I support this rule and encourage my colleagues to support it as well.

Every day, people flee their homes because of violence they suffer at the hands of a domestic partner. If there's something we can do to stop that violence to save those women and children, then we need to do it. Inaction is unacceptable. I've seen the consequences of doing nothing too many times when it comes to domestic violence.

We have before us a rule that provides the House with multiple options on how we take a stance against domestic violence right here and right now. We may not agree on which of these two visions is the best one, but I think we can all agree that something must be done. That's why I say to you, Mr. Speaker, support the rule before us today. If you want to do something, anything, then you need to start with voting for the rule. That's the first step. That's what we need to pass first and foremost so we can debate those options.

Some folks here will like the Senate's vision of the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act more than they like the House alternative. Others have problems with the Senate bill and think the House's plan is the way to go forward. Either way, if you want to take a stand against violence against women, then you need to support this rule.

This rule is how we move to the next step, to debate the options before the House to ensure that law enforcement departments, organizations like the Dawn Center back home, and victims of domestic violence can get the support that they so desperately need.

There are those who want to confuse this with another issue before this House, but this is the issue that we have today, the issue on domestic violence, the Violence Against Women Act.

The material previously referred to by Ms. Slaughter is as follows:

AN AMENDMENT TO H. RES. 83 OFFERED BY MS. SLAUGHTER OF NEW YORK

At the end of the resolution, add the following new sections:

SEC. 2. Immediately upon adoption of this resolution the Speaker shall, pursuant to clause 2(b) of rule XVIII, declare the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for consideration of the bill (H.R. 699) To amend the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 to repeal and replace the fiscal vear 2013 sequestration. The first reading of the bill shall be dispensed with. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived. General debate shall be confined to the bill and shall not exceed one hour equally divided among and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means, the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Budget, and the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Agriculture. After general debate the bill shall be considered for amendment under the fiveminute rule. All points of order against provisions in the bill are waived. At the conclusion of consideration of the bill for amendment the Committee shall rise and report the bill to the House with such amendments as may have been adopted. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill and amendments thereto to final passage without intervening motion except one motion to recommit with or without instructions. If the Committee of the Whole rises and reports that it has come to no resolution on the bill, then on the next legislative day the House shall, immediately after the third daily order of business under clause 1 of rule XIV, resolve into the Committee of the Whole for further consideration of the hill

SEC. 3. Clause 1(c) of rule XIX shall not apply to the consideration of the bill specified in section 2 of this resolution.

# THE VOTE ON THE PREVIOUS QUESTION: WHAT IT REALLY MEANS

This vote, the vote on whether to order the previous question on a special rule, is not merely a procedural vote. A vote against ordering the previous question is a vote against the Republican majority agenda and a vote to allow the Democratic minority to offer an alternative plan. It is a vote about what the House should be debating.

Mr. Clarence Cannon's Precedents of the House of Representatives (VI. 308-311), describes the vote on the previous question on the rule as "a motion to direct or control the consideration of the subject before the House being made by the Member in charge." To defeat the previous question is to give the opposition a chance to decide the subject before the House. Cannon cites the Speaker's ruling of January 13, 1920, to the effect that "the refusal of the House to sustain the demand for the previous question passes the control of the resolution to the opposition' in order to offer an amendment. On March 15, 1909, a member of the majority party offered a rule resolution. The House defeated the previous question and a member of the opposition rose to a parliamentary inquiry, asking who was entitled to recognition. Speaker Joseph G. Cannon (R-Illinois) said: "The previous question having been refused, the gentleman from New York, Mr. Fitzgerald, who had asked the gentleman to yield to him for an amendment, is entitled to the first recognition."

The Republican majority may say "the vote on the previous question is simply a vote on whether to proceed to an immediate vote on adopting the resolution \* \* \* [and] has no substantive legislative or policy implications whatsoever." But that is not what they have always said. Listen to the Republican Leadership Manual on the Legislative Process in the United States House of Representatives, (6th edition, page 135), Here's how the Republicans describe the previous question vote in their own manual: "Although it is generally not possible to amend the rule because the majority Member controlling the time will not yield for the purpose of offering an amendment, the same result may be achieved by voting down the previous question on the rule \* \* \*. When the motion for the previous question is defeated, control of the time passes to the Member who led the opposition to ordering the previous question. That Member, because he then controls the time, may offer an amendment to the rule, or yield for the purpose of amendment.'

In Deschler's Procedure in the U.S. House of Representatives, the subchapter titled "Amending Special Rules" states: "a refusal to order the previous question on such a rule [a special rule reported from the Committee on Rules] opens the resolution to amendment and further debate." (Chapter 21, section 21.2) Section 21.3 continues: "Upon rejection of the motion for the previous ques-

tion on a resolution reported from the Committee on Rules, control shifts to the Member leading the opposition to the previous question, who may offer a proper amendment or motion and who controls the time for debate thereon."

Clearly, the vote on the previous question on a rule does have substantive policy implications. It is one of the only available tools for those who oppose the Republican majority's agenda and allows those with alternative views the opportunity to offer an alternative plan.

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

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

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

Ms. SLAUGHTER. 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.

#### RECESS

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

Accordingly (at 1 o'clock and 28 minutes p.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. McCLINTOCK) at 3 o'clock and 14 minutes p.m.

## HOUR OF MEETING ON TOMORROW

Mr. NUGENT. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow.

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

There was no objection.

# ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 and clause 9 of rule XX, proceedings will resume on questions previously postponed. Votes will be taken in the following order:

Ordering the previous question on House Resolution 83; adopting House Resolution 83, if ordered; and agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The first electronic vote will be conducted as a 15-minute vote. Remaining electronic votes will be conducted as 5-minute votes.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF S. 47, VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2013

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on ordering the previous question on the resolution (H. Res. 83) providing for consideration of the bill (S. 47) to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act of 1994, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 229, nays 196, not voting 6, as follows:

## [Roll No. 51]

### YEAS-229

Aderholt Gibson Miller (FL) Gingrey (GA) Miller (MI) Gohmert Goodlatte Amash Miller, Gary Amodei Mullin Bachmann Gosar Mulvaney Bachus Gowdy Murphy (PA) Graves (GA) Barletta Neugebauer Graves (MO) Barr Noem Barton Green, Gene Nugent Benishek Griffin (AR) Nunes Bentivolio Griffith (VA) Nunnelee Bilirakis Grimm Olson Bishop (UT) Guthrie Palazzo Black Hall Paulsen Blackburn Hanna Pearce Harper Perry Bonner Boustany Harris Petri Brady (TX) Hartzler Pittenger Hastings (WA) Bridenstine Pitts Poe (TX) Brooks (AL) Heck (NV) Hensarling Brooks (IN) Pompeo Herrera Beutler Broun (GA) Posey Price (GA) Buchanan Holding Bucshon Hudson Radel Huelskamp Burgess Reed Huizenga (MI) Calvert Reichert Hultgren Renacci Camp Campbell Hunter Ribble Rice (SC) Cantor Hurt. Capito Rigell Issa Jenkins Roby Roe (TN) Johnson (OH) Cassidy Johnson, Sam Rogers (AL) Chabot Chaffetz Rogers (KY) Jones Coffman Jordan Rogers (MI) Joyce Rohrabacher Cole Collins (GA) Kelly Rokita King (IA) Collins (NY) Roonev Ros-Lehtinen Conaway King (NY) Cook Kingston Roskam Kinzinger (IL) Cotton Ross Rothfus Cramer Kline Crawford Labrador Royce LaMalfa Runvan Crenshaw Ryan (WI) Daines Lamborn Davis, Rodnev Lance Salmon Lankford Scalise Denham Dent Latham Schock DeSantis Latta Schweikert DesJarlais LoBiondo Scott, Austin Diaz-Balart Long Sensenbrenner Duffv Lucas Sessions Duncan (SC) Luetkemeyer Shimkus Duncan (TN) Lummis Shuster Ellmers Marchant Simpson Farenthold Smith (NE) Marino Fincher Massie Smith (NJ) Fitzpatrick McCarthy (CA) Smith (TX) Fleischmann McCaul Southerland Fleming McClintock Stewart McHenry Flores Stivers Forbes McIntvre Stockman Fortenberry McKeon Stutzman Foxx McKinley Terry Franks (AZ) McMorris Thompson (PA) Frelinghuysen Rodgers Thornberry Meadows Tiberi Gardner Meehan Garrett Tipton Gerlach Messer Turner Gibbs Mica Upton

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Bishop (GA)

Bishop (NY)

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Bonamici

Brady (PA)

Braley (IA)

Brown (FL)

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Capuano

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Carson (IN)

Cartwright

Castor (FL)

Castro (TX)

Cicilline

Clarke

Cleaver

Clyburn

Connolly

Conyers

Courtney

Crowley

Cuellar

Cummings

Davis (CA)

DeFazio

DeGette

Delaney

DeLauro

DelBene

Deutch

Dingell

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Ellison

Engel

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Eshoo

Esty

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Fattah

Foster

Fudge

Gabbard

Gallego

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Coble

Culberson

Garamendi

Frankel (FL)

Duckworth

Doyle

Davis, Danny

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# NOT VOTING—6

Hoyer

Waters

Young (AK)

Crawford

Crenshav

Crowley

Cuellar

☐ 1543 Ms. SINEMA, Ms. ESHOO, Mrs. BEATTY, Messrs. AL GREEN of Texas and GALLEGO changed their vote from

"yea" to "nay." Mr. McINTYRE changed his vote

from "nay" to "yea."

Mr. McCLINTOCK changed his vote from "present" to "yea."

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

as above recorded.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. HARPER). The question is on the resolu-

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

Mr. NUGENT. 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 414, nays 9, not voting 8, as follows:

### [Roll No. 52]

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Herrera Beutler

McGovern

McHenry

McIntyre

McKeon