

even being fully prepared for that hard cutoff. When processing finally began, millions of applications were riddled with calculation errors, forcing reprocessing and causing chaos for students and institutions.

The consequences were devastating. About 430,000 fewer students filed a FAFSA this year compared to last year. To make matters worse, millions of calls for help went unanswered. Families were left in the dark, scrambling for answers with no support during one of the most critical periods in a child's academic journey.

This is why I am proud to cosponsor H.R. 8932, the FAFSA Deadline Act. This bill would hold the Department of Education accountable by setting a hard deadline of October 1 for releasing the FAFSA and requiring an accountability check-in each September to ensure they stay on track.

Mr. Speaker, I urge colleagues on both sides of the aisle to support this important legislation.

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, may I inquire as to how much time is remaining.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Virginia has 22 minutes remaining. The gentlewoman from North Carolina has 18½ minutes remaining.

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

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

Mr. Speaker, as my colleague from Virginia said, several organizations have announced public support for the FAFSA Deadline Act. Here are some of the things that they are saying.

The American Council for Education said: "Given the issues institutions of higher education faced during the 2024–2025 FAFSA processing cycle, it is critically important to avoid future problems. For this academic year, overall first-year enrollment is down by 5 percent, at least in part due to issues with the 2024–2025 FAFSA. In addition, universal access to the 2025–2026 FAFSA is already delayed, and some campus officials have expressed concerns about whether the FAFSA will be fully available by December 1. We offer our full support for this piece of legislation and hope to see it pass the House."

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

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

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. WALBERG).

Mr. WALBERG. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to cosponsor H.R. 8932, the FAFSA Deadline Act, and I commend Congresswoman HOUGHIN for her leadership on this important piece of legislation.

Mr. Speaker, it isn't too often that we get to say this, but there is bipartisan agreement in recognizing the Department of Education's rollout of FAFSA has been nothing short of an

embarrassment. Sadly, it is an embarrassment that negatively impacted students across the country, teachers, professors, and especially lower income students who need financial assistance the most.

I was proud to be part of the bipartisan effort to overhaul FAFSA and make it simpler, but after 3 long years to implement the reforms, the Department dropped the ball numerous times. As a result, over 430,000 fewer students submitted a FAFSA form, according to GAO.

Additionally, there have been numerous reports from across the country about how this botched rollout has affected institutions. This fall semester, institutions experienced the steepest drop in first-year enrollment since the pandemic, pushing many institutions to the financial brink.

This is unacceptable. H.R. 8932 is a commonsense bill to provide students, families, and institutions much-needed clarity by ensuring the FAFSA is released and fully operational on October 1 of each year. Doing so will ensure schools and counselors are able to conduct outreach efforts as needed. Colleges will be able to get their financial aid offers processed in a timely manner, and students will be able to make informed decisions about their academic future.

Mr. Speaker, under the Biden-Harris administration, the Department of Education has become a bloated arsenal of bureaucracy, more focused on woke policies than its core mission. I look forward to working with the incoming Trump administration on rightsizing the Department of Education, if that is even possible, and putting American students and their families first.

Mr. Speaker, I urge all Members to support H.R. 8932.

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

Mr. Speaker, in closing, this bill is about improving the process going forward. Obviously, the FAFSA rollout was a debacle, but even though it was a debacle, the FAFSA Simplification Act has resulted in over half a million more students receiving financial aid. We need to make sure that students and families have the information they need to make informed decisions about their futures.

Since H.R. 8932 will be implemented for next year's form, 2025 and onward, I believe it strikes the right balance between setting a clear deadline and providing the flexibility for the Department of Education to fix any lingering issues as they finish implementing the bipartisan FAFSA Simplification Act this year.

□ 0945

I urge my colleagues to support the legislation to help ensure financial aid is distributed promptly and effectively. I look forward to continuing to improve the FAFSA form and expanding access to financial aid as originally in-

tended in the FAFSA Simplification Act.

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

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

Mr. Speaker, the FAFSA is a cornerstone of America's commitment to educational opportunity. When we fail to uphold this promise, we jeopardize the dreams and hard work of students who look to postsecondary education as a pathway to a better future.

The FAFSA Deadline Act is a necessary measure to protect that future by enforcing deadlines, ensuring transparency, and making certain that families receive the aid they depend on to make college accessible.

This is about delivering the basic functionality students deserve and safeguarding their ambitions against bureaucratic failure.

