of the purist in the world, and our oil and gas drilling plays a key role in the current energy boom that the country is experiencing.

There is a very long history between potash and drilling operators in the region, and the secretarial order helped to clarify some of those issues. I've spent the better part of my career in Congress working to facilitate an agreement between these two industries to ensure both are able to thrive simultaneously. While some have criticisms of the secretarial order, it is an important step in the process of assuring the safe extraction of mineral resources.

My amendment simply clarifies that the text of the bill cannot be used by the Bureau of Land Management to show favoritism for either potash or oil and gas leases within the area laid out in the secretarial order. It does not affect the underlying bill, and it does not cost the American taxpayers a single dime. It brings economic stability to the Permian Basin and ensures that these two mineral resources can be safely and properly developed side by side.

I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Chairman, I rise to claim the time that is allotted to the opposition to this amendment, although I do not intend to oppose it.

The CHAIR. Without objection, the gentleman from New Jersey is recognized for 5 minutes.

There was no objection.

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Chairman, I am pleased to have the opportunity to speak on this amendment because it makes a point very well that I was making earlier today.

We have criticized this bill because, while it is being sold as necessary for critical and strategic minerals, the definition is so broad that it would cover virtually all mining on public lands. Mr. Pearce shares our concern. The gentleman is worried that, if H.R. 761 is enacted, the definition is broad enough that it would cover even potash.

Now, potash is important as fertilizer for crops and for other purposes, but let's be clear—it is not used very much in high-tech manufacturing; it is not used in manufacturing items that are important for our national defense; and it is not scarce. It is one of a long list of minerals that produces money for miners, but it should not be covered under this very broad definition in the underlying bill.

I agree with Mr. Pearce that potash could be covered under this legislation, and we agree that elevating mining for potash on public lands under this bill could impact other uses of those lands, including the development of oil and gas, so I am happy to support this amendment to clarify this overly broad definition.

I would like to note that we had an amendment a few moments ago, offered by our colleague Mr. LOWENTHAL, which would fix the definition in this bill by limiting the bill to truly stra-

tegic and critical minerals determined to be, as the gentleman Mr. Lowenthal described, a really thorough and, let's say, academic definition of those minerals. It would address not only Mr. Pearce's concerns, but it would solve one of the overall problems of this bill.

I am happy to support the amendment, and I thank the gentleman for making our case for us.

I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. PEARCE. Mr. Chairman, I would like to differ with the gentleman from New Jersey. my friend.

He said that potash is not very hightech. When you use a scoop shovel to follow the cows around and use the byproduct from the cattle to fertilize with, potash is extremely high-tech.

So, with that one exception, I yield 30 seconds to the chairman of the sub-committee, the gentleman from Colorado (Mr. LAMBORN).

Mr. LAMBORN. I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Mr. Chairman, nothing in this bill impacts the important multiple use mission of our Nation's public lands. One of the great stories of America is that our Nation recognizes the importance of balancing our land use for many different needs, including mineral and oil and gas development, renewable energy projects, grazing, timber harvests, hunting, fishing, recreation, and other important activities that bring economic vitality to our public lands.

This legislation doesn't change that. It simply addresses the long bureaucratic and burdensome permitting timelines required for mineral exploration and mine development by building on executive orders requiring coordination by regulatory agencies to process permits for infrastructure projects in a timely manner and without compromising environmental safeguards.

Mr. HOLT. I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. PEARCE. Mr. Chairman, I have no other comments, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The CHAIR. The question is on the amendment offered by the gentleman from New Mexico (Mr. Pearce).

The amendment was agreed to.

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Mr. LAMBORN. Mr. Chairman, I move that the Committee do now rise. The motion was agreed to.

Accordingly, the Committee rose; and the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. LAMALFA) having assumed the chair, Mr. FORTENBERRY, Chair of the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, reported that that Committee, having had under consideration the bill (H.R. 761) to require the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to more efficiently develop domestic sources of the minerals and mineral materials of strategic and critical importance to United States economic and national security and manufacturing competitiveness, had come to no resolution thereon.

FURTHER MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A further message in writing from the President of the United States was communicated to the House by Mr. Brian Pate, one of his secretaries.

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 3 o'clock and 31 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1631

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. Johnson of Ohio) at 4 o'clock and 31 minutes p.m.

NATIONAL STRATEGIC AND CRIT-ICAL MINERALS PRODUCTION ACT OF 2013

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 347 and rule XVIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the further consideration of the bill, H.R. 761.

Will the gentleman from Utah (Mr. CHAFFETZ) kindly take the chair.

