

Scott, David	Stivers	Walberg
Sensenbrenner	Suozzi	Walden
Sewell (AL)	Swalwell (CA)	Walker
Shalala	Takano	Walorski
Sherman	Taylor	Waltz
Sherrill	Thompson (CA)	Wasserman
Shimkus	Thompson (MS)	Schultz
Simpson	Thompson (PA)	Waters
Sires	Thornberry	Watkins
Slotkin	Timmons	Weber (TX)
Smith (MO)	Tipton	Webster (FL)
Smith (NE)	Titus	Wenstrup
Smith (NJ)	Torres (CA)	Westerman
Smith (WA)	Torres Small	Wexton
Smucker	(NM)	Wild
Soto	Trahan	Williams
Spanberger	Trone	Wilson (FL)
Spano	Turner	Wilson (SC)
Speier	Underwood	Wittman
Stanton	Upton	Womack
Stauber	Van Drew	Woodall
Stefanik	Vargas	Wright
Steil	Veasey	Yarmuth
Steube	Vela	Yoho
Stevens	Visclosky	Young
Stewart	Wagner	Zeldin

## NAYS—48

Amash	García (IL)	Nadler
Bass	Gohmert	Napolitano
Blumenauer	Gomez	Neguse
Buck	Griffith	Ocasio-Cortez
Chu, Judy	Grijalva	Omar
Clarke (NY)	Huffman	Pocan
Cohen	Jayapal	Pressley
Davis, Danny K.	Kennedy	Raskin
DeFazio	Khanna	Rice (SC)
DeGette	Kildee	Schakowsky
DeSaulnier	Lee (CA)	Tlaib
Dingell	Levin (MI)	Tonko
Doyle, Michael F.	Lowenthal	Velázquez
Engel	Massie	Watson Coleman
Espalliat	McClintock	Welch
Gabbard	McGovern	
	Meng	

## NOT VOTING—5

Barragán	Lieu, Ted	Serrano
Hunter	Rooney (FL)	

□ 1738

Messrs. DeSAULNIER, COHEN, GARCIA of Illinois, RASKIN, Ms. BASS, and Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois changed their vote from “yea” to “nay.”

Ms. ADAMS, Messrs. BISHOP of Utah, YOHO, and Ms. GRANGER changed their vote from “nay” to “yea.”

So the conference report was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

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**FARM WORKFORCE MODERNIZATION ACT OF 2019**

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 1(c) of rule XIX, further consideration of the bill (H.R. 5038) to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for terms and conditions for nonimmigrant workers performing agricultural labor or services, and for other purposes, will now resume.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

## MOTION TO RECOMMIT

Mr. BIGGS. Madam Speaker, I have a motion to recommit at the desk.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is the gentleman opposed to the bill?

Mr. BIGGS. I am in its current form.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will report the motion to recommit.

The Clerk read as follows:

Mr. BIGGS moves to recommit the bill H.R. 5038 to the Committee on the Judiciary with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with the following amendment:

Page 112, strike line 10 and all that follows through page 115, line 11 (and redesignate provisions accordingly).

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Arizona is recognized for 5 minutes in support of his motion.

Mr. BIGGS. Madam Speaker, in its current form, H.R. 5038 would subject growers to a new private right of action in Federal court. As a result, these employers would face countless frivolous lawsuits and higher costs in the form of damages and other litigation costs.

The bottom line is that many American farmers and other agricultural employers would be sued right out of business. This provision is one of the main reasons that, arguably, the biggest agricultural group in the world, the American Farm Bureau, does not support this bill.

Our motion to recommit would simply strike sections 204(a) and (b) of the bill. This motion to recommit is supported by the American Farm Bureau, and I ask all Members to support it as well.

As a technical matter, Madam Speaker, we seek to recommit this bill to the Judiciary Committee. And that is interesting to me, and I think it should be of interest to all of us here because, in just a few hours, that committee is going to meet on a completely bogus Articles of Impeachment, where we will consider that there.

Over a week ago, every Republican member of the Judiciary Committee signed a letter to request a minority day hearing.

We are going to have the markup in 2 hours, and we haven’t had the minority hearing yet, with no intention, I guess, of allowing the minority its rights under the rules.

