

late to reverse course on this latest direction of U.S.-Mexico ties. At a difficult moment in our bilateral relationship, I am heartened to stand here on the House floor and listen to my colleagues on both sides of the aisle offer such robust support for the U.S.-Mexico relationship.

I again thank Chairman ROYCE and Mr. MCCAUL for their help and support of this resolution. What we need is to maintain and even strengthen our cooperation on security and economic matters with the Mexican Government. Passage of H. Res. 336 today is an excellent step. Congress really needs to lead the way.

So I thank, again, my colleagues on both sides of the aisle for supporting this resolution, and I pledge to do everything I can to continue to enhance the very important U.S.-Mexico relationship.

I think it is important to state that this relationship is not only important to Mexico, but it is important to the United States for so many different reasons. That is why I think it is important for Congress to reaffirm its support, strong support, for the U.S.-Mexico relationship.

Mr. Speaker, I thank my colleagues on both sides of the aisle for supporting this resolution, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. ROYCE of California. Mr. Speaker, again, I thank the author, the ranking member of the Foreign Affairs Committee, Mr. ENGEL, and I thank Congresswoman NORMA TORRES, as well, and the chairman of the Homeland Security Committee, MIKE MCCAUL, for their work on this important resolution recognizing the U.S.-Mexico partnership and recognizing our important economic relationship. As our countries continue to work together, this resolution signals our commitment to strengthen our ties with our Mexican neighbors.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this resolution, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from California (Mr. ROYCE) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 336.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### REAFFIRMING THE STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA

Mr. ROYCE of California. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 357) reaffirming the strategic partnership between the United States and Canada, recognizing bilateral cooperation that advances United States national inter-

ests, and urging increased bilateral cooperation on security, economic issues, and energy, and for other purposes, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

#### H. RES. 357

Whereas history, proximity, commerce, security, and shared democratic values underpin a close relationship between the United States and Canada;

Whereas this year marks 150 years of the Canadian Confederation;

Whereas Americans and Canadians have the longest international border and one of the largest commercial relationships in the world, with \$1.7 billion of trade and nearly 400,000 people crossing the shared border daily;

Whereas Canada is the United States second-largest trading partner and the largest export destination for United States goods and services, and a majority of States of the United States consider Canada their top export destination, with 15 States counting Canada as their top point of origin for imports;

Whereas the United States and Canada cooperate extensively within the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), and through a "Tri-Command Framework" with United States Northern Command (NORTHCOM), Canadian Joint Operations Command (CJOC), and North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD);

Whereas Canada has been a critical ally of the United States in the global war on terror, deploying approximately 2,800 Canadian troops in the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) in Afghanistan from 2006-2011, the fifth-largest national contingent in the ISAF;

Whereas 158 Canadian Armed Forces personnel bravely gave their lives while participating in the ISAF in Afghanistan;

Whereas Canada has 830 Canadian Armed Forces personnel currently serving in the Middle East in support of the United States-led coalition to counter the Islamic State;

Whereas longstanding bilateral border security cooperation between the United States and Canada protects vital United States security interests while promoting trade and travel;

Whereas the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative, Beyond the Border Initiative, United States-Canada NEXUS Trusted Traveler Program, Border Enforcement Security Taskforces (BEST), Shiprider Integrated Cross Border Maritime Law Enforcement program, Cross Border Crime Forum, Integrated Border Enforcement Teams, and United States preclearance operations conducted at eight Canadian airports enhance United States-Canadian border security efforts;

Whereas Canada is the world's sixth-largest petroleum producer in the world and is the United States largest foreign supplier of energy, including oil, uranium, natural gas, and electricity;

Whereas Canada is the largest source of imported oil for United States refineries and while the United States produces 90 percent of the natural gas it uses, of the remaining natural gas that the United States imports, 97 percent comes from Canada;

Whereas Canada is a net exporter of electricity to the United States, with more than 30 active electricity transmission connectors between the two countries;

Whereas Canada is a strategic leader in international affairs, a member of the G7 and G20, and an important voice for democratic

principles, market-oriented policies, and human rights in the United Nations, Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), and Organization of American States; and

Whereas, on February 13, 2017, President Donald Trump and Prime Minister Justin Trudeau of Canada held their first official meeting and reaffirmed the importance of the United States-Canadian relationship: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

(1) reaffirms its robust commitment to the critical importance of the United States-Canadian partnership;

(2) supports stronger trade relations with the Government of Canada and the creation of more American jobs;

(3) encourages greater security collaboration in the areas of defense, border security, cyber-security, and Arctic security; and

(4) supports an increased focus on energy security through greater energy infrastructure integration, including oil and natural gas and renewable sources, planning, and coordination.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from California (Mr. ROYCE) and the gentleman from New York (Mr. ENGEL) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California.

#### GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. ROYCE of California. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks and include any extraneous material in the RECORD.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. ROYCE of California. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I just want to recognize the leadership of Mr. DUNCAN, who, until recently, served as the chairman of the Western Hemisphere Subcommittee, and Mr. GREGORY MEEKS, the ranking member, in bringing this important resolution forward.

I also want to recognize Mr. HUIZenga, chairman of the Capital Markets, Securities, and Investments Subcommittee of the Financial Services Committee, who led the delegation this past fall with the Canada-United States Inter-Parliamentary Group in Windsor, Canada.

This resolution affirms the already strong partnership we enjoy with our neighbors to the north, while recognizing that this bilateral relationship has advanced U.S. national interests.

Canada and the U.S. share the longest international border of any countries in the world. Canada is one of the largest trading partners with the U.S., and our largest agricultural export market. U.S. exports of goods and services to Canada supported 1.6 million jobs in the United States last year.

In addition, the U.S. and Canada enjoy a very close and vital security

relationship, which is seen most acutely in our close border security collaboration, as well as in defense arrangements such as NORAD and our shared NATO mutual security commitments.

Our two countries have an exceptionally close energy relationship. Canada is our largest supplier of oil, natural gas, electricity, and uranium. Our two countries collaborate on environmental concerns, particularly with our shared responsibility for the Great Lakes, which are the world's largest freshwater ecosystem and contain 20 percent of the Earth's surface freshwater.

This relationship gives Congress the opportunity to reaffirm, through this resolution, our important and close bilateral ties with Canada and to renew our commitment to growing and improving that relationship to the benefit of both countries.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in support of this measure, and I reserve the balance of my time.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS,  
Washington, DC, December 8, 2017.

Hon. KEVIN BRADY,  
Chairman, Committee on Ways and Means,  
Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN BRADY: Thank you for consulting with the Foreign Affairs Committee and agreeing to forgo a sequential referral request on House Resolution 357, Reaffirming the strategic partnership between the United States and Canada, so that the resolution may proceed expeditiously to the House floor.

I agree that your forgoing further action on this measure does not in any way diminish or alter the jurisdiction of your committee, or prejudice its jurisdictional prerogatives on this resolution or similar legislation in the future.

I will seek to place our letters on H. Res. 357 into the Congressional Record during floor consideration. I appreciate your cooperation regarding this legislation and look forward to continuing to work together as this measure moves through the legislative process.

Sincerely,

EDWARD R. ROYCE,  
Chairman.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS,  
Washington, DC, December 11, 2017.

Hon. EDWARD R. ROYCE,  
Chairman, Committee on Foreign Affairs,  
Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN ROYCE: I am writing with respect to H. Res. 357, reaffirming the strategic partnership between the United States and Canada, on which the Committee on Ways and Means was granted an additional referral.

As a result of your having consulted with us on H. Res. 357, I agree to waive formal consideration of this resolution so that it may move expeditiously to the floor. The Committee on Ways and Means takes this action with the mutual understanding that we do not waive any jurisdiction over the subject matter contained in this or similar legislation, and the Committee will be appropriately consulted and involved as the resolution or similar legislation moves forward so that we may address any remaining issues that fall within our jurisdiction.

Finally, I would appreciate your response to this letter confirming this understanding,

and would ask that a copy of our exchange of letters on this matter be included in the Congressional Record during floor consideration of H. Res. 357.

Sincerely,

KEVIN BRADY,  
Chairman.

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

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of this measure.

