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NOT VOTING-11

Takai Aguilar Meeks Cuellar Pavne Williams Johnson, Sam Malonev. Ruppersberger Carolyn Sanchez, Loretta

□ 1042

Messrs. WALZ, LEVIN, and Ms. ESHOO changed their vote from "yea" to "nay."

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois). The question is on the resolution.

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

RECORDED VOTE

Mr. POLIS. 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 384, noes 40, not voting 9, as follows:

[Roll No. 667]

AYES-384

Abraham Coffman Foster Adams Cohen Foxx Aderholt Frankel (FL) Cole Allen Collins (GA) Franks (AZ) Amash Collins (NY) Frelinghuysen Comstock Amodei Gabbard Ashford Conaway Gallego Garamendi Babin Connolly Barletta Conyers Garrett Barr Cook Gibbs Barton Gibson Cooper Costa Gohmert Costello (PA) Beatty Goodlatte Benishek Courtney Gosar Gowdy Beyer Cramer Bilirakis Crawford Granger Graves (GA) Bishop (GA) Crenshaw Bishop (MI) Culberson Graves (LA) Bishop (UT) Cummings Graves (MO) Curbelo (FL) Black Grayson Blackburn Davis (CA) Green, Al Davis, Danny Davis, Rodney Blum Green Gene Blumenauer Griffith Bonamici DeFazio Grothman Bost DeGette Guinta Boustany DeLauro Guthrie Boyle, Brendan DelBene Hahn F. Denham Hanna Brady (PA) Dent Hardy Brady (TX) DeSantis Harper DeSaulnier Brat Harris Bridenstine Hartzler DesJarlais Brooks (AL) Deutch Hastings Heck (NV) Brooks (IN) Diaz-Balart Heck (WA) Brown (FL) Dingell Doggett Dold Brownley (CA) Hensarling Herrera Beutler Buchanan Donovan Buck Hice, Jody B. Doyle, Michael Bucshon Higgins Hill Burgess Duckworth Himes Butterfield Duffy Duncan (SC) Hinojosa. Holding Byrne Calvert Duncan (TN) Honda Capps Ellison Hover Ellmers (NC) Capuano Hudson Huelskamp Huizenga (MI) Carney Emmer (MN) Carson (IN) Engel Carter (GA) Eshoo Hultgren Hunter Hurd (TX) Carter (TX) Esty Farenthold Cartwright Castor (FL) Farr Hurt (VA) Chabot Fattah Israel Chaffetz Fincher Issa Chu, Judy Fitzpatrick Jackson Lee Cicilline Clawson (FL) Fleischmann Fleming Jenkins (KS) Jenkins (WV) Johnson (GA) Clav Flores Cleaver Forbes Johnson (OH) Fortenberry Johnson, E. B Clyburn

Mica Miller (FL) Jones Scott (VA) Jordan Miller (MI) Scott, Austin Joyce Moolenaar Scott, David Mooney (WV) Kaptur Sensenbrenner Katko Moulton Serrano Keating Mullin Sessions Mulvaney Kelly (IL) Sewell (AL) Kelly (MS) Murphy (FL) Sherman Kelly (PA) Murphy (PA) Shimkus Nadler Shuster Kilmer Napolitano Simpson Neugebauer Kind Sinema. King (IA) Newhouse Sires King (NY) Noem Smith (MO) Kinzinger (IL) Nolan Smith (NE) Kirkpatrick Norcross Smith (NJ) Kline Nugent Smith (TX) Knight Nunes Smith (WA) O'Rourke Stefanik Labrador Olson Stewart LaHood Palazzo Stivers LaMalfa Palmer Stutzman Lamborn Pascrel1 Swalwell (CA) Paulsen Lance Takano Langevin Pearce Thompson (CA) Larsen (WA) Perry Thompson (PA) Larson (CT) Peterson Thornberry Latta Pittenger Tiberi Lawrence Pitts Tipton Lee Pocan Levin Poe (TX) Titus Poliquin Torres Lewis Lipinski Polis Trott LoBiondo Pompeo Tsongas Loebsack Posev Turner Price (NC) Upton Lofgren Long Loudermilk Price, Tom Valadao Quiglev Vargas Love Ratcliffe Vela Lowenthal Reed Wagner Reichert Lowev Walberg Lucas Renacci Walden Luetkemeyer Ribble Walker Rice (NY) Lujan Grisham Walorski (NM) Rice (SC) Walters, Mimi Luján, Ben Ray Richmond Walz (NM) Rigell Wasserman Roby Roe (TN) Lummis Schultz Lynch Waters, Maxine MacArthur Rogers (AL) Watson Coleman Maloney, Carolyn Rogers (KY) Weber (TX) Rohrabacher Webster (FL) Maloney, Sean Rokita Welch Rooney (FL) Ros-Lehtinen Marchant Wenstrup Marino Westerman Massie Roskam Westmoreland Matsui McCarthy Ross Rothfus Whitfield Wilson (FL) McCaul Rouzer Wilson (SC) McClintock McDermott Roybal-Allard Wittman Royce Womack McHenry Rush Woodall McKinley McMorris Russell Yoder Ryan (OH) Rodgers Yoho Salmon Young (AK) McSally Sanford Meadows Young (IA) Sarbanes Meehan Scalise Young (IN) Meng Schiff Zeldin Messer Schrader Zinke

NOES-40

Jeffries Becerra Ruiz Bera Kennedy Sánchez, Linda Cárdenas Lieu, Ted Castro (TX) McCollum Schakowsky Clark (MA) McGovern Slaughter Clarke (NY) McNerney Speier Crowley Moore Thompson (MS) Delaney Neal Tonko Edwards Fudge Pallone Van Hollen Pelosi Veasey Graham Perlmutter Velázquez Grijalya. Peters Visclosky Pingree Gutiérrez Yarmuth Huffman Rangel

NOT VOTING-9

Aguilar Meeks Sanchez, Loretta Payne Johnson, Sam Ruppersberger Williams

□ 1051

Ms. KELLY of Illinois, Messrs. CUM-MINGS, ASHFORD, BRAT, MOULTON, and BUTTERFIELD changed their vote from "no" to "aye."

So the resolution was agreed to. The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

NORTH AMERICAN ENERGY SECU-RITY AND INFRASTRUCTURE ACT OF 2015

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. HULTGREN). Pursuant to House Resolution 542 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. 8.

Will the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. RODNEY DAVIS) kindly take the chair.

□ 1053

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. 8) to modernize energy infrastructure, build a 21st century energy and manufacturing workforce, bolster America's energy security and diplomacy, and promote energy efficiency and government accountability, and for other purposes, with Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois (Acting Chair) in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The Acting CHAIR. When the Committee of the Whole rose on Wednesday, December 2, 2015, amendment No. 38 printed in House Report 114-359 offered by the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. NORCROSS) had been disposed

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE ACTING CHAIR

The Acting CHAIR. Pursuant clause 6 of rule XVIII, proceedings will now resume on those amendments printed in House Report 114-359 on which further proceedings were postponed, in the following order:

Amendment No. 26 by Mr. CRAMER of North Dakota.

Amendment No. 30 by Mr. ROUZER of North Carolina.

Amendment No. 37 by Mr. Pallone of New Jersey.

The Chair will reduce to 2 minutes the minimum time for any electronic vote in this series.

AMENDMENT NO. 26 OFFERED BY MR. CRAMER

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

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 252, noes 170, not voting 11, as follows:

Honda

Hoyer

Israel

Huffman

Jeffries

Kaptur

Keating

Kennedy

Kildee

Kilmer

Kuster

Langevin

Lawrence

Lewis Lieu, Ted

Lipinski

Lofgren

Loebsack

Lowenthal

(NM)

Malonev.

Carolyn

Maloney, Sean

Lynch

Matsui

McCollum

McDermott

McGovern

McNerney

Meng

Moore

Nadler

Pallone

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Moulton

Murphy (FL)

Lowey Lujan Grisham

Lee

Levin

Larsen (WA)

Larson (CT)

Kind

Kelly (IL)

Jackson Lee

Johnson (GA)

Johnson, E. B.

[Roll No. 668]

AYES-252

Abraham Guinta Aderholt Guthrie Allen Hanna. Amash Hardy Amodei Harper Ashford Harris Babin Hartzler Barletta Heck (NV) Hensarling Barr Barton Benishek Bilirakis Hill Bishop (MI) Holding Hudson Huelskamp Bishop (UT) Black Blackburn Blum Hultgren Bost Hunter Boustany Hurd (TX) Brady (TX) Hurt (VA) Brat Issa Bridenstine Brooks (AL) Brooks (IN) Buchanan Jolly Buck Jones Bucshon Jordan Burgess Joyce Byrne Katko Calvert Kelly (MS) Carter (GA) Kelly (PA) Carter (TX) King (IA) Chabot King (NY) Chaffetz Clawson (FL) Coffman Cole Collins (GA) Collins (NY) Comstock Conaway Costa. Cramer Crawford Crenshaw Culberson Curbelo (FL) Davis Rodney DeFazio DeGette Denham Dent DeSantis DesJarlais Dold Donovan Duffv Duncan (SC) McClintock McHenry Duncan (TN) McKinley Ellmers (NC) Emmer (MN) McMorris Farenthold Fincher McSallv Fitzpatrick Meadows Fleischmann Meehan Messer Fleming Flores Miller (FL) Forbes Fortenberry Miller (MI) Moolenaar Foxx Mooney (WV) Franks (AZ) Frelinghuysen Mullin Garrett Mulvaney Murphy (PA) Gibbs Gohmert Neugebauer Goodlatte Newhouse Gosar Noem Gowdy Nolan Granger Norcross Graves (GA) Nugent Graves (LA) Nunes Graves (MO) Olson

Palmer NOES-170Boyle, Brendan

Palazzo

Rodgers

Adams Bass Beatty F. Brady (PA) Becerra Brown (FL) Brownley (CA) Bera Beyer Bustos Bishop (GA) Butterfield Blumenauer Bonamici Capps Capuano

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Grothman

Paulsen Pearce Perlmutter Perry Peters Peterson Pittenger Pitts Poe (TX) Herrera Beutler Poliquin Hice, Jody B. Polis Pompeo Posey Price, Tom Ratcliffe Huizenga (MI) Reed Reichert Ribble Rice (SC) Rigell Jenkins (KS) Roby Jenkins (WV) Roe (TN) Johnson (OH) Rogers (AL) Rogers (KY) Rohrabacher Rokita Rooney (FL) Roskam Ross Rothfus Rouzer Rovce Kinzinger (IL) Russell

Kirkpatrick Salmon Scalise Knight Schrader Labrador Schweikert LaHood Scott Austin LaMalfa Sensenbrenner Lamborn Sessions Lance Shimkus Latta Shuster LoBiondo Simpson Long Loudermilk Sinema. Smith (MO) Love Smith (NE) Lucas Smith (N.I) Luetkemeyer Smith (TX) Luján, Ben Ray Stefanik (NM) Stewart Lummis Stivers MacArthur Stutzman Marchant Thompson (PA) Marino Massie Thornberry Tiberi McCarthy Tipton McCaul

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Cárdenas Carney Carson (IN) Cartwright Castor (FL) Castro (TX) Chu, Judy Cicilline Clark (MA)

Clay Cleaver Clyburn Cohen Connolly Convers Cooper Costello (PA) Courtney Crowley Cummings Davis (CA) Davis, Danny Delanev DeLauro DelBene DeSaulnier Deutch Dingell

Clarke (NY)

Doggett Doyle, Michael Duckworth Edwards Ellison Engel Eshoo Esty Farr Fattah

Foster Frankel (FL) Fudge Gabbard Gallego Garamendi Gibson Graham Grayson Green, Al Green, Gene Grijalva Gutiérrez Hahn Hastings Heck (WA)

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Higgins

Himes

Turner Upton Valadao Wagner Walberg Walden Walker Walorski Walters, Mimi Weber (TX) Webster (FL) Wenstrup Westerman Westmoreland Whitfield Wilson (SC)

Wittman Womack Woodall Yoder

Yoho Young (AK) Young (IA) Young (IN) Zeldin

[Roll No. 669] Babin Barletta

AYES-247

Abraham Aderholt Allen Barr Black Amash Barton Amodei Renishek Blum Bilirakis Ashford Bost

Pelosi Pingree Pocan Price (NC) Quigley Rangel Rice (NY) Richmond Ros-Lehtinen Roybal-Allard Ruiz Rush Ryan (OH) Sánchez, Linda Т. Sanford Sarbanes Schiff Scott (VA) Scott, David Serrano Sewell (AL) Sherman Sires Slaughter Smith (WA) Speier Swalwell (CA) Takano Thompson (CA) Thompson (MS) Titus Tonko Torres Tsongas Van Hollen

Vargas Veasey Vela. Velázquez Visclosky Walz Wasserman Schultz Waters, Maxine

Napolitano Watson Coleman O'Rourke Welch Wilson (FL) Yarmuth NOT VOTING-11

Meeks Schakowsky Pavne Takai Ruppersberger Williams Sanchez, Loretta

□ 1058

So the amendment was agreed to. The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

AMENDMENT NO. 30 OFFERED BY MR. ROUZER

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

The Clerk will redesignate the 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 is a 2minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 247, noes 177, not voting 9, as follows:

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Harper

Hartzler

Adams

Beatty

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Bass

Bera.

Beyer

Bishop (GA)

Blumenauer

Brady (PA)

Brown (FL)

Butterfield

Bustos

Capps

Capuano

Cárdenas

Carney

Bonamici

Heck (NV)

Hensarling

Harris

Herrera Beutler Hice, Jody B. Hill Holding Hudson Huelskamp Huizenga (MI) Hultgren Hunter Hurd (TX) Hurt (VA) Issa Jenkins (KS) Jenkins (WV) Johnson (OH) Jolly Jones Jordan Jovce Katko Kelly (MS) Kelly (PA) King (IA) King (NY) Kinzinger (IL) Kirkpatrick Kline Knight Labrador LaHood LaMalfa Lamborn Lance Latta LoBiondo Long Loudermilk Love Lucas Luetkemeyer Lummis MacArthur Marchant Marino Massie McCarthy McCaul McClintock McHenry McKinley McMorris Rodgers McSally Meadows Meehan Messer Mica Miller (FL) Miller (MI) Moolenaar Mooney (WV) Mullin Mulvaney Murphy (PA) Neugebauer Newhouse Noem Nugent Nunes Olson Palazzo Palmer Paulsen Pearce

Poe (TX) Poliquin Pompeo Posey Price, Tom Ratcliffe Reed Reichert Renacci Ribble Rice (SC) Rigell Roby Roe (TN) Rogers (AL) Rogers (KY) Rohrabacher Rokita Rooney (FL) Ros-Lehtinen Roskam Ross Rothfus Rouzer Royce Russell Salmon Sanford Scalise Schweikert Scott, Austin Sensenbrenner Sessions Shimkus Shuster Simpson Smith (MO) Smith (NE) Smith (NJ) Smith (TX) Stefanik Stewart Stivers Stutzman Thompson (PA) Thornberry Tiberi Tipton Trott Turner Upton Valadao Wagner Walberg Walden Walker Walorski Walters, Mimi Weber (TX) Webster (FL) Wenstrup Westerman Westmoreland Whitfield Wilson (SC) Wittman Womack Woodall Yoder Yoho Young (AK) Young (IA) Young (IN) Zeldin