Specifically, clause(2)(j)(1) of House rule XI states: “Whenever a hearing is conducted by a committee on a measure or matter, the minority members of the committee shall be entitled, upon request to the chairman by a majority of them before the completion of the hearing, to call witnesses selected by the minority to testify with respect to that measure or matter during at least one day of hearing thereon.”

And here we sit. We sit, and we are going to be going in, in 2 hours or so. We are going to have our opening statements, and then we will proceed to vote on the Articles of Impeachment offered by our friends on the other side of the aisle.

To what end? It is this obviation of the rule that is consistent with how we have seen this whole process play out.

We have written the chair of the Rules Committee to remind all chairs of their obligation to adhere to the rules of the House. Unfortunately, the hearing is yet to be scheduled.

I would suggest that the Democratic case for impeachment is not nearly so strong as they would have us believe. Otherwise, they would be affording us a simple minority hearing day.

When one considers it, and I wish everyone would consider it, we are being afforded more procedural rights on this bill, which is dead on arrival in the Senate, than we are in the impeachment proceeding of the President of the United States. That is simply wrong, Madam Speaker.

One day, I suggest, we will be beyond this mania, this hysteria that has set in here, and the other shoe will drop. I know that many in this body do not care for this President, and I understand that. But I think we all should have respect for this institution, and we should take care of this institution.

We should respect the due process rights of the minority. That is all we are asking. We want that minority hearing day.

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

Mr. BRINDISI. Madam Speaker, I claim the time in opposition.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from New York is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. BRINDISI. Madam Speaker, I rise today in opposition to this motion to recommit and in strong support of this underlying legislation.

Madam Speaker, America’s farmers, producers, and ranchers provide the American people with the safest, most abundant, and most affordable food supply in the world.

Their job is challenging enough, but for too long, our broken immigration system has made this job even more difficult. I have heard from farmers across upstate New York and across the country, sharing the urgent need for responsible, commonsense action to address the labor shortage on American farms and ranches.

In fact, every time I visit a farm in my community, immigration is one of the top issues I hear about from farmers. A shortage of workers has led to crops rotting in the fields, billions of dollars in lost productivity, and farmers shuttering their operations.

For too long, the broken politics in Washington have made it impossible to make progress on bipartisan immigration reform. But thanks to the tireless work of Congresswoman LOFGREN and Congressman NEWHOUSE, and the engagement of dozens of Members and hundreds of agricultural and labor stakeholders, we have a solid, bipartisan bill that finally moves the ball forward.

The Farm Workforce Modernization Act is something people don’t think happens much in Congress anymore, a bipartisan answer to a serious challenge. Republicans and Democrats came together, worked with each other, and found a solution that both sides can live with and that delivers results for American agriculture and workers.

Our legislation will expand the H-2A visa program to year-round operations like dairy farms, streamline the program to make it easier for farmers to use, and strengthen the electronic verification process to ensure a legal workforce.

It also includes a tough but fair legal status for the existing farm workforce, allowing agricultural workers to get right with the law. The bill also includes strong criminal bars, preventing anyone with a felony conviction or two misdemeanors from obtaining legal status.

Both sides negotiated in good faith, and in the end, we have a strong, bipartisan bill on the floor to support.

Working together with Democrats and Republicans shows that Congress can get things done for our farmers. That includes farmers like Mike, who owns a dairy operation in my district in Homer, New York.

Mike testified in front of the Agriculture Committee earlier this year and told us in no uncertain terms: “Agriculture needs a way to secure a workforce that is steady, willing, able, and legal. We need to bring the multitude of indispensable agricultural workers who are already here out of the shadows without major disruption to the workforce.”

Mike is supporting this bill, and the bill has earned the strong support of more than 300 agriculture groups from across the country, the Chamber of Commerce, faith groups, labor groups, and many others.

To my colleagues on both sides of the aisle, I would say that we have a real chance here to deliver a compromise—let me say that word again, “compromise”—that will make our country stronger and help grow American agriculture.

President Ronald Reagan, the last President to sign an agriculture labor bill into law, once said: “I’ve always thought that when we Americans get up in the morning, when we see bacon, eggs, toast, and milk on our breakfast table, we should give thanks that our farmers are survivors. You are the real miracle workers of the modern world—keepers of an incredible system based on faith, freedom, hard work, productivity, and profit—a system that feeds us and sustains millions of the world’s hungry.”

Let’s get the job done. Let’s deliver a win for our American farmers. Let’s oppose this amendment and get this bill passed.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the previous question is ordered on the motion to recommit.

There was no objection.

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

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

RECORDED VOTE

Mr. BIGGS. Madam Speaker, I demand a recorded vote.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members will record their votes by electronic device.

Pursuant to clause 9 of rule XX, this 5-minute vote on the motion to recommit will be followed by a 5-minute vote on passage of the bill, if ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 193, noes 230, not voting 7, as follows:

[Roll No. 673]			
AYES—193			
Abraham	Gosar	Olson	Cuellar
Aderholt	Granger	Palazzo	Kirkpatrick
Allen	Graves (GA)	Palmer	Davids (KS)
Amash	Graves (LA)	Pence	Kuster (NH)
Amodei	Graves (MO)	Perry	Davis, Danny K.
Armstrong	Green (TN)	Posey	Lamb
Arrington	Griffith	Ratcliffe	Dean
Babin	Grothman	Reed	DeFazio
Bacon	Guest	Reschenthaler	DeGette
Baird	Guthrie	Rice (SC)	DeLauro
Balderson	Hagedorn	Riggleman	DelBene
Banks	Harris	Ruby	Delgado
Barr	Hartzler	Rodgers (WA)	Demings
Bergman	Hern, Kevin	Roe, David P.	DeSaulnier
Biggs	Herrera Beutler	Rogers (AL)	Deutch
Bilirakis	Hice (GA)	Rogers (KY)	Dingell
Bishop (NC)	Higgins (LA)	Rose, John W.	Doggett
Bishop (UT)	Hill (AR)	Rouzer	Doyle, Michael F.
Bost	Hollingsworth	Roy	Engel
Brady	Hudson	Rutherford	Frankel
Brooks (AL)	Huizinga	Scalise	Fudge
Brooks (IN)	Hurd (TX)	Schweikert	Gabbard
Buchanan	Johnson (LA)	Scott, Austin	Gallego
Buck	Johnson (OH)	Sensenbrenner	McCullom
Buchshon	Johnson (SD)	Jordan	McEachin
Budd	Shimkus	Shimkus	Spanberger
Burchett	Joyce (OH)	Smith (MO)	McGovern
Burgess	Joyce (PA)	Smith (NE)	Speier
Byrne	Katko	Smith (NJ)	McNerney
Calvert	Keller	Smucker	Stanton
Carter (GA)	Kelly (MS)	Spano	Slotkin
Carter (TX)	Kelly (PA)	Stauber	Smith (WA)
Chabot	King (IA)	Stefanik	Soto
Cheney	King (NY)	Steil	Shalala
Cline	Kinzinger	Steube	Sherman
Cloud	Kustoff (TN)	Stewart	Sherrill
Cole	LaHood	Stivers	Simpson
Collins (GA)	LaMalfa	Taylor	Sires
Comer	Lamborn	Thompson (PA)	Lowenthal
Conaway	Latta	Thornberry	Maloney, Sean
Cook	Lesko	Timmons	Meeks
Crawford	Long	Tipton	McBath
Crenshaw	Loudermilk	Turner	McCullom
Curtis	Lucas	Upton	McCollum
Davidson (OH)	Luetkemeyer	Wagner	Moore
DesJarlais	Marchant	Walberg	Swalwell (CA)
Diaz-Balart	Marshall	Walden	Takano
Duncan	Massie	Walker	Morelle
Dunn	Mast	Waterson	Thompson (CA)
Emmer	McAdams	Waterson	Thompson (MS)
Estes	McCarthy	Waltz	Titius
Ferguson	McCaul	Watkins	Tlaib
Fitzpatrick	McClintock	Weber (TX)	Tonko
Fleischmann	McHenry	Webster (FL)	Trombetta
Flores	McKinley	Wenstrup	Underwood
Fortenberry	Meadows	Westerman	Van Drew
Foxx (NC)	Meuser	Williams	Vargas
Fulcher	Miller	Wilson (SC)	Velazquez
Gaetz	Moolenaar	Wittman	Visclosky
Gallagher	Mooney (WV)	Womack	Wasserman
Gianforo	Mullin	Woodall	Wasserman
Gibbs	Murphy (NC)	Wright	Waters
Gohmert	Newhouse	Yoho	Watson Coleman
Gonzalez (OH)	Norman	Young	Welch
Gooden	Nunes	Zeldin	Wexton
NOES—230			
Adams	Brown (MD)	Clark (MA)	Kaptur
Aguilar	Brownley (CA)	Clarke (NY)	Keating
Allred	Bustos	Clay	Phillips
Axne	Butterfield	Cleaver	Pingree
Bass	Carbajal	Clyburn	Rodney
Beatty	Cárdenas	Cohen	Rooney (FL)
Bera	Carson (IN)	Connolly	Serrano
Beyer	Cartwright	Cooper	
Bishop (GA)	Case	Correa	
Blumenauer	Casten (IL)	Costa	
Blunt Rochester	Castor (FL)	Courtney	
Bonamici	Castro (TX)	Cox (CA)	
Boyle, Brendan F.	Chu, Judy	Craig	
Brindisi	Cicilline	Crist	
	Cisneros	Crow	
NOT VOTING—7			
Barragán		Hunter	
Davis, Rodney		Lieu, Ted	
Holding		Rooney (FL)	
ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE			
The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). There are 2 minutes remaining.			
□ 1757			
So the motion to recommit was rejected.			
The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.			
Stated for:			
Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted “yea” on rollcall No. 673.			
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.			
RECORDED VOTE			
Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I demand a recorded vote.			
A recorded vote was ordered.			

The SPEAKER pro tempore. This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 260, noes 165, answered “present” 1, not voting 5, as follows:

[Roll No. 674]

## AYES—260

Adams	Garcia (TX)	O'Halleran	Welch	Wild	Yarmuth
Aguilar	Gomez	Ocasio-Cortez	Wexton	Wilson (FL)	Young
Allred	Gonzalez (TX)	Omar			NOES—165
Amodei	Gottheimer	Pallone	Abraham	Gonzalez (OH)	Mullin
Axne	Green, Al (TX)	Panetta	Aderholt	Gooden	Murphy (NC)
Baird	Grijalva	Pappas	Allen	Gosar	Norman
Bass	Haaland	Balderson	Amash	Granger	Olson
Beatty	Harder (CA)	Banks	Armstrong	Graves (GA)	Palazzo
Bera	Hastings	Barr	Arrington	Graves (LA)	Palmer
Beyer	Hayes	Bergman	Babin	Graves (MO)	Pence
Bishop (GA)	Heck	Biggs	Bacon	Green (TN)	Perry
Blumenauer	Herrera Beutler	Bishop (NC)	Balderson	Griffith	Posey
Blunt Rochester	Higgins (NY)	Bishop (UT)	Bishop (NC)	Grothman	Ratcliffe
Bonamici	Himes	Bishop (UT)	Bishop (NC)	Guest	Reschenthaler
Bost	Horn, Kendra S.	Burgess	Bishop (UT)	Guthrie	Rice (SC)
Boyle, Brendan F.	Horsford	Brooks (AL)	Bishop (UT)	Hagedorn	Riggleman
Brindisi	Houlihan	Brooks (AL)	Bishop (UT)	Harris	Roby
Brooks (IN)	Hoyer	Brady	Bishop (UT)	Hartzler	Roe, David P.
Brown (MD)	Huffman	Burgess	Bishop (UT)	Hern, Kevin	Rogers (AL)
Brownley (CA)	Hurd (TX)	Byrne	Bishop (UT)	Hice (GA)	Rogers (KY)
Bustos	Jackson Lee	Calvert	Bishop (UT)	Higgins (LA)	Rose, John W.
Butterfield	Jayapal	Chabot	Bishop (UT)	Hill (AR)	Rouzer
Carbajal	Jeffries	Cheney	Bishop (UT)	Buchanan	Roy
Cardenas	Johnson (GA)	Cloud	Bishop (UT)	Buck	Holding
Carson (IN)	Johnson (TX)	Collins (GA)	Bishop (UT)	Bucson	Hollingsworth
Cartwright	Joyce (OH)	Comer	Bishop (UT)	Budd	Rutherford
Case	Kaptur	Conaway	Bishop (UT)	Burgess	Scalise
Casten (IL)	Katko	Crawford	Bishop (UT)	Burchett	Schweikert
Castor (FL)	Keating	Crenshaw	Bishop (UT)	Burgess	Scott (VA)
Castro (TX)	Kelly (IL)	Curtis	Bishop (UT)	Byrne	Scott, Austin
Chu, Judy	Kennedy	Davidson (OH)	Bishop (UT)	Calvert	Sensenbrenner
Cicilline	Khanna	Rush	Bishop (UT)	Carter (GA)	Jordan
Cisneros	Kildee	DesJarlais	Bishop (UT)	Carter (GA)	Smith (MO)
Clark (MA)	Kilmer	Duncan	Bishop (UT)	Chabot	Smith (NE)
Clarke (NY)	Kim	Emmer	Bishop (UT)	Cheney	Smith (NE)
Clay	Kind	Estes	Bishop (UT)	Cloud	Spano
Cleaver	King (NY)	Ferguson	Bishop (UT)	Collins (GA)	Staber
Clyburn	Kinzinger	Fleischmann	Bishop (UT)	Carter (GA)	Steil
Cohen	Kirkpatrick	Flores	Bishop (UT)	Chabot	Steube
Cole	Krishnamoorthi	Fortenberry	Bishop (UT)	Cheney	Stewart
Connolly	Kuster (NH)	Gaetz	Bishop (UT)	Cloud	Taylor
Cook	LaMalfa	McAdams	Bishop (UT)	Comer	Thornberry
