

as I had hoped, but we cannot delay any further. Our veterans, their caregivers, and their families cannot wait any longer. To further delay this bill is really absolutely cruel.

Let us work together. Let's work with Senator Elizabeth Dole to fulfill our promise to America's veterans. Let us act, and let us act now, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. TAKANO. Mr. Speaker, I ask all of my colleagues to join me in supporting this bill, and I yield back the balance of my time.

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

Mr. Speaker, let me say that, as the chairman of the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, along with working with the leadership, several times during this time here since January, certain things have been said: One, that we were going to cut funding for veterans back whenever the caps were increased, and that proved out that we did not do that.

I have told the ranking member and the Democrats who work with the committee that these two bills are vitally important, but we must be wise. We must move forward, and we must make sure they get across the threshold.

Now, also know this: On Elizabeth Dole, I want the bill. As my colleague from the other side of the aisle made a statement, she loved working with Elizabeth Dole. Well, I am going to tell you, I have been working with Elizabeth Dole for about 30 years on most things that she brought up back when she was a Senator, back when her husband was running for President.

We are going to be working to try to figure it out. It was said from the other side of the aisle that the CBO score came back, but there is still a cost. That cost has to be calculated.

I explained, when we passed the PACT Act, that there was a problem, not that we weren't going to provide exactly everything that the PACT Act said, but the TIF had some language problems that actually double-counted some of the things we are providing for our veterans already.

Now, if someone will work with me, let's get this working with this side of the aisle and across the rotunda to try to figure this out so that we can make sure we can provide all of these other things that we want to provide.

As far as the fact of how fast we brought them forward, let me say this: Whether you want to admit it or not, when the other side of the aisle joined with the eight to remove the Speaker of this House and then caused the chaos that occurred for 3 weeks, that is 3 weeks we have lost and can't get back. We are going to work very hard to try to get it back, and we are going to try to pass everything that they have talked about.

The ranking member quoted some Scripture, so let me quote some, and then I am going to shift to something else. Proverbs 29:11 said: A fool gives full vent to his feelings, but a wise man holds them back.

At this time, I am going to hold those feelings back about the things that were said. Let me say that what we are really talking about here is the naming of a CBOC for four amazing people who made a sacrifice.

For those of us with more gray hair who have seen the nightly news when we sat around the dinner tables back in the time when these valiant soldiers and marines fell, we remember what it was like to see Walter Cronkite come on and give a list of where the battles had been and a list of how many people were dead, how many were wounded, where the next battle was looking like it was going to come up.

Later on, right after you followed up with your local news, there was a list of young servicemembers who wouldn't be coming home, at the local level.

Good heavens, with that war for the first 13 years of my life, I thought you were born, raised, got out of high school, and then went to Vietnam. If you survived Vietnam, you could actually go home and live a real life. These guys didn't get the chance to do that.

Mr. CARTER has worked very hard on making sure that we are going to name this in tribute to them, as we should.

I will still continue to have the other debates and discussions. I am sorry we had to do that now, that we had to at the sacrifice of what we were debating here, that all of this floor time couldn't have been given to those four heroes.

Mr. Speaker, I encourage all of my colleagues to support the gentleman's resolution and this bill, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. BOST) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 593.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the ayes have it.

Mr. BOST. 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 motion will be postponed.

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 6 o'clock and 7 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1830

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. ELLZEY) at 6 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:

Motions to suspend the rules and pass:

H.R. 1105; and

H.R. 593.

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.

DEBBIE SMITH ACT OF 2023

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. 1105) to amend the DNA Analysis Backlog Elimination Act of 2000 to reauthorize the Debbie Smith DNA Backlog Grant Program, 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 California (Mr. ISSA) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 405, nays 0, not voting 27, as follows:

[Roll No. 643]

YEAS—405

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| Aguilar | Carl | DesJarlais |
| Alford | Carson | Diaz-Balart |
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| Allred | Carter (LA) | Doggett |
| Amodei | Carter (TX) | Donalds |
| Armstrong | Cartwright | Duarte |
| Arrington | Caspar | Duncan |
| Auchincloss | Case | Dunn (FL) |
| Babin | Casten | Edwards |
| Bacon | Castor (FL) | Ellzey |
| Baird | Castro (TX) | Emmer |
| Balderson | Chavez-DeRemer | Escobar |
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| Bean (FL) | Clark (MA) | Evans |
| Beatty | Clarke (NY) | Feenstra |
| Bentz | Cline | Ferguson |
| Bera | Cloud | Finstad |
| Bergman | Clyburn | Fischbach |
| Beyer | Clyde | Fitzgerald |
| Bice | Cohen | Fitzpatrick |
| Biggs | Cole | Fleischmann |
| Bilirakis | Collins | Fletcher |
| Bishop (GA) | Comer | Flood |
| Bishop (NC) | Connolly | Foster |
| Blumenauer | Correa | Foushee |
| Blunt Rochester | Costa | Fox |
| Boebert | Courtney | Frankel, Lois |
| Bonamici | Craig | Franklin, Scott |
| Bost | Crane | Frost |
| Bowman | Crawford | Fry |
| Boyle (PA) | Crockett | Fulcher |
| Brecheen | Crow | Gaetz |
| Brown | Cuellar | Gallagher |
| Brownley | Curtis | Gallego |
| Buck | D'Esposito | Garbarino |
| Budzinski | Davidson | Garcia (IL) |
| Burchett | Davis (KS) | Garcia (TX) |
| Burgess | Davis (IL) | Garcia, Mike |
| Burlison | Davis (NC) | Garcia, Robert |
| Bush | De La Cruz | Gimenez |
| Calvert | Dean (PA) | Golden (ME) |
| Cammack | DeGette | Goldman (NY) |
| Caraveo | DeLauro | Gomez |
| Carbajal | DelBene | Gonzales, Tony |

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| Gonzalez, | Lucas | Ruiz |
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| Gosar | Lynch | Salinas |
| Gottheimer | Magaziner | Sánchez |
| Granger | Malliotakis | Santos |
| Graves (LA) | Mann | Sarbanes |
| Graves (MO) | Manning | Scalise |
| Green (TN) | Massie | Scanlon |
| Green, Al (TX) | Mast | Schakowsky |
| Griffith | Matsui | Schiff |
| Grijalva | McBath | Schneider |
| Grothman | McCarthy | Scholten |
| Guest | McCaul | Schrier |
| Guthrie | McClain | Schweikert |
| Hageman | McClellan | Scott (VA) |
| Harder (CA) | McClintock | Scott, Austin |
| Harris | McCollum | Scott, David |
| Harshbarger | McCormick | Self |
| Hayes | McGarvey | Sessions |
| Hern | McGovern | Sewell |
| Higgins (LA) | McHenry | Sherrill |
| Higgins (NY) | Meeks | Simpson |
| Hill | Menendez | Slotkin |
| Himes | Meng | Smith (MO) |
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| Hoyer | Miller (WV) | Sorensen |
| Hoyle (OR) | Miller-Meeks | Soto |
| Hudson | Mills | Spartz |
| Huffman | Molinaro | Stansbury |
| Huizenga | Moolenaar | Stanton |
| Hunt | Moore (AL) | Staubert |
| Issa | Moore (UT) | Steel |
| Ivey | Moore (WI) | Stefanik |
| Jackson (IL) | | Steil |
| Jackson (NC) | | Moran |
| Jackson (TX) | | Morelle |
| Jacobs | | Moskowitz |
| James | | Moulton |
| Jayapal | | Mrvan |
| Jeffries | | Murphy |
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| Johnson (SD) | | Neal |
| Jordan | | Neguse |
| Joyce (OH) | | Nehls |
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| Kamlager-Dove | | Nickel |
| Kaptur | | Norcross |
| Kean (NJ) | | Norman |
| Keating | | Nunn (IA) |
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| Kelly (PA) | | Ogles |
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| Kiley | | Palmer |
| Killmer | | Panetta |
| Kim (CA) | | Pappas |
| Kim (NJ) | | Pascrell |
| Krishnamoorthi | | Payne |
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| LaHood | | Perry |
| LaLota | | Peters |
| LaMalfa | | Pettersen |
| Lamborn | | Pfleger |
| Langworthy | | Pingree |
| Larsen (WA) | | Pocan |
| Larson (CT) | | Porter |
| Latta | | Posey |
| LaTurner | | Pressley |
| Lawler | | Quigley |
| Lee (CA) | | Ramirez |
| Lee (FL) | | Raskin |
| Lee (NV) | | Reschenthaler |
| Lee (PA) | | Rodgers (WA) |
| Leger Fernandez | | Rogers (AL) |
| Lesko | | Rogers (KY) |
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| Levin | | Rosendale |
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| Loudermilk | | Rouzer |
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NOT VOTING—27

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| Buchanan | Jackson Lee | Salazar |
| Bucshon | Landsman | Sherman |
| Chu | Lofgren | Spanberger |
| Cleaver | Mace | Swalwell |
| Crenshaw | Mooney | Thompson (CA) |
| Ezell | Mullin | Torres (NY) |
| Fallon | Pelosi | Williams (TX) |
| Garamendi | Pence | Wittman |

□ 1857

Mr. COHEN and Mrs. FISCHBACH changed their vote from “nay” to “yea.”

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.

Stated for:

Mr. LANDSMAN. Mr. Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted “yea” on rollcall No. 643.

□ 1900

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, November 8, 2023.

Hon. MIKE JOHNSON,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: I have the honor to transmit herewith a copy of a letter received from Mr. Gregg M. Amore, Secretary of State, State of Rhode Island, indicating that, according to the unofficial results for the Special Election held on November 7, 2023, the Honorable Gabriel Amo was elected for Representative to Congress for the First Congressional District of Rhode Island.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

KEVIN F. MCCUMBER,
Acting Clerk.

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND, DEPARTMENT OF STATE, OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE,
November 8, 2023.

Hon. KEVIN F. MCCUMBER,
Acting Clerk,
House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. MCCUMBER: Per your request, this communication is to advise you of the unofficial results of the Special Election held on Tuesday, November 7, 2023 for Representative in Congress from the First Congressional district of Rhode Island. The unofficial results as of 3 p.m. on November 8, 2023 show that Gabriel Amo received 42,852 votes, 64.62% of the total number of votes cast for that office.

It would appear from these unofficial results that Gabriel Amo was elected as Representative in Congress from the First Congressional District of Rhode Island.

To the best of our knowledge and belief at this time, there is no contest to this election.

As soon as the official results are certified to this office by the State Board of Elections, an official Certificate of Election will be prepared for transmittal as required by law.

Sincerely,

GREGG M. AMORE,
Secretary of State.

SWEARING IN OF THE HONORABLE GABE AMO, OF RHODE ISLAND, AS A MEMBER OF THE HOUSE

Mr. MAGAZINER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the gentleman from Rhode Island, the Honorable GABE

AMO, be permitted to take the oath of office today.

His certificate of election has not arrived, but there is no contest and no question has been raised with regard to his election.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Rhode Island?

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER. Will Representative-elect Amo and the members of the Rhode Island delegation present themselves in the well.

All Members will rise and the Representative-elect will please raise his right hand.

Mr. AMO appeared at the bar of the House and took the oath of office, as follows:

Do you solemnly swear or affirm that you will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that you will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that you take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that you will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which you are about to enter, so help you God.

The SPEAKER. Congratulations, you are now a Member of the 118th Congress.

WELCOMING THE HONORABLE GABE AMO TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the gentleman from Rhode Island (Mr. MAGAZINER) is recognized for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

Mr. MAGAZINER. Mr. Speaker, the people of Rhode Island's First Congressional District have elected a Representative with the character, the credentials, and the commitment to be an effective Member of this body from day one.

As one of the original 13 States, Rhode Island has been electing Representatives to the House since 1790. In those 233 years, Rhode Island has never sent an African American or any person of color to Congress until today, but GABE AMO will be the first to tell you, Mr. Speaker, that he did not come here to make history. He came here to make a difference.

He came to make a difference for working people like his parents, who immigrated to the United States from Ghana and Liberia. GABE's mother, Weady, is a nurse. His father, Gabriel, runs the family's liquor store. They came to America because they believe in the promise of this country.

They settled in Pawtucket, Rhode Island, a diverse, blue-collar city of brick mills and triple-decker houses where people value a hard day's work. This is where GABE AMO comes from.

He has chosen to devote his career to public service, working in the Rhode Island State House for then-Governor Gina Raimondo and in the White House for President Obama and President Biden.