□ 1631

IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Accordingly, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 761) to require the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to more efficiently develop domestic sources of the minerals and mineral materials of strategic and critical importance to United States economic and national security and manufacturing competitiveness.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The Acting CHAIR. When the Committee of the Whole rose earlier today, amendment No. 5 printed in House Report 113–214 offered by the gentleman from New Mexico (Mr. Pearce) had been disposed of.

Pursuant to clause 6 of rule XVIII, proceedings will now resume on those amendments printed in House Report 113–214 on which further proceedings were postponed, in the following order:

Amendment No. 1 by Mr. LOWENTHAL of California.

Amendment No. 2 by Mr. VEASEY of Texas.

Amendment No. 3 by Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia.

Amendment No. 4 by Mr. HASTINGS of Florida.

The Chair will reduce to 2 minutes the minimum time for any electronic vote after the first vote in this series. AMENDMENT NO. 1 OFFERED BY MR. LOWENTHAL

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vote on the amendment offered by the gentleman from California (Mr. LOWENTHAL) on which further ceedings were postponed and on which the noes prevailed by voice vote.

The Clerk will redesignate amendment.

The Clerk redesignated the amendment.

RECORDED VOTE

The Acting CHAIR. A recorded vote has been demanded.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 187, noes 241, not voting 4, as follows:

[Roll No. 466]

AYES—187

Green, Al Andrews Negrete McLeod Green, Gene Nolan Barber Grijalva O'Rourke Bass Beatty Gutiérrez Becerra Hahn Pascrell Bera (CA) Hanabusa Pastor (AZ) Hastings (FL) Bishop (NY) Pavne Blumenauer Heck (WA) Pelosi Bonamici Higgins Perlmutter Brady (PA) Himes Peters (CA) Hinojosa Braley (IA) Peters (MI) Brown (FL) Holt Pingree (ME) Honda. Brownley (CA) Pocan Price (NC) Horsford Butterfield Hover Quigley Huffman Capps Rahall Capuano Israel Rangel Cárdenas Jackson Lee Richmond Jeffries Roybal-Allard Carney Johnson (GA) Carson (IN) Cartwright Johnson, E. B. Ruppersberger Ryan (OH) Kaptur Castor (FL) Castro (TX) Sánchez, Linda Chu Kelly (IL) т Cicilline Sanchez, Loretta Kennedy Kildee Sarbanes Clarke Schakowsky Clav Kilmer Cleaver Kind Schiff Schneider Clyburn Kirkpatrick Connolly Kuster Schrader Conyers Langevin Schwartz Cooper Larsen (WA) Scott (VA) Scott, David Costa Larson (CT) Courtney Lee (CA) Serrano Sewell (AL) Crowley Levin Shea-Porter Cummings Lewis Davis (CA) Lipinski Sherman Davis, Danny Loebsack Sinema DeFazio Lofgren Sires Slaughter DeGette Lowenthal Lowey Delaney Smith (WA) Lujan Grisham DeLauro Speier Swalwell (CA) DelBene (NM) Luián. Ben Ray Deutch Takano Dingell (NM) Thompson (CA) Doggett Lynch Thompson (MS) Dovle Maloney. Tierney Duckworth Carolyn Tonko Edwards Maloney, Sean Tsongas Van Hollen Ellison Matsui Vargas McCollum Engel Enyart McDermott Veasey Eshoo McGovern Vela. Esty McNernev Velázquez Farr Meeks Visclosky Fattah Meng Walz. Michaud Foster Wasserman Frankel (FL) Miller, George Schultz Waters Fudge Moore Gabbard Moran Gallego Murphy (FL) Waxman Garamendi Nadler Welch Wilson (FL) Napolitano Garcia Grayson Yarmuth

NOES-241

Barton Brady (TX) Aderholt Alexander Benishek Bridenstine Amash Bentivolio Brooks (AL) Amodei Bilirakis Brooks (IN) Bachmann Bishop (GA) Broun (GA) Bishop (UT) Bachus Buchanan Barletta Black Bucshon Blackhurn Burgess Barr Barrow (GA) Boustany Calvert

