

However, the program participation criteria has caused uncertainty and inconsistencies for cities that rely on this support. Eligibility for the program is currently restricted to high-risk urban areas as determined by FEMA under the Urban Area Security Initiative program, under which the composition of jurisdictions can vary from year to year. This eligibility criteria led to some jurisdictions being funded and supported by the Securing the Cities program in one year but not the next. The inconsistency has caused great harm.

This bill clears up the eligibility criteria for the program so that it can be a steady, reliable source of support for cities. It removes the statutory requirement restricting participation in the program to areas designated by FEMA. Instead, it requires Homeland Security's Office of Countering Weapons of Mass Destruction to decide which cities to partner with for the program based on the jurisdiction's capability and capacity to prepare and respond to terrorist attacks and other high-consequence events.

This legislation also sets performance metrics and goals for the Department of Homeland Security to report back to Congress.

Through these changes, the Securing the Cities Improvement Act offers a more targeted and effective approach to national security preparedness and response. It ensures that our cities that need support are reliably equipped with advanced detection technologies and will have the infrastructure and training to utilize them ready at hand.

Last Congress, this bill passed the House and the Senate's Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee, and I hope it will be signed into law this Congress.

Passing this legislation is a proactive step toward safeguarding our citizens from the unimaginable. By enhancing our detection and response capabilities, we deter adversaries from contemplating radiological or nuclear attacks and reassure the public that our commitment to their safety is sound, real, and committed.

In memory of the lives lost in New Orleans and in recognition of ever-present and evolving threats, I urge my colleagues to support the Securing the Cities Improvement Act.

Let's honor the victims by taking decisive action to protect our Nation from future atrocities and future acts of cowardice. We are America. We stand firm in our protection.

Mr. Speaker, I encourage my colleagues to join me in supporting H.R. 1374.

Mr. GREEN of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, I have no more speakers, and I am prepared to close after the gentleman from California closes.

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

Mr. Speaker, let me start by thanking Mr. CARTER for H.R. 1374. This legislation will play a critical role in en-

suring that our local jurisdictions maintain the ability to detect and respond to chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear threats.

Without initiatives like this legislation, the STC, efforts to combat these dangers could be significantly hindered or even discontinued, putting the safety and security of our communities, taxpayers, and citizens at risk.

Passage of this legislation is very essential to preserving our national readiness and to strengthen security against emerging threats and those who would do us harm.

Mr. Speaker, I strongly encourage my colleagues to support H.R. 1374, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. GREEN of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time.

Mr. Speaker, I again urge my colleagues to support H.R. 1374, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. GREEN) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 1374.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO IRAN—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (H. DOC. NO. 119-25)

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following message from the President of the United States; which was read and, together with the accompanying papers, referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed:

*To the Congress of the United States:*

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, within 90 days prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent to the *Federal Register* for publication the enclosed notice stating that the national emergency with respect to Iran that was declared on March 15, 1995, is to continue in effect beyond March 15, 2025.

The actions and policies of the Government of Iran continue to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security, foreign policy, and economy of the United States. Therefore, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency declared in Executive Order 12957 with respect to Iran and to main-

tain in force comprehensive sanctions against Iran to respond to this threat.

DONALD J. TRUMP,  
THE WHITE HOUSE, March 7, 2025.

#### RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until approximately 6:30 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 5 o'clock and 13 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1830

#### AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. MURPHY) at 6 o'clock and 30 minutes p.m.

#### COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, March 6, 2025.

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

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on March 6, 2025, at 4:42 p.m.:

That the Senate passed S. 524.

That the Senate passed S.J. Res. 3.

That the Senate passed S.J. Res. 28.

That the Senate agreed to Relative to the death of the Honorable David Lyle Boren, former United States Senator from the State of Oklahoma S. Res. 115.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

KEVIN F. MCCUMBER,  
Clerk.

#### 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:

Motions to suspend the rules and pass:

H.R. 495;

H.R. 901; and

H.R. 993.

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.

#### SUBTERRANEAN BORDER DEFENSE ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 495) to require annual reports

on counter illicit cross-border tunnel operations, and for other purposes, 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 motion offered by the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. GREEN) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 402, nays 1, not voting 29, as follows:

[Roll No. 63]  
YEAS—402

Adams	Crow	Harris (MD)
Aderholt	Cuellar	Harris (NC)
Aguilar	Dauids (KS)	Harshbarger
Alford	Davidson	Hayes
Allen	Davis (IL)	Hern (OK)
Amo	Davis (NC)	Higgins (LA)
Amodei (NV)	De La Cruz	Hill (AR)
Ansari	Dean (PA)	Hinson
Arrington	DeGette	Horsford
Babin	DeLauro	Houchin
Bacon	DelBene	Houlahan
Baird	Deluzio	Hoyer
Balderson	DeSaulnier	Hoyle (OR)
Balint	DesJarlais	Hudson
Barr	Dexter	Huffman
Barragán	Diaz-Balart	Huizenga
Barrett	Dingell	Hurd (CO)
Baumgartner	Donalds	Issa
Bean (FL)	Downing	Ivey
Beatty	Dunn (FL)	Jack
Begich	Edwards	Jackson (IL)
Bell	Elfreth	Jackson (TX)
Bentz	Ellzey	Jacobs
Bera	Emmer	James
Bergman	Escobar	Jayapal
Beyer	Espallat	Jeffries
Bice	Estes	Johnson (GA)
Biggs (AZ)	Evans (CO)	Johnson (LA)
Biggs (SC)	Evans (PA)	Johnson (SD)
Bilirakis	Ezell	Johnson (TX)
Bishop	Fallon	Jordan
Bonamici	Fedorchak	Joyce (OH)
Bost	Feenstra	Joyce (PA)
Boyle (PA)	Fields	Kaptur
Brecheen	Figures	Kean
Bresnahan	Finstad	Keating
Brown	Fischbach	Kelly (IL)
Brownley	Fitzgerald	Kelly (MS)
Buchanan	Fitzpatrick	Kelly (PA)
Budzinski	Fleischmann	Kennedy (NY)
Burchett	Fletcher	Kennedy (UT)
Burlison	Flood	Khanna
Bynum	Fong	Kigkans (VA)
Calvert	Foster	Kiley (CA)
Cammack	Foushee	Kim
Carbajal	Fox	Knott
Carey	Frankel, Lois	Krishnamoorthi
Carson	Franklin, Scott	Kustoff
Carter (GA)	Friedman	LaHood
Carter (LA)	Frost	LaLota
Carter (TX)	Fry	Landsman
Case	Fulcher	Langworthy
Casten	Garamendi	Larsen (WA)
Castor (FL)	Garbarino	Larson (CT)
Castro (TX)	Garcia (IL)	Latimer
Cherfilus-	Garcia (TX)	Latta
McCormick	Gill (TX)	Lawler
Chu	Gillen	Lee (FL)
Ciscomani	Gimenez	Lee (NV)
Cisneros	Golden (ME)	Lee (PA)
Clark (MA)	Goldman (TX)	Leger Fernandez
Clarke (NY)	Gomez	Levin
Cleaver	Gonzales, Tony	Lieu
Cline	Gonzalez, V.	Lofgren
Cloud	Gooden	Lucas
Clyburn	Goodlander	Luna
Clyde	Gosar	Luttrell
Cohen	Graves	Lynch
Cole	Gray	Mace
Collins	Green (TN)	Mackenzie
Comer	Green, Al (TX)	Malliotakis
Conaway	Greene (GA)	Maloy
Correa	Griffith	Mann
Costa	Grothman	Mannion
Courtney	Guest	Massie
Craig	Guthrie	Mast
Crane	Hageman	Matsui
Crank	Hamadeh (AZ)	McBath
Crawford	Harder (CA)	McBride
Crenshaw	Haridopolos	McCaul
Crockett	Harrigan	McClain

McClain Delaney	Perry	Stauber
McClellan	Peters	Stefanik
McClintock	Pettersen	Steil
McCollum	Pfluger	Steube
McCormick	Pingree	Stevens
McDonald Rivet	Pocan	Strickland
McDowell	Pou	Strong
McGarvey	Quigley	Stutzman
McGovern	Ramirez	Subramanyam
McGuire	Randall	Suozi
McIver	Reschenthaler	Swalwell
Meeks	Riley (NY)	Sykes
Menendez	Rivas	Takano
Messmer	Rogers (AL)	Taylor
Meuser	Rogers (KY)	Tenney
Mfume	Rose	Thanedar
Miller (IL)	Ross	Thompson (CA)
Miller (OH)	Rouzer	Thompson (MS)
Miller (WV)	Roy	Thompson (PA)
Miller-Meeks	Ruiz	Tiffany
Mills	Rulli	Titus
Min	Rutherford	Tokuda
Moolenaar	Ryan	Tonko
Moore (AL)	Salazar	Torres (CA)
Moore (NC)	Salinas	Torres (NY)
Moore (UT)	Sánchez	Trahan
Moore (WV)	Scalise	Tran
Moran	Scanlon	Turner (OH)
Morelle	Schakowsky	Underwood
Morrison	Schmidt	Valadao
Hoyer	Schneider	Van Drew
Moulton	Scholten	Van Dуйne
Mrvan	Schrier	Vargas
Murphy	Schweikert	Vasquez
Nadler	Scott (VA)	Veasey
Neal	Scott, Austin	Velázquez
Neguse	Scott, David	Vindman
Nehls	Self	Walberg
Newhouse	Sessions	Wasserman
Norcross	Sewell	Schultz
Norman	Sherman	Waters
Shreve	Shreve	Watson Coleman
Simon	Simon	Weber (TX)
Simpson	Simpson	Webster (FL)
Smith (MO)	Smith (MO)	Westerman
Smith (NE)	Smith (NE)	Whitesides
Smith (NJ)	Smith (NJ)	Wied
Smith (WA)	Smith (WA)	Williams (GA)
Smucker	Smucker	Williams (TX)
Sorensen	Sorensen	Witman
Soto	Soto	Womack
Spartz	Spartz	Yakym
Stansbury	Stansbury	Zinke
Stanton	Stanton	

NAYS—1

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NOT VOTING—29

Auchincloss	Hunt	Nunn (IA)
Boebert	Kamlager-Dove	Pressley
Casar	LaMalfa	Raskin
Connolly	Letlow	Sherrill
Doggett	Liccardo	Timmons
Garcia (CA)	Loudermilk	Van Orden
Goldman (NY)	Magaziner	Wagner
Gottheimer	Meng	Wilson (FL)
Grijalva	Moore (WI)	Wilson (SC)
Himes	Mullin	

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

□ 1851

Mr. CLYBURN changed his vote from “nay” to “yea.”

So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

RESEARCH SECURITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY IN DHS ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. GIMENEZ). Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 901) to require the

Under Secretary of the Science and Technology Directorate of the Department of Homeland Security to develop a Department-wide policy and process to safeguard research and development from unauthorized access to or disclosure of sensitive information in research and development acquisitions, and for other purposes, 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 motion offered by the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. GREEN) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill.

This is a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 410, nays 1, not voting 21, as follows:

[Roll No. 64]  
YEAS—410

Adams	Collins	Golden (ME)
Aderholt	Comer	Goldman (TX)
Aguilar	Conaway	Gomez
Alford	Connolly	Gonzales, Tony
Allen	Correa	Gonzalez, V.
Amo	Costa	Gooden
Amodei (NV)	Courtney	Goodlander
Ansari	Craig	Gosar
Arrington	Crane	Graves
Babin	Crank	Gray
Bacon	Crenshaw	Green (TN)
Baird	Crockett	Green, Al (TX)
Balderson	Crow	Greene (GA)
Balint	Cuellar	Griffith
Barr	Dauids (KS)	Grothman
Barragán	Davidson	Guest
Barrett	Davis (IL)	Guthrie
Baumgartner	De La Cruz	Hageman
Bean (FL)	Dean (PA)	Hamadeh (AZ)
Beatty	DeGette	Harder (CA)
Begich	DeLauro	Harrigan
Bell	DelBene	Harris (MD)
Bentz	Deluzio	Harris (NC)
Bera	DeSaulnier	Harshbarger
Bergman	DesJarlais	Hayes
Beyer	Dexter	Hern (OK)
Bice	Diaz-Balart	Higgins (LA)
Biggs (AZ)	Dingell	Hill (AR)
Biggs (SC)	Doggett	Himes
Bilirakis	Donalds	Hinson
Bishop	Downing	Horsford
Bonamici	Dunn (FL)	Houchin
Bost	Edwards	Houlahan
Boyle (PA)	Elfreth	Hoyer
Brecheen	Ellzey	Hoyle (OR)
Bresnahan	Emmer	Hudson
Brown	Escobar	Huffman
Brownley	Espallat	Huizenga
Buchanan	Estes	Hurd (CO)
Budzinski	Evans (CO)	Issa
Burchett	Evans (PA)	Ivey
Burlison	Ezell	Jack
Bynum	Fedorchak	Jackson (IL)
Calvert	Feenstra	Jackson (TX)
Cammack	Fields	Jacobs
Carbajal	Figures	James
Carey	Finstad	Jayapal
Carson	Fischbach	Jeffries
Carter (GA)	Fitzgerald	Johnson (GA)
Carter (LA)	Fitzpatrick	Johnson (LA)
Carter (TX)	Fleischmann	Johnson (SD)
Casar	Fletcher	Johnson (TX)
Case	Flood	Jordan
Casten	Fong	Joyce (OH)
Castor (FL)	Foster	Joyce (PA)
Castro (TX)	Foushee	Kamlager-Dove
Cherfilus-	Fox	Kaptur
McCormick	Frankel, Lois	Kean
Chu	Franklin, Scott	Keating
Ciscomani	Friedman	Kelly (IL)
Cisneros	Frost	Kelly (MS)
Clark (MA)	Fry	Kennedy (NY)
Clarke (NY)	Fulcher	Kennedy (UT)
Cleaver	Garamendi	Khanna
Cline	Garbarino	Kigkans (VA)
Cloud	Garcia (IL)	Kiley (CA)
Clyburn	Garcia (TX)	Kim
Clyde	Gill (TX)	Knott
Cohen	Gillen	Krishnamoorthi
Cole	Gimenez	Kustoff