Cooper	Lamb	Fleischmann	Bishop (UT)	Conaway	Timmons
Correa	Langevin	Flores	Bishop (UT)	Crawford	Turner
Costa	Larsen (WA)	McCarthy	Bishop (UT)	Crenshaw	Wagner
Courtney	Larson (CT)	McCaul	Bishop (UT)	Curtis	Walberg
Cox (CA)	Lawrence	McClintock	Bishop (UT)	Davidson (OH)	LaHood
Craig	Lawson (FL)	McHenry	Bishop (UT)	DesJarlais	Lucas
Crist	Lee (CA)	Wittman	Bishop (UT)	Duncan	Luettkemeyer
Crow	Lee (NV)	Womack	Bishop (UT)	Emmer	Marchant
Cuellar	Levin (CA)	Woodall	Bishop (UT)	Estes	Marshall
Cunningham	Levin (MI)	Wright	Bishop (UT)	Ferguson	Massie
Davids (KS)	Lewis	Bishop (UT)	Bishop (UT)	Gallagher	Weber (TX)
Davis (CA)	Lipinski	Bishop (UT)	Bishop (UT)	Gianforte	Webster (FL)
Davis, Danny K.	Loebssack	Bishop (UT)	Bishop (UT)	Gibbs	Walberg
Davis, Rodney	Lofgren	Bishop (UT)	Bishop (UT)	Gohmert	Waldermilk
Dean	Lowenthal	Bishop (UT)	Bishop (UT)	Golden	Waldermilk
DeFazio	Lowey	Bishop (UT)	Bishop (UT)	Mooney (WV)	Ward
DeGette	Lujan	Bishop (UT)	Bishop (UT)	Mooney (WV)	Ward
DeLauro	Luria	Bishop (UT)	Bishop (UT)	Mooney (WV)	Ward
DelBene	Lynch	Bishop (UT)	Bishop (UT)	Mooney (WV)	Ward
Delgado	Malinowski	Bishop (UT)	Bishop (UT)	Mooney (WV)	Ward
Demings	Maloney	Bishop (UT)	Bishop (UT)	Mooney (WV)	Ward
DeSaulnier	Maloney, Carolyn B.	Bishop (UT)	Bishop (UT)	Mooney (WV)	Ward
Deutch	Maloney, Sean	Bishop (UT)	Bishop (UT)	Mooney (WV)	Ward
Diaz-Balart	Matsui	Bishop (UT)	Bishop (UT)	Mooney (WV)	Ward
Dingell	McBath	Bishop (UT)	Bishop (UT)	Mooney (WV)	Ward
Doggett	McCollum	Bishop (UT)	Bishop (UT)	Mooney (WV)	Ward
Doyle, Michael F.	McEachin	Bishop (UT)	Bishop (UT)	Mooney (WV)	Ward
Engel	McGovern	Bishop (UT)	Bishop (UT)	Mooney (WV)	Ward
Escobar	McKinley	Bishop (UT)	Bishop (UT)	Mooney (WV)	Ward
Eshoo	McNerney	Bishop (UT)	Bishop (UT)	Mooney (WV)	Ward
Espallat	Meeks	Bishop (UT)	Bishop (UT)	Mooney (WV)	Ward
Fitzpatrick	Meng	Bishop (UT)	Bishop (UT)	Mooney (WV)	Ward
Fowler	Mitchell	Bishop (UT)	Bishop (UT)	Mooney (WV)	Ward
Frankel	Moore	Bishop (UT)	Bishop (UT)	Mooney (WV)	Ward
Fudge	Morelle	Bishop (UT)	Bishop (UT)	Mooney (WV)	Ward
Fulcher	Moulton	Bishop (UT)	Bishop (UT)	Mooney (WV)	Ward
Gabbard	Mucares-Powell	Bishop (UT)	Bishop (UT)	Mooney (WV)	Ward
Gallego	Murphy (FL)	Bishop (UT)	Bishop (UT)	Mooney (WV)	Ward
Garamendi	Nadler	Bishop (UT)	Bishop (UT)	Mooney (WV)	Ward
Garcia (IL)	Napolitano	Bishop (UT)	Bishop (UT)	Mooney (WV)	Ward
Garcia	Neal	Bishop (UT)	Bishop (UT)	Mooney (WV)	Ward
Newhouse	Neguse	Bishop (UT)	Bishop (UT)	Mooney (WV)	Ward
Norcross	Nunes	Bishop (UT)	Bishop (UT)	Mooney (WV)	Ward

