

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

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

The yeas and nays were ordered.

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

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 217, nays 194, answered “present” 2, not voting 18, as follows:

[Roll No. 703]

YEAS—217

Abraham	Frankel (FL)	Noem
Aderholt	Frelinghuysen	Nunes
Allen	Gabbard	O'Rourke
Amodei	Garamendi	Olson
Arrington	Gianforte	Panetta
Babin	Gibbs	Pascrell
Bacon	Goodlatte	Pelosi
Banks (IN)	Gowdy	Perlmutter
Barletta	Granger	Peters
Barr	Griffith	Pingree
Barton	Grothman	Posey
Bergman	Guthrie	Quigley
Bilirakis	Gutiérrez	Reichert
Bishop (UT)	Handel	Roby
Black	Harper	Roe (TN)
Blumenauer	Harris	Rogers (KY)
Brady (TX)	Hartzler	Rooney, Francis
Brat	Hensarling	Rooney, Thomas
Brooks (IN)	Higgins (LA)	J.
Brown (MD)	Hill	Ross
Buchanan	Himes	Rothfus
Budd	Hollingsworth	Rouzer
Bustos	Huffman	Royce (CA)
Butterfield	Huizenga	Ruppersberger
Calvert	Hultgren	Russell
Carson (IN)	Hunter	Rutherford
Carter (TX)	Issa	Sanford
Cartwright	Johnson (LA)	Scalise
Castro (TX)	Johnson, Sam	Schneider
Chabot	Jones	Schweikert
Cheney	Joyce (OH)	Scott (VA)
Chu, Judy	Kaptur	Scott, David
Cicilline	Kelly (IL)	Sensenbrenner
Clark (MA)	Kelly (MS)	Sessions
Clarke (NY)	Kelly (PA)	Shea-Porter
Clay	Kildee	Sherman
Cole	King (IA)	Shimkus
Collins (GA)	King (NY)	Shuster
Collins (NY)	Kuster (NH)	Smith (MO)
Comstock	Kustoff (TN)	Smith (NE)
Cook	Labrador	Smith (NJ)
Cooper	LaMalfa	Smith (WA)
Costello (PA)	Lamborn	Smucker
Cramer	Latta	Speier
Crist	Lewis (MN)	Stefanik
Cuellar	Lipinski	Stewart
Culberson	Long	Suozi
Curtis	Loudermilk	Takano
Davidson	Lucas	Taylor
Davis (CA)	Luetkemeyer	Thornberry
Davis, Danny	Lujan Grisham,	Titus
Davis, Rodney	M.	Trott
DeGette	Marino	Tsongas
DeLauro	Massie	Velázquez
Demings	McCarthy	Wagner
Dent	McCaul	Walden
DeSaulnier	McClintock	Walker
Deutch	McCollum	Walorski
Dingell	McEachin	Walters, Mimi
Doggett	McHenry	Walz
Donovan	McMorris	Wasserman
Duffy	Rodgers	Schultz
Duncan (SC)	McNerney	Waters, Maxine
Duncan (TN)	Meadows	Webster (FL)
Dunn	Meeks	Welch
Ellison	Meng	Westerman
Eshoo	Messer	Williams
Estes (KS)	Mitchell	Wilson (SC)
Evans	Moolenaar	Wittman
Faso	Mooney (WV)	Womack
Ferguson	Moulton	Yarmuth
Fleischmann	Murphy (FL)	Yoho
Fortenberry	Nadler	Young (IA)
Foster	Newhouse	

NAYS—194

Adams	Bass	Bishop (GA)
Aguiar	Bera	Bishop (MI)
Amash	Beyer	Blackburn
Barragán	Biggs	Blum

