

Woodall Yoho Young (IA)  
Yoder Young (AK) Zeldin

## NOT VOTING—4

Capuano Pelosi  
Hudson Scott, David

## ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

## □ 1500

Messrs. COFFMAN, DESJARLAIS, and Mrs. COMSTOCK changed their vote from “aye” to “no.”

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. RASKIN. 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 240, noes 185, not voting 4, as follows:

[Roll No. 114]

## AYES—240

Abraham	Denham	Johnson, Sam
Aderholt	Dent	Jordan
Allen	DeSantis	Joyce (OH)
Amash	DesJarlais	Katko
Amodei	Diaz-Balart	Kelly (MS)
Arrington	Donovan	Kelly (PA)
Babin	Duffy	King (IA)
Bacon	Duncan (SC)	King (NY)
Banks (IN)	Duncan (TN)	Kinzinger
Barletta	Dunn	Knight
Barr	Emmer	Kustoff (TN)
Barton	Farenthold	Labrador
Bergman	Faso	LaHood
Bilirakis	Ferguson	LaMalfa
Bishop (MI)	Fitzpatrick	Lamborn
Bishop (UT)	Fleischmann	Lance
Black	Flores	Latta
Blackburn	Fortenberry	Lewis (MN)
Blum	Fox	LoBiondo
Bost	Franks (AZ)	Long
Brady (TX)	Frelinghuysen	Loudermilk
Brat	Gallagher	Love
Bridenstine	Garrett	Lucas
Brooks (AL)	Gibbs	Luetkemeyer
Brooks (IN)	Goodlatte	MacArthur
Buchanan	Gosar	Marchant
Buck	Gottheimer	Marino
Bucshon	Gowdy	Marshall
Budd	Granger	Mast
Burgess	Graves (GA)	McCarthy
Byrne	Graves (LA)	McCaul
Calvert	Graves (MO)	McClintock
Carter (GA)	Griffith	McHenry
Carter (TX)	Grothman	McKinley
Chabot	Guthrie	McMorris
Chaffetz	Harper	Rodgers
Cheney	Harris	McSally
Coffman	Hartzler	Meadows
Cole	Hensarling	Meehan
Collins (GA)	Herrera Beutler	Messer
Collins (NY)	Hice, Jody B.	Mitchell
Comer	Higgins (LA)	Moolenaar
Comstock	Hill	Mooney (WV)
Conaway	Holding	Mullin
Cook	Hollingsworth	Murphy (FL)
Costa	Huizenga	Murphy (PA)
Costello (PA)	Hultgren	Newhouse
Cramer	Hunter	Noem
Crawford	Hurd	Nunes
Cuellar	Issa	O'Halleran
Culberson	Jenkins (KS)	Olson
Curbelo (FL)	Jenkins (WV)	Palazzo
Davidson	Johnson (LA)	Palmer
Davis, Rodney	Johnson (OH)	Paulsen

Pearce  
Perry  
Peterson  
Pittenger  
Poe (TX)  
Poliquin  
Posey  
Ratcliffe  
Reed  
Reichert  
Renacci  
Rice (SC)  
Roby  
Roe (TN)  
Rogers (AL)  
Rohrabacher  
Rokita  
Rooney, Francis  
Rooney, Thomas J.  
Ros-Lehtinen  
Rosen  
Roskam  
Ross  
Rothfus  
Rouzer  
Royce (CA)

## NOES—185

Adams  
Aguilar  
Barragán  
Bass  
Beatty  
Bera  
Beyer  
Biggs  
Bishop (GA)  
Blumenauer  
Blunt Rochester  
Bonamici  
Boyle, Brendan F.  
Brady (PA)  
Brown (MD)  
Brownley (CA)  
Bustos  
Butterfield  
Capuano  
Carbajal  
Cárdenas  
Carson (IN)  
Cartwright  
Castor (FL)  
Castro (TX)  
Chu, Judy  
Cicilline  
Clark (MA)  
Clarke (NY)  
Clay  
Cleaver  
Clyburn  
Cohen  
Connolly  
Conyers  
Cooper  
Correa  
Courtney  
Crist  
Crowley  
Cummings  
Davis (CA)  
Davis, Danny  
DeFazio  
DeGette  
Delaney  
DeLauro  
DeBene  
Demings  
DeSaulnier  
Deutsch  
Dingell  
Doggett  
Doyle, Michael F.  
Ellison  
Engel  
Eshoo  
Españalat  
Esty  
Evans  
Foster  
Frankel (FL)

## NOT VOTING—4

Hudson Rogers (KY)  
Pelosi Scott, David

Tiberi  
Tipton  
Trott  
Turner  
Upton  
Valadao  
Wagner  
Walberg  
Walden  
Walker  
Walorski  
Walters, Mimi  
Weber (TX)  
Webster (FL)  
Wenstrup  
Westerman  
Williams  
Wilson (SC)  
Wittman  
Womack  
Woodall  
Yoder  
Yoho  
Young (AK)  
Young (IA)  
Zeldin

## □ 1507

Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER changed her 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.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 1004, REGULATORY INTEGRITY ACT OF 2017, AND PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 1009, OIRA INSIGHT, REFORM, AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SIMPSON). The unfinished business is the vote on ordering the previous question on the resolution (H. Res. 156) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1004) to amend chapter 3 of title 5, United States Code, to require the publication of information relating to pending agency regulatory actions, and for other purposes, and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1009) to amend title 44, United States Code, to require the Administrator of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs to review regulations, and for other purposes, 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.

This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 233, nays 189, not voting 7, as follows:

[Roll No. 115]

## YEAS—233

Abraham	Collins (GA)	Gowdy
Aderholt	Collins (NY)	Granger
Allen	Comer	Graves (GA)
Amash	Comstock	Graves (LA)
Amodei	Conaway	Graves (MO)
Arrington	Cook	Griffith
Babin	Costello (PA)	Grothman
Bacon	Cramer	Guthrie
Banks (IN)	Crawford	Harper
Barletta	Culberson	Harris
Barr	Curbelo (FL)	Hartzler
Barton	Davidson	Hensarling
Bergman	Davis, Rodney	Herrera Beutler
Biggs	Denham	Hice, Jody B.
Bilirakis	Dent	Higgins (LA)
Bishop (MI)	DeSantis	Hill
Bishop (UT)	DesJarlais	Holding
Black	Diaz-Balart	Hollingsworth
Blackburn	Donovan	Huizenga
Blum	Duffy	Hultgren
Bost	Duncan (SC)	Hunter
Brady (TX)	Dunn	Hurd
Brat	Emmer	Issa
Bridenstine	Farenthold	Jenkins (KS)
Brooks (AL)	Faso	Jenkins (WV)
Brooks (IN)	Ferguson	Johnson (LA)
Buchanan	Fitzpatrick	Johnson (OH)
Buck	Fleischmann	Johnson, Sam
Bucshon	Flores	Jones
Budd	Fortenberry	Jordan
Burgess	Fox	Joyce (OH)
Byrne	Franks (AZ)	Katko
Calvert	Frelinghuysen	Kelly (MS)
Carter (GA)	Gaetz	Kelly (PA)
Carter (TX)	Gallagher	King (IA)
Chabot	Garrett	King (NY)
Chaffetz	Gibbs	Kinzinger
Cheney	Gohmert	Knight
Coffman	Goodlatte	Kustoff (TN)
Cole	Gosar	Labrador

LaHood	Paulsen	Smith (NE)	Swalwell (CA)	Tsongas	Wasserman	Frelinghuysen	Long	Ross
LaMalfa	Pearce	Smith (NJ)	Takano	Vargas	Schultz	Gaetz	Loudermilk	Rothfus
Lamborn	Perry	Smith (TX)	Thompson (CA)	Veasey	Waters, Maxine	Gallagher	Love	Rouzer
Lance	Pittenger	Smucker	Thompson (MS)	Vela	Watson Coleman	Garrett	Lucas	Royce (CA)
Latta	Poe (TX)	Stefanik	Titus	Velázquez	Welch	Gibbs	Luetkemeyer	Russell
Lewis (MN)	Poliquin	Stewart	Tonko	Visclosky	Wilson (FL)	Gohmert	MacArthur	Rutherford
LoBiondo	Posey	Stivers	Torres	Walz	Yarmuth	Goodlatte	Marchant	Sanford
Long	Ratcliffe	Taylor				Gosar	Marino	Scalise
Loudermilk	Reed	Tenney				Gowdy	Massie	Schweikert
Love	Reichert	Thompson (PA)	Duncan (TN)	Marshall	Scott, David	Granger	Mast	Scott, Austin
Lucas	Renacci	Thornberry	Green, Al	O'Rourke		Graves (GA)	McCarthy	Sensenbrenner
Luetkemeyer	Rice (SC)	Tiberi	Hudson	Perlmutter		Graves (LA)	McCaul	Sessions
MacArthur	Roby	Tipton				Graves (MO)	McClintock	Shimkus
Marchant	Roe (TN)	Trott				Griffith	McHenry	Shuster
Marino	Rogers (AL)	Turner				Grothman	McKinley	Simpson
Massie	Rogers (KY)	Upton				Guthrie	McMorris	Sinema
Mast	Rohrabacher	Valadao				Harper	Rodgers	Smith (MO)
McCarthy	Rokita	Wagner				Harris	McSally	Smith (NE)
McCaul	Rooney, Francis	Walberg				Hartzler	Meadows	Smith (NJ)
McClintock	Rooney, Thomas	Walden				Hensarling	Meehan	Smith (TX)
McHenry	J.	Walker				Herrera Beutler	Messer	Smucker
McKinley	Ros-Lehtinen	Walorski				Hice, Jody B.	Mitchell	Stefanik
McMorris	Roskam	Walters, Mimi				Higgins (LA)	Moolenaar	Stewart
Rodgers	Ross	Weber (TX)				Hill	Mooney (WV)	Stivers
McSally	Rothfus	Webster (FL)				Holding	Mullin	Taylor
Meadows	Rouzer	Wenstrup				Hollingsworth	Murphy (PA)	Tenney
Meehan	Royce (CA)	Westerman				Huizenga	Newhouse	Thompson (PA)
Messer	Russell	Williams				Hultgren	Noem	Thornberry
Mitchell	Rutherford	Wilson (SC)				Hunter	Nunes	Tiberi
Moolenaar	Sanford	Wittman				Hurd	Olson	Tipton
Mooney (WV)	Scalise	Womack				Issa	Palazzo	Trott
Mullin	Schweikert	Woodall				Jenkins (KS)	Palmer	Turner
Murphy (PA)	Scott, Austin	Yoder				Jenkins (WV)	Paulsen	Upton
Newhouse	Sensenbrenner	Yoho				Johnson (LA)	Pearce	Valadao
Noem	Sessions	Young (AK)				Johnson (OH)	Perry	Wagner
Nunes	Shimkus	Young (IA)				Johnson, Sam	Pittenger	Walberg
Olson	Shuster	Zeldin				Jones	Poe (TX)	Walden
Palazzo	Simpson					Jordan	Poliquin	Walker
Palmer	Smith (MO)					Joyce (OH)	Posey	Walorski
						Katko	Ratcliffe	Walters, Mimi
						Kelly (MS)	Reed	Weber (TX)
						Kelly (PA)	Reichert	Webster (FL)
						King (IA)	Renacci	Wenstrup
						King (NY)	Rice (SC)	Westerman
						Kinzing	Roby	Williams
						Knight	Roe (TN)	Wilson (SC)
						Kustoff (TN)	Rogers (AL)	Wittman
						Labrador	Rogers (KY)	Womack
						LaHood	Rohrabacher	Woodall
						LaMalfa	Rokita	Yoder
						Lamborn	Rooney, Francis	Yoho
						Lance	Rooney, Thomas	Young (AK)
						Latta	J.	Young (IA)
						Lewis (MN)	Ros-Lehtinen	Zeldin
						LoBiondo	Roskam	

## NOT VOTING—7

□ 1513

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

(By unanimous consent, Mr. SESSIONS  
was allowed to speak out of order.)

ANNOUNCEMENT BY COMMITTEE ON RULES RE-  
GARDING AMENDMENT PROCESS FOR H.R. 725,  
INNOCENT PARTY PROTECTION ACT; H.R. 720,  
LAWSUIT ABUSE REDUCTION ACT; AND H.R. 985,  
FAIRNESS IN CLASS ACTION LITIGATION ACT

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, this  
morning the Rules Committee issued  
announcements outlining the process  
for amendments for three measures  
likely to be on the floor next week.

An amendment deadline has been set  
for Monday, March 6, at 3 p.m. for H.R.  
725, the Innocent Party Protection Act.  
And a deadline has been set for Tues-  
day, March 7, at 10 a.m. for H.R. 720,  
the Lawsuit Abuse Reduction Act; and  
H.R. 985, the Fairness in Class Action  
Litigation Act.

The text of these measures is avail-  
able at the Rules Committee website,  
and feel free to contact me or my staff  
with any questions.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without  
objection, 5-minute voting will con-  
tinue.

There was no objection.

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

The vote was taken by electronic de-  
vice, and there were—ayes 234, noes 180,  
not voting 15, as follows:

[Roll No. 116]

AYES—234

Adams  
Aguilar  
Barragán  
Bass  
Beatty  
Bera  
Beyer  
Bishop (GA)  
Blumenauer  
Blunt Rochester  
Bonamici  
Boyle, Brendan  
F.  
Brady (PA)  
Brown (MD)  
Brownley (CA)  
Bustos  
Butterfield  
Capuano  
Carbajal  
Cárdenas  
Carson (IN)  
Cartwright  
Castor (FL)  
Castro (TX)  
Chu, Judy  
Ciilline  
Clark (MA)  
Clarke (NY)  
Clay  
Cleaver  
Clyburn  
Cohen  
Connolly  
Conyers  
Cooper  
Correa  
Costa  
Courtney  
Crist  
Crowley  
Cuellar  
Cummings  
Davis (CA)  
Davis, Danny  
DeFazio  
DeGette  
Delaney  
DeLauro  
DelBene  
Demings  
DeSaulnier  
Deutch  
Dingell  
Doggett  
Doyle, Michael  
F.  
Ellison

## NAYS—189

Engel  
Eshoo  
Espaillat  
Esty  
Evans  
Foster  
Frankel (FL)  
Fudge  
Gabbard  
Gallego  
Garamendi  
Gonzalez (TX)  
Gottheimer  
Green, Gene  
Grijalva  
Gutiérrez  
Hanabusa  
Heck  
Higgins (NY)  
Himes  
Hoyer  
Huffman  
Jackson Lee  
Jayapal  
Jeffries  
Johnson (GA)  
Johnson, E. B.  
Kaptur  
Keating  
Kelly (IL)  
Kennedy  
Khanna  
Kihuen  
Kildee  
Kilmer  
Kind  
Krishnamoorthi  
Kuster (NH)  
Langevin  
Larsen (WA)  
Larson (CT)  
Lawrence  
Lawson (FL)  
Lee  
Levin  
Lewis (GA)  
Lieu, Ted  
Lipinski  
Loeb sack  
Lofgren  
Lowenthal  
Lowe  
Lujan Grisham,  
M.  
Luján, Ben Ray  
Lynch

Maloney,  
Carolyn B.  
Maloney, Sean  
Matsui  
McCollum  
McEachin  
McGovern  
McNerney  
Meeks  
Meng  
Moore  
Moulton  
Murphy (FL)  
Nadler  
Napolitano  
Neal  
Nolan  
Norcross  
O'Halleran  
Pallone  
Panetta  
Pascrell  
Payne  
Pelosi  
Peters  
Peterson  
Pingree  
Pocan  
Polis  
Price (NC)  
Quigley  
Raskin  
Rice (NY)  
Richmond  
Rosen  
Roybal-Allard  
Ruiz  
Ruppersberger  
Rush  
Ryan (OH)  
Sanchez  
Sarbanes  
Schakowsky  
Schiff  
Schneider  
Schrader  
Scott (VA)  
Serrano  
Sewell (AL)  
Shea-Porter  
Sherman  
Sinema  
Sires  
Slaughter  
Smith (WA)  
Soto  
Speier  
Suozzi

Abraham  
Aderholt  
Allen  
Amash  
Amodei  
Arrington  
Babin  
Bacon  
Banks (IN)  
Barietta  
Barr  
Barton  
Bergman  
Biggs  
Bilirakis  
Bishop (MI)  
Bishop (UT)  
Black  
Blackburn  
Blum  
Bost  
Brady (TX)  
Brat  
Bridenstine

Brooks (AL)  
Brooks (IN)  
Buchanan  
Buck  
Bucshon  
Budd  
Burgess  
Byrne  
Calvert  
Carter (GA)  
Carter (TX)  
Chabot  
Chaffetz  
Cheney  
Coffman  
Cole  
Collins (GA)  
Collins (NY)  
Comer  
Comstock  
Conaway  
Cook  
Costello (PA)  
Cramer

Crawford  
Culberson  
Curbelo (FL)  
Davidson  
Davis, Rodney  
Denham  
Dent  
DeSantis  
DesJarlais  
Diaz-Balart  
Donovan  
Duffy  
Duncan (SC)  
Dunn  
Emmer  
Farenthold  
Faso  
Ferguson  
Fitzpatrick  
Fleischmann  
Flores  
Fortenberry  
Foxy  
Franks (AZ)

DeGette  
Delaney  
DeLauro  
DelBene  
Kind  
Demings  
DeSaulnier  
Deutch  
Dingell  
Doggett  
Doyle, Michael  
F.  
Ellison  
Engel  
Eshoo  
Espaillat  
Esty  
Evans  
Foster  
Frankel (FL)  
Fudge  
Gallego  
Garamendi  
Gonzalez (TX)  
Gottheimer  
Green, Gene  
Grijalva  
Hanabusa  
Hastings  
Heck  
Higgins (NY)  
Hoyer  
Huffman  
Jackson Lee  
Jayapal  
Jeffries  
Johnson (GA)  
Johnson, E. B.  
Kaptur  
Keating  
Kelly (IL)  
Kennedy  
Khanna

## NOES—180

Kihuen  
Kildee  
Kilmer  
Kind  
Krishnamoorthi  
Kuster (NH)  
Langevin  
Larsen (WA)  
Larson (CT)  
Lawrence  
Lawson (FL)  
Lee  
Levin  
Lewis (GA)  
Lipinski  
Loeb sack  
Lofgren  
Lowenthal  
Lowe  
Lujan Grisham,  
M.  
Luján, Ben Ray  
Lynch  
Maloney,  
Carolyn B.  
Maloney, Sean  
Matsui  
McCollum  
McEachin  
McGovern  
McNerney  
Meeks  
Meng  
Moore  
Moulton  
Murphy (FL)  
Nadler  
Napolitano  
Neal  
Nolan  
Norcross  
O'Halleran

Pallone	Ryan (OH)	Thompson (CA)
Panetta	Sánchez	Thompson (MS)
Payne	Sarbanes	Titus
Pelosi	Schakowsky	Tonko
Perlmutter	Schiff	Torres
Peters	Schneider	Tsongas
Peterson	Schrader	Vargas
Pingree	Scott (VA)	Veasey
Pocan	Serrano	Vela
Polis	Sewell (AL)	Velázquez
Price (NC)	Shea-Porter	Visclosky
Quigley	Sherman	Walz
Raskin	Sires	Wasserman
Rice (NY)	Slaughter	Schultz
Richmond	Smith (WA)	Waters, Maxine
Rosen	Soto	Watson Coleman
Roybal-Allard	Speier	Welch
Ruiz	Suozzi	Wilson (FL)
Ruppersberger	Swalwell (CA)	Yarmuth
Rush	Takano	

## NOT VOTING—15

Bass	Gabbard	Lieu, Ted
Cleaver	Green, Al	Marshall
Correa	Gutiérrez	O'Rourke
Costa	Himes	Pascrell
Duncan (TN)	Hudson	Scott, David

□ 1520

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.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. MARSHALL. Mr. Speaker, I was talking to constituents and reached a time when a very personal issue arose. Had I been present, I would have voted “yea” on rollcall No. 115 and “yea” on rollcall No. 116.

# DISAPPROVING THE RULE SUBMITTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR RELATING TO “CLARIFICATION OF EMPLOYER’S CONTINUING OBLIGATION TO MAKE AND MAINTAIN AN ACCURATE RECORD OF EACH RECORDABLE INJURY AND ILLNESS”

Mr. BYRNE. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to House Resolution 150, I call up the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 83) disapproving the rule submitted by the Department of Labor relating to “Clarification of Employer’s Continuing Obligation to Make and Maintain an Accurate Record of Each Recordable Injury and Illness”, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the joint resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 150, the joint resolution is considered read.

The text of the joint resolution is as follows:

## H.J. RES. 83

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Congress disapproves the rule submitted by the Department of Labor relating to “Clarification of Employer’s Continuing Obligation to Make and Maintain an Accurate Record of Each Recordable Injury and Illness” (published at 81 Fed. Reg. 91792 (December 19, 2016)), and such rule shall have no force or effect.*

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Alabama (Mr. BYRNE) and the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. SCOTT) each will control 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Alabama.

## GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. BYRNE. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous materials on H.J. Res. 83.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. BYRNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H.J. Res. 83, and I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, America’s workers deserve responsible, commonsense, regulatory policies to ensure safe and healthy working conditions. Let me say that again. America’s workers deserve responsible, commonsense regulatory policies to ensure safe and healthy working conditions.

They deserve a Federal Government that holds bad actors accountable, and a government that takes proactive steps to help employers improve safety protections and prevent injuries and illnesses before they occur. Just as importantly, they deserve to know that Federal agencies are following the law.

For years, Republicans have called on OSHA to reject a top-down approach to worker protections and, instead, collaborate with employers to identify gaps in safety and address the unique challenges facing workplaces.

Unfortunately, under the Obama administration, our concerns usually fell on deaf ears. In fact, one of the administration’s parting gifts to workers and small businesses was a regulatory scheme that reflects not only a backwards, punitive approach to workplace safety, but one that is completely unlawful.

Here’s why. Under the Occupational Safety and Health Act, employers have long been required to record injuries and illnesses and retain those records for 5 years. The law explicitly provides a 6-month window under which OSHA can issue citations to employers who fail to maintain proper records; 6 months. It is written in the law. This approach helps ensure workplace hazards are addressed in a timely manner.

However, in 2006, OSHA took action against Volks Constructors for record-keeping errors that occurred well beyond what the law allows, well beyond 6 months. The errors were from nearly 5 years earlier. That is why a Federal appeals court unanimously rejected OSHA’s overreach. The opinion for the Court stated: “We do not believe Congress expressly established a statute of limitations only to implicitly encourage the Secretary to ignore it.” Even President Obama’s Supreme Court nominee, Judge Garland, agreed OSHA’s action was “not reasonable.”

What came next was an outright power grab. OSHA decided to take its unlawful action one step further. This time it would not only ignore the law, but rewrite it. The agency finalized the “Volks” rule, unilaterally extending

the statute of limitations from 6 months to 5 years. OSHA undertook for itself the power that only this Congress has to write laws.

The agency created significant regulatory confusion for small businesses. Many would likely face unwarranted litigation because of unlawful regulatory policies. Of course, further judicial scrutiny also means hardworking taxpayers will foot the bill when OSHA is forced to defend its lawless power grab once again.

Simply put, OSHA had no authority to do this. We have a Constitution that grants Congress, not Federal agencies, the power to write the law. But that is not the only reason we are here today. We are also here because this rule does nothing to improve workplace safety.

Maintaining injury and illness records is vitally important and can help enhance worker protections. But that is not the goal of this rule. This rule only serves to punish employers. As we have said repeatedly, OSHA should, instead, collaborate with employers to help them understand their legal responsibilities and ensure safe measures are in place to prevent workplace hazards in the future.

Fortunately, Congress has the authority to reject this failed approach to workplace safety and block an abuse of executive power that began under the Obama administration.

I urge my colleagues to support this resolution, and I hope we can all work together to encourage a more proactive approach that prevents injuries and illnesses from happening in the first place.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to H.J. Res. 83, the Congressional Review Act resolution of disapproval that will undermine workplace safety and health. It does so by overturning a clarifying rule issued by OSHA on December 9, 2016, to ensure accurate occupational injury and illness reporting.

Now, first of all, it is strange that we are reversing a rule through the Congressional Review Act that creates no new compliance or reporting obligation, imposes no new costs. It simply gives OSHA the tools to enforce an employer’s continuing obligation to record injuries and illnesses.

Spurred by the court of appeals decision, which blocked OSHA from citing continuing violations outside the 6-month statute of limitations, OSHA updated its recordkeeping rule. This new rule makes it clear that employers have a continuing obligation to record serious injuries and illnesses on an OSHA Log if they failed to comply with the requirement to record the injury at the time the injury or illness occurred.

Since the enactment of OSHA in 1970, accurate data on workplace injuries and illnesses has been recognized as an