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The Clerk read as follows:

Mr. Scalise of Louisiana moves to refer the resolution to the Committee on Ethics.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Louisiana is recognized for 1 hour.

Mr. SCALISE. Mr. Speaker, the Member being referenced in the resolution has actually resigned from the House of Representatives. Therefore, the question is moot.

Mr. Speaker, I urge a "yes" vote on the motion to refer, and I yield back the balance of my time and move the previous question.

The previous question was ordered.

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

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

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

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 206, nays 198, not voting 29, as follows:

[Roll No. 490]

YEAS—206

- Aderholt Diaz-Balart Jackson (TX)
Alford Donalds James
Allen Duarte Johnson (LA)
Amodעי Dunn (FL) Johnson (SD)
Armstrong Edwards Jordan
Arrington Ellzey Joyce (OH)
Babin Emmer Joyce (PA)
Bacon Estes Kean (NJ)
Baird Ezell Kelly (MS)
Balderson Fallon Kelly (PA)
Banks Feenstra Kiggans (VA)
Barr Ferguson Kiley
Bean (FL) Finstad Kim (CA)
Bentz Fischbach Kustoff
Bergman Fitzgerald LaHood
Bice Fitzpatrick LaLota
Biggs Fleischmann LaMalfa
Bilirakis Flood Lamborn
Bishop (NC) Fong Langworthy
Boebert Foxx Latta
Bost Franklin, Scott LaTurner
Brecheen Fry Lawler
Buchanan Fulcher Lee (FL)
Bucshon Garbarino Lesko
Burchett Gimenez Letlow
Burgess Gonzales, Tony Lopez
Burlison Good (VA) Loudermilk
Calvert Gooden (TX) Lucas
Cammack Gosar Luttrell
Carey Graves (LA) Mace
Carl Green (TN) Malliotakis
Carter (GA) Greene (GA) Maloy
Carter (TX) Griffith Mann
Chavez-DeRemer Grothman Mast
Ciscomani Guest McCaul
Cline Guthrie McClain
Cloud Hageman McCormick
Clyde Harris Meuser
Cole Harshbarger Miller (IL)
Collins Hern Miller (OH)
Comer Higgins (LA) Miller (WV)
Crane Hill Miller-Meeks
Crawford Hinson Mills
Curtis Houchin Molinaro
D'Esposito Hudson Moolenaar
Davidson Huiyenga Mooney
De La Cruz Hunt Moore (AL)
DesJarlais Issa Moore (UT)

- Moran
Murphy
Nehls
Newhouse
Norman
Nunn (IA)
Oberholte
Ogles
Owens
Palmer
Pence
Perry
Pfluger
Posey
Reschenthaler
Rogers (AL)
Rosendale
Rouzer
Roy
Rulli
Rutherford
Salazar
Schalise
Schweikert
Scott, Austin
Self
Sessions
Simpson
Smith (MO)
Smith (NE)
Smith (NJ)
Smucker
Spartz
Stauber
Steel
Stefanik
Steil
Steube
Strong
Tenney
Thompson (PA)
Tiffany

NAYS—198

- Adams
Agullar
Allred
Amo
Auchincloss
Balint
Barragan
Beatty
Bera
Beyer
Bishop (GA)
Blunt Rochester
Bonamici
Boyle (PA)
Brown
Brownley
Budzinski
Bush
Caraveo
Carbajal
Cardenas
Carson
Carter (LA)
Cartwright
Casar
Case
Casten
Castor (FL)
Castro (TX)
Cherfilus-McCormick
Chu
Clark (MA)
Clarke (NY)
Cleaver
Clyburn
Cohen
Connolly
Correa
Costa
Courtney
Craig
Crow
Davids (KS)
Davis (IL)
Davis (NC)
Dean (PA)
DeGette
DeLauro
DelBene
Deluzio
DeSaulnier
Dingell
Doggett
Escobar
Eshoo
Espallat
Foster
Foushee
Frankel, Lois
Frost
Garamendi
Garcia (IL)
Garcia (TX)
Garcia, Robert
Golden (ME)
Goldman (NY)
Gonzalez, V.
Gottheimer
Green, Al (TX)
Harder (CA)
Hayes
Himes
Horsford
Houlahan
Hoyer
Hoyle (OR)
Huffman
Ivey
Jackson (IL)
Jackson (NC)
Jacobs
Jayapal
Jeffries
Johnson (GA)
Kamlager-Dove
Kaptur
Keating
Kelly (IL)
Kennedy
Khanna
Kildee
Kilmer
Kim (NJ)
Krishnamoorthi
Kuster
Landsman
Larsen (WA)
Larson (CT)
Lee (CA)
Lee (NV)
Lee (PA)
Lee Carter
Leger Fernandez
Levin
Lofgren
Lynch
Magaziner
Manning
Matsui
McBath
McClellan
McClintock
McCollum
McGarvey
McGovern
McIver
Meeks
Menendez
Meng
Mfume
Moore (WI)
Morelle
Moskowitz
Moulton
Mrvan
Nadler
Napolitano
Neal
Neguse
Nickel
Norcross
Ocasio-Cortez
Omar

NOT VOTING—29

- Blumenauer
Bowman
Crenshaw
Crockett
Cuellar
Duncan
Evans
Fletcher
Gallego
Garcia, Mike
Gomez
Granger
Graves (MO)
Grijalva

- Timmons
Turner
Valadao
Van Drew
Van Dune
Van Orden
Wagner
Walberg
Weber (TX)
Webster (FL)
Wenstrup
Westerman
Wied
Williams (NY)
Williams (TX)
Wilson (SC)
Wittman
Womack
Yakym
Zinke

- Porter
Rodgers (WA)
Rogers (KY)

- Rose
Sherrill
Swalwell

- Waltz
Wexton

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). There are 2 minutes remaining.

□ 1758

Mr. GROTHMAN changed his vote from "nay" to "yea."

So the motion to refer was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

RAISING A QUESTION OF THE PRIVILEGES OF THE HOUSE

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to hope that about nine Republicans leave and don't vote, and I rise to a question of the privileges of the House and offer the resolution that was previously noticed.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will report the resolution.

The Clerk read as follows:

H. RES. 1609

Whereas Matthew Louis Gaetz II of Florida served in the House of Representatives from January 3, 2017 through November 13, 2024;

Whereas clause 2 of section 5 of article I of the Constitution of the United States establishes that "Each House may determine the Rules of its proceedings" and "punish its members for disorderly Behavior";

Whereas clause 3(a)(2) of rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives provides the Committee on Ethics the authority to investigate alleged violations "by a Member, Delegate, Resident Commissioner, officer, or employee of the House of the Code of Official Conduct or of a law, rule, regulation, or other standard of conduct applicable to the conduct of such Member, Delegate, Resident Commissioner, officer, or employee in the performance of the duties or the discharge of the responsibilities of such individual";

Whereas on April 9, 2021, the Committee on Ethics initiated a review of allegations that Representative Gaetz may have "engaged in sexual misconduct and/or illicit drug use, shared inappropriate images or videos on the House floor, misused state identification records, converted campaign funds to personal use, and/or accepted a bribe, improper gratuity, or impermissible gift, in violation of House Rules, laws, or other standards of conduct" in violation of Federal law and the Rules of the House;

Whereas on June 18, 2024, the Committee on Ethics released a statement acknowledging the Committee's continued review of allegations that Representative Gaetz may have "engaged in sexual misconduct and illicit drug use, accepted improper gifts, dispensed special privileges and favors to individuals with whom he had a personal relationship, and sought to obstruct government investigations of his conduct"; and

Whereas if Representative Gaetz engaged in the alleged violations while serving as a Member of the House, such conduct would affect the rights of the House of Representatives and the integrity of the legislative process: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Committee on Ethics shall—

(1) preserve all documents and investigative materials related to any review of Matthew Louis Gaetz II's conduct while serving

as a Member of the House of Representatives;

(2) publicly release the Committee's report, including any associated findings, recommendations, and proposed disciplinary actions, as discussed by the Committee on November 20, 2024, regarding the alleged violations of the Code of Official Conduct of the House or of a law, rule, regulation, or other standard of conduct by Matthew Louis Gaetz II while serving as a Member of the House of Representatives; and

(3) in accordance with the Committee's practice for releasing public documents, anonymize witness identities and redact any personally identifiable information of minors and victims from any House documents associated with this matter before publicly releasing them.

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Mr. SCALISE. Mr. Speaker, we have heard enough on this. We can talk about it for an hour, four hours. The bottom line, Mr. Speaker: Why don't we get back to work for the people of this country.

I urge a "yes" vote on the motion to refer. I yield back the balance of my time, and I move the previous question on the motion to refer.

The previous question was ordered.