## ANSWERED “PRESENT”—1

Sherrill	Thompson (MS)	Velázquez
Shimkus	Tlaib	Visclosky
Simpson	Tonko	Walden
Slotkin	Torres (CA)	Waters
Soto	Torres Small (NM)	Watson Coleman
Spanberger	Trahan	Welch
Speier	Trone	Wexton
Stanton	Underwood	Wild
Stevens	Vargas	Wilson (FL)
Swalwell (CA)	Veasey	Yarmuth
Takano	Vela	
Thompson (CA)		

## NAYS—164

Abraham	Gosar	Norman
Aderholt	Granger	Nunes
Allen	Graves (GA)	Olson
Amodei	Graves (LA)	Palazzo
Arrington	Graves (MO)	Palmer
Bacon	Griffith	Pence
Baird	Grothman	Perry
Balderson	Guest	Ratcliffe
Banks	Guthrie	Reschenthaler
Barr	Hagedorn	Rice (SC)
Bergman	Harris	Riggleman
Biggs	Hartzler	Roby
Bilirakis	Hern, Kevin	Roe, David P.
Bishop (NC)	Herrera Beutler	Rogers (AL)
Bishop (UT)	Hice (GA)	Rogers (KY)
Bost	Hill (AR)	Rose, John W.
Brady	Holding	Rouzer
Brooks (AL)	Hollingsworth	Roy
Buchanan	Hudson	Rutherford
Buck	Huizenga	Scalise
Bucshon	Hurd (TX)	Schweikert
Budd	Johnson (LA)	Scott, Austin
Burchett	Johnson (OH)	Sensenbrenner
Burgess	Johnson (SD)	Smith (MO)
Byrne	Jordan	Smith (NE)
Carter (GA)	Joyce (OH)	Smucker
Chabot	Joyce (PA)	Spano
Cheney	Katko	Stauber
Cline	Keller	Stefanik
Cloud	Kelly (MS)	Steil
Cole	Kelly (PA)	Steube
Comer	King (IA)	Stewart
Conaway	King (NY)	Stivers
Crenshaw	Kustoff (TN)	Taylor
Curtis	LaHood	Thompson (PA)
Davidson (OH)	Latta	Thornberry
Davis, Rodney	Lesko	Tipton
DesJarlais	Long	Turner
Diaz-Balart	Loudermilk	Upton
Duncan	Lucas	Wagner
Dunn	Marshall	Walberg
Emmer	Massie	Walker
Ferguson	Mast	Walorski
Fitzpatrick	McCarthy	Watkins
Fleischmann	McCaul	Webster (FL)
Flores	McHenry	Wenstrup
Fortenberry	McKinley	Westerman
Foxx (NC)	Meadows	Williams
Fulcher	Meuser	Wilson (SC)
Gaetz	Miller	Wittman
Gianforte	Mitchell	Womack
Gibbs	Moolenaar	Woodall
Gohmert	Mooney (WV)	Yoho
Gonzalez (OH)	Mullin	Zeldin
Gooden	Murphy (NC)	

## NOT VOTING—50

Armstrong	García (IL)	Reed
Babin	Green (TN)	Rooney (FL)
Barragán	Higgins (LA)	Sánchez
Calvert	Higgins (NY)	Serrano
Carter (TX)	Hunter	Sires
Collins (GA)	Jeffries	Smith (NJ)
Cook	Johnson (GA)	Smith (WA)
Crawford	Kinzinger	Suozzi
DeFazio	Lamborn	Timmons
Demings	Lieu, Ted	Titus
Deutch	Luetkemeyer	Van Drew
Doggett	Marchant	Waltz
Estes	McClintock	Wasserman
Evans	Nadler	Schultz
Gabbard	Neal	Weber (TX)
Gallagher	O'Halleran	Wright
Gallego	Posey	Young

## ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

## ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). The Chair will remind all persons in the gallery that they are

here as guests of the House and that any manifestation of approval or disapproval of proceedings is in violation of the rules of the House.

## □ 1814

So the motion to table was agreed to. The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

## LOWER DRUG COSTS NOW ACT OF 2019

## GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. PALLONE. Madam 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 H.R. 3, the Elijah E. Cummings Lower Drug Costs Now Act.

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

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 758 and rule XVIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the consideration of the bill, H.R. 3.

The Chair appoints the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. PAYNE) to preside over the Committee of the Whole.

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Accordingly, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the consideration of the bill (H.R. 3) to establish a fair price negotiation program, protect the Medicare program from excessive price increases, and establish an out-of-pocket maximum for Medicare part D enrollees, and for other purposes, with Mr. PAYNE in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The CHAIR. Pursuant to the rule, the bill is considered read the first time.

General debate shall not exceed 4 hours, with 3 hours equally divided among and controlled by the respective chairs and ranking minority members of the Committee on Energy and Commerce, Committee on Ways and Means, and Committee on Education and Labor, and 1 hour equally divided and controlled by the majority leader and the minority leader or their respective designees.

The gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. PALLONE), the gentleman from Oregon (Mr. WALDEN), the gentleman from Massachusetts, (Mr. NEAL), the gentleman from Texas (Mr. BRADY), the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. SCOTT), and the gentlewoman from North Carolina (Ms. FOXX), the majority leader or a designee, and the minority leader or a designee each will control 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. PALLONE).

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Chair, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Chair, this week, we will fulfill a promise we made to the American peo-

ple to make prescription drugs more affordable. No American should be forced into choosing between putting food on the table for their family and taking a lifesaving drug, but, all too often, that is exactly what is happening.

The American people are getting ripped off because drug companies have a monopoly on their drugs until generics come to market. They can charge Americans whatever they want, and they do.

H.R. 3, the Elijah E. Cummings Lower Drug Costs Now Act, finally gives the Federal Government the power to negotiate lower prescription drug prices for the American people. Other developed countries negotiate with the pharmaceutical companies, and prices in those countries are four or five or ten times less for the exact same drugs. This simply isn't fair, and the American people are rightfully fed up.

It is time that we finally level the playing field and empower the Federal Government to negotiate a better deal. These negotiations will not only lead to lower prices for consumers, it will also result in significant savings to the Federal Government. H.R. 3 takes the resulting \$500 billion in savings and reinvests it in the American healthcare system and the search for new cures.

We cap out-of-pocket costs for seniors in the Medicare Part D program for the first time, giving seniors the peace of mind of knowing that their drug cost will not bankrupt them or empty their retirement accounts.

We make transformational investments in the Medicare program—adding for the first time benefits for dental, hearing, and vision coverage. These new benefits are going to make a huge difference in the lives of our Nation's seniors.

We invest \$12 billion in the search for new cures and treatments by boosting funding for the National Institutes of Health and the Food and Drug Administration. NIH, as we know, plays a critical role in the research and development of new drugs, and this investment will ensure that these cures and treatments become a reality. We also invest in combatting the opioid crisis, community health centers, and maternal healthcare. And finally, beyond the negotiation, we are holding pharmaceutical companies accountable for when they jack up prices, bringing much-needed transparency to the process.

Mr. Chairman, the status quo is simply unacceptable and unsustainable. It is time to negotiate a better deal for the American people. It is time to pass H.R. 3.

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

Mr. WALDEN. Mr. Chair, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Chair, let me be clear: Drug costs in America are too high. Republicans believe this, and so do Democrats. We all should work together, though, to lower drug costs for consumers. We all