuts to billionaires and drives up our deficit by the trillions—that should be the central conversation in our country.

But this President, almost as if he knows the unpopularity of his bill, the betrayal of his bill, is misusing, abusing his powers and trying to change the conversation in the most despicable of ways; abusing his authority, treading on our traditions, violating our Constitution, and now perhaps one of the greatest violent assaults on a Member of this body by the executive.

This is not metaphorical; this is literal. A Member of this body, after identifying himself, was physically and forcibly dragged out of a room in a Federal building, and then, when the doors were closed—you can see it on the camera—the Federal Government, the executive branch, taking a Member of this body, a Member of the U.S. Senate, a coequal branch of our government, and driving that man to his knees, slamming him upon his face, and wrenching his arms behind his back. That is what we are talking about in this body right now.

This is a dangerous time in America. When the President from the Oval Office says almost daringly “Do not protest my parade,” warns people about protests—and this is the thing the President of the United States doesn't understand about this country: When a President is violating norms and traditions and violating our Constitution, dissent is not unpatriotic; protest is not un-American; silence is unpatriotic.

This is a time where protest is justified. Peaceful protest is necessary and vital. This is a time where speaking up and exercising your constitutional principles—like freedom of speech, like freedom of assembly, like the right to petition your government—is demanded by our democracy.

When you have a President that so flagrantly violates the checks and balances—so much so that the authorities today kept a Senator from stepping forward and asking questions to an executive official and is met by violence—this is exactly the time that our Founders saw that we must stand up and speak up and protest peacefully and let our voices be heard because silence in a time like this is complicity.

My colleagues on the other side of the aisle have to see this. It doesn't take that much mental acuity to understand that if this was the Biden administration or the Obama administration and an official used their security detail to put another person in this body—to put a Senator from the other side of the aisle on their knees and in handcuffs, we would see outrage.

This is not about left or right; this is about right or wrong. And today, we saw a deep, grave wrong heaped upon not just this body but, as ALEX PADILLA wrote so eloquently, upon the ideals. Because if you could do this to a U.S. Senator, then you can do it to another American.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Connecticut.

ALEX PADILLA

Mr. MURPHY. Mr. President, Senator BOOKER and I have now spoken multiple times on the floor. The Senator from California has been here multiple times. We are doing so because we saw the look in our colleague's eyes as he was being violently thrown out of that room. You lost contact with his eyes in the hallway as he

was being pushed stomach-down onto the ground and handcuffed.

One of our colleagues suggested that Senator PADILLA got what he wanted. If you saw Senator PADILLA's eyes, if you saw ALEX's eyes as he was being pushed out of that room, you saw a man who did not expect to be treated that way. He thought that he was coming to register his dissent, his objection, to something deeply serious and illegal that was happening in his State. He had a responsibility as a Senator to speak truth to power.

So we are here on this floor speaking repeatedly in hopes that at some point, some of our Republican colleagues, whether here or in other public statements, will register some degree of concern for what happened to their colleague.

We lose our democracy if we lose our ability to dissent.

In 1722, in a newspaper started in Boston by the name of the New-England Courant—one of the country's first newspapers—a series of essays began to appear that were speaking to some really radical ideas for 1722. This is 20 years before Thomas Jefferson was born. This was 50 years before Thomas Paine wrote "Common Sense."

This is 1722, and the author's name is Silence Dogood. Silence Dogood writes in the New-England Courant:

Whoever would overthrow the Liberty of a Nation, must begin by subduing the Freedom of speech; a Thing terrible to Publick Traytors.

Silence goes on to say:

This sacred Privilege [of free speech] is so essential to free Governments, that the Security of Property, and the Freedom of Speech always go together; and in those wretched Countries where a Man cannot call his Tongue his own, he can scarce call any Thing . . . his own.

In 1722, this was a radical idea, this idea that a tyrant must control the freedom of thought with violence in order to maintain control of the people.

The New-England Courant was owned by a man named James Franklin, and he probably didn't know that Silence Dogood was a pseudonym for his 16-year-old brother named Benjamin Franklin. That is Benjamin Franklin writing in 1722, 16 years old.

Whoever would overthrow the Liberty of a Nation, must begin by subduing the [Freedom] of Speech.

What happened to Senator PADILLA today, it does stand in context. I say again, it does matter that on that day in which violence was used against the U.S. Capitol as a means to try to upset our democracy was cheered on by a President who then pardoned those violent rioters.

It stands in the context of the arrest of a mayor in New Jersey and a Congressperson seeking to do normal and regular oversight. It stands in context with the use of the FCC to try to intimidate and harass news stations that carry coverage unfavorable to the President and stands in context of the

banning of outlets having access to the White House or the Pentagon simply because they don't write things that are favorable to the President or use terms that are favorable to the President.

If we lose our democracy, it is not likely that there is going to be this one moment, this one day, this one fight. It won't be like other revolutions where the Parliament building gets burned down or a coup occurs. No. It will be that, over time, the message has been sent that if you speak up against the government, there is a price to be paid, and that price involves violence. But if you use violence on behalf of the government, it will be excused.

And so why we are still on this floor tonight is, sure, we have immense respect for our colleague, and I believe he has respect across the aisle. Senator PADILLA is a decent human servant who doesn't deserve to be treated that way. We are here because he is our friend and our colleague. But we are also here because too many in this body take for granted that this democracy is natural, that it is just going to hang around, no matter the threats.

The effort that this administration is undergoing to excuse and normalize violence when it happens in advancement of the administration's political priorities and then to suppress nonviolent speech in a multitude of ways when it objects to this administration's priorities, it sends a message to the public about what you can get away with and what you can't get away with.

Now, I don't think this will be the result. I don't think the American people will be bullied into silence. I do not believe they will watch that clip of ALEX PADILLA being forced to the ground and handcuffed and decide to stay home. No, I think, in fact, the opposite will likely happen. I think more Americans will be out there protesting this government. I think more Americans will decide to be present this weekend, to stand up for the right of free speech.

But if that were to be the case, it would be the exception to the historical rule, because in most countries when a ruler uses violence in order to suppress dissent, it works. People decide that they don't want to risk the fate of ALEX PADILLA. They don't want to be on the ground with their hands forced behind them and put into handcuffs. They stay home, and they just let the tyranny wash over them, their community, and their country.

We are not there yet. I don't mean to exercise hyperbole. What I seek to say is that we should not take this democracy for granted and that there can be—history tells us there often is—a deep impact when violence is used against those who are protesting the regime. It becomes normalized. And it ends up scaring many people into a dissent away from civic participation, and that is where our democracy dies.

This sacred privilege, the privilege of free speech, the privilege to protest your government—says 16-year-old

Benjamin Franklin—"is so essential to free Governments, that the Security of Property, and the Freedom of Speech always go together."

Men cannot be prosperous, he says, without having access to the freedom of expression.

Senator PADILLA was doing his job. Sure, you can decide that he was being disrespectful. That is not illegal. You could decide that he, in the alternative, should have waited until the press conference was over. But nothing he did warranted the treatment he got.

And when you stand it side by side with the pardoning of the January 6 protesters, the attempt to bully the free press into toeing the administration's line, the deployment of the National Guard and the Marines to a protest in California that was largely peaceful and, basically, just encompassed 1 or 2 square blocks, nobody mistakes what that agenda is about. That agenda is about trying to bully the American people into silence.

And once again, the first several comments from our colleagues justifying the handcuffing and violence to Senator PADILLA simply because they believe he was disrespectful paints a really dangerous picture of where we are headed.

Senator BOOKER is right. The focus should be on the violence that is being done to the American people's healthcare right now. We are debating a bill right now, as we speak, to rip healthcare away from upwards of 15 million Americans. That is extraordinary. That is a healthcare catastrophe. That is not just 15 million people losing their healthcare. That is hospitals, drug treatment centers, health clinics shutting down when you pull almost a trillion dollars out of the Medicaid system.

There is a new budget analysis today that shows that the poorest 30 percent of the country, 40 percent of the country, will be poorer after this bill passes, just so that the richest 10 or 20 percent can get a massive new tax cut. In fact, the richest people in this country will get an average \$270,000 tax cut. Literally, a transfer of wealth from the poorest people in this country—people who are working minimum wage jobs are going to be poorer after having passed this bill in order to enrich the folks who are doing super well, and we are going to add \$3 trillion to the deficit—just going to put it on our kids' credit card.

That is, maybe, the most unpopular piece of legislation that has ever come before the U.S. Senate. That is an agenda that you can probably only impose on the Nation by force—by force—because if people have the right to protest, if they have the ability to stand up to the most massive transfer of wealth from the poor and the middle class to the rich in the history of the country, it might not pass. That protest movement might be big enough in order to change the minds of enough Members of this body so that that agenda might pass.

It may be that that bill is so unpopular that the only way that you can get it to pass is by using violence and the threat of violence to suppress protest and free speech.

So we are still here, hours after this incident, because we care about our colleague, because we believe this is ultimately going to do immense damage to this institution that we love.

I have done hard work with many of my Republican colleagues. I deeply care about many of my Republican colleagues. I don't know all of them well, but I know enough of them to know that there are patriots; there are people who believe that America matters more than our party.

I showed that video to several of my Republican colleagues as we were leaving the Chamber today. I saw their jaws drop. I know their human reaction to what they saw. But I also know that there is a tendency in this version of the Republican party to circle the wagons around one message. If Democrats say X, then Republicans have to say Y.

That doesn't have to be the case every time. It just doesn't.

There can be true things. And a true thing is this: That was an excessive, impermissible amount of force that was used on Senator PADILLA today. We can say that together.

Even if you agree with the President on his decision to deploy the National Guard, even if you hate every single one of those protesters, even if you don't like Senator PADILLA—which is hard because he is a freaking hard guy not to like. But even if you believe all those things, you can say that what happened today is not all right and that the White House should admit that; that there should be an apology; and that there should be protocols set in place to make sure that if a U.S. Senator shows up to a public event—he didn't bust into a private meeting. This was a press conference designed to be public, to transmit public information. He wanted to make sure that that was accurate information. Maybe you don't like the way that he did it, but what he did is not illegal. What he did does not deserve that treatment. We can decide that that is wrong. We can recognize the danger to this concept of free speech, defended in 1722 by a 16-year-old Benjamin Franklin, is serious enough for us to speak together with one voice.

So my Republican colleagues may think that we are belaboring the point, but this is an important moment for the Senate and for the Nation.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from New Jersey.

ALEX PADILLA

Mr. BOOKER. I am grateful for the recognition.

I know we have been talking here for quite some time about an incident that is unprecedented—I would imagine in generations here—that a U.S. Senator,

today, in a Federal building, going to ask questions to a Federal official in the executive, is forcibly handled, identifies himself as a U.S. Senator, and is pulled out of the room. Doors close, and as we saw from another camera, he is forcibly driven to his knees and thrown upon his face with his arms wrenched behind him and handcuffed. It is such a breach to have one of our Members of this body treated in such a way for, as one of the officials from the Department of Homeland Security says, for being “disrespectful and performative.” Well, if that is a reason for people to be thrown on the ground, forcibly handcuffed, most of this body would have had that experience.

This is something far more serious when we see that overstep of power. I have seen this with LAMONICA MCIVER, doing her oversight authority, being caught up in a storm of officials going to arrest a mayor who then the judge said clearly was wrongfully arrested.

We have seen this in the overstepping of the bounds of propriety. But this act of violence against a Member of this body demands a response.

We have seen what happens when government abuses their power, when they engage in violent actions against their citizenry. Indeed, we have seen this in its extreme cases, time and time again, throughout our history, unfortunately, in the labor movement, in the suffrage movement, in the civil rights movement.

We know that when State officials in Alabama met John Lewis and marchers across the Edmund Pettus Bridge, they were met with such violence that the intention there was to suppress our freedoms.

We are in a time now where we are seeing protests planned all across the United States of America, with hundreds of protests coming this weekend. As ALEX PADILLA, himself, has asked: If they can do this to a U.S. Senator, what does that say to the average American who wants to exercise their constitutionally protected rights to protest, to petition their government, to speak up?

More than this, ALEX PADILLA, in this body, has come in a very unusual way. He is the son of Mexican immigrants—a short-order cook and a woman who cleaned homes. In this environment, where we have seen our immigration enforcement officials not going after criminals or gang members or people that are somehow threatening us but going to separate families, taking away a mother from her children, taking away people dropping off their kids at school, going to work sites or places like Home Depot where people stand looking for work, going after agricultural workers—this is a moment where we see good-faith people peacefully protesting and having the courage to stand up to the most powerful person in the world, the President of the United States.

Yet, again, we see an example where that President is willing to abuse their

authority in an act that is ensured to be an attempt at intimidation.

If ALEX PADILLA, a U.S. Senator, can be dragged from a room in a Federal building for asking questions, thrown upon the ground and handcuffed, what does it say to the traditions in our Nation that are one of the reasons why we are all here?

Because our government does have its limits—it is not unchecked power. The President is not the King. Insulting him is not a crime.

Look, I have been disappointed, as I have seen in joint statements and I have seen this in State of the Union Addresses, behavior from people that I don't find justifiable within the Chamber. I remember when a South Carolina Congressman heckled the President of the United States. I heard it in one of Trump's addresses—people yelling things at the President.

Is that, in a democracy, sufficient provocation to arrest Senators or Congress people who are “disrespectful,” as ALEX PADILLA was accused of being, as if that is a justification to be thrown upon the ground and violently handcuffed?

We have certain exalted ideals and principles in a democracy. In fact, fundamental to our democracy, written in our founding documents, over 200 years old, was this ideal of certain inalienable rights of the people. Our Bill of Rights enshrines—before even the ratification of our Constitution by States, it was demanded that we have a Bill of Rights that guarantees certain principles before a government. Our design of our government was to provide checks and balances because of how much our Founders feared excesses and abuses of power.

These are constitutional principles now that, today, in the most dramatic of fashion, are under attack. We, as a Nation, have elevated the ideals of the ability of American citizens to speak truth to power, to protest, to stand peacefully and forcibly in defiance of abuses of power.

And, today, in this body of 100, we have seen one of our Members, the son of Mexican immigrants, the son of a short-order cook and a woman who cleaned houses in the most noble of fashions—who invested themselves in our common dream, who invested themselves in our ideals, who raised an extraordinary young man who has lived his life in service of others, starting in Los Angeles, starting as a city councilperson in that very city, a graduate of MIT—face an indignity and an assault and violence that should not be tolerated on anybody in this body.

That is an executive overreach by the President of the United States, and it is happening within a pattern of conduct—a mayor in Newark arrested, rebuked by a judge that the authorities of the executive were overstepped; LAMONICA MCIVER, a Congresswoman, brought up on charges as she was caught in a storm of officials rushing to arrest—wrongfully arrest—that

mayor, who is now suing for that wrongful arrest.

We see, time and time again, a pattern being created of an executive overstepping its authority and, in this case, using violence against an American citizen who also happens to be a Member of this body, a U.S. Senator.

I have strong, strong concerns about the fear and intimidation that this President seeks to create in our society—the fear and intimidation of a President that seems to equate defiance, dissent, and protests with somehow being unpatriotic or being un-American.

Well, leader after leader in our history says that when there is injustice, when there are abuses of power, when there is a Federal Government overstepping its bounds, it is incumbent upon the citizenry of the United States of America not to be complicit, not to be silent, not to do anything.

In this Nation, we bring strong voices that know that the true checks of the power of the executive are not just the judicial branch and the Congress. The true checks on abuses of power will always be the power of the people. I believe that our Founders spoke to this. I believe that there are extraordinary words from our past, and I would like to read some of them:

Power tends to corrupt, and absolute power corrupts absolutely.

This is a quote that so guided our Framers—that the President of the United States is not a King. The great difficulty lies in this: “You must first enable the government to” stand for justice.

In Federalist No. 51, James Madison talked about the urgency of the people to check the power of the executive.

Here is Jefferson: The abuse of power is not a new thing. It is the consequence of power evidence.

Jefferson was suggesting the urgency for us as a citizenry to be vigilant against the abuses of power. As I said already, the words of Jefferson:

When the government fears the people, there is liberty.

When the people fear the government, there is tyranny.

Donald Trump seems to want to make protesters afraid of him, dissenters afraid of him, those who disagree with him afraid of him. He seems to want to have law firms come to heel because of threats to their financial well-being. He wants to make universities come to heel because of their fears of losing Federal grants. These are signs not of a healthy democracy but one under assault.

Another quote:

Emergencies have always been the pretext upon which the safeguards of individual liberty have been eroded.

A President that tries to precipitate a crisis or make people believe that there is a crisis in Los Angeles—one that cannot be handled by the local police, the city police, the county police—and in the farce of some serious emergency, sends in Federal troops.

This is a President that is abusing our traditions and, as we saw today, a President whose administration, in my lifetime, took the first violent action against a Member of this body who was standing up to ask questions.

I quote George Washington:

[I]f Men are to be precluded from offering their Sentiments on a matter, which may involve the most serious and alarming consequences, that can invite the consideration of Mankind, reason is of no use to us; the freedom of Speech may be taken away, and, dumb and silent, we may be led, like sheep, to the Slaughter.

That is how important our first President thought of as the ability for the people of this Country to stand up and speak truth to power. The right to free speech, the right to petition your government, the right to assemble—these are vaunted, sacred principles in this country.

And, today, if those principles are stripped from a U.S. Senator in their own State, in a Federal building; if a U.S. Senator cannot exercise their right of speech, their right to question their government, the right to provide checks and balances—even after they identified themselves, they are forcibly removed from a room in that Federal building, forced to kneel, and then thrown upon their face, then having their arms wrenched behind their back and handcuffed. As ALEX PADILLA said: If they are doing that to me, just imagine what they are doing to laborers and farmworkers and others who do not have the stature of this office.

What will this body do? This is the test before us right now. What will this body do? Where are the voices of our colleagues on the other side of the aisle?

True tests of leadership are not easy. To stand in a storm, to stand for principle against politics, to stand for patriotism against partisanship, to stand up for what is right—that is what this moment calls.

For us to normalize what we saw today, normalize a U.S. Senator being violently grabbed and handcuffed with no charges filed, if we say nothing now, our silence is complicity in that behavior by the executive. It is an erosion of our democracy, of our principles.

I heard the authors of this book, “How Democracies Die,” speak with fear and worry about our current state of affairs in America. One of the signs they pointed to about a democracy in peril was violence. But it wasn’t violence of a political sectarian nature. Yes, that is part of it. But the worst type of violence that shows the erosion of a democracy is when the state itself uses violence unjustly against its citizens.

That was the horror of Donald Trump pardoning people who beat police officers in this building. The horror to me was not the Presidential pardon power; the horror to me was that the very people who beat into submission police officers in order to unjustly install a President, in order to prevent the

peaceful transfer of power—that very same President was saying: Hey, it is all right. I am going to call you patriots and absolve you of your convictions by a jury of your peers. Some of you who even pled guilty to your crimes, I am going to say that is all forgiven.

The danger in that is a President saying: If you commit violent acts to my benefit—in this case, to unjustly install me in my position—then that is OK.

It is encouraging violence within our society that erodes our democracy as a whole.

This is the crisis we are in. This is a moment that is a test of this body. This is a crossroads in this body.

A Member of this body in a Federal building, trying to ask questions to a Federal official after identifying themselves, faced violence from his government that tried to silence him as he tried to ask a question.

This has precipitated for us a greater question: Are we a vibrant democracy that protects our fundamental rights, that checks power from abuse, that demands that no one is above the law, whether it be any American citizen and especially those who serve in public office? What will our democracy be tomorrow? Will we normalize this kind of violence, this kind of attack on a Member of this body by the administration for the sin that they themselves have said is just disrespectful behavior—asking a question at a press conference?

This is a day of great challenge and great trial. This is a test of this body. How will we respond in this moment? Will this body simply allow the administration to continue in this manner this pattern and practice that they are establishing where the rights of American citizens to speak truth, to protest, to speak up, to call out, to question, to be in dissent—are those sacrosanct principles or will we allow them to be violated even when it is a Member of our own body?

At the end of the Declaration of Independence, these brave men who saw the abuses of power of a King; those revolutionaries who gave birth to this great democracy; those imperfect geniuses who grappled with the great ideals of their time, that set up a nation not ruled by Kings and Queens, not a theocracy where there is some divine right of someone to rule over us, decided to vest the power in this Nation with the people and created a government organized around the principle of the suspicion of concentrations of power and created three branches of government to provide checks and balances and then gave to the people of the United States of America certain fundamental rights—the First Amendment to our Constitution, enshrining those rights—those rights that have allowed generation after generation to use them to make our Nation more perfect, to speak up to the wrongs and the ills of government, to challenge leaders who had gotten corrupt and had gone wrong; generation after generation

standing on the principles of our Constitution.

And here we are in 2025 where those ideals are being tested, where that Constitution is being strained, where a Member of this body speaking up and asking questions at a time of trial in his community is not met with answers to his questions but is met with violence. That is wrong.

But when wrongs continue—or, as our Founders called them, usurpations of our inalienable rights—when those go unchecked, when such actions go unanswered, it paves a road toward tyranny, and in our day and age, they are signs of our weakening commitment to democracy.

Our Founders knew something so well, and as they pledged themselves to break with a King, to break with a central powerful person, to break through a world where you must go before the dear leader and bow in submission, where the vicissitudes and the whims of an individual leader wreak havoc with the community—those people who broke with that course of human events and established this Nation knew one thing for sure: that if we were to make this Nation work, we had to make an unusual commitment to each other. They ended that Declaration of Independence with that commitment—we must mutually pledge to each other our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor.

There is no honor in what happened to one of our Members today when he was taken violently and driven to his knees. There is no honor in what happened today when an American standing up to ask questions to a person in authority was met with violence. There is no honor in what happened today when a Member of our body was thrown into handcuffs. There is no honor in that.

But where we can show honor, where we can honor our traditions, is not being silent in the face of something going wrong. The truth of the matter is, our Nation has seen wrongs before, but the way we dealt with them was by having others stand up and call them out to help us to correct course.

When those marchers were met with violence at the Edmund Pettus Bridge, that was not the end of the story. The end of the story happened days later when they made it over that bridge; when they got to their destination; when they presented their grievances to their government; when this body itself, hearing from the people, passed new laws and legislation to protect the people and their rights—in this case, their voting rights.

Bad things happen. Mistakes are made. Power seeks more power. Our country is not bereft of demagoguery or hate or powerful people who want to suppress dissent, people who equate opposition with being un-American. We have seen that all. But so far, we have seen people in those times having the courage to stand up and stand against it, who have called it out to demand redress, to fight for justice.

This is a moment that demands that tradition. This is a moment that demands not just people on one side of the political aisle, not just one party, it demands us coming together and pledging a deeper, more sacred honor—that we will defend this democracy, that we will uphold the Constitution and stand together united against anyone—especially using violence—who tries to suppress the fundamental rights of another American, especially a senior U.S. Senator from the great State of California.

I yield the floor.

(Mr. CURTIS assumed the Chair.)

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. HUSTED). The majority leader.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I move to proceed to executive session to consider Calendar No. 145.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion. The motion was agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the nomination.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Gary Andres, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services.

CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I send a cloture motion to the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The cloture motion having been presented under rule XXII, the Chair directs the clerk to read the motion.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the nomination of Executive Calendar No. 145, Gary Andres, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services.

John Thune, Eric Schmitt, Bernie Moreno, John Boozman, James C. Justice, Dan Sullivan, Pete Ricketts, Mike Rounds, Chuck Grassley, Jon Husted, Ted Cruz, Rick Scott of Florida, John Hoeven, Mike Crapo, Ashley Moody, Marsha Blackburn, Katie Boyd Britt.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I move to proceed to legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion. The motion was agreed to.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I move to proceed to executive session to consider Calendar No. 98.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the nomination.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Olivia Trusty, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission for the remainder of the term expiring June 30, 2025.

CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I send a cloture motion to the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The cloture motion having been presented under rule XXII, the Chair directs the clerk to read the motion.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the nomination of Executive Calendar No. 98, Olivia Trusty, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission for the remainder of the term expiring June 30, 2025.

John Thune, John Boozman, Cindy Hyde-Smith, Roger Marshall, Katie Boyd Britt, Tommy Tuberville, Ashley Moody, Ted Budd, John Barrasso, Marsha Blackburn, Roger F. Wicker, Steve Daines, Mike Rounds, Jon Husted, Markwayne Mullin, Rick Scott of Florida, Pete Ricketts.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I move to proceed to legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion. The motion was agreed to.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I move to proceed to executive session to consider Calendar No. 99.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion. The motion was agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the nomination.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Olivia Trusty, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission for a term of five years from July 1, 2025. (Reappointment).

CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I send a cloture motion to the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The cloture motion having been presented under rule XXII, the Chair directs the clerk to read the motion.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the nomination of Executive Calendar No. 99, Olivia Trusty, of Maryland, to be a Member of the

Federal Communications Commission for a term of five years from July 1, 2025. (Re-appointment)

John Thune, John Boozman, Cindy Hyde-Smith, Roger Marshall, Katie Boyd Britt, Tommy Tuberville, Ashley Moody, Ted Budd, John Barrasso, Marsha Blackburn, Roger F. Wicker, Steve Daines, Mike Rounds, Jon Husted, Markwayne Mullin, Rick Scott of Florida, Cynthia M. Lummis.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate resume legislative session and be in a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

VOTE EXPLANATION

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I was necessarily absent for rollcall vote No. 321, motion to invoke cloture on S. 1582, a bill to provide for the regulation of payment stablecoins, and for other purposes, as amended. Had I been present for the vote, I would have voted nay.

VOTE EXPLANATION

Mr. REED. Mr. President, I was necessarily absent for rollcall vote No. 297, the confirmation of Executive Calendar No. 111, Brett Shumate, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Attorney General. Had I been present, I would have voted no.

I was necessarily absent for rollcall vote No. 298, the motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar No. 49, David Fotouhi, of Virginia, to be Deputy Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency. Had I been present, I would have voted no.

I was necessarily absent for rollcall vote No. 299, the confirmation of Executive Calendar No. 49, David Fotouhi, of Virginia, to be Deputy Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency. Had I been present, I would have voted no.

I was necessarily absent for rollcall vote No. 300, the motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar No. 112, Stephen Vaden, of Tennessee, to be Deputy Secretary of Agriculture. Had I been present, I would have voted no.

I was necessarily absent for rollcall vote No. 301, the confirmation of Executive Calendar No. 112, Stephen Vaden, of Tennessee, to be Deputy Secretary of Agriculture. Had I been present, I would have voted no.

I was necessarily absent for rollcall vote No. 302, the motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar No. 117, Andrew Hughes, of Texas, to be Deputy Secretary of Housing and Urban Development. Had I been present, I would have voted no.

I was necessarily absent for rollcall vote No. 303, the confirmation of Exec-

utive Calendar No. 117, Andrew Hughes, of Texas, to be Deputy Secretary of Housing and Urban Development. Had I been present, I would have voted no.

GENIUS ACT

Ms. CORTEZ MASTO. Mr. President, as I travel from Washington, DC, to participate in a congressional delegation focused on U.S. national security while debate on the GENIUS Act, S. 1582, continues, I rise today to expound on my support for this critical bill. This bill represents what the U.S. Senate can achieve when Republicans and Democrats collaborate in earnest. As lawmakers, we have the responsibility to build and improve upon laws that are no longer applicable to 21st century innovation. The GENIUS Act is an important first step that helps solidify the United States as a leader in shaping payments modernization. We must maintain this ongoing effort to ensure digital assets grow and evolve in a safe and sound manner that not only protects national security but also the people engaging these technologies.

The current iteration of the GENIUS Act is distinctly different from the text that was originally introduced because of bipartisan negotiations. The version being considered includes a change in section 7(B) that I introduced during the Senate Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs legislative hearing on March 13, 2025. This change ensures payment stablecoin issuers can only issue, redeem, and manage reserves to back their stablecoins and prevents issuers from engaging in speculative and high-risk ventures that could increase the likelihood of a failure.

Furthermore, while the GENIUS Act provides a roadmap for more robust Federal consumer protections, I support the preservation of State consumer protection laws in the bill. As the former Attorney General of Nevada, I have always been a strong advocate for preserving a State's authority to act in the best interest of its residents. This goal is accomplished through the negotiated savings clause in section 7(f)(4) which solidifies congressional intent to preserve State consumer protection law through the bill.

The GENIUS Act is not the end of Congress's work to bolster national security, encourage innovation, and protect consumers in the emerging digital assets ecosystem. We must continue our work to further our ideals that have made the U.S. financial system the envy of the world.

TRIBUTE TO ERICA WHEELAN HEYSE

Ms. LUMMIS. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize Ms. Erica Wheelan Heyse, who this June marks 25 years of extraordinary service to the Congressional Award Foundation, Congress's only charity and the highest honor available to America's youth.

Since joining the foundation in 2000 and now serving as National Director,

Ms. Heyse has transformed a modest recognition program into a nationwide engine of opportunity. Under her stewardship, the Congressional Award is active in every State, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the territories, engaging tens of thousands of young people in voluntary public service, personal development, physical fitness, and exploration.

Her impact is best captured in one remarkable figure: 7,528 young Americans have earned the gold medal since 2000 under her guidance, each one a story of commitment, growth, and civic engagement that echoes well beyond the medal ceremony.

Ms. Heyse's vision has always reached beyond accolades. She launched the STEM Stars Initiative, opening doors for girls and rural students to pursue science and technology careers; partnered with Intuit to create a free Financial Literacy Center, equipping medalists with essential money-management skills; and, during the COVID-19 pandemic, shifted statewide celebrations online so that no young person's achievement went unrecognized.

Colleagues and alumni alike describe Erica's signature qualities, humility, relentless optimism, and an unshakeable belief in every young person's potential. Whether guiding a first-time volunteer in rural Wyoming or briefing corporate and military partners on Capitol Hill, she exemplifies the servant-leadership we seek to cultivate in the next generation.

On behalf of the U.S. Senate, I ask that this tribute be entered into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD so that future generations may know of Ms. Erica Wheelan Heyse's remarkable quarter-century of leadership. Her work has expanded opportunity, strengthened communities, and inspired a culture of service that will echo across our Nation for decades to come.

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Hanley, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

(The messages received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 5:39 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Alli, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, without amendment.

S. 331. An act to amend the Controlled Substances Act with respect to the scheduling of fentanyl-related substances, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2056. An act to require the District of Columbia to comply with federal immigration laws.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 2056. An act to require the District of Columbia to comply with federal immigration laws; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-1099. A communication from the Manager of Legal Litigation and Support, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes; Amendment 39-23033" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2024-2665)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 10, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1100. A communication from the Manager of Legal Litigation and Support, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; MHI RJ Aviation ULC (Type Certificate Previously Held by Bombardier, Inc.) Airplanes; Amendment 39-23030" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2025-0021)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 10, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1101. A communication from the Manager of Legal Litigation and Support, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Canada Limited Partnership (Type Certificate Previously Held by C Series Aircraft Limited Partnership (CSALP); Bombardier, Inc.) Airplanes; Amendment 39-23023" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2024-2326)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 10, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1102. A communication from the Manager of Legal Litigation and Support, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Leonardo S.p.a. Helicopters; Amendment 39-23027" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2025-0019)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 10, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1103. A communication from the Manager of Legal Litigation and Support, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes; Amendment 39-23001" ((RIN2120-

AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2024-1301)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 10, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1104. A communication from the Manager of Legal Litigation and Support, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Canada Limited Partnership (Type Certificate Previously Held by C Series Aircraft Limited Partnership (CSALP); Bombardier, Inc.) Airplanes; Amendment 39-23052" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2025-0920)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 10, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1105. A communication from the Manager of Legal Litigation and Support, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Leonardo S.p.a. Helicopters; Amendment 39-23033" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2024-2665)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 10, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1106. A communication from the Manager of Legal Litigation and Support, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus SAS Airplanes; Amendment 39-23043" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2025-0335)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 10, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1107. A communication from the Manager of Legal Litigation and Support, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus SAS Airplanes; Amendment 39-23014" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2025-0008)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 10, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1108. A communication from the Manager of Legal Litigation and Support, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus SAS Airplanes; Amendment 39-23046" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2024-2718)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 10, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1109. A communication from the Manager of Legal Litigation and Support, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; ATR - GIE Avions de Transport Regional Airplanes; Amendment 39-23042" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2025-0203)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 10, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1110. A communication from the Manager of Legal Litigation and Support, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier Inc. Airplanes; Amendment 39-23011" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2024-2717)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 10, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1111. A communication from the Manager of Legal Litigation and Support, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of

Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier Inc. Airplanes; Amendment 39-23013" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2024-2720)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 10, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1112. A communication from the Manager of Legal Litigation and Support, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus SAS Airplanes; Amendment 39-23048" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2025-0913)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 10, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1113. A communication from the Manager of Legal Litigation and Support, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; ATR - GIE Avions de Transport Regional Airplanes; Amendment 39-23040" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2025-0201)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 10, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1114. A communication from the Manager of Legal Litigation and Support, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Embraer S.A. (Type Certificate Previously Held by Yabara Industria Aeronautica S.A.; Embraer S.A.; Empresa Brasileira de Aeronautica S.A. (EMBRAER)) Airplanes; Amendment 39-23020" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2025-0010)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 10, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1115. A communication from the Manager of Legal Litigation and Support, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; General Electric Company Engines; Amendment 39-23038" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2024-1883)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 10, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1116. A communication from the Manager of Legal Litigation and Support, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus SAS Airplanes; Amendment 39-23037" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2025-0205)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 10, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1117. A communication from the Manager of Legal Litigation and Support, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus SAS Airplanes; Amendment 39-23039" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2025-0197)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 10, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1118. A communication from the Manager of Legal Litigation and Support, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus SAS Airplanes; Amendment 39-23041" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2024-2661)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 10, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1119. A communication from the Manager of Legal Litigation and Support, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; General Electric Company Engines; Amendment 39-23045" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2024-2721)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 10, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1120. A communication from the Manager of Legal Litigation and Support, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes; Amendment 39-23047" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2025-0012)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 10, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1121. A communication from the Manager of Legal Litigation and Support, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes; Amendment 39-23051" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2025-0005)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 10, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1122. A communication from the Manager of Legal Litigation and Support, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Helicopters; Amendment 39-23036" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2024-2663)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 10, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1123. A communication from the Manager of Legal Litigation and Support, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; General Electric Company Engines; Amendment 39-23049" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2025-0015)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 10, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1124. A communication from the Manager of Legal Litigation and Support, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Pilatus Aircraft Ltd Airplanes; Amendment 39-23044" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2025-0208)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 10, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1125. A communication from the Manager of Legal Litigation and Support, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Cameron Balloons Ltd. Fuel Cylinders; Amendment 39-23056" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2025-0921)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 10, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1126. A communication from the Manager of Legal Litigation and Support, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Helicopters; Amendment 39-23034" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2025-0006)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 10, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1127. A communication from the Manager of Legal Litigation and Support, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Jet Routes J-26, J-64 and J-181, and VOR Federal Airways V-10 and V-156; and Revocation of VOR Federal Airway V-262 in the Vicinity of Bradford, IL" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2024-2588)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 10, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1128. A communication from the Manager of Legal Litigation and Support, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Mineral Wells, TX" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2024-2529)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 10, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1129. A communication from the Legal Yeoman, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Manitowoc River, Manitowoc, WI" (Docket No. USCG-2024-0628) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 10, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1130. A communication from the Legal Yeoman, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulation; Ohio River, Cincinnati, OH" ((RIN1625-AA08) (Docket No. USCG-2025-0218)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 10, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1131. A communication from the Legal Yeoman, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulation; St. Mary's River, St. George's Creek, Piney Point, MD" ((RIN1625-AA08) (Docket No. USCG-2025-0315)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 10, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1132. A communication from the Legal Yeoman, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Atlantic Ocean, Cocoa Beach, FL" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2025-0321)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 10, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1133. A communication from the Legal Yeoman, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Underwater Lake Bed HAUXROV Survey; Straits of Mackinac, MI" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2025-0285)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 10, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1134. A communication from the Legal Yeoman, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Edgewater Beach, Lake Erie, Cleveland, OH" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2025-0385)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 10, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1135. A communication from the Legal Yeoman, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety

Zone; Gulf of America, Pass A Loutre State Wildlife Management Area" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2025-0435)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 10, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1136. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fuels Regulatory Streamlining Sampling and Testing Updates; Correction" ((RIN2060-AV26) (FRL No. 8513-03-OAR)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 10, 2025; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1137. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Utah: Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revisions and Incorporation by Reference" (FRL No. 12226-04-R8) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 10, 2025; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1138. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Clean Data Determination and Approval of Base Year Emissions Inventory; California; Los Angeles-South Coast Air Basin; 189(d) Plan for the 2006 24-Hour PM_{2.5} NAAQS" (FRL No. 12322-02-R9) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 10, 2025; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1139. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Determination To Defer Sanctions; California; Eastern Kern Air Pollution Control District; Portland Cement Kilns" (FRL No. 12609-02-R9) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 10, 2025; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1140. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; California; Revised Format for Materials Incorporated by Reference" (FRL No. 12400-01-R9) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 10, 2025; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1141. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; Florida; Second Planning Period Regional Haze Plan" ((RIN2060-AV26) (FRL No. 10403-02-R4)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 10, 2025; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1142. A communication from the Senior Bureau Official, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Implementation of Executive Order 12938 Concerning the Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction" received in the Office of the President pro tempore; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1143. A communication from the Senior Bureau Official, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Extension of the Jackson-Vanik Waiver Authority for Turkmenistan" received in the Office of the President pro tempore; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1144. A communication from the Senior Bureau Official, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 3(d) of the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed transfer of major defense equipment with an original acquisition value of approximately \$30,000,000 to the Government of the Ukraine's Armed Forces (Transmittal No. RSAT 25-11021) received in the Office of the President pro tempore; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1145. A communication from the Senior Bureau Official, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles, including technical data, and defense services to Turkey and Australia in the amount of \$100,000,000 or more (Transmittal No. DDTC 24-091) received in the Office of the President pro tempore; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1146. A communication from the Senior Bureau Official, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles, including technical data, and defense services to the Czech Republic and the UK in the amount of \$100,000,000 or more (Transmittal No. DDTC 25-026) received in the Office of the President pro tempore; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1147. A communication from the Senior Bureau Official, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles, including technical data, and defense services to the Republic of Korea in the amount of \$100,000,000 or more (Transmittal No. DDTC 24-103) received in the Office of the President pro tempore; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1148. A communication from the Senior Bureau Official, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles, including technical data, and defense services to various countries in the amount of \$100,000,000 or more (Transmittal No. DDTC 25-024) received in the Office of the President pro tempore; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1149. A communication from the Senior Bureau Official, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license for the export of firearms, parts, and components controlled under Category I of the U.S. Munitions List to Colombia in the amount of \$1,000,000 or more (Transmittal No. DDTC 25-006) received in the Office of the President pro tempore; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1150. A communication from the Senior Bureau Official, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles, including technical data, and defense services for the manufacture of significant military equipment abroad to Australia, Saudi Arabia, and the United Arab Emirates (Transmittal No. DDTC 24-118) received in the Office of the President pro tempore; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1151. A communication from the President and CEO, Inter-American Foundation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Foundation's FY24 Annual Performance Report (APR) received in the Office of the President

pro tempore; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1152. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 26-75, "Special Education for Young Adults in the Custody of the Department of Corrections Temporary Amendment Act of 2025"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1153. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 26-73, "Living Donor Protection Amendment Act of 2025"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1154. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 26-74, "Emergency Rental Assistance Program Reform Amendment Act of 2025"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1155. A communication from the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Agency's Semiannual Report of the Office of Inspector General for the period from October 1, 2024 through March 31, 2025; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petition or memorial was laid before the Senate and was referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM—8. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the State of Ohio urging the President of the United States, the United States Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and the United States Congress to take prompt action to reduce the processing time for veterans' disability benefit claims; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 22

Whereas, The service members of the United States Armed Forces have bravely and selflessly served our country; and

Whereas, The United States Department of Veterans Affairs disability benefits program provides monetary support to veterans whose military service has caused or aggravated a disabling medical condition; and

Whereas, According to the National Center for Veterans Analysis and Statistics, the total number of veterans with a service-connected disability has increased every year since 1991 and was 4,944,275 in 2019; and

Whereas, According to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, the Department took an average of 139.3 days to complete disability-related claims in November 2024; and

Whereas, The U.S. Government Accountability Office made several recommendations directed toward improving the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs' capacity to manage workload risks, monitor and assess performance, and plan for further development of information technology; and

Whereas, The "Veterans Appeals Improvement and Modernization Act of 2017," 38 U.S.C. 7113, made changes to improve the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs' appeals process and also required the U.S. Government Accountability Office to assess the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs' original plan to improve the veterans benefits claim appeals process; and

Whereas, The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs has failed to comply with the Veterans Appeals Improvement and Modernization Act of 2017; now therefore be it

Resolved, That we, the members of the 136th General Assembly of the State of Ohio, urge the President of the United States, the United States Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and the Congress of the United States to take prompt action to reduce the processing time for veterans' disability benefit claims; and be it further

Resolved, That we, the members of the 136th General Assembly of the State of Ohio, urge the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs to adopt policies to ensure that, for each applicant, the disability benefits program appeals process concludes not later than three months following the date on which an applicant receives an initial determination letter from the Department; and be it further

Resolved, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit duly authenticated copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, the United States Secretary of Veterans Affairs, the President Pro Tempore and Secretary of the United States Senate, the Speaker and Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, each member of the Ohio Congressional delegation, and the news media of Ohio.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. CRUZ, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, without amendment:

S. 1003. A bill to require the Federal Communications Commission to issue an order providing that a shark attack is an event for which a wireless emergency alert may be transmitted, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 119-30).

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. GRASSLEY for the Committee on the Judiciary.

Stanley Woodward, Jr., of the District of Columbia, to be Associate Attorney General.

Thomas Gaiser, of Ohio, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

Ronald A. Parsons, Jr., of South Dakota, to be United States Attorney for the District of South Dakota for the term of four years.

Joseph Edlow, of Maryland, to be Director of United States Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security.

John Squires, of Florida, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

(Nominations without an asterisk were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed.)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. LEE:

S. 2043. A bill to repeal the Jones Act restrictions on coastwise trade, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. McCORMICK (for himself and Mr. FETTERMAN):

S. 2044. A bill to require the Secretary of Energy to relocate the Office of Fossil Energy and Carbon Management to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. RICKETTS (for himself, Mr. COTTON, and Mrs. FISCHER):

S. 2045. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to impose an excise tax on certain investments of private colleges and universities; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. RICKETTS:

S. 2046. A bill to prohibit index funds from investing in Chinese companies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. RICKETTS:

S. 2047. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to treat certain gains and dividends derived from countries of concern as ordinary income; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. RICKETTS:

S. 2048. A bill to prohibit the purchase of certain securities from covered entities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. HICKENLOOPER (for himself, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. CURTIS, and Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER):

S. 2049. A bill to amend the National Telecommunications and Information Administration Organization Act to establish the Office of Policy Development and Cybersecurity, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. WARNOCK (for himself, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. LUJÁN, Ms. SMITH, Ms. ALSOBROOKS, Mr. WELCH, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 2050. A bill to amend the Social Security Act to provide for an increased Federal medical assistance percentage for State expenditures on certain behavioral health services furnished under the Medicaid program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER (for herself and Mr. VAN HOLLEN):

S. 2051. A bill to authorize the Department of Housing and Urban Development to transform neighborhoods of extreme poverty into sustainable, mixed-income neighborhoods with access to economic opportunities, by revitalizing severely distressed housing, and investing and leveraging investments in well-functioning services, educational opportunities, public assets, public transportation, and improved access to jobs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. SCOTT of Florida:

S. 2052. A bill to amend the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 to require that certain information is made publicly available, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. SCOTT of Florida:

S. 2053. A bill to ensure that Write Your Own companies can sell private flood insurance products that compete with National Flood Insurance Program products; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. SCOTT of Florida:

S. 2054. A bill to allow National Flood Insurance Program policyholders who leave the program to purchase a private insurance flood policy to return to the National Flood Insurance Program without penalty, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. BANKS (for himself and Mr. KING):

S. 2055. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to make certain improvements to the program of the Department of Vet-

erans Affairs to provide comprehensive assistance for family caregivers of eligible veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. CRUZ:

S. 2056. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently allow a tax deduction at the time an investment in qualified property is made, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. VAN HOLLEN (for himself, Ms. ALSOBROOKS, Mr. WELCH, and Mrs. GILLIBRAND):

S. 2057. A bill to streamline enrollment in health insurance affordability programs and minimum essential coverage, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. VAN HOLLEN (for himself, Mr. KAINE, and Mr. PADILLA):

S. 2058. A bill to impose sanctions with respect to the regime of President Nayib Bukele in El Salvador, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Ms. HASAN, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. BENNET, Mr. WARNER, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Ms. WARREN, Mr. SANDERS, Ms. SMITH, Mr. LUJÁN, Mr. WARNOCK, Mr. WELCH, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. MERKLEY, Mrs. MURRAY, and Mr. KING):

S. 2059. A bill to amend titles XIX and XXI of the Social Security Act to enhance financial support for rural and safety net hospitals providing maternity, labor, and delivery services to vulnerable populations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HAGERTY:

S. 2060. A bill to prohibit sanctuary jurisdictions from receiving community development block grants; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself and Mrs. MURRAY):

S. 2061. A bill to require the Interagency Working Group on Toxic Exposure to conduct research on the diagnosis and treatment of health conditions of descendants of individuals exposed to toxic substances while serving as members of the Armed Forces, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. PETERS (for himself, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. BUDD, and Mr. KAINE):

S. 2062. A bill to improve supply chain resiliency for critical drug products with vulnerable supply chains and ensure that reserves of critical drugs and active pharmaceutical ingredients are maintained to prevent supply disruptions in the event of drug shortages or public health emergencies; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself and Mr. CASSIDY):

S. 2063. A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to reauthorize the National Estuary Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER:

S. 2064. A bill to amend title XIX and XXI of the Social Security Act to provide coverage of comprehensive tobacco cessation services under such titles, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SCOTT of Florida (for himself and Mr. GALLEGO):

S. 2065. A bill to improve border security through regular assessments and evaluations of the Checkpoint Program Management Office and effective training of U.S. Border Patrol agents regarding drug seizures; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. SHEEHY (for himself, Ms. HASAN, Mr. SCHMITT, and Mr. CASSIDY):

S. 2066. A bill to amend title XI of the Social Security Act to establish a pilot program for testing the use of a predictive risk-scoring algorithm to provide oversight of payments for durable medical equipment and clinical diagnostic laboratory tests under the Medicare program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SCHMITT:

S. 2067. A bill to rescind certain budget authority proposed to be rescinded in special messages transmitted to the Congress by the President on June 3, 2025, in accordance with section 1012(a) of the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974; to the Committee on Appropriations and the Committee on the Budget, jointly, pursuant to the order of 1/30/1975 as amended by the order of 4/11/1986.

By Mr. SANDERS (for himself, Mr. KING, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. WELCH, Mr. MERKLEY, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 2068. A bill to ban drug manufacturers from using direct-to-consumer advertising, including social media, to promote their products; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. LUJÁN, Ms. WARREN, Mr. BOOKER, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Ms. SMITH, Mr. WELCH, and Ms. ALSOBROOKS):

S. 2069. A bill to amend title XIX and XXI of the Social Security Act to provide for 12-month continuous enrollment of individuals under the Medicaid program and Children's Health Insurance Program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. WYDEN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. MARKEY, Ms. HIRONO, Ms. WARREN, Ms. SLOTKIN, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. COONS, Mr. WELCH, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. KIM, Mr. HICKENLOOPER, and Mr. WARNER):

S. 2070. A bill to provide limited authority to use the Armed Forces to suppress insurrection or rebellion and quell domestic violence; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. SCHIFF, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. FETTERMAN, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. LUJÁN, Ms. WARREN, and Mr. WELCH):

S. 2071. A bill to provide Medicaid assistance to individuals and families affected by a disaster or emergency, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mr. FETTERMAN, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. LUJÁN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, and Mr. WELCH):

S. 2072. A bill to promote affordable access to evidence-based opioid treatments under the Medicare program and require coverage of medication assisted treatment for opioid use disorders, opioid overdose reversal medications, and recovery support services by health plans without cost-sharing requirements; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SCHATZ (for himself, Mr. LUJÁN, Mr. MERKLEY, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. WELCH, Ms. ROSEN, Ms. SMITH, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. HEINRICH):

S. 2073. A bill to establish a State public option through Medicaid to provide Americans with the choice of a high-quality, low-cost health insurance plan; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. KIM, and Mr. DAINES):

S. 2074. A bill to amend the Fair Credit Reporting Act to expand the definition of an

active duty military consumer for purposes of certain credit monitoring requirements, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. CRUZ:

S. 2075. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Army to accelerate development and procurement of aeromedical evacuation and special operations configurations of the Future Long Range Assault Aircraft, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. LUJÁN (for himself, Mr. KAINE, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. FETTERMAN, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. WARREN, Ms. SMITH, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. REED, Mr. WELCH, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 2076. A bill to provide for an emergency increase in Federal funding to State Medicaid programs for expenditures on home and community-based services; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. WELCH (for himself, Ms. ALSOBROOKS, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. LUJÁN, Mr. WYDEN, and Ms. ROSEN):

S. 2077. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to ensure health insurance coverage continuity for former foster youth; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. FETTERMAN (for himself, Mr. HAGERTY, Mr. PADILLA, and Mr. HAWLEY):

S. 2078. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to increase death gratuities and funeral allowances for Federal employees, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. HAWLEY (for himself, Mr. LEE, and Mr. MARSHALL):

S. 2079. A bill to enhance penalties for the use of incendiary devices, including burning the flag of the United States, in the commission of Federal offenses, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CRUZ (for himself and Mr. BANKS):

S. 2080. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Army to accelerate the procurement of the future long range assault aircraft by initiating early production of not more than 24 such aircraft, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Ms. LUMMIS:

S. 2081. A bill to establish immunity from civil liability for certain artificial intelligence developers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. HUSTED (for himself and Mr. WHITEHOUSE):

S. 2082. A bill to amend the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 to modify the definition of "production facility" to exclude an equipment or device capable of reprocessing spent nuclear fuel in a manner that does not separate plutonium from other transuranic elements; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. CASSIDY (for himself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, and Mrs. SHAHEEN):

S. 2083. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide increased locality pay rates to certain Bureau of Prisons employees whose duty stations are located in the pay locality designated as "Rest of U.S.", and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Ms. ALSOBROOKS (for herself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. FETTERMAN, Mr. MERKLEY, and Mr. WELCH):

S. 2084. A bill to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage of dental and oral health services,

vision services, and hearing services under the Medicare and Medicaid programs; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DAINES (for himself and Mr. CRAPO):

S.J. Res. 58. A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States authorizing the Congress to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. BOOKER (for himself, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. DURBIN, and Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER):

S. Res. 273. A resolution recognizing the contributions of Black people to the musical heritage of the United States and the need for greater access to music education for Black students and designating June 2025 as "Black Music Month"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MARSHALL:

S. Res. 274. A resolution commending Federal, State, and local law enforcement for their efforts in protecting Americans by combating drug trafficking and agroterrorism and for their recent actions in Kansas and across the country; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SCOTT of Florida (for himself and Mrs. MOODY):

S. Res. 275. A resolution honoring the memory of the victims of the heinous attack at the Pulse nightclub on June 12, 2016; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. BLACKBURN (for herself, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. BOOZMAN, Ms. COLLINS, Ms. ROSEN, and Mrs. SHAHEEN):

S. Res. 276. A resolution designating June 12, 2025, as "Women Veterans Appreciation Day"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LEE:

S. Res. 277. A resolution supporting the designation of June as Fidelity Month for the purpose of rededicating the United States to the values of faith, family, and patriotism; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BENNET (for himself, Mr. HICKENLOOPER, and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. Res. 278. A resolution condemning the violent antisemitic attack in Boulder, Colorado, and expressing support for the survivors and their families; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. BOOKER (for himself, Ms. WARREN, Mr. COONS, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. PADILLA, and Mr. SCHIFF):

S. Con. Res. 14. A concurrent resolution urging the establishment of a United States Commission on Truth, Racial Healing, and Transformation; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 199

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. SLOTKIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 199, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide special rules for the taxation of certain residents of Taiwan with income from sources within the United States.

S. 233

At the request of Mrs. BLACKBURN, the names of the Senator from Dela-

ware (Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER) and the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. LUJÁN) were added as cosponsors of S. 233, a bill to amend the Office of National Drug Control Policy Reauthorization Act of 2006 to modify the authority of the Office of National Drug Control Policy with respect to the World Anti-Doping Agency, and for other purposes.

S. 283

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. WICKER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 283, a bill to require the Under Secretary of Commerce for Standards and Technology and the Administrator of National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to develop a standard methodology for identifying the country of origin of seafood to support enforcement against illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing, and for other purposes.

S. 330

At the request of Mr. CURTIS, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. SCOTT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 330, a bill to impose sanctions with respect to persons that operate in a sector of the economy of the People's Republic of China in which the person has engaged in a pattern of significant theft of the intellectual property of a United States person, and for other purposes.

S. 364

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. HUSTED) was added as a cosponsor of S. 364, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to remove silencers from the definition of firearms, and for other purposes.

S. 422

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Ms. ALSOBROOKS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 422, a bill to protect an individual's ability to access contraceptives and to engage in contraception and to protect a health care provider's ability to provide contraceptives, contraception, and information related to contraception.

S. 522

At the request of Mr. HAGERTY, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 522, a bill to amend the Federal Credit Union Act to modify the frequency of board of directors meetings, and for other purposes.

S. 615

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. CASSIDY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 615, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the excise taxes on taxable chemicals and taxable substances.

S. 688

At the request of Mr. SULLIVAN, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 688, a bill to combat illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing at its sources globally.

S. 802

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, the names of the Senator from Florida (Mr. SCOTT) and the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL) were added as cosponsors of S. 802, a bill to amend title 14, United States Code, to make appropriations for Coast Guard pay in the event an appropriations Act expires before the enactment of a new appropriations Act, and for other purposes.

S. 857

At the request of Mr. CURTIS, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. GALLEG0) was added as a cosponsor of S. 857, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the exclusion for certain conservation subsidies to include subsidies for water conservation or efficiency measures, storm water management measures, and wastewater management measures.

S. 1088

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Ms. ALSOBROOKS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1088, a bill to provide that the memorial to commemorate the sacrifice and service of the women who worked on the home front to support the efforts of the United States military during World War II may be located on the National Mall, and for other purposes.

S. 1298

At the request of Mr. KAINE, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1298, a bill to authorize the continuation of lawful nonimmigrant status for certain religious workers affected by the backlog for religious worker immigrant visas.

S. 1441

At the request of Mr. TILLIS, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Ms. HIRONO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1441, a bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to award grants to nonprofit entities to assist such entities in carrying out programs to provide service dogs to eligible veterans, and for other purposes.

S. 1521

At the request of Mr. RISCH, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1521, a bill to amend the United Nations Participation Act of 1945 to provide for a prohibition on contributions to the United Nations related to discrimination against Israel.

S. 1778

At the request of Mrs. BLACKBURN, the names of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. McCORMICK) and the Senator from Maine (Mr. KING) were added as cosponsors of S. 1778, a bill to direct the Attorney General to prepare a report on the Department of Justice activities related to countering Chinese national security threats, and for other purposes.

S. 1879

At the request of Ms. SLOTKIN, her name was added as a cosponsor of S.

1879, a bill to amend chapter 131 of title 5, United States Code, to require Members of Congress and their spouses and dependent children to place certain assets into blind trusts, and for other purposes.

S. 1950

At the request of Mr. HUSTED, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. SLOTKIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1950, a bill to increase the benefits guaranteed in connection with certain pension plans, and for other purposes.

S. 1969

At the request of Mr. RICKETTS, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. SCOTT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1969, a bill to amend the Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure Act of 1978 to establish an additional reporting requirement, and for other purposes.

S. 2005

At the request of Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2005, a bill to improve the Institutional Development Award program of the National Institutes of Health.

S. 2006

At the request of Ms. WARREN, the name of the Senator from California (Mr. SCHIFF) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2006, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to prohibit discrimination in the Armed Forces on the basis of gender identity, and for other purposes.

S. 2013

At the request of Mr. HAWLEY, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. GALLEG0) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2013, a bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide for increases in the minimum wage, and for other purposes.

S. 2029

At the request of Ms. HIRONO, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2029, a bill to protect the privacy of personal reproductive or sexual health information, and for other purposes.

S. 2032

At the request of Mr. MERKLEY, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2032, a bill to provide for the establishment of Medicare part E public health plans, and for other purposes.

S. 2035

At the request of Ms. DUCKWORTH, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Ms. BALDWIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2035, a bill to establish statutory rights to choose to receive, provide, and cover fertility treatments, and for other purposes.

S. 2042

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the names of the Senator from California (Mr. SCHIFF) and the Senator from Massachusetts (Ms. WARREN) were added as cosponsors of S. 2042, a bill to provide lasting protection for inventoried roadless areas within the National Forest System.

S. RES. 145

At the request of Mr. TILLIS, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. KELLY) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 145, a resolution protecting the Iranian political refugees, including female former political prisoners, in Ashraf-3 in Albania.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 273—RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF BLACK PEOPLE TO THE MUSICAL HERITAGE OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE NEED FOR GREATER ACCESS TO MUSIC EDUCATION FOR BLACK STUDENTS AND DESIGNATING JUNE 2025 AS “BLACK MUSIC MONTH”

By Mr. BOOKER (for himself, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. DURBIN, and Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. RES. 273

Whereas spirituals, ragtime, blues, jazz, gospel, classical composition, and countless other categories of music have been created or enhanced by Black people and are etched into the history and culture of the United States;

Whereas the first Africans transported to the United States came from a variety of ethnic groups with a long history of distinct and cultivated musical traditions, brought musical instruments with them, and built new musical instruments in the United States;

Whereas spirituals were a distinct response to the conditions of African slavery in the United States and expressed the longing of slaves for spiritual and bodily freedom, for safety from harm and evil, and for relief from the hardships of slavery;

Whereas jazz, arguably the most creative and complex music that the United States has produced, combines the musical traditions of Black people in New Orleans with the creative flexibility of blues music;

Whereas masterful trumpeters Louis Armstrong and Miles Davis achieved national and international recognition with the success of “West End Blues” by Louis Armstrong in the 1920s and “So What” by Miles Davis in the late 1950s;

Whereas Thomas Dorsey, the father of gospel music, used his composing talents to merge sacred and secular styles that created a revolution in music;

Whereas talented jazz pianist and vocalist Nathaniel Adams Coles recorded more than 150 singles and sold more than 50,000,000 records;

Whereas the talent of Ella Fitzgerald, a winner of 13 Grammy Awards, is epitomized by a rendition of “Summertime”, a bluesy record accompanied by melodic vocals;

Whereas Natalie Cole, the daughter of Nathaniel Adams Coles, achieved musical success in the mid-1970s as a rhythm and blues artist with the hits “This Will Be” and “Unforgettable”;

Whereas, in the 1940s, bebop evolved through jam sessions, which included trumpeter Dizzy Gillespie and the alto saxophonist Charlie Parker, that were held at clubs in Harlem, New York, such as Minton’s Playhouse;

Whereas earlier classical singers such as Elizabeth Taylor Greenfield, one of the first

widely known Black vocalists, and other early Black singing pioneers, including Nellie Mitchell Brown, Marie Selika Williams, Rachel Walker Turner, Marian Anderson, and Flora Batson Bergen, paved the way for the female Black concert singers who have achieved great popularity during the last 50 years;

Whereas the term “rhythm and blues” originated in the late 1940s as a way to describe recordings marketed to Black people and replaced the term “race music”;

Whereas lyrical themes in rhythm and blues often encapsulate the Black experience of pain, the quest for freedom, joy, triumphs and failures, relationships, economics, and aspiration and were popularized by artists such as Ray Charles, Ruth Brown, Etta James, and Otis Redding;

Whereas soul music originated in the Black community in the late 1950s and early 1960s, combines elements of Black gospel music, rhythm and blues, and jazz, and was popularized by artists such as Aretha Franklin, James Brown, Ray Charles, Sam Cooke, Bill Withers, and Jackie Wilson;

Whereas Motown, founded as a record label in 1959, evolved into a distinctive style known for the “Motown Sound”, a blend of pop and soul musical stylings made popular by prominent Black artists such as Marvin Gaye, James Mason, and Mary Wells;

Whereas Go-Go, developed by Black musicians in the mid-1960s, combines funk, soul, and Latin music, was popularized by artists such as Chuck Brown and Rare Essence, and is the “official music of Washington, DC”;

Whereas the National Museum of African American Music in Nashville, Tennessee, serves as the official home of Black Music Month and is dedicated to preserving and celebrating the central role of Black music in American culture;

Whereas Harry Belafonte, a singer, actor, and activist, and a supporter and confidant of Martin Luther King, Jr., throughout the civil rights movement, influenced by his Caribbean roots, popularized Calypso music in the United States;

Whereas, in the early 1970s, the musical style of disco emerged and was popularized by programs such as Soul Train and by artists such as Donna Summer;

Whereas reggae is a genre of music that originated in Jamaica in the late 1960s and incorporates some of the musical elements of rhythm and blues, jazz, mento, calypso, and African music, and was popularized by artists such as Bob Marley;

Whereas rock and roll was developed from Black musical styles such as gospel and rhythm and blues and was popularized by artists such as Chuck Berry, Bo Diddley, Little Richard, and Jimi Hendrix;

Whereas rap, arguably the most complex and influential form of hip-hop culture, combines blues, jazz, and soul and elements of the Black musical tradition with Caribbean calypso, dub, and dance hall reggae;

Whereas the development and popularity of old-style rap combined confident beats with wordplay and storytelling, highlighting the struggle of Black youth growing up in underresourced neighborhoods;

Whereas Dayton, Ohio, known as the “Land of Funk”, helped give rise to the genre of funk as a mixture of soul, jazz, and rhythm and blues and popularized bands such as the Ohio Players, Heatwave, Roger Zapp, and Lakeside;

Whereas contemporary rhythm and blues, which originated in the late 1970s and combines elements of pop, rhythm and blues, soul, funk, hip hop, gospel, and electronic dance music, was popularized by artists such as Whitney Houston and Aaliyah;

Whereas Prince Rogers Nelson, a Minnesota native, was a one-of-a-kind artist who

made “Purple Rain” a household name, First Avenue a landmark, and brought international fame to Minnesota’s music scene;

Whereas the incredible Billie Holiday created a cultural reset by recording “Strange Fruit”, originally a poem that depicted lynching in the southern United States, which became the first protest song of the civil rights era;

Whereas the talented jazz artist Duke Ellington pushed boundaries with his hits “It Don’t Mean a Thing if It Ain’t Got That Swing” and “Sophisticated Lady” and received 13 Grammy Awards and the Presidential Gold Medal;

Whereas Sister Rosetta Tharpe, known as the “Godmother of Rock ‘n’ Roll”, combined her distinctive guitar style with melodic blues and traditional gospel music that influenced the likes of Aretha Franklin and Chuck Berry;

Whereas Tina Turner, known as the “Queen of Rock ‘n’ Roll”, stunned audiences with her powerful vocals, was the first woman or Black musician to be featured on the cover of Rolling Stone, and received 12 Grammy Awards during her lifetime;

Whereas trailblazer Florence Price was the first noted Black female composer to gain national status and the first Black woman to have her composed work performed by a major national symphony orchestra;

Whereas the classical singer Marian Anderson broke down racial barriers by performing at the Lincoln Memorial in 1939 after being denied the opportunity to sing in front of an integrated audience at the Daughters of the American Revolution Constitution Hall in Washington, DC;

Whereas country music singer Charley Pride was inducted into the Country Music Hall of Fame in 2000 and has had more than 40 hits reach number 1 on the country charts;

Whereas Nina Simone, one of the most prominent and extraordinary soul singers, has music spanning more than 4 decades that impacted generations with detailed storytelling;

Whereas musician Bobby McFerrin brought joy to audiences everywhere with his smash hit “Don’t Worry Be Happy”;

Whereas famous saxophone player John Coltrane made his impact on genres like bebop, jazz, and rhythm and blues through his work such as “A Love Supreme”;

Whereas David Jolicoeur, also known as Trugoy the Dove, was a founding member of hip-hop groups De La Soul and Native Tongues and used his passion for rap music to spread positive messages within his community;

Whereas musical force Marvin Gaye used his versatility as an artist to produce hits like “I Heard It Through the Grapevine” and “Ain’t No Mountain High Enough”;

Whereas Sylvia Robinson, a New Jersey native, was an American singer, record producer, and founder of Sugar Hill Records and is widely credited with launching the hip-hop genre internationally;

Whereas New Jersey resident Q-Tip, also known as Kamaal Fareed, along with his fellow members of A Tribe Called Quest—Phife Dawg, Jarobi White, and Ali Shaheed Muhammad—helped define uplifting and conscious hip-hop;

Whereas Camden, New Jersey native Leon Huff and his longtime partner Kenny Gamble are Grammy-winning songwriters and producers, who founded Philadelphia International Records and produced over 170 gold and platinum records for artists such as Billy Paul, Lou Rawls, The O’Jays, Patti LaBelle, and Phyllis Hyman;

Whereas Black Music Month was established 46 years ago by songwriter and producer Kenny Gamble, broadcaster Dyana Williams, and radio executive Ed Wright

under the auspices of the Black Music Association;

Whereas a recent study by the National Arts Education Data Project found that 49 percent of all students attending schools with a predominately African-American student population do not participate in school music programs;

Whereas Black students scored the lowest of all ethnicities in the most recent National Assessment for Educational Progress arts assessment;

Whereas Black students often receive a music education that does not reflect their own culture;

Whereas students who are eligible for the school lunch program established under the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1751 et seq.) have significantly lower scores on the music portion of the National Assessment for Educational Progress arts assessment than students who are ineligible for that program, which suggests that students in low-income families are disadvantaged in the subject of music;

Whereas a study found that—

(1) nearly ⅔ of music ensemble students were White and middle class, and only 15 percent of those students were Black; and

(2) only 7 percent of music teacher license candidates were Black; and

Whereas students of color face many barriers to accessing music education and training, especially students in large urban public schools: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) recognizes—

(A) the contributions of Black people to the musical heritage of the United States;

(B) the wide array of talented and popular Black musical artists, composers, songwriters, and musicians who are underrecognized for contributions to music;

(C) the achievements, talent, and hard work of Black pioneer artists and the obstacles that those artists overcame to gain recognition;

(D) the need for Black students to have greater access to, and participation in, culturally relevant music programs in schools across the United States; and

(E) Black History Month and Black Music Month as an important time—

(i) to celebrate the impact of the Black musical heritage on the musical heritage of the United States; and

(ii) to encourage greater access to music education so that the next generation may continue to greatly contribute to the musical heritage of the United States; and

(2) designates June 2025 as “Black Music Month”.

