

I am pleading with normal Republicans, traditional Republicans, with courage, integrity, and guts. We need them to retake their party. I want a strong Democratic Party, but we need a strong, principled Republican Party if this country is going to work. Right now, we do not have that.

What is happening here today is wasting our time on appropriations bills that are so extreme in terms of what they cut that they are going nowhere. We are wasting our time on that and the cynical attempt to help big donors who cheat on their taxes by conditioning aid to Israel on protecting them. Who thought that one up? I don't even know where that idea came from. Who thought it was a good idea to do this?

At a time of an international crisis, it would be nice if we all spoke with one voice. Wouldn't it be great if everybody could stand up here and say we are together and meeting the challenges appropriately, properly, and decisively? That is not what we are doing today.

I have to say, Madam Speaker, just when you think it can't get any worse around here, it does.

I will close with this: I still can't get out of my head the ease with which my Republican friends on the Rules Committee voted to not even allow us to consider the amendments by Congresswoman WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, especially the one on humanitarian aid.

There was no discussion. There was no debate. Let's quickly all reject it as if it was no big deal.

Look at those pictures. Look at those pictures of not only what is happening in the Middle East but what is happening in Ukraine.

We have to start asking ourselves why we are here. We are supposed to be about helping people in this country. We are supposed to be about standing for human rights all around the world. Yet, we are dealing with these garbage appropriations bills that are a disgrace. We are dealing with a supplemental aid package that is insufficient in so many ways in terms of what it doesn't fund, and it is so cynical. It is so cynical.

Again, I urge my colleagues, Madam Speaker, to vote "no" on this rule. I urge them to vote "no" on all the underlying bills. I urge my Republican colleagues to go to one of their many conferences that they seem to have five times a day to try to work out their problems within their Conference and actually come to an agreement that maybe we ought to put the country and doing what is right ahead of everything else.

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

Mrs. FISCHBACH. Madam Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time.

Madam Speaker, I will bring the discussion back to the real issues at hand and talk about the fact that the American people and my constituents sent me to Washington to responsibly fund government and to stop overregulation

and unnecessary interference from Washington. Overturning WOTUS, reining in the EPA, and investing in transportation safety, these bills do exactly that.

The appropriations bills we are debating today cut unnecessary programming and prioritize the programs that serve the American people while allocating critical funding for vulnerable populations.

I am proud of the work that my colleagues on the Appropriations Committee have done to take an honest look at government spending and make the sometimes hard decisions about where realistic cuts can be made. It is especially important because the national debt continues to rise and burden the next generation.

I support the rule and the underlying bills, and I encourage Members to do the same to make sure that we are responding responsibly to the national debt and the crisis that we are facing.

The material previously referred to by Mr. MCGOVERN is as follows:

AN AMENDMENT TO H. RES. 838 OFFERED BY
MR. MCGOVERN OF MASSACHUSETTS

At the end of the resolution, add the following:

SEC. 12. 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. 13. Clause 1(c) of rule XIX shall not apply to the consideration of H. Res. 178.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. 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.

Mr. MCGOVERN. Madam 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 for a period of less than 15 minutes.

Accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 7 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro

tempore (Mr. DUARTE) at 10 o'clock and 16 minutes a.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, proceedings will resume on questions previously postponed.

Votes will be taken in the following order:

Ordering the previous question on House Resolution 838; and

Adoption of House Resolution 838, if ordered.

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

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 4821, DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2024; H.R. 4820, TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2024; and H.R. 6126, ISRAEL SECURITY SUPPLEMENTAL 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. 838) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4821) making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4820) making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban 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. 6126) making emergency supplemental appropriations to respond to the attacks in Israel 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 213, nays 200, not voting 19, as follows:

[Roll No. 565]

YEAS—213

Aderholt	Balderson	Bishop (NC)
Alford	Banks	Boebert
Allen	Barr	Bost
Amodel	Bean (FL)	Brecheen
Armstrong	Bentz	Buchanan
Arrington	Bergman	Buck
Babin	Bice	Bucshon
Bacon	Biggs	Burchett
Baird	Bilirakis	Burgess

