

my home State, as I mentioned, and throughout the country.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this 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 Washington (Mr. REICHERT) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 4979, as amended.

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. REICHERT. 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.

□ 1800

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, February 12, 2018.

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

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, I have the honor to transmit a sealed envelope received from the White House on February 12, 2018, at 3:28 p.m., and said to contain a message from the President on his framework for rebuilding infrastructure in America.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

KAREN L. HAAS,
Clerk of the House.

FRAMEWORK FOR REBUILDING INFRASTRUCTURE IN AMERICA—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (H. DOC. NO. 115-95)

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following message from the President of the United States; which was read and, together with the accompanying papers, referred to the Committee on Agriculture; Committee on Education and the Workforce; Committee on Energy and Commerce; Committee on the Judiciary; Committee on Natural Resources; Committee on Oversight and Government Reform; Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure; Committee on Veterans' Affairs; and Committee on Ways and Means, and ordered to be printed:

To the Congress of the United States:

I have enclosed with this message my Administration's framework for rebuilding infrastructure in America. Our Nation's infrastructure is in an unacceptable state of disrepair, which

damages our country's competitiveness and our citizens' quality of life. For too long, lawmakers have invested in infrastructure inefficiently, ignored critical needs, and allowed it to deteriorate. As a result, the United States has fallen further and further behind other countries. It is time to give Americans the working, modern infrastructure they deserve.

To help build a better future for all Americans, I ask the Congress to act soon on an infrastructure bill that will: stimulate at least \$1.5 trillion in new investment over the next 10 years, shorten the process for approving projects to 2 years or less, address unmet rural infrastructure needs, empower State and local authorities, and train the American workforce of the future.

To develop the infrastructure framework I am transmitting today, my Administration engaged with Governors, mayors, Federal agencies, State and local agencies, Members of Congress, industry, and most importantly, the American people who depend on upgraded infrastructure. The product of these efforts is a roadmap for the Congress to draft and pass the most comprehensive infrastructure bill in our Nation's history. My Administration's plan addresses more than traditional infrastructure—like roads, bridges, and airports—but addresses other needs like drinking and wastewater systems, waterways, water resources, energy, rural infrastructure, public lands, veterans' hospitals, and Brownfield and Superfund sites. The reforms set forth in my plan will strengthen the economy, make our country more competitive, reduce the costs of goods and services for American families, and enable Americans to build their lives on top of the best infrastructure in the world.

My Administration is committed to working with the Congress to enact a law that will enable America's builders to construct new, modern, and efficient infrastructure throughout our beautiful land.

DONALD J. TRUMP.
THE WHITE HOUSE, February 12, 2018.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until approximately 6:30 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 6 o'clock and 3 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1830

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. BOST) at 6 o'clock and 30 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. 4533, by the yeas and nays; and

H.R. 4979, 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.

LEXINGTON VA HEALTH CARE SYSTEM

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 4533) to designate the health care system of the Department of Veterans Affairs in Lexington, Kentucky, as the "Lexington VA Health Care System" and to make certain other designations, as amended, 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 Tennessee (Mr. ROE) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 402, nays 0, not voting 28, as follows:

[Roll No. 70]

YEAS—402

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

Higgins (LA) Massie
Higgins (NY) Mast
Hill Matsui
Himes McCarthy
Holding McCaul
Hollingsworth McClintock
Hoyer McCollum
Hudson McEachin
Huffman McGovern
Huizenga McHenry
Hultgren McKinley
Hunter McMorris
Hurd Rodgers
Issa McNeerney
Jackson Lee McSally
Jayapal Meadows
Jeffries Meehan
Jenkins (KS) Meeks
Jenkins (WV) Meng
Johnson (GA) Mitchell
Johnson (LA) Moolenaar
Johnson (OH) Mooney (WV)
Johnson, E. B. Moore
Johnson, Sam Moulton
Jones Mullin
Jordan Murphy (FL)
Joyce (OH) Nadler
Kaptur Napolitano
Katko Neal
Keating Newhouse
Kelly (IL) Noem
Kelly (MS) Nolan
Kelly (PA) Norcross
Kennedy Norman
Khanna O'Halleran
Kihuen Olson
Kildee Palazzo
Kilmer Pallone
Kind Palmer
King (IA) Panetta
King (NY) Pascarell
Kinzinger Paulsen
Knight Payne
Krishnamoorthi Pelosi
Kuster (NH) Perlmutter
Kustoff (TN) Perry
Labrador Peters
LaHood Peterson
LaMalfa Pingree
Lamborn Pittenger
Lance Pocan
Langevin Poe (TX)
Larsen (WA) Poliquin
Larson (CT) Polis
Latta Price (NC)
Lawrence Quigley
Lawson (FL) Raskin
Lee Ratcliffe
Levin Reed
Lewis (GA) Reichert
Lewis (MN) Renacci
Lieu, Ted Rice (NY)
Lipinski Rice (SC)
LoBondo Richmond
Loeb sack Roby
Lofgren Roe (TN)
Long Rogers (AL)
Loudermilk Rokita
Love Rooney, Francis
Lowenthal Rooney, Thomas
Lowey J.
Lucas Ros-Lehtinen
Luetkemeyer Rosen
Lujan Grisham, Roskam
M. Ross
Luján, Ben Ray Rothfus
Lynch Rouzer
MacArthur Roybal-Allard
Maloney, Royce (CA)
Carolyn B. Ruiz
Maloney, Sean Ruppertsberger
Marchant Rush
Marino Russell
Marshall Rutherford

NOT VOTING—28

Bass Duncan (SC)
Black Flores
Blumenauer Frankel (FL)
Blunt Rochester Gaetz
Buchanan Gonzalez (TX)
Byrne Gutiérrez
Carter (TX) Messer
Costa Nunes
Cummings O'Rourke
Denham Pearce

Ryan (OH) Sánchez
Sánchez Sanford
Sanford Sarbanes
Scalise Scalise
Schakowsky Schiff
Schneider Schiff
Schrader Schrader
Schweikert Schweikert
Scott (VA) Scott (VA)
Scott, Austin Scott, Austin
Scott, David Scott, David
Sensenbrenner Serrano
Serrano Sewell (AL)
Shea-Porter Shea-Porter
Sherman Sherman
Shimkus Shimkus
Shuster Shuster
Simpson Simpson
Sinema Sinema
Sires Sires
Slaughter Slaughter
Smith (MO) Smith (MO)
Smith (NE) Smith (NE)
Smith (NJ) Smith (NJ)
Smith (TX) Smith (TX)
Smith (WA) Smith (WA)
Smucker Smucker
Soto Soto
Speier Speier
Stefanik Stefanik
Stewart Stewart
Suozi Suozi
Swalwell (CA) Swalwell (CA)
Takano Takano
Taylor Taylor
Tenney Tenney
Thompson (CA) Thompson (CA)
Thompson (MS) Thompson (MS)
Thompson (PA) Thompson (PA)
Thornberry Thornberry
Tipton Tipton
Tonko Tonko
Torres Torres
Trott Trott
Tsongas Tsongas
Turner Turner
Upton Upton
Veasey Veasey
Vela Vela
Velázquez Velázquez
Visclosky Visclosky
Wagner Wagner
Walberg Walberg
Walden Walden
Walker Walker
Walorski Walorski
Walters, Mimi Walters, Mimi
Walz Walz
Wasserman Wasserman
Schultz Schultz
Waters, Maxine Waters, Maxine
Watson Coleman Watson Coleman
Weber (TX) Weber (TX)
Webster (FL) Webster (FL)
Welch Welch
Wenstrup Wenstrup
Westerman Westerman
Williams Williams
Wilson (FL) Wilson (FL)
Wilson (SC) Wilson (SC)
Wittman Wittman
Womack Womack
Woodall Woodall
Yarmuth Yarmuth
Yoder Yoder
Yoho Yoho
Young (AK) Young (AK)
Young (IA) Young (IA)
Zeldin Zeldin

□ 1854

So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

EXTENDING GENERALIZED SYSTEM OF PREFERENCES PROGRAM

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 4979) to extend the Generalized System of Preferences and to make technical changes to the competitive need limitations provision of the program, as amended, 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 Washington (Mr. REICHERT) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.

This is a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 400, nays 2, not voting 28, as follows:

[Roll No. 71]

YEAS—400

Abraham Chu, Judy
Adams Cicilline
Aderholt Clark (MA)
Aguliar Clarke (NY)
Allen Clay
Amodei Cleaver
Arrington Clyburn
Babin Coffman
Bacon Cohen
Banks (IN) Cole
Barletta Collins (GA)
Barr Collins (NY)
Barragán Comer
Barton Comstock
Beatty Conaway
Bera Connolly
Bergman Cook
Beyer Cooper
Biggs Correa
Bilirakis Costello (PA)
Bishop (GA) Courtney
Bishop (MI) Cramer
Bishop (UT) Crawford
Blackburn Crist
Blum Crowley
Bonamici Cuellar
Bost Culberson
Boyle, Brendan Curbelo (FL)
F. Curtis
Brady (PA) Davidson
Brady (TX) Davis (CA)
Brat Davis, Danny
Bridenstine Davis, Rodney
Brooks (AL) DeFazio
Brooks (IN) DeGette
Brown (MD) Delaney
Brownley (CA) DeLauro
Buck DelBene
Bucshon Demings
Budd Dent
Burgess DeSantis
Bustos DeSaulnier
Butterfield DesJarlais
Calvert Deutch
Capuano Diaz-Balart
Carbajal Dingell
Cárdenas Doggett
Carson (IN) Donovan
Carter (GA) Doyle, Michael
Cartwright F.
Castor (FL) Duffy
Castro (TX) Duncan (TN)
Chabot Dunn
Cheney Ellison

Himes
Holding
Hollingsworth
Hoyer
Hudson
Huffman
Huizenga
Hultgren
Hurd
Jackson Lee
Jayapal
Jeffries
Jenkins (KS)
Jenkins (WV)
Johnson (GA)
Johnson (LA)
Johnson (OH)
Johnson, E. B.
Johnson, Sam
Jones
Jordan
Joyce (OH)
Kaptur
Katko
Keating
Kelly (IL)
Kelly (MS)
Kelly (PA)
Kennedy
Khanna
Kihuen
Kildee
Kilmer
Kind
King (IA)
King (NY)
Kinzinger
Knight
Krishnamoorthi
Kuster (NH)
Kustoff (TN)
Labrador
LaHood
LaMalfa
Lamborn
Lance
Langevin
Larsen (WA)
Larson (CT)
Latta
Lawrence
Lawson (FL)
Lee
Levin
Lewis (GA)
Lewis (MN)
Lieu, Ted
Lipinski
LoBondo
Loeb sack
Lofgren
Long
Loudermilk
Love
Lowenthal
Lowey
Lucas
Luetkemeyer
Lujan Grisham, M.
Luján, Ben Ray
Lynch
MacArthur
Maloney, Carolyn B.
Maloney, Sean
Marchant
Marino
Marshall

McCarthy
McCaul
McClintock
McCollum
McEachin
McGovern
McHenry
McKinley
McMorris
Rodgers
McNeerney
McSally
Meadows
Meehan
Meeks
Meng
Mitchell
Moolenaar
Mooney (WV)
Moore
Moulton
Mullin
Murphy (FL)
Nadler
Napolitano
Neal
Newhouse
Noem
Nolan
Norcross
Norman
O'Halleran
Olson
Palazzo
Pallone
Palmer
Panetta
Pascarell
Paulsen
Payne
Pelosi
Perlmutter
Perry
Peters
Peterson
Pingree
Pittenger
Pocan
Poe (TX)
Poliquin
Polis
Price (NC)
Quigley
Raskin
Ratcliffe
Reed
Reichert
Renacci
Rice (NY)
Rice (SC)
Richmond
Roby
Roe (TN)
Rogers (AL)
Rokita
Rooney, Francis
Rooney, Thomas
J.
Ros-Lehtinen
Rosen
Roskam
Ross
Rothfus
Rouzer
Roybal-Allard
Royce (CA)
Ruiz
Ruppertsberger
Rush
Russell
Rutherford
Ryan (OH)

NAYS—2

Amash Hunter

NOT VOTING—28

Bass Duncan (SC)
Black Flores
Blumenauer Frankel (FL)
Blunt Rochester Gaetz
Buchanan Gutiérrez
Byrne Issa
Carter (TX) Messer
Costa Nunes
Cummings O'Rourke
Denham Pearce

Sánchez
Sanford
Sarbanes
Scalise
Schakowsky
Schiff
Schneider
Schrader
Schweikert
Scott (VA)
Scott, Austin
Scott, David
Sensenbrenner
Serrano
Sewell (AL)
Shea-Porter
Sherman
Shimkus
Shuster
Simpson
Sinema
Sires
Slaughter
Smith (MO)
Smith (NE)
Smith (NJ)
Smith (TX)
Smith (WA)
Smucker
Soto
Speier
Stefanik
Stewart
Suozi
Swalwell (CA)
Takano
Taylor
Tenney
Thompson (CA)
Thompson (MS)
Thompson (PA)
Thornberry
Tipton
Tonko
Torres
Trott
Tsongas
Turner
Upton
Veasey
Vela
Velázquez
Visclosky
Wagner
Walberg
Walden
Walker
Walorski
Walters, Mimi
Walz
Wasserman
Schultz
Waters, Maxine
Watson Coleman
Weber (TX)
Webster (FL)
Welch
Wenstrup
Westerman
Williams
Wilson (FL)
Wilson (SC)
Wittman
Womack
Woodall
Yarmuth
Yoder
Yoho
Young (AK)
Young (IA)
Zeldin