Blunt Rochester	Hice, Jody B.	Palmer
Bonamici	Higgins (NY)	Paulsen
Bost	Holding	Payne
Boyle, Brendan	Hoyer	Pearce
F.	Hudson	Perry
Brady (PA)	Hurd	Peterson
Brownley (CA)	Jackson Lee	Pittenger
Buck	Jayapal	Poe (TX)
Bucshon	Jeffries	Poliquin
Burgess	Jenkins (KS)	Polis
Byrne	Jenkins (WV)	Price (NC)
Capuano	Johnson (GA)	Raskin
Carbajal	Johnson (OH)	Ratcliffe
Cárdenas	Johnson, E. B.	Reed
Carter (GA)	Jordan	Rice (NY)
Cleaver	Katko	Richmond
Clyburn	Keating	Rogers (AL)
Coffman	Khanna	Rohrabacher
Cohen	Kihuen	Rokita
Comer	Kilmer	Ros-Lehtinen
Conaway	Kind	Rosen
Connolly	Kinzinger	Roskam
Correa	Knight	Roybal-Allard
Costa	Krishnamoorthi	Ruiz
Courtney	LaHood	Rush
Crawford	Lance	Ryan (OH)
Cummings	Langevin	Sánchez
Curbelo (FL)	Larsen (WA)	Sarbanes
DeFazio	Larson (CT)	Schakowsky
Delaney	Lawrence	Schiff
DelBene	Lawson (FL)	Schrader
Denham	Lee	Scott, Austin
DeSantis	Levin	Serrano
DesJarlais	Lewis (GA)	Sewell (AL)
Diaz-Balart	LoBiondo	Sinema
Doyle, Michael	Loebsock	Sires
F.	Lofgren	Slaughter
Emmer	Love	Soto
Engel	Lowenthal	Stivers
Espallat	Lowey	Swalwell (CA)
Esty (CT)	Lujan, Ben Ray	Tenney
Farenthold	Lynch	Thompson (CA)
Fitzpatrick	MacArthur	Thompson (PA)
Flores	Maloney,	Tiberi
Foxx	Carolyn B.	Tipton
Fudge	Maloney, Sean	Torres
Gallagher	Marchant	Turner
Gallego	Marshall	Upton
Garrett	Mast	Valadao
Gomez	Matsui	Vargas
Gonzalez (TX)	McGovern	Veasey
Gosar	McKinley	Vela
Gottheimer	McSally	Visclosky
Graves (GA)	Meehan	Walberg
Graves (MO)	Moore	Watson Coleman
Green, Al	Neal	Weber (TX)
Green, Gene	Nolan	Wenstrup
Grijalva	Norcross	Woodall
Hanabusa	Norman	Yoder
Hastings	O'Halleran	Young (AK)
Heck	Palazzo	Zeldin
Herrera Beutler	Pallone	

ANSWERED “PRESENT”—2

Rice (SC)	Tonko
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NOT VOTING—18

Beatty	Gohmert	Pocan
Bridenstine	Graves (LA)	Renacci
Brooks (AL)	Kennedy	Simpson
Castor (FL)	Lieu, Ted	Smith (TX)
Crowley	Mullin	Thompson (MS)
Gaetz	Napolitano	Wilson (FL)

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

□ 1853

So the Journal was approved.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

RECOGNIZING MAYOR SANDRA MARTIN FOR 30 YEARS OF PUBLIC SERVICE

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

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mayor

Sandra Martin from Flemington, Georgia, for more than 30 years of public service. Mayor Martin is a talented public servant who has truly made Flemington, in Georgia's First Congressional District, a better place to live.

Flemington is located near Hinesville, Georgia, which is home to the Fort Stewart military base, and being the mayor here comes with unique challenges. Under her leadership, Flemington took these challenges and ran with them.

Flemington built its first-ever city hall for meetings and events. Before that time, citizens needed to search around town for a city council member to speak with.

The city also went from being an inconspicuous town on the side of the highway to advertising itself and coaxing visitors to come in and experience its hospitality.

I am proud to have a city official like Mayor Martin who is immensely dedicated to our area in the First Congressional District. Other mayors could learn from her example of good government.

□ 1900

THANKING MATT BRAVO

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

Mr. SCALISE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and thank somebody who has been a key part of my team since I got elected into House leadership. He is the floor director right now for the whip's office, Mr. Matt Bravo.

Matt Bravo has been with my team and has helped us through some critical key legislative victories, not the least of which is the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act today, helping pass the bills through the floor and helping us get our work done as we whip the bills to make sure we can move the majority's agenda.

Matt has worked for years, Mr. Speaker, not just in the whip's office for me, he has also worked for former whip and majority leader Eric Cantor. He has worked for the Energy and Commerce Committee.

Matt Bravo has dedicated more than 10 years of his life to public service in this institution with honor and integrity.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Matt Bravo is somebody who has the full respect of not only our Members on the House Republican side, he is respected by the Democratic leadership as well and is a key part of our staff and, again, has helped us pass critical legislation. I would call him the best floor director ever.

We are going to miss him here. Jennifer and I wish him and his wife, Summer, and their soon-to-be growing family all the best in their future life.

Mr. Speaker, I want to thank him for the time and the public service he has given to this House of Representatives.

Again, thank you, Mr. Matt Bravo, for the service you have given to all of us.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, will my friend yield?

Mr. SCALISE. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HOYER).

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding time to me.

Mr. Speaker, I agree with everything the gentleman said. Maybe he is not the best floor director—I have got a pretty good one myself—but he is a very, very good floor director.

Mr. SCALISE. Mr. Speaker, we can maybe disagree on that like we disagree on who has the best crabs, but we will enjoy that disagreement.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I was going to say that one of the problems that I have with Mr. Bravo is that he thinks that Louisiana crabs are better than Maryland crabs, but loyalty is an important aspect of our service.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to rise to join my friend, Mr. SCALISE, the majority whip, and thank Matt Bravo for the leadership that he has given on this floor, and particularly on behalf of my floor staff with whom he has worked very closely, both when he was with Mr. Cantor, with whom I worked very closely, and now Mr. SCALISE, with whom I work closely. We thank him for his service to this House.

Every time I rise, I say, whether it is a Democratic or a Republican staffer who works this floor, they work with all of us, and they work in a way that tries to facilitate the doing of the people's business.

They are not always as successful as they would like to be. It is the fault of the Members, not of the staff. They have good plans that go awry because the Members do not cooperate. Mr. Speaker, I would like to tell Matt that I understand that very well.

Mr. Speaker, we want to thank Matt for the very collegial, positive, constructive way in which he has worked with my staff, with the leader's staff, with other staff on this side of the aisle, as well as staff on his side of the aisle to assure that we can, to the best extent possible, work in a constructive way on behalf of the American people.

I am sure that Matt will be as successful in future endeavors as he has been here, and, if so, very, very successful indeed.

Mr. Speaker, I thank the majority whip for yielding me time, and I wish Matt Bravo the very best.

Mr. SCALISE. Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the Democratic whip for his kind words and for the way that our offices do work together on those occasions. Frankly, it is most occasions where we are working together on things. Obviously, there are times when we are not; but even in those times, our staffs have a great working relationship and a trust level that is really important to the House getting its business done.

Mr. Speaker, I thank the Democratic leader.

Mr. MCHENRY. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. SCALISE. Mr. Speaker, I would be honored to yield to the chief deputy whip, Mr. MCHENRY.

Mr. MCHENRY. Mr. Speaker, I want to thank my friend for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, it is a special pleasure to come and speak to the career of a great public servant, Matt Bravo.

Matt has worked here in the House for 11 years in various roles. He started off as body guy for Leader Cantor when Leader Cantor served as chief deputy whip. In addition to that, he has held various roles in the whip operation, in the leader's office on the Republican side of the aisle, as well as important work on the Energy and Commerce Committee.

Matt Bravo has a great sense of humor, a great love for the game of golf. He is much better at the game of golf than he is at his jokes. We love Matt Bravo. We love teasing him. We love giving him a hard time, but we know his true character. We know how he works intensely to see things through, to grind out the votes to get 218 to pass our agenda.

Mr. Speaker, we know Matt will be successful in this next phase of his career. We thank him for his friendship. We thank him for his service to this House. On both sides of the aisle, the respect that he has gained is immense, and we congratulate him on this next phase.

Mr. Speaker, we thank Matt for his service in the people's House, to his government, to the United States of America's people. We will miss him.

Mr. SCALISE. Mr. Speaker, I would be remiss if I didn't recognize that Matt's lovely wife, Summer, is in the balcony, too, and I thank her for the time that she lent him to us and to this great institution. The best of luck to her family and her future with Matt.

PROTECT BOB MUELLER

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

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, today the Republicans showed their values.

They showed their values in the tax bill that gave 83 percent of the dollars to the upper 1 percent of the economic strata in this country.

They showed their values in giving real estate developers special tax breaks, like President Trump and others, and gave people who are extremely wealthy the opportunity to will more money to their children or whoever they choose than they can today, an \$11 million break.

It has been sad sitting on the Judiciary Committee and watching the Republicans be aiders and abettors of the President in trying to demean the reputation of one of the finest Americans and public servants I have ever had the opportunity to know, Bob Mueller, and probably with the intention of firing

him, something that should wake Republicans up to the fact that our country is in jeopardy.

We shouldn't be doing things that help the Russians get away with efforts to change our elections and interfere with our country's values. America first, Russia last. Protect Bob Mueller.

HEZBOLLAH IS A TERRORIST GROUP AND A CRIMINAL ORGANIZATION

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

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, Hezbollah is not only a terrorist group, it is a criminal organization that funds its terror through drug trafficking, arms dealing, and money laundering.

Hezbollah is believed to raise \$4 billion to \$5 billion, annually, through these criminal activities. Tons of Hezbollah cocaine makes its way into the United States every year, but the past administration refused to designate Iran's proxy, Hezbollah, as a criminal organization making it possible to prosecute Hezbollah in the United States.

They repeatedly delayed and denied DEA requests to investigate and prosecute Hezbollah drug dealing and arms dealing networks. Why? So Iran would not back out of the nuclear deal.

In 2016, the White House even let a Hezbollah arms dealer with connections to Putin go free. That is why Representatives COOK, ROS-LEHTINEN, and I sent a letter to the President yesterday urging him to designate Hezbollah as a transnational criminal organization and a kingpin entity.

No more backroom deals for Iran. We must change course quickly. Every day more illegal money flows into Hezbollah's coffers. Hezbollah terrorists and criminals ought to be prosecuted.

And that is just the way it is.

GOP TAX BILL IS THE GREATEST TRANSFER OF WEALTH

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

Mr. BEYER. Mr. Speaker, the tax bill we passed today has little in common with what Speaker RYAN described to us yesterday. Putting more money into the pockets of working people would be great, but that is not what they wrote this bill to do.

I have grown a business, made payroll every 2 weeks for more than 40 years, and invested many millions of dollars in plant and equipment. I still voted "no," though, because I was just wise enough to realize that without our people, our employees, we have nothing. I would be enthusiastic about a tax bill that actually put more money into their pockets instead of mine.

We have 381 hardworking men and women on our payroll today. Not a single one will benefit from the doubling