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Cantor Hunter Reichert Capito Hurt Renacci Ribble Carter Issa Cassidy Jenkins Rice (SC) Johnson (OH) Chabot Rigell. Chaffetz Johnson, Sam Roby Coble Roe (TN) Jones Coffman Jordan Rogers (AL) Cohen Joyce Rogers (KY) Kelly (PA) Cole Rogers (MI) Collins (GA) King (IA) Rohrabacher Collins (NY) King (NY) Rokita. Conaway Kingston Rooney Kinzinger (IL) Cook Ros-Lehtinen Cotton Kline Roskam Labrador Cramer Ross Crawford LaMalfa Rothfus Crenshaw Lamborn Rovce Cuellar Lance Runyan Lankford Culberson Ryan (WI) Daines Davis, Rodnev Latham Salmon Latta Sanford Denham LoBiondo Scalise Dent Long Schock DeSantis Lucas Schweikert DesJarlais Luetkemeyer Scott, Austin Diaz-Balart Lummis Sensenbrenner Duffv Maffei Sessions Marchant Duncan (SC) Shimkus Duncan (TN) Marino Shuster Ellmers Massie Simpson Farenthold Matheson Smith (MO) McCarthy (CA) Fincher Smith (NE) Fitzpatrick McCaul Smith (NJ) McClintock Fleischmann Smith (TX) Fleming McHenry Southerland Flores McIntvre Stewart Forbes McKeon Stivers Fortenberry McKinley Stockman Foxx McMorris Stutzman Franks (AZ) Rodgers Terry Frelinghuysen Meadows Thompson (PA) Meehan Gardner Thornberry Messer Garrett Tiberi Gerlach Mica. Tipton Miller (FL) Gibbs Titus Gibson Miller (MI) Turner Gingrey (GA) Miller, Gary Upton Gohmert Mullin Valadao Goodlatte Mulvaney Wagner Murphy (PA) Gosar Walberg Gowdy Neugebauer Walden Granger Noem Walorski Graves (GA) Nugent Weber (TX) Graves (MO) Nunes Webster (FL) Griffin (AR) Nunnelee Wenstrup Griffith (VA) Olson Westmoreland Owens Grimm Whitfield Guthrie Palazzo Hall Paulsen Williams Hanna Pearce Wilson (SC) Wittman Harper Perry Peterson Harris Hartzler Petri Womack Hastings (WA) Woodall Pittenger Heck (NV) Pitts Yoder Hensarling Poe (TX) Yoho Young (AK) Holding Pompeo Hudson Posey Young (FL) Huelskamp Price (GA) Young (IN)

NOT VOTING-

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NEUGEBAUER, Texas, ROKITA, GRIFFIN of Arkansas, BILIRAKIS, BARR, Mrs. BACHMANN, and Mr. McINTYRE changed their vote from "aye" to "no."

Messrs. TIERNEY, GEORGE MILLER of California, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Mr. PERLMUTTER, and Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ changed their vote from "no" to "ave."

So the amendment was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

AMENDMENT NO. 2 OFFERED BY MR. VEASEY The Acting CHAIR (Mr. HOLDING). The unfinished business is the demand for a recorded vote on the amendment

offered by the gentleman from Texas (Mr. VEASEY) on which further proceedings were postponed and on which the noes prevailed by voice vote.

The Clerk will redesignate amendment.

The Clerk redesignated the amendment.

RECORDED VOTE

The Acting CHAIR. A recorded vote has been demanded.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The Acting CHAIR. This will be a 2minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—aves 189, noes 237, not voting 6, as follows:

[Roll No. 467]

AYES-189

Grayson Negrete McLeod Andrews Barber Green, Al Nolan Bass Green, Gene O'Rourke Beatty Grijalva Owens Becerra Gutiérrez Pallone Bera (CA) Hahn Pascrell Bishop (NY) Hanabusa Pastor (AZ) Blumenauer Hastings (FL) Pavne Bonamici Heck (WA) Pelosi Brady (PA) Higgins Peters (CA) Braley (IA) Himes Peters (MI) Brown (FL) Hinojosa. Peterson Brownley (CA) Holt Pingree (ME) Bustos Honda Pocan Butterfield Horsford Price (NC) Capps Hoyer Quigley Capuano Huffman Rahall Cárdenas Israel Rangel Jackson Lee Carney Richmond Carson (IN) Jeffries. Rovbal-Allard Johnson, E. B. Cartwright Ruiz Castor (FL Kaptur Ruppersberger Castro (TX) Keating Ryan (OH) Kelly (IL) Chu Sánchez, Linda Cicilline Kennedy Clarke Kildee Sanchez, Loretta Clay Kilmer Sarbanes Cleaver Kind Schakowsky Kirkpatrick Clyburn Schiff Cohen Kuster Schneider Connolly Langevin Schrader Convers Larsen (WA) Schwartz Cooper Larson (CT) Scott (VA) Costa Lee (CA) Scott, David Courtney Levin Serrano Crowley Lewis Sewell (AL) Cuellar Lipinski Shea-Porter Loebsack Cummings Sherman Davis (CA) Lofgren Sinema Davis, Danny Lowenthal DeFazio Sires Lowey Slaughter Lujan Grisham DeGette Smith (WA) Delanev (NM) Luján, Ben Ray Speier Swalwell (CA) DeLauro DelBene (NM) Takano Deutch Lynch Thompson (CA) Dingell Maloney, Thompson (MS) Carolyn Doggett Maloney, Sean Tiernev Dovle Tonko Duckworth Matsui Edwards McCollum Tsongas Van Hollen Ellison McDermott Engel McGovern Vargas Enyart McIntyre Veasev Vela Eshoo McNerney Velázquez Estv Farr Meng Visclosky Walz Michaud Fattah Foster Miller, George Wasserman Frankel (FL) Moore Schultz Watt Fudge Moran Murphy (FL) Gabbard Waxman Gallego Nadler Welch Wilson (FL) Garamendi Napolitano Yarmuth Gibson NOES-237

Aderholt Bishop (UT) Barr Alexander Barrow (GA) Black Amash Barton Benishek Blackburn Amodei Boustany Bachmann Bentivolio Brady (TX) Rachus Bilirakis Bridenstine Bishop (GA) Barletta Brooks (AL)

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So the amendment was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

AMENDMENT NO. 3 OFFERED BY MR. CONNOLLY

The Acting CHAIR. The unfinished business is the demand for a recorded vote on the amendment offered by the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. Con-NOLLY) on which further proceedings were postponed and on which the ayes prevailed by voice vote.

The Clerk will redesignate amendment.

The Clerk redesignated the amendment.

RECORDED VOTE

The Acting CHAIR. A recorded vote has been demanded.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The Acting CHAIR. This will be a 2minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 186, noes 240, not voting 6, as follows:

[Roll No. 468]

AYES-186

Green, Al Andrews Nea1 Green, Gene Barber Negrete McLeod Grijalva Nolan Bass Beatty Gutiérrez O'Rourke Becerra Hahn Pallone Bera (CA) Hanabusa Pascrell Bishop (NY) Hastings (FL) Pastor (AZ) Blumenauer Heck (WA) Pavne Bonamici Higgins Pelosi Brady (PA) Himes Perlmutter Hinojosa Braley (IA) Peters (CA) Brown (FL) Holt Peters (MI) Honda Brownley (CA) Pocan Bustos Horsford Price (NC) Butterfield Hoyer Quigley Huffman Capps Rahall Capuano Rangel Cárdenas Jackson Lee Richmond Carney Jeffries Roybal-Allard Carson (IN) Johnson (GA) Cartwright Johnson, E. B. Ruppersberger Castor (FL) Kaptur Rvan (OH) Castro (TX) Keating Sánchez, Linda Chu Kelly (IL) Cicilline Kennedy Sanchez, Loretta Clarke Kildee Sarbanes Clav Kilmer Schakowsky Cleaver Kind Schiff Clyburn Kirkpatrick Schneider Cohen Kuster Schrader Connolly Langevin Schwartz Conyers Larsen (WA) Scott (VA) Cooper Larson (CT) Scott, David Costa Lee (CA) Serrano Sewell (AL) Courtney Levin Lewis Crowley Shea-Porter Cummings Lipinski Sherman Davis (CA) Loebsack Sires Davis, Danny Lofgren Slaughter DeFazio Lowenthal Smith (WA) Lowey DeGette Speier Lujan Grisham Delaney Swalwell (CA) DeLauro (NM) Luján, Ben Ray Takano DelBene Thompson (CA) (NM) Deutch Thompson (MS) Dingell Lynch Tierney Doggett Maloney Titus Carolyn Doyle Tonko Duckworth Maloney, Sean Tsongas Edwards Matsui Ellison McCollum Van Hollen Vargas Engel McDermott Veasey Envart McGovern Eshoo McIntyre Velázquez Visclosky Esty McNerney Walz Farr Meeks Wasserman Fattah Meng Foster Michaud Schultz Frankel (FL) Waters Miller, George Fudge Moore Watt Gabbard Moran Waxman Garamendi Murphy (FL) Welch Wilson (FL) Garcia Napolitano Grayson Yarmuth

