bill, the basic problem with the notice and cure provision, and that is the notice and cure provision. Therefore, it does not alleviate any of the real concerns with the underlying bill.

Again, the basic notice and cure provisions of the bill turn on its head the normal practice of any civil rights statute in which the burden of compliance is on the actor, not on the victim. Here, we put the burden of compliance on the victim

The debate has been as if people have not had 28 years to come into compliance, only to find out they are not in compliance when someone complains about it, some victim is victimized. That is just wrong. This goes in exactly the wrong direction.

Although this amendment would slightly alleviate the provision, it is putting lipstick on a pig. For this reason and in deference to the disability rights community, which opposes this amendment and the pre-suit notice and cure requirements, I must oppose the amendment.

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

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Chairman, I appreciate the gentleman's comments.

I want to remind folks that notice requirement is required even under title VII of the Civil Rights Act. It is also required under title I of the original ADA legislation. So this is not a new phenomena.

This legislation and this amendment gives potential plaintiffs the ability to advise and put a business on notice without even having to hire a lawyer with the legalese requirements that are written by the Department of Justice, which constantly updates what requirements are under the ADA.

The intention is to simply have the violation described in a way that is sufficient to put the business on notice of what the ADA violation is.

Therefore, Mr. Chairman, I would ask that all Members support this amendment, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The Acting CHAIR. The question is on the amendment offered by the gentleman from Texas (Mr. Poe).

The amendment was agreed to.

The Acting CHAIR. The Chair understands that amendment No. 7 will not be offered.

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Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Chairman, I move that the Committee do now rise. The motion was agreed to.

Accordingly, the Committee rose; and the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. MOONEY of West Virginia) having assumed the chair, Mr. WOMACK, Acting Chair of the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, reported that that Committee, having had under consideration the bill (H.R. 620) to amend the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 to promote compliance through education, to clarify the requirements for demand letters, to provide for a notice and cure period be-

fore the commencement of a private civil action, and for other purposes, had come to no resolution thereon.

# 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 11 o'clock and 15 minutes a.m.), the House stood in re-

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# AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. MITCHELL) at 11 o'clock and 20 minutes a.m.

# ADA EDUCATION AND REFORM ACT OF 2017

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 736 and rule XVIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the further consideration of the bill, H.R. 620.

Will the gentleman from Arkansas (Mr. Womack) kindly assume the chair.

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# IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Accordingly, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 620) to amend the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 to promote compliance through education, to clarify the requirements for demand letters, to provide for a notice and cure period before the commencement of a private civil action, and for other purposes, with Mr. Womack (Acting Chair) in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The Acting CHAIR. When the Committee of the Whole rose earlier today, amendment No. 6 printed in part A of House Report 115-559 offered by the gentleman from Texas (Mr. Poe) had been disposed of.

AMENDMENT NO. 2 OFFERED BY MR. LANGEVIN

The Acting CHAIR. Pursuant to clause 6 of rule XVIII, the unfinished business is the demand for a recorded vote on amendment No. 2 printed in part A of House Report 115-559 offered by the gentleman from Rhode Island (Mr. Langevin) on which further proceedings were postponed and on which the noes prevailed by voice vote.

The Clerk will redesignate amendment.

The Clerk redesignated the amendment.

# RECORDED VOTE

The Acting CHAIR. A recorded vote has been demanded.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 188, noes 226, not voting 16, as follows:

[Roll No. 79] AYES-188

Adams Green, Al Aguilar Green, Gene Barragán Grijalya. Hanabusa Beatty Beyer Harper Blumenauer Hastings Blunt Rochester Heck Bonamici Boyle, Brendan Himes Hoyer Brady (PA) Huffman Brown (MD) Jackson Lee Brownley (CA) Jayapal Bustos Butterfield Jeffries Capuano Kaptur Carbajal Katko Cárdenas Keating Carson (IN) Kelly (IL) Cartwright Kennedy Castor (FL) Khanna Castro (TX) Kihuen Chu. Judy Kildee Cicilline Kilmer Clark (MA) Kind King (NY) Clarke (NY) Clay Cleaver Kuster (NH) Clyburn Lance Langevin Cohen Comstock Larsen (WA) Larson (CT) Connolly Costello (PA) Lawrence Crist Lawson (FL) Crowley Lee Levin Davis (CA) Davis, Danny Lewis (GA) Lieu, Ted DeFazio DeGette Lipinski Delanev Loebsack Lofgren DeLauro DelBene Lowenthal Demines Lowev DeSaulnier Dingell Doggett Doyle, Michael Lynch Maloney, Ellison Engel Eshoo Matsui Espaillat McCollum Esty (CT) McEachin Evans McGovern Fitzpatrick McNernev Frankel (FL) Meeks Meng Frelinghuysen Fudge Moore Gabbard Moulton

Gallego

Gomez

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Garamendi

Gottheimer

Gonzalez (TX)

Norcross O'Halleran O'Rourke Pallone Panetta Pascrell Payne Higgins (NY) Pelosi Perlmutter Peterson Pingree Pocan Polis Price (NC) Johnson, E. B. Quigley Raskin Reichert Richmond Ros-Lehtinen Rosen Roybal-Allard Ruiz Ruppersberger Rush Ryan (OH) Sánchez Krishnamoorthi Sarbanes Schakowsky Schiff Schneider Scott (VA) Scott, David Sensenbrenner Serrano Sewell (AL) Shea-Porter Sherman Sires Slaughter Smith (N.I) Smith (WA) Suozzi Lujan Grisham, Swalwell (CA) Takano Thompson (CA) Luján, Ben Rav Thompson (MS) Thompson (PA) Carolyn B. Titus Maloney, Sean Tonko Tsongas Upton Vargas Veasey Vela Velázquez Visclosky Walz Waters, Maxine Murphy (FL) Watson Coleman Welch Nadler

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Young (AK)

Young (IA)

Webster (FL)

# NOT VOTING-16

Bishop (GA) Cheney Courtney Cummings

McCarthy

Deutch Duncan (SC) Gaetz Gutiérrez Johnson (GA) LoBiondo

Royce (CA)

Rogers (KY) Turner Wasserman Schultz

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Messrs. KELLY of Pennsylvania, FOSTER, WITTMAN. COFFMAN, DENT, and YOHO changed their vote from "aye" to "no."

Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois, Ms. Messrs. LANCE DELAURO. and PETERSON changed their vote from "no" to "aye."

So the amendment was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

The Acting CHAIR. There being no further amendments, under the rule. the Committee rises.

Accordingly, the Committee rose and pro Speaker tempore HULTGREN) assumed the chair.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair notes a disturbance in the gallery, in contravention of the law and rules of the House. The Sergeant at Arms will remove those persons responsible for the disturbance and restore order to the gallery.

Mr. Womack, Acting Chair of the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, reported that that Committee, having had under consideration the bill (H.R. 620) to amend the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 to promote compliance through education, to clarify the requirements for demand letters, to provide for a notice

and cure period before the commencement of a private civil action, and for other purposes, and, pursuant to House Resolution 736, he reported the bill back to the House with sundry amendments adopted in the Committee of the Whole.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the rule, the previous question is ordered.

Is a separate vote demanded on any amendment reported from the Committee of the Whole? If not, the Chair will put them en gros.

The amendments were agreed to. The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the engrossment and third reading of the bill.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, and was read the third time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the passage of the bill.

The question was taken: and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. NADLER. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the year and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, this 5minute vote on passage of the bill will be followed by a 5-minute vote on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal, if ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 225, nays 192, not voting 13, as follows:

# [Roll No. 80]

# YEAS-225

Crawford Abraham Hill Holding Aderholt Cuellar Agnilar Culberson Hollingsworth Allen Curbelo (FL) Hudson Amash Huizenga Amodei Davidson Hultgren Arrington Davis, Rodney Hunter Denham Babin Hurd Bacon Dent. Tssa. Banks (IN) DeSantis Jenkins (KS) DesJarlais Jenkins (WV) Barr Barton Donovan Johnson (LA) Bera Duffy Johnson (OH) Bergman Duncan (TN) Johnson, Sam Biggs Dunn Jones Bilirakis Emmer Jordan Joyce (OH) Kelly (MS) Bishop (MI) Estes (KS) Bishop (UT) Farenthold Black Kelly (PA) Faso Blackburn Ferguson King (IA) Blum Fleischmann King (NY) Bost Flores Kinzinger Brady (TX) Foster Knight Kustoff (TN) Brat Foxx Bridenstine Gaetz Labrador Brooks (AL) Gallagher LaHood Brooks (IN) LaMalfa Garrett Buchanan Gianforte Lamborn Buck Gibbs Latta Bucshon Gohmert Lewis (MN) Goodlatte Budd Long Loudermilk Burgess Gosar Gowdy Byrne Love Calvert Granger Lucas Carter (GA) Graves (GA) Luetkemever Carter (TX) Graves (LA) MacArthur Chabot Graves (MO) Marchant Coffman Griffith Marino Cole Grothman Marshall Collins (GA) GuthrieMassie Collins (NY) Handel Mast Comer Harris McCarthy Conaway Hartzler McCaul McClintock Hensarling Cook Herrera Beutler Cooper McHenry Hice, Jody B. McKinley Correa Cramer McSally

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#### NAYS-192

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Young (AK)

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#### NOT VOTING-13

 Bass
 Cummings
 Pearce

 Bishop (GA)
 Deutch
 Rogers (KY)

 Cheney
 Duncan (SC)
 Wasserman

 Costa
 Gutiérrez
 Schultz

 Courtney
 LoBiondo

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). There are 2 minutes remaining.

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So the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

# PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, parliamentary inquiry.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will state his parliamentary inquiry.

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Can the Chair tell us when the House may muster the courage to take up the issue of gun violence?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman has not stated a proper parliamentary inquiry.

# THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the question on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal, which the Chair will put de novo.

The question is on the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

# APPOINTMENT AS INSPECTOR GENERAL FOR U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces, on behalf of the Speaker, majority leader and minority leader, their joint appointment, pursuant to clause 6 of rule II, and the order of the House of January 3, 2017, of Mr. Michael Ptasienski, McLean, Virginia, as Inspector General for the U.S. House of Representatives.

# BALTIC STATES CELEBRATE THEIR CENTENNIAL

(Mr. SHIMKUS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the upcoming centennial anniversaries of the state-hood and independence of the three Baltic States.

This year marks 100 years since the restoration of the state of Lithuania on February 16, and the proclamations of independence of Estonia on February 24, and Latvia on November 18. Thus, in the aftermath of World War I, in 1918, Lithuania, Estonia, and Latvia de-

clared their independence and marked their beginnings as new republics and their emergence as modern democratic societies.

Despite a history of turmoil, the people of the Baltics have always stood up for their values and worked to maintain their independence, freedom, and sovereignty.

Today, 100 years later, the three Baltic States are strong allies of NATO and full-fledged members of the European Union. They are committed to making the transatlantic community an area of cooperation, partnership, and prosperity. The United States is proud to be strong allies of the Baltic States, and our nations stand together to defend our shared values of freedom and democracy.

Mr. Speaker, I extend sincere congratulations and send best wishes to Lithuania, Estonia, and Latvia on their centennial observations and anniversary.

# WHAT WILL IT TAKE

(Mr. PAYNE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, what will it take? What will it take for this body to finally grapple with this issue?

Columbine wasn't enough. West Virginia wasn't enough. Colorado, in a movie theater, wasn't enough. A night-club in Orlando wasn't enough. Newtown wasn't enough.

Mr. Speaker, this has become a national disgrace. Ninety-five percent of the American people say that they believe in sensible gun reform, gun laws that make sense. Ninety-five percent. The minority party does not represent 95 percent of this Nation.

You are in that number as well, yet you still turn your back on the American people. The NRA stands for "no Republican action."

# MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY MARKS ITS 125TH ANNIVERSARY

(Mr. GIANFORTE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GIANFORTE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today as a proud Bobcat to recognize Montana State University, which is celebrating its 125th anniversary tomorrow on Founders' Day.

Montana State University, a landgrant university in my hometown of Bozeman, was formed in 1893. Originally, the agricultural college of the State of Montana, the school started with eight students in a small classroom in a local high school.

The college quickly grew to include many other degree paths, including engineering and nursing; two programs for which the school is particularly known.

Today, Montana State University serves over 16,000 students each year. This year's spring enrollment set a new record for the tenth year in a row.

Montana State University is a cornerstone of the Bozeman community, and we are fortunate to have such an institution in our State.

The fact is that the success of my business, as well as that of many others, would not have been possible without Montana State University.

Go, Cats, go.

# WE NEED SENSIBLE GUN LAWS

(Mr. CARBAJAL asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)  $\,$ 

Mr. CARBAJAL. Madam Speaker, I rise with a heavy heart, imagining the pain felt in Parkland, Florida. No parent should have to send their children to school each day wondering if they will return home.

While details of the shooting in Florida are still emerging, it is clear this horrific act of violence was perpetrated by an individual in crisis.

I lost my older sister to suicide with a firearm at a young age. What I have learned since is that helping to prevent people in crisis from temporarily having a gun saves lives.

Today, I urge my colleagues to support the Gun Violence Restraining Order Act, allowing family members or law enforcement officials to petition a judge to temporarily remove firearms from an individual in crisis.

For those who keep repeating after each mass shooting that it is too soon to discuss gun violence reform, please consider that for many families, including my own, it is far too late.

We owe these families more than just our thoughts and prayers. We owe them sensible gun laws that protect our children from needless gun violence.

# JENNIFER'S STORY OF TRAFFICKING

(Mr. POE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. POE of Texas. Madam Speaker, Jennifer's childhood was violently chaotic. By her early twenties, she was living on the streets, begging and stealing to survive.

After a local gang member suspected that she may have stolen his money. her life became even more horrific and hellish. The gangster beat her mercilessly with a baseball bat until she collapsed, and then he and other gang pistol-whipped members her and burned her with cigarettes. They tattooed their names all over her body, branding her as property. For 6 years, they held her in slavery, forcing her to have sex with countless men for money.

Desperate, Jennifer tried to kill herself, but when the rope broke, she resolved to escape. Luckily for Jennifer, she found a shelter and was able to rebuild her life. She covered up the traffickers' names with flowers and the words "free yourself."

We, as a society, owe it to Jennifer and survivors like her to protect them