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

RECORDED VOTE

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, I demand a recorded vote.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 204, noes 198, not voting 31, as follows:

[Roll No. 491]

AYES—204

Aderholt	Bucshon	DesJarlais
Alford	Burchett	Diaz-Balart
Allen	Burlison	Donalds
Amodei	Calvert	Duarte
Armstrong	Cammack	Dunn (FL)
Arrington	Carey	Edwards
Babin	Carl	Ellzey
Bacon	Carter (GA)	Emmer
Baird	Carter (TX)	Estes
Balderson	Chavez-DeRemer	Ezell
Banks	Ciscomani	Fallon
Barr	Cline	Feenstra
Bean (FL)	Cloud	Ferguson
Bentz	Clyde	Finstad
Bergman	Cole	Fischbach
Bice	Collins	Fitzgerald
Biggs	Comer	Fitzpatrick
Billirakis	Crane	Fleischmann
Bishop (NC)	Crawford	Flood
Boebert	Curtis	Fong
Bost	D'Esposito	Fox
Brecheen	Davidson	Franklin, Scott
Buchanan	De La Cruz	Fry

Fulcher	Latta
Garbarino	LaTurner
Gimenez	Lawler
Gonzales, Tony	Lee (FL)
Good (VA)	Lesko
Gooden (TX)	Letlow
Gosar	Lopez
Graves (LA)	Loudermilk
Green (TN)	Lucas
Greene (GA)	Luttrell
Griffith	Mace
Grothman	Malliotakis
Guest	Maloy
Guthrie	Mann
Hageman	Mast
Harris	McCaul
Harshbarger	McClain
Hern	McCormick
Higgins (LA)	Meuser
Hill	Miller (IL)
Hinson	Miller (OH)
Houchin	Miller (WV)
Hudson	Miller-Meeks
Huizenga	Mills
Hunt	Molinaro
Issa	Mooleenaar
Jackson (TX)	Mooney
James	Moore (AL)
Johnson (LA)	Moore (UT)
Johnson (SD)	Moran
Jordan	Murphy
Joyce (OH)	Nehls
Joyce (PA)	Newhouse
Kean (NJ)	Nunn (IA)
Kelly (MS)	Oberholte
Kelly (PA)	Ogles
Kiggans (VA)	Owens
Kiley	Palmer
Kim (CA)	Pence
Kustoff	Perry
LaHood	Pflugger
LaLota	LaMalfa
LaMalfa	Lamborn
Lamborn	Reschenthaler
Langworthy	Rogers (AL)

NOES—198

Adams	Dingell
Aguilar	Doggett
Alfred	Escobar
Amo	Eshoo
Auchincloss	Españat
Balint	Poster
Barragán	Foushee
Beatty	Frankel, Lois
Bera	Frost
Beyer	Garamendi
Bishop (GA)	Garcia (IL)
Blunt Rochester	Garcia (TX)
Bonamici	Garcia, Robert
Boyle (PA)	Golden (ME)
Brown	Goldman (NY)
Brownley	Gonzalez, V.
Budzinski	Gottheimer
Bush	Green, Al (TX)
Caraveo	Harder (CA)
Carbajal	Hayes
Cárdenas	Himes
Carson	Horsford
Carter (LA)	Houlihan
Cartwright	Hoyer
Casar	Hoyle (OR)
Case	Huffman
Casten	Ivey
Castor (FL)	Jackson (IL)
Castro (TX)	Jackson (NC)
Cherfilus-	Jacobs
McCormick	Jayapal
Chu	Jeffries
Clark (MA)	Johnson (GA)
Clarke (NY)	Kamlager-Dove
Cleaver	Kaptur
Clyburn	Keating
Cohen	Kelly (IL)
Connolly	Kennedy
Correa	Khanna
Costa	Kildee
Courtney	Kilmer
Craig	Kim (NJ)
Crow	Krishnamoorthi
Davids (KS)	Kuster
Davis (IL)	Landsman
Davis (NC)	Larsen (WA)
Dean (PA)	Larson (CT)
DeGette	Lee (CA)
DeLauro	Lee (NV)
DeBene	Lee (PA)
Deluzio	Lee Carter
DeSaulnier	Leger Fernandez

Rosendale	Schakowsky
Rouzer	Schiff
Roy	Schneider
Rulli	Scholten
Rutherford	Schrier
Scalise	Scott (VA)
Schweikert	Scott, David
Scott, Austin	Sewell
Self	Sherman
Sessions	Slotkin
Simpson	Smith (WA)
Smith (MO)	Sorensen
Smith (NE)	Soto
Smith (NJ)	Spanberger
Smucker	Stansbury
Spartz	Staubert
Steel	Stefanik
Steil	Steube
Steube	Strong
Strong	Tenney
Thompson (PA)	Thompson (PA)
Tiffany	Timmons
Turner	Turner
Valadao	Valadao
Van Drew	Van Deyne
Van Orden	Wagner
Walberg	Weber (TX)
Weber (TX)	Webster (FL)
Westerman	Wied
Williams (NY)	Williams (TX)
Williams (TX)	Wilson (SC)
Wittman	Wittman
Womack	Womack
Yakym	Zinke
Zinke	