NOES-240

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Lamborn Rogers (MI) Duncan (SC) Lance Rohrabacher Duncan (TN) Lankford Rokita Ellmers Latham Rooney Farenthold Latta Ros-Lehtinen Fincher LoBiondo Roskam Fitzpatrick Long Ross Lucas Fleischmann Rothfus Fleming Luetkemever Royce Flores Lummis Runvan Maffei Ryan (WI) Fortenberry Marchant Salmon Marino Foxx Sanford Franks (AZ) Massie Scalise Frelinghuvsen Matheson Schock McCarthy (CA) Gallego Schweikert Gardner McCaul Scott, Austin Garrett McClintock Sensenbrenner McHenry Gerlach Sessions Gibbs McKeon Shimkus Gibson McKinley Shuster Gingrey (GA) McMorris Gohmert Rodgers Simpson Meadows Goodlatte Sinema. Smith (MO) Gosar Meehan Messer Gowdy Smith (NE) Granger Mica Smith (NJ) Graves (GA) Miller (FL) Smith (TX) Graves (MO) Miller (MI) Southerland Griffin (AR) Miller, Garv Stewart Griffith (VA) Mullin Stivers Grimm Mulvanev Stockman Murphy (PA) Guthrie Stutzman Hall Neugebauer Terry Hanna Noem Thompson (PA) Nugent Harper Thornberry Harris Nunes Tiberi Hartzler Nunnelee Tipton Hastings (WA) Olson Turner Heck (NV) Owens Upton Hensarling Palazzo Valadao Vela Holding Paulsen Hudson Pearce Wagner Huelskamp Perry Walberg Huizenga (MI) Peterson Walden Hultgren Petri Walorski Hunter Pittenger Weber (TX) Hurt Pitts Webster (FL) Issa Poe (TX) Wenstrup Jenkins Pompeo Westmoreland Johnson (OH) Posey Whitfield Johnson, Sam Price (GA) Williams Jones Radel Wilson (SC) Jordan Reed Wittman Joyce Kelly (PA) Reichert Wolf Renacci Womack King (IA) Ribble Woodall King (NY) Rice (SC)

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Ms. ESHOO changed her vote from "no" to "aye."

So the amendment was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

AMENDMENT NO. 4 OFFERED BY MR. HASTINGS OF FLORIDA

The Acting CHAIR. The unfinished business is the demand for a recorded vote on the amendment offered by the gentleman from Florida (Mr. HASTINGS) on which further proceedings were postponed and on which the noes prevailed by voice vote.

The Clerk will redesignate amendment.

The Clerk redesignated the amendment.

RECORDED VOTE

The Acting CHAIR. A recorded vote has been demanded.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The Acting CHAIR. This will be a 2minute vote.

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The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 191, noes 235, not voting 6, as follows:

[Roll No. 469] AYES—191

Andrews Garcia Nolan Barber Gibson O'Rourke Barrow (GA) Grayson Pallone Green, Al Bass Pascrell Beatty Green, Gene Pastor (AZ) Becerra Grijalya. Payne Bera (CA) Gutiérrez Pelosi Bishop (GA) Hanabusa Peters (CA) Hastings (FL) Bishop (NY) Peters (MI) Heck (WA) Blumenauer Peterson Bonamici Higgins Pingree (ME) Brady (PA) Himes Pocan Hinojosa Braley (IA) Price (NC) Brown (FL) Holt. Quigley Honda. Brownley (CA) Rahall Horsford Rangel Butterfield Hover Richmond Capps Huffman Roybal-Allard Capuano Cárdenas Jackson Lee Ruppersberger Jeffries Carney Johnson (GA) Rvan (OH) Carson (IN) Sánchez, Linda Cartwright Johnson, E. B. Castor (FL) Kaptur Sanchez, Loretta Castro (TX) Keating Sarbanes Chu Kelly (IL) Cicilline Kennedy Schakowsky Clarke Kildee Schiff Clav Kilmer Schneider Cleaver Kind Schrader Clyburn Kirkpatrick Schwartz Cohen Kuster Scott (VA) Connolly Langevin Scott, David Conyers Larsen (WA) Serrano Larson (CT) Cooper Sewell (AL) Costa Lee (CA) Shea-Porter Courtney Levin Sherman Lewis Crowley Sinema Cuellar Lipinski Sires Cummings Loebsack Slaughter Davis (CA) Lofgren Smith (WA) Davis, Danny Lowenthal Speier Lowey Lujan Grisham DeFazio Swalwell (CA) DeGette Takano Delaney (NM) Thompson (CA) Luián. Ben Ray DeLauro Thompson (MS) DelBene (NM) Tiernev Lynch Deutch Titus Dingel1 Maloney. Tonko Carolyn Doggett Tsongas Doyle Maloney, Sean Van Hollen Duckworth Matsui Vargas Edwards McCollum Veasey Ellison McDermott Vela. Engel McGovern Velázquez Enyart McNernev Visclosky Eshoo Meeks Walz Michaud Esty Wasserman Farr Miller, George Schultz Fattah Moore Waters Foster Moran Frankel (FL) Murphy (FL) Watt Fudge Gabbard Waxman Nadler Napolitano Welch Gallego Wilson (FL) Garamendi Negrete McLeod Yarmuth

NOES-235

Aderholt Calvert Dent DeSantis Alexander Camp Campbell Amash DesJarlais Amodei Diaz-Balart Cantor Bachmann Capito Duffy Duncan (SC) Bachus Carter Barletta Cassidy Duncan (TN) Chabot Ellmers Farenthold Barton Chaffetz Benishek Coble Fincher Bentivolio Coffman Fitzpatrick Bilirakis Cole Fleischmann Collins (GA) Bishop (UT) Fleming Black Blackburn Collins (NY) Flores Conaway Forbes Boustany Cook Fortenberry Brady (TX) Cotton Foxx Franks (AZ) Bridenstine Cramer Brooks (AL) Crawford Frelinghuysen Brooks (IN) Crenshaw Culberson Gardner Broun (GA) Garrett Buchanan Daines Gerlach Davis, Rodney Bucshon Gibbs Gingrey (GA) Burgess Denham

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Mr. COSTA changed his vote from "no" to "aye."

So the amendment was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

The Acting CHAIR. The question is on the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, as amended.

The amendment was agreed to.

The Acting CHAIR. Under the rule, the Committee rises.

Accordingly, the Committee rose; and the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. CoL-LINS of Georgia) having assumed the chair, Mr. HOLDING, Acting Chair of the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, reported that that Committee, having had under consideration the bill (H.R. 761) to require the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to more efficiently develop domestic sources of the minerals and mineral materials of strategic and critical importance to United States economic and national security and manufacturing competitiveness, and, pursuant to House Resolution 347, he reported the bill back to the House with an amendment adopted in the Committee of the Whole.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the rule, the previous question is ordered.

Is a separate vote demanded on any amendment to the amendment reported from the Committee of the Whole?

If not, the question is on the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, as amended.

The amendment was agreed to.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. question is on the engrossment and third reading of the bill.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, and was read the third time.

MOTION TO RECOMMIT

Mr. CICILLINE. Mr. Speaker, I have a motion to recommit at the desk.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is the gentleman opposed to the bill?

Mr. CICILLINE. I am opposed

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

The Clerk read as follows:

Mr. Cicilline moves to recommit the bill H.R. 761 to the Committee on Natural Resources with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with the following amendment:

At the end of title I (page 12, after line 2), add the following new sections:

SEC. 105. PROHIBITIONS REGARDING CHINA AND

(a) PROHIBITION ON EXPORT.—Each Federal mineral exploration or mine permit issued pursuant to this Act shall include provisions that prohibit export to China or Iran of strategic and critical minerals produced under the permit.

(b) Prohibition on Issuance of Permits.— No Federal mineral exploration or mine permit may be issued pursuant to this Act to any company in which China or Iran has an ownership interest.

(c) Presidential Waiver of Prohibitions WITH RESPECT TO CHINA.—The President may waive the prohibitions under subsections (a) and (b) with respect to China upon certification that the Government of China has removed its export restraints on strategic and critical minerals.

SEC. 106. PROHIBITION ON ISSUANCE OF PER-MITS TO PERSONS, CORPORATIONS, AND SUBSIDIARIES CONVICTED OF VIOLATING SANCTIONS LAWS.

No Federal mineral exploration or mine permit shall be issued pursuant to this Act to a person, corporation, partnership, trust, or other form of business organization that has been convicted of violating the Iran Sanctions Act of 1996 (50 U.S.C. 1701 note), the Comprehensive Iran Sanctions, Accountability, and Divestment Act of 2010 (22 U.S.C. 8501 et seq.), the Iran Threat Reduction and Syria Human Rights Act of 2012 (22 U.S.C. 8701 et seq.), or the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.).

Mr. AMODEI (during the reading). Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that we dispense with the reading of the motion.

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

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Rhode Island is recognized for 5 minutes

Mr. CICILLINE. Mr. Speaker, this is the final amendment to the bill which

will not kill the bill or send it back to committee. If adopted, the bill will immediately proceed to final passage, as amended.

Much of the debate today has properly focused on the importance of rareearth elements to our national security and our economic competitiveness.

Globally, the demand for mineral materials continues to grow. These resources are critical for a wide range of products that help ensure the long-term viability of our manufacturing sector, public health, and our defense capabilities.

