

"22907. Consolidated rail infrastructure and safety improvements.

"22908. Restoration and enhancement grants."

(b) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

(1) TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS.—Chapter 229 of title 49, United States Code, as redesignated, is amended—

(A) in section 22902, as redesignated—

(i) in subsection (c)(3)(A)—

(I) in the matter preceding clause (i), by inserting "of" after "other modes"; and

(II) in clause (vi) by striking "environmentally" and inserting "environmental"; and

(ii) in subsection (k), by striking "state rail plan" and inserting "State rail plan"; and

(B) in section 22905(e)(1), as redesignated—

(i) by striking "government authority" and inserting "governmental authority"; and

(ii) by striking "section 5302(11) and (6), respectively, of this title" and inserting "section 5302";

(2) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Chapter 229 of title 49, United States Code, as redesignated, is amended—

(A) in section 22901(2)(D), as redesignated, by striking "24404" and inserting "22904";

(B) in section 22904, as redesignated, by striking "24402" and inserting "22902";

(C) in section 22905(e)(1), as redesignated, by striking "24102(4) of this title" and inserting "24102";

(D) in section 22907, as redesignated—

(i) in subsection (c)(2), by striking "24401(2)" and inserting "22901(2)"; and

(ii) in subsection (k), by striking "of sections 24402, 24403, and 24404 and the definition contained in 24401(1)" and inserting "under sections 22902, 22903, and 22904, and the definition contained in section 22901(1)"; and

(E) in section 22908, as redesignated—

(i) in subsection (a), in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by striking "24401(1)" and inserting "22901(1)"; and

(ii) in subsection (i)(3), by striking "24405" and inserting "22905";

(3) ADDITIONAL CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

(A) SUBTITLE V.—Subtitle V of title 49, United States Code, is amended—

(i) in part C—

(I) in section 24102(7)(D)(ii), by striking "chapter 244" and inserting "chapter 229";

(II) in section 24103, by inserting "or chapter 229" after "this part" each place it appears;

(III) in section 24711(c)(3), by striking "24405" and inserting "22905"; and

(IV) in section 24911(i), by striking "24405" and inserting "22905"; and

(ii) in part D, in section 26106(e)(3), by striking "24405 of this title" and inserting "22905";

(B) RAILROAD SAFETY ENHANCEMENT ACT OF 2008.—The Passenger Rail Investment and Improvement Act of 2008 (division B of Public Law 110-432) is amended—

(i) in section 301(c) (49 U.S.C. 24405 note), by striking "24405(a)" and inserting "22905(a)"; and

(ii) in section 502(a)(4)(I) (49 U.S.C. 26106 note), by striking "24405" and inserting "22905";

(C) FAST ACT.—The Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (Public Law 114-94; 129 Stat. 1312) is amended—

(i) in section 11102, by adding at the end the following:

"(c) CONFORMING PROVISION FOR REDESIGNATION OF APPLICABLE SECTION.—Any amounts authorized under this section for grants or project management oversight under section 24407 of such title shall be deemed to refer to grants or project management oversight under section 22907 of such

title on or after the date of enactment of the Department of Transportation Reports Harmonization Act.";

(ii) in section 11104, by adding at the end the following:

"(c) CONFORMING PROVISION FOR REDESIGNATION OF APPLICABLE SECTION.—Any amounts authorized under this section for grants or project management oversight under section 24408 of such title shall be deemed to refer to grants or project management oversight under section 22908 of such title on or after the date of enactment of the Department of Transportation Reports Harmonization Act.";

(iii) in section 11308(a)(4)(I), by striking "24405" and inserting "22905"; and

(iv) in section 11401(b)(5), by striking "chapter 244" and inserting "chapter 229".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Florida (Mr. MAST) and the gentlewoman from Nevada (Ms. TITUS) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Florida.

#### GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. MAST. 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 material on S. 3367.

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

There was no objection.

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

Mr. Speaker, S. 3367 enhances transparency for certain Department of Transportation reports, eliminates or sunsets certain advisory boards, and makes technical amendments to the rail improvement grants.

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

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

Mr. Speaker, this bill makes changes to reporting requirements for the Department of Transportation, requiring various agencies to be more transparent to the public by making some of these reports available on DOT's website. Those would include the Northeast Corridor Safety Committee report and some Federal environmental reviews.

The bill also requires that any changes in fees or charges for attending the Merchant Marine Academy be posted publicly online as well.

The bill makes the results of State performance targets set in the State highway safety plans publicly available and directs GAO to review States' progress in achieving these performance targets, including how States are utilizing grants and problems that may be encountered in achieving their targets.

The review will be important to Congress when considering the next reauthorization of the surface transportation bill.

Finally, this bill sunsets the Northeast Corridor Safety Committee and the National Rail Cooperative Research Program Oversight Committee

upon full completion of positive train control along the Northeast Corridor, and it makes technical changes in reorganizing the rail improvement grant section under title 49.

It does a lot of good things to improve transparency, both for the public and for Congress.

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

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Florida (Mr. MAST) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, S. 3367.

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. MASSIE. 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.

#### LOUISE AND BOB SLAUGHTER POST OFFICE

Mr. WALKER. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 7293) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 770 Ayrault Road in Fairport, New York, as the "Louise and Bob Slaughter Post Office".

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 7293

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

#### SECTION 1. LOUISE AND BOB SLAUGHTER POST OFFICE.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 770 Ayrault Road in Fairport, New York, shall be known and designated as the "Louise and Bob Slaughter Post Office".

(b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the facility referred to in subsection (a) shall be deemed to be a reference to the "Louise and Bob Slaughter Post Office".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. WALKER) and the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. RASKIN) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from North Carolina.

#### GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. WALKER. 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 material on the bill under consideration.

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

There was no objection.

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

Mr. Speaker, this bill honors the late Congresswoman Louise Slaughter's 30 years of service to this country. The bill has bipartisan support. I urge all Members to support it, and I yield back the balance of my time.

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

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to join my colleagues in considering H.R. 7293, which will designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 770 Ayrault Road in Fairport, New York, as the Louise and Bob Slaughter Post Office.

Representative Slaughter was a pioneering, ebullient, and groundbreaking Member of this body whose energetic service on the Rules Committee changed the dynamics and the culture of the House of Representatives.

She served here for 31 years, was the first woman ever to chair the Rules Committee, and coauthored the landmark Violence Against Women Act.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from New York (Mr. MORELLE) for a further brief statement on her remarkable life and career.

Mr. MORELLE. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding me this time.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize someone we all know well, a true American patriot, the Honorable Louise M. Slaughter. It is truly a privilege to have introduced H.R. 7293 honoring Louise and her husband, Bob Slaughter. It is particularly fitting to do so in the 115th Congress, with so many colleagues who worked side by side with this remarkable woman.

Louise loved Monroe County and everyone who called it home. Through her dedicated work in public service, she made immeasurable contributions to our region, our State, and our Nation.

That is why I am proud to sponsor this legislation to dedicate the United States Post Office located at 770 Ayrault Road in Fairport to Louise Slaughter and her devoted husband, Bob Slaughter.

The new Louise and Bob Slaughter Post Office Building, located in their hometown just blocks from their house, will be a fitting tribute to a truly remarkable couple.

On a personal note, it was Louise Slaughter who counseled me at a young age and encouraged me to run for public office. Louise, Bob, and their family remained dear friends for nearly 40 years.

Our entire community grieves her loss and misses her dearly, but Louise left behind an incredible legacy that everyone in this room witnessed firsthand.

She was the first and only woman to chair the Rules Committee of the House. Louise was not only a fierce and influential legislator but a true champion for those in our Nation in real need of champions.

From landmark healthcare legislation to education and infrastructure

projects that have strengthened our local and national economy, Louise was a trailblazer who, with every success, shattered glass ceilings.

She was a friend, a colleague, a mentor, and a role model for so many people, both in this room and in my community back home in Rochester, New York. She and Bob Slaughter are more than deserving of this honor, and I look forward to the day when the Louise and Bob Slaughter Post Office is open for business to serve Fairport residents and honor their memory.

I am grateful to my colleagues in the New York delegation who have joined me in cosponsoring this legislation. Its widespread bipartisan support is a testament to the profound impact Louise Slaughter has had on all of us and will have on us all for many years to come.

Mr. RASKIN. Mr. Speaker, as the former majority leader of the New York Assembly, Representative MORELLE is a fitting and worthy successor to Representative Slaughter, whom we all miss. I thank the gentleman for bringing this legislation forward.

I urge passage of H.R. 7293.

Mr. Speaker, I have no further speakers at this time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. WALKER) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 7293.

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. MASSIE. 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.

#### FOUNDATIONS FOR EVIDENCE-BASED POLICYMAKING ACT OF 2017

Mr. WALKER. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and concur in the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 4174) to amend titles 5 and 44, United States Code, to require Federal evaluation activities, improve Federal data management, and for other purposes.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the Senate amendment is as follows:

Senate amendment:

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

#### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.

(a) *SHORT TITLE.*—This Act may be cited as the “Foundations for Evidence-Based Policymaking Act of 2018”.

(b) *TABLE OF CONTENTS.*—The table of contents for this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.

#### TITLE I—FEDERAL EVIDENCE-BUILDING ACTIVITIES

Sec. 101. Federal evidence-building activities.

#### TITLE II—OPEN GOVERNMENT DATA ACT

Sec. 201. Short title.

Sec. 202. OPEN Government data.

#### TITLE III—CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION PROTECTION AND STATISTICAL EFFICIENCY

Sec. 301. Short title.

Sec. 302. Confidential information protection and statistical efficiency.

Sec. 303. Increasing access to data for evidence.

#### TITLE IV—GENERAL PROVISIONS

Sec. 401. Rule of construction.

Sec. 402. Use of existing resources.

Sec. 403. Effective date.

#### TITLE I—FEDERAL EVIDENCE-BUILDING ACTIVITIES

##### SEC. 101. FEDERAL EVIDENCE-BUILDING ACTIVITIES.

(a) *IN GENERAL.*—Chapter 3 of part I of title 5, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by inserting before section 301 the following:

“SUBCHAPTER I—GENERAL PROVISIONS”;  
AND

(2) by adding at the end the following:

“SUBCHAPTER II—FEDERAL EVIDENCE-BUILDING ACTIVITIES

##### “§311. Definitions

“In this subchapter:

“(1) *AGENCY.*—The term ‘agency’ has the meaning given the term ‘Executive agency’ under section 105.

“(2) *DIRECTOR.*—The term ‘Director’ means the Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

“(3) *EVALUATION.*—The term ‘evaluation’ means an assessment using systematic data collection and analysis of one or more programs, policies, and organizations intended to assess their effectiveness and efficiency.

“(4) *EVIDENCE.*—The term ‘evidence’ has the meaning given that term in section 3561 of title 44.

“(5) *STATE.*—The term ‘State’ means each of the several States, the District of Columbia, each territory or possession of the United States, and each federally recognized governing body of any Indian Tribe, band, nation, pueblo, or other organized group or community which is recognized as eligible for the special programs and services provided by the United States to Indians because of their status as Indians.

“(6) *STATISTICAL ACTIVITIES; STATISTICAL AGENCY OR UNIT; STATISTICAL PURPOSE.*—The terms ‘statistical activities’, ‘statistical agency or unit’, and ‘statistical purpose’ have the meanings given those terms in section 3561 of title 44.

##### “§312. Agency evidence-building plan

“(a) *REQUIREMENT.*—The head of each agency shall include in the strategic plan required under section 306 a systematic plan for identifying and addressing policy questions relevant to the programs, policies, and regulations of the agency. Such plan shall contain the following:

“(1) A list of policy-relevant questions for which the agency intends to develop evidence to support policymaking.

“(2) A list of data the agency intends to collect, use, or acquire to facilitate the use of evidence in policymaking.

“(3) A list of methods and analytical approaches that may be used to develop evidence to support policymaking.

“(4) A list of any challenges to developing evidence to support policymaking, including any statutory or other restrictions to accessing relevant data.

“(5) A description of the steps the agency will take to accomplish paragraphs (1) and (2).

“(6) Any other information as required by guidance issued by the Director.

“(b) *EVALUATION PLAN.*—The head of each agency shall issue in conjunction with the performance plan required under section 1115(b) of title 31, an evaluation plan describing activities the agency plans to conduct pursuant to subsection (a) of this section during the fiscal year