NOES-177

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Pingree Pittenger

Carson (IN) Cartwright Castor (FL) Castro (TX) Chu, Judy Cicilline Clark (MA) Clarke (NY) Clay Boyle, Brendan Cleaver Clyburn Cohen Connolly Brownley (CA) Convers Cooper Courtney Crowley Cummings Davis (CA) Davis, Danny

DeFazio DeGette Delaney DeLauro DelBene DeSaulnier Deutch Dingell Doggett Doyle, Michael Duckworth Edwards Ellison

Engel

Eshoo

Esty

Farr

Fattah

Foster

Zinke

Pingree

Frankel (FL) Loebsack Rush Lofgren Ryan (OH) Fudge Gabbard Lowenthal Sánchez, Linda Gallego Lowey Garamendi Lujan Grisham Sarbanes Graham (NM) Schakowsky Luián. Ben Ray Gravson Schiff Green, Al (NM) Schrader Green, Gene Lvnch Scott (VA) Grijalya. Maloney. Scott, David Gutiérrez Carolyn Serrano Hahn Maloney, Sean Sewell (AL) Hastings Matsui Sherman Heck (WA) McCollum Sinema Higgins McDermott Sires McGovern Himes Hinojosa McNerney Slaughter Smith (WA) Honda. Meng Speier Moore Hoyer Huffman Moulton Swalwell (CA) Murphy (FL) Israel Takano Jackson Lee Thompson (CA) Nadler Jeffries Napolitano Johnson (GA) Nea1 Johnson, E. B. Nolan Tonko Kaptur Norcross Torres Keating O'Rourke Tsongas Kelly (IL) Pallone Van Hollen Kennedy Pascrell Vargas Kildee Pelosi Veasey Kilmer Perlmutter Vela. Kind Peters Velázquez Kuster Peterson Visclosky Langevin Pocan Walz Larsen (WA) Polis Wasserman Price (NC) Larson (CT) Lawrence Quigley Lee Rangel Levin Rice (NY) Lewis Richmond Welch Wilson (FL) Lieu, Ted Roybal-Allard

Crowlev Cummings Curbelo (FL) Davis (CA) Davis, Danny DeFazio DeGette Delaney DeLauro DelBene DeSaulnier Deutch Dingell Doggett Doyle, Michael Duckworth Edwards Ellison Engel Eshoo Thompson (MS) Esty Farr Fattah Foster Frankel (FL) Fudge Gabbard Gallego Garamendi Gibson Graham Gravson Green, Al Green, Gene Grijalva Waters, Maxine Gutiérrez Watson Coleman Hahn Hastings Heck (WA) Higgins Himes Hinoiosa. Sanchez, Loretta Honda Hoyer Huffman Israel

Jackson Lee

Johnson (GA)

Jeffries

Crenshaw

Schultz

Yarmuth

Takai

Williams

Courtney

Johnson, E. B. Kaptur Keating Kelly (IL) Kennedy Kildee Kilmer Kind Kirkpatrick Kuster Langevin Larson (CT) Lawrence Lee Levin Lewis Lieu, Ted Lipinski Loebsack Lofgren Lowenthal Lowey Lujan Grisham (NM) Luján, Ben Ray (NM) Lynch Maloney, Carolyn Maloney, Sean Matsui McCollum McDermott McGovern McNerney Meehan Meng Moore Moulton Murphy (FL) Nadler Napolitano Neal Nolan Norcross O'Rourke Pallone Pascrell Pelosi Perlmutter Peters NOES-243 Culberson

Pocan Polis Price (NC) Quigley Rangel Rice (NY) Richmond Ros-Lehtinen Rovbal-Allard Ruiz Rush Ryan (OH) Sánchez, Linda Т. Sarbanes Schakowsky Schiff Scott (VA) Scott, David Serrano Sewell (AL) Sherman Sinema Sires Slaughter Smith (WA) Speier Swalwell (CA) Takano Thompson (CA) Thompson (MS) Titus Tonko Torres Tsongas Van Hollen Vargas Veasey Vela Velázquez Visclosky Walz. Wasserman Schultz Waters, Maxine Watson Coleman Welch Wilson (FL) Yarmuth Herrera Beutler Hice, Jody B.

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Sanchez Loretta Takai Payne Johnson, Sam Ruppersberger Williams

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So the amendment was rejected. The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

The Acting CHAIR. The question is on the 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. WOMACK) having assumed the chair, Mr. Rodney Davis of Illinois, 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. 8) to modernize energy infrastructure, build a 21st century energy and manufacturing workforce, bolster America's energy security and diplomacy, and promote energy efficiency and government accountability, and for other purposes, and, pursuant to House Resolution 542, 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 amendment in the nature of a substitute, as amended.

The amendment was agreed to.

