

against the American people. I voted present on the motion to table this impeachment resolution because it does not meet that high standard.

It is clear that many members of the Trump Administration, including President Donald Trump himself, are violating the law and the public's trust in ways that should lead to an investigation on potential high crimes and misdemeanors by the House Judiciary Committee. But bringing an impeachment resolution to the floor mere hours after it has been introduced and without any investigative report—as Congressman GREEN is doing for the second time this Congress—sets a harmful precedent. It undermines the ability of Congress to make a serious and well-documented case for impeachment against this or any future president.

President Trump was impeached twice during his first term, and I voted to impeach him both times. We conducted a formal inquiry during the first impeachment, where we subpoenaed witnesses and held public hearings to demonstrate that the President had abused his power and obstructed Congress. When President Trump was impeached a second time for inciting an insurrection, the House Judiciary Committee completed an investigative report that documented what Members of Congress and our entire Nation witnessed on January 6, 2021. When the articles of impeachment were brought to the floor a week later, almost every House Democrat was a cosponsor. I presided over that vote in the House of Representatives, with full confidence in the case we were presenting to the American people.

The House of Representatives is currently controlled by President Trump's Republican party, and their majority is unwilling to take even the most basic step to hold Trump or anyone in his cabinet accountable for illegal and unconstitutional actions. To be clear, the House of Representatives has a duty to uphold our oath to defend the Constitution from all enemies foreign and domestic. This obligation includes the open, transparent process of Congressional hearings, investigations, and subpoenas into potentially impeachable offenses. The Republican majority controlling this Congress will not allow that work to move forward.

In the face of this obstruction, I will continue to work with my Democratic colleagues to document violations of the law by this administration, submit briefings to the court to rein in their abuses, and collect evidence to hold the President of the United States and his officials accountable.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TERRI A. SEWELL

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 12, 2025

Ms. SEWELL. Mr. Speaker, on December 12, 2025, I was unable to be present during Roll Call No. 334. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 334.

RECOGNIZING NICK ALTON

HON. JAMES A. HIMES

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 12, 2025

Mr. HIMES. Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect and admiration that I recognize the outstanding contributions of Nick Alton, who has served as Minister Counsellor Political at the British Embassy in Washington for the past four years. Throughout his tenure, Nick has been instrumental in strengthening the special relationship between the United Kingdom and the United States. His work ensured that the ties between our nations remain robust and responsive to the challenges of a changing world, fostering collaboration on issues of shared importance and reinforcing the values that unite us.

Nick's efforts extended far beyond the day-to-day responsibilities of diplomacy. He played a pivotal role in coordinating and supporting visits by Prime Ministers, Cabinet Ministers, Members of Parliament, and Members of the Royal Family to Washington and across the United States. His meticulous attention to detail and deep understanding of both British and American political landscapes ensured that these engagements were not only successful but also meaningful, advancing dialogue and cooperation at the highest levels of government and society.

In addition to his work on political affairs, Nick demonstrated remarkable versatility by engaging across a wide range of fields, from security and defense to economic and cultural initiatives. Nick's dedication, professionalism, and unwavering commitment to public service exemplify the very best of diplomatic tradition. Nick is transitioning back to the Foreign Office in London, and I wish him the very best for his future endeavors.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF
TOMMY TOMLINSON TO
STARKVILLE, MISSISSIPPI

HON. MICHAEL GUEST

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 12, 2025

Mr. GUEST. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the service of Tommy Tomlinson, a proud resident of Starkville, Mississippi. Tommy graduated from Starkville High School in 1971. In the fall of 1971, he began his freshman year at East Mississippi Community College, where he played for the Lions' Baseball team. After graduating with his associate's degree in 1973, he earned a Bachelor of Banking and Finance from Mississippi State University in 1975. Tommy would later complete programs of study at commercial lending schools at the University of Oklahoma and Vanderbilt University, as well as the Mississippi School of Banking at the University of Mississippi, and the Graduate School of Banking at Louisiana State University.

Tommy began his banking career in Meridian, Mississippi, at the former Merchants and Farmers Bank. In 1983, he returned to the Golden Triangle area, where he began working at the National Bank of Commerce, now known as Cadence Bank. He worked there for

28 years, serving as regional president, before joining Renasant Bank. Tommy served in various roles at Renasant, most recently as Director of Strategic Partnerships and Executive Vice President.

Tommy has also been deeply engaged in the Starkville community, where he and his family are members of First Baptist Church. His service record includes serving as Chairman of the Greater Starkville Development Partnership, Past President of the Starkville Rotary Club, Executive Board Member of the Mississippi State University Bulldog Club, and Board Member of the Create Foundation, as well as many other local service organizations.

