

treat our servicemembers with the same dignity and respect that they offer our country and our flag.

Last year, however, I might remind us that we had a similar bipartisan bill come to Rules, which was then weighed down by poison pills added as amendments on the House floor. These amendments had to be taken out in the Senate.

This year, we once again see many proposed amendments adopted in this rule which are seen as poison pills by so many. These amendments would block servicewomen's access to reproductive healthcare and abortion.

As the planet faces more extreme storms, one of the amendments would prevent our military from combating the climate crisis and building resilience for our bases as sea levels rise.

Madam Speaker, I want to speak to an amendment that was left out of the rule. Our Republican colleagues blocked a vote on the bipartisan amendment to extend and expand the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act, an amendment offered by Republican Representatives MOYLAN and WAGNER, myself, and many others.

For 30 years, the United States has provided a one-time payment to some of the Americans who were exposed to radiation from the U.S. Government's nuclear testing program and developed cancers or other diseases.

For reasons no one can explain, RECA left out many communities that were downwind from these nuclear explosions, like New Mexico, where the first atomic bomb was exploded, or the communities where the nuclear waste from the Manhattan Project leaked into the water and soil in Missouri, Tennessee, Kentucky, and Ohio. It left out the workers who cleaned up the radioactive sites from this nuclear testing program, which was essential for our defense. Uranium miners, including those who worked after 1971 in Texas, Wyoming, and North Dakota, were left out.

Republicans and Democrats represent these communities that share a common bond of grief and illness. Our RECA amendment would provide justice to these communities and make sure they are eligible. It would also extend the program for 5 years, since it has now expired.

Some will say we can't do this because of the cost, but the cost has already been paid in cancer diagnoses, medical bills, and death. The government assumed this cost when it started our nuclear testing program, when it first poisoned those unwilling Americans. The government recognized it should pay this cost when it first passed RECA.

Our ask is simple today: Please let every person harmed by this national defense program receive the same compensation. Blocking a vote on our bipartisan RECA amendment is walking away from the opportunity to do right by these communities that we have hurt.

RECA expired on Monday. Every moment that Congress fails to act is a moment when another downwinder or miner might get a cancer diagnosis, a moment where a son or daughter may start to plan a loved one's funeral. We cannot wait to do what is right any longer.

While the moment to vote on an amendment to this NDAA may have temporarily passed in the House, we are asking Speaker JOHNSON to let the House vote on the Radiation Exposure Compensation Reauthorization Act that the Senate already passed by a 2-1 margin.

Madam Speaker, I urge a "no" vote on the rule.

Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I am prepared to close, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. SCANLON. Madam Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time to close.

As you may have guessed, I strongly oppose this rule. The rule likely guarantees that there will not be bipartisan support for the NDAA, and like last year, this means that the House will get steamrolled by the Senate.

As we have discussed this morning, the two contempt resolutions included in this rule are not a serious legislative effort but a manufactured dispute between House Republicans and the Attorney General, which threatens to undermine rather than promote the rule of law.

We would be a lot better off with a clean rule for the NDAA, stripped of all the partisan nonsense, so we can focus on our core constitutional duty to provide for the common defense.

Conducting oversight over our Armed Forces and funding our national security are two of Congress' most important responsibilities, but the kind of politicization we see from the House Republicans is disrespectful to the American people, unbecoming to this Chamber, and signals to our servicemembers that we don't have their backs when they need it the most.

As the NDAA goes to the floor this week, I call on my colleagues to reject the poison pill amendments that have been presented and maintain the bill's bipartisan support.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to oppose the previous question and the rule, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time to close.

This week, we have the ability to advance significant legislation in the House of Representatives.

The fiscal year 2025 National Defense Authorization Act fully authorizes our national defense and improves efficiency while eliminating wasteful spending and harmful programs. It strengthens our military and makes important steps to address the security threats America faces from our adversaries, including China, Iran, and foreign terrorist organizations.

It improves our military readiness, provides robust support to our ally Israel, and supports law enforcement operations at our southern border.

Critically, Madam Speaker, it focuses on improving the quality of life of our servicemembers and their families, who sacrifice so much to defend us. Madam Speaker, it provides a 19.5 percent pay raise for our junior enlisted servicemembers and a 4.5 percent pay raise for all other servicemembers.

Additionally, Madam Speaker, the House has the responsibility to protect its Article I authority to conduct oversight and investigations. This week, Attorney General Garland has a choice: either comply with the lawfully issued subpoenas completely and turn over the tapes or be held in contempt.

Madam Speaker, 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 Ms. SCANLON is as follows:

AN AMENDMENT TO H. RES. 1287 OFFERED BY
MS. SCANLON OF PENNSYLVANIA

At the end of the resolution, add the following:

SEC. 7. Immediately upon adoption of this resolution, the House shall proceed to the consideration in the House of the bill (H.R. 12) to protect a person's ability to determine whether to continue or end a pregnancy, and to protect a health care provider's ability to provide abortion services. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived. The bill shall be considered as read. All points of order against provisions in the bill are waived. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill and on any amendment thereto, to final passage without intervening motion except: (1) one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce or their respective designees; and (2) one motion to recommend.

SEC. 8. Clause 1(c) of rule XIX shall not apply to the consideration of H.R. 12.

Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time and move the previous question on the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. MILLER of Illinois). 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.

Ms. SCANLON. 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 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 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 (Mrs. MILLER of Illinois) at 10 o'clock and 30 minutes a.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 1287;

Adoption of House Resolution 1287, if ordered; and

The motion to suspend the rules and pass S. 138.

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. 8070, SERVICEMEMBER QUALITY OF LIFE IMPROVEMENT AND NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025; RELATING TO CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE REPORT 118-527 AND ACCOMPANYING RESOLUTION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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. 1287) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 8070) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2025 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year; relating to the consideration of House Report 118-527 and an accompanying resolution (H. Res. 1292) recommending that the House of Representatives find United States Attorney General Merrick B. Garland in contempt of Congress for refusal to comply with a subpoena duly issued by the Committee on the Judiciary; 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 210, nays 204, not voting 17, as follows:

[Roll No. 250]

YEAS—210

Aderholt	Bice	Cammack
Alford	Biggs	Carey
Allen	Bilirakis	Carl
Amodei	Bishop (NC)	Carter (GA)
Arrington	Boebert	Carter (TX)
Babin	Bost	Chavez-DeRemer
Bacon	Brecheen	Ciscomani
Baird	Buchanan	Cline
Balderson	Bucshon	Cloud
Banks	Burchett	Clyde
Bean (FL)	Burgess	Cole
Bentz	Burlison	Collins
Bergman	Calvert	Comer

Crane	Huizenga
Crawford	Hunt
Crenshaw	Issa
Curtis	Jackson (TX)
D'Esposito	James
Davidson	Johnson (LA)
De La Cruz	Jordan
DesJarlais	Joyce (OH)
Diaz-Balart	Joyce (PA)
Donalds	Kean (NJ)
Duarte	Kelly (MS)
Duncan	Kelly (PA)
Dunn (FL)	Kiggans (VA)
Edwards	Kiley
Elizy	Kim (CA)
Emmer	Kustoff
Estes	LaHood
Ezell	LaLota
Fallon	LaMalfa
Feenstra	Lamborn
Ferguson	Langworthy
Finstad	Latta
Fischbach	LaTurner
Fitzgerald	Lawler
Fitzpatrick	Lee (FL)
Fleischmann	Lesko
Flood	Letlow
Fong	Loudermilk
Foxx	Lucas
Franklin, Scott	Luetkemeyer
Fry	Luna
Fulcher	Luttrell
Gaetz	Malliotakis
Garbarino	Maloy
Garcia, Mike	Mann
Gimenez	Massie
Gonzales, Tony	Mast
Good (VA)	McCaul
Gooden (TX)	McClain
Gosar	McClintock
Graves (LA)	McCormick
Graves (MO)	McHenry
Green (TN)	Meuser
Greene (GA)	Miller (IL)
Griffith	Miller (OH)
Grothman	Miller (WV)
Guest	Miller-Meeks
Guthrie	Mills
Hageman	Moolenaar
Harris	Mooney
Harshbarger	Moore (AL)
Hern	Moore (UT)
Higgins (LA)	Moran
Hill	Nehls
Hinson	Newhouse
Houchin	Norman
Hudson	Nunn (IA)

NAYS—204

Adams	Costa
Aguilar	Courtney
Alfred	Craig
Amo	Crockett
Auchincloss	Crow
Balint	Cuellar
Barragán	Davids (KS)
Beatty	Davis (IL)
Bera	Davis (NC)
Beyer	Dean (PA)
Bishop (GA)	DeGette
Blumenauer	DeLauro
Blunt Rochester	DelBene
Bonamici	Deluzio
Boyle (PA)	DeSaulnier
Brown	Dingell
Brownley	Doggett
Budzinski	Escobar
Bush	Eshoo
Caraveo	Espallat
Carbajal	Fletcher
Cárdenas	Foster
Carson	Foushee
Carter (LA)	Frankel, Lois
Cartwright	Frost
Casar	Gallego
Case	Garamendi
Casten	García (IL)
Castor (FL)	García (TX)
Castro (TX)	García, Robert
Cherfilus-	Golden (ME)
McCormick	Goldman (NY)
Chu	Gomez
Clark (MA)	Gonzalez,
Clarke (NY)	Vicente
Cleaver	Gottheimer
Clyburn	Green, Al (TX)
Cohen	Harder (CA)
Coyhen	Hayes
Connolly	Himes
Correa	

Obernolte	McGovern
Ogles	Meeks
Owens	Menendez
Palmer	Moore (WI)
Pence	Morelle
Perry	Moskowitz
Pfluger	Moulton
Posey	Mrvan
Reschenthaler	Mullin
Rodgers (WA)	Nadler
Rogers (AL)	Napolitano
Rogers (KY)	Neal
Rose	Neguse
Rosendale	Nickel
Rouzer	Norcross
Roy	Ocasio-Cortez
Rutherford	Omar
Salazar	Pallone
Scalise	Panetta
Schweikert	Pappas
Scott, Austin	Pascrell
Self	Pelosi
Sessions	Peltola
Simpson	Perez
Smith (MO)	Peters
Smith (NE)	Pettersen
Smucker	Phillips
Spartz	Pingree
Staubert	Pocan
Steel	
Stefanik	Luna
Steil	
Steube	Armstrong
Strong	Barr
Tenney	Bowman
Thompson (PA)	Evans
Tiffany	Granger
Timmons	Grijalva
Turner	
Valadao	
Van Drew	
Van Dуйne	
Van Orden	
Wagner	
Walberg	
Waltz	
Weber (TX)	
Webster (FL)	
Wenstrup	
Westerman	
Williams (NY)	
Williams (TX)	
Wilson (SC)	
Wittman	
Womack	
Yakym	
Zinke	

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

NOT VOTING—17

Armstrong	Jackson Lee	Molinaro
Barr	Johnson (SD)	Murphy
Bowman	Kamlager-Dove	Smith (NJ)
Evans	Mace	Torres (CA)
Granger	Meng	Watson Coleman
Grijalva	Mfume	

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Messrs. MAGAZINER, CLYBURN, POCAN, and Ms. PEREZ changed their vote from “yea” to “nay.”

So the previous question was ordered.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. DESJARLAIS). The question is on the resolution.

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

RECORDED VOTE

Ms. SCANLON. Mr. 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 208, noes 207, not voting 16, as follows:

[Roll No. 251]

AYES—208

Aderholt	Carl	Fallon
Alford	Carter (GA)	Feenstra
Allen	Carter (TX)	Ferguson
Amodei	Chavez-DeRemer	Finstad
Arrington	Ciscomani	Fischbach
Babin	Cline	Fitzgerald
Bacon	Cloud	Fitzpatrick
Baird	Clyde	Fleischmann
Balderson	Cole	Flood
Banks	Collins	Fong
Barr	Comer	Foxx
Bean (FL)	Crane	Franklin, Scott
Bentz	Crawford	Fry
Bergman	Crenshaw	Fulcher
Bice	Curtis	Gaetz
Biggs	D'Esposito	Garbarino
Bilirakis	Davidson	García, Mike
Bishop (NC)	De La Cruz	Gimenez
Boebert	DesJarlais	Good (VA)
Bost	Diaz-Balart	Gooden (TX)
Brecheen	Donalds	Gosar
Buchanan	Duarte	Graves (LA)
Bucshon	Duncan	Graves (MO)
Burchett	Dunn (FL)	Green (TN)
Burgess	Edwards	Greene (GA)
Burlison	Elizy	Griffith
Calvert	Emmer	Grothman
Cammack	Estes	Guest
Carey	Ezell	Guthrie