SENATE RESOLUTION 274—COM-MENDING FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT FOR THEIR EFFORTS IN PROTECTING AMERICANS BY COMBATING DRUG TRAFFICKING AND AGROTERORISM AND FOR THEIR RECENT ACTIONS IN KANSAS AND ACROSS THE COUNTRY

Mr. MARSHALL submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. RES. 274

Whereas the illegal trafficking of drugs poses a severe threat to the health, safety, and well-being of communities across the United States, and contributes to addiction, violence, and economic disruption;

Whereas drug trafficking has exacted a devastating human toll, resulting in the annual loss of tens of thousands of American lives to drug overdoses;

Whereas an American dies from a drug overdose every 7 minutes, on average;

Whereas, Federal, State, and local law enforcement agencies have demonstrated unwavering commitment, bravery, and dedication in their efforts to disrupt and dismantle drug trafficking networks;

Whereas Federal, State, and local law enforcement also play a vital role in protecting our Nation's food security by preventing the intentional introduction of harmful substances or agents;

Whereas in May 2025, a joint team consisting of agents from U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Homeland Security Investigations, the Kansas Bureau of Investigation, and the Emporia Police Department arrested 6 individuals who were transporting more than 85 gallons of liquid methamphetamine from Mexico to Emporia, Kansas;

Whereas in June 2025, the Federal Bureau of Investigation arrested 2 nationals of the People's Republic of China, with alleged ties to the Chinese Communist Party and were caught smuggling the fungal plant pathogen *Fusarium graminearum* (also known as "Gibberella zeae") into the United States;

Whereas this fungus causes "fusarium head blight", which devastates wheat, barley, maize, and rice crops, and which has caused billions of dollars in economic losses globally;

Whereas had this fungus been released into the Kansas wheat crop, it would have devastated America's largest wheat producer, accounting for between 20 and 25 percent of the Nation's annual wheat production;

Whereas in June 2025, the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Drug Enforcement Administration executed a record drug bust, seizing illicit substances in quantities that could have killed nearly 50,000,000 people; and

Whereas these Federal agents confiscated more than 93 kilograms of fentanyl, 97 kilograms of methamphetamine, nearly 18 kilograms of heroin, and about 10 kilograms of cocaine, the combined value of which exceeds \$9,000,000: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) commends Federal, State, and local law enforcement agencies and personnel for their tireless efforts in combating drug trafficking and agroterrorism;

(2) expresses gratitude for their bravery and dedication to protecting American communities, public health, and our Nation's food supply; and

(3) encourages them to continue their efforts to keep our communities and food supply safe and secure.

SENATE RESOLUTION 275—HONORING THE MEMORY OF THE VICTIMS OF THE HEINOUS ATTACK AT THE PULSE NIGHTCLUB ON JUNE 12, 2016

Mr. SCOTT of Florida (for himself and Mrs. MOODY) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. RES. 275

Whereas, on June 12, 2016, a gunman inspired by the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria targeted the Pulse nightclub in Orlando, Florida, where he killed 49 innocent victims and wounded dozens more in a despicable attack;

Whereas the attack at the Pulse nightclub was an attack on the LGBTQ community, the Hispanic community, the City of Orlando, the State of Florida, and the United States;

Whereas the Orlando community continues to mourn the tragic loss of life but has dem-

onstrated remarkable strength, unity, and resilience in the aftermath of the horrendous event;

Whereas June 12 is designated as "Pulse Remembrance Day" in the State of Florida to honor the victims and survivors of the senseless attack;

Whereas the people of the United States continue to pray for those affected by the tragedy; and

Whereas June 12, 2025, marks 9 years since the lives of the 49 innocent victims were tragically cut short by this senseless act of terrorism: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) commemorates the 49 innocent victims killed in the attack at the Pulse nightclub in Orlando, Florida, on June 12, 2016, and offers heartfelt condolences to the families, loved ones, and friends of the victims;

(2) honors the dozens of survivors of the attack and pledges continued resolve to stand against terrorism and hate; and

(3) expresses gratitude to the brave law enforcement and emergency medical personnel who responded to the attack.

SENATE RESOLUTION 276—DESIGNATING JUNE 12, 2025, AS "WOMEN VETERANS APPRECIATION DAY"

Mrs. BLACKBURN (for herself, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. BOOZMAN, Ms. COLLINS, Ms. ROSEN, and Mrs. SHAHEEN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. RES. 276

Whereas, throughout every period of the history of the United States, women have proudly served the United States to secure and preserve freedom and liberty for—

(1) the people of the United States; and

(2) the allies of the United States;

Whereas women have formally been a part of the Armed Forces since the establishment of the Army Nurse Corps in 1901 but have informally served since the inception of the United States military;

Whereas 2023 marked the 75th anniversary of the signing of the Women's Armed Services Integration Act of 1948 (62 Stat. 356, chapter 449), legally allowing women to serve in all 4 branches of the military;

Whereas more than 3,000,000 women have served the United States honorably and with valor on land, on sea, in the air, and in space, including—

(1) as "Molly Pitchers" during the American Revolution, providing support to the Continental Army and taking their place on the artillery gun lines as soldiers fell;

(2) by passing as men to serve as soldiers during the Revolutionary War, the Early Republic, and the Civil War;

(3) as doctors, nurses, ambulance drivers, and Signal Corps telephone operator "Hello Girls" during World War I;

(4) during World War II—

(A) as members of the Women's Army Corps (commonly known as "WACs");

(B) as Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service (commonly known as "WAVES");

(C) as members of the Coast Guard Women's Reserve (commonly known as "SPARS");

(D) as Women Airforce Service Pilots (commonly known as "WASPs"); and

(E) as nurses;

(5) as permanent members of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Air Force, serving as nurses, physicians, physical therapists, air traffic controllers, intelligence special-

ists, communications specialists, logisticians, and clerks during the Korean War and Vietnam War; and

(6) as fixed and rotary wing combat pilots, surface warfare sailors, submariners, artilleryists, air defenders, engineers, military police, intelligence specialists, civil affairs specialists, logisticians, and, most recently, in all combat roles in the Persian Gulf, Iraq, and Afghanistan;

Whereas, as of 2023, women constitute approximately 18 percent of Armed Forces personnel on active duty, including—

(1) 22 percent of active duty personnel in the Air Force;

(2) 21 percent of active duty personnel in the Navy;

(3) 16 percent of active duty personnel in the Army;

(4) 10 percent of active duty personnel in the Marine Corps;

(5) 16 percent of active duty personnel in the Coast Guard; and

(6) 19 percent of active duty personnel in the Space Force;

Whereas, as of 2023, women constitute 22 percent of personnel in the National Guard and Reserves;

Whereas women were critical to COVID-19 relief, including as part of the personnel in the National Guard and Reserves activated to support COVID-19 response efforts;

Whereas women have been critical to responding to the unjustified invasion of Ukraine by the Russian Federation, including as members of the National Guard and as active duty personnel in the Armed Forces who have been deployed to contribute to foreign assistance efforts;

Whereas 13 members of the Armed Forces, including 2 women, were killed during Operation Allies Refuge, in which more than 120,000 people were evacuated in the largest civilian airlift in the history of the United States;

Whereas, in 2024—

(1) the population of women veterans was approximately 2,100,000, which represents a significant increase from 1,100,000 women veterans in 1980; and

(2) women veterans constituted approximately 12 percent of the total veteran population;

Whereas women are the fastest growing group in the veteran population;

Whereas an estimated 1 in 3 women veterans enrolled in the healthcare system of the Department of Veterans Affairs report having experienced military sexual trauma during their military service;

Whereas the people of the United States are proud of and appreciate the service of all women veterans, who have demonstrated great skill, sacrifice, and commitment to defending the principles upon which the United States was founded and which the United States continues to uphold;

Whereas women veterans have unique stories and should be encouraged to share their recollections through the Veterans History Project, a part of the American Folklife Center at the Library of Congress, which has worked since 2000 to collect and share the personal accounts of wartime veterans in the United States; and

Whereas, by designating June 12, 2025, as "Women Veterans Appreciation Day", the Senate can—

(1) highlight the growing presence of women in the Armed Forces and the National Guard; and

(2) pay respect to women veterans for their patriotic military service: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate designates June 12, 2025, as "Women Veterans Appreciation Day" to recognize the service and sacrifices of women veterans who have served valiantly on behalf of the United States.

SENATE RESOLUTION 277—SUPPORTING THE DESIGNATION OF JUNE AS FIDELITY MONTH FOR THE PURPOSE OF REDEDICATING THE UNITED STATES TO THE VALUES OF FAITH, FAMILY, AND PATRIOTISM

Mr. LEE submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. RES. 277

Whereas a recent opinion poll of Americans showed support for traditional values has significantly declined;

Whereas a majority of Americans no longer view values like faith, family, patriotism, or being involved in the community as very important;

Whereas these values used to unite Americans;

Whereas the decline in these values has corresponded with a rise in crime, drug abuse, alienation, and family disintegration;

Whereas fidelity means dedication to faith, spouses and families, and country and communities;

Whereas citizens of all faiths can join in recommitting the United States to fidelity;

Whereas John Adams, a founding father of the United States, said, "Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other.";

Whereas survival of the United States depends on the shared bonds of faith, family, and patriotism; and

Whereas it is fitting to observe one month each year to rededicate the United States to its core values: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That it is the sense of the Senate that June should be designated as Fidelity Month for the purpose of rededicating the United States to the values of faith, family, and patriotism.

SENATE RESOLUTION 278—CONDEMNING THE VIOLENT ANTISEMITIC ATTACK IN BOULDER, COLORADO, AND EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE SURVIVORS AND THEIR FAMILIES

Mr. BENNET (for himself, Mr. HICKENLOOPER, and Mr. SCHUMER) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 278

Whereas, on June 1, 2025, a violent attack occurred at a peaceful march in Boulder, Colorado, organized by Run for Their Lives;

Whereas Run for Their Lives is an organization that facilitates run and walk events calling for the release of all hostages Hamas kidnapped during the group's October 7, 2023, terrorist attack and continues to hold in Gaza, over 600 days later;

Whereas the attack was carried out with a makeshift flamethrower and Molotov cocktails and injured men and women, including a Holocaust survivor, several of whom suffered serious burns and trauma while peacefully exercising their First Amendment rights;

Whereas authorities are investigating the antisemitic attack as an act of terrorism and a Federal hate crime;

Whereas this attack occurred amid a disturbing national surge in antisemitic incidents, with reported antisemitic activity in Colorado rising 40 percent in 2024 and reaching the highest level nationally in nearly 50 years, according to the Anti-Defamation League;

Whereas Jewish communities across the United States have experienced an increase in threats and intimidation in recent months, including fatal shootings, arson, and harassment at synagogues and on college campuses;

Whereas antisemitic violence threatens lives and violates the core values of the United States;

Whereas Federal, State, and local officials, along with community leaders, have condemned the attack, reaffirming a shared commitment to ensuring the safety of Jewish Americans and all communities targeted by hate;

Whereas law enforcement officials, including the Boulder Police Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, responded swiftly and continue to investigate the incident to bring the perpetrator to justice;

Whereas the Boulder- and Denver-based chapters of the Run for Their Lives plan to continue walking each Sunday, despite the terror attack against members of the Boulder chapter, to show solidarity and to continue calling for the release of the hostages in Gaza; and

Whereas elected officials and community leaders in Boulder have called on residents to unite in support of the survivors and to reject antisemitism and extremism in all forms: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) condemns the antisemitic attack that occurred on June 1, 2025, in Boulder, Colorado;

(2) expresses solidarity with the survivors and their families;

(3) recognizes the resilience of the Boulder community and commends their continued efforts to promote peace, safety, and inclusion;

(4) calls for continued vigilance and Federal resources to counter rising antisemitism, investigate hate crimes, and support targeted communities;

(5) stands with the Jewish community, for freedom of speech and religion and against fear; and

(6) affirms that hate and violence have no place in the United States and that all people, regardless of faith or belief, deserve to live free from fear and persecution.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 14—URGING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A UNITED STATES COMMISSION ON TRUTH, RACIAL HEALING, AND TRANSFORMATION

Mr. BOOKER (for himself, Ms. WARREN, Mr. COONS, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. PADILLA, and Mr. SCHIFF) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. CON. RES. 14

Whereas the first ship carrying enslaved Africans to what is now known as the United States of America arrived in 1619;

Whereas that event more than 400 years ago was significant not only because it ushered in the institution of chattel slavery of African Americans, but also because it facilitated the systematic oppression of all people of color that has been a devastating and insufficiently understood and acknowledged aspect of our Nation's history over those past 400-plus years, and that has left a legacy of that oppression that haunts our Nation to this day;

Whereas the institution of chattel slavery in the United States subjugated African

Americans for nearly 250 years, fractured our Nation, and made a mockery of its founding principle that "all men are created equal";

Whereas the signing of the Constitution of the United States failed to end slavery and oppression against African Americans and other people of color, thus embedding in society the belief in the myth of a hierarchy of human value based on superficial physical characteristics such as skin color and facial features, and resulting in purposeful and persistent racial inequities in education, health care, employment, Social Security and veteran benefits, land ownership, financial assistance, food security, wages, voting rights, and the justice system;

Whereas that oppression denied opportunity and mobility to African Americans and other people of color within the United States, resulting in stolen labor worth billions of dollars while ultimately forestalling landmark contributions that African Americans and other people of color would make in science, arts, commerce, and public service;

Whereas Reconstruction represented a significant but constrained moment of advances for Black rights as epitomized by the Freedman's Bureau, which negotiated labor contracts for ex-slaved people but failed to secure for them land of their own;

Whereas the brutal overthrow of Reconstruction failed all individuals in the United States by failing to ensure the safety and security of African Americans and by emboldening States and municipalities in both the North and South to enact numerous laws and policies to stymie the socioeconomic mobility and political voice of freed Blacks, thus maintaining their subservience to Whites;

Whereas Reconstruction, the civil rights movement, and other efforts to redress the grievances of marginalized people were sabotaged, both intentionally and unintentionally, by those in power, thus rendering the accomplishments of those efforts transitory and unsustainable, and further embedding the racial hierarchy in society;

Whereas examples of government actions directed against populations of color (referred to in this resolution as "discriminatory government actions") include—

(1) the creation of the Federal Housing Administration, which adopted specific policies designed to incentivize residential segregation;

(2) the enactment of legislation creating the Social Security program, for which most African Americans were purposely rendered ineligible during its first 2 decades;

(3) the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944 (commonly known as the "GI Bill of Rights"; 58 Stat. 284, chapter 268), which left administration of its programs to the States, thus enabling blatant discrimination against African-American veterans;

(4) the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 (29 U.S.C. 201 et seq.), which allowed labor unions to discriminate based on race;

(5) subprime lending aimed purposefully at families of color;

(6) disenfranchisement of Native Americans, who, until 1924, were denied citizenship on land Native Americans had occupied for millennia;

(7) Federal Indian Boarding School policy during the 19th and 20th centuries, the purpose of which was to "civilize" Native children through methods intended to eradicate Native cultures, traditions, and languages;

(8) land policies toward Indian Tribes, such as the allotment policy, which caused the loss of over 90,000,000 acres of Tribal lands, even though ⅔ of that acreage was guaranteed to Indian Tribes by treaties and other Federal laws, and similar unjustified land grabs from Indian Tribes that occurred regionally throughout the late 1800s and into the termination era in the 1950s and 1960s;

(9) the involuntary removal of Mexicans and United States citizens of Mexican descent through large-scale discriminatory deportation programs in the 1930s and 1950s;

(10) the United States annexation of Puerto Rico, which made Puerto Ricans citizens of the United States without affording them voting rights;

(11) racial discrimination against Latino Americans, which has forced Latino Americans to fight continuously for equal access to employment, housing, health care, financial services, and education;

(12) the Act entitled "An Act to execute certain treaty stipulations relating to Chinese", approved May 6, 1882 (commonly known as the "Chinese Exclusion Act"; 22 Stat. 58, chapter 126), which effectively halted immigration from China and barred Chinese immigrants from becoming citizens of the United States, and which was the first instance of xenophobic legislation signed into law specifically targeting a specific group of people based on ethnicity;

(13) the treatment of Japanese Americans, despite no evidence of disloyalty, as suspect and traitorous in the very country they helped to build, leading most notably to the mass incarceration of Japanese Americans beginning in 1942;

(14) the conspiracy to overthrow the Kingdom of Hawaii and annex the land of the Kingdom of Hawaii, without the consent of or compensation to the Native Hawaiian people of Hawaii; and

(15) the United States history of colonialism in the Pacific, which has resulted in economic, health, and educational disparities among other inequities, for people in United States territories, as well as independent nations with which the United States has treaty obligations;

Whereas those discriminatory government actions, among other government policies that have had racially disparate impacts, have disproportionately barred African Americans and other people of color from building wealth, thus limiting capital and exacerbating the racial wealth gap;

Whereas research has shown that the persistent racial wealth gap has had a significant negative impact on other racial disparities, such as the achievement gap, disparities in school dropout rates, income gaps, disparities in home ownership rates, health outcome disparities, and disparities in incarceration rates;

Whereas United States civic leaders and foundations have spearheaded critical efforts to advance racial healing, understanding, and transformation within the United States, recognizing that it is in our collective national interest to urgently address the unhealed, entrenched divisions that will severely undermine our democracy if they are allowed to continue to exist;

Whereas many of the most far-reaching victories for racial healing in the United States have been greatly enhanced by the involvement, support, and dedication of individuals from any and all racial groups;

Whereas, at the same time, much of the progress toward racial healing and racial equity in the United States has been limited or reversed by our failure to address the root cause of racism, which is the belief in the myth of a hierarchy of human value based on superficial physical characteristics such as skin color and facial features;

Whereas the United States institution of slavery, as well as other examples enumerated in this resolution, represents intentional and blatant violations of the most basic right of every individual in the United States to a free and decent life;

Whereas the consequences of oppression against people of color have cascaded for centuries, across generations, beyond the era

of active enslavement, imperiling for descendants of slaves and other targets of oppression what should have otherwise been the right of every individual in the United States to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness;

Whereas more than 40 countries have reckoned with historical injustice and its aftermath through forming truth and reconciliation commissions to move toward restorative justice and to return dignity to their citizens;

Whereas for 3 decades there has been a growing movement inside and outside Congress to have the Federal Government develop material remedies for the institution of slavery, including through a Commission to Study and Develop Reparation Proposals for African Americans described in H.R. 40, 119th Congress, as introduced on January 3, 2025, and S. 40, 119th Congress, as introduced on January 9, 2025;

Whereas the formation of a United States Commission on Truth, Racial Healing, and Transformation does not supplant the formation of a Commission to Study and Develop Reparation Proposals for African Americans, but rather complements that effort; and

Whereas contemporary social science, medical science, and the rapidly expanding use of artificial intelligence and social media reveal the costs and potential threats to our democracy if we continue to allow unhealed, entrenched divisions to be ignored and exploited: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That Congress—

(1) affirms, more than 400 years after the arrival of the first slave ship to the United States, that the Nation owes a long-overdue debt of remembrance to not only those who lived through the egregious injustices enumerated in this resolution, but also to their descendants; and

(2) urges the establishment of a United States Commission on Truth, Racial Healing, and Transformation to properly acknowledge, memorialize, and be a catalyst for progress toward—

(A) jettisoning the belief in a hierarchy of human value;

(B) embracing our common humanity; and

(C) permanently eliminating persistent racial inequities.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I have five requests for committees to meet during today's session of the Senate. They have the approval of the Majority and Minority Leaders.

Pursuant to rule XXVI, paragraph 5(a), of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the following committees are authorized to meet during today's session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, June 12, 2025, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing on nominations in open session.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, June 12, 2025, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, June 12, 2025, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, June 12, 2025, at 10:30 a.m., to conduct a hearing on nominations.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, June 12, 2025, at 9:30 a.m., to conduct an executive business meeting.

HOMEBUYERS PRIVACY PROTECTION ACT

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be discharged from further consideration of S. 1467 and the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1467) to amend the Fair Credit Reporting Act to prevent consumer reporting agencies from furnishing consumer reports under certain circumstances, and for other purposes.

There being no objection, the committee was discharged, and the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be considered read a third time and passed and the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bill (S. 1467) was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed as follows:

S. 1467

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 "Homebuyers Privacy Protection Act".

SEC. 2. TREATMENT OF PRESCREENING REPORT REQUESTS.

Section 604(c) of the Fair Credit Reporting Act (15 U.S.C. 1681b(c)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

"(4) TREATMENT OF PREScreening REPORT REQUESTS.—

"(A) DEFINITIONS.—In this paragraph:

"(i) CREDIT UNION.—The term 'credit union' means a Federal credit union or a State credit union, as those terms are defined in section 101 of the Federal Credit Union Act (12 U.S.C. 1752).

"(ii) INSURED DEPOSITORY INSTITUTION.—The term 'insured depository institution' has the meaning given the term in section 3 of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1813(c)).

"(iii) RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE LOAN.—The term 'residential mortgage loan' has the meaning given the term in section 1503 of the S.A.F.E. Mortgage Licensing Act of 2008 (12 U.S.C. 5102).

“(iv) SERVICER.—The term ‘servicer’ has the meaning given the term in section 6(i) of the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act of 1974 (12 U.S.C. 2605(i)).

“(B) LIMITATION.—If a person requests a consumer report from a consumer reporting agency in connection with a credit transaction involving a residential mortgage loan, that agency may not, based in whole or in part on that request, furnish a consumer report to another person under this subsection unless—

“(i) the transaction consists of a firm offer of credit or insurance; and

“(ii) that other person—

“(I) has submitted documentation to that agency certifying that such other person has, pursuant to paragraph (1)(A), the authorization of the consumer to whom the consumer report relates; or

“(II)(aa) has originated a current residential mortgage loan of the consumer to whom the consumer report relates; or

“(bb) is the servicer of a current residential mortgage loan of the consumer to whom the consumer report relates; or

“(cc)(AA) is an insured depository institution or credit union; and

“(BB) holds a current account for the consumer to whom the consumer report relates.”.

SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Act, and the amendments made by this Act, shall take effect on the date that is 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act.

CONDEMNING THE VIOLENT ANTISEMITIC ATTACK IN BOULDER, COLORADO, AND EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE SURVIVORS AND THEIR FAMILIES

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 278, submitted earlier today.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 278) condemning the violent antisemitic attack in Boulder, Colorado, and expressing support for the survivors and their families.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 278) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

(The resolution, with its preamble, is printed in today's RECORD under "Submitted Resolutions.")

ORDERS FOR MONDAY, JUNE 16, 2025

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand adjourned until 4 p.m. on Monday, June 16; that following the prayer and pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and the Senate be in a period of morning business with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each; further, notwithstanding rule XXII, the cloture motions filed on

June 12, ripen at 5:30 p.m. and the Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar No. 145, Gary Andres.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY, JUNE 16, 2025, AT 4 P.M.

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask that it stand adjourned under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 6:38 p.m., adjourned until Monday, June 16, 2025, at 4 p.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

MICHAEL G. WALTZ, OF FLORIDA, TO BE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE SESSIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED NATIONS DURING HIS TENURE OF SERVICE AS REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE UNITED NATIONS.

MICHAEL G. WALTZ, OF FLORIDA, TO BE THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE UNITED NATIONS, WITH THE RANK OF AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY, AND THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL OF THE UNITED NATIONS.

CONFIRMATION

Executive nomination confirmed by the Senate June 12, 2025:

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

WILLIAM LONG, OF MISSOURI, TO BE COMMISSIONER OF INTERNAL REVENUE FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE TERM EXPIRING NOVEMBER 12, 2027.

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING JOHN BLAHO

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2025

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, it is a privilege to rise today to recognize Mr. John Blaho for his service at Withlacoochee River Electric Cooperative (WREC) and his remarkable role in the Light Up Navajo Project. In May, a courageous team of 16 WREC employees traveled over 1,800 miles to the remote, rugged terrains of Arizona and New Mexico, where they spent two weeks installing vital electrical infrastructure for Navajo families who have lived without power for generations. Their efforts brought light, safety, and hope to communities long overlooked, allowing children to study after dark, families to preserve food, and elders to live with greater comfort. Despite daunting challenges and limited equipment, the WREC team completed a demanding project in just eight days—far ahead of expectations—demonstrating professionalism, humility, and unwavering commitment to this life-changing mission.

The impact of WREC's work goes far beyond electricity; it represents a bridge to connection, opportunity, and the return of future generations to their ancestral homes. The emotional moment when power was turned on for the impacted families—bringing tears of joy and renewed hope—is a testament to the profound difference this project made. WREC's participation in the "Light Up Navajo" initiative reflects not only their technical expertise but also their heart and respect for the people they serve. Their dedication has energized ten homesteads and countless lives, creating a legacy of service that embodies the true spirit of cooperative values. The WREC team's journey inspires us all, proving that with compassion and teamwork, even the most daunting challenges can be overcome to light up lives and communities. I commend the entire team for their efforts on this worthwhile endeavor and for their ongoing service to our local community.

HONORING TEXAS CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY CHANCELLOR VICTOR BOSCHINI

HON. CRAIG A. GOLDMAN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2025

Mr. GOLDMAN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Texas Christian University's Chancellor Victor Boschini on his exceptional tenure as TCU's Chancellor and his transition to Chancellor Emeritus. In his 22 years of service to the university, Chancellor Boschini has been renowned for his dedication to executing TCU's mission Under his guidance, TCU's reputation as an institution for aca-

demic excellence, student achievement, and community has grown considerably. In his new role, he will continue his remarkable career as an educator by remaining involved in teaching, fundraising, and alumni engagement.

Chancellor Boschini helped facilitate several milestones at TCU. In the last few years, he has overseen the completion of 35 new buildings and renovation projects, including the Van Cliburn Concert Hall and the Burnett School of Medicine. He also helped spearhead the \$1 billion Lead On, a fundraising initiative that will impact students at TCU for generations to come. His dedication to excellence has made TCU a hub for academics, athletic achievement, and a significant benefit to the state and country.

In addition to academics, Chancellor Boschini also oversaw incredible athletic success at the university. Since joining the Big 12 in 2012, TCU has won 20 conference championships. In 2022, the TCU Football Team concluded its historic season in the College Football Playoff National Championship. The continuous athletic success has helped bolster TCU to the national stage and has created opportunities for athletes from around the world to play in Fort Worth.

On behalf of the 12th Congressional District of Texas, I am proud to recognize Chancellor Victor Boschini on his exceptional career and leadership at TCU. His work ethic, passion for education, and dedication towards the university will have a lasting impact on the City of Fort Worth. I congratulate him on his spectacular career and wish the best to him and his family.

CONGRATULATING CHANCELLOR JOE GARCIA ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. JASON CROW

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2025

Mr. CROW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Joe Garcia, Chancellor of the Colorado Community College System, on his retirement after more than 35 years of public service. I know I speak for so many in our community when I thank him for the lasting impact he made on higher education in Colorado throughout his career.

Chancellor Garcia oversees a higher education system encompassing 13 colleges, over 35 campus locations, and more than 124,000 students. During his tenure, he launched Bridge to Bachelor's, a statewide transfer program guaranteeing a direct pathway for community college students to four-year universities. He also pioneered Colorado Online, an initiative that expanded online education access for students across Colorado.

Appointed President of Pikes Peak State College in 2001 and later President of Colorado State University-Pueblo, Chancellor Garcia has long advocated for expanding higher education access and student-centered pro-

grams. Through these roles, he also successfully grew enrollment and strengthened public-private partnerships.

In addition to his dedication to improving higher education, he took on several leadership roles throughout his time in public service. Following an appointment by Governor Roy Romer as the Executive Director of the Department of Regulatory Agencies, Chancellor Garcia was appointed by former President Bill Clinton as Regional Director for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. He later served as Lieutenant Governor and the Executive Director of the Colorado Department of Higher Education. Prior to returning to the Colorado Community College System, he also served as President of the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education.

Throughout his career, he remained committed to advocating for education access, equity, and community development. In 2024, he received the Higher Education Equity Champion Legacy Award from the Colorado Department of Higher Education, recognizing his life-long impact on equitable access to higher education.

I congratulate Chancellor Joe Garcia on his well-deserved retirement and thank him for his service to the state of Colorado.

HONORING THE LIFE OF DANIEL CLYDE WHEELER

HON. JOHN W. ROSE

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2025

Mr. ROSE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of a true public servant. Daniel Clyde Wheeler passed away just over two months ago. Dan Wheeler grew up in the Crab Orchard community in Cumberland County, Tennessee, an area I'm proud to represent here in Congress.

Like myself, Mr. Wheeler grew up on a family farm. That experience led him to become a staunch advocate for our state's growers and producers. In 1965, he started a long career working for the Tennessee Farm Bureau Federation, where he served as an agent for Marion County and Sequatchie County. In no time, he was representing an entire region encompassing the Cumberland Plateau and the Chattanooga area of Tennessee.

In 1973, Mr. Wheeler became Assistant to the President and Director of Organization for Tennessee Farm Bureau. By 1980, he took on the role of lobbyist for the Farm Bureau Federation, a role he saw as an opportunity to advocate for his fellow farmers across Tennessee and across the Nation. He later was named Chief Administrative Officer of Tennessee Farm Bureau. His dedication led to him becoming Tennessee's 32nd Commissioner of Agriculture in January 1995. I was blessed to succeed Commissioner Wheeler, who I considered to be a man of great knowledge as well as a personal mentor.

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Commissioner Wheeler became a strong voice nationally with regard to tax reform. In our state, he fought to keep taxes low. He fought hard for our state's tobacco farmers. He formed the first-ever Governor's Council on Agriculture and Forestry, an important step that brought key stakeholders to the table. That, I suspect, will be his enduring legacy, bringing growers and producers into the same room as policymakers. That collaboration continues to have a major impact on our state's leading industry, agriculture.

Commissioner Wheeler also served as the Southern United State Trade Association President, where he represented 17 states and territories. He served on the Tennessee Board for Economic Growth and Tennessee Wildlife Resources Commission. The list goes on.

In 2000, he was named Man of the year in Service to Tennessee Agriculture by Progressive Farmer Magazine.

He helped neighbors outside the agriculture industry as well. He served the Maury County United Way, the Columbia Kiwanis Club, the Maury Regional Hospital Foundation, and the First Farmers and Merchants National Bank of Columbia, Tennessee on their Board of Directors. His life is an example of a life well lived, a life dedicated to others, and a life that truly made a difference.

He leaves behind a wife of 59 years, Carol, and two sons, Jim and David, five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

I want to thank Commissioner Dan Wheeler and honor him for his many contributions to our great state of Tennessee.

RECOGNIZING VICTORIA BARLEY

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2025

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding contributions that Victoria Barley has made through her volunteerism with Youth and Family Alternatives. For more than 15 years, Victoria Barley has been a remarkable champion for Youth and Family Alternatives (YFA), leaving a lasting legacy that will continue to shape lives for generations to come. Her journey with YFA began at the RAP House youth shelter, where she selflessly volunteered her time to create meaningful opportunities and provide vital resources to support and uplift the youth we serve. Driven by a bold vision, Victoria imagined a large-scale annual event in New Port Richey—one that would not only generate funds for the RAP House but also raise community awareness and engagement with YFA's mission. Despite having no prior experience in organizing a 5k race, her determination and passion quickly rallied a team of dedicated volunteers around her dream. From that vision, the RAP River Run was born. Today, it stands as one of Tampa Bay's premier running events, drawing thousands of participants and volunteers each year. Thanks to the continued enthusiasm and support behind this event, the team is excitedly preparing for the 2025 RAP River Run, scheduled for June 14th in downtown New Port Richey. Through sponsorships, donations, and registration fees, the RAP River Run has raised over \$1 million in

support of the RAP House. Because of Victoria's relentless dedication and can-do spirit, hundreds of runaway, homeless, and foster youth have found safety, stability, and hope during their most difficult times. Victoria Barley's impact is immeasurable. Her heart, her leadership, and her unwavering support have made her a true hero to YFA and to every young life touched by the RAP House.

It is clear Victoria Barley has made a profoundly positive impact on our community, and I am grateful for her service. May we all strive to serve our communities with the same dedication and humility.

HONORING RANDALL S.
FERNANDEZ FOR HIS YEARS OF
SERVICE

HON. LISA C. McCLAIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2025

Mrs. McCLAIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Randall S. Fernandez, who is retiring after twelve years of dedicated service as the City Manager of Marysville, Michigan. His unwavering dedication and exceptional leadership have greatly impacted our community.

Mr. Fernandez's tenure as City Manager was marked by numerous accomplishments that have left a lasting effect on the Marysville community. Under his leadership, the city made significant progress in Marysville. He was instrumental in streamlining municipal operations, fostering strong relationships with local businesses, and supporting projects that enhanced the quality of life for Marysville residents.

Prior to his service in Marysville, he also served over 28 years in many governmental positions within the city of Port Huron, Michigan. He began his career as a Community Development Specialist, City Treasurer, City Assessor, Water Office Supervisor, Director of the Downtown Development Authority, and later as General Manager of McMorran Place Sports and Entertainment Center.

Throughout his career, Mr. Fernandez has been known for his problem-solving mindset, collaborative leadership style, and ability to bring people together to achieve common goals. Whether revitalizing downtown spaces or ensuring financial accountability, he has consistently gone above and beyond for the communities he served.

His contributions have also been shaped by a strong academic foundation. Mr. Fernandez holds a Bachelors of Arts degree from the University of Michigan, and a Masters of Arts degree in Management and Supervision with a concentration in Public Administration from Central Michigan University.

Mr. Fernandez's work ethic, experience, and devotion to civic duty have made a profound difference in the lives of countless Michigan residents. His legacy is one of progress, leadership, and a genuine desire to improve his community.

Mr. Speaker, I respectfully ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Randall S. Fernandez for his outstanding public service and in extending our best wishes as he embarks on the next chapter of his life.

CONGRATULATING YMCA OF THE
ROSES CEO AND PRESIDENT
LARRY RICHARDSON ON HIS RE-
TIREMENT

HON. LLOYD SMUCKER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2025

Mr. SMUCKER. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to honor and congratulate Mr. Larry Richardson on his retirement as President and CEO of YMCA of the Roses.

Prior to his time with the YMCA, Mr. Larry Richardson was an educator and football coach. He joined the York YMCA in 1994 during a difficult time for the organization, which has since seen tremendous positive change under his leadership. During his tenure, the York YMCA expanded to include a technology center, the Graham Aquatic Center near Kiwanis Lake, a branch in Shrewsbury, and much more. He also strengthened the York YMCA's impact on housing insecurity and homelessness—a mission exemplified by the affordable housing programs and homeless shelter they operate.

What was formerly known as the York County YMCA merged with the Lancaster County YMCA in 2021 to become YMCA of the Roses. Mr. Richardson was instrumental in this merger. At a time when the Lancaster YMCA was financially struggling, his leadership saved the organization from closure. Since then, the YMCA of the Roses has continued to focus on housing, social responsibility, and healthy living in both York and Lancaster County.

As President and CEO for the YMCA of the Roses, Mr. Larry Richardson has provided an invaluable service to the community. The YMCA of the Roses has transformed lives under his leadership, and I am proud and thankful to have such a strong community-minded organization in Pennsylvania's 11th Congressional District. I wish the best in his well-earned retirement.

RECOGNIZING DELANO, CA

HON. DAVID G. VALADAO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2025

Mr. VALADAO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the city of Delano, California as it celebrates its 110th anniversary.

Incorporated in 1915, Delano was originally established as a railroad town, serving as a hub for hundreds of workers building the southern terminus of the Southern Pacific railroad. Over the years, Delano has been the site of several historically significant events, particularly during World War II. The Voice of America Delano even operated as a vital broadcasting facility, relaying news and information to VOA stations across the Pacific, including Hawaii, Okinawa, and the Philippines.

In more recent history, the Delano Municipal Airport gained distinction as the home of a squadron of Northrop P-61 Black Widow aircraft—twin-engine fighters that played a key role in defending the Pacific Coast during the war. Today, Delano is best known for its thriving agricultural industry. The city is a major

producer of grapes, oranges, almonds, pistachios, and cotton. Alongside its agricultural success, Delano has experienced steady commercial growth, attracting major businesses such as Wonderful Citrus, the company behind the widely popular Halos brand.

Delano is also a culturally rich and diverse community, shaped by generations of residents from around the world. Since the arrival of early settlers under the Homestead Act, Delano has welcomed people from Latin America, Asia, and Europe, each contributing to the city's distinct character and traditions.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my congressional colleagues to join me in celebrating Delano on its 110th anniversary, and to honor its rich history, diverse community, and the spirit of those who call it home.

RECOGNIZING HENRY FLOYD WELLS

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2025

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, it is a privilege to rise today to recognize the life and service of Mr. Henry "Floyd" Wells who will celebrate his 105th birthday this month—a milestone few ever reach. I join his family, friends, and this grateful nation in celebrating not only the years he has lived, but the legacy he has built through courage, service, and unwavering patriotism. On June 9, 1944—his 24th birthday—Floyd stepped onto a beach in Normandy, France, carrying only a .45 pistol and a sawed-off shotgun. He was one of nearly 133,000 Allied troops who took part in the D-Day invasion. That historic day changed the course of World War II and, ultimately, the course of world history. But behind that massive operation were brave individuals like Floyd—young Americans from small towns like Wauchula, Florida—who answered the call to serve without hesitation. Mr. Wells' bravery, and the bravery of all who fought beside him, helped secure the freedom we enjoy today. He was part of a generation that stared down tyranny, defended liberty, and rebuilt a shattered world. And for that, we are eternally grateful. Floyd's service didn't end when the war did. He came home, built a life, raised a family, and continued to live with honor, humility, and strength. His son, Mike, speaks with great pride about the man he is, and that pride is deeply deserved.

It is clear that Mr. Henry "Floyd" Wells represents the very best of America—commitment, sacrifice, and love of country. I am proud to represent a district that includes heroes, like him. May we never forget that freedom is never free—and that behind every American flag is the story of someone, like Floyd, who defended it. I wish a happy 105th birthday to Mr. Wells. May God bless him and his family, and may He continue to bless the United States of America.

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF MR. DAVID GARRISON FROM DELTA AIR LINES

HON. LUCY MCBATH

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2025

Mrs. MCBATH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an extraordinary leader, Mr. David Garrison of Georgia, on the occasion of his retirement from Delta Air Lines after 34 years of service to one of our Nation's most respected airlines and a cornerstone of our state's economy. An accomplished business and civic leader, David was recognized as a Delta Chairman's Club honoree—the airline's highest employee recognition—and serves as a Trustee on the Board of Georgia Institute of Technology.

Mr. Garrison began his distinguished career in 1991 as a Propulsion Engineer with Delta TechOps, having earned degrees from both Emory University and the Georgia Institute of Technology. Throughout the decades, David brought deep technical expertise, unwavering integrity, and a profound sense of responsibility to every role he held.

Over the years, David's leadership and vision helped shape Delta's engineering and maintenance operations into a world-class operation. From rebuilding after bankruptcy to navigating the complexities of a major airline merger, his steady hand and commitment to excellence were essential in moments of both great challenge and great progress.

As Senior Vice President of Delta Connection and CEO of Endeavor Air, David led with a heart for people—responsible for more than 20,000 employees. His ability to lead through change while maintaining Delta's standard of excellence earned him the respect of his colleagues and the trust of Delta customers across the country.

In his final role as Delta's Senior Vice President of Corporate Safety and Security, David carried one of the greatest responsibilities at the airline: the safety of over 100,000 Delta team members and millions of travelers worldwide. Under his leadership, Delta strengthened its safety systems and culture, reinforcing its long-standing commitment to making every flight as safe as possible.

Mr. Speaker, David Garrison's career reflects the very best of Georgia values—hard work, humility, and care for others. He has left an indelible mark not only on Delta Air Lines but also on the broader aviation community and on countless lives he has touched throughout his career. On behalf of Georgia's 6th Congressional District, I thank David for his outstanding contributions to Delta Air Lines and to aviation safety and security. I wish him and his family health, happiness, and continued blessings in this next chapter of life.

TRIBUTE TO CHANCELLOR JOHN SHARP

HON. MICHAEL T. McCAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2025

Mr. McCAUL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor one of my dearest friends, John Sharp, as he

retires from his role as Chancellor of the Texas A&M University System.

Texas A&M holds a special place in my heart. While I did not have the opportunity to attend A&M, I consider myself an honorary Aggie, having married into a committed, Aggie-loving family. My father-in-law, Lowry Mays, dedicated much of his life to Texas A&M. I will never forget looking into his eyes as he beamed with pride when I told him I would be representing College Station. Lowry was on the Texas A&M Board of Regents when Chancellor Sharp came on as University Chancellor. Though he passed away a couple of years ago, I know he would be overwhelmed with joy and pride to see all the ways A&M has grown and changed in recent years—and that is because of Chancellor John Sharp's leadership.

When A&M was drawn into my district, Chancellor Sharp and I immediately hit it off. We not only created an incredible partnership between the University System and the United States Congress, but we also forged a powerful friendship. He and I made a great team, and it has been an honor to work with him and Texas A&M to bolster our national defense. Together, we helped establish the Texas A&M Semiconductor Institute, expand both the RELLIS Campus and the Bush Combat Development Complex, and most recently, secure congressional funding to build the Ballistic, Aero-optics, and Materials Range facility, which will dramatically strengthen our military's understanding of war strategy and defense tactics. Within the last year alone, I've had the privilege of helping A&M execute Chancellor Sharp's vision, providing nearly \$40 million in Congressional funding for dozens of essential services and research opportunities throughout the system.

Everyone who knows Chancellor Sharp knows he is a man of extraordinary vision—and he is just as much "action" as he is "talk." He knows how to execute visionary ideas with excellence and purpose. He also has a great sense of humor and a very unique vocabulary.

No one has done more to transform, expand, and elevate the Texas A&M University System than Chancellor John Sharp. His visionary leadership has ensured Texas A&M will lead the Nation in academics and national security for decades to come. He leaves behind a strong legacy, with a profound and lasting impact on the A&M system, the hundreds of thousands of students who studied during his tenure, our Nation's military and defense sectors, and so much more.

On behalf of myself, my wife Linda, and the entire Aggie community, let me say, "thank you." While his leadership will be greatly missed, his impact on Texas A&M will live on for generations. Gig 'Em Aggies.

HONORING PETER DEBIASI AND A CAREER OF SERVICE

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2025

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the extraordinary career of an eastern Connecticut stalwart public servant, Peter DeBiasi, and celebrate his retirement from Access Community Action Agency.

Peter DeBiasi's journey with Access began in March 2005, a challenging period marked by high leadership turnover and significant budgetary and staffing hurdles. Yet, it was precisely during this time of adversity that Peter's vision, dedication, and unwavering commitment to serving low-income individuals in Windham and Tolland counties truly shone. Prior to joining Access, Peter honed his leadership skills as President/CEO of the Connecticut Council of Family Service Agencies from 1999 to 2002, and as Vice President for Development and Marketing at United Community & Family Services from 2002 to 2005. This wealth of experience laid the groundwork for the transformative impact he would have at Access.

Under Peter's leadership, Access Community Action Agency has experienced unprecedented growth and made profound strides in its mission to empower individuals and families. One of his most significant legacies is the agency's pioneering work in affordable housing. What began with a single senior housing development in Willington, Connecticut has blossomed into a portfolio of over 200 units of owned or managed affordable housing, providing safe and stable homes for countless individuals.

Beyond housing, Peter dramatically improved Access's homeless services. The establishment of a 24/7 emergency shelter in Danielson, coupled with the opening of a cold-weather overnight shelter, has expanded the agency's capacity to offer immediate and vital support to those experiencing homelessness. Furthermore, Access has broadened its focus to proactively prevent homelessness by providing crucial assistance to individuals at risk, underscoring Peter's deep understanding of the complex challenges faced by vulnerable populations. His leadership ensured that Access met the growing need to address homelessness head-on.

The scale of Access's growth under Peter's guidance is truly remarkable. The agency has doubled its workforce to approximately 90 dedicated employees and has seen its yearly budget expand to an impressive \$15 million. This expansion has enabled Access to deliver more comprehensive and impactful services, with affordable housing leading the way in terms of growth. As someone who worked with Peter over many years, I can personally attest to his amazing dedication and passion to achieve the goals of community action. He has a deep understanding of all the policies and criticisms that inevitably would surface over the years and he deftly and pragmatically overcame many difficult challenges. We are very lucky in eastern Connecticut to have benefited from his great work.

As Peter transitions into a well-deserved retirement, planning to relax and enjoy time with family and friends, his impact on Access and the communities it serves will undoubtedly endure. His passion for fighting poverty has been a lifelong commitment, driven by the profound belief that poverty is difficult to experience, but does not have to be permanent. He made his life's work assisting those less fortunate and empowering them to find ways to achieve sustained economic stability.

We extend our deepest gratitude to Peter DeBiasi for his decades of exceptional leadership, unwavering dedication, and transformative contributions. His legacy will continue to inspire and guide Access Community

Action Agency as we strive to build a more equitable and supportive community for all.

HONORING TEXAS CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY WOMEN'S BEACH VOLLEYBALL ON WINNING THE 2025 NCAA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT

HON. CRAIG A. GOLDMAN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2025

Mr. GOLDMAN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the TCU Women's Beach Volleyball program on winning the NCAA National Championship Tournament. In a thrilling final, the second-seeded Horned Frogs triumphed over Loyola Marymount University with a 3–2 victory. This historic win not only marks TCU's inaugural national title in beach volleyball but also signifies a shift in the sport's landscape, as TCU becomes the first program outside of USC and UCLA to claim the championship since 2016.

Under the leadership of Head Coach Hector Gutierrez, the Horned Frogs showcased resilience and determination throughout the tournament. Key contributions came from standout athletes Daniela Alvarez and Tania Moreno, whose exceptional performances were instrumental in securing the championship. Before the tournament, TCU won the Big 12 regular season and the conference tournament. This fantastic season is a testament to the dedication of the student-athletes, coaching staff, and the entire TCU community. It reflects the university's commitment to excellence in collegiate athletics and serves as an inspiration to aspiring athletes nationwide.

On behalf of the 12th Congressional District of Texas, I am proud to recognize the TCU Women's Beach Volleyball team for this remarkable achievement. Their hard work and perseverance have earned them a well-deserved place in NCAA history. I am excited to see how this program will continue to grow and proudly represent the University.

RECOGNIZING STEPHANIE WILSON

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2025

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, it is a privilege to rise today to recognize Ms. Stephanie Wilson for her service at Withlacoochee River Electric Cooperative (WREC) and her remarkable role in the Light Up Navajo Project. In May, a courageous team of 16 WREC employees traveled over 1,800 miles to the remote, rugged terrains of Arizona and New Mexico, where they spent two weeks installing vital electrical infrastructure for Navajo families who have lived without power for generations. Their efforts brought light, safety, and hope to communities long overlooked, allowing children to study after dark, families to preserve food, and elders to live with greater comfort. Despite daunting challenges and limited equipment, the WREC team completed a demanding project in just eight days—far ahead of expectations—demonstrating professionalism,

humility, and unwavering commitment to this life-changing mission.

The impact of WREC's work goes far beyond electricity; it represents a bridge to connection, opportunity, and the return of future generations to their ancestral homes. The emotional moment when power was turned on for the impacted families—bringing tears of joy and renewed hope—is a testament to the profound difference this project made. WREC's participation in the "Light Up Navajo" initiative reflects not only their technical expertise but also their heart and respect for the people they serve. Their dedication has energized ten homesteads and countless lives, creating a legacy of service that embodies the true spirit of cooperative values. The WREC team's journey inspires us all, proving that with compassion and teamwork, even the most daunting challenges can be overcome to light up lives and communities. I commend the entire team for their efforts on this worthwhile endeavor and for their ongoing service to our local community.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF UNITED STATES ARMY VETERAN WALT HARTNETT

HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2025

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize the life of Walt Hartnett, a devoted Army Veteran, tireless advocate, and passionate supporter of Veterans' rights. Walt's unwavering dedication to serving his fellow Veterans and his community left an indelible mark on all those who had the privilege of working with him.

Walt's military career spanned a total of 12 years, including 9 years of active duty and three years in the Army reserves. As an artillery crew member on active duty and a finance specialist during his time in the reserves, Walt's expertise and commitment to service were clear. He deployed to Afghanistan in 2010 to 2011 with the Army Reserves, where he served honorably before being medically discharged.

After leaving active service, Walt continued his commitment to helping fellow Veterans by becoming involved in Veteran organizations, including serving as the Commander of VFW Post 1074 in Conshohocken, Pennsylvania. Walt's leadership extended beyond his post as he also served as District Commander of VFW Pennsylvania District 16. His contributions to these organizations were rooted in his desire to support and uplift fellow Veterans and their families, constantly working to grow membership and expand community outreach.

In addition to his work in the VFW, Walt's passion for supporting Veterans continued in his role as a Veterans Affairs Caseworker for the United States House of Representatives. In this capacity, Walt worked tirelessly to assist Veterans and Servicemembers in navigating the complexities of federal benefits, healthcare, and other issues related to the Department of Veterans Affairs. His work as a caseworker included assisting with student nominations for military service academies and communicating vital information to local Veteran organizations.

Throughout his time in public service, Walt focused on leaving a positive impact wherever he went. His mission was always clear: to support his fellow Veterans, their families, and the communities that supported them. He dedicated himself to making each day better for his fellow Veterans, and his leadership, kindness, and dedication will not be forgotten.

Walt's loss is profound, and it is impossible to overstate the impact he had on the Veterans' community, his colleagues, and his family. A true champion for Veterans, his legacy will live on in the work he did and the countless lives he touched. Walt's commitment to serving his fellow Veterans, his courage in the face of adversity, and his deep love for his community will continue to inspire us all. His memory will forever remind us of the importance of honoring those who serve and making a lasting difference in the lives of others.

Mr. Speaker, I recognize the extraordinary life and service of Walt Hartnett. May his memory continue to serve as a reminder of the impact one person can have on a community, a country, and a cause.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MICHAEL A. RULLI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2025

Mr. RULLI. Mr. Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 160; YEA on Roll Call No. 161; YEA on Roll Call No. 162; and YEA on Roll Call No. 163.

NEWSLETTER FROM CONGRESSMAN CHUCK EDWARDS

HON. CHUCK EDWARDS

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2025

Mr. EDWARDS. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following newsletter to give an update to my constituents on the One Big Beautiful Bill Act, post office disruptions, National Police Week, and Helene recovery.

DEAR FRIEND: Late into the night and in the early hours of the morning, I debated and voted to pass the One Big Beautiful Bill Act on the House floor. This robust package delivers on our promises to working Americans to eliminate tax on tips and overtime, raise child tax credits, and eliminate tax on car loans.

Our historic bill is about restoring a pro-growth, pro-American agenda, and I'm confident that it will accomplish just that by strengthening our national defense, giving our troops a raise, bolstering border security, and reigniting economic growth.

Some are claiming that this bill will provide tax cuts for billionaires and corporations.

The truth of the matter is: \$3 out of every \$4 dollars from the 2017 tax cuts went to individuals, cutting taxes for the lowest-income Americans by 10% while the top 1% saw a cut of less than 0.5%.

This is not a "tax cuts for the rich" bill—it's a "tax cuts for hardworking Americans" bill. Furthermore, this bill provides additional tax relief to senior citizens who have been productive, working members of society

for their entire lives. The bill truly takes a comprehensive approach to make sure that all working-class Americans and families, regardless of occupation or age, can reap the benefits of our big, beautiful bill.

To fix how Washington works, we need to make sure that your hard-earned tax dollars are being efficiently and effectively used, and this One Big, Beautiful Bill will make sure of that.

HURRICANE HELENE'S DISRUPTION OF WNC POST OFFICES

Eight months after Hurricane Helene devastated #NC11, several post offices remain inoperable, forcing residents to travel up to an hour to access services.

During the House Appropriations Committee's Financial Services and General Government Subcommittee hearing, I questioned USPS Inspector General Tammy Hull on the status of these post offices. My office will continue to press this issue until services are restored for Western North Carolinians.

GETTING OUR FISCAL HOUSE IN ORDER

Interest payments on federal debt currently consume nearly 20% of federal revenue and could rise to 40% by 2035 or 82% by 2054, depending on interest rates.

Even modest interest rate increases could drastically worsen our country's fiscal outlook and limit policymaking flexibility. If we don't get our fiscal house in order, mortgage interest rates will skyrocket for hardworking Western North Carolinians, doubling if not tripling over the next few decades—making homeownership even less attainable for young Americans.

We must take dramatic steps to right the ship before it's too late by cutting unnecessary spending and limiting our country's out-of-control, year-over-year mandatory spending growth that continues to dominate our available capital. As a member of the House Budget Committee, I'm willing and working to take these hard votes and fix how Washington works, so we can get our Nation's fiscal house in order for our children, grandchildren, and future generations to come.

HONORING OUR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS DURING NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

During National Police Week, Americans honored the service and sacrifice of law enforcement officers and their families nationwide.

In the U.S. House, I voted to pass multiple bills that support our men and women in blue:

The Improving Law Enforcement Officer Safety and Wellness Through Data Act requires the Department of Justice to collect data on violence against law enforcement officers, strengthening protections for those who protect us.

The LEOSA Reform Act would allow qualified officers to carry concealed firearms in public, state, or federal properties, making it easier for them to respond quickly to emergencies in public spaces.

The Gold Shield Families Resolution encourages local communities to support non-profit organizations that provide resources to Gold Shield Families during their time of need. Gold Shield Families are families of fallen police officers, firefighters, emergency medical technicians, correction officers, emergency dispatch officers, and emergency service providers.

I am also co-sponsoring the POLICE Act, which makes it permissible to deport any illegal immigrant who assaults a law enforcement officer, and the Uproot Rioting International Students Engaged in Radical Subversion Act (UPRISERS) Act, which would revoke the visa of anyone in the U.S. who engages in violence against a police officer or is convicted of an offense related to rioting.

Our law enforcement officers keep us safe and deserve to be protected through federal policy. I will continue to support legislation that protects those who protect us.

MYTH BUSTER: MEDICAID FOR ILLEGALS

In this week's episode of Myth Busters, it's time to shed some light on the myth that illegal immigrants are not recipients of Medicaid.

That is false. The Congressional Budget Office has acknowledged that the budget reconciliation bill would remove at least 1.4 million illegal aliens who are on taxpayer-funded programs, including Medicaid. By removing illegals from Medicaid, we can strengthen those programs for Americans who need them.

WNC IS OPEN FOR BUSINESS

Western North Carolina is beginning to reopen for business and is ready for visitors and customers!

Thank you to all the local leaders, dedicated employees, and incredible volunteers for your hard work to help us get to this point after Hurricane Helene.

In honor of this victory, I am excited to highlight some places that recently opened back up for business.

SBA LOANS FOR SMALL BUSINESSES

Small businesses and private nonprofit organizations in North Carolina who experienced economic loss from Helene are encouraged to apply for the Small Business Administration's economic injury disaster loans.

These loans help eligible small businesses and private nonprofits cover operating expenses following a disaster.

The deadline to apply is June 30, 2025. For more information and to apply online visit sba.gov/disaster. Applicants may also call SBA's Customer Service Center at 800-659-2955 or email disastercustomerservice@sba.gov for assistance.

If you've applied and need additional help navigating the SBA, please visit my website at edwards.house.gov/services/federalagency or call my Hendersonville office.

CONGRATULATIONS TO NC-11'S 2025 CONGRESSIONAL ART COMPETITION WINNER

Congratulations to Christina Cannon, the 2025 Congressional Art Competition winner for Western North Carolina!

Her artwork will be displayed in the U.S. Capitol building for one year where visitors from all over can see and admire her talent.

A big round of applause also goes to our runners-up and Facebook Favorite competition winners.

Thank you to all who took the time and effort to participate in the competition and for sharing your gifts to contribute to our community.

With my warmest regards,
CHUCK EDWARDS,
Member of Congress.

RECOGNIZING KEVIN VAUGHN

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2025

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PAYING TRIBUTE TO RABBI PHILIP LAZOWSKI AND RUTH LAZOWSKI

HON. JOHN B. LARSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2025

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Rabbi Philip Lazowski and his wife of 70 years, Ruth Lazowski—both Holocaust survivors and pillars of the Greater Hartford community.

On June 14, 2025, a kiddush will be held in their honor, along with their granddaughter, Jesse, as they all celebrate birthdays in the month of June. This joyous occasion will take place at the Emanuel Synagogue in West Hartford, Connecticut, where Rabbi Lazowski serves as Rabbi Emeritus. Rabbi Lazowski will turn 95 on June 13, 2025; Ruth Lazowski celebrated her 90th birthday on June 9, 2025; and Jesse will turn 35, also on June 13, 2025.

The Lazowski name is synonymous with service in Connecticut and beyond. For the past 70 years, Rabbi Lazowski has been widely regarded as the spiritual leader of Greater Hartford's Jewish community, having served at Congregation Beth Shalom Synagogue in Hartford and later as spiritual leader at Beth Hillel Synagogue in Bloomfield, until his retirement in 2000.

In addition to his leadership in these synagogues, Rabbi Lazowski served as Chaplain for Hartford Hospital's Institute of Living, where he spearheaded a mental health initiative, and as Chaplain for the Hartford Police. He also recently retired, after 25 years, as Chaplain of the State Senate. Upon his retirement, Rabbi Lazowski declared, "As a Holocaust survivor, I am grateful to be alive, to live

in this free and noble state of Connecticut, in our blessed United States of America."

Rabbi Lazowski and his family's story is one of courage, triumph, and perseverance in the face of adversity. He and Ruth narrowly escaped Nazi-occupied Poland, only to be reunited in Hartford after World War II. Philip was separated from his family in a round-up in the Zhetel ghetto in Bielica. In an extraordinary act of selflessness and bravery, a nurse named Miriam Rabinowitz helped save Philip's life by pretending to be his mother while also protecting her two young daughters (one of whom was Ruth). Philip evaded capture by hiding in the "White Russian Woods" with his father and brother for years before eventually making his way to the United States in 1947.

It is a true honor to recognize Rabbi Lazowski, Ruth Lazowski, and Jesse Lazowski on this special occasion. I am deeply grateful for the friendship of the Lazowski family and for all they have done for the Greater Hartford community, the State of Connecticut, and the United States of America. I look forward to the Torah service and kiddush and wish them very happy birthdays and continued health and prosperity.

HONORING OFFICER GABRIEL FACIO

HON. GREG STANTON

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2025

Mr. STANTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to mourn the tragic loss of Officer Gabriel Facio of the Apache Junction Police Department.

This past Sunday, six days after being fatally shot while responding to a road-rage incident, Officer Facio passed away from his injuries. He was just 47 years old.

Officer Facio lived the American Dream. Born in Mexico, Officer Facio earned his U.S. citizenship and dedicated his life to serving the community that welcomed him with open arms. He began his law enforcement career with the Phoenix Police Department . . . and nearly four years ago, he joined the Apache Junction Police Department.

A devoted father and grandfather, a respected colleague and upstanding American . . . he served Apache Junction with honor, bravery, and compassion. He kept our neighborhoods and streets safe day after day. Tragically, he's the fourth Arizona officer to fall in the line of duty in the past 12 months.

My thoughts are with his wife, his family, and his many friends and colleagues. I hope his memory brings comfort and strength in difficult days ahead.

Officer Facio's ultimate sacrifice, his courage, and his selflessness, will never be forgotten. Godspeed, Officer Facio.

RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING THE SERVICE OF COREY ROSE

HON. JASON CROW

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2025

Mr. CROW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and commend Corey Rose for her fif-

teen years of unwavering dedication and service through her Wishes & Heroes Benefit Concert. This event has not only been a beacon of hope but a critical fundraiser for two outstanding organizations: the Colorado Professional Firefighter Foundation and the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

For the past fifteen years, Corey has poured her heart and soul into organizing this annual concert, driven by a deep desire to give back to her community and support those in need. Her tireless efforts have brought together artists, volunteers, and supporters from across Colorado, all united in a common cause.

The Colorado Professional Firefighter Foundation provides vital support to firefighters and their families, offering assistance in times of crisis and honoring the sacrifices of these brave men and women. The Make-A-Wish Foundation grants life-changing wishes to children with critical illnesses, bringing joy and hope to families facing immense challenges. Through the Wishes & Heroes Benefit Concert, Corey has made a tangible difference in the lives of countless individuals served by these two organizations.

The fifteenth and final Wishes & Heroes Benefit Concert marks the culmination of an incredible journey. Corey's dedication, passion, and commitment have left an indelible mark on our community. She has inspired others to give back and has demonstrated the power of music to heal, uplift, and unite.

On behalf of the Sixth Congressional District of Colorado, I extend my gratitude to Corey Rose for her fifteen years of service and her extraordinary contributions to the Colorado Professional Firefighter Foundation and the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Her work has made a profound and lasting impact, and she exemplifies the true spirit of community and compassion.

I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Corey Rose and her Wishes & Heroes Benefit Concert for their outstanding contributions and wishing her all the best in her future endeavors.

HONORING STAFF MEMBER MARIA MARTIROSYAN ISSAKHANIAN

HON. ILHAN OMAR

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2025

Ms. OMAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Maria Martirosyan Issakhanian, a dedicated member of my team for the last five years. Since November 2019, Maria has loyally served the constituents of Minnesota's 5th Congressional District.

Maria arrived in the United States at the age of six, growing up in the Little Armenia neighborhood of Los Angeles, California. After graduating from Bravo Medical Magnet High School, Maria went on to the University of California, Berkeley where she was a double major in Political Science and Slavic, East European, and Eurasian studies. Maria's background in politics and passion for public service inspired her to come to Capitol Hill, where she flourished as a U.S. House of Representatives intern on the prestigious Ways and Means Committee, a staffer at the office of JIMMY GOMEZ (D-Los Angeles), and later, a staffer at my office.

During her time in my office, Maria proved to be a committed, thoughtful, and sharp member of the legislative team. With an extensive legislative background, strategic acumen, and a deep understanding of congressional politics, Maria introduced over 20 bills, successfully shepherding four of them into law, including the MEALS Act and two through the Education and Labor Committee. Her impact extends beyond legislative wins as she has effectively coordinated efforts to drive the national conversation on issues like universal school meals, student debt cancellation, and climate justice.

But Maria's skills and fervor go beyond her legislative work. In the past five years, Maria dedicated her free time to volunteering with community organizations to help young adults as they navigated their careers in Washington. Proud of her Armenian heritage, she serves as the President of the Congressional Armenian Staff Association, sharing her knowledge of Capitol Hill and professional development with the next generation of the Hill and uplifting her community every step of the way.

She always goes above and beyond to help people grow in our office as well. She would set aside one day every semester to train our interns on professional development, networking, and the importance of finding their vocation as they continue their journey beyond our internship program. Maria greatly cares for everyone in our office and has no problem going the extra mile in times of need.

Overall, Maria proved to be a reliable member of the team as she extended her hand to help others, warmly greeted new colleagues to help them feel welcome, and played an integral role in brightening our office with her generous puns and laughter.

On behalf of Minnesota's 5th Congressional District, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring and thanking Maria for her service. Her contributions to my office and the constituents of the 5th District will forever be remembered and cherished. It was an honor to get to work alongside her to advance a more just world. Maria was an invaluable member of my team and will be missed in the office each day. I wish her all the best in her future endeavors as she takes her talents and skills to the Senate.

RECOGNIZING CODY THOMAS

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2025

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, it is a privilege to rise today to recognize Mr. Cody Thomas for his service at Withlacoochee River Electric Cooperative (WREC) and his remarkable role in the Light Up Navajo Project. In May, a courageous team of 16 WREC employees traveled over 1,800 miles to the remote, rugged terrains of Arizona and New Mexico, where they spent two weeks installing vital electrical infrastructure for Navajo families who have lived without power for generations. Their efforts brought light, safety, and hope to communities long overlooked, allowing children to study after dark, families to preserve food, and elders to live with greater comfort. Despite daunting challenges and limited equipment, the WREC team completed a demanding

project in just eight days—far ahead of expectations—demonstrating professionalism, humility, and unwavering commitment to this life-changing mission.

The impact of WREC's work goes far beyond electricity; it represents a bridge to connection, opportunity, and the return of future generations to their ancestral homes. The emotional moment when power was turned on for the impacted families—bringing tears of joy and renewed hope—is a testament to the profound difference this project made. WREC's participation in the "Light Up Navajo" initiative reflects not only their technical expertise but also their heart and respect for the people they serve. Their dedication has energized ten homesteads and countless lives, creating a legacy of service that embodies the true spirit of cooperative values. The WREC team's journey inspires us all, proving that with compassion and teamwork, even the most daunting challenges can be overcome to light up lives and communities. I commend the entire team for their efforts on this worthwhile endeavor and for their ongoing service to our local community.

TRIBUTE TO ANNA MAE WILSON ROBERTSON

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2025

Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, I rise this morning with a heavy heart to mourn the recent passing of Private First-Class Anna Mae Wilson Robertson of Milwaukee, a World War II veteran, devoted mother, and a truly revered figure in both our city and our Nation. I extend my heartfelt condolences to her loving family, dear friends, and the many individuals whose lives were touched by her remarkable spirit.

Just a few weeks ago, I had the honor of joining the Speaker of the House, the Senate Majority Leader, the House Minority Leader, and the Senate Minority Leader in a ceremony in Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center to bestow the Congressional Gold Medal on the Women's Army Corps 6888 Central Postal Battalion, in which Mrs. Robertson served during WWII. This was a woman of service to her country, to her community, and to her family. Her impeccable performance deserves to stand the test of time.

Mrs. Robertson's life was nothing short of historic. Born in 1924 in Mississippi, she came into a world marked by segregation and injustice, yet she chose to rise above it all with courage, purpose, and a steadfast commitment to service. After the death of her mother, both Mrs. Robertson and her brother answered the call to service in the midst of World War II. On March 12, 1943, Mrs. Robertson entered active-duty service in the United States Army and was assigned to the Women's Army Corps 6888 Central Postal Directory Battalion, known today as the legendary "Six Triple Eight."

This battalion, composed of 855 pioneering women, was the only all-Black and multi-ethnic unit in the U.S. Women's Army Corps deployed overseas during WWII. Upon their arrival in Birmingham, England, the Six Triple Eight were tasked with sorting through a

daunting backlog of undelivered pieces of mail. These letters and packages represented a vital lifeline between American servicemembers and their families. Facing harsh working conditions and a severe lack of recognition, these women developed an innovative system and cleared the backlog in just three months, an achievement that was three months ahead of schedule.

After the Birmingham backlog was cleared, the Six Triple Eight continued their work in Rouen and Paris, France, where they tackled similar backlogs and ensured that communication between soldiers and their loved ones was restored. In doing so, Private First-Class Robertson and her fellow soldiers lifted the spirits of millions, reminding us that even in war, love and connection endure. Their contributions were critical not only to the war effort but to the very fabric of American morale.

After returning to the United States, Mrs. Robertson and her fellow soldiers of the Six Triple Eight received no welcomes, recognition, medals, or acknowledgment of their service. Both while deployed and returning home, they faced the harsh realities of racial and gender discrimination, segregated housing, separate dining facilities, and unequal treatment. Yet in the face of systemic injustice, Mrs. Robertson remained steadfast in her sense of duty, dignity, and quiet resilience. Her legacy is defined by grace under pressure and strength and resilience amid silence.

After the war, Mrs. Robertson went on to continue her service to the community as a nursing assistant at Wood Hospital, renamed the Clement J. Zablocki VA Medical Center. She also worked for the Milwaukee County Hospital and St. Camillus Health Care in similar positions, caring for the sick. She was widely respected for her compassion, leadership, and tireless dedication to others. Her marriage to John Robertson, which spanned 38 years until his passing in 1983, and her role as a devoted mother to eight children grounded her in love and purpose. Mrs. Robertson drew strength from the deep love she shared with her family, especially her many cherished grandchildren.

I first became aware of Mrs. Robertson's incredible story and that of the Six Triple Eight in 2013 when her family contacted my office for assistance in obtaining her service medals. My staff and I worked with the National Personnel Records Center to verify what awards she should have received. Nearly seventy years after her service, I was honored to present Mrs. Robertson with the Woman's Army Corps Service Medal, the American Campaign Medal, the European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, the World War II Victory Medal, and the World War II Honorable Service Lapel Button.

In 2021, I was proud to help shepherd the House bill that enshrined her legacy and that of her battalion by supporting the Six Triple Eight Congressional Gold Medal Act, alongside my colleague, Representative Jake LaTurner, finally awarding these heroes the highest civilian honor bestowed by the United States Congress. I had the incredible privilege of awarding the Congressional Gold Medal to Mrs. Robertson's family, honoring her legacy and the sacrifices of the Six Triple Eight. This long-overdue recognition serves not only as a symbol of their valor but as a rectification of justice, restoring to the public record the full measure of their sacrifice, service, and

achievement. Their story is further cemented into our Nation's collective memory through the 2024 American film, *The Six Triple Eight*, which honors the legacy of Mrs. Robertson and her fellow soldiers.

Mrs. Robertson lived over a century, and throughout it all, she exemplified service, humility, and quiet heroism. I am proud to say that Mrs. Robertson and her battalion's service is now secured in our Nation's law and tradition. Mrs. Robertson's life reminds us that the fight for justice does not cease, even when justice is long overdue.

Mr. Speaker, it is for all these reasons that I am deeply honored to pay tribute to this American trailblazer, Private First-Class Anna Mae Wilson Robertson. The people of the Fourth Congressional District, the State of Wisconsin, and the entire United States stand in gratitude for a lifetime of courage and selfless service. Her legacy will continue to inspire future generations, and her story will remain forever etched into the conscience of our Nation.

INTRODUCTION OF THE PUBLIC INSPECTORS FOR SAFE INFRASTRUCTURE ACT

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2025

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, today I introduced the "Public Inspectors for Safe Infrastructure Act" with U.S. Representative JULIA BROWNLEY (D-CA) along with U.S. Representatives STEPHEN LYNCH (D-MA) and RASHIDA TLAIB (D-MI). Our bill builds upon the "Safety, Efficiency, and Accountability in Transportation Projects Through Public Inspection Act of 2019," introduced by former Congressman Jose E. Serrano (D-NY).

The "Public Inspectors for Safe Infrastructure Act" would require construction inspections for federally funded highways to be conducted by public employees. Our bill would allow State or local transportation departments lacking sufficient inspectors to contract privately employed inspectors temporarily. Our bill ensures public safety by requiring that all federally funded bridges, tunnels, and roadways are inspected objectively and thoroughly under the highest safety standards. This work can and should be done by skilled, qualified inspectors employed by state and local departments of transportation.

From the delays in building the carpool bridge connecting the San Diego (405) and Costa Mesa (55) freeways to the series of issues that delayed the Bay Bridge, there are numerous examples where outsourcing inspection work to private contractors has undermined public safety, delayed projects, and contributed to cost overruns. Our bill seeks to avoid these potential conflicts of interest, while also mandating public disclosure of any private inspection contracts used by state and local transportation departments when public inspectors are unavailable.

Mr. Speaker, I encourage all Members to join us in cosponsoring the "Public Inspectors for Safe Infrastructure Act." As a senior Democratic member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, I filed this bill as amendments to the House's 2015, 2020, and 2021 Highway Bills.

HONORING TAYLOR SHERIDAN ON RECEIVING THE INAUGURAL "TEXAS MADE" AWARD

HON. CRAIG A. GOLDMAN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2025

Mr. GOLDMAN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Mr. Taylor Sheridan, an esteemed filmmaker and proud Texan, on being awarded the inaugural "Texas Made" award at the 2025 ATX TV Festival.

Mr. Sheridan, renowned for his co-creation of the critically acclaimed TV series "Yellowstone," is now showcasing Texas' rich culture and landscapes in his new production, "Landman." This new creation has captivated audiences and critics alike as it delves into the world of the West Texas oil industry.

"Landman" recently received the inaugural "Texas Made" award. The award, presented in collaboration with Media For Texas, celebrates productions that are deeply rooted in Texas. It honors those who contribute to our state's cultural and economic landscape through authentic storytelling and by creating tangible opportunities for Texans in the film and television industry. "Landman" is certainly worthy of recognition as it creates award-winning film productions in the heart of Fort Worth. This TV series not only highlights the city's vibrant culture, but also creates employment opportunities and stimulates the local economy.

Beyond his cinematic achievements, Mr. Sheridan's commitment to education and community development is evident. He has been recognized with honorary degrees from Texas Christian University and Texas State University, acknowledging his significant contributions to the arts and his efforts in mentoring the next generation of artists and creators.

On behalf of the 12th Congressional District of Texas, I am proud to recognize Mr. Sheridan for receiving this prestigious award. It serves as a testament to his remarkable contributions to both the entertainment industry and the state of Texas. His dedication to authentic storytelling and community engagement serves as an inspiration to many. I wish him and his crew all the best and continued success as they film "Landman" in the Fort Worth area.

RECOGNIZING ALAN SOWERBY

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2025

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, it is a privilege to rise today to recognize Mr. Alan Sowerby for his service at Withlacoochee River Electric Cooperative (WREC) and his remarkable role in the Light Up Navajo Project. In May, a courageous team of 16 WREC employees traveled over 1,800 miles to the remote, rugged terrains of Arizona and New Mexico, where they spent two weeks installing vital electrical infrastructure for Navajo families who have lived without power for generations. Their efforts brought light, safety, and hope to communities long overlooked, allowing children to

study after dark, families to preserve food, and elders to live with greater comfort. Despite daunting challenges and limited equipment, the WREC team completed a demanding project in just eight days—far ahead of expectations—demonstrating professionalism, humility, and unwavering commitment to this life-changing mission. The impact of WREC's work goes far beyond electricity; it represents a bridge to connection, opportunity, and the return of future generations to their ancestral homes. The emotional moment when power was turned on for the impacted families—bringing tears of joy and renewed hope—is a testament to the profound difference this project made. WREC's participation in the "Light Up Navajo" initiative reflects not only their technical expertise but also their heart and respect for the people they serve. Their dedication has energized ten homesteads and countless lives, creating a legacy of service that embodies the true spirit of cooperative values. The WREC team's journey inspires us all, proving that with compassion and teamwork, even the most daunting challenges can be overcome to light up lives and communities. I commend the entire team for their efforts on this worthwhile endeavor and for their ongoing service to our local community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LORI TRAHAN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2025

Mrs. TRAHAN. Mr. Speaker, I was not present for votes on June 10, 2025. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 162 and NAY on Roll Call No. 163.

RECOGNIZING AVA MOORE

HON. BETH VAN DUYN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2025

Ms. VAN DUYN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart to honor a tremendous young woman from the Texas 24th Congressional District, Ava Moore.

Ava was an exceptional individual. She was a leader, a patriot, and a bright light in our North Texas community. From the first time we reviewed her application to the U.S. Air Force Academy, it was clear she was destined for greatness. Her academic excellence, leadership, and dedication to serving our nation stood out. That's why I nominated her not once, but twice to the Air Force Academy. The Academy itself recognized her potential and asked her to attend the U.S. Air Force Preparatory School.

Ava successfully completed that program this May, and she was home for just a short break before heading off to basic training and beginning her next chapter at the Air Force Academy. Our staff had spoken with her about her abbreviated summer break and could hear in her voice how excited she was to start a career in service to her beloved country.

While kayaking with friends on Grapevine Lake, Ava's life was taken in a senseless, preventable tragedy. Our entire office is heartbroken about her loss and grieved for Ava's

family, friends, coaches, and teammates. I am grateful local and federal law enforcement took swift action to apprehend those responsible, as that was the bare minimum we owe to Ava and to every American family trying to raise children in peace and safety.

I had the privilege of speaking with Ava's father, a man of great faith, kindness, and forgiveness. Even in the face of unimaginable loss, he told me he was remaining hopeful and positive, because, in his words, "that's how Ava would have wanted it." That tells you everything you need to know about the kind of young woman Ava was, and the family who raised her.

They chose to honor her life not with sorrow, but with a coming home memorial, a celebration of how she stood as an incredible example for all those around her. This past week, Ava was laid to rest with full military honors, as family and friends gathered to celebrate her grace, dignity, character, and strength.

Our Nation is at a loss with Ava's passing. She was leading a life of service as a young woman whose dream was to protect and defend the very freedoms we enjoy in this country today. She was taken far too soon.

May we honor Ava by remembering the incredible young woman that she was and may God bring peace to her family knowing that though her time on earth was cut short, her legacy and her example will last with all of us. We ask the Lord to bless and receive His servant, Ava Moore. She has come home.

RECOGNIZING AMANDA BARLOW
ON HER RETIREMENT

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2025

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Amanda Barlow, for the 30 years of service she has given to the Federal Government at the Department of Health and Human Services' Administration for Children and Families.

Ms. Barlow has been with ACF since 1994, when she joined the agency as a presidential management intern, and then as a budget analyst. She became the Director of Budget in 2009 and has served as the Director of the Office of Legislative Affairs and Budget since 2017. Ms. Barlow has also served in an acting capacity for several of ACF's executive leadership positions, including the acting ACF Commissioner from January to November 2021, and the acting Assistant Secretary for ACF from February to May 2017.

Through her work overseeing a budget of more than \$70 billion for ACF, Ms. Barlow has played a key role supporting the programs and services that provide critical assistance to vulnerable populations, including Head Start and Child Care services for millions of children and families, and the heating and cooling of millions of households through the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program. Over the last 30 years, these programs have helped millions of children and families achieve prosperity and independence.

In addition to overseeing the 60-plus programs ACF administers, Ms. Barlow has also served as ACF's liaison to the Committees on

Appropriations. She has been an indispensable resource to the Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education. Her budgetary expertise and round-the-clock responsiveness has helped the Subcommittee to draft annual appropriations bills and emergency supplementals—for which I am deeply grateful.

In 2024, Ms. Barlow earned the Presidential Rank Award for Meritorious Service, one of the most prestigious awards in the Federal career civil service, which recognizes members of the Senior Executive Service for a sustained record of exceptional professional achievement. It was aptly awarded and richly deserved.

I thank Ms. Barlow for her tireless public service—which often included long days, evenings, and weekends—as she worked to ensure that critical economic and social services programs funded through the agency had the necessary resources to serve millions of children and families in communities across the country. Her talents and contributions will be sorely missed.

I congratulate Ms. Barlow on a distinguished career and wish her the best in her upcoming retirement. I hope her retirement gives her more time with family, including her husband and two children, and much success with her community garden plot.

HONORING THE 130TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE INDIANAPOLIS RE-
CORDER NEWSPAPER

HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2025

Mr. CARSON. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize an extraordinary institution in American journalism and Black history as the Indianapolis Recorder Newspaper celebrates its 130th anniversary.

Founded in 1895 by George P. Stewart and Will Porter as a two-page church bulletin, the Recorder has grown into one of the most enduring African American newspapers in the United States. It has served as a vital platform for truth, justice, and community empowerment, particularly for Black Hoosiers, for over thirteen decades.

From its early advocacy against lynching and for voting rights, to its courageous coverage during the Civil Rights Movement, to dedicated coverage of issues impacting the Black community and all Hoosiers, the Recorder has always championed fairness and equal representation for all. It has lifted up local Black institutions like Crispus Attucks High School and the Madam Walker Manufacturing Company, while promoting civic engagement and public health.

In recent decades, the Recorder has continued to evolve under visionary leadership. From William G. Mays' preservation of its legacy to Shannon Williams' modernization of operations, and now under Robert Shegog, the Recorder has expanded its reach through digital innovation, multimedia platforms, and award-winning journalism—earning over one hundred honors in just the past few years.

Today, with more than 120,000 weekly readers, the Recorder is not just a newspaper—it's a living institution. Through initia-

tives like Recorder Charities, the JAWS youth journalism program, and the Minority Business Review, it continues to invest in the future of media and enrich civic life in Indiana.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the Indianapolis Recorder Newspaper on its 130th anniversary. May the Recorder's legacy of truth, service, and advocacy continue to inspire and inform for generations to come.

RECOGNIZING TYRA YOUNGBLOOD

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2025

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding contributions that Ms. Tyra Youngblood has made to our community in the aftermath of Hurricane Milton. In addition to providing countless hours of direct support to neighbors and flood victims, she helped coordinate the collection and distribution of emergency supplies, meals and donated services to help those who needed help. A truly selfless leader, Ms. Youngblood was a strong advocate for bringing in government and non-profit resources to aid in the recovery process.

It is clear that Tyra Youngblood has made a profoundly positive impact on our community, and I am grateful for her service. May we all strive to serve our communities with the same dedication and humility.

RECOGNIZING E.J. BASLER CO.

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2025

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize E.J. Basler Co. in Schiller Park, Illinois.

E.J. Basler Co., a family-owned manufacturing company, has been based in Schiller Park since 1957. The company was built on the core values of quality and customer service, founded by Erv and Anne Basler, children of immigrants. Now in its third generation of family leadership, E.J. Basler Co. is run by Dennis and Brian Basler. Their ongoing commitment to responsive service and high-quality manufacturing has supported strong, long-term relationships with clients and vendors in Illinois' fifth district and across the globe. E.J. Basler Co. has achieved lasting success by staying true to its original values while evolving with current times.

E.J. Basler Co. offers precision machinery services that leverage different techniques, cutting-edge technology, and expertise to create the most cost-effective solutions for customers. They manufacture from iconel, brass, steel, plastic, and copper. Manufacturing is crucial to the global economy, and E.J. Basler Co. delivers high-quality solutions across industries, working with the best of agriculture, plumbing, automotive, industrial, defense, and medical companies. The close proximity to E.J. Basler Co. and its valuable services offer companies in Illinois' fifth district a competitive advantage and drive economic development within the district.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the longstanding dedication and success of E.J. Basler Co. I am honored to have such an exceptional company in my district.

**CELEBRATING 10 YEARS OF THE
ACADEMY FOR INTERNATIONAL
DISASTER PREPAREDNESS**

HON. CARLOS A. GIMENEZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2025

Mr. GIMENEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a decade of excellence at the Academy for International Disaster Preparedness at Florida International University.

Over the past decade, AIDP has trained and graduated more than 500 students in disaster preparedness, emergency management, and humanitarian response.

These programs have successfully prepared students to work in local, tribal, state, and federal government as well as in Fortune 500 companies and the private sector.

AIDP's curriculum aligns with FEMA's Next Generation Core Competencies, focusing on four phases of emergency management: mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery.

Through hands on training, students, along with experts in the field, use the frameworks of the Incident Command System and the National Incident Management System to experience complex, real-world disaster environments.

FIU and AIDP are setting the standard for the next generation of emergency management professionals, and I am proud to recognize their service and leadership today.

**RECOGNIZING THE ACHIEVEMENTS
OF DR. BARBARA J. FINLAYSON-
PITTS**

HON. JAY OBERNOLTE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2025

Mr. OBERNOLTE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Dr. Barbara J. Finlayson-Pitts who was recently recognized as the North American laureate of the 2025 L'Oreal-United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) For Women in Science International Awards.

Each year, the L'Oreal-UNESCO For Women in Science International Awards acknowledge five exceptional women from each of the world's major regions. Barbara was selected from an impressive pool of 466 nominees for her pioneering contributions in the realm of environmental science and atmospheric chemistry. On June 12, Barbara will join the additional four laureates at the UNESCO Headquarters in Paris, France for an official recognition of her groundbreaking research.

Barbara embodies the very best of our community's values through not only her consistent dedication to better understanding the world around her, but also through her passion for preparing future generations of researchers as a professor within the University of California, Irvine's Department of Chemistry.

Barbara holds a bachelor's degree from Trent University, and both a master's and doctoral degree in chemistry from the University of California, Riverside. Barbara is a long-term resident of Big Bear Lake—and in her spare time—she enjoys observing Big Bear Lake's resident eagles, Jackie, Shadow, Sunny, and Gizmo.

Heather and I thank Barbara for her years of service and significant contributions to the scientific community. I ask my colleagues to join me in commending Barbara on this monumental achievement.

**RECOGNIZING THE 75TH ANNIVER-
SARY OF THE ORION AREA
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

HON. LISA C. McCLAIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2025

Mrs. McCLAIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with deep respect and heartfelt appreciation to recognize the Orion Area Chamber of Commerce on the occasion of its 75th anniversary. For three-quarters of a century, the Chamber has played a vital role in advancing the economic well-being of the Orion community and fostering a spirit of collaboration and service among its members.

Since its founding, the Orion Area Chamber of Commerce has grown to include nearly 350 dedicated members—each committed to enhancing the quality of life in the region and supporting one another in the pursuit of economic growth and shared prosperity. This remarkable network of business leaders, entrepreneurs, and professionals exemplifies the Chamber's enduring mission: to build a vibrant, connected, and thriving local economy.

Throughout its history, the Chamber has been a steadfast advocate for small businesses, providing valuable resources and opportunities in the areas of advocacy, visibility, networking, and growth. Signature events such as ribbon cuttings, community festivals, and live music nights not only highlight the exceptional talent and variety of local enterprises but also strengthen the bonds among neighbors, business owners, and civic leaders alike. These events serve as a testament to the Chamber's unwavering commitment to building community through commerce.

