

legislation than I have had. The best way I can describe Mr. CONNOLLY is, like anyone else who came to a realization of something, he came to it with a great deal of zeal. This partnership, which began before the passage in 2014, to modernize a 1996 initiative that had fallen short, has been his passion and mine.

Normally, when you are chairman, people talk about what divides the committee. But nothing united us more than recognizing that over \$80 billion was being spent—and much of it needlessly. We don't achieve what we want to because there is never enough. Part of it is how we procure.

Prior to the passage of this legislation, it certainly was possible to have major pieces of procurement have somebody in charge who could not, in fact, change or drop the expenditure and who could not simply say: This isn't working. On top of that, often the people who did have the authority lacked the expertise. This has been true in all sorts of areas. There is much more work to be done.

Unlike Clinger-Cohen, which went on for 18 years before being updated, we were just 3 years past the implementation of this bill. With Congressman CONNOLLY's effort, we are coming back and making real changes—ones that can continue the process and speed it up.

Obviously, there are some areas like the IT dashboard and others that simply need to be continued to be renewed. This bill does it.

When I first talked to Mr. CONNOLLY, he was the best known for absolutely wanting to consolidate processing centers; consolidate these server farms that had proliferated. The number he had at the time turned out to be, although exorbitant, less than a quarter of the number we found. So there is more work to be done.

Procurement has to be done smart and is often consolidated. With the help of my colleague and Senator WARNER, the passage of the DATA Act allowed us to find, with greater detail, redundancy of expenditure.

So as we reauthorize FITARA, we also have the information to consolidate purchasing across vast numbers of agencies, eliminate redundancy, and, in fact, buy better. More needs to be done.

As Mr. CONNOLLY said so accurately, more money is spent on legacy systems than is spent on new systems that will actually save money and provide better services both to government workers and to the public.

So as we reauthorize the bill, I look forward to the oversight that the Oversight Committee has done and is able to do, and I look forward to continuing to work with my partner from Virginia, Mr. CONNOLLY.

Mr. Speaker, I urge passage of the bill.

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

Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of this bill, H.R. 3243, the FITARA Enhancement Act.

FITARA is bipartisan legislation that has made significant strides in reforming government IT and making agencies more accountable. I thank Representative CONNOLLY for all his hard work on this bill, as well as my good friend who has just spoken, Mr. RUSSELL.

This bill would extend three provisions of FITARA that are set to expire. These provisions include the provision on Federal data center consolidation; transparency and risk management of major IT systems; and agencies' IT portfolio, program, and resource reviews, also known as PortfolioStat.

These provisions provide transparency and accountability for agencies and should be continued. GAO reports that if we allow these provisions to expire, we will miss out on major savings. IT spending makes up roughly \$100 billion of government spending each year. We cannot afford to allow this legislation that will save funds and help modernize IT assets to simply expire.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to strongly support this bill, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. RUSSELL. Mr. Speaker, I thank Chairman GOWDY, Mr. CONNOLLY from Virginia, and Mr. ISSA from California for this important and continued work that will not only improve IT and reduce duplication but will continue to save billions of taxpayer dollars.

Mr. Speaker, I urge adoption of the bill, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Oklahoma (Mr. RUSSELL) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 3243.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the ayes have it.

Mr. RUSSELL. 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 motion will be postponed.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess for a period of less than 15 minutes.

Accordingly (at 4 o'clock and 14 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. HULTGREN) at 4 o'clock and 29 minutes p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, proceedings

will resume on motions to suspend the rules previously postponed.

Votes will be taken in the following order:

H.R. 452, by the yeas and nays; and

H.R. 3243, by the yeas and nays.

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

SPECIALIST JEFFREY L. WHITE, JR. POST OFFICE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 452) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 324 West Saint Louis Street in Pacific, Missouri, as the "Specialist Jeffrey L. White, Jr. Post Office", on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Montana (Mr. GIANFORTE) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 418, nays 0, not voting 15, as follows:

[Roll No. 562]

YEAS—418

Abraham	Cartwright	Doyle, Michael
Adams	Castor (FL)	F.
Aderholt	Castro (TX)	Duffy
Aguilar	Chabot	Duncan (SC)
Allen	Cheney	Duncan (TN)
Amash	Chu, Judy	Dunn
Amodei	Ciicilline	Ellison
Arrington	Clark (MA)	Emmer
Babin	Clarke (NY)	Engel
Bacon	Clay	Eshoo
Banks (IN)	Cleaver	Espallat
Barr	Clyburn	Estes (KS)
Barragán	Coffman	Esty (CT)
Barton	Cohen	Evans
Bass	Cole	Farenthold
Beatty	Collins (GA)	Faso
Bera	Collins (NY)	Ferguson
Bergman	Comer	Fitzpatrick
Beyer	Comstock	Fleischmann
Biggs	Conaway	Fortenberry
Bilirakis	Connolly	Foster
Bishop (GA)	Conyers	Fox
Bishop (MI)	Cook	Frankel (FL)
Bishop (UT)	Cooper	Franks (AZ)
Black	Correa	Frelinghuysen
Blackburn	Costa	Fudge
Blum	Costello (PA)	Gabbard
Blumenauer	Courtney	Gaetz
Blunt Rochester	Cramer	Gallagher
Bonamici	Crawford	Gallego
Bost	Crist	Garamendi
Boyle, Brendan	Crowley	Garrett
F.	Cuellar	Gianforte
Brady (PA)	Culberson	Gibbs
Brady (TX)	Cummings	Gohmert
Brat	Davidson	Gomez
Brooks (AL)	Davis (CA)	Gonzalez (TX)
Brooks (IN)	Davis, Danny	Goodlatte
Brown (MD)	Davis, Rodney	Gosar
Brownley (CA)	DeFazio	Gottheimer
Buchanan	DeGette	Gowdy
Buck	Delaney	Graves (GA)
Bucshon	DeLauro	Graves (LA)
Budd	DelBene	Graves (MO)
Burgess	Demings	Green, Al
Bustos	Denham	Green, Gene
Butterfield	Dent	Griffith
Byrne	DeSantis	Grijalva
Calvert	DeSaulnier	Grothman
Capuano	DesJarlais	Guthrie
Carbajal	Deutch	Gutiérrez
Cárdenas	Diaz-Balart	Hanabusa
Carson (IN)	Dingell	Handel
Carter (GA)	Doggett	Harper
Carter (TX)	Donovan	Harris