In 2014, Tommy was inducted into the Starkville High School Alumni Hall of Fame and recognized as the 2023 Alumnus of the Year by East Mississippi Community College. He and his wife, Melita, have three daughters. Their oldest daughter, Dr. Kristen Fyke, is married to Rob Fyke, and they have three children, Henry, Noelle, and Mack. Their middle daughter, Laura Armstrong, is married to Dr. Clay Armstrong, and they have two children, Luke and Caroline. Their youngest daughter, Heather Skaggs, is married to Rev. Trey Skaggs, and they have three children, Jones, Will, and Anna Joy. Tommy Tomlinson has been a trusted leader, mentor, and advisor to many generations throughout the Starkville and Golden Triangle community. I am honored to have the opportunity to recognize Tommy's service to Mississippi's 3rd Congressional District and the state of Mississippi as a whole, and I wish him the best in retirement.

APPRECIATING MIRIAM ATRIA

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 12, 2025

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I am grateful to recognize Miriam Atria on her recent retirement from Capital City/Lake Murray Country Regional Tourism. As President and CEO, Miriam made a unique and significant contribution to tourism in South Carolina, helping to establish Lake Murray's reputation as the "Jewel of South Carolina." She and her husband Nick are an exceptional team.

Over her 42 years in the tourism industry, Miriam has been the recipient of numerous awards, including the 2009 Governor's Cup Award, 2015 Champion of Economic Impact on Sports Tourism by Sports Destination Management Award, and the 2016 Rudy Award by the South Carolina Restaurant and Lodging Association. Additionally, in 2023, she was honored with the Fred Brinkman Award at the South Carolina Governor's Conference on Tourism and Travel.

Miriam had a vision for tourism in the Midlands and accomplished the opening of the Lake Murray Country Visitors Center. She was instrumental in having the historic Lorick Plantation Home moved from St. Andrews Road to its current location on North Lake Drive. The Lorick Plantation Home was built in 1840, and withstood occupation by Union troops during the Civil War. It was donated by Mrs. Helen Green Love to Capital City/Lake Murray Country and relocated in 1995 with the relocation I attended as one of Miriam's appreciated board members.

I honor Miriam Atria for all her contributions for the people of South Carolina. Please join me in wishing her continued success.

RECOGNIZING THE HONORABLE AL HUTCHINS

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 12, 2025

Mr. BISHOP. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Al Hutchins of Blakely, Georgia, who is retiring after more than 20 years of dedicated service on the Blakely City Council. An event to celebrate his extraordinary career in public service will be held on Tuesday, December 16, 2025, at the Al Hutchins Community Center in Blakely, Georgia.

Councilman Hutchins has devoted 25 years and 4 months to public service in our region, including more than two decades representing his community through the City of Blakely and as a representative with the Southwest Georgia Regional Commission. Throughout his long career he has been a steady and principled leader, working to strengthen local government, improve services for residents, and support community development across southwest Georgia.

His commitment to service has earned him numerous honors, including the Unsung Hero Award, Certificates of Congressional Recognition, multiple recognitions from the Southwest Georgia Regional Commission for long service and perfect attendance, a Certificate of Recognition from the City of Blakely for 20 years of service, awards from the Georgia Municipal Association for achievement and distinction, a resolution from Representative Gerald Greene and the Georgia House of Representatives, and recognition from the U.S. Census Bureau for community partnership and engagement—among many other certificates of appreciation from local organizations. These awards reflect the respect he has earned from colleagues, civic partners, and constituents. It has been said that the “True person of success is not the person that climbs the ladder of this life with two hands but climbs the ladder of this life with one hand and reaches back with the other.” Throughout his career in public service, Councilman Hutchins has always reached back to help others to reach their full potential.

Beyond his public work, Al Hutchins is a devoted family man and active member of his faith community. He and his wife, Alice Hutchins, are parents to Machel (Joyce) Hutchins, Allison (Andrea) Harrison, and Tre Hutchins, and proud grandparents of TiGeronika Lindsey, Bryson Hutchins, and Jru Harrison. He is a member of Empowerment Temple under the leadership of Apostle Turkeisa Rushin.

On a personal note, Councilman Hutchins and his wife, Alice have become trusted friends and confidantes. They have supported me as their congressman and for their support, I will be forever grateful. One of the things that I appreciate most about Councilman Hutchins is the fact that he has wonderful sense of humor and the fact that you can almost count on him to tell a “good joke.”