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

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

NOT VOTING-9 Meeks Payne Ruppersberger

Ruiz

Lipinski

Aguilar

Cuellar

Johnson, Sam

 \Box 1103 COSTELLO of Pennsylvania

changed his vote from "no" to "aye." So the amendment was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

AMENDMENT NO. 37 OFFERED BY MR. PALLONE

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

Clerk will redesignate The 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 is a 2minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 181, noes 243, not voting 9, as follows:

[Roll No. 670]

AYES-181

Brady (PA) Adams Castro (TX) Ashford Brown (FL) Chu, Judy Cicilline Bass Brownley (CA) Beatty Clark (MA) Bustos Becerra Butterfield Clarke (NY) Bera Capps Clay Beyer Capuano Cleaver Bishop (GA) Cárdenas Clyburn Blumenauer Carney Cohen Carson (IN) Connolly Bonamici Boyle, Brendan Cartwright Convers Castor (FL) Cooper

Abraham Aderholt Davis, Rodney Allen Denham Amash Dent DeSantis Amodei Babin DesJarlais Barletta Diaz-Balart Barr Dold Donovan Barton Duffy Duncan (SC) Benishek Bilirakis Bishop (MI) Duncan (TN) Bishop (UT) Ellmers (NC) Emmer (MN) Black Blackburn Farenthold Blum Fincher Fitzpatrick Bost Boustany Fleischmann Brady (TX) Fleming Brat Flores Bridenstine Forbes Brooks (AL) Fortenberry Brooks (IN) Foxx Franks (AZ) Buchanan Buck Frelinghuysen Bucshon Garrett Burgess Gibbs Byrne Gohmert Calvert Goodlatte Carter (GA) GosarCarter (TX) Gowdy Chabot Granger Chaffetz Graves (GA) Clawson (FL) Graves (LA) Coffman Graves (MO) Cole Collins (GA) Griffith Grothman Collins (NY) Guinta Comstock GuthrieConaway Hanna Cook Hardy Costa Harper Costello (PA) Harris Hartzler Cramer Crawford Heck (NV)

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Love

Lucas

Lummis

MacArthur

Marchant

McCarthy

Marino

Massie

Luetkemeyer

MOTION TO RECOMMIT

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

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

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. I am opposed to it in its current form.

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

The Clerk read as follows:

Mr. Cartwright moves to recommit the bill H.R. 8 to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith, with the following amendment:

At the end of the bill, add the following:

TITLE ____CLIMATE CHANGE

In response to the overwhelming scientific consensus that climate change is real, United States energy policy should seek to remove market barriers that inhibit the development of renewable energy infrastructure

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

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, this motion represents an opportunity for Members of this House to acknowledge that climate damage is a threat, and that we have a moral obligation to fight it, an opportunity for Members to bring themselves into line with the overwhelming weight of scientific research and authority, bring themselves into line with a huge and growing mass of American corporations that have acknowledged climate damage, and have taken green energy pledges.

It is an opportunity for Members to bring themselves into line with over 200 other nations that are gathering, even as we speak, in France, people who are baffled that responsible adults in elected positions in our Nation continue to deny what is reality.

And it is an opportunity for Members to avoid a danger, a danger that their pollsters and their party leaders and their political advisers have failed to warn them about, and that is the danger of the judgment of history.

Make no mistake, future generations are watching. In fact, they are already judging our actions. Our young people in this Nation understand that they are the ones who will pay dearly for the politics that has taken over this issue, the politics that lead this Congress to inaction, despite the outcry from the scientific and worldwide community that we must act before it is too late.

Mr. Speaker, I am not here to condemn Members for initial hesitation on climate damage. Who am I to judge? After all, as humans, when we discover a threat, at first it is reasonable and natural for us to question or attempt to deny that the threat is real, especially when it is the kind of threat that, to meet it, requires strong, immediate, and decisive action.

In fact, denial is such a common reaction that aircraft pilots call it "normalcy bias," the initial refusal to believe that things are not normal, the

desire to not believe the warning signals when they say something is gravely wrong. They teach pilots about normalcy bias because, when the warning lights go on, wishing those lights were off or hoping that they are wrong is not a valid course of action. Instead, it is the very most dangerous way of handling the situation.

Mr. Speaker, the warning lights are on. So what we need to do is get past our denial phase, get past our normalcy bias, and take strong, immediate, and decisive action. And I say to you, that is the American way of handling a threat to our people.

What we do here in America, the best of us, we examine it closely, a threat. We put our best minds on the problem, and we tackle the problem and take immediate, strong, and decisive action.

□ 1115

That is how the bravest and the best of us in America have always behaved in the face of threat, and that is how the Greatest Generation did it. Sticking our heads in the sand, pretending a serious problem will go away on its own, and doing nothing in the face of a grave threat is not the American way, and it never was.

Again, Mr. Speaker, I am not here to condemn anyone for his or her initial hesitation on climate damage. Instead, I offer this opportunity to my colleagues across the aisle because I refuse to believe that they truly do not understand the climate crisis we face.

I present this motion to recommit as a chance for this Congress to avoid the harsh light and the implacable judgment of the historians, who will not hesitate to include us on their lists of the greatest ignoramuses of all time, to lump us in without fear of contradiction, with the worst, lanternjawed simpletons of history, historians who will unmercifully tell our grandchildren and their grandchildren just how dumb we were if we do not take action to prevent damage to our climate.

So I invite my fellow Members, all of you, vote "yes" on this motion, acknowledging that climate change is real. The warning lights are on, they are brighter than ever, and the rest of the world is taking them seriously. Let's show the world and all of history that America is ready to take the lead in tackling this threat.

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

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

Mr. UPTON. Mr. Speaker, the world does face many challenges and risks, and when it comes to climate change, we on this side believe that we have to take an economically realistic and pragmatic approach.

To address climate as well as other risks, we support policies that will promote access to affordable and reliable energy that allows our communities to grow economically, to adapt to changes, and to be resilient both now and in the future. We also support technological innovation and the development of resilient, efficient infrastructure both to reduce emissions and to withstand climate-related events regardless of their causes.

The underlying bill that we are about ready to pass promotes access to affordable and reliable energy, diversity, efficiency, and modernization of all of our energy infrastructures. Passage of this bill would help ensure that we have critical energy infrastructure in place to withstand new threats, whether they be from climate or other risks such as terrorism and cyber attacks.

I would note, Mr. Speaker, that here in the United States, thanks to innovation—as we have expanded access to our abundant energy supplies as we have over the last couple of decades—energy-related carbon dioxide emissions have actually significantly declined, and they are projected to remain below 2005 levels through 2040 and will continue to decline as a share of worldwide emissions, particularly when compared to other nations like India and China.

So for those reasons, Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to vote "no" on the motion to recommit.

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

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

 $\mbox{Mr.}$ CARTWRIGHT. 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 any electronic vote on the question of passage.

This is a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 180, noes 243, not voting 10, as follows:

[Roll No. 671] AYES—180

Adams Carney Davis (CA) Carson (IN) Ashford Davis, Danny Bass Cartwright DeFazio Beatty DeGette Castor (FL) Becerra. Castro (TX) DeLauro Bera Chu, Judy DelBene Beyer Cicilline DeSaulnier Bishop (GA) Clark (MA) Deutch Blumenauer Clarke (NY) Dingell Bonamici Clay Cleaver Doggett Doyle, Michael Boyle, Brendan F. Brady (PA) Clvburn Cohen Connolly Duckworth Brown (FL) Edwards Brownley (CA) Convers Ellison Bustos Cooper Engel Butterfield Costa Eshoo Courtney Capps Estv Capuano Crowley Farr Cárdenas Fattah Cummings

Rouzer

Turner

Unton

Valadao

Wagner

Walberg

Walden

Walker

Walorski

Walters, Mimi

Weber (TX)

Wenstrup

Whitfield

Wittman

Womack

Woodall

Yoder

Yoho

Zeldin

Zinke

Wilson (SC)

Young (AK)

Young (IA)

Young (IN)

Westerman

Westmoreland

Webster (FL)

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Foster	Lipinski
Frankel (FL)	Loebsack
Fudge	Lofgren
Gabbard	Lowenthal
Gallego	Lowey
Garamendi	Lujan Grisham
Graham	(NM)
Grayson	Luján, Ben Ray
Green, Al	(NM)
Green, Gene	Lynch
Grijalva	Maloney,
Gutiérrez	Carolyn
Hahn	Maloney, Sean
Hastings	Matsui
Heck (WA)	McCollum
Higgins	McDermott
Himes	McGovern
Hinojosa	McNerney
Honda	Meng
Hoyer	Moore
Huffman	Moulton
Israel	Murphy (FL)
Jackson Lee	Nadler
Jeffries	Napolitano
Johnson (GA)	Neal
Johnson, E. B.	Nolan
Kaptur	Norcross
Keating	O'Rourke
Kelly (IL)	Pallone
Kennedy	Pascrell
Kildee	Pelosi
Kilmer	Perlmutter
Kind	Peters
Kirkpatrick	Peterson
Kuster	Pingree
Langevin	Pocan
Larsen (WA)	Polis
Larson (CT)	Price (NC)
Lawrence	Quigley
Lee	Rangel
Levin	Rice (NY)
Lewis	Richmond
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Wilson (FL)

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Waters, Maxine

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NOT VOTING-10

Aguilar Meeks Takai Cuellar Payne Williams Ruppersberger Delaney Johnson, Sam Sanchez, Loretta

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So the motion to recommit was re-

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

Stated for:

Noem

Nunes

Olson

Nugent

Mr. DELANEY. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to cast my vote on rollcall No. 671. Had I been present to vote on rollcall No. 671, I would have voted "aye."

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SIMPSON). 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. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I demand a recorded vote.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 249, noes 174, not voting 10, as follows:

[Roll No. 672]

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AYES-249			
Abraham	Calvert	Duffy	
Aderholt	Carter (GA)	Duncan (SC)	
Allen	Carter (TX)	Duncan (TN)	
Amodei	Chabot	Ellmers (NC)	
Ashford	Chaffetz	Emmer (MN)	
Babin	Clawson (FL)	Farenthold	
Barletta	Coffman	Fincher	
Barr	Cole	Fitzpatrick	
Barton	Collins (GA)	Fleischmann	
Benishek	Collins (NY)	Fleming	
Bilirakis	Comstock	Flores	
Bishop (MI)	Conaway	Forbes	
Bishop (UT)	Cook	Fortenberry	
Black	Costa	Foxx	
Blackburn	Costello (PA)	Franks (AZ)	
Blum	Cramer	Frelinghuysen	
Bost	Crawford	Garrett	
Boustany	Crenshaw	Gibbs	
Brady (TX)	Culberson	Gibson	
Brat	Curbelo (FL)	Gohmert	
Bridenstine	Davis, Rodney	Goodlatte	
Brooks (AL)	Denham	Gosar	
Brooks (IN)	Dent	Gowdy	
Buchanan	DeSantis	Graham	
Buck	DesJarlais	Granger	
Bucshon	Diaz-Balart	Graves (GA)	
Burgess	Dold	Graves (LA)	
Byrne	Donovan	Graves (MO)	

