

Mr. KENNEDY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a towering figure in the fight for justice, civil rights, and equality, Dr. Hazel Dukes, a trailblazer whose impact will be felt for generations to come and a dear friend and mentor.

For decades, Dr. Dukes was a force of nature, dedicating her life to the advancement of people of color and all Americans in the unyielding pursuit of social and economic justice.

As the longtime president of the NAACP New York State Conference, she led with extraordinary courage, wisdom, and an unwavering commitment to the cause of equality. From 1990 to 1992, she carried that leadership to the national stage as president of the NAACP, steering the organization through a pivotal era in the ongoing struggle for civil rights.

She was not just an advocate. She was a warrior fighting on the front lines for fairness, dignity, and opportunity for all. From her early days pushing for desegregation to her tireless work empowering marginalized communities, Dr. Dukes was a guiding light, illuminating the path toward justice for countless Americans.

Dr. Dukes' influence extended far beyond the NAACP. She shaped policy, broke down barriers, and lifted up those who too often had been left behind. She never wavered, never backed down, and never stopped believing in the power of collective action to change the world.

New York and our entire Nation are stronger because of her relentless dedication to equality and fairness. Her legacy is one of courage, resilience, and an unshakable belief in what is right.

Let us honor her memory not just with words but with action by continuing her fight and working toward a future where justice is not just an aspiration but a reality for all.

May Dr. Hazel Dukes rest in peace and power.

CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF MA DUKES

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

Mr. MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I am deeply saddened today for the passing of Dr. Hazel Dukes. We called her Ma Dukes.

Ma Dukes' lifelong commitment to equality, from breaking racial barriers in New York to leading the NAACP at the national and State levels, has left an indelible mark on our society. She was a trailblazer. For many of us, she was our present-day Sojourner Truth.

In 1966, Ma Dukes became the first Black woman employed at the Nassau County Attorney's Office. Her tireless work for voting rights, fair housing, education, and economic development uplifted countless individuals and communities. Through her leadership and determination, she not only changed policies but also inspired generations to continue the fight for justice.

While words cannot fully ease the pain of such great loss, I find comfort in the extraordinary legacy that she leaves behind. May her memory continue to inspire us all to carry forward the work she so passionately championed.

As all of us grieve in the State of New York and across America, we find peace in the words of Psalms 34:18: "The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit."

May His presence bring strength, wisdom, and healing to all who are mourning the loss of the great Ma Dukes, a woman of warmth, wisdom, and unwavering dedication to those she served. Her impact has extended beyond her advocacy. She was a mentor, friend, and guiding force to me and so many others.

THANKING DR. HAZEL DUKES

(Mr. MANNION asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. MANNION. Mr. Speaker, like many who have met Dr. Hazel Dukes, you will remember the first time that you meet her, for she is a force and her presence is pronounced.

For me, it was at a dinner at the Rome, New York, NAACP, which was an area that was new to me. When I had a chance to speak with Dr. Dukes, she was warm and welcoming. She held my hands and said to me: "You are on the right side of history, and it is always the right time to do what is right. I am confident that you will be successful." Like many words that Dr. Dukes spoke in her lifetime, she was also correct, just, and right.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Dr. Dukes for her service, her faith in me, and her faith in the American Dream and American values.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.J. RES. 25, PROVIDING FOR CONGRESSIONAL DISAPPROVAL OF THE RULE SUBMITTED BY THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE RELATING TO "GROSS PROCEEDS REPORTING BY BROKERS THAT REGULARLY PROVIDE SERVICES EFFECTUATING DIGITAL ASSET SALES"; PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 1156, PANDEMIC UNEMPLOYMENT FRAUD ENFORCEMENT ACT; PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 1968, FULL-YEAR CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS AND EXTENSIONS ACT, 2025; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Mrs. FISCHBACH. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 211 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 211

Resolved, That upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to consider in the

House the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 25) providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Internal Revenue Service relating to "Gross Proceeds Reporting by Brokers That Regularly Provide Services Effectuating Digital Asset Sales". All points of order against consideration of the joint resolution are waived. The joint resolution shall be considered as read. All points of order against provisions in the joint resolution are waived. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the joint resolution and on any amendment thereto to final passage without intervening motion except: (1) one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means or their respective designees; and (2) one motion to recommit.

SEC. 2. Upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to consider in the House the bill (H.R. 1156) to amend the CARES Act to extend the statute of limitations for fraud under certain unemployment programs, and for other purposes. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived. The amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Ways and Means now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted. The bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. All points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended, are waived. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill, as amended, and on any further amendment thereto, to final passage without intervening motion except: (1) one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means or their respective designees; and (2) one motion to recommit.

SEC. 3. Upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to consider in the House the bill (H.R. 1968) making further continuing appropriations and other extensions for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025, and for other purposes. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived. The amendment printed in the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution shall be considered as adopted. The bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. All points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended, are waived. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill, as amended, and on any further amendment thereto, to final passage without intervening motion except: (1) one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations or their respective designees; and (2) one motion to recommit.

SEC. 4. Each day for the remainder of the first session of the 119th Congress shall not constitute a calendar day for purposes of section 202 of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622) with respect to a joint resolution terminating a national emergency declared by the President on February 1, 2025.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentlewoman from Minnesota is recognized for 1 hour.

Mrs. FISCHBACH. Mr. Speaker, for the purpose of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. MCGOVERN), pending which I yield myself such time as I may consume. During consideration of this resolution, all time yielded is for the purpose of debate only.

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GENERAL LEAVE

Mrs. FISCHBACH. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members

may have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks.

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

There was no objection.

Mrs. FISCHBACH. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, we are here to debate the rule providing for consideration for H.J. Res. 25, H.R. 1156, and the continuing resolution.

The rule provides for H.J. Res. 25 and H.R. 1156 to be considered under a closed rule. One hour of debate for each bill shall be equally divided and controlled by the chair and the ranking member of the Ways and Means Committee, or their designees. The rule provides for a motion to recommit for both bills.

The rule also provides for H.R. 1968 to be considered under a closed rule. One hour of debate shall be equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking member of the Appropriations Committee or their designees. The rule provides for one motion to recommit for this bill.

Mr. Speaker, House Republicans want to keep America open for business. I would like to believe nobody in this Chamber wants a government shutdown, and the bill we are considering today would keep the government fully funded through September 30. This will ensure that there are no disruptions to veterans' healthcare services and benefits or to Social Security, Medicare, or Medicaid.

It invests in defense personnel with the largest pay raise for junior enlisted troops in over 40 years. It includes funding for the Toxic Exposures Fund to treat veterans who have experienced service-related exposure to toxic substances. This bill fully funds the program that provides key nutrition assistance for mothers, infants, and children and increases funding for the WIC program. It increases funding for the FAA.

There are no poison pills in this bill. It is a clean CR that fully funds the government. A shutdown would mean small businesses cannot get their Federal loans, national parks would close, and assistance programs for families would quickly run out.

There is nothing controversial in here for my Democrat colleagues to vote against, but I am certain many of them will. My colleagues on the other side of the aisle have taken to fear-mongering. They are okay with the chaos of a government shutdown because they cannot see past their blind hatred for President Trump.

We are also here today to discuss legislation to repeal a misguided Biden rule that requires decentralized finance platforms to file a Form 1099-DA. This would include disclosing taxpayer information and transaction details these platforms currently do not collect. This rule demonstrates a lack of understanding about how decentralized

currencies and the platforms they are traded on actually work. Misguided policies like this need to be repealed, and that is what this CRA will do.

Finally, we are here to debate the Pandemic Unemployment Fraud Enforcement Act, which was introduced by the Ways and Means chairman, Mr. JASON SMITH, to extend the statute of limitations for prosecuting unemployment insurance fraud that took place under the CARES Act. Currently, the statute of limitations is 5 years, which means many of these would expire at the end of this month. Unfortunately, we saw a wide range of fraud and abuse taking place in this federally funded unemployment insurance program, and more time is needed to root it all out.

This bill, which extends the statute of limitations to 10 years, is a clear example of the House's commitment to removing waste, fraud, and abuse from the Federal Government. Anyone who is serious about protecting taxpayer dollars should agree that simply giving law enforcement the ability to continue to investigate and prosecute fraudsters is a commonsense proposal.

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

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume, and I thank the gentleman from Minnesota (Mrs. FISCHBACH) for yielding me the customary 30 minutes.

Mr. Speaker, as we speak, prices are going up, inflation is up, groceries are up. I saw eggs for \$10 recently. Used car prices are up, other than Teslas. Those seem much cheaper these days for some reason.

Energy prices are up 25 percent in the gentleman's home State of Minnesota. Energy prices have increased 25 percent for her constituents thanks to Trump's tariffs that she is supporting by bringing this rule to the floor. Boy, I am just glad she is not my Representative.

Meanwhile, Elon Musk was on Fox Business this morning. He is not talking about food prices or energy prices. He is talking about how he wants to eliminate entitlements. This is the guy that called Social Security a Ponzi scheme and the guy that is laying off people at Social Security offices already. Maybe Elon doesn't know this, but Social Security is not an entitlement. It is a program that people have spent their entire life paying into. Shame on him.

Mr. Speaker, maybe Elon needs to watch the news instead of going on it because what else is going down is consumer confidence. People are waking up to the fact that Trump's trade war is going to hurt them in their pocket-books. The stock market is going down. People in this country are starting to panic because their retirement accounts are dropping.

Planes are going down. We have had several major accidents and several close calls. We just learned that Elon Musk, the guy whose rocket just exploded in midair this weekend, wants

to fire air traffic controllers. Make that make sense.

Republicans are doing nothing about any of it. Trump spent 2 minutes in his 2-hour lecture last week talking about lowering prices. Republicans now bring to the floor this CR, basically a blank check to Trump and Musk, that says keep doing what the President and Musk are doing. We are all fine with it. No way.

My Republican friends want to pretend like this is a clean CR. It is 99 pages, for God's sake. A CR is pretty simple. The government gets funded at the same levels. Calling this CR clean is laughable. This bill cuts healthcare for veterans. Mr. Speaker, \$23 billion is ripped away from veterans exposed to burn pits and Agent Orange.

This bill defunds the police. I guess my Republican friends only care about the police when they need their votes because this CR takes money away from the police. What is another word for taking money away? It is defunding.

This CR helps fire thousands of Social Security workers, forcing seniors to wait longer for their benefits that they have earned. That is what House Republicans are trying to jam through on the floor right now. The brazenness that Musk and Trump have when going after Social Security takes my breath away.

They tried to close down a Social Security office in Chairman TOM COLE's district in Oklahoma. That is nuts. He is one of the most senior Republicans in Congress, a Republican, the chairman of the House Committee on Appropriations, and Elon went after his constituents. Chairman COLE was able to stop it.

What about the rest of the country? God help them if their Congressman doesn't run a powerful committee because that means there is nothing to stop Elon Musk from coming after their Social Security.

Republicans are really, really hoping I don't bring up this last part. Guess what they tucked into this rule, hoping nobody would notice? They did this after everyone went home. They slipped in a little clause, letting them escape from ever having to debate or vote on Trump's tariffs. Isn't that clever?

Trump's trade war will result in one of the largest, if not the largest, tax increase on American families ever. This rule gives him the ability to do it without a vote in Congress.

I get it. They are already hiding from their voters, running away from their own townhalls, slipping out the back doors because they are afraid of being held accountable for their own's actions.

Guess what, Mr. Speaker. People don't send us here to hide. They send us here to fight for them, and they send us here to vote.

Democrats are not going to be complicit in voting to screw over America's veterans. We are not going

to be complicit in voting to screw over our senior citizens on Social Security. We are not going to be complicit in taking money away from first responders. We are sure as hell not going to be silent when it comes to this administration's BS and their corruption.

What we are going to do is we are going to show up in our communities. We going to stand up for veterans. We are going to speak up for people on Medicaid and Social Security. We are going to put up one hell of a fight when it comes to the middle-class families who are counting on us to fight for them. I urge a "no" vote on this disgraceful rule and a "no" vote on the underlying legislation.

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

Mrs. FISCHBACH. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I would just like to take a minute to address one thing out of that entire rant because it is categorically false.

The Community Oriented Policing Services, COPS, program maintains a consistent level under this CR. The only variation in levels reflects the removal of previously enacted FY24 community project funding allocations which are separate from the main programming.

Claims that the COPS program has been defunded to zero are categorically false. Unlike the Democrats, Republicans remain committed to supporting law enforcement and ensuring public safety. I wanted to address that one thing.

Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. NORMAN), my Rules Committee colleague.

Mr. NORMAN. Mr. Speaker, it is really laughable for the listening audience and those watching on TV to hear my good friend, Mr. MCGOVERN, talk about defunding the police. They are the party that wanted to defund the police. Their Vice Presidential candidate put up money to pay the rioters to get out of jail.

Mr. MCGOVERN talked about the military. We have had 4 years of a Biden administration that ran the military off with the wokeness in DEI. Enrollments are up at record levels. President Trump has been in office now for 49 days. Look what he has done.

My friend mentioned cutting Social Security. There is nothing about Social Security that is in this bill. My friend mentioned or I guess will mention cutting Medicaid. There is nothing about cutting Medicaid in here.

What they are doing is using scare tactics, but the American people aren't buying it. The Democrats had 4 years to have their way with the government and look what it brought. It brought high taxes, high gas prices, and high egg prices.

Why did 77 million people vote them out of office? It was because of their policies. President Trump in 49 days is bringing it back.

If the Democrats get back in control, the main thing they will try to get a concession on is to defund—they keep saying "billionaire Elon Musk." I am sorry. Elon Musk didn't make it from government. He made it from producing a product.

Guess what he has had the mind and the genius to find. The Democrats support these things that he found in the different agencies, mainly leading off with USAID.

Mr. Speaker, I want everybody to listen to see if they agree with this. For the taxpayers, what Elon Musk found was \$2 billion, which was part of a greenhouse gas emission fund. Guess where it went. It went to Stacey Abrams. Is that where the taxpayers want their money spent?

There was \$1 million to the Social Security Administration's Gender X initiative marker. Is that where the taxpayers want their money to go?

There was \$45 million for a diversity, equity, and inclusion scholarship in Burma. How does that work?

There was \$182 million in Health and Human Services contracts including \$168,000 for an Anthony Fauci exhibit at the NIH.

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Folks, this would be funny if it wasn't so serious, \$2.5 million to promote inclusion in Vietnam.

I am not going to waste the time, but this is just a short list of how this President under Elon Musk is identifying waste, fraud, and abuse.

All the things that you are saying are just not true. I sat through this. You mentioned this was like needles in your eyes. Hearing you say these things is worse than that because it is just untrue.

What this bill does is it extends funding—and I am typically not for CRs; it is no way to do business—but it extends funding with fixed spending at 2024 levels. It includes anomalies requested by the Trump administration to support immigration enforcement efforts to deport criminals.

Their party was the one that opened the gates to America. How is that working out? How about the deaths occurring? We had the mothers and fathers of victims in this audience for the joint session, and guess who didn't stand. Nobody in your party stood. No one had the decency to stand up for the little boy with cancer who wanted to be a police officer.

These anomalies increase defense discretionary spending by \$6 billion. It cuts nondefense discretionary spending by \$13 billion. It reduces the overall Federal spending for fiscal year '25 below the '24 levels. Guess what. Do you remember the 87,000 IRS agents that were going to harass the taxpayers? This bill cuts \$20 billion out of it. It does away with it.

This President is just getting started.

I doubt we will have any support from the Democratic side, which I

don't expect. This bill is going to pass, and the country is in better shape. You had your time 4 years ago, and how did that work out for the American people? It didn't work out too good. I fully support this bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to direct their remarks to the Chair.

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, the gentleman wants to talk about grocery prices? Read the room, man, or better yet, visit a grocery store. Give me a break.

Mr. Speaker, if we defeat the previous question, I will offer an amendment to the rule to bring up H.R. 1974, a short-term continuing resolution that keeps the government funded through April 11.

Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to insert the text of my amendment into the RECORD, along with any extraneous material, immediately prior to the vote on the previous question.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, to discuss our proposal, I yield 2 minutes to the gentlewoman from Minnesota (Ms. MCCOLLUM).

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to this full-year CR.

This bill abdicates our constitutional responsibilities to direct funding and it gives it to Elon Musk and Mr. Trump. It undercuts the separations of powers in our Constitution.

This CR cuts \$13 billion from domestic priorities that Americans rely on. Let's talk specifically about the \$2.2 billion reduction to healthcare. Here are a few examples: \$280 million cut from NIH means cuts to research and clinical trials. Fewer lives will be saved.

The bill removes congressional directions for CDC funding. That is how we detect and control health threats at home and abroad.

There is an \$891 million reduction to HHS investments. That will lead to more healthcare workforce shortages.

The ramifications of these cuts will be felt everywhere but especially by the most vulnerable Americans who are already hurting from the illegal cuts Elon Musk is making to healthcare grants and research.

This CR includes a \$17 million reduction to Indian Health Service facilities, which are already falling apart.

The bill shortchanges our veterans by failing to include \$22 billion in advance funding for the VA Toxic Exposure Fund. That jeopardizes the healthcare of our veterans exposed to burn pits and Agent Orange.

The bill cuts DOD medical research by over \$850 million. This will obstruct new cures for cancer and infectious diseases. These just aren't funding cuts. The Republicans are cutting cures and treatments and hopes for healthier American families.

This is before we know what Elon Musk has in store for Social Security disability, Medicaid, and Medicare. A full-year CR is a disaster, and it does not have to be this way.

The American people deserve better.

I urge my colleagues to defeat this PQ and bring forward a short-term CR, and let's get to work.

Mrs. FISCHBACH. Mr. Speaker, I yield 5 minutes to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. ROY), my colleague from the Rules Committee.

Mr. ROY. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman for yielding.

So here we are again. My colleagues on the other side of the aisle, who constantly always talk about the need to support a CR to "keep the lights on" now find themselves in the curious position of not wanting to have the lights on because they don't like what is happening. So they don't want the lights to be on because you have got people in the executive branch who have taken seriously the election mandate that was given to the President of the United States to end the absurdity of nonstop wasteful spending and the ridiculousness of expenditures like \$32,000 for a transgender comic book in Peru.

That is the kind of stuff that makes the American people's heads explode. There are hundreds of these examples. I can sit here and list them. The fact is this stuff is getting exposed in real time. The American people are seeing it, and now my colleagues on the other side of the aisle are trying to run from it.

That is why they don't like this bill. That is why they want to have a shutdown. After all of these years of decrying the possibility of a shutdown, you are seeing all over the news today talk about the possibility of a Schumer shutdown. What you are talking about there are news article after news article such as *The Hill*, February 11, "Democrats step up talk about using shutdown as leverage against Donald Trump": "A Democratic Senator who requested anonymity . . . said . . . the March 14 deadline may be the best 'leverage' they have," and *The Guardian*, February 15, "Democrats in Congress see potential shutdown as leverage to counter Trump."

I can insert into the RECORD dozens of these stories because the fact of the matter is the gig is up. It is much like how the American people were able to see the absolute and rampant corruption of our education system during COVID. When everything was shut down, they were watching their kids and they saw these screens, and they said what on Earth are they being taught? Suddenly the American people saw the reality of our broken education system. They saw the fraud that was perpetrated by Anthony Fauci on the American people in shutting down their way of life.

Now, you have got Democrats who are being exposed for having continuously funded this largess and this bu-

reaucracy that is completely indefensible. The American people are tired of having their tax dollars taken and dollars being borrowed by an endless stream of borrowing by this Congress. Now, you have got a Congress that is willing to work with the President to stop it, to stand up and say this is enough.

What are we putting in place? We are putting in place, oh, the horror, a spending freeze. Oh, can you believe that the Federal Government might need to tighten its belt and have a spending freeze? My colleagues on the other side of the aisle want to bring out these parades of horrors, that somehow this is a massive number of cuts because only in Washington is that a cut. You have got a spending freeze and holding basically spending in check for 2024. We have a bill that, by the way, pulls out earmarks, which are often replete with special wish lists. By the way, that is both sides of the aisle. We have got a bill here that is going to hold spending in check to allow us to do our job for the fiscal year '26 appropriations cycle between now and September.

By the way, it was Republicans who passed 5 appropriations bills off of the House floor last year and 12 appropriations bills out of committee last year. The previous year it was Republicans who passed 7 appropriations bills off the floor and all 12 out of committee. The Democrat-led Senate passed zero.

Do you want to know why we are where we are right now? It is because our Democratic colleagues in the Senate passed zero appropriations bills, not one.

So we came in here, and now Republicans have control of the House, the Senate, and the White House, and now we are trying to get things moving in the right direction, and our Democratic colleagues don't want to have any part of it. We are putting forward a commonsense measure. I understand why some of my conservative flank fiscal conservatives have concerns about a CR. I don't love CRs, but when you can have a CR that extends spending at 2024 levels for the next 6 months and empowers the President to be able to continue to do what they are doing, shining the light on spending restraint, shining the light on waste so that we can do our job and implement that—and, by the way, I will say that to both sides of the aisle. Both sides of the aisle need to take in that information and implement it when we do appropriations this year. We will move spending down, eliminate the waste. We will try to do something about the fact that in 2019 our entire budget was \$4.5 trillion, and today it is \$7 trillion.

My colleagues on the other side of the aisle have no answer to that besides, oh, magic tax cuts. You could literally confiscate the wealth of the wealthiest 1 percent of America and not dent what we have got in terms of \$36 trillion in debt. You would kill jobs and destroy the economy in the process.

That is the only answer my colleagues have to \$7 trillion in spending.

The fact of the matter is, this CR is responsible. It is fiscally appropriate. It will leave the lights on so the President and DOGE and Elon and Russ Vought of OMB can do their job, and I hope that my colleagues on this side of the aisle will support the rule.

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, that was an awful lot of words from the gentleman to announce that is he is caving and changing his position and finally supporting a CR.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Florida (Mr. MOSKOWITZ).

Mr. MOSKOWITZ. Mr. Speaker, that is exactly right. It is CR day on Capitol Hill, and what is going on with Republicans? I mean, President Trump puts out a tweet and says please and all a sudden they just flip-flop.

Let me mention some mean tweets about how Republicans feel about CRs when they are in the minority only. The first one is actually from the gentleman from Texas. It says: "It is Groundhog Day in the House Chamber—all the time, every day. Yet again, spending money we don't have" apparently only when he is in the minority.

Here is another one from a colleague comparing continuing resolutions to attending a P. Diddy party. In any given year, another colleague said that if Congress raises the debt ceiling, passes the CR, and rams through an omnibus bill, no Member of Congress should receive a paycheck. That is awkward for you guys. How many of you are going to give back your paycheck?

Another colleague said: I have never voted for a CR. You sent me to Congress to cut wasteful spending, and I am a woman of my word. You can guess who that is.

This is my favorite. What does a CR stand for? It stands for capitulating Republicans, caving Republicans. That was said by a Republican. You know what? I am going to miss the never CR group. I mean, they were great, but they are breaking up. It was great to see them live while there were together. They had lots of fans. I am going miss them. I mean, they were mostly a boy band. Some of them are going solo. It appears it is only THOMAS MASSIE. Something tells me there will be a reunion but only when they are in the minority.

To quote Representative MASSIE talking about Republicans: "I guess deficits only matter when we are in the minority." So, listen, go home to your families, turn in your voting cards, and give Trump the gavel because that is what has happened to your entire party. You don't need to be here. He tells you to do something, you jump.

What is going on in the world? Another Representative brought up what is going on in the world in the last 30 days. Let's see. Egg prices are up. Goods are up. The stock market is down.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are again reminded to address their remarks to the Chair.

Mrs. FISCHBACH. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. ROY), my colleague from the Rules Committee.

Mr. ROY. Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the sudden religion my colleagues on the other side of the aisle have found on spending restraint and the need to cut spending. I look forward to all the proposals that my colleagues will put forward on reducing significant amounts of spending and waste, fraud, and abuse. I will look for that press conference they will no doubt have some time this week.

I would also note that when we talk about continuing resolutions, what my colleague just failed to mention was the fact that literally every single Democrat voted for the CR that we just had in December, like literally every single Democrat except for one who I think maybe took a "present" vote.

The fact of the matter is it has nothing to do with that. The fact of the matter is for those of us who do not like CRs as a general principle, the fact is because Democrats literally wouldn't pass an appropriations bill out of the Senate, we are left doing the cleanup work of trying to figure out how to move forward while we have an administration that isn't at war with its own people when the previous administration was blatantly disregarding the well-being of the American people to have wide-open borders letting fentanyl and letting all manners of evil come into our country leading to the death and destruction of the people that I represent, people like Jocelyn Nungaray who lost her life to the hands of the Tren de Aragua because Joe Biden decided it was more important to let millions of people into this country in violation of our laws endangering the people.

That is why our bill has additional funding for ICE to make sure that we have got the beds to undo the damage that the Biden regime has carried out on the American people. Those are the actual facts. The fact of the matter is, no, you don't want to have a CR to continue the funding under Joe Biden because Joe Biden was at war with the American people.

Now, we have a present administration that is trying to do the job that they sent him there to do: secure the border of the United States; hold back spending; eliminate waste, fraud, and abuse; get this economy going again; get the regulations out of the way of the American people; and do the job they want us to do.

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Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from New York (Mr. MEEKS).

Mr. MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, the fact of the matter is that Donald Trump's policies are collapsing our economy. Unemployment is rising. The NASDAQ

had its worst day since the COVID crash. Millions of dollars in retirement savings have been wiped out in just weeks. The reason is clear: the Trump administration's reckless tariffs on our allies.

To impose these tariffs, Trump declared a made-up national emergency under the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, or IEEPA, but the law has a safeguard. Any Member can force a vote to terminate the emergency.

What happened? Speaker JOHNSON doesn't want a vote. Why? It would force Republicans to go on the record about Trump's tariffs. Instead, Speaker JOHNSON has rewritten the law in real time.

Here is what the rule says: "Each day for the remainder of the first session of the 119th Congress shall not constitute a calendar day." What? If you don't think that makes any sense, neither do I.

House Republicans are declaring that the days are no longer days and that time has literally stopped.

The Speaker is petrified that Members of this House will actually have to take a vote on lowering costs for the American people.

This is what the American people elected us to do, but now, because of Donald Trump's tariffs and because Republicans would have to take a tough vote, Speaker JOHNSON is stopping us from voting.

If Congress can't act to lower prices, protect retirement savings, and hold the President accountable, why are we even here? What are we doing here?

A "yes" vote on this rule is a vote for Trump's tariffs. A "yes" vote on this rule is a vote to keep prices high for American families. A "yes" vote is a vote to block Congress from doing its job to lower costs.

If you actually care about lowering costs, you should vote "no" on this rule.

Mrs. FISCHBACH. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I just want to point out that Democrats love to claim foul on Republicans for shutting off national emergencies, but they are cherry-picking the facts.

Let's take a look back at when we were in charge in the 117th Congress. They never allowed a vote on terminating the COVID national emergency. Mr. GOSAR introduced two separate national emergency disapproval resolutions, and Democrats, who were in control at the time, not only shut off consideration of those resolutions without a single vote, but they shut them off for the remaining 18 months of the Congress. Even 2 years after the COVID emergency was declared, Democrats still silenced the voices of Republicans who wanted to take a vote.

What is that saying again? Rules for thee but not for me.

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

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, the gentlewoman just conceded that this

rule would prevent the House from voting on Trump's tariffs, thereby resulting in the biggest tax increase on middle-class families that we have ever seen.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentlewoman from New Mexico (Ms. STANSBURY).

Ms. STANSBURY. Mr. Speaker, sometimes when I am standing in this Chamber, I literally cannot believe my ears, and I have to say that today is one of those days.

As we stand here on the floor today, I am hearing Members of the other side of the aisle who said they would never vote for a continuing resolution, that they would never vote to raise the debt, and that they would never vote for a bill that extends the debt ceiling say that we have to pass this bill.

I literally cannot believe my ears today because the GOP today is here with a great American bait and switch.

Let me explain what exactly is going on. Donald Trump spent the weekend calling our colleagues across the aisle, asking them to keep the government open until the end of the fiscal year so that they can get on with their real agenda. You all know what the real agenda is. The real agenda is that they are dismantling the Federal Government. They are firing tens of thousands of Federal workers, teachers, firefighters, veterans, military, and members of our community who are in crisis right now, and they are illegally impounding funds.

Meanwhile, my Republican colleagues who said they would never vote for anything like this are saying that they are going to vote for it because, on the side, Donald Trump is winking at them, and his people are telling them not to worry, if you pass this bill, we are going to continue to do all of that illegal activity. We can get on to the real work, which is dismantling our basic programs that support our communities.

They want to take away your Medicaid. This weekend, Elon Musk said he wants to take away your Social Security. They want to dismantle housing programs. They want to dismantle food assistance programs. They are literally bait and switching the American people and abdicating their fundamental responsibility as Representatives of the people.

The people have spoken, my friends, and there is no number of townhalls that you can run away from to know that your people in your communities do not support your bait and switch.

I say to my GOP colleagues: Do your jobs.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. I want to commend the previous speaker on setting an excellent example on addressing remarks to the Chair. Thank you very much.

Add to that list now: Members are reminded to refrain from engaging in personalities toward the President.

Mrs. FISCHBACH. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I want to remind everyone that the people have spoken. They spoke in November. The Republicans are the majority in the House. The Republicans are the majority in the Senate. They elected President Trump. The people have spoken.

I would like to bring it back to what we are actually talking about today, and that is the rule in front of us. We are discussing the rule and the continuing resolution.

As my colleague from Texas mentioned, there was not a single “no” vote from Democrats for the continuing resolution in December. They are standing here today willing to shut down the government not because of anything substantive in the bill but because they believe that as long as they are acting against the Trump administration, against the elected President’s and Republicans’ agenda, then they must be doing the right thing.

Motivation by blind hatred, that is the Democratic Party that we have before us today.

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

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, this rule contains tariffs, and I don’t understand why the gentlewoman supports these tariffs. She represents a district with over 50,000 farmers, the second most of any Member of Congress.

During the last trade war started by Trump, American farmers lost \$27 billion in agricultural exports. It is farmers in the gentlewoman’s district who are being harmed by these tariffs, so I don’t understand why she supports them.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Florida (Mr. FROST).

Mr. FROST. Mr. Speaker, I think it is interesting that anytime my colleagues want to defend horrible moves by the Trump administration, whether they are trying to cut Medicare or cut Medicaid, they keep saying the people have spoken, without realizing that the people are speaking. That is why they continue to cancel their townhalls. They don’t want to hear what the people are saying right now.

Costs are at an all-time high. I came down here to tell people that if you are struggling to afford food, can’t pay rent, or the medical bills are stacking up, this bill will make your life worse. Why? To give tax cuts to billionaires and big corporations.

This bill sets up major cuts to Medicaid, which 60,000 children in my district rely on for healthcare. It steals from veterans, ripping away benefits. It steals from working people and families. It gives even more unchecked power to president Elon Musk and DOGE.

Recently, Musk said that Social Security is a Ponzi scheme. Every vote in favor of this bill endorses those words.

If my colleagues on the other side vote for this, go to your constituents and be loud and proud. Tell them that the program that they have paid into and worked on their entire life so they

can retire with dignity is a Ponzi scheme.

Republicans have been told by their leadership to stop doing townhalls. Why? The people are pissed off. They are scared. Many have been sold this BS lie that if we just give all the power to billionaires like Elon Musk, we will all be okay.

I have breaking news: The billionaires have always had immense power in this country, and it hasn’t worked out for us.

I am opposing today’s rule so we can stop the House from voting on the Republican Party spending bill that works to cut Medicaid and Medicare, Social Security, veterans benefits, and school lunches, all in favor of the ultrarich.

I know what it is like to not be able to pay for housing, to go into debt to just survive. We are not in this because people have lived beyond their means but because we have been denied the means to live.

Vote “no” on this rule.

Mrs. FISCHBACH. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

This is just another example of how talking points are written before they actually read the bill because this is about a government shutdown, plain and simple. We have to have the rule to pass the CR so that we can avoid a government shutdown.

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

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1½ minutes to the gentlewoman from Illinois (Mrs. RAMIREZ).

Mrs. RAMIREZ. Mr. Speaker, this is about the rule so that we can get to this continuing resolution or so-called continuing resolution.

Mr. Speaker, let me tell you what continuing resolutions are. They give Congress time to negotiate budget bills in the interest of the American people.

Let me be very clear that is not what Republicans want to do here. They are proposing we skip budget negotiations and give the Musk-Trump administration a slush fund.

Their actions prove that they have more respect for their billionaire bosses than they do for the Constitution. They are more willing to hand over their power to Trump and Musk than they are to defend the power of the people. They are more committed to enabling a bully than to standing up for their constituents.

That is what Trump and Musk are. They are bullies who use intimidation and retribution to get what they want. Trump under Musk, as my colleague said, they want it all. They want to disregard the law. They want to dismantle the agencies that serve the American people. They want to destroy the programs and services that Americans rely on.

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The bottom line is this: Republicans are using a shutdown to bully us into

giving Trump a blank check, no guardrails, Mr. Speaker, and 6 months to plunge us into further chaos. Yes, if we are in chaos, it is their fault. You control the House, you control the Senate, and you have your guy in the White House.

So let me be honest. I will not be bullied. The full-year slush fund CR is the red line.

I call on my colleagues to vote “no” on the rule and on the Republicans’ slush fund CR.

Mrs. FISCHBACH. Mr. Speaker, the House Appropriations Committee worked in good faith throughout the FY25 process, and it was the Democrats who weaponized this process, holding up negotiations on demands that were completely unrelated to funding. If my colleagues choose a Democrat shutdown simply because they hate Donald Trump and his administration, then they are showing they have still learned nothing from the results of last year’s elections.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are again reminded to refrain from engaging in personalities toward the President.

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, we are opposed to the tariffs and the tax increase on American families.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentlewoman from Pennsylvania (Ms. SCANLON), who is a distinguished member of the Rules Committee.

Ms. SCANLON. Mr. Speaker, today House Republicans are trying to avert a funding crisis of their own making by passing a partisan Republican spending bill they drafted behind closed doors. It cuts \$13 billion from programs like low-income housing, agricultural inspections, and election security.

This bill would allow President Trump and Elon Musk to supercharge their attacks on essential Federal programs and workers, including Social Security and the FAA, with no input from Congress.

I will highlight how this bill impacts our Nation’s veterans, particularly in light of the administration’s recent actions.

Due to the success of the PACT Act, more veterans than ever before have enrolled in VA care, and we should celebrate that success. Instead, this bill reneges on a commitment of \$23 billion in healthcare funding for veterans who were exposed to burn pits and Agent Orange.

It also fails to guarantee essential programs within the Veterans Health Administration. Programs like homelessness assistance, mental health care, rural health initiatives, opioid and substance abuse treatment, oncology services, and caregiver support are left undefined and, therefore, subject to cuts or elimination by DOGE and Trump.

This is not an oversight. Our Republican colleagues are supporting this bill because it allows Musk to eliminate more programs without congressional approval.

Mr. Speaker, in just 6 weeks, over 6,000 veterans have been fired from the VA and other Federal programs. Veterans comprise 30 percent of our Federal workforce. They are among the hardest working and most patriotic employees in our country. Nonetheless, Trump has allowed Elon Musk and DOGE to fire thousands of them without cause, and more jobs are on the chopping block; 80,000 at the VA, tens of thousands at the IRS, and 7,000 at Social Security. When DOGE destroys Federal programs, it is not just cutting essential services for American families. It is also firing veterans.

Between deep VA cuts, eliminating funding for veterans' healthcare, and job cuts that disproportionately hit veterans, it appears that the Trump White House has declared war on veterans. Our veterans and their families deserve better than this.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to reject this travesty of a bill and instead pass the clean CR offered by the ranking member on the Appropriations Committee.

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

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentlewoman from the District of Columbia (Ms. NORTON).

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I thank my friend for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, I strongly oppose this rule and the full-year continuing resolution. The CR is an act of fiscal sabotage against D.C. and is an abuse of power over a disenfranchised jurisdiction, the consequences be damned.

For the last 20 years, D.C. has been able to operate under the local budget enacted by D.C. for the next fiscal year for the duration of every CR, including full-year CRs and the first two fiscal year 2025 CRs. The CR under consideration does not allow D.C. to do so.

Instead, the CR effectively repeals the fiscal year 2025 local budget enacted by D.C., which D.C. has been operating under for the last 6 months, and it restores the fiscal year 2024 local budget enacted by D.C., which D.C. stopped operating under 6 months ago.

This unprecedented budget substitution will result in an immediate cut of more than \$1 billion from D.C.'s \$21 billion budget. This cut will likely force D.C. to immediately terminate programs and to lay off or furlough police officers, firefighters, other first responders, and teachers. This cut does not save the Federal Government any money because D.C.'s local budget consists entirely of locally raised revenue such as taxes and fees.

The CR also fails to exempt D.C. from a Federal Government shutdown in fiscal year 2026. Since the 2013 Federal government shutdown, Congress has exempted D.C. from Federal Government shutdowns because Congress recognized that shutting down a city of more than 700,000 people was harmful to the operations of both D.C. and the Federal Government.

Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to include in the RECORD a memo-

randum from D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser's office detailing the impact of this CR on D.C.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from the District of Columbia? There was no objection.

REQUEST TO CONGRESS REGARDING DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA BUDGET AND SHUTDOWN AUTHORITY

OUR ASK

We are asking Congress not to reduce the District's spending levels for the District's own locally generated revenues.

We are asking Congress to include the language that was already included in the prior two prior CRs: authorizing the District to spend its locally generated revenue at the FY25 levels that the District adopted in July 2024.

BACKGROUND INFO

In July 2024, the District Government adopted its Fiscal Year 2025 budget and sent it to Congress for approval

As part of each previous Continuing Resolution for FY25, Congress authorized the District to spend at the FY 25 budgeted level. (See, e.g., section 128 of the first CR.)

Since October 1, 2024, the District has been operating under and spending at its FY25 approved budget: This is different than federal agencies, which were approved in the CRs at their FY24 budgeted levels and have been spending at those levels since October 1, 2024.

The federal government saves no money from reducing DC's locally funded expenditures.

DRAFT CONTINUING RESOLUTION & DC LOCAL BUDGET FACTS

The draft full-year CR would reverse Congress's approval of the District FY25 spending levels and—six months into the current fiscal year—require the District to spend at its FY24 budgeted level.

This drastic funding change would have devastating impacts on the District.

The District's FY25 general funds budget (the portion solely supported by locally raised taxes, fees and fines) was almost \$1.1 billion dollars higher than its FY24 local budget.

Nearly 75% of DC's budget is made up of locally generated revenues; 24.3% comes from federal grants that all other states received:

DC's federal payment represents just 0.8% of our total budget, it is separate from the federal grants. Yet it supports critical functions, including in FY25's approved budget of \$47 million for the costs incurred to support the inauguration of President Donald Trump and \$50 million to the District's Emergency Security and Planning Fund (EPSF) which supports costs incurred by the District to support federal activities. In FY 24, DC had no funds appropriated to support President Trump's inauguration and less funding for the EPSF.

As part of its FY26 Budget formulation, DC is already making significant spending cuts. Recently revised revenue estimates from DC's Chief Financial Officer showed a \$1 billion drop in revenues across our four-year financial plan. The drop in revenues is driven by the significant federal job losses and continued impacts of remote work on commercial office market. DC is preparing to make significant reductions across its budget to ensure we can maintain a balanced four-year budget and financial plan.

IMPACTS OF DRAFT CONTINUING RESOLUTION

The draft CR would force the District to cut almost \$1.1 billion from its FY25 general fund spending halfway into the fiscal year.

So far, DC has expended, obligated or encumbered \$6.3 billion, which is 48% of the total local appropriation:

If we now had to reduce local spending by \$1.1 billion it would require a 16% cut to all remaining funds that are not expended.

It would decimate critical services DC delivers every day to support its more than 700,000 residents, 26 million tourists, and 782,200 employees that work in the public and private sectors within the District.

The vast majority of the District's workforce are people who directly interact and serve residents and visitors, there are far less overhead and administrative positions. A cut of this magnitude, by definition, would result in immediate and unanticipated layoffs of direct service workers and reduction or elimination of direct services residents and visitors rely on.

Enacting the draft CR would have immediate impacts on people, contracts, fixed costs and capital projects:

People: Many of the most critical agencies in the District have a budget that almost entirely funds people. For example, 90% of the Metropolitan Police Department, 87% of the Fire and Emergency Medical Services, and 84% of DC Public Schools budgets are for people. If the District is forced to reduce remaining spending by 16%, it will require reductions in force, furloughs, and hiring freezes across government including for our critical front-line services.

Contracts: The District enters into contracts during the fiscal year based on appropriated funding levels. If forced to reduce spending by 16%, DC would immediately have to reduce contracts that have already been awarded for a variety of goods and services.

Fixed costs: The District enters into leases, pays utility bills, and provides security and janitorial services across DC facilities. If forced to reduce spending by 16%, DC would need to immediately look at renegotiating or terminating leases and may not be able to continue to provide the same level of security and janitorial services at our facilities. It would also force deeper cuts elsewhere in the budget to maintain our ability to pay our energy bills.

IMPACTS ON DC CAPITAL PROJECTS AND BOND RATINGS

DC has a statutory debt cap limit of 12 percent of our general funds budget spent on debt service:

If we had to revert to FY 24 spending levels, it would reduce general funds expenditures by \$ 1.1 billion dollars and immediately require us to cut approximately \$600 million in projects before FY 2029 in our approved 6-year capital improvements plan.

Moody's has said it is taking another look at DC's current Aaa credit rating because of the significant federal layoffs and impacts on commercial property values:

If the draft CR is enacted, it will cause DC's bond rating to be downgraded resulting in more expensive borrowing costs:

This would also lead to immediate cuts from our current CIP.

DC's CIP is largely for horizontal infrastructure (roads, bridges, sidewalks, alleys, road safety improvements, WMATA support) (37.2%) and school improvements and modernizations (18 percent). Importantly, it also includes a \$515 million investment in the modernization of our Capital One Arena across FY 25–FY 27.

IMPACTS OF CONTINUING RESOLUTION ON CRITICAL AGENCIES & SERVICES

Ten agencies make up 70% of DC's local funds budget:

- Metropolitan Police Department
- Fire and Emergency Medical Services
- DC Public Schools
- DC Public Charter Schools
- Debt Service (payments on bonds to support capital projects)

Department of Healthcare Finance
Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA)

Department of Human Services
Department of General Services
Department of Behavioral Health

Making a \$1B cut this late in the fiscal year means large cuts in these agencies:

Being forced to cut police officers, teachers, bus/rail service, and first responders would contravene the Trump Administration's vision of making DC a world class national capital.

The federal government saves no money from reducing DC's locally funded expenditures.

THE DISTRICT'S SHUTDOWN AUTHORITY

A second critical ask is to add back the language that provided the District with the ability to spend its local resources in the event of a federal government shutdown.

The removal of the District shutdown authority provision will create significant legal uncertainty about the District's budget, which in turn will create financial uncertainty—and may create substantial operational issues for the Districts and the services it provides to District residents, visitors, and commuters, including public safety, public education, and clean city services. Since there is no benefit to removing the District shutdown provision, and great risks are created by removing it, we respectfully request that the District shutdown authority be restored in the full-year CR.

For over a decade, through both Republican and Democratic Congresses and Republican and Democratic administrations, the federal government's annual appropriations act has included a specific and detailed provision authorizing the District of Columbia to remain fully operational, and to spend at its locally approved funding levels, in the event of a federal government shutdown in the next fiscal year. (This has been referred to as the District having "shutdown authority".)

The FY24 Appropriations Act contains the following provision:

SEC. 816. (a)(1) During fiscal year 2025, during a period in which neither a District of Columbia continuing resolution or a regular District of Columbia appropriation bill is in effect, local funds are appropriated in the amount provided for any project or activity for which local funds are provided in the Act referred to in paragraph (2) (subject to any modifications enacted by the District of Columbia as of the beginning of the period during which this subsection is in effect) at the rate set forth by such Act.

(2) The Act referred to in this paragraph is the Act of the Council of the District of Columbia pursuant to which a proposed budget is approved for fiscal year 2025 which (subject to the requirements of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act) will constitute the local portion of the annual budget for the District of Columbia government for fiscal year 2025 for purposes of section 446 of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act (sec. 1-204.46, D.C. Official Code).

(b) Appropriations made by subsection (a) shall cease to be available—

(1) during any period in which a District of Columbia continuing resolution for fiscal year 2025 is in effect; or

(2) upon the enactment into law of the regular District of Columbia appropriation bill for fiscal year 2025.

(c) An appropriation made by subsection (a) is provided under the authority and conditions as provided under this Act and shall be available to the extent and in the manner that would be provided by this Act.

(d) An appropriation made by subsection (a) shall cover all obligations or expendi-

tures incurred for such project or activity during the portion of fiscal year 2025 for which this section applies to such project or activity.

(e) This section shall not apply to a project or activity during any period of fiscal year 2025 if any other provision of law (other than an authorization of appropriations)

(1) makes an appropriation, makes funds available, or grants authority for such project or activity to continue for such period; or

(2) specifically provides that no appropriation shall be made, no funds shall be made available, or no authority shall be granted for such project or activity to continue for such period.

(f) Nothing in this section shall be construed to affect obligations of the government of the District of Columbia mandated by other law.

The shutdown authority provision allows local services to continue to be provided to District residents, commuting workers, and visitors: garbage can be picked up, MPD and other public safety agencies are able to operate at full capacity, schools can operate as usual, businesses and homeowners can get building permits, roads can be repaired, etc.

The current draft of the full-year CR eliminates the shutdown authority provision.

