

These individuals target U.S. institutions to receive an education at our universities often backed and paid for by U.S. taxpayers and then take the knowledge that they have learned back home to Beijing and start operating as agents of China.

The CCP designated the Thousand Talents Program to recruit 2,000 highly qualified overseas talents within 5 short years.

Since its inception, the program has reportedly recruited more than 15,000 people, many of them serving as espionage agents.

There are massive incentives for these individuals to steal intellectual property right here at home.

In exchange for the information gathered in the U.S., these scholars receive large salaries, research funding, lab space, and other lucrative rewards upon returning to China.

If the U.S. is to remain a global leader and innovation sectors continue to be undaunted, we must ensure that American research and solutions stay out of the hands of our near-peer competitors and certainly our enemies.

My bipartisan amendment adds the highly concerning Thousand Talents Program to the list of Chinese entities of concern ensuring that no Homeland Security funding goes to higher education institutions that have contracts or affiliations with the Thousand Talents Program—or to put it in another term, espionage.

Not only will this protect taxpayer funds, but it will protect America's economy, intellectual property, and national security from CCP counter-intelligence operations.

I urge everyone to not only support this amendment but to support the good work being done by this committee. I thank my colleagues on both sides of the aisle for standing up to China when they do wrong.

Mr. Chair, I thank the Chair and the leadership that has been done on both sides of the aisle in moving this forward in further advancing America's security here at home.

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

The Acting CHAIR. The question is on the amendment offered by the gentleman from Iowa (Mr. NUNN).

The amendment was agreed to.

Mr. GUEST. Mr. Chair, I move that the Committee do now rise.

The motion was agreed to.

Accordingly, the Committee rose; and the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. NUNN of Iowa) having assumed the chair, Mr. LATURNER, Acting 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. 1516) to establish Department of Homeland Security funding restrictions on institutions of higher education that have a relationship with Confucius Institutes, 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 subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 3 o'clock and 24 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. CLOUD) at 4 o'clock and 1 minutes p.m.

DHS RESTRICTIONS ON CONFUCIUS INSTITUTES AND CHINESE ENTITIES OF CONCERN ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 1430 and rule XVIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the further consideration of the bill, H.R. 1516.

Will the gentleman from New York (Mr. MOLINARO) kindly take the chair.

□ 1602

IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Accordingly, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 1516) to establish Department of Homeland Security funding restrictions on institutions of higher education that have a relationship with Confucius Institutes, and for other purposes, with Mr. MOLINARO (Acting Chair) in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The Acting CHAIR. When the Committee of the Whole rose earlier today, amendment No. 6 in part C of House Report 118-656 offered by the gentleman from Iowa (Mr. NUNN) had been disposed of.

AMENDMENT NO. 4 OFFERED BY MR. CLINE

The Acting CHAIR. The unfinished business is the demand for a recorded vote on amendment No. 4, printed in part C of House Report 118-656, offered by the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. CLINE), on which further proceedings were postponed and on which the ayes prevailed by voice vote.

The Clerk will redesignate the amendment.

The Clerk redesignated the amendment.

RECORDED VOTE

The Acting CHAIR. A recorded vote has been demanded.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 253, noes 151, not voting 33, as follows:

[Roll No. 406]

AYES—253

Aderholt	Armstrong	Balderson
Alford	Arrington	Banks
Allen	Babin	Barr
Allred	Bacon	Bean (FL)
Amodei	Baird	Bentz

Bergman	Guest	Newhouse
Bice	Guthrie	Norcross
Biggs	Hageman	Norman
Bilirakis	Harris	Nunn (IA)
Bishop (GA)	Harshbarger	Oberholte
Bishop (NC)	Hern	Ogles
Boebert	Higgins (LA)	Owens
Bost	Hill	Palmer
Buchanan	Himes	Panetta
Bucshon	Hinson	Pappas
Burchett	Horsford	Pence
Burgess	Houchin	Perez
Burlison	Houlahan	Pettersen
Calvert	Hudson	Pfuger
Cammack	Huizenga	Phillips
Caraveo	Issa	Posey
Carey	Jackson (TX)	Reschenthaler
Carl	James	Rodgers (WA)
Carter (GA)	Johnson (LA)	Rogers (AL)
Carter (TX)	Johnson (SD)	Rogers (KY)
Cartwright	Jordan	Rose
Case	Joyce (OH)	Rosendale
Chavez-DeRemer	Joyce (PA)	Rouzer
Ciscomani	Kaptur	Roy
Cline	Kean (NJ)	Rulli
Cloud	Kelly (MS)	Rutherford
Clyde	Kelly (PA)	Ryan
Collins	Kennedy	Salazar
Comer	Kiggans (VA)	Scalise
Courtney	Kildee	Schrier
Crane	Kiley	Schweikert
Crawford	Kim (CA)	Scott, Austin
Crenshaw	Kustoff	Scott, David
Cuellar	LaHood	Self
Curtis	LaLota	Sessions
D'Esposito	Lamborn	Sherrill
Davids (KS)	Landsman	Simpson
Davidson	Langworthy	Slotkin
Davis (NC)	Latta	Smith (MO)
De La Cruz	LaTurner	Smith (NE)
DesJarlais	Lawler	Smith (NJ)
Diaz-Balart	Lee (FL)	Smucker
Duarte	Lee (NV)	Sorensen
Duncan	Lesko	Spanberger
Dunn (FL)	Letlow	Spartz
Edwards	Lofgren	Stanton
Ellzey	Lopez	Steel
Emmer	Loudermilk	Stefanik
Estes	Lucas	Steil
Ezell	Luna	Steube
Fallon	Luttrell	Strong
Feenstra	Lynch	Suozi
Ferguson	Mace	Swalwell
Finstad	Magaziner	Sykes
Fischbach	Malliotakis	Thompson (PA)
Fitzgerald	Maloy	Tiffany
Fitzpatrick	Mann	Timmons
Fleischmann	Manning	Turner
Flood	Massie	Valadao
Fong	Mast	Van Drew
Foxx	McCaul	Van Dwyne
Franklin, Scott	McClain	Van Orden
Fry	McClintock	Vasquez
Fulcher	McCormick	Walberg
Galleo	McHenry	Waltz
Garbarino	Meuser	Wasserman
Garcia, Mike	Miller (IL)	Schultz
Gimenez	Miller (OH)	Weber (TX)
Golden (ME)	Miller (WV)	Webster (FL)
Gonzales, Tony	Miller-Meeks	Westerman
Gonzalez, V.	Mills	Wild
González-Colón	Molinaro	Williams (NY)
Good (VA)	Moolenaar	Williams (TX)
Gooden (TX)	Mooney	Wilson (SC)
Gosar	Moore (AL)	Wittman
Gottheimer	Moore (UT)	Womack
Graves (MO)	Moran	Yakym
Green (TN)	Mrvan	Zinke
Griffith	Murphy	
Grothman	Nehls	

NOES—151

Adams	Carson	Craig
Aguilar	Carter (LA)	Crockett
Amo	Casar	Davis (IL)
Auchincloss	Casten	Dean (PA)
Balint	Castor (FL)	DeGette
Beatty	Castro (TX)	DeLauro
Bera	Cherfilus	DeBene
Beyer	McCormick	Deluzio
Blunt Rochester	Chu	DeSaulnier
Bonamici	Clark (MA)	Dingell
Bowman	Clarke (NY)	Doggett
Boyle (PA)	Cleaver	Eshoo
Brown	Clyburn	Espallat
Budzinski	Cohen	Fletcher
Bush	Connolly	Foster
Carbajal	Correa	Foushee
Cárdenas	Costa	Frankel, Lois

Frost	McGarvey	Sarbanes
Garcia (IL)	McGovern	Scanlon
Garcia (TX)	Meeks	Schakowsky
Goldman (NY)	Menendez	Schiff
Gomez	Meng	Schneider
Green, Al (TX)	Mfume	Scholten
Harder (CA)	Moore (WI)	Scott (VA)
Hayes	Morelle	Sewell
Hoyer	Moskowitz	Sherman
Hoyle (OR)	Moulton	Smith (WA)
Huffman	Mullin	Soto
Ivey	Nadler	Stansbury
Jackson (IL)	Napolitano	Stevens
Jackson (NC)	Neal	Strickland
Jacobs	Neguse	Takano
Jeffries	Nickel	Thanedar
Johnson (GA)	Norton	Thompson (CA)
Kamlager-Dove	Ocasio-Cortez	Thompson (MS)
Keating	Omar	Titus
Kelly (IL)	Pallone	Tlaib
Khanna	Pelosi	Tokuda
Kilmer	Peters	Tonko
Kim (NJ)	Pingree	Torres (CA)
Krishnamoorthi	Plaskett	Torres (NY)
Kuster	Pocan	Trahan
Larsen (WA)	Porter	Underwood
Lee (CA)	Pressley	Vargas
Lee (PA)	Quigley	Veasey
Leger Fernandez	Ramirez	Velázquez
Levin	Raskin	Waters
Matsui	Ross	Watson Coleman
McBath	Ruppersberger	Williams (GA)
McClellan	Salinas	Wilson (FL)
McCollum	Sánchez	

NOT VOTING—33

Barragán	Garcia, Robert	Moylan
Blumenauer	Granger	Peltola
Brecheen	Graves (LA)	Perry
Brownley	Greene (GA)	Radewagen
Cole	Grijalva	Ruiz
Crow	Hunt	Sablan
Donalds	Jayapal	Stauber
Escobar	LaMalfa	Tenney
Evans	Larson (CT)	Trone
Gaetz	Lieu	Wenstrup
Garamendi	Luetkemeyer	Wexton

□ 1626

Mr. VEASEY changed his vote from “aye” to “no.”

Mr. HORSFORD changed his vote from “no” to “aye.”

So the amendment was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

Stated for:

Mr. COLE. Mr. Chair, I was unavoidably detained during the recorded vote on agreeing to the Cline amendment to H.R. 1516. Had I been present, I would have voted AYE on Roll Call No. 406.

Ms. TENNEY. Mr. Chair, had I been present, I would have voted AYE on Roll Call No. 406.

Mr. GRAVES of Louisiana. Mr. Chair, had I been present, I would have voted AYE on Roll Call No. 406.

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Chair, had I been present, I would have voted AYE on Roll Call No. 406.

Stated against:

Mr. RUIZ. Mr. Chair, had I been present, I would have voted NO on Roll Call No. 406.

The Acting CHAIR. There being no further amendments under the rule, the Committee rises.

Accordingly, the Committee rose; and the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. MOLINARO) having assumed the chair, Mr. ROUZER, Acting 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. 1516) to establish Department of Homeland Security funding restrictions on institutions of higher education that have a relationship with Confucius Institutes, and for

other purposes, and, pursuant to House Resolution 1430, he reported the bill, as amended by that resolution, back to the House with sundry further amendments adopted in the Committee of the Whole.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the rule, the previous question is ordered.

Is a separate vote demanded on any amendment reported from the Committee of the Whole? If not, the Chair will put them en gros.

The amendments were agreed to.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the engrossment and third reading of the bill.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, and was read the third time.

MOTION TO RECOMMIT

Mr. MAGAZINER. Mr. Speaker, I have a motion to recommit at the desk.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will report the motion to recommit.

The Clerk read as follows:

Mr. Magaziner of Rhode Island moves to recommit the bill H.R. 1516 to the Committee on Homeland Security.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 2(b) of rule XIX, the previous question is ordered on the motion to recommit.

The question is on the motion to recommit.

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

Mr. MAGAZINER. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 9 of rule XX, the Chair will reduce to 5 minutes the minimum time for any electronic vote on the question of passage.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 197, nays 213, not voting 21, as follows:

[Roll No. 407]

YEAS—197

Adams	Chu	Frost
Aguilar	Clark (MA)	Gallego
Allred	Clarke (NY)	Garcia (IL)
Amo	Cleaver	Garcia (TX)
Auchincloss	Clyburn	Golden (ME)
Balint	Cohen	Goldman (NY)
Beatty	Connolly	Gomez
Bera	Correa	Gonzalez, V.
Beyer	Costa	Gottheimer
Bishop (GA)	Courtney	Green, Al (TX)
Blunt Rochester	Craig	Harder (CA)
Bonamici	Crockett	Hayes
Bowman	Cuellar	Himes
Boyle (PA)	David (KS)	Horsford
Brown	Davis (IL)	Houlahan
Budzinski	Davis (NC)	Hoyer
Bush	Dean (PA)	Hoyle (OR)
Caraveo	DeGette	Huffman
Carbajal	DeLauro	Ivey
Cárdenas	DeBene	Jackson (IL)
Carson	Deluzio	Jackson (NC)
Carter (LA)	DeSaulnier	Jacobs
Cartwright	Dingell	Jeffries
Caspar	Doggett	Johnson (GA)
Case	Eshoo	Kamlager-Dove
Casten	Espallat	Kaptur
Castor (FL)	Fletcher	Keating
Castro (TX)	Foster	Kelly (IL)
Cherfilus-	Foushee	Kennedy
McCormick	Frankel, Lois	Khanna

Kildée	Nickel	Slotkin
Kilmer	Norcross	Smith (WA)
Kim (NJ)	Ocasio-Cortez	Sorensen
Krishnamoorthi	Omar	Soto
Kuster	Pallone	Spanberger
Landman	Panetta	Stansbury
Larsen (WA)	Pappas	Stanton
Larson (CT)	Pelosi	Stevens
Lee (CA)	Perez	Strickland
Lee (NV)	Peters	Suozi
Lee (PA)	Pettersen	Swalwell
Leger Fernandez	Phillips	Sykes
Levin	Pingree	Takano
Lofgren	Pocan	Thanedar
Lynch	Porter	Thompson (CA)
Magaziner	Pressley	Thompson (MS)
Manning	Quigley	Titus
Matsui	Ramirez	Tlaib
McBath	Raskin	Tokuda
McClellan	Ross	Tonko
McCollum	Ruiz	Torres (CA)
McGarvey	Ruppersberger	Torres (NY)
McGovern	Ryan	Trahan
Meeks	Salinas	Underwood
Menendez	Sánchez	Vargas
Meng	Sarbanes	Vasquez
Mfume	Scanlon	Veasey
Moore (WI)	Schakowsky	Velázquez
Morelle	Schiff	Wasserman
Moskowitz	Schneider	Schultz
Moulton	Scholten	Waters
Mrvan	Schrier	Watson Coleman
Mullin	Scott (VA)	Wild
Nadler	Scott, David	Williams (GA)
Napolitano	Sewell	Wilson (FL)
Neal	Sherman	
Neguse	Sherrill	

NAYS—213

Aderholt	Fischbach	Lesko
Alford	Fitzgerald	Letlow
Allen	Fitzpatrick	Lopez
Amodei	Fleischmann	Loudermilk
Armstrong	Flood	Lucas
Arrington	Fong	Luna
Bacon	Fox	Luttrell
Balderson	Franklin, Scott	Mace
Banks	Fry	Malliotakis
Barr	Fulcher	Maloy
Bean (FL)	Garbarino	Mann
Bentz	Garcia, Mike	Massie
Bergman	Gimenez	Mast
Bice	Gonzales, Tony	McCaul
Biggs	Good (VA)	McClain
Bilirakis	Gooden (TX)	McClintock
Bishop (NC)	Gosar	McCormick
Boebert	Graves (LA)	McHenry
Bost	Graves (MO)	Meuser
Brecheen	Green (TN)	Miller (IL)
Buchanan	Greene (GA)	Miller (OH)
Bucshon	Griffith	Miller (WV)
Burchett	Grothman	Miller-Meeks
Burgess	Guest	Mills
Burlison	Guthrie	Molinaro
Calvert	Hageman	Moolenaar
Cammack	Harris	Mooney
Carey	Harshbarger	Moore (AL)
Carl	Hern	Moore (UT)
Carter (GA)	Higgins (LA)	Moran
Carter (TX)	Hill	Murphy
Chavez-DeRemer	Hinson	Nehls
Ciscomani	Houchin	Newhouse
Cline	Hudson	Norman
Cloud	Huizenga	Nunn (IA)
Clyde	Hunt	Oberholte
Cole	Issa	Ogles
Collins	Jackson (TX)	Owens
Comer	James	Palmer
Crane	Johnson (LA)	Pence
Crawford	Johnson (SD)	Perry
Crenshaw	Jordan	Pfluger
Curtis	Joyce (OH)	Posey
D'Esposito	Joyce (PA)	Reschenthaler
Davidson	Kean (NJ)	Rodgers (WA)
De La Cruz	Kelly (MS)	Rogers (AL)
DesJarlais	Kelly (PA)	Rogers (KY)
Diaz-Balart	Kiggans (VA)	Rose
Duarte	Kiley	Rosendale
Duncan	Kim (CA)	Rouzer
Dunn (FL)	Kustoff	Roy
Edwards	LaHood	Rulli
Ellzey	LaLota	Rutherford
Emmer	LaMalfa	Salazar
Estes	Lamborn	Scalise
Ezell	Langworthy	Schweikert
Fallon	Latta	Scott, Austin
Feenstra	LaTurner	Self
Ferguson	Lawler	Sessions
Finstad	Lee (FL)	Simpson

Smith (MO)
Smith (NE)
Smith (NJ)
Smucker
Spartz
Stauber
Steel
Stefanik
Steil
Steube
Strong

NOT VOTING—21

Babin
Baird
Barragán
Blumenauer
Brownley
Crow
Donalds

□ 1636

So the motion to recommit was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the passage of the bill.

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

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. This is a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 249, nays 161, not voting 20, as follows:

[Roll No. 408]

YEAS—249

Aderholt
Alford
Allen
Allred
Amodei
Armstrong
Arrington
Babin
Bacon
Baird
Balderson
Banks
Barr
Bean (FL)
Bentz
Bergman
Bice
Biggs
Bilirakis
Bishop (GA)
Bishop (NC)
Blunt Rochester
Boebert
Bost
Brecht
Buchanan
Bucshon
Budzinski
Burchett
Burgess
Burlison
Calvert
Cammack
Caraveo
Carey
Carl
Carter (GA)
Carter (TX)
Cartwright
Chavez-DeRemer
Ciscomani
Cline
Cloud
Clyde
Cole
Collins
Comer
Costa
Craig
Crane

Crawford
Crenshaw
Cuellar
Curtis
D'Esposito
Davids (KS)
Davidson
Davis (NC)
De La Cruz
DesJarlais
Diaz-Balart
Duarte
Duncan
Dunn (FL)
Edwards
Ellzey
Emmer
Estes
Ezell
Fallon
Feenstra
Ferguson
Finstad
Fischbach
Fitzgerald
Fitzpatrick
Fleischmann
Flood
Fong
Foxy
Franklin, Scott
Fry
Fulcher
Gallego
Garbarino
Garcia, Mike
Gimenez
Golden (ME)
Gonzales, Tony
Gonzalez, V.
Good (VA)
Gooden (TX)
Gosar
Gottheimer
Graves (LA)
Graves (MO)
Green (TN)
Greene (GA)
Griffith
Grothman

Guest
Guthrie
Hageman
Harder (CA)
Harris
Harshbarger
Hern
Higgins (LA)
Hill
Hinson
Houchin
Houlahan
Hudson
Huizenga
Hunt
Issa
Jackson (TX)
James
Johnson (SD)
Jordan
Joyce (OH)
Joyce (PA)
Kaptur
Kean (NJ)
Kelly (MS)
Kelly (PA)
Kennedy
Kiggans (VA)
Kiley
Kim (CA)
Kustoff
LaHood
LaLota
LaMalfa
Lamborn
Landsman
Langworthy
Latta
LaTurner
Lawler
Lee (FL)
Lesko
Letlow
Lopez
Loudermilk
Lucas
Luna
Luttrell
Lynch
Mace

Malliotakis
Maloy
Mann
Manning
Massie
Mast
McCaul
McClain
McClintock
McCormick
McHenry
Meuser
Miller (IL)
Miller (OH)
Miller (WV)
Miller-Meeks
Mills
Mollnaro
Moolenaar
Mooney
Moore (UT)
Moran
Moskowitz
Mrvan
Murphy
Nehls
Newhouse
Norcross
Norman
Nunn (IA)
Obernolte
Ogles
Owens

NAYS—161

Adams
Aguilar
Amo
Auchincloss
Balint
Beatty
Bera
Beyer
Bonamici
Bowman
Boyle (PA)
Brown
Bush
Cabajal
Cárdenas
Carson
Carter (LA)
Casar
Case
Casten
Castor (FL)
Castro (TX)
Cherfilus-
McCormick
Chu
Clark (MA)
Clarke (NY)
Cleaver
Clyburn
Cohen
Connolly
Correa
Courtney
Crockett
Davis (IL)
Dean (PA)
DeGette
DeLauro
DeBene
Deluzio
DeSaulnier
Dingell
Doggett
Eshoo
Españat
Fletcher
Foster
Foushee
Frankel, Lois
Frost
Garcia (IL)
Garcia (TX)
Goldman (NY)
Gomez
Green, Al (TX)

NOT VOTING—20

Barragán
Blumenauer
Brownley
Crow
Donalds
Escobar
Evans

Palmer
Panetta
Pappas
Pence
Perez
Perry
Petersen
Pfluger
Posey
Rescenhthaler
Rodgers (WA)
Rogers (AL)
Rogers (KY)
Rose
Rosendale
Rouzer
Roy
Rulli
Rutherford
Ryan
Salazar
Scalise
Scholten
Schweikert
Scott, Austin
Scott, David
Self
Sessions
Simpson
Slotkin
Smith (MO)
Smith (NE)
Smith (NJ)

Smucker
Sorensen
Spartz
Stauber
Steel
Stefanik
Steil
Steube
Strong
Suozzi
Tenney
Thompson (PA)
Tiffany
Timmons
Turner
Valadao
Van Drew
Van Duyne
Van Orden
Vasquez
Wagner
Waltz
Weber (TX)
Webster (FL)
Wenstrup
Westerman
Williams (NY)
Williams (TX)
Wilson (SC)
Wittman
Womack
Yakym
Zinke

□ 1644

So the bill was passed.
The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PROTECT AMERICA'S INNOVATION AND ECONOMIC SECURITY FROM CCP ACT OF 2024

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. GOODEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and to insert extraneous material on H.R. 1398.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 1430 and rule XVIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the consideration of the bill, H.R. 1398.

The Chair appoints the gentleman from Colorado (Mr. LOPEZ) to preside over the Committee of the Whole.

□ 1650

IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Accordingly, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the consideration of the bill (H.R. 1398) to establish the CCP Initiative program, and for other purposes, with Mr. LOPEZ in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The CHAIR. Pursuant to the rule, the bill is considered read the first time.

General debate shall be confined to the bill and shall not exceed 1 hour equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary or their respective designees.

The gentleman from Texas (Mr. GOODEN) and the gentleman from New York (Mr. NADLER) each will control 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Texas.

Mr. GOODEN of Texas. Mr. Chair, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Chair, H.R. 1398, the Protect America's Innovation and Economic Security from CCP Act focuses our attention on the single greatest threat to the American people: the Chinese Communist Party.

Our intelligence community has been raising these concerns for years, labeling China the defining threat of our generation. These concerns were also echoed in FBI Director Wray's testimony before our House Judiciary Committee back in July.

China's multipronged war against our people, economy, and infrastructure has caused the CCP to infiltrate our communities, sow disharmony, and steal our hard-earned successes. The CCP achieves this by aggressively targeting and recruiting civilians to spy on other Chinese nationals and to steal critical data from their employers.