New technologies and emerging American industries rely on rare minerals. For example, a diverse set of less abundant heavy rare-earth elements are essential to the production of cell phone and laptop screens. Hybrid engines and advanced vehicle technologies similarly rely on these rare minerals. In addition, patients and health care professionals regularly use medical devices and equipment that require rare-earth elements during production.

Finally, our defense capabilities for manufacturers of jet fighter engines to satellite and antimissile systems rely on a consistent supply of rare-earth minerals

This is an important subject for many business leaders and manufacturers in my home State of Rhode Island and all across our country. In order to plan for the future and to hire additional workers, businesses need to be certain that the supply chain for essential minerals remains consistent and predictable.

So it should be clear that we all understand the strategic and economic importance of these minerals. Some of us disagree on how we should manage the extraction of these elements.

I believe that thoughtful management of these natural resources, instead of undermining important environmental protections, would actually help ensure a supply chain that is sustainable in the long term.

But this amendment addresses a different concern. Today, China has a near-monopoly in the global rare-earth element production market. According to recent estimates from the U.S. Geological Survey, China possesses 97.3 percent of the world's mine production and 55 percent of the world's rare-earth elements reserves.

At the same time, in an attempt to manipulate the world market for minerals and raise prices, the Chinese Ministry of Commerce has established strict export quotas and tariffs. Obviously, this has a real impact on the mineral supply chain for American manufacturers and businesses.

China is not acting alone. Iran is also one of the largest mineral-producing countries in the world. The director of the Persian Gulf Mining and Metal Industries Special Zone in southern Iran has said that China is their largest commercial partner. Recently, according to international reports, senior

Chinese officials have engaged with Iran on various geological research projects as they look to expand this relationship. In other words, China is already stockpiling various minerals upon which American manufacturers and our defense capabilities rely, and they may even be working with Iran to gain a larger market share. This is a real threat to our national security; but it's also a real concern for local businesses and manufacturers, technology companies, and defense contractors who rely on rare-earth elements every day.

Despite these concerns, the underlying bill fails to protect these strategic and critical minerals from exposure to foreign influence or control. That's why I rise today offering an amendment to ensure that minerals produced under this act do not become available to China, Iran, or any entity that has violated existing sanctions laws. Specifically, the amendment would ensure mine permits issued pursuant to this act include provisions prohibiting the export of the strategic and critical materials produced under the permit to China or Iran.

The amendment also prohibits issuance of permits to any company in which China or Iran has an ownership interest.

Finally, the amendment prohibits issuance of permits to any entity that has been convicted of violating the Iran Sanctions Act and related laws.

In the end, the amendment accomplishes three important goals. First, it guarantees that our own domestic resources aren't used to promote or increase Iranian or Chinese business interests at the expense of the American taxpaver. Second, it makes sure we continue pressuring Iran with economic sanctions in a sector critical to their local economy. This is a vital bipartisan national security interest. And, third, it provides more certainty for domestic manufacturers by ensuring that American minerals stay here and help make our domestic supply chain more predictable.

I urge my colleagues to support this simple amendment and to protect our country.

I yield back the balance of my time. Mr. AMODEI. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to the motion to recommit.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Nevada is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. AMODEI. Mr. Speaker, I want to thank my colleague from Rhode Island for the eloquent description of what the underlying bill does. I tend to agree with his description on how critical this legislation is.

I am surprised at the tone, though, when we already have multiple rules, regulations, statutes on the books that talk about import and export.

I am surprised at the tone when we talk about the danger of producing these materials in this country when right now we're not producing many of them, and we are entirely reliant upon those with whom we compete globally and militarily to attain these.

I would suggest to you that while well-intentioned, that this matter is, in fact, already taken care of under existing law; but let's not forget the underlying purpose of the bill. It's about jobs.

You want to talk about the middle class? You want to talk about the economy? You want to talk about the western half of this country where over 40 percent of many of those States are owned by the Federal Government, where people who are elected by nobody within the State are making decisions about permitting? You want to talk about permitting times and how long it takes to do that? By the way, did you hear that if it isn't grown, it has to be mined?

The purpose of this bill is to put people to work and put us back in control of supplying those minerals for the building industries, the communications industries, the manufacturing industries, all of that. By the way, not that anybody wants to trade with any of the folks mentioned in here specifically and you have the whole executive branch to take care of that, but there is that thing called "balance of trade," which is something we could use some help with.

Mr. Speaker, I urge your vote against the motion to recommit.

I yield back the balance of my time.

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The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the previous question is ordered on the motion to recommit.

There was no objection.

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

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

RECORDED VOTE

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

A recorded vote was ordered.

