H.R. 3226 also provides for the study of the costs, impact of social factors, and gaps in public health programs that lead to prematurity, providing us with more vital information. It also calls for the Department of Health and Human Services to make recommendations to Congress to prevent preterm birth.

Importantly, the legislation establishes an interagency working group at HHS to coordinate all Federal activities and programs related to preterm birth, infant mortality, and other adverse birth outcomes.

Again, I thank Representative Eshoo for her leadership on this legislation. I know that she always takes leadership, particularly on issues that affect the healthcare of children.

Mr. Speaker, I encourage all of my colleagues to support this legislation to make a significant impact in the fight against preterm birth complications in all of our districts and communities.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. GUTHRIE. Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. CARTER).

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of the PREEMIE Reauthorization Act of 2023, which will reauthorize critical programs to expand research and education into premature birth prevention.

Every year, 10 percent of babies are born prematurely, putting them and their mothers at an increased risk of complicated health problems.

In 2022, there were over 380,000 preterm births, and every year, almost 20,000 babies in the United States will die before their first birthday, many of them from complications of premature birth. Unfortunately, Georgia has one of the highest preterm birth rates in the country.

Babies born prematurely shouldn't be at a disadvantage because of a lack of resources. Every single baby born deserves a healthy start and a fair chance at life.

That is why it is so important for us to reauthorize the PREEMIE Act, which will continue lifesaving research to prevent premature births and give mothers and babies healthy starts in both motherhood and life.

The bipartisan effort will reauthorize critical Federal research, education, and intervention activities to reduce preterm birth and infant mortality.

Mr. Speaker, I encourage my colleagues to support the reauthorization of this bill and support maternal health.

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentlewoman from California (Ms. Eshoo), the ranking member of our Subcommittee on Health.

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I thank the ranking member of the full committee for yielding time

Today, the House is going to vote on legislation, H.R. 3226,

PREEMIE Reauthorization Act. I thank the co-leads of this legislation: Representatives Miller-Meeks, Kelly of Illinois, Burgess, Blunt Rochester, and Kiggans for their work on this important effort.

I first introduced the PREEMIE Act in 2005. It is the first and remains the only law to focus solely on the prevention of preterm births.

H.R. 3226 will improve future policy by studying the current gaps in our healthcare system that have kept rates of preterm births high and by crafting recommendations for how to address

Every day in the United States, 1 in 10 infants are born prematurely, placing them and their mothers at an increased risk of complicated health problems.

America's prematurity rate is one of the highest in the developed world, and it is the leading cause of newborn death

Even babies born just a few weeks prematurely can face serious health challenges. We saw a significant 4 percent increase in preterm births in 2021, the highest recorded rate since 2007.

This bill was advanced by the Subcommittee on Health and the full Energy and Commerce Committee unanimously and enjoys bipartisan cosponsorship.

The PREEMIE Act will help prevent newborn death and disability, expand research into the causes of preterm birth, and promote the development, availability, and uses of evidence-based standards of care for pregnant women. Mr. Speaker, I urge all of my colleagues to support it.

Mr. GUTHRIE. Mr. Speaker, I have no further speakers and am prepared to close. I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I ask for support of the bill on a bipartisan basis. Obviously, reauthorizing and expanding this program for preemies is very important for children.

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

Mr. GUTHRIE. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time.

I think Ms. Eshoo just stepped off the floor, Mr. Speaker, but my good friend from California announced she is not running for reelection. She is the primary sponsor of this bill in the House, and it is an important bill.

All life is important. It is important that we move forward and give everybody an equal chance to live a full, productive, and happy life.

Mr. Speaker, I encourage my colleagues to vote for this bill.

I appreciate my friend from California, Mr. Speaker, for all of her hard work. We will miss her, but we have another year to continue to work on good things like this.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Kentucky (Mr. GUTHRIE) that the House suspend the

rules and pass the bill, H.R. 3226, as amended.

The question was taken; and (twothirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

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 28 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 (Mr. MURPHY) at 6 o'clock and 30 minutes p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, proceedings will resume on motions to suspend the rules previously postponed. Votes will be taken in the following order:

H.R. 3224:

H.R. 5378; and

H.R. 6503.

The first electronic vote will be conducted as a 15-minute vote. Remaining electronic votes will be conducted as 5minute votes.

COUNTERING WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION EXTENSION 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. 3224) to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to extend the authorization of the Countering Weapons of Mass Destruction Office of the Department of Homeland Security, 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 New York (Mr. D'ESPOSITO) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 394, nays 0, not voting 39, as follows:

[Roll No. 707] YEAS-394

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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.

Stated for:

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Mr. PERRY. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present. I would have voted "yea" on rollcall No. 707.

LOWER COSTS, MORE TRANSPARENCY 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. 5378) to promote price transparency in the health care sector, 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 gentlewoman from Washington (Mrs. Rodgers) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.

This is a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 320, nays 71, answered "present" 1, not voting 41, as follows:

[Roll No. 708] YEAS-320

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