As Councilman Hutchins begins his well-earned retirement, Vivian and I join his family, friends, and the people of Blakely in thanking

him for his tireless service and leadership. His steady stewardship and commitment to the common good, have left a lasting and positive mark on his community. On behalf of the more than 765,000 people of the 2nd Congressional District and my colleagues, I once again thank him for his service and wish him, Alice, and their family every blessing in the years ahead.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BARRY MOORE

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 12, 2025

Mr. MOORE of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, on Roll Call No. 331, I mistakenly voted YEA when I intended to vote NAY.

OPPOSITION TO PERMITTING BILLS

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 12, 2025

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to the slate of permitting bills that the Republican majority has brought to the House Floor this week. These bills roll back vital protections that ensure our constituents have access to clean air and water, and can weigh in on projects that will affect the health of their selves, their families, and their community.

Make no mistake, the six bills before the House this week are not a commonsense, bipartisan permitting package. They are the latest attempt for President Trump and Congressional Republicans to roll back protections for our environment so that their big oil and gas friends can “drill, baby, drill” without consequence or punishment.

Republicans claim that H.R. 3893, the PERMIT Act, just cuts unnecessary bureaucratic red tape. That is false. In reality, the PERMIT Act is a partisan package of over a dozen bills that roll back the Clean Water Act, further weakening protections on our rivers, lakes, streams, and wetlands. This bill protects polluters from responsibility for treating toxic pollution in their waste stream like lead, mercury, selenium, PFAS, and arsenic. If enacted, the PERMIT Act will lead to an increase in the unregulated discharge of these harmful chemicals into local bodies of water.

In addition to the PERMIT Act, House Republicans have brought five additional bills forward that will raise prices for consumers and prioritize polluters over the American people. Let me tell you just how bad these bills are:

H.R. 3668 would strip states of their ability to enforce their own clean water laws concerning natural gas pipelines.

H.R. 3628 would force states to show arbitrary preference for fossil fuels over clean, cheap energy.

H.R. 3638 would require the Department of Energy (DOE) to issue a supply chain report, asking DOE to do more with less after Elon Musk and DOGE forced out 3,500 DOE employees and put the agency's capacity to write such a report in doubt. If Republicans are concerned about energy supply chains, they should start by repealing the One Big Beautiful

Bill Act, which attacked tax credits and programs designed to strengthen our supply chains.

H.R. 3616 would grant the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) unprecedented power to veto or demand changes to any federal agency action, including environmental rules.

H.R. 3632 would force old, expensive power plants to stay online for up to five years after their scheduled retirement date, sending already-high electricity bills through the roof.

Mr. Speaker, these bills do not exist in a vacuum. We are considering these bills in the wake of Trump Administration actions to cancel and stall clean energy projects. In October, President Trump canceled over \$7.5 billion in grants for 223 clean energy projects. President Trump canceled over \$714 million in funding for Minnesota. These grants would have funded battery storage for a more stable grid, modernized transmission lines, and funded a battery recycling education program at Macalester College.

My Republican colleagues want to talk about permitting reform? Let's talk about how President Trump is weaponizing the existing permitting process to freeze the approval of permits for onshore wind and solar projects, leaving thousands of megawatts of clean power in limbo at a time when demand for electricity is sky rocking. If Republicans succeed in passing these bills and gutting protections for our communities and environment, it will mean that oil and gas companies have an easier pathway to polluting the land, air, and water we all rely on.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to oppose all six of these bills. I once again urge the Republican House Majority to stop bringing these harmful bills that fast-track fossil fuel projects, restrict communities' ability to challenge harmful development, and work to undermine clean energy development. This is not the way to improve Americans' lives.

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF LCL TRANSPORT

HON. TONY WIED

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 12, 2025

Mr. WIED. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize the 100th anniversary of LCL Transit, a Wisconsin-based, family-owned company in Green Bay.

LCL Transit's story began in Sobieski, Wisconsin, when Joe Pomproicz bought a small pickup in the 1920's to deliver groceries from his mother's store. In 1926, Joe Pomproicz and his future wife, Helen VanderLinden, founded LCL Transit with a used REO Speed Wagon and an innovative idea to haul fresh fish overnight to Chicago—the first truck from Northeast Wisconsin to do so. Helen's business sense and Joe's innovative mindset attracted major customers and expanded rapidly after a 1927 meeting with their soon-to-be largest customer, J.L. Kraft.

Over the next two decades, LCL acquired other trucking companies, and by 1967, the company operated over 200 tractors and trailers across 11 terminals. A strategic purchase in 1971 of O'Donnell Tank Lines in Elkhorn had moved LCL into food-grade liquid bulk, which