Students have enough on their plates as they prepare for college. It is up to us to make sure that the Federal Government isn't adding to that burden.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to vote "yes" on this piece of legislation, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. All time for debate has expired.

Pursuant to House Resolution 1568, the previous question is ordered on the bill, as amended.

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.

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

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

Ms. FOXX. 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 for a period of less than 15 minutes.

Accordingly (at 9 o'clock and 47 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 (Mr. GOODEN of Texas) at 9 o'clock and 50 minutes a.m.

FAFSA DEADLINE ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfinished business is the vote on passage of the bill (H.R. 8932) to establish an earlier application processing cycle for

the FAFSA, 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 passage of the bill.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 381, nays 1, not voting 50, as follows:

[Roll No. 465]

YEAS—381

Adams	Davis (IL)	Johnson (SD)
Aderholt	Davis (NC)	Jordan
Aguilar	De La Cruz	Joyce (PA)
Alford	DeGette	Kaptur
Allen	DeLauro	Kean (NJ)
Allred	DeBene	Keating
Amo	Deluzio	Kelly (IL)
Amodei	DeSaulnier	Kelly (MS)
Arrington	DesJarlais	Kelly (PA)
Auchincloss	Dingell	Kennedy
Babin	Doggett	Khanna
Bacon	Duarte	Kiggans (VA)
Baird	Duncan	Kildee
Balderson	Dunn (FL)	Kiley
Balint	Edwards	Klimer
Banks	Ellzey	Kim (CA)
Barr	Emmer	Kim (NJ)
Barragán	Escobar	Krishnamoorthi
Bean (FL)	Eshoo	Kuster
Beatty	Espallat	Kustoff
Bentz	Estes	LaHood
Bera	Ezell	LaLota
Bergman	Fallon	LaMalfa
Bice	Feenstra	Landsman
Bilirakis	Finstad	Langworthy
Bishop (NC)	Fischbach	Larsen (WA)
Blumenauer	Fitzgerald	Larson (CT)
Blunt Rochester	Fitzpatrick	Latta
Boebert	Fleischmann	LaTurner
Bonamici	Fletcher	Lawler
Bost	Flood	Lee (CA)
Boyle (PA)	Fong	Lee (FL)
Brecheen	Foster	Lee (PA)
Brown	Foushee	Lee Carter
Brownley	Fox	Leger Fernandez
Buchanan	Franklin, Scott	Lesko
Bucshon	Frost	Letlow
Budzinski	Fry	Levin
Burchett	Fulcher	Lieu
Burgess	Garamendi	Lopez
Burlison	Garcia (IL)	Loudermilk
Bush	Garcia (TX)	Lucas
Calvert	Garcia, Robert	Luetkemeyer
Cammack	Gimenez	Luttrell
Caraveo	Golden (ME)	Mace
Carbajal	Gomez	Magaziner
Carey	Gonzales, Tony	Malliotakis
Carl	Gonzalez, V.	Maloy
Carson	Good (VA)	Mann
Carter (GA)	Gooden (TX)	Manning
Carter (LA)	Gosar	Mast
Carter (TX)	Graves (LA)	Matsui
Casar	Graves (MO)	McBath
Case	Green (TN)	McCaul
Casten	Green, Al (TX)	McClain
Castor (FL)	Greene (GA)	McClellan
Castro (TX)	Griffith	McClintock
Chavez-DeRemer	Grothman	McCollum
Cherfilus-	Guest	McCormick
McCormick	Guthrie	McGarvey
Chu	Hageman	McGovern
Ciscomani	Harder (CA)	McIver
Clark (MA)	Harris	Meeks
Clarke (NY)	Harshbarger	Menendez
Cleaver	Hayes	Meng
Cline	Hern	Mfume
Cloud	Higgins (LA)	Miller (IL)
Clyburn	Hill	Miller (OH)
Clyde	Himes	Miller (WV)
Cohen	Hinson	Miller-Meeks
Cole	Horsford	Mills
Collins	Houchin	Moolenaar
Comer	Houlahan	Mooney
Correa	Hoyer	Moore (AL)
Costa	Hoyle (OR)	Moore (UT)
Courtney	Hudson	Moore (WI)
Craig	Huffman	Moran
Crane	Huizenga	Morelle
Crawford	Issa	Moskowitz
Crockett	Ivey	Moulton
Crow	Jackson (IL)	Mrvan
Cuellar	Jackson (NC)	Mullin
Curtis	Jacobs	Murphy
D'Esposito	Jayapal	Nadler
Dauids (KS)	Jeffries	Neal
Davidson	Johnson (GA)	Neguse

Nehls	Salinas	Thompson (MS)
Newhouse	Sarbanes	Thompson (PA)
Nickel	Scalise	Tiffany
Norman	Scanlon	Timmons
Nunn (IA)	Schakowsky	Titus
Oberholte	Schneider	Tlaib
Ocasio-Cortez	Scholten	Tokuda
Ogles	Schrier	Tonko
Omar	Schweikert	Torres (CA)
Owens	Scott (VA)	Torres (NY)
Pallone	Scott, Austin	Trahan
Palmer	Self	Trone
Panetta	Sessions	Turner
Pappas	Sewell	Underwood
Pelosi	Sherman	Valadao
Peltola	Sherrill	Van Drew
Pence	Simpson	Van Deyne
Perez	Slotkin	Van Orden
Perry	Smith (MO)	Vargas
Peters	Smith (NE)	Vasquez
Pettersen	Smith (NJ)	Veasey
Pfluger	Smith (WA)	Velázquez
Phillips	Smucker	Wagner
Pocan	Sorensen	Walberg
Posey	Soto	Wasserman
Pressley	Spanberger	Schultz
Quigley	Stansbury	Waters
Raskin	Stanton	Watson Coleman
Reschenthaler	Staubert	Weber (TX)
Rogers (AL)	Steel	Webster (FL)
Rogers (KY)	Stefanik	Wenstrup
Rose	Steil	Westerman
Rosendale	Steube	Wied
Ross	Stevens	Williams (GA)
Rouzer	Strickland	Williams (TX)
Roy	Strong	Wilson (FL)
Ruiz	Suozzi	Wilson (SC)
Rulli	Swalwell	Wittman
Ruppersberger	Sykes	Womack
Rutherford	Takano	Yakym
Ryan	Thanedar	Zinke
Salazar	Thompson (CA)	

NAYS—1

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NOT VOTING—50

Armstrong	Garcia, Mike	Molinaro
Beyer	Goldman (NY)	Napolitano
Biggs	Gottheimer	Norcross
Bishop (GA)	Granger	Pingree
Bowman	Grijalva	Porter
Cárdenas	Hunt	Ramirez
Cartwright	Jackson (TX)	Rodgers (WA)
Connolly	James	Sánchez
Crenshaw	Joyce (OH)	Schiff
Dean (PA)	Kamlager-Dove	Scott, David
Diaz-Balart	Lamborn	Spartz
Donalds	Lee (NV)	Tenney
Evans	Luna	Waltz
Ferguson	Lynch	Wexton
Frankel, Lois	Massie	Wild
Gallego	McHenry	Williams (NY)
Garbarino	Meuser	

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Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts and Mr. DOGGETT changed their vote from “nay” to “yea.”

So the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:

Mr. GOLDMAN of New York. Madam Speaker, due to travel delays, I was not able to be present to vote on the passage of H.R. 8932, the FAFSA Deadline Act. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 465.

Mr. GOTTHEIMER. Madam Speaker, I missed the following vote, but had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 465.

Ms. LEE of Nevada. Madam Speaker, my vote was not recorded today. Had it been recorded, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 465.

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 465.

Ms. TENNEY. Madam Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 465.

ADJOURNMENT FROM FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2024, TO MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2024

Mr. LUTTRELL. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Monday next, when it shall convene at noon for morning-hour debate and 2 p.m. for legislative business.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. BICE). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

LAYING ON THE TABLE H. RES. 1410

Mr. LUTTRELL. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that H. Res. 1410 be laid on the table.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

HONORING FLORA LEAMER'S LASTING LEGACY

(Mr. LANGWORTHY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LANGWORTHY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Flora Leamer, who was the heart and soul of Clarence, New York.

Flora was someone who always said yes when it came to helping a neighbor. Every community needs more people like Flora.

At local events, she was a familiar sight, often with a camera in hand or alongside her husband, John, riding side by side in parades decked out all in red, white, and blue.

Flora was tireless. She always went above and beyond in everything she did. From the Clarence Chamber of Commerce to the farmers market, from historical societies to Winterfest, Flora's involvement left a lasting mark on the community.

Her kindness, warmth, and boundless energy were a gift to Clarence, and she will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege to know her.

May this lasting legacy continue to inspire us all to be more like Flora.

HONORING THE LIFE OF KINSTON MAYOR BUDDY RITCH

(Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the remarkable life of Buddy Ritch, a true servant-leader who was not only dedicated to serving our country but also the city of Kinston.