Moreover, the Orion Chamber has demonstrated exceptional dedication to workforce development by connecting residents with meaningful employment opportunities. Through job postings and partnerships with member businesses, the Chamber continues to support a robust and resilient local labor market—contributing directly to the economic stability and prosperity of the Orion area.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I recognize and commend the Orion Area Chamber of Commerce for 75 years of extraordinary service, leadership, and impact. Their tireless efforts to uplift local businesses and strengthen community ties have left an indelible mark on the region. I extend my sincerest congratulations and best wishes for continued success in the years to come.

RECOGNIZING TYRONE YOUNG

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2025

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding contributions that Tyrone Young has made to our community in the aftermath of Hurricane Milton. In addition to providing countless hours of direct support to neighbors and flood victims, he helped coordinate the collection and distribution of emergency supplies, meals and donated services to help those who needed help. A truly selfless leader, Tyrone was a strong advocate for bringing in government and non-profit resources to aid in the recovery process.

It is clear that Tyrone Young has made a profoundly positive impact on our community, and I am grateful for his service. May we all strive to serve our communities with the same dedication and humility.

**HONORING THE LIFE OF JOE
MOORE**

HON. JOHN W. ROSE

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2025

Mr. ROSE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the incredible life of Joe Moore, who passed away in late March at the age of 90. Moore lived a life dedicated to agriculture. I, along with many other current and former Tennessee FFA members, consider him to be a mentor, a role model, and indeed a hero.

The Time Magazine cover was published after he was named the FFA Star Farmer of America in 1955. Appearing in the October 24, 1955, issue, it shows a 21-year-old Joe Moore, the only active FFA member to make TIME's cover.

At the FFA convention that year, judges were impressed by his farming operation conducted in Jackson County, Tennessee, which I am honored to represent today. He had a net worth of \$37,000 at the time—a great deal for someone his age in the mid-1950s. At that time, he was farming 505 acres, 85 of which he owned personally.

I often say farmers are our Nation's original conservationists. Joe Moore is a shining example of why I believe that to be true. The TIME article noted how he incorporated modern farming techniques to combat erosion and improve soil health. He carefully monitored the diet of his livestock to keep them healthy. He showed great attention to detail and inspected his animals closely, which enabled him to detect any health issues early.

Over the years, his family farm has taken a bit of a beating. Very little care was taken to where row crops went into the ground. No remedies for erosion had been taken. But Joe was determined to restore the land to richness. He tackled years of abuse and the less-than-ideal terrain, arguing that his rocky slopes could be as fertile as flat land with the right amount of care. The article even says Joe viewed misfortune as a test of faith.

Mr. Moore found success off the farm as well. He was the owner and operator of the Upper Cumberland Oil Company in Cookeville,

which sold and distributed Texaco petroleum products for almost 30 years.

He also believed in giving back. He was one of the founders of the Granville Museum in his home community and served on its Board of Directors. He also served as an elder of the Liberty Church of Christ and was a longtime supporter of FFA in Tennessee.

He is survived by his wife of more than 68 years, Ann, along with a son, a daughter-in-law, and two grandchildren.

I want to end, Mr. Speaker, with a quote from Moore from 1955, "farming is the closest thing to the Lord you can do." I could not agree with him more.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF
CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT
SHARMA J. HAYNES

HON. JASON CROW

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2025

Mr. CROW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the distinguished career and dedicated service of Chief Master Sergeant Sharma J. Haynes on the occasion of her retirement from the United States Air Force. Chief Master Sergeant Haynes has served our Nation with unwavering commitment for over two decades, leaving an indelible mark on both the Air Force and Space Force.

Chief Master Sergeant Haynes served as the Senior Enlisted Airman for Space Base Delta 2 at Buckley Space Force Base in my home state of Colorado. In this crucial role, she was the principal advisor to the installation commander, overseeing the morale, welfare, training, climate, readiness, and professional development of over 1,000 personnel. Her leadership was instrumental in ensuring the effective execution of critical missile warning and intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance missions worldwide. Moreover, she played a vital role in supporting the numerous wings, mission partners, and personnel stationed at Buckley, as well as the extensive retiree community.

A native of Greenville, South Carolina, Chief Master Sergeant Haynes entered the Air Force in 2003 and quickly established herself as a dedicated and capable leader. Her diverse background in financial management included positions as Flight Chief, Enlisted Force Development Manager, and Superintendent, with assignments and deployments spanning the globe, from Japan and South Korea to Afghanistan and the Pentagon.

Chief Master Sergeant Haynes' commitment to professional development is evident in her extensive education, culminating in a Master of Business Administration degree and completion of numerous prestigious leadership courses. Her dedication to excellence is further highlighted by her numerous awards and decorations, including the Bronze Star Medal and the Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters. She has also been recognized with multiple Airman and Noncommissioned Officer of the Year awards throughout her career.

Chief Master Sergeant Sharma J. Haynes embodies the highest ideals of military service. Her leadership, dedication, and unwavering commitment to the men and women under her charge have been exemplary. On behalf of the Sixth Congressional District of Colorado and a grateful Nation, I extend my deepest gratitude to Chief Master Sergeant Haynes for her exceptional service and wish her a long and fulfilling retirement. Her contributions to our Nation's security will be long remembered.

HONORING ADDYSON PANNELL ON
BEING NAMED BEST STEM STUDENT
BY CONSTITUTING AMERICA

HON. CRAIG A. GOLDMAN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2025

Mr. GOLDMAN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and commend an exceptional young student from my district, Addyson Pannell, for being named Best STEM Student by Constituting America.

Addyson's achievement reflects not only her academic excellence, but also her passion for the principles that form the foundation of our Nation. By combining her talents in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics with a deep understanding of civic responsibility, Addyson embodies the kind of engaged, thoughtful, and innovative citizen our future depends on.

Constituting America is a nonprofit organization dedicated to educating students about the U.S. Constitution and the importance of civic engagement. Addyson's recognition as Best STEM Student highlights her outstanding contributions to promoting these values through creative, STEM-based solutions and projects. Her commitment to excellence and civic education is an inspiration to her peers and a source of pride for her community.

On behalf of the 12th Congressional District of Texas, I am proud to recognize Addyson on

this prestigious accomplishment. I am confident that her future holds even greater achievements, and I look forward to seeing the continued impact she will make. I congratulate Addyson on this well-deserved honor and for serving as a shining example of youth leadership in America.

RECOGNIZING MICHAEL GOODWIN

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2025

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, it is a privilege to rise today to recognize Mr. Michael Goodwin for his service at Withlacoochee River Electric Cooperative (WREC) and his remarkable role in the Light Up Navajo Project. In May, a courageous team of 16 WREC employees traveled over 1,800 miles to the remote, rugged terrains of Arizona and New Mexico, where they spent two weeks installing vital electrical infrastructure for Navajo families who have lived without power for generations. Their efforts brought light, safety, and hope to communities long overlooked, allowing children to study after dark, families to preserve food, and elders to live with greater comfort. Despite daunting challenges and limited equipment, the WREC team completed a demanding project in just eight days—far ahead of expectations—demonstrating professionalism, humility, and unwavering commitment to this life-changing mission.

The impact of WREC's work goes far beyond electricity; it represents a bridge to connection, opportunity, and the return of future generations to their ancestral homes. The emotional moment when power was turned on for the impacted families—bringing tears of joy and renewed hope—is a testament to the profound difference this project made. WREC's participation in the "Light Up Navajo" initiative reflects not only their technical expertise but also their heart and respect for the people they serve. Their dedication has energized ten homesteads and countless lives, creating a legacy of service that embodies the true spirit of cooperative values. The WREC team's journey inspires us all, proving that with compassion and teamwork, even the most daunting challenges can be overcome to light up lives and communities. I commend the entire team for their efforts on this worthwhile endeavor and for their ongoing service to our local community.

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Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S3359–S3396

Measures Introduced: Forty-two bills and eight resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2043–2084, S.J. Res. 58, S. Res. 273–278, and S. Con. Res. 14. **Pages S3388–90**

Measures Reported: S. 1003, to require the Federal Communications Commission to issue an order providing that a shark attack is an event for which a wireless emergency alert may be transmitted. (S. Rept. No. 119–30) **Page S3388**

Measures Passed:

Homebuyers Privacy Protection Act: Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. 1467, to amend the Fair Credit Reporting Act to prevent consumer reporting agencies from furnishing consumer reports under certain circumstances, and the bill was then passed. **Pages S3395–96**

Condemning the Violent Antisemitic Attack in Boulder, Colorado: Senate agreed to S. Res. 278, condemning the violent antisemitic attack in Boulder, Colorado, and expressing support for the survivors and their families. **Page S3396**

Measures Considered:

Genius Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of S. 1582, to provide for the regulation of payment stablecoins, taking action on the following motions and amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S3366–67**

Adopted:

By 67 yeas to 30 nays (Vote No. 311), Thune (for Hagerty/Gillibrand) Amendment No. 2307, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S3367**

Withdrawn:

Thune Amendment No. 2308 (to Amendment No. 2307), to change the enactment date. **Page S3366**

Thune Amendment No. 2309 (to Amendment No. 2308), to change the enactment date. **Page S3366**

Thune Amendment No. 2310 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 2307), to change the enactment date. (By 45 yeas to 52

nays (Vote No. 309), Senate earlier failed to table the amendment.) **Page S3366**

Thune Amendment No. 2311 (to Amendment No. 2310), to change the enactment date. **Page S3366**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 64 yeas to 33 nays (Vote No. 310), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to waive all applicable sections of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 and applicable budget resolutions for purposes of Thune (for Hagerty/Gillibrand) Amendment No. 2307 (listed above). Subsequently, the point of order that the measure was in violation of section 4106 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2018, H. Con. Res. 71 of the 115th Congress, the Senate pay-as-you-go point of order, was not sustained, and thus the point of order fell. **Pages S3366–67**

By 67 yeas to 27 nays (Vote No. 312), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the bill. **Page S3367**

Andres Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Gary Andres, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services. **Page S3384**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Thursday, June 12, 2025, a vote on cloture will occur at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, June 16, 2025. **Page S3384**

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S3384**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding Rule XXII, the motions to invoke cloture filed on Thursday, June 12, 2025, ripen at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, June 16, 2025, and Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination. **Page S3396**

Trusty Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Olivia Trusty, of

Maryland, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission for the remainder of the term expiring June 30, 2025. **Page S3384**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Gary Andres, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services. **Page S3384**

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S3384**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S3384**

Trusty Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Olivia Trusty, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission for a term of five years from July 1, 2025. **Pages S3384–85**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Olivia Trusty, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission for the remainder of the term expiring June 30, 2025. **Pages S3384–85**

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S3384**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S3384**

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 53 yeas 44 nays (Vote No. EX. 308), William Long, of Missouri, to be Commissioner of Internal Revenue for the remainder of the term expiring November 12, 2027. **Pages S3359–66, S3396**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Michael G. Waltz, of Florida, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations during his tenure of service as Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations.

Michael G. Waltz, of Florida, to be the Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations, with the Rank of Ambassador, and the Representative of the United States of America in the Security Council of the United Nations. **Page S3396**

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Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Pages S3395–96**

Record Votes: Five record votes were taken today. (Total—312) **Pages S3366–67**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 11 a.m. and adjourned at 6:38 p.m., until 4 p.m. on Monday, June 16, 2025. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3396.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Benjamin DeMarzo, of Virginia, and Craig Trainor, of Virginia, both to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, Jovan Jovanovic, of Pennsylvania, to be President of the Export-Import Bank of the United States for a term expiring January 20, 2029, Francis Brooke, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, and David Peters, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

OCEAN RESOURCES

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Coast Guard, Maritime, and Fisheries concluded a hearing to examine conflicts over ocean resources, after receiving testimony from Gregory B. Poling, and Whitley Saumweber, both of the Center for Strategic and International Studies, and Nathaniel Maandig Rickard, Picard Kentz and Rowe LLP, all of Washington, D.C.; and Gabriel Prout, Alaska Bering Sea Crabbers, Kodiak.

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY BUDGET AND TAX REFORM

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2026 for the Department of Treasury and tax reform, after receiving testimony from Scott K. H. Bessent, Secretary of the Treasury.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Luigi Rinaldi, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Oriental Republic of Uruguay, who was introduced by Senator Paul, Arthur Fisher, of North Carolina, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Austria, who was introduced by Senator Hagerty, Roman Pipko, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Estonia, Stacey Feinberg, of California, to be Ambassador to the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, who was introduced by Representative Donalds, and Nicholas Merrick, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Czech Republic, who was introduced by Senators Cornyn and Cruz, all of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1829, to combat the sexual exploitation of children by supporting victims and promoting accountability and transparency by the tech industry, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nominations of Stanley Woodward, Jr., of the District of Columbia, to be Associate Attorney General, Thomas Gaiser, of Ohio, to be an Assistant Attorney General, and Ronald A. Parsons, Jr., to be United States Attorney for the District of South Dakota, all of the Department of Justice, Joseph Edlow, of Maryland, to be Director of United States Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security, and John Squires, of Florida, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 69 public bills, H.R. 3939–3943, 3945–4008; and 9 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 37; and H. Res. 507–514, were introduced. **Pages H2818–21**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H2823–24**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 2481, to require online dating service providers to provide fraud ban notifications to online dating service members, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 119–153);

H.R. 2269, to require certain products to be labeled with “Do Not Flush” labeling, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 119–154);

H.R. 1737, to direct the Secretary of Commerce to submit to Congress a report containing an assessment of the value, cost, and feasibility of a trans-Atlantic submarine fiber optic cable connecting the contiguous United States, the United States Virgin Islands, Ghana, and Nigeria (H. Rept. 119–155);

H.R. 1679, to direct the Secretary of Commerce, in coordination with the heads of other relevant Federal departments and agencies, to conduct an inter-agency review of and report to Congress on ways to increase the global competitiveness of the United States in attracting foreign direct investment (H. Rept. 119–156);

H.R. 1770, to direct the Consumer Product Safety Commission to establish a pilot program to explore the use of artificial intelligence in support of the mission of the Commission and to direct the Secretary of Commerce and the Federal Trade Commission to study and report on the use of blockchain technology and tokens, respectively (H. Rept. 119–157);

H.R. 1767, to require the Consumer Product Safety Commission to promulgate a mandatory consumer product safety standard with respect to retractable awnings (H. Rept. 119–158);

H.R. 1520, to prohibit discrimination on the basis of mental or physical disability in cases of organ transplants (H. Rept. 119–159);

H.R. 1082, to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to conduct a national, evidence-based education campaign to increase public and health care provider awareness regarding the potential risks and benefits of human cell and tissue products transplants, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 119–160); and

H.R. 3944, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 119–161).

Pages H2817–18

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Norman to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H2657**

Recess: The House recessed at 11:06 p.m. and reconvened at 12 p.m. **Page H2664**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Rev. Paul Shaughnessy, S.J., St. Cecilia Church, Leominster, Massachusetts. **Page H2664**

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure—Communication: Read a letter from Chairman Graves wherein he transmitted copies of thirty resolutions included in the General Services Administration's Capital Investment and Leasing Programs. The resolutions were adopted by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure on June 11, 2025. **Pages H2666–H2795**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:17 p.m. and reconvened at 1:30 p.m. **Page H2796**

Halt All Lethal Trafficking of Fentanyl Act: The House passed S. 331, to amend the Controlled Substances Act with respect to the scheduling of fentanyl-related substances, by a yea-and-nay vote of 321 yeas to 104 nays, Roll No. 166. Consideration began yesterday, June 11th. **Page H2806**

H. Res. 489, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 884), (H.R. 2056), (H.R. 2096), and (S. 331) was agreed to Wednesday, June 10th.

Rescissions Act of 2025: The House passed H.R. 4, to rescind certain budget authority proposed to be rescinded in special messages transmitted to the Congress by the President on June 3, 2025, in accordance with section 1012(a) of the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974, by a yea-and-nay vote of 214 yeas to 212 nays, Roll No. 168. **Pages H2796–H2805**

Rejected the Kelly (IL) motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations by a yea-and-nay vote of 208 yeas to 218 nays, Roll No. 167. **Pages H2806–07**

H. Res. 499, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4) was agreed to yesterday, June 11th.

Motion to Adjourn: Rejected the Thompson (CA) motion to adjourn by a yea-and-nay vote of 206 yeas to 218 nays, Roll No. 169. **Page H2808**

District of Columbia Federal Immigration Compliance Act of 2025: The House passed H.R. 2056, to require the District of Columbia to comply with federal immigration laws, by a yea-and-nay vote of 224 yeas to 194 nays, Roll No. 171. Consideration began yesterday, June 11th. **Pages H2808–09**

Rejected the Lynch motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform by a yea-and-nay vote of 205 yeas to 215 nays, Roll No. 170. **Pages H2808–09**

H. Res. 489, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 884), (H.R. 2056), (H.R. 2096), and (S. 331) was agreed to Wednesday, June 10th.

Work Period Designation: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated the period from Thursday, June 12, 2025, through Sunday, June 22, 2025, as a “district work period” under clause 13 of rule 1. **Page H2810**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Five yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2806, H2806–07, H2807–08, H2809, H2808–09 and H2809.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Appropriations: Full Committee held a markup on the Defense Appropriations Bill FY 2026. The Defense Appropriations Bill FY 2026 was ordered reported, as amended.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET REQUEST

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Department of Defense Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Request”. Testimony was heard from Pete Hegseth, Secretary, Department of Defense; and General Dan Caine, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Department of Defense.

WINNING OFF THE FIELD: LEGISLATIVE PROPOSAL TO STABILIZE NAME, IMAGE, AND LIKENESS AND COLLEGE ATHLETICS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade held a hearing entitled “Winning Off the Field: Legislative Proposal to Stabilize NIL and College Athletic. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

EVALUATING THE DEFENSE PRODUCTION ACT

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on National Security, Illicit Finance, and International Financial Institutions held a hearing entitled “Evaluating the Defense Production Act”. Testimony was heard from William Russell, Director, Contracting and National Security Acquisitions, Government Accountability Office; and Adam G. Levin, Analyst in Economic Development Policy, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress.

**HOUSING IN THE HEARTLAND:
ADDRESSING OUR RURAL HOUSING
NEEDS**

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Housing and Insurance held a hearing entitled “Housing in the Heartland: Addressing Our Rural Housing Needs”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**BUREAU OF INDUSTRY AND SECURITY
FY26 BUDGET: EXPORT CONTROLS AND
THE ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE ARMS
RACE**

Committee on Foreign Affairs: South and Central Asia Subcommittee held a hearing entitled “Bureau of Industry and Security FY26 Budget: Export Controls and the AI Arms Race”. Testimony was heard from Jeffrey Kessler, Under Secretary of Commerce for Industry and Security, Department of Commerce.

**SECURITY TO MODEL: SECURING
ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE TO
STRENGTHEN CYBERSECURITY**

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Protection held a hearing entitled “Security to Model: Securing Artificial Intelligence to Strengthen Cybersecurity”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**EXAMINING THE PRESIDENT’S FY 2026
BUDGET REQUEST FOR THE DEPARTMENT
OF THE INTERIOR**

Committee on Natural Resources: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Examining the President’s FY 2026 Budget Request for the Department of the Interior”. Testimony was heard from Doug Burgum, Secretary, Department of the Interior.

**A HEARING WITH SANCTUARY STATE
GOVERNORS**

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “A Hearing with Sanctuary State Governors”. Testimony was heard from J.B. Pritzker, Governor, Illinois; Tim Walz, Governor, Minnesota; Kathy Hochul, Governor, New York; and a public witness.

**POWERING DEMAND: NUCLEAR
SOLUTIONS FOR AI INFRASTRUCTURE**

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Energy held a hearing entitled “Powering Demand: Nuclear Solutions for AI Infrastructure”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on H.R. 785, the “Representing Our Seniors at VA Act of 2025”; H.R. 2068, the “Veterans Patient Advocacy Act”; H.R. 2605, the “Service Dogs Assisting Veterans Act”; H.R. 3400, the “Territorial Response and Access to Veterans’ Essential Lifecare Act of 2025”; H.R. 3643, the “VA Data Transparency and Trust Act”; H.R. 3726, the “Fisher House Availability Act of 2025”; H.R. 1404, the “CHAMPVA Children’s Care Protection Act of 2025”; H.R. 2148, the “Veteran Caregiver Reeducation, Reemployment, and Retirement Act”; legislation to amend title 38, United States Code, to prohibit smoking on the premises of any facility of the Veterans Health Administration, and for other purposes; legislation to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to conduct a study to determine whether RNA sequencing can be used to effectively diagnose PTSD in veterans; legislation on the Health Professionals Scholarship Program Improvement Act of 2025; and legislation on the VA Mental Health Outreach and Engagement Act. Testimony was heard from Representatives Murphy, Luttrell, Kiggans of Virginia, Hamadeh of Arizona, King-Hinds, McGuire, Morelle and Budzinski; Antoinette V. Shappell, M.D., Deputy Assistant Under Secretary for Health for Patient Care Services, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

**AGING OUT IS NOT A PLAN:
REIMAGINING FUTURES FOR FOSTER
YOUTH**

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Work and Welfare held a hearing entitled “Aging Out is Not a Plan: Reimagining Futures for Foster Youth”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET REQUEST FOR
THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF
NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE AND THE
OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY OF
DEFENSE FOR INTELLIGENCE AND
SECURITY**

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “FY 2026 Budget Request for the Office of the Director of National Intelligence and the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence and Security”. Testimony was heard from Tulsi Gabbard, Director of National Intelligence; and Dustin Gard-Weiss, Performing the Duties of Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence and Security, Department of Defense. This hearing is closed.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, JUNE 13, 2025

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

4 p.m., Monday, June 16

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 5:30 p.m.), Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Gary Andres, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9:30 a.m., Friday, June 13

House Chamber

Program for Friday: House will meet in Pro Forma session at 9:30 a.m.

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