We have been told by a congressional staff person that the District will continue to have shutdown authority under section 1112 of the draft CR, which reads as follows:

SEC. 1112. With respect to any discretionary account for which advance appropriations were provided for fiscal year 2025 or 2026 in an appropriations Act for fiscal year 2024, in addition to amounts otherwise made available by this division, advance appropriations are provided in the same amount for fiscal year 2026 or 2027, respectively, with a comparable period of availability.

However, relying on section 1112 for the District's shutdown authority will create significant legal and financial questions and risks.

Most importantly, it is not at all clear from the language of section 1112 that the intent of that provision is to provide the District with shutdown authority.

First, it is not clear that the District's budget is a "discretionary account"—which are the only advance appropriations to which section 1112 applies. The term "discretionary account" isn't defined, and there is no obvious reason why the District's budget would be considered a "discretionary account".

Second, even if the District's budget is a "discretionary account", it is not clear how the shutdown authority transfers from fiscal year 2025 to fiscal year 2026, since the fiscal year 2025 authority is contingent on there being a shutdown in fiscal year 2025. And it is not clear what year's budget authorization would apply, since the appropriation is not for a specific dollar amount (which is how other advance appropriations are generally structured) but instead is based on the District's own fiscal year 2025 budget act. Would the District's fiscal year 2026 act apply in fiscal year 2026 as the advance appropriation, or would the fiscal year 2025 act still apply?

It is important to note that the District's shutdown authority provision is much different and much more complex than the typical advance appropriation provision, which would simply state a fiscal year, dollar amount, and purpose (e.g., "and further, for fiscal year 2026, \$XXX million, for continued modernization of information technology resources").

In addition, the removal of the District shutdown provision from the CR would itself create legal uncertainty, because the courts, attorneys, and financial staff will likely believe that there was a specific reason why

Congress removed it (particularly since it has been included for over a decade in other CRs and appropriations acts).

A very possible interpretation will be that Congress removed the District shutdown provision because it wanted to remove the District's shutdown authority (not that section 1112 is a replacement for that).

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I urge Members to vote "no."

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from New York (Mr. GOLDMAN).

Mr. GOLDMAN of New York. Mr. Speaker, I thank the ranking member for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong opposition to the Republicans' partisan sham of a government funding bill which is nothing more than a blank canvas for Donald Trump and Elon Musk to continue their smashing and looting of our Federal Government.

There are too many things that are wrong with this bill to mention in just 2 minutes, including cuts to safety net programs for housing, food, veterans, and law enforcement, as well as essential community projects for every district in the country. What is really shocking is that Republicans rejected any and all input from Democrats, even though they need Democratic votes to pass this bill in the Senate.

If the Republicans want to go it alone, then go it alone, but they can't blame anyone but themselves when it fails.

If the government shuts down with a Republican House, Republican Senate, and Republican President, then it will be solely because the Republicans have moved forward with a terrible and partisan, take-it-or-leave-it bill.

In November, the clear number one issue on voters' minds was the economy and the cost of living. However, since he has taken over, President Trump has increased costs significantly and tanked the economy.

It gets even worse. The President has not only failed to keep his promise to help working Americans, but he has enlisted a corrupt, unelected billionaire to slash essential programs that hundreds of millions of Americans depend on.

Elon Musk isn't cutting waste, fraud, and abuse. He doesn't even know what he is cutting.

Unlike regular appropriations bills, this bill does not include the usual language to fund specific programs. What that means is that Elon Musk has unfettered discretion to cut whatever he wants.

You don't need to take my word for it, Mr. Speaker. The House Freedom Caucus issued a press release supporting this bill because of that very reality.

With this bill, Republicans are handing the power of the purse to Congress and not working with Democrats. We continue to stand ready to work together, but this bill does not do that.

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, may I inquire how much time is remaining.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Massachusetts has 5½ minutes remaining.

Mrs. FISCHBACH. Mr. Speaker, I am prepared to close, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentlewoman from New Mexico (Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ), who is a distinguished member of the Rules Committee.

Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ. Mr. Speaker, Americans across the country are angry about Elon Musk illegally firing employees and freezing Federal funds.

Rather than stand up to Musk, Republicans are giving him the power to shut down the government programs Musk doesn't like. Remember, just last night Musk said that he wants to eliminate the big programs like Social Security and Medicare. Musk also wants to fire thousands of VA employees. This bill cuts \$22.8 billion for veterans' care. It cuts housing, and it cuts programs that protect our food supply so we can bring down the cost of eggs.

This rule also endorses Trump's tariffs under the guise of a national emergency. Yesterday Trump's tariffs caused the markets to plummet, taking Americans' retirement savings with them. That is the real national emergency. A vote for this rule is a vote for Trump tariffs.

Is that why Republicans are hiding from their constituents? Is it because they are backing unpopular tariffs that will cost the average family \$2,000 a year?

Or maybe they are hiding because their funding bill cuts \$15 billion from community projects. We are losing first responder and water infrastructure projects in New Mexico.

Republicans are also defunding the police in Hazleton, Pennsylvania, in Representative BRESNAHAN's district, and they are eliminating a clean water project in Lehigh County in Representative MACKENZIE's district, just to name a few of the many projects that are being gutted in Republican and Democratic districts alike.

This is not a clean CR. It is as dirty as it gets.

Mrs. FISCHBACH. Mr. Speaker, I am prepared to close, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to yield 1½ minutes to the gentlewoman from California (Ms. PELOSI), who is the Speaker emerita.

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding and for his extraordinary leadership.

Mr. Speaker, today Republicans will vote to pass a continuing resolution that hollows out our Nation's commitment to the health, education, and economic security of America's working families. Instead of working constructively in a bipartisan way to meet the needs of the American people, Republicans are trying to starve the domestic budget with a partisan bill—I am going to focus on veterans here—that cuts nearly \$23 billion in veterans' benefits in addition to slashing even more money from healthcare and affordable housing.

Indeed, the Republican CR is a betrayal of America's veterans with devastating cuts to initiatives that care for our veterans exposed to burn pits, Agent Orange, and other toxic substances.

Our Nation's sacred promise is just as the military says: On the battlefield we leave no soldier behind, and when they come home we leave no veteran behind. With this bill, Republicans have broken that promise.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to vote "no" on this betrayal of our veterans, and I urge my Republican colleagues to join Democrats at the negotiating table to get serious about the peoples' business. Vote "no."

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

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

Mr. Speaker, if you vote for this rule, then you own the tariffs.

Republicans snuck in a provision that blocks this House from voting on resolutions that could end the tariffs. They know these tariffs will cost families an extra \$1,200 a year, and they are scared to vote for them. So instead of letting Congress do its job, they are shutting down debate. They are hiding, and they are shielding themselves from any accountability.

Do you know who is going to feel the pain, Mr