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

This is a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 197, noes 229, not voting 6, as follows:

[Roll No. 470] AYES—197

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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.

RECORDED VOTE

Mr. HOLT. 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 246, noes 178, not voting 8, as follows:

[Roll No. 471]

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ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

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So the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PERMISSION FOR MEMBER TO BE CONSIDERED AS FIRST SPONSOR OF H.R. 1507

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that I may hereafter be considered to be the first sponsor of H.R. 1507, a bill originally introduced by Representative MARKEY of Massachusetts, for the purposes of adding cosponsors and requesting reprintings pursuant to clause 7 of rule XII.

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

There was no objection.

ELECTING A MEMBER TO A CERTAIN STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. BECERRA. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Democratic Caucus, I offer a privileged resolution and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 349

Resolved, That the following named Member be and is hereby elected to the following standing committee of the House of Representatives:

(1) COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND COMMERCE.—Mr. Yarmuth.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

□ 1745

WATER FOR THE WORLD

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

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, in developing countries, access to clean water isn't as easy as walking over to the kitchen faucet.

Communities suffer and die from diseases they contract from bad water. And in their search for life's basic need, they put themselves in harm's way.

In Third World countries, women walk miles to wells to find clean water; but some wells are controlled by criminals who brutally assault these innocent women right in front of their own kids. And then they must then buy the water.

We have the ability to help these countries that don't have access to clean water. We can help them dig wells, for example. That's why Congressman EARL BLUMENAUER and I have introduced the Water for the World Act. This bill uses existing taxpayer money more effectively by making water available and a priority in Third World countries.

I'd like to thank Congressman BLU-MENAUER for his relentless efforts, and the groups who advocate for Water for the World

No one on Earth should be assaulted just to obtain clean water on a daily basis

And that's just the way it is.

CUTS TO THE SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

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

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to point out the near-universal condemnation that the majority's wrong-headed plan to cut \$40 billion from food stamps has received from advocates, researchers, and American families.

The Center for Budget and Policy Priorities has noted how 170,000 veterans could lose access to food aid because of this act.

The National Education Association said this plan will "result in more than 210,000 children losing access to nutritious meals, which help children be more attentive in class."

AARP condemns this bill saying "hungry children, seniors and families cannot and should not have to wait on the economic and political sidelines for access to an effective nutrition safety net."

Homeless organizations have said this act will "worsen the lives of up to 4 million Americans who are either homeless already or whose risk of homelessness would become even more severe."

The Catholic Bishops have said this bill will "harm hungry children, poor families, vulnerable citizens, seniors and workers who are underemployed and unable to find employment."

The list of opposition to tomorrow's bill goes on, even from Republican leaders like Senator Bob Dole.

I urge all members of conscience in the majority to join with us tomorrow to vote down this cruel legislation.

WE MUST REFORM ENTITLEMENT PROGRAMS TO SAVE THEM

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

Mrs. LUMMIS. Mr. Speaker, the Congressional Budget Office informed us again yesterday what we already know about our job here in Congress, which is that we must reform entitlement programs in order to save them.

We must save them so we can save ourselves from this unsustainable debt and deficit which faces us; and further, that if we are to do it by raising taxes, it will erode the economic recovery that we're already just beginning to have.

Mr. Speaker, I urge Senate Democrats to adopt the House Republican budget which will balance in 10 years, which will address our unsustainable debt and deficit, and put us on the road to recovery.

SEQUESTRATION

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

Mr. BARBER. Mr. Speaker, because of the proposed sequestration cuts, the Air Force is considering the complete retirement of entire fleets of aircraft, including the A-10 Warthog. The A-10 is unsurpassed in its ability to provide close-air combat support for our troops on the ground.

In Iraq and Afghanistan, the A-10 performed one-third of the combat sorties. One Army commander told me that whenever he heard the Warthogs overhead, he knew that their day was going to get better.

The A-10 is a multi-role plane that assists in combat search-and-rescue operations, escorting helicopters through the toughest combat zones. Its wings and electronics package have been completely refitted so that its mission can continue for at least another 15 years.

Sequestration is a disgrace. I never supported it, and I implore my colleagues to work with me to end it. Our national security and the protection of our servicemembers in combat areas must be paramount as we fund the Department of Defense.

Mr. Speaker, we must stop the irresponsible sequestration cuts and keep the A-10 flying.

BENGHAZI ATTACK INVESTIGATION

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

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Speaker, Under Secretary Kennedy made this statement at the House Foreign Affairs Committee meeting today:

The Department has demonstrated an unprecedented degree of cooperation and engagement with the Congress on these issues,