Mr. Speaker, I want to, first of all, thank the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. DUNCAN), who, until recently, was the chairman of the Western Hemisphere Subcommittee. We will have him back on the committee any time he wants to come. I thank him for authorizing this resolution reaffirming the importance of the strategic partnership between the United States and Canada.

I also appreciate the efforts of my good friend Mr. MEEKS as the lead Democratic sponsor, and again, I thank Chairman ROYCE for working to bring this measure to the House floor.

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It is only appropriate, after spending time on the House floor discussing the importance of the U.S. relationship of our neighbor to the South, that we also focus on the strategic partnership between the United States and our neighbor to the North, which, of course, is Canada.

Canada is our second largest trading partner. Interesting, Canada is our second largest trading partner—and Mexico is our third largest trading partner—with about \$1.7 billion in goods and services and 400,000 citizens in both countries crossing the border on a daily basis. Think about that, 400,000 citizens from both countries cross the U.S.-Canadian border on a daily basis.

The preclearance process makes it easy for Americans traveling to Canada to clear U.S. customs while at a number of airports in Canada and arrive back home almost as if they were on a domestic flight. Of course, our relationship goes far beyond commerce and tourism, and I am particularly pleased that H. Res. 357 takes note of the extensive cooperation between the United States and Canada at NATO.

Canada has been and remains a key U.S. ally in several international conflicts around the world, including in Afghanistan, where Canada employed 2,800 troops to the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force from 2006 to 2011.

I also want to note the crucial role that Canada has played in holding Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro and his lackeys accountable through both multilateral action at the OAS—Organization of American States—and targeted sanctions. Most recently, I was very pleased that Canadian Foreign Minister Freeland hosted the Lima Group in Toronto in October.

Mr. Speaker, unfortunately, the U.S.-Canada relationship needs to be rejuvenated, needs to not be taken for granted. We have to work at that over time,

and I think it is important that we all work at that.

As a global entity, the U.S.-Canada relationship should be a relatively even one to manage. We don't want to have jobs at risk by creating a trade war with Canada. Trade disputes between two big neighbors are normal. We should not be escalating manageable disagreements in a way that could hurt workers in both of our countries.

So I believe that we should let all the leaders know that the House is leading the way, and we hope that everyone follows Congress' lead today in affirming the importance of the U.S.-Canada relationship.

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

Mr. ROYCE of California. Mr. Speaker, I yield 4 minutes to the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. DUNCAN). He is the author of this resolution.

Mr. DUNCAN of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I thank the chairman and the Foreign Affairs Committee for helping move this resolution.

Mr. Speaker, being the former chairman of the Western Hemisphere Subcommittee on the House Foreign Affairs Committee, I rise to encourage the passage of H. Res. 357 to reaffirm the strategic partnership between the United States and Canada.

As my good friend and former United States Ambassador to Canada, David Wilkins taught me that Canada is one of our strongest allies and one of our largest and best trading partners, and we are dependent on cooperation between the nations to promote trade, security, and energy issues.

It is imperative that we protect the close partnership with Canada and the interdependent North American energy market. Enforcing the strength of our relationship with Canada would expand the size of our energy market, create more jobs, reduce energy cost for consumers, and enhance North American energy security and interdependence. I remind the administration that energy issues should be a top priority in any NAFTA negotiation, as Canada is the largest supplier of energy to the United States. Now, this includes oil, uranium, natural gas, and electricity.

We share the longest undefended border, the largest bilateral trading relationship, and one of the deepest security and energy partnerships in the world. Today, 32 States consider Canada their primary trading partner. The comprehensive trade and investment relationship, which the United States has with Canada, supports millions of jobs in goods and services on both sides of the border. The importance of this bilateral relationship is critical for both countries.

Let me conclude by saying it is vital that we continue to look for ways to strengthen our relationship with Canada, and I hope that my colleagues will support this resolution to reaffirm the importance of U.S.-Canada relations.

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

Mr. Speaker, in closing, let me say that this year marks the 150th anniversary of the Canadian Confederation. So it is appropriate that we are considering this important resolution on the House floor before 2017 comes to a close.

As was said by all the other Members, the U.S. and Canada share so much more than just our extensive borders and daily commerce. We share people-to-people ties that run generations deep and continue on a daily basis.

Today, by passing H. Res. 357, Congress has an opportunity to show our commitment to and gratitude for the U.S.-Canada relationship. We also have an opportunity to show the world how two nations can get along with miles and miles of continuous borders.

I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this important resolution. I again thank Chairman ROYCE and the former chairman of the Western Hemisphere Subcommittee for their work.

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

Mr. ROYCE of California. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I want to once again thank Representative DUNCAN and Mr. MEEKS and Mr. HUIZENGA and Mr. ENGEL for their commitment to the U.S.-Canada relationship and for bringing this important resolution forward.

This resolution affirms the already strong partnership that we enjoy with our neighbors to the North while recognizing that this bilateral relationship has advanced our national interests.

In addition to working together on trade, on border security, on energy, Canada is also a valuable partner in security. As my colleagues know, Canada is a founding member of NATO and leads a NATO battalion in Latvia—I happen to have seen that battalion recently in Latvia—while maintaining 200 Canadian military trainers in Ukraine.

Our shared values and proximity have rendered Canada one of our most important allies, and this resolution allows this body to stand together in affirming that relationship. I urge my colleagues to support this important resolution.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. POE of Texas). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from California (Mr. ROYCE) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 357, as amended.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the resolution, as amended, was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### COMMUNICATION FROM THE DEMOCRATIC LEADER

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following commu-

nication from the Honorable NANCY PELOSI, Democratic Leader:

DECEMBER 12, 2017.

Hon. PAUL D. RYAN,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives,*  
*Washington, DC.*

DEAR SPEAKER RYAN: Pursuant to section 1238(b)(3) of the Floyd D. Spence National Defense Authorization Act of Fiscal Year 2001 (22 U.S.C. 7002), as amended, I am pleased to reappoint the following individuals to the United States-China Economic and Security Review Commission. These appointments would be effective January 1, 2018.

Ms. Carolyn Bartholomew of Washington, D.C.

Mr. Michael Wessel of Falls Church, VA  
Thank you for your attention to these appointments.

Sincerely,

NANCY PELOSI,  
*Democratic Leader.*

#### 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 4 o'clock and 8 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. POE of Texas) at 4 o'clock and 34 minutes p.m.

#### REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2396, PRIVACY NOTIFICATION TECHNICAL CLARIFICATION ACT, AND PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 4015, CORPORATE GOVERNANCE REFORM AND TRANSPARENCY ACT OF 2017

Mr. WOODALL, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 115-462) on the resolution (H. Res. 657) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2396) to amend the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act to update the exception for certain annual notices provided by financial institutions, and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4015) to improve the quality of proxy advisory firms for the protection of investors and the U.S. economy, and in the public interest, by fostering accountability, transparency, responsiveness, and competition in the proxy advisory firm industry, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

#### REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 1638, IRANIAN LEADERSHIP ASSET TRANSPARENCY ACT, AND PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 4324, STRENGTHENING OVERSIGHT OF IRAN'S ACCESS TO FINANCE ACT

Mr. WOODALL, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report

(Rept. No. 115-463) on the resolution (H. Res. 658) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1638) to require the Secretary of the Treasury to submit a report to the appropriate congressional committees on the estimated total assets under direct or indirect control by certain senior Iranian leaders and other figures, and for other purposes, and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4324) to require the Secretary of the Treasury to make certifications with respect to United States and foreign financial institutions' aircraft-related transactions involving Iran, and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, proceedings will resume on questions previously postponed.

Votes will be taken in the following order:

The motion to recommit on H.R. 3971; and

Passage of H.R. 3971, if ordered.

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

#### COMMUNITY INSTITUTION MORTGAGE RELIEF ACT OF 2017

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on the motion to recommit on the bill (H.R. 3971) to amend the Truth in Lending Act and the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act of 1974 to modify the requirements for community financial institutions with respect to certain rules relating to mortgage loans, and for other purposes, offered by the gentlewoman from Nevada (Ms. TITUS), on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk will redesignate the motion.

The Clerk redesignated the motion.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion to recommit.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 190, nays 233, not voting 8, as follows:

[Roll No. 674]

YEAS—190

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