Stanton	Stanton
Stevens	Stevens
Strickland	Strickland
Suozi	Suozi
Sykes	Sykes
Takano	Takano
Thanedar	Thanedar
Thompson (CA)	Thompson (CA)
Thompson (MS)	Thompson (MS)
Titus	Titus
Tlaib	Tlaib
Tokuda	Tokuda
Tonko	Tonko
Torres (CA)	Torres (CA)
Torres (NY)	Torres (NY)

NOT VOTING—31

Blumenauer	Bowman
Burgess	Burgess
Crenshaw	Crenshaw
Crockett	Crockett
Cuellar	Cuellar
Duncan	Duncan
Evans	Evans
Fletcher	Fletcher
Gallego	Gallego
Garcia, Mike	Garcia, Mike

Gomez	Granger
Graves (MO)	Graves (MO)
Grijalva	Grijalva
Lieu	Lieu
Luetkemeyer	Luetkemeyer
Luna	Luna
Massie	Massie
McHenry	McHenry
Mullin	Mullin
Perez	Perez

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). There are 2 minutes remaining.

□ 1810

So the motion to refer was agreed to. The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Ms. PEREZ. Mr. Speaker, I unfortunately missed votes today due to a family emergency. Had I been present, I would have voted: YEA on Roll Call No. 484, YEA on Roll Call No. 485, YEA on Roll Call No. 486, NAY on Roll Call No. 487, YEA on Roll Call No. 488, NAY on Roll Call No. 489, NAY on Roll Call No. 490, and NAY on Roll Call No. 491.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Ms. CROCKETT. Mr. Speaker, I was absent during the time of votes. Had I been present, I would have voted: YEA on Roll Call No. 484; S. 709; YEA on Roll Call No. 485; H.R. 9598; YEA on Roll Call No. 486; H.R. 9600; YEA on Roll Call No. 487; Velazquez of New York Part B Amendment 1; YEA on Roll Call No. 488; Motion to Recommit; NAY on Roll Call No. 489; On Passage; H.R. 7198; NAY on Roll Call No. 490; Motion to Refer; H. Res 1068, and NAY on Roll Call No. 491; Motion to Refer; H. Res 1609.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I missed a series of votes. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 484, YEA on Roll Call No. 485, YEA on Roll Call No. 486, NAY on Roll Call No. 487, NAY on Roll Call No. 488, YEA on Roll Call No. 489, YEA on Roll Call No. 490, and AYE on Roll Call No. 491.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Ms. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to be present to cast my votes on Roll Call Nos. 484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490 and 491. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 484, YEA on Roll Call No. 485, YEA on Roll Call No. 486, YEA on Roll Call No. 487, YEA on Roll Call No. 488, NAY on Roll Call No. 489, NAY on Roll Call No. 490, and NAY on Roll Call No. 491.

PERMISSION FOR MEMBER TO BE CONSIDERED AS FIRST SPONSOR OF H.R. 374

Mr. BURLISON. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that I may hereafter be considered as the first sponsor of H.R. 374, a bill originally introduced by Representative Gaetz of Florida, for the purpose of adding cosponsors and requesting reprintings pursuant to clause 7 of rule XII.

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

There was no objection.

□ 1815

RESIGNATION FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LOPEZ) laid before the House the following resignation from the House of Representatives:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,

Washington, DC, December 5, 2024.

Hon. MIKE JOHNSON,
Speaker of the House,
Washington, DC

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Enclosed is my resignation letter to New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy, effective December 8, 2024. It has been the honor of my life to serve New Jersey's Third Congressional District. I'm grateful to the people of New Jersey for entrusting me with the great honor of representing them in the United States Senate and I hope to do so with humility and integrity.

Sincerely,

ANDY KIM,
Member of Congress.

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,

Washington, DC, December 5, 2024.

Gov. PHILIP D. MURPHY,
125 West State Street
Trenton, NJ.

DEAR GOVERNOR MURPHY, It is an honor and privilege to have been chosen by the people of New Jersey to serve them in the United States Senate. As you know, Senator Helmy has announced his intention to resign so that New Jerseyans may have their duly elected representation in the United States Senate as soon as possible. I, therefore, write to submit my resignation from the United States House of Representatives, effective December 8, 2024.

It has been the honor of my life to serve New Jersey's Third Congressional District, its people, and the community that raised me for these past six years. I look forward to the opportunity to serve the entirety of our state and I hope to do so with humility and integrity.

I thank you for your leadership and the opportunity.

Sincerely,

ANDY KIM,
Member of Congress.

VETERANS AFFAIRS DOGE CUTS

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

Mr. DELUZIO. Mr. Speaker, I am all for protecting public money, fighting price gouging in the defense industry and others. I am not for the Depart-

ment of Government Efficiency going after veterans' healthcare to pay for billionaire tax handouts.

I use the VA for my care, as do thousands of my constituents in western Pennsylvania. Yet, DOGE proposes cutting \$119 billion from veterans' healthcare. That is more than a third of the Department of Veterans Affairs' budget. That is all types of healthcare: surgical, specialty care, dental care, counseling for combat veterans, and more. It is ridiculous.

My question to my friends on the other side of the aisle, President-elect Trump, and others is this: Do you want to cut healthcare for veterans who risked their lives for this country? If not, you should say you don't. You should stand up against this. If you do, folks like me are going to fight you every step of the way. This is the cost of war, and this country expects us to pay it.

REMEMBERING BRYCE A. JOHNSON

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

Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Bryce A. Johnson, who passed away suddenly this week at the age of 52. He was a husband to Erika, father to Will, son to Terry, and a friend to me.

He was a dedicated public servant who served as the Tifton Judicial Circuit District Attorney. In addition to his legal career, his love for our country and politics led him to teach history and political science to students at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College. He also had a passion for Georgia high school football and cohosted a local Friday night high school football radio show for about 15 years.

Bryce was one of those guys that no matter what team he was on or what group he was in, the organization was better because of him. Bryce was a genuinely good person who will be missed by those of us who had the privilege to know him.

CONGRATULATING DR. GEORGE HANBURY ON HIS RETIREMENT

(Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Mr. Speaker, it is my great honor to rise and recognize the distinguished career of Dr. George Hanbury, the president and CEO of Nova Southeastern University.

Since 2010, Dr. Hanbury guided this institution with vision, integrity, and a true dedication to excellence. His impact is evident in the growth, innovation, and spirit that defines NSU, its students, faculty, staff, and alumni.

During his tenure, NSU established a state-of-the-art teaching hospital. It also opened the Levan Center of Inno-

vation for startup businesses and student entrepreneurship. It became the third university nationwide to offer both osteopathic and allopathic medical degrees in 2018.

Dr. Hanbury also established the President's 64, an elite group of student leaders with the purpose to strengthen the relationship between the university and its community. During a recent interview, he said his 27 years at NSU is "the most noble thing I have ever done."

I wish him well on his retirement and thank him for, the thoughtful and committed work he has done to enrich the students and faculty at Nova Southeastern University.

RECOGNIZING CONGRESSWOMAN DEBBIE LESKO

(Mrs. MILLER of West Virginia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. MILLER of West Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize my dear friend and colleague, DEBBIE LESKO, whom I have known for the past 6-plus years.

DEBBIE is such a hard worker. She has done so much incredible work serving her constituents in Arizona. She has done wonderful things for her State. For years, she served on the community committee for the Peoria Unified School District and later ran for school board.

From 2008 to 2018, she served in the Arizona legislature for 9 years, both in the house and the senate, where she received special recognition such as Champion of the Taxpayer, Guardian of Small Business, and Senator of the Year from various organizations, due to her outstanding work.

DEBBIE has served on several subcommittees within the Committee on Energy and Commerce during her time in the House of Representatives. She has served on several caucuses and founded the wonderful Protect Kids Caucus. In the 118th Congress, House Majority Whip TOM EMMER appointed her as a member of the whip team.

Some of DEBBIE's bills, including the Hands Off Our Home Appliances Act and the United States Ports of Entry Threat and Operational Review Act have either successfully passed in the House or become law.

She led a delegation to Taiwan where we had many discussions about the importance of ensuring their independence from China. We also had a lot of fun!

DEBBIE has achieved many great things over the years and has made a positive impact while partaking in politics. I can attest to this firsthand as we sat next to each other for nearly every vote and would often discuss policy on the House floor.

She has accomplished so much in her work, and I am sure that she would say her greatest achievements in life are being a mother to her children and a