Burlison	Hageman	Murphy	Lee (NV)	Pascrell	Soto	Franklin, Scott	Lamborn	Rogers (AL)
Calvert	Harris	Nehls	Lee (PA)	Payne	Spanberger	Fry	Langworthy	Rogers (KY)
Cammack	Harshbarger	Norman	Leger Fernandez	Pelosi	Stansbury	Fulcher	Latta	Rose
Carey	Hern	Nunn (IA)	Levin	Peltola	Stanton	Gaetz	LaTurner	Rosendale
Carl	Higgins (LA)	Obernolte	Lieu	Perez	Stevens	Gallagher	Lawler	Rouzer
Carter (GA)	Hill	Ogles	Lofgren	Peters	Strickland	Garcia, Mike	Lee (FL)	Roy
Carter (TX)	Hinson	Owens	Lynch	Pettersen	Swalwell	Gimenez	Letlow	Rutherford
Chavez-DeRemer	Houchin	Palmer	Magaziner	Pingree	Sykes	Gonzales, Tony	Loudermilk	Salazar
Ciscomani	Hudson	Pence	Manning	Pocan	Takano	Good (VA)	Lucas	Santos
Cline	Huizenga	Perry	Matsui	Porter	Thanedar	Gooden (TX)	Luetkemeyer	Scalise
Cloud	Hunt	Pfluger	McBath	Pressley	Thompson (CA)	Gosar	Luna	Schweikert
Clyde	Issa	Posey	McClellan	Quigley	Thompson (MS)	Granger	Luttrell	Scott, Austin
Cole	Jackson (TX)	Reschenthaler	McCollum	Ramirez		Graves (LA)	Mace	Self
Collins	James	Rodgers (WA)	McGarvey	Raskin		Graves (MO)	Malliotakis	Simpson
Comer	Johnson (OH)	Rogers (AL)	McGovern	Ross	Tlaib	Green (TN)	Mann	Smith (MO)
Crane	Johnson (SD)	Rogers (KY)	Meeks	Ruiz	Tokuda	Greene (GA)	Massie	Smith (NE)
Crawford	Jordan	Rose	Menendez	Ruppersberger	Tonko	Griffith	Mast	Smith (NJ)
Crenshaw	Joyce (PA)	Rosendale	Meng	Ryan	Torres (CA)	Grothman	McCaull	Smucker
D'Esposito	Kean (NJ)	Rouzer	Morelle	Sánchez	Torres (NY)	Guest	McClain	Spartz
Davidson	Kelly (MS)	Roy	Moskowitz	Sarbanes	Trahan	Guthrie	McClintock	Staubert
De La Cruz	Kelly (PA)	Rutherford	Moulton	Schakowsky	Trone	Hageman	McCormick	Steel
DesJarlais	Kiggans (VA)	Salazar	Mrvan	Schiff	Underwood	Harris	McHenry	Stefanik
Diaz-Balart	Kiley	Santos	Mullin	Schneider	Vargas	Harshbarger	Meuser	Steil
Donalds	Kim (CA)	Scalise	Nadler	Scholten	Vasquez	Hern	Miller (IL)	Steube
Duarte	Kustoff	Schweikert	Neal	Schrier	Veasey	Higgins (LA)	Miller (OH)	Strong
Duncan	LaHood	Scott, Austin	Neguse	Scott (VA)	Velázquez	Hill	Miller (WV)	Tenney
Dunn (FL)	LaLota	Self	Nickel	Scott, David	Wasserman	Hinson	Miller-Meeks	Thompson (PA)
Edwards	LaMalfa	Simpson	Norcross	Sewell	Schultz	Houchin	Mills	Tiffany
Elizey	Lamborn	Smith (MO)	Ocasio-Cortez	Sherman	Waters	Hudson	Molinaro	Timmons
Emmer	Langworthy	Smith (NE)	Omar	Sherrill	Watson Coleman	Huizenga	Moolenaar	Turner
Estes	Latta	Smith (NJ)	Pallone	Slotkin	Wild	Hunt	Mooney	Valadao
Ezell	LaTurner	Smucker	Panetta	Smith (WA)	Williams (GA)	Issa	Moore (AL)	Van Drew
Fallon	Lawler	Spartz	Pappas	Sorensen	Wilson (FL)	Jackson (TX)	Moore (UT)	Van Duyne
Feenstra	Lee (FL)	Staubert				James	Moran	Van Orden
Ferguson	Letlow	Steel		NOT VOTING—19		Johnson (SD)	Murphy	Wagner
Finstad	Loudermilk	Stefanik	Curtis	Joyce (OH)	Phillips	Johnson (OH)	Nehls	Walberg
Fischbach	Lucas	Steil	Doggett	Lesko	Salinas	Jordan	Norman	Waltz
Fitzgerald	Luetkemeyer	Steube	Evans	McCarthy	Scanlon	Joyce (PA)	Nunn (IA)	Weber (TX)
Fitzpatrick	Luna	Strong	Garbarino	Mfume	Sessions	Kean (NJ)	Obernolte	Webster (FL)
Fleischmann	Luttrell	Tenney	Hoyer	Moore (WI)	Wexton	Kelly (MS)	Ogles	Wenstrup
Flood	Mace	Thompson (PA)	Huffman	Napolitano		Kelly (PA)	Owens	Westerman
Foxx	Malliotakis	Tiffany	Jackson Lee	Newhouse		Kiggans (VA)	Palmer	Williams (NY)
Franklin, Scott	Mann	Timmons				Kiley	Pence	Williams (TX)
Fry	Massie	Turner				Kim (CA)	Perry	Wilson (SC)
Fulcher	Mast	Valadao		□ 1049		Kustoff	Pfluger	Wittman
Gaetz	McCaull	Van Drew		Mrs. FOUSHEE, Ms. PEREZ, and Mr.		LaHood	Posey	Womack
Gallagher	McClain	Van Duyne		GOTTHEIMER changed their vote from		LaLota	Reschenthaler	Yakym
Garcia, Mike	McClintock	Van Orden		“yea” to “nay.”		LaMalfa	Rodgers (WA)	Zinke
Gimenez	McCormick	Wagner		Mr. GUTHRIE changed his vote from				
Gonzales, Tony	McHenry	Walberg		“nay” to “yea.”			NOES—203	
Good (VA)	Meuser	Waltz				Adams	Dean (PA)	Khanna
Gooden (TX)	Miller (IL)	Weber (TX)		So the previous question was ordered.		Aguilar	DeGette	Kildee
Gosar	Miller (OH)	Webster (FL)		The result of the vote was announced		Allred	DeLauro	Kilmer
Granger	Miller (WV)	Wenstrup		as above recorded.		Auchincloss	DelBene	Kim (NJ)
Graves (LA)	Miller-Meeks	Westerman		The SPEAKER pro tempore. The		Balint	Deluzio	Krishnamoorthi
Graves (MO)	Mills	Williams (NY)		question is on the resolution.		Barragán	DeSaulnier	Kuster
Green (TN)	Molinaro	Williams (TX)		The question was taken; and the		Beatty	Dingell	Landsman
Greene (GA)	Moolenaar	Wilson (SC)		Speaker pro tempore announced that		Bera	Doggett	Larsen (WA)

Pettersen	Scott, David	Tlaib
Pingree	Sewell	Tokuda
Pocan	Sherman	Tonko
Porter	Sherrill	Torres (CA)
Pressley	Slotkin	Torres (NY)
Quigley	Smith (WA)	Trahan
Ramirez	Sorensen	Trone
Raskin	Soto	Underwood
Ross	Spanberger	Vargas
Ruiz	Stansbury	Vasquez
Ruppersberger	Stanton	Veasey
Ryan	Stevens	Velázquez
Sánchez	Strickland	Wasserman
Sarbanes	Swalwell	Schultz
Schakowsky	Sykes	Waters
Schiff	Takano	Watson Coleman
Schneider	Thanedar	Wild
Scholten	Thompson (CA)	Williams (GA)
Schrier	Thompson (MS)	Wilson (FL)
Scott (VA)	Titus	

NOT VOTING—16

Curtis	Lesko	Salinas
Garbarino	McCarthy	Scanlon
Hoyer	Mfume	Sessions
Jackson Lee	Napolitano	Wexton
Joyce (OH)	Newhouse	
Larson (CT)	Phillips	

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So the resolution was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2024

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. SIMPSON. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on H.R. 4821, and that I may include tabular material on the same.

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

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 838 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. 4821.

The Chair appoints the gentleman from Texas (Mr. PFLUGER) to preside over the Committee of the Whole.

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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 consideration of the bill (H.R. 4821) making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, and for other purposes, with Mr. PFLUGER 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 be confined to the bill and shall not exceed 1 hour equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations or their respective designees.

The gentleman from Idaho (Mr. SIMPSON) and the gentlewoman from Maine (Ms. PINGREE) each will control 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Idaho (Mr. SIMPSON).

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

Mr. Chair, I am pleased to begin consideration of the H.R. 4821, the fiscal year 2024 Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act.

Before I get into the bill, I commend Chairwoman GRANGER for her steadfast leadership of the Appropriations Committee and her ongoing support. I thank the ranking member of the full committee, Ms. DELAUNO, for her work on this important legislation and other things. I thank Ranking Member PINGREE for her partnership and the subcommittee members for their work on this bill, although Ms. PINGREE and I may have some differences of opinion on this bill.

H.R. 4821 provides \$25.4 billion in new nondefense discretionary spending, which is \$13.4 billion, or 35 percent, below the fiscal year 2023 level. The bill also rescinds \$9.4 billion in unnecessary funding provided to the EPA, the Presidio Trust, and the Council on Environmental Quality through the Inflation Reduction Act.

Cutting funding is never easy or pretty, but with the national debt in excess of \$33 trillion and inflation at an unacceptable level, we had to make tough choices to rein in Federal spending.

Last Congress alone, \$3 trillion was spent outside the normal appropriations process. That is \$3 trillion that went into the national debt.

Simply holding funding flat is not enough. We must work to curb our out-of-control spending and get our budget back on track. This bill does that. This legislation prioritizes critical needs within our reduced allocation and addresses specific interests and concerns brought to our attention through more than 8,000 Member requests.

H.R. 4821 fully funds the payments in lieu of taxes program for fiscal year 2024, which is estimated to be \$515 million. It also makes critical investments in Indian Country by providing funding for the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Bureau of Indian Education, and Indian Health Service at fiscal year 2023 levels or above.

To combat catastrophic wildfires and protect communities across the country, the bill includes a \$1.6 billion discretionary increase to fund wildfire activities without budget gimmicks. It also provides a \$2.65 billion cap adjustment for wildfire suppression activities, as authorized.

To address these priorities while rightsizing the agencies under our jurisdiction, the bill reduces funding for nearly every other appropriation in the bill, and many agencies received double-digit percentage reductions. The EPA is reduced by \$4 billion, or 39 percent, below the fiscal year 2023 level.

In terms of policy, the bill makes important steps to reduce regulatory bur-

dens imposed by the EPA, expand access to critical minerals and natural resources, and promote domestic energy production. Such efforts include halting the EPA's job-killing regulations, such as repealing the recent waters of the United States regulations and rules that target reliable energy sources and domestic manufacturing; limiting abuse of the Endangered Species Act regarding species such as the sage grouse, gray wolf, bison, and lesser prairie chicken; expanding access to critical minerals and promoting proper management of our Nation's forests; and requiring oil and gas lease sales. These policies will help boost our national security, reduce energy costs, and create American jobs.

Mr. Chairman, this bill will help manage our public lands wisely, meet our commitment to our brothers and sisters in Indian Country, and restore the fiscal responsibility necessary to get our economy back on track.

Mr. Chairman, I urge the adoption of this bill, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. PINGREE. Mr. Chairman, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Chairman, as ranking member of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Subcommittee, I am deeply concerned about the majority's lack of urgency to fund the government. The continuing resolution expires in less than 3 weeks, but instead of getting to work negotiating with the Senate on a full-year bill, we are wasting time on bills that violate the terms of the Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2023.

I strongly oppose the fiscal year 2024 Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies appropriations bill. This harmful bill debilitates America's ability to address the climate crisis and hobbles the agencies within its jurisdiction.

It slashes funding for the Environmental Protection Agency by nearly 40 percent. That is nearly \$4 billion less than we appropriated in 2023.

It also rescinds more than \$7 billion of vital investments provided by the Inflation Reduction Act for the United States to take immediate economy-wide climate action. Climate change has reached a crisis point, and experts agree that we must take bold action to avoid a major, irreversible catastrophe.

In addition to the cut proposed by the State-Foreign Operations bill, the Republicans' Interior bill virtually eliminates the greenhouse gas reduction fund, which was established by the Inflation Reduction Act to mitigate the costs of climate pollution through investment in low-and zero-emission technologies.

The damage inflicted by this bill extends far beyond climate change. The bill wipes out the environmental justice program and cuts \$1.4 billion from the environmental and climate justice grants made possible through the Inflation Reduction Act.

It curtails the progress that has been made to ensure that all people are