Griffith Grothman Guinta Guthrie Hanna Hardy Harper Harris Hartzler Heck (NV) Hensarling Herrera Beutler Hice, Jody B. Hill Holding Hudson Huelskamp Huizenga (MI) Hultgren Hunter Hurd (TX) Hurt (VA) Issa. Jenkins (KS) Jenkins (WV) Johnson (OH) Jolly Jordan Joyce Katko Kelly (MS) Kelly (PA) King (IA) King (NY) Kinzinger (IL) Kirkpatrick Kline Knight Kuster Labrador LaHood LaMalfa Lamborn Lance Latta LoBiondo Long Loudermilk Love Lucas Luetkemeyer Lummis MacArthur Marchant Marino Adams

Amash

Beatty

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Bass

Bera

Beyer

Bustos

Capps

Capuano

Cárdenas

Cicilline

Clay

Cleaver

Clyburn

Connolly

Convers

Cooper

Courtney

Davis, Danny

Crowley

Cohen

Carney

Green, Gene

McCaul Rovce McClintock Russell McHenry McKinley Salmon Sanford McMorris Scalise Rodgers Schrader McSally Schweikert Meadows Scott, Austin Meehan Sensenbrenner Messer Sessions Mica Shimkus Miller (FL) Shuster Miller (MI) Simpson Moolenaar Sinema Mooney (WV) Smith (MO) Mullin Smith (NE) Mulvaney Smith (N.I) Murphy (PA) Smith (TX) Neugebauer Stefanik Newhouse Stewart Noem Nugent Stivers Stutzman Nunes Thompson (PA) Olson Palazzo Thornberry Palmer Tiberi Paulsen Tipton Pearce Trott Perry Turner Peterson Upton Pittenger Valadao Pitts Wagner Poe (TX) Walberg Poliquin Walden Pompeo Walker Posey Price, Tom Walorski Walters, Mimi Ratcliffe Weber (TX) Reed Webster (FL) Reichert Wenstrup Renacci Westerman Ribble Westmoreland Rice (SC) Whitfield Rigell Wilson (SC) Roby Roe (TN) Wittman Womack Rogers (AL) Woodall Rogers (KY) Yoder Rohrabacher Yoho Rokita Rooney (FL) Young (AK) Ros-Lehtinen Young (IA) Roskam Young (IN) Ross Rothfus Zeldin Zinke

McCarthy

NOES-174

DeFazio DeGette Delanev DeLauro DelBene DeSaulnier Deutch Bishop (GA) Dingell Blumenauer Doggett Bonamici Doyle, Michael Boyle, Brendan F. Duckworth Brady (PA) Edwards Brown (FL) Ellison Brownley (CA) Engel Eshoo Butterfield Esty Farr Fattah Foster Frankel (FL) Carson (IN) Fudge Cartwright Gabbard Castor (FL) Gallego Castro (TX) Garamendi Chu. Judy Gravson Green, Al Clark (MA) Grijalva Clarke (NY) Gutiérrez Hahn Hastings Heck (WA) Higgins Himes Hinojosa Honda Hoyer Huffman Cummings Israel Davis (CA) Jackson Lee

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McGovern

McNerney

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DesJarlais

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Diaz-Balart

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Duncan (SC) Jordan Duncan (TN) Joyce Ellmers (NC) Katko Kelly (MS) Emmer (MN) Farenthold Kelly (PA) Fincher King (IA) Fitzpatrick King (NY) Kinzinger (IL) Fleischmann Fleming Kline Knight Forbes Labrador Fortenberry LaHood LaMalfa Foxx Franks (AZ) Lamborn Frelinghuysen Lance Latta Garrett LoBiondo Gibbs Gibson Long Gohmert Loudermilk Goodlatte Love Gosar Lucas Gowdy Luetkemeyer Granger Lummis MacArthur Graves (GA) Graves (LA) Marchant Graves (MO) Marino Griffith Massie Grothman McCarthy McCaul Guinta McClintock Guthrie Hanna. McHenry Hardy McKinlev Harper McMorris Harris Rodgers Hartzler McSally Heck (NV) Meadows Hensarling Meehan Herrera Beutler Messer Hice, Jody B. Mica Miller (FL) Hill. Holding Miller (MI) Hudson Huelskamp Moolenaar Mooney (WV) Huizenga (MI) Mullin Hultgren Mulvaney Murphy (PA) Hunter Hurd (TX) Neugebauer Hurt (VA) Newhouse

Issa

Jenkins (KS)

Jenkins (WV)

Johnson (OH)

NOES-243

Donovan

Duffy

Napolitano Rush Ryan (OH) Neal Nolan Sánchez, Linda Norcross Sarbanes O'Rourke Pallone Schakowsky Pascrell Schiff Scott (VA) Pelosi Perlmutter Scott, David Peters Serrano Sewell (AL) Pingree Pocan Sherman Polis Sires Price (NC) Slaughter Quigley Smith (WA) Rangel Speier Rice (NY) Swalwell (CA) Richmond Takano Thompson (CA) Roybal-Allard Ruiz Thompson (MS)

Torres Tsongas Van Hollen Vargas Veasey Vela Velázquez Visclosky Walz Wasserman Schultz Waters, Maxine Watson Coleman Welch Wilson (FL) Yarmuth

Titus

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NOT VOTING-10

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Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York and Ms. KAPTUR changed their vote from "aye" to "no."

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 against:

Ms. KUSTER. Mr. Speaker, during rollcall Vote No. 672 on H.R. 8, I mistakenly recorded my vote as "yes" when I should have voted "no."

AUTHORIZING THE CLERK TO MAKE CORRECTIONS IN ENGROSSMENT OF H.R. 8, NORTH AMERICAN ENERGY SECURITY AND INFRASTRUCTURE ACT OF 2015

Mr. UPTON. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Clerk be authorized to make technical corrections in the engrossment of H.R. 8, to include corrections in spelling, punctuation, section numbering and cross-referencing, and the insertion of appropriate headings.

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

There was no objection.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. UPTON. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the bill, H.R. 8.

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

There was no objection.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 22, SURFACE TRANSPORTATION RE-AUTHORIZATION AND REFORM ACT OF 2015

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to House Resolution 546, I call up the conference report on the bill (H.R. 22) to authorize funds for Federal-aid

highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, and for other purposes, and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 546, the conference report is considered read.

(For conference report and statement, see proceedings of the House of December 1, 2015, at page H8679.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. SHUSTER) and the gentleman from Oregon (Mr. DEFAZIO) each will control 30 minutes

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Pennsylvania.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the conference report to accompany H.R. 22.

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

There was no objection.

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

I am very pleased that today the House is considering the conference report to H.R. 22, the Fixing America's Surface Transportation, or the FAST Act.

I believe this bill will be one of the most important things this Congress can accomplish for our country. This conference report is appropriately named the FAST Act for a few reasons.

It will certainly help fix America's surface transportation infrastructure. The process has been fast. In fact, from the day of introduction until today is 44 days that we have moved this bill forward; so, it happened fast.

I think some of our staff, who worked very hard in this process to help get this bill done, actually had to fast over the Thanksgiving holiday. So my thanks go out to staff on both sides of the aisle for working through the holiday as they did to get this bill put together and brought to the floor.

Ranking Member DEFAZIO and I worked diligently with our House and Senate conferees to put together this conference report. I want to thank Mr. DEFAZIO for all his efforts.

Before I describe the transportation provisions in the conference report, I do want to note that the conference report includes numerous other provisions that were in either the House- or the Senate-passed versions of the bill. These provisions are in the jurisdiction of the Committees on Ways and Means, Financial Services, Energy and Commerce, Natural Resources, and Judiciary.

Mr. Speaker, since I became chairman, one of my top priorities has been to pass a long-term surface transportation reauthorization bill. For the last year and more, I have traveled across the country to talk to transportation and business leaders about the

need for a reauthorization bill. What I have heard is that all States and communities have significant infrastructure needs and they all need long-term certainty to address them.

The FAST Act represents a bipartisan and bicameral agreement to provide that certainty. This is the first time we have come together in a long-term bill in 10 years. It is fully paid for and reauthorizes Federal surface transportation programs for 5 years.

It improves our Nation's infrastructure, including our roads, public transportation, and rail systems; reforms our Federal transportation programs; refocuses these programs on national priorities, including the flow of freight and commerce; provides greater flexibility for States and local governments to address our needs; streamlines the Federal bureaucracy and accelerates project delivery; promotes innovation to make our surface transportation system and programs work better; and maintains a strong commitment to highway, rail, and hazmat safety.

This bill also includes robust reforms of Amtrak, which the House already passed overwhelmingly this year. It cuts waste, holds Amtrak accountable, and increases transparency. It enhances opportunities for competition on routes and increases private sector participation in station development and right-of-way leveraging. It gives States more power and control over their Amtrak routes.

This legislation has wide support from throughout the stakeholder community.

The FAST Act invests in America, continues the essential Federal role in transportation, and helps keep our country economically competitive.

I strongly urge all my colleagues to support this conference report.

I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. DEFAZIO. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself 4 minutes.

I want to thank the chairman and the chairman of the subcommittee for their tremendous cooperation and hard work.

I certainly want to thank the staff, who spent the whole Thanksgiving break pulling this together and negotiating with the Senate, and I want to thank our colleagues in the Senate.

We have something that is very rare in Washington, D.C., these days here on the floor of the House: a truly bipartisan approach to very real problems confronting our Nation.

I have been to the floor many dozens of times to talk about our country falling apart, and I won't reiterate all those statistics again today. They are in the RECORD.

But this is now 10 years and 3 months since Congress last passed a long-term bill. This 5-year bill will give States and local jurisdictions, cities, and counties the capability of dealing with bigger problems that confront our system of transportation.

The series of short-term fixes we have had over the last 5 years and 3