

I view every issue through a lens of equity and health. Without access to safe, reliable, and inclusive modes of transportation, our collective well-being suffers; our families suffer; our communities suffer.

For far too long, our Federal transportation funding and policies have created a landscape which has exacerbated inequities and disparities, particularly for low-income communities, people with disabilities, our youth and seniors.

In my district, Black and Latino commuters are more likely to experience longer travel times than their White peers. These unequal burdens make the promise of economic mobility further out of reach.

I recently rode the T back home with an advocate named Dianna, who was fighting for transit justice. We spent over 2 hours making a journey of just a little over 4 miles. Broken elevators and outdated infrastructure meant that the wheelchair Dianne uses to navigate ran into constant access barriers.

Just 2 weeks ago, the red line train derailed twice in 1 week, causing massive gridlock across my district and impacting the ability of riders to commute to work, school, home, and everywhere in between.

Unfortunately, this isn't new. MBTA trains have derailed 43 times over the last 5 years, the second highest total of any metro transit system in our country. Many of these derailments place a disproportionate burden on the shoulders of low-wage hourly workers who are rushing to their second- or third-shift jobs, parents or caregivers who are traveling with young children on overcrowded and delayed trains, and riders with disabilities who already experience the failures, daily, of a biased and discriminatory system with ableist privilege as a lens.

Our chronic underinvestment in mass transit bus systems, bicycle-accessible and pedestrian paths have caused income inequality and opportunity gaps in communities throughout the country.

According to the Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights, inadequate access to affordable, reliable transportation has exacerbated health disparities, forcing many low-income patients to miss appointments, often-times worsening medical problems.

Mr. Chair, people do not live in silos. They live in intersectionality, and our policies at the Federal, State, and local levels should reflect this reality.

We cannot spur economic development and tackle economic inequities in urban, suburban, and rural communities without modernized roads, bridges, and mass transit, which connects communities to jobs and higher education.

We cannot tackle health disparities without reliable and affordable mass transit systems which enable low-income families, seniors, and people with disabilities to access care.

We cannot tackle the existential threat of climate change without intentionally investing in mass transit systems that protect frontline communities and alleviate the environmental health hazards caused by traffic congestion.

Transit equity is a civil rights issue and an economic justice issue. We must continue to invest in transit infrastructure, multimodal improvements that promote inclusivity and dependency.

My amendment emphasizes the important role that Federal policy and investments make in equalizing access to reliable commuter rail and other mass transit options for all. The BUILD grant program helps to support these types of State and locally driven transit projects.

From investing in bus or commuter rail systems or cycling and pedestrian path projects, the BUILD program helps to drive innovative projects, and it seeks to expand the system, and is people-centered.

Mr. Chair, I thank Chairman PRICE for his efforts to ensure robust funding for this program, which I do believe gets us one step closer to addressing these inequities across the system, repairing our crumbling infrastructure, as well as expanding our investment in multimodal transit.

Mr. Chair, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. PRICE), the chairman.

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. Mr. Chair, may I inquire as to how much time is remaining.

The Acting CHAIR. The gentlewoman from Massachusetts has 1 minute remaining.

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. Mr. Chair, I thank my colleague for yielding. I am happy to offer support for her amendment and to take advantage of the opportunity this offers to say something about the BUILD program.

Mr. Chair, it is unique, as our colleague has stressed. It provides the kind of flexible funding to States and localities that can address complex multimodal projects.

My district has benefited greatly from this. The city of Raleigh has successfully built Union Station, a state-of-the-art rail and public transit facility that is already transforming that area of downtown.

Unfortunately, despite the diverse set of eligible projects, the current administration has heavily favored road projects only when awarding BUILD grants. This has most significantly affected transit. On average, it received about 32 percent of the awards during the previous administration.

Under the Trump administration, this has plummeted to less than 10 percent, and at the same time, the Department has completely abandoned bicycle and pedestrian improvement projects and actually eliminated this as an option for primary project type for years 2017 and 2018.

So, the underlying bill provides \$1 billion for BUILD—that is a \$100 mil-

lion increase—but it places greater emphasis on investments in transit, passenger rail, pedestrian improvements, and multimodal projects. It also maintains a 50-50 parity between urban and rural awards, while directing the Department to consider the full range of benefits from a project, regardless of location in an urban or rural area.

Mr. Chair, I commend my colleague for offering this amendment. I am happy to support it and look forward to continuing to work with her on this issue.

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

The Acting CHAIR. The question is on the amendment offered by the gentlewoman from Massachusetts (Ms. PRESSLEY).

The amendment was agreed to.

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. Mr. Chair, I move that the Committee do now rise.

The motion was agreed to.

