

my Republican colleagues to give me one thing, one thing, that I can go campaign on and say we did. One. Anybody sitting in the complex, if you want to come down to the floor and come explain to me one material, meaningful, significant thing the Republican majority has done. . . ."

More recently, Congressman ANDY BIGGS said: "We have nothing to go out there and campaign on. . . . It is embarrassing."

Congresswoman DEBBIE LESKO said: "We can't get anything done around here. It is very frustrating."

What do Republicans say when they go home and voters ask: What have you done? What have you done?

What do you tell them?

What do you say to somebody who asks: Why are you more concerned about Hunter Biden than about our constituents?

You people need to touch the grass, get a grip, and get some help. Republicans have turned this place into one big SNL skit, except this isn't funny. We have serious business to get done around here, and they are just openly admitting that they cannot govern.

They have no new ideas or problems that they want to solve. Their whole platform is built around using division and anger to distract from the unmitigated disaster that is this Republican majority. The only hope around this place is that it is an election year and their gross incompetence will probably lose them the House come November.

Mr. Speaker, we have to do better, and there needs to be more urgency in this Chamber about making sure that the government doesn't shut down next week.

The one job, that no matter who is in charge has, is to make sure that the lights stay on here, that we don't stop the functioning of Government, and that we don't turn our backs on the American people.

Yet, we are getting perilously close to that moment when there could be a shutdown. It is disgraceful that we are here debating these filler bills that are going nowhere and that we are not working on real business that will help real people in this country and help pave the way for a better future.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to direct their remarks to the Chair.

Mrs. HOUCHIN. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time to close.

Mr. Speaker, I would note that with Republicans being in the majority, one major accomplishment is that we have stopped a lot of bad things potentially from happening that our colleagues on the other side of the aisle might wish to push forward.

We have before us the opportunity to move legislation here that could have a positive effect on the everyday lives of all Americans, whether that is pushing back on overreach of the bureaucratic state or protecting job creators. The

choice before us in this rule is clear, and we must take action.

We must be taking actions that improve this economy and fight inflation, but, again and again, we see this administration making it harder and not easier to do business in America. It defies logic.

Apparently, there is no cost too high for this administration or my Democratic colleagues when it comes to this pursuit, not even the fact that China stands to benefit from one of these rules and the American manufacturer stands to lose. The American people know better.

Mr. Speaker, I look forward to moving these bills out of the House this week. I ask my colleagues to join me in voting "yes" on the previous question and "yes" on the rule.

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

AN AMENDMENT TO H. RES. 947 OFFERED BY
MR. MCGOVERN OF MASSACHUSETTS

At the end of the resolution, add the following:

SEC. 4. 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. 5. Clause 1(c) of rule XIX shall not apply to the consideration of H. Res. 178.

Mrs. HOUCHIN. Mr. 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. 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 will be 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 40 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 (Ms. MALLIOTAKIS) 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 947; and

Adoption of House Resolution 947, if ordered.

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

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 788, STOP SETTLEMENT SLUSH FUNDS ACT OF 2023; PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.J. RES. 98, PROVIDING FOR CONGRESSIONAL DISAPPROVAL UNDER THE RULE SUBMITTED BY THE NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD RELATING TO "STANDARD FOR DETERMINING JOINT EMPLOYER STATUS"; AND PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF S.J. RES. 38, PROVIDING FOR CONGRESSIONAL DISAPPROVAL UNDER THE RULE SUBMITTED BY THE FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION RELATING TO "WAIVER OF BUY AMERICA REQUIREMENTS FOR ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGERS"

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. 947) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 788) to limit donations made pursuant to settlement agreements to which the United States is a party, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 98) providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the National Labor Relations Board relating to "Standard for Determining Joint Employer Status"; and providing for consideration of the joint resolution (S.J. Res. 38) providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Federal Highway Administration relating to "Waiver of Buy America Requirements for Electric Vehicle Chargers", 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 300, not voting 19, as follows:

[Roll No. 2]

YEAS—213

Adersholt	Armstrong	Baird
Alford	Arrington	Balderson
Allen	Babin	Banks
Amodei	Bacon	Barr

NAYS—200		
Adams	Cherfilus-	Foster
Aguilar	McCormick	Foushee
Allred	Chu	Frankel, Lois
Amo	Clark (MA)	Frost
Auchincloss	Clarke (NY)	Gallego
Balint	Cleaver	Garamendi
Barragán	Clyburn	Garcia (IL)
Beatty	Cohen	Garcia (TX)
Bera	Connolly	Garcia, Robert
Beyer	Correa	Golden (ME)
Bishop (GA)	Costa	Goldman (NY)
Blumenauer	Craig	Gomez
Bonamici	Crockett	Gonzalez,
Bowman	Crow	Vicente
Boyle (PA)	Cuellar	Gottheimer
Brown	David (KS)	Green, Al (TX)
Brownley	Davis (IL)	Grijalva
Budzinski	Davis (NC)	Harder (CA)
Bush	Dean (PA)	Hayes
Caraveo	DeGette	Higgins (NY)
Carbajal	DeLauro	Himes
Cárdenas	DelBene	Horsford
Carson	Deluzio	Houlahan
Cartwright	DeSaulnier	Hoyer
Casar	Dingell	Hoyle (OR)
Case	Doggett	Huffman
Casten	Escobar	Ivey
Castor (FL)	Eshoo	Jackson (IL)
Castro (TX)	Evans	Jackson (NC)
	Fletcher	Jackson Lee

RECORDED VOTE

Mr. MCGOVERN. Madam 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 203, noes 216, not voting 14, as follows:

[Roll No. 3]

AYES—203

Aderholt	Buchanan	Crenshaw
Alford	Buck	Curtis
Allen	Buchson	D'Esposito
Amodel	Burchett	Davidson
Armstrong	Burgess	De La Cruz
Arrington	Calvert	DesJarlais
Babin	Cammack	Diaz-Balart
Bacon	Carey	Donalds
Baird	Carl	Duarte
Balderson	Carter (GA)	Duncan
Banks	Carter (TX)	Dunn (FL)
Barr	Chavez-DeRemer	Edwards
Bean (FL)	Ciscomani	Ellzey
Bentz	Cline	Emmer
Bergman	Cloud	Estes
Bice	Clyde	Ezell
Bilirakis	Cole	Fallon
Bishop (NC)	Collins	Feenstra
Bost	Comer	Ferguson
Brecheen	Crawford	Finstad

NOES—216		
Adams	Davis (IL)	Jayapal
Aguilar	Davis (NC)	Jeffries
Allred	Dean (PA)	Johnson (GA)
Amo	DeGette	Kamlager-Dove
Auchincloss	DeLauro	Kaptur
Balint	DelBene	Keating
Barragán	Deluzio	Kelly (IL)
Beatty	DeSaulnier	Khanna
Bera	Dingell	Kildee
Beyer	Doggett	Kilmer
Biggs	Escobar	Krishnamoorthi
Bishop (GA)	Eshoo	Kuster
Blumenauer	Espallat	Landsman
Bonamici	Evans	Larsen (WA)
Bowman	Fletcher	Larson (CT)
Boyle (PA)	Foster	Lee (CA)
Brown	Foushee	Lee (NV)
Brownley	Frankel, Lois	Lee (PA)
Budzinski	Frost	Leger Fernandez
Burlison	Gallego	Levin
Bush	Garamendi	Lieu
Caraveo	Garcia (IL)	Lofgren
Carbajal	Garcia (TX)	Luna
Cárdenas	Garcia, Robert	Lynch
Carson	Golden (ME)	Magaziner
Cartwright	Goldman (NY)	Manning
Casas	Gomez	Matsui
Case	Gonzalez,	McBath
Casten	Vicente	McClellan
Castor (FL)	Good (VA)	McCollum
Castro (TX)	Gosar	McGarvey
Cherfilus-	Gottheimer	McGovern
McCormick	Green, Al (TX)	Menendez
Chu	Greene (GA)	Meng
Clark (MA)	Grijalva	Mfume
Clarke (NY)	Harder (CA)	Moore (UT)
Cleaver	Hayes	Moore (WI)
Clyburn	Higgins (NY)	Morelle
Cohen	Himes	Moskowitz
Connolly	Horsford	Moulton
Correa	Houlahan	Mrvan
Costa	Hoyer	Mullin
Courtney	Hoyle (OR)	Nadler
Craig	Huffman	Napolitano
Crane	Ivey	Neal
Crockett	Jackson (IL)	Neguse
Crow	Jackson (NC)	Nickel
Cuellar	Jackson Lee	Norcross
Davids (KS)	Jacobs	Norman

Ocasio-Cortez	Ruppersberger	Swalwell
Ogles	Ryan	Sykes
Omar	Salinas	Takano
Pallone	Sánchez	Thanedar
Panetta	Sarbanes	Thompson (CA)
Pascrell	Schakowsky	Thompson (MS)
Payne	Schiff	Titus
Pelosi	Schneider	Tlaib
Peltola	Scholten	Tokuda
Perez	Schrier	Tonko
Perry	Scott (VA)	Torres (CA)
Peters	Scott, David	Torres (NY)
Pettersen	Sewell	Trahan
Pingree	Sherman	Trone
Pocan	Sherrill	Underwood
Porter	Slotkin	Vargas
Pressley	Smith (WA)	Vasquez
Quigley	Sorensen	Veasey
Ramirez	Soto	Velázquez
Raskin	Spanberger	Wasserman
Rosendale	Stansbury	Schultz
Ross	Stanton	Watson Coleman
Roy	Stevens	Wild
Ruiz	Strickland	Williams (GA)

NOT VOTING—14

Blunt Rochester	Miller-Meeks	Scanlon
Boebert	Nunn (IA)	Waters
Carter (LA)	Pappas	Wexton
Kim (NJ)	Phillips	Wilson (FL)
Meeks	Scalise	

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Mr. MOORE of Utah changed his vote from “aye” to “no.”

So the resolution was not agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. NUNN of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, in order to attend the funeral of a student who was a victim in the Perry school shooting in my District and due to inclement weather, I was unable to be present for floor votes today. Had I been present, I would have voted “yea” on rollcall No. 2, Ordering the Previous Question and “yea” on rollcall No. 3, Rule.

MOTION TO RECONSIDER

Mr. MOORE of Utah. Mr. Speaker, I have a motion at the desk.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. OBERNOLTE). The Clerk will report the motion.

The Clerk read as follows:

Mr. Moore of Utah moves to reconsider the vote on adoption of House Resolution 947.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion to reconsider.

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

Mr. MOORE of Utah. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

ELECTING A MEMBER TO A CERTAIN STANDING COMMITTEE FOR THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. MOORE of Utah. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the House Republican Conference, I send to the desk a privileged resolution and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 954

Resolved, That the following named Member be, and is hereby, elected to the following standing committee of the House of Representatives:

COMMITTEE ON THE BUDGET: Mr. Edwards

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or votes objected to under clause 6 of rule XX.

The House will resume proceedings on postponed questions at a later time.

TAIWAN NON-DISCRIMINATION ACT OF 2023

Mr. McHENRY. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 540) to require the Secretary of the Treasury to pursue more equitable treatment of Taiwan at the international financial institutions, and for other purposes, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 540

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Taiwan Non-Discrimination Act of 2023”.

SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

Congress finds as follows:

(1) As enshrined in its Articles of Agreement, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) is devoted to promoting international monetary cooperation, facilitating the expansion and balanced growth of international trade, encouraging exchange stability, and avoiding competitive exchange depreciation.

(2) Taiwan is the 21st largest economy in the world and the 10th largest goods trading partner of the United States.

(3) Although Taiwan is not an IMF member, it is a member of the World Trade Organization, the Asian Development Bank, and the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum.

(4) According to the January 2020 Report on Macroeconomic and Foreign Exchange Policies of Major Trading Partners of the United States, Taiwan held \$471,900,000,000 in foreign exchange reserves, more than major economies such as India, South Korea, and Brazil.

(5) According to section 4(d) of the Taiwan Relations Act (Public Law 96–8), enacted on April 10, 1979, “Nothing in this Act may be construed as a basis for supporting the exclusion or expulsion of Taiwan from continued membership in any international financial institution or any other international organization.”

(6) Taiwan held membership in the IMF for 9 years following the recognition of the People’s Republic of China (PRC) by the United Nations, and 16 Taiwan staff members at the Fund were allowed to continue their employment after the PRC was seated at the IMF in 1980. As James M. Boughton has noted in his *Silent Revolution: The International Monetary Fund 1979–1989*,

even as the PRC was seated, the United States Executive Director to the IMF, Sam Y. Cross, expressed support on behalf of the United States Government for “some kind of association between Taiwan and the Fund”.

(7) On September 27, 1994, in testimony before the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations regarding the 1994 Taiwan Policy Review, then-Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs Winston Lord stated: “Recognizing Taiwan’s important role in transnational issues, we will support its membership in organizations where statehood is not a prerequisite, and we will support opportunities for Taiwan’s voice to be heard in organizations where its membership is not possible.”

(8) The Congress has repeatedly reaffirmed support for this policy, including in Public Laws 107–10, 107–158, 108–28, 108–235, 113–17, and 114–139, and the unanimous House and Senate passage of the Taiwan Allies International Protection and Enhancement Initiative (TAIPEI) Act of 2019.

(9) In its fact sheet, entitled “U.S. Relations with Taiwan”, published on August 31, 2018, the Department of State asserts: “The United States supports Taiwan’s membership in international organizations that do not require statehood as a condition of membership and encourages Taiwan’s meaningful participation in international organizations where its membership is not possible.”

(10) According to the Articles of Agreement of the IMF, “membership shall be open to other countries”, subject to conditions prescribed by the Board of Governors of the IMF.

(11) In the IMF publication “Membership and Nonmembership in the International Monetary Fund: A Study in International Law and Organization”, Joseph Gold, the then-General Counsel and Director of the Legal Department of the IMF, elaborated on the differences between the terms “countries” and “states”, noting that “the word ‘country’ may have been adopted because of the absence of agreement on the definition of a ‘state’” and, with respect to the use of “countries” and applications for IMF membership, “the absence of any adjective in the Articles emphasizes the breadth of the discretion that the Fund may exercise in admitting countries to membership”. According to Mr. Gold, “the desire to give the Fund flexibility in dealing with applications may explain not only the absence of any adjective that qualifies ‘countries’ but also the choice of that word itself”.

(12) In his IMF study, Mr. Gold further observes, “in the practice of the Fund the concepts of independence and sovereignty have been avoided on the whole as a mode of expressing a criterion for membership in the Fund”. He continues, “Although the Fund usually takes into account the recognition or nonrecognition of an entity as a state, there are no rules or even informal understandings on the extent to which an applicant must have been recognized by members or other international organizations before the Fund will regard it as eligible for membership.” In fact, when considering an application for membership where the status of an applicant may not be resolved, Mr. Gold writes “there have been occasions on which the Fund has made a finding before decisions had been taken by the United Nations or by most members or by members with a majority of the total voting power.” Mr. Gold concludes, “the Fund makes its own findings on whether an applicant is a ‘country’, and makes them solely for its own purposes.”

(13) Although not a member state of the United Nations, the Republic of Kosovo is a member of both the IMF and the World Bank, having joined both organizations on June 29, 2009.

(14) On October 26, 2021, Secretary of State Antony Blinken issued a statement in support of Taiwan’s “robust, meaningful participation” in the United Nations system, which includes the IMF, the World Bank, and other specialized