Green, Gene	Maloney,	Ruppersberger
Griffith	Carolyn B.	Rush
Grijalva	Maloney, Sean	Russell
Grothman	Marchant	Rutherford
Guthrie	Marshall	Ryan (OH)
Gutiérrez	Massie	Sánchez
Hanabusa	Mast	Sanford
Handel	Matsui	Sarbanes
Harper	McCarthy	Scalise
Harris	McClintock	Schakowsky
Hartzler	McCollum	Schiff
Hastings	McEachin	Schneider
Heck	McGovern	Schrader
Hensarling	McHenry	Schweikert
Herrera Beutler	McKinley	Scott (VA)
Hice, Jody B.	McMorris	Scott, Austin
Higgins (LA)	Rodgers	Scott, David
Higgins (NY)	McNerney	Sensenbrenner
Hill	McSally	Serrano
Himes	Meadows	Sessions
Holding	Meeks	Sewell (AL)
Hollingsworth	Meng	Shea-Porter
Hoyer	Messer	Sherman
Hudson	Mitchell	Shimkus
Huizenga	Moolenaar	Shuster
Hultgren	Mooney (WV)	Simpson
Hunter	Moore	Sinema
Hurd	Moulton	Sires
Issa	Mullin	Slaughter
Jackson Lee	Murphy (FL)	Smith (MO)
Jayapal	Murphy (PA)	Smith (NE)
Jeffries	Nadler	Smith (NJ)
Jenkins (KS)	Napolitano	Smith (TX)
Jenkins (WV)	Neal	Smith (WA)
Johnson (GA)	Neuhouse	Soto
Johnson (LA)	Noem	Speier
Johnson (OH)	Nolan	Stefanik
Johnson, E. B.	Norcross	Stewart
Johnson, Sam	Norman	Stivers
Jones	Nunes	Suozzi
Jordan	O'Halleran	Swalwell (CA)
Joyce (OH)	O'Rourke	Takano
Kaptur	Olson	Taylor
Katko	Palazzo	Tenney
Keating	Pallone	Thompson (MS)
Kelly (IL)	Palmer	Thompson (PA)
Kelly (MS)	Panetta	Thornberry
Kennedy	Pascrell	Tiberi
Khanna	Paulsen	Tipton
Kihuen	Payne	Titus
Kildee	Pearce	Tonko
Kilmer	Pelosi	Torres
Kind	Perlmutter	Trott
King (IA)	Peters	Tsongas
King (NY)	Peterson	Turner
Kinzinger	Pingree	Upton
Krishnamoorthi	Pittenger	Valadao
Kuster (NH)	Pocan	Vargas
Kustoff (TN)	Poe (TX)	Veasey
Labrador	Poliquin	Vela
LaHood	Polis	Velázquez
LaMalfa	Posey	Visclosky
Lamborn	Price (NC)	Wagner
Lance	Quigley	Walberg
Langevin	Raskin	Walden
Larsen (WA)	Ratcliffe	Walker
Larson (CT)	Reed	Walorski
Latta	Reichert	Walters, Mimi
Lawson (FL)	Renacci	Walz
Lee	Rice (NY)	Wasserman
Levin	Rice (SC)	Schultz
Lewis (GA)	Richmond	Waters, Maxine
Lewis (MN)	Roby	Watson Coleman
Lieu, Ted	Roe (TN)	Weber (TX)
Lipinski	Rogers (AL)	Webster (FL)
LoBiondo	Rogers (KY)	Welch
Loeb sack	Rohrabacher	Wenstrup
Lofgren	Rokita	Westerman
Loudermilk	Rooney, Francis	Williams
Love	Rooney, Thomas	Wilson (FL)
Lowenthal	J.	Wilson (SC)
Lowey	Ros-Lehtinen	Wittman
Lucas	Rosen	Womack
Luetkemeyer	Roskam	Woodall
	Ross	Yarmuth

Luján, Ben Ray	Roybal-Allard	Young (AK)
Lynch	Royce (CA)	Young (IA)
MacArthur	Ruiz	Zeldin
NOT VOTING—15		
Barletta	Kelly (PA)	McCaul
Bridenstine	Knight	Meehan
Flores	Lawrence	Perry
Granger	Long	Smucker
Huffman	Marino	Thompson (CA)

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