Accordingly, the Committee rose; and the Speaker pro tempore (Ms. PRESSLEY) having assumed the chair, Mr. TONKO, 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. 3055) making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020, 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 until approximately 6:30 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 5 o'clock and 55 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1832

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. NEAL) at 6 o'clock and 32 minutes p.m.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THAT THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FIND WILLIAM P. BARR, ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES, AND WILBUR L. ROSS, JR., SECRETARY OF COMMERCE, IN CONTEMPT OF CONGRESS FOR REFUSAL TO COMPLY WITH SUBPOENAS DULY ISSUED BY THE COMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT AND REFORM

Ms. HILL of California, from the Committee on Oversight and Reform, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 116-125) on the resolution recommending that the House of Representatives find William P. Barr, Attorney General of the United States, and Wilbur L. Ross, Jr., Secretary of Commerce, in contempt of Congress for refusal to comply with subpoenas duly

issued by the Committee on Oversight and Reform, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2020

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 445 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. 3055.

Will the gentleman from California (Mr. PETERS) kindly take the chair.

□ 1833

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. 3055) making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020, and for other purposes, with Mr. PETERS (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. 289 printed in House Report 116-119 offered by the gentleman from Massachusetts (Ms. PRESSLEY) had been disposed of.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE ACTING CHAIR

The Acting CHAIR. Pursuant to clause 6 of rule XVIII, proceedings will now resume on those amendments printed in part B of House Report 116-119 on which further proceedings were postponed, in the following order:

Amendment No. 233 by Mr. DEFAZIO of Oregon.

Amendment No. 234 by Mr. DUNCAN of South Carolina.

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Amendment No. 244 by Mr. GROTHMAN of Wisconsin.

The Chair will reduce to 2 minutes the time for any electronic vote after the first vote in this series.

AMENDMENT NO. 233 OFFERED BY MR. DEFAZIO

The Acting CHAIR. The unfinished business is the demand for a recorded vote on the amendment offered by the gentleman from Oregon (Mr. DEFAZIO) on which further proceedings were postponed and on which the ayes prevailed by voice vote.

The Clerk will redesignate the 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 221, noes 195, not voting 22, as follows:

	[Roll No. 399]	AYES—221	Ferguson	King (NY)	Scalise
Adams	Gonzalez (TX)	Panetta	Fleischmann	Kinzinger	Schweikert
Aguilar	Gottheimer	Pappas	Fletcher	Kustoff (TN)	Scott, Austin
Axne	Grijalva	Pascrill	Fortenberry	LaHood	Sensenbrenner
Barragán	Haaland	Payne	Foxx (NC)	LaMalfa	Shimkus
Bass	Harder (CA)	Perlmuter	Fulcher	Lamborn	Simpson
Beatty	Hastings	Peters	Gaetz	Lesko	Smith (MO)
Bera	Hayes	Peterson	Gallagher	Long	Smith (NE)
Beyer	Heck	Phillips	Gianforte	Loudermilk	Smith (NJ)
Blumenauer	Higgins (NY)	Pingree	Gibbs	Luetkemeyer	Smucker
Blunt Rochester	Hill (CA)	Plaskett	Gooden	Marchant	Spano
Bonamici	Himes	Pocan	Gosar	Marshall	Stauber
Boyle, Brendan F.	Horsford	Porter	Granger	Massie	Stefanik
Brindisi	Houlahan	Posey	Graves (GA)	McAdams	Steube
Brown (MD)	Huffman	Pressley	Graves (LA)	McCarthy	Stewart
Brownley (CA)	Jackson Lee	Price (NC)	Graves (MO)	McCaul	Stivers
Bustos	Jayapal	Quigley	Green (TN)	McClintock	Taylor
Butterfield	Jeffries	Raskin	Griffith	McHenry	Thompson (PA)
Carbajal	Johnson (GA)	Rice (NY)	Grothman	Meadows	Thornberry
Cárdenas	Kaptur	Rose (NY)	Guest	Meuser	Timmons
Carson (IN)	Keating	Rouda	Guthrie	Miller	Tipton
Cartwright	Kelly (IL)	Royal-Allard	Hagedorn	Mitchell	Torres Small
Case	Kennedy	Ruiz	Hartzler	Moolenaar (NM)	
Casten (IL)	Khanna	Ruppersberger	Hern, Kevin	Mooney (WV)	
Castor (FL)	Kildee	Rush	Herrera Beutler	Mullin	Turner
Castro (TX)	Kilmel	Rutherford	Hice (GA)	Newhouse	Upton
Chu, Judy	Kim	San Nicolas	Higgins (LA)	Norman	Walberg
Cicilline	Kind	Sánchez	Hill (AR)	Nunes	Walden
Cisneros	Kirkpatrick	Scanlon	Holding	Olson	Walker
Clark (MA)	Krishnamoorthi	Schakowsky	Hollingsworth	Palmer	Walorski
Clarke (NY)	Kuster (NH)	Schiff	Horn, Kendra S.	Pence	Waltz
Clay	Lamb	Schneider	Hudson	Perry	Watkins
Cleaver	Langevin	Serrano	Huizenga	Ratcliffe	Weber (TX)
Clyburn	Larsen (WA)	Schroder	Hunter	Reed	Webster (FL)
Cohen	Larson (CT)	Schrader	Johnson (LA)	Reschenthaler	
Connolly	Lawrence	Schrier	Johnson (OH)	Rice (SC)	
Cooper	Lawson (FL)	Scott (VA)	Johnson (SD)	Richmond	
Courtney	Lee (CA)	Scott, David	Jordan	Riggleman	
Craig	Lee (NV)	Serrano	Joyce (OH)	Roby	
Crist	Levin (CA)	Sewell (AL)	Joyce (PA)	Roe, David P.	
Crow	Levin (MI)	Shalala	Katko	Rogers (AL)	
Cummings	Lewis	Sherman	Keller	Rogers (KY)	
Cunningham	Lieu, Ted	Sherrill	Kelly (MS)	Rose, John W.	
Davids (KS)	Lofgren	Sires	Kelly (PA)	Rouzer	
Davis (CA)	Lowenthal	Slotkin	King (IA)	Roy	
Davis, Danny K.	Lowey	Smith (WA)			
Dean	Luján	Soto	Abraham	Hurd (TX)	
DeFazio	Luria	Spanberger	Bishop (GA)	Johnson (TX)	
DeGette	Lynch	Speier	Gabbard	Lipinski	
DeLauro	Malinowski	Stanton	Gohmert	Loebback	
DelBene	Maloney,	Stevens	González-Colón (PR)	Lucas	
Delgado	Carolyn B.	Suozzi	(PR)	Meeks	
Demings	Maloney, Sean	Takano	Green, Al (TX)	Moulton	
DeSaulnier	Mast	Thompson (CA)	Harris	Palazzo	
Deutch	Matsui	Thompson (MS)			
Dingell	McBath	Titus			
Doggett	McCullom	Tlaib			
Doyle, Michael F.	McEachin	Tonko			
Engel	McGovern	Torres (CA)			
Escobar	McNerny	Trahan			
Eshoo	Meng	Trone			
Espaillat	Moore	Underwood			
Evans	Morelle	Van Drew			
Finkenauer	Mucarsel-Powell	Vargas			
Fitzpatrick	Murphy	Veasey			
Foster	Nadler	Vela			
Frankel	Napolitano	Velázquez			
Fudge	Neal	Visclosky			
Gallego	Neguse	Waters			
Garamendi	Norcross	Watson Coleman			
Garcia (IL)	Norton	Welch			
Garcia (TX)	O'Halleran	Wexton			
Golden	Ocasio-Cortez	Wild			
Gomez	Omar	Wilson (FL)			
	Pallone	Yarmuth			
		NOES—195			
Aderholt	Brooks (AL)	Comer			
Allen	Brooks (IN)	Conaway			
Allred	Buchanan	Cook			
Amash	Buck	Correa			
Amodei	Bucshon	Costa			
Armstrong	Budd	Cox (CA)			
Arrington	Burchett	Crawford			
Babin	Burgess	Crenshaw			
Bacon	Byrne	Cuellar			
Baird	Calvert	Curtis			
Balderson	Carter (GA)	Davidson (OH)			
Banks	Carter (TX)	Davis, Rodney			
Barr	Chabot	DesJarlais			
Bergman	Cheney	Diaz-Balart			
Biggs	Cline	Duffy			
Bilirakis	Cloud	Duncan			
Bishop (UT)	Cole	Dunn			
Bost	Collins (GA)	Emmer			
Brady	Collins (NY)	Estes			

NOT VOTING—22

Abraham	Hurd (TX)	Radewagen
Bishop (GA)	Johnson (TX)	Rodgers (WA)
Gabbard	Lipinski	Rooney (FL)
Gohmert	Loebback	Ryan
González-Colón (PR)	Lucas	Swalwell (CA)
	Meeks	Wasserman
Green, Al (TX)	Moulton	Schultz
Harris	Palazzo	Wright

□ 1903

Messrs. BUCHANAN and CORREA changed their vote from “aye” to “no.”

Mrs. LOWEY and Mr. CÁRDENAS changed their vote from “no” to “aye.”

So the amendment was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

Stated for:

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Mr. Chair, had I been present, I would have voted “yea” on rollcall No. 399.

AMENDMENT NO. 234 OFFERED BY MR. DUNCAN

The Acting CHAIR. The unfinished business is the demand for a recorded vote on the amendment offered by the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. DUNCAN) on which further proceedings were postponed and on which the noes prevailed by voice vote.

The Clerk will redesignate the amendment.

The Clerk redesignated the amendment.

RECORDED VOTE

The Acting CHAIR. A recorded vote has been demanded.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The Acting CHAIR. This is a 2-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 180, noes 236, not voting 22, as follows: