

Mr. Chairman, I begin by reciprocating the very kind remarks of my working partner, Mr. QUIGLEY. I find him to be a person of extraordinary ability, a wonderful working partner, and somebody that I look forward to continuing a dialogue with as we go through the process.

As my friend knows, we are not at the end of that process. Our aim is to pass a vehicle and be able to go to conference, where I know my friend and I will continue to work on some of the concerns that, frankly, people on both sides of the aisle have. I think that is the way we ought to work, and I am very proud of the relationship that we have that will allow that to continue.

I will, however, point out that we have several problems. The reality is our funding levels are actually essentially where we were in 2022. This is 2023. We have not gone a long way past that.

Second, there is an enormous amount of money that has been interjected into the infrastructure bill by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, and that money needs to be offset in some way to bring down this extraordinary deficit that we have.

My friends are concerned, appropriately so, about the cost of things. Those costs have been raised mostly by excessive government spending. The worst thing that we have out there right now is simply what interest rates are compared to what they were, literally, when the President walked into office. They were 1.4 percent. They peaked at 9 percent. They are still running somewhere around 7 percent. If you don't think it makes a difference, go try to buy a home.

You have to begin to responsibly restrain government spending. This bill does that. It takes us from \$101 billion in total spending to \$93 billion. That is a significant cut. That is exactly where we were in 2022, not very long ago.

We will continue to work and try to find common ground with our friends because I recognize, as I know my friend does, at the end of the day, all appropriations bills have to be bipartisan, but they are usually not bipartisan at this stage in the process. I am not surprised that that is where we are right now.

I think there are a lot of good features in this. I think, quite frankly, Tribal housing and Tribal roads have been underfunded for decades. It didn't matter who was in power. This bill begins to address that.

I think we have critical needs at the FAA, where we need to train more air traffic controllers to modernize the system. This bill does that. It matches up pretty closely to what this Congress actually passed when it passed the FAA Reauthorization Act earlier this year.

There is lots of infrastructure in this bill. Would we like more? Yes, we would. Maybe we will be able to get more, but right now we have to operate within the allocation that we have.

I think we have more in common to work with here than probably the initial debate and the early rhetoric suggests, and I will just close by saying my friend has my commitment that I will continue to work with him.

I share his admiration for the staff on both sides of the aisle. Sometimes I often like to say Members may not work together very well, but staff almost always does around here. At the end of the day, more problems are solved at that level sometimes than solved by the rhetoric on the floor.

My friend and I, I hope we get to a deal. I know we have one thing above all in common. We both know what a continuing resolution would mean. We both know that is a bad outcome. If that happens, we will lose the improvements in this bill, particularly for FAA, but for other areas as well.

□ 1815

My friend has my commitment that we will continue to work together. We may not get to the same place in the debate over this particular piece of legislation, but if we are going to have something that actually becomes law, he and I will have to come to an agreement. At some point, I am confident that we will.

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

The CHAIR. All time for general debate has expired.

Mr. COLE. Mr. Chairman, I move that the Committee do now rise.

The motion was agreed to.

Accordingly, the Committee rose; and the Speaker pro tempore (Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS) having assumed the chair, Mr. BACON, 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. 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, 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 6 o'clock and 17 minutes p.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 (Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS) at 6 o'clock and 30 minutes p.m.

#### NOTICE OF INTENTION TO OFFER RESOLUTION RAISING A QUESTION OF THE PRIVILEGES OF THE HOUSE

Ms. JACOBS. Madam Speaker, pursuant to clause 2(a)(1) of rule IX, I rise to

give notice of my intention to raise a question of the privileges of the House.

The form of the resolution is as follows:

H. Res. 846 censuring Representative Brian Mast.

Whereas, Representative Brian Mast served honorably in the United States Army with distinct sacrifice, dedication, and bravery;

Whereas, Representative Brian Mast has repeatedly made inflammatory statements regarding innocent Palestinian civilians in Gaza who are in harm's way through no fault of their own as a result of horrific terrorist attacks conducted by Hamas on October 7, 2023;

Whereas, Representative Brian Mast's refusal to distinguish innocent Palestinians from Hamas terrorists is false, misleading, dehumanizing, dangerous, and unbecoming of a Member of Congress;

Whereas, on October 19, 2023, during a House Foreign Affairs Committee markup, Representative Brian Mast emphatically asserted that any urgently needed humanitarian aid for innocent Palestinian civilians who are in harm's way through no fault of their own "should be slowed down" and that there should be "every effort made to slow down any perceived assistance";

Whereas, on October 19, 2023, during the same House Foreign Affairs Committee markup, Representative Brian Mast stated that terrorism is "absolutely supported by the Palestinian people, from elementary school all the way up into the elderly";

Whereas, on November 1, 2023, during a speech on the House floor, Representative Brian Mast inexcusably compared innocent Palestinian civilians, including children, who are often used as human shields by Hamas terrorists, to Nazi collaborators that perpetrated the Holocaust against the Jewish people;

Whereas, the horrific crime against humanity perpetrated by Nazis that resulted in the murder of more than 6 million Jews during the Holocaust should never be trivialized;

Whereas, on November 1, 2023, during a speech on the House floor, Representative Brian Mast stated that "there are very few innocent Palestinian civilians";

Whereas, on November 2, 2023, Representative Brian Mast again incorrectly conflated innocent Palestinian civilians with Hamas terrorists by tweeting a video of a Hamas leader and asserting that "a two-state solution means making a state out of these murderous terrorists who are openly calling for the atrocities of October 7 to be committed over and over again";

Whereas, Representative Brian Mast's repeated conflation of innocent Palestinian civilians with Hamas terrorists sends a message to the world that violence against all Palestinians is legitimate and risks the incitement of brutal attacks across the Middle East region, including settler violence in the West Bank and Hezbollah aggression in northern Israel;

Whereas, instances of anti-Arab hate and Islamophobia have been on the rise, including the hate-fueled murder of Wadea Al-Fayoume, a 6-year-old Palestinian American who was stabbed to death in his home in Illinois on October 15, 2023, because of his identity; and

Whereas, Representative Brian Mast's comments regarding innocent Palestinian civilians in Gaza are dehumanizing, inflammatory, unacceptable, and can be reasonably construed as inviting the targeted murder of innocent Palestinians, fanning the flames of violence in the Middle East, and violating the international rules of war:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that Brian Mast be censured.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under rule IX, a resolution offered from the floor by a Member other than the majority leader or the minority leader as a question of the privileges of the House has immediate precedence only at a time designated by the Chair within 2 legislative days after the resolution is properly noticed.

Pending that designation, the form of the resolution noticed by the gentleman from California will appear in the RECORD at this point.

The Chair will not at this point determine whether the resolution constitutes a question of privilege. That determination will be made at the time designated for consideration of the resolution.

#### 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:

Motions to suspend the rules and pass:

H.R. 1607;

H.R. 359; and

Agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal, 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.

#### CLARIFYING JURISDICTION WITH RESPECT TO CERTAIN BUREAU OF RECLAMATION PUMPED STORAGE DEVELOPMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 1607) to clarify jurisdiction with respect to certain Bureau of Reclamation pumped storage development, and for other purposes, as amended, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Arkansas (Mr. WESTERMAN) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 384, nays 1, not voting 47, as follows:

[Roll No. 599]

YEAS—384

Adams	Deluzio	Kamlager-Dove
Aderholt	DeSaulnier	Kaptur
Agullar	DesJarlais	Kean (NJ)
Alford	Diaz-Balart	Kelly (IL)
Allen	Dingell	Kelly (MS)
Allred	Doggett	Kelly (PA)
Amodei	Donalds	Khanna
Arrington	Duarte	Kiggans (VA)
Babin	Duncan	Kildee
Bacon	Dunn (FL)	Kiley
Baird	Edwards	Kilmer
Balderson	Ellzey	Kim (CA)
Balint	Emmer	Kim (NJ)
Barr	Escobar	Krishnamoorthi
Barragán	Eshoo	Kustoff
Bean (FL)	Espallat	LaLota
Beatty	Evans	LaMalfa
Bentz	Ezell	Lamborn
Bera	Fallon	Landsman
Bergman	Feenstra	Langworthy
Beyer	Ferguson	Larson (CT)
Bice	Finstad	Latta
Biggs	Fischbach	LaTurner
Bilirakis	Fitzgerald	Lawler
Bishop (GA)	Fitzpatrick	Lee (CA)
Bishop (NC)	Fleischmann	Lee (FL)
Blunt Rochester	Fletcher	Lee (NV)
Boebert	Flood	Lee (PA)
Bonamici	Foushee	Leger Fernandez
Bost	Fox	Lesko
Bowman	Frankel, Lois	Letlow
Boyle (PA)	Franklin, Scott	Levin
Brecheen	Fry	Lieu
Brown	Fulcher	Lofgren
Brownley	Gaetz	Lucas
Buck	Gallagher	Luetkemeyer
Bucshon	Garamendi	Luna
Burchett	Garbarino	Luttrell
Burgess	Garcia (IL)	Lynch
Burlison	Garcia (TX)	Mace
Bush	Garcia, Mike	Malliotakis
Calvert	Jimenez	Mann
Cammack	Golden (ME)	Manning
Caraveo	Gomez	Massie
Carbajal	Gonzales, Tony	Mast
Cárdenas	Gonzalez,	Matsui
Carey	Vicente	McBath
Carl	Good (VA)	McCaul
Carson	Gooden (TX)	McClain
Carter (GA)	Gosar	McClellan
Carter (LA)	Granger	McCintock
Carter (TX)	Graves (LA)	McCollum
Cartwright	Green, Al (TX)	McCormick
Casar	Greene (GA)	McGarvey
Case	Griffith	McGovern
Casten	Grijalva	McHenry
Castor (FL)	Grothman	Meeks
Castro (TX)	Guthrie	Menendez
Chavez-DeRemer	Hageman	Meuser
Cherfilus-	Harder (CA)	Mfume
McCormick	Harris	Miller (WV)
Chu	Harshbarger	Miller-Meeks
Clark (MA)	Hayes	Mills
Clarke (NY)	Hern	Molinaro
Cleaver	Higgins (LA)	Moolenaar
Cline	Higgins (NY)	Mooney
Cloud	Hill	Moore (AL)
Clyburn	Himes	Moore (UT)
Clyde	Hinson	Moore (WI)
Cohen	Horsford	Moran
Cole	Houchin	Morale
Collins	Houlahan	Moskowitz
Comer	Hoyer	Moulton
Connolly	Hoyle (OR)	Mrvan
Correa	Hudson	Mullin
Costa	Huffman	Murphy
Courtney	Huizenga	Napolitano
Crane	Hunt	Neal
Crawford	Issa	Neguse
Crockett	Ivey	Nehls
Crow	Jackson (NC)	Newhouse
Cuellar	Jackson (TX)	Nickel
Curtis	Jacobs	Norman
Dauids (KS)	James	Nunn (IA)
Davidson	Jayapal	Obenolte
Davis (IL)	Jeffries	Ocasio-Cortez
Davis (NC)	Johnson (GA)	Ogles
De La Cruz	Johnson (OH)	Omar
Dean (PA)	Johnson (SD)	Owens
DeGette	Jordan	Pallone
DeLauro	Joyce (OH)	Palmer
DelBene	Joyce (PA)	Panetta

Pappas	Schweikert	Timmons
Pascrell	Scott (VA)	Titus
Payne	Scott, Austin	Tlaib
Peltola	Scott, David	Tokuda
Perry	Self	Tonko
Peters	Sessions	Torres (CA)
Pettersen	Sewell	Torres (NY)
Pfluger	Sherman	Trahan
Pingree	Sherrill	Turner
Pocan	Simpson	Underwood
Porter	Slotkin	Valadao
Posey	Smith (MO)	Van Drew
Pressley	Smith (NE)	Van Duyne
Quigley	Smith (NJ)	Van Orden
Ramirez	Smith (WA)	Vasquez
Raskin	Smucker	Veasey
Reschenthaler	Sorensen	Velázquez
Rodgers (WA)	Soto	Wagner
Rogers (AL)	Spanberger	Walberg
Rose	Spartz	Waltz
Rosendale	Stansbury	Wasserman
Ross	Stanton	Schultz
Rouzer	Staubert	Waters
Roy	Stefanik	Watson Coleman
Ruiz	Steil	Weber (TX)
Ruppersberger	Steube	Webster (FL)
Rutherford	Stevens	Wenstrup
Ryan	Strickland	Westerman
Salazar	Strong	Wexton
Salinas	Sykes	Wild
Sánchez	Takano	Williams (GA)
Sarbanes	Tenney	Williams (NY)
Scalise	Thanedar	Williams (TX)
Scanlon	Thompson (CA)	Wilson (SC)
Schneider	Thompson (MS)	Womack
Shoemaker	Thompson (PA)	Yakym
Schrier	Tiffany	Zinke

NAYS—1

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NOT VOTING—47

Armstrong	Goldman (NY)	Miller (OH)
Auchincloss	Gottheimer	Nadler
Banks	Graves (MO)	Norcross
Blumenauer	Green (TN)	Pelosi
Buchanan	Guest	Pence
Budzinski	Jackson (IL)	Perez
Ciscomani	Jackson Lee	Phillips
Craig	Keating	Rogers (KY)
Crenshaw	Kuster	Schakowsky
D'Esposito	LaHood	Schiff
Estes	Larsen (WA)	Steel
Foster	Loudermilk	Swalwell
Frost	Magaziner	Trone
Gallego	McCarthy	Vargas
Garcia, Robert	Meng	Wilson (FL)
	Miller (IL)	Wittman

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So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### FORT SAN GERONIMO PRESERVATION ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 359) to establish Fort San Geronimo del Boqueron in Puerto Rico as an affiliated area of the National Park System, and for other purposes, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Arkansas (Mr. WESTERMAN) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill.

This is a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 359, nays 24, not voting 49, as follows: