

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  
Cumming 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

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  
Cumming O'Rourke  
Denham Pearce

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)

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