

In Jeremiah 29:11, the Lord says: My plan is not for you to suffer, but for you to prosper, have hope and a future.

Democrats showed that we are ready and willing to make that prosperity plan a reality for Americans and especially for rural America.

For too long in rural America and in rural New Mexico, our families have been leaving the farms and ranches that give us our identity, our “herencia y cultura,” “heritage and culture,” and importantly, that give us the food we eat.

Last year, Democrats passed bill after bill to change this trend. We want to invest in rural America.

Through the Inflation Reduction Act and CHIPS and Science Act, we can build the next generation of innovation in places like rural New Mexico. I am looking forward to an enchanted innovation hub in New Mexico.

Now that Republicans are in charge, they want to gut those bills, making rural families pay more and get less.

The Republican energy bill we are considering today wants to gut rural projects, like the SunZia line in Corona, New Mexico, which just installed the largest wind farm in the country. I call it the Route 66 of renewable energy. These wind farms are generating revenues for multiple local ranchers.

Let me tell you something. Many ranchers in the country don’t make a profit. The USDA reported in 2020 that ranchers didn’t generate enough profit to cover their own living expenses and debt obligations for 9 out of 10 years.

The Democrat prosperity plan changes that equation and allows ranchers to earn revenue from clean energy and from food production.

What is more, a wind farm in a rural county like Lincoln, New Mexico, will provide \$1.3 billion in taxes in 30 years. Lincoln County has never seen such revenue before and can use it to invest in rural healthcare and behavioral health.

Rather than build on the transformational investments that Democrats made to support our rural communities, what are the Republicans doing? They are gutting our progress. They want to look backward.

Indeed, all the appropriations bills that the Republicans are putting forth hurt American competitiveness, they hurt rural areas, and they hurt families who need to save money.

Rather than incentivizing the programs that our children will need to save this planet and outcompete China, Republicans are taking us backward.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to vote for a future where the Democratic prosperity plan can become a reality.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to vote “no” on this rule.

Mr. RESCENTIALER. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Talking more about the Democratic fascination with helping China, let’s go back to 2022. In 2022, gas prices hit an

all-time record high. Instead of reversing the failed policies of the Biden administration that actually led to gas prices increasing at that rate, instead of doing that, Biden sold 180 million barrels from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve to temporarily lower gas prices in a cheap political gimmick.

What did this do? This drained our emergency energy supply to its lowest level since the 1980s, the lowest level since I was born.

Who benefited the most from this? Well, it wasn’t the American worker. It was China. According to the Department of Energy, China’s state refining company bought 2 million barrels of Strategic Petroleum Reserve oil in 2022.

Instead of powering China’s economy, House Republicans are passing legislation this week that actually lowers energy costs, that ends radical Green New Deal programs, and restores our energy independence.

Madam Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. SCANLON. Madam Speaker, funding the Federal Government is not a game. The American people who elect us to Congress depend on us to solve real problems. They don’t send us here to play politics with their lives and our country’s future.

The incompetence, extremism, and infighting we have seen on display from our Republican colleagues is not serious governance. It is dangerous. It is destructive behavior, and it makes it wholly clear that there are Members of this body who care more about making headlines than the job they were sent here to do.

Madam Speaker, our budgets reflect our priorities. Democrats are here to put people over politics, and these bills make it clear that my Republican colleagues are prioritizing scoring political points over working for American families or strengthening this body and our democracy or protecting our planet.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to oppose the previous question and the rule, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. RESCENTIALER. Madam Speaker, I am prepared to close, and I yield myself the balance of my time.

Madam Speaker, it is clear, President Biden’s energy policies benefit our foreign adversaries, not the American worker.

The Biden administration has made our vehicle market heavily dependent on communist China. The administration has also cut deals with Iran. I might remind everybody that Iran is a state sponsor of terror. In fact, the Biden administration released \$6 billion in oil revenue that will fund terrorist operations against the United States and our number one ally in the Middle East, Israel.

Recently, the President drained our strategic oil reserve to the lowest levels. To what end? To fuel China’s economy.

Earlier this year, FERC Commissioner Mark Christie predicted in a Senate hearing that our energy grid is: “. . . heading for a very catastrophic situation. . . .”

Why is this? It is because of the far left’s rush to foolish green policies. This is the wrong path to go down.

This is why I am proud to support the underlying legislation which restores the Strategic Petroleum Reserves. It also helps our national security mission, increases funding for our ports and inland waterways, like the locks and dams that run through my district, and it invests in our Nation’s security.

After the previous majority spent \$3 trillion outside of the appropriations process, this legislation actually reins in billions of dollars to reduce our out-of-control national debt.

Under House Republicans, we have passed legislation to lower energy costs for the American family, reformed our permitting process, allowed the Mountain Valley pipeline to finish construction, and preserved vehicle choice in the marketplace. This legislation before us keeps up that commitment to the American people.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to vote “yes” on the previous question and “yes” on the rule.

The material previously referred to by Ms. SCANLON is as follows:

AN AMENDMENT TO H. RES. 756 OFFERED BY
MS. SCANLON OF PENNSYLVANIA

At the end of the resolution, add the following:

SEC. 8. Immediately upon adoption of this resolution, the House shall proceed to the consideration in the House of the resolution (H. Res. 178) affirming the House of Representatives’ commitment to protect and strengthen Social Security and Medicare. The resolution shall be considered as read. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the resolution and preamble to adoption without intervening motion or demand for division of the question except one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means or their respective designees.

SEC. 9. Clause 1(c) of rule XIX shall not apply to the consideration of H. Res. 178.

Mr. RESCENTIALER. Madam Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time, and I move the previous question on the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. CAREY). The question is on ordering the previous question.

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

Ms. SCANLON. 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 question are postponed.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 58 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1330

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. WOMACK) at 1 o'clock and 30 minutes p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Proceedings will resume on questions previously postponed.

Votes will be taken in the following order:

Ordering the previous question on House Resolution 756; and

Adoption of House Resolution 756, if ordered.

The first electronic vote will be conducted as a 15-minute vote. Pursuant to clause 9 of rule XX, the second electronic vote will be conducted as a 5-minute vote.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 4394, ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2024; AND PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 4364, LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2024

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfinished business is the vote on ordering the previous question on the resolution (H. Res. 756) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4394) making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, and for other purposes, and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4364) making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, and for other purposes, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on ordering the previous question.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 218, nays 207, not voting 7, as follows:

[Roll No. 516]

YEAS—218

Aderholt	Bentz	Burgess
Alford	Bergman	Burlison
Allen	Bice	Calvert
Amodei	Biggs	Cammack
Armstrong	Bilirakis	Carey
Arrington	Bishop (NC)	Carl
Babin	Boebert	Carter (GA)
Bacon	Bost	Chavez-DeRemer
Baird	Brecheen	Ciscomani
Balderson	Buchanan	Cline
Banks	Buck	Cloud
Barr	Bucshon	Clyde
Bean (FL)	Burchett	Cole

Collins	Hudson	Nunn (IA)
Comer	Huizenga	Obenrolte
Crane	Hunt	Ogles
Crawford	Issa	Owens
Crenshaw	Jackson (TX)	Palmer
Curtis	James	Pence
D'Esposito	Johnson (LA)	Perry
Davidson	Johnson (OH)	Pfluger
De La Cruz	Johnson (SD)	Posey
DesJarlais	Jordan	Reschenthaler
Diaz-Balart	Joyce (OH)	Rodgers (WA)
Donalds	Joyce (PA)	Rogers (AL)
Duarte	Kean (NJ)	Rogers (KY)
Duncan	Kelly (MS)	Rose
Dunn (FL)	Kelly (PA)	Rosendale
Edwards	Kiggans (VA)	Rouzer
Ellzey	Kiley	Roy
Emmer	Kim (CA)	Rutherford
Estes	Kustoff	Salazar
Ezell	LaHood	Santos
Fallon	LaLota	Scalise
Feenstra	LaMalfa	Schweikert
Ferguson	Lamborn	Scott, Austin
Finstad	Langworthy	Self
Fischbach	Latta	Sessions
Fitzgerald	LaTurner	Simpson
Fitzpatrick	Lawler	Smith (MO)
Fleischmann	Lee (FL)	Smith (NE)
Flood	Lesko	Smith (NJ)
Foxx	Letlow	Smucker
Franklin, C.	Loudermilk	Spartz
Scott	Lucas	Staubert
Fry	Luetkemeyer	Steel
Fulcher	Luttrell	Stefanik
Gaetz	Mace	Steil
Gallagher	Malliotakis	Steube
Garbarino	Mann	Strong
Garcia, Mike	Massie	Tenney
Jimenez	Mast	Thompson (PA)
Gonzales, Tony	McCaul	Tiffany
Good (VA)	McClain	Timmons
Gooden (TX)	McClintock	Turner
Gosar	McCormick	Valadao
Granger	McHenry	Van Drew
Graves (LA)	Meuser	Van Dуйne
Graves (MO)	Miller (IL)	Van Orden
Green (TN)	Miller (OH)	Wagner
Greene (GA)	Miller (WV)	Walberg
Griffith	Miller-Meeks	Waltz
Grothman	Mills	Weber (TX)
Guest	Molinaro	Webster (FL)
Guthrie	Moolenaar	Wenstrup
Hageman	Mooney	Westerman
Harris	Moore (AL)	Williams (NY)
Harshbarger	Moore (UT)	Williams (TX)
Hern	Moran	Wilson (SC)
Higgins (LA)	Murphy	Wittman
Hill	Nehls	Womack
Hinson	Newhouse	Yakym
Houchin	Norman	Zinke

NAYS—207

Adams	Connolly	Gonzalez,
Agullar	Correa	Vicente
Allred	Costa	Gottheimer
Auchincloss	Courtney	Green, Al (TX)
Balint	Craig	Grijalva
Barragan	Crockett	Harder (CA)
Beatty	Crow	Hayes
Bera	Cuellar	Higgins (NY)
Beyer	Davidson (KS)	Himes
Bishop (GA)	Davis (IL)	Horsford
Blumenauer	Davis (NC)	Houlahan
Blunt Rochester	Dean (PA)	Hoyer
Bonamici	DeGette	Hoyle (OR)
Bowman	DeLauro	Huffman
Boyle (PA)	DeBene	Ivey
Brown	Deluzio	Jackson (IL)
Brownley	DeSaulnier	Jackson (NC)
Budzinski	Dingell	Jackson Lee
Caraveo	Doggett	Jacobs
Carbajal	Escobar	Jayapal
Cardenas	Eshoo	Jeffries
Carson	Espallat	Johnson (GA)
Carter (LA)	Evans	Kamlager-Dove
Cartwright	Fletcher	Kaptur
Casas	Foster	Keating
Case	Foushee	Kelly (IL)
Casten	Frankel, Lois	Khanna
Castor (FL)	Frost	Kildee
Castro (TX)	Galleo	Kilmer
Cherfilus-	Garamendi	Kim (NJ)
McCormick	Garcia (IL)	Krishnamoorthi
Chu	Garcia (TX)	Kuster
Clark (MA)	Garcia, Robert	Landsman
Clarke (NY)	Golden (ME)	Larsen (WA)
Cleaver	Goldman (NY)	Larson (CT)
Clyburn	Gomez	Lee (CA)
Cohen		Lee (NV)

Lee (PA)	Pappas	Sorensen
Leger Fernandez	Pascrell	Soto
Levin	Payne	Spanberger
Lieu	Perez	Stansbury
Lofgren	Peters	Stanton
Lynch	Petterson	Stevens
Magaziner	Phillips	Strickland
Manning	Pingree	Swalwell
Matsui	Pocan	Takano
McBath	Porter	Thanedar
McClellan	Pressley	Thompson (CA)
McCollum	Quigley	Thompson (MS)
McGarvey	Ramirez	Titus
McGovern	Raskin	Tlaib
Meeks	Ross	Tokuda
Menendez	Ruiz	Tonko
Meng	Ruppersberger	Torres (CA)
Mfume	Ryan	Torres (NY)
Moore (WI)	Salinas	Trahan
Morelle	Sánchez	Trone
Moskowitz	Sarbanes	Underwood
Moulton	Scanlon	Vargas
Mrvan	Schakowsky	Vasquez
Mullin	Schiff	Veasey
Nadler	Schneider	Vélazquez
Napolitano	Scholten	Wasserman
Neal	Schrier	Schultz
Neguse	Scott (VA)	Waters
Nickel	Scott, David	Watson Coleman
Norcross	Sewell	Wexton
Ocasio-Cortez	Sherman	Wild
Omar	Sherrill	Williams (GA)
Pallone	Slotkin	
Panetta	Smith (WA)	

NOT VOTING—7

Bush	Pelosi	Wilson (FL)
Carter (TX)	Peltola	
Luna	Sykes	

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Mr. MURPHY changed his vote from “nay” to “yea.”

So the previous question was ordered.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. WOMACK). The question is on the resolution.

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

RECORDED VOTE

Ms. SCANLON. Mr. Speaker, I demand a recorded vote.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. This is a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 218, noes 208, not voting 7, as follows:

[Roll No. 517]

AYES—218

Aderholt	Calvert	Emmer
Alford	Cammack	Estes
Allen	Carey	Ezell
Amodei	Carl	Fallon
Armstrong	Carter (GA)	Feenstra
Arrington	Chavez-DeRemer	Ferguson
Babin	Ciscomani	Finstad
Bacon	Cline	Fischbach
Baird	Cloud	Fitzgerald
Balderson	Clyde	Fitzpatrick
Banks	Cole	Fleischmann
Barr	Collins	Flood
Bean (FL)	Comer	Foxx
Bentz	Crane	Franklin, C.
Bergman	Crawford	Scott
Bice	Crenshaw	Fry
Biggs	Curtis	Fulcher
Bilirakis	D'Esposito	Gaetz
Bishop (NC)	Davidson	Gallagher
Boebert	De La Cruz	Garbarino
Bost	DesJarlais	Garcia, Mike
Brecheen	Diaz-Balart	Jimenez
Buchanan	Donalds	Gonzales, Tony
Buck	Duarte	Good (VA)
Bucshon	Duncan	Gooden (TX)
Burchett	Dunn (FL)	Gosar
Burgess	Edwards	Granger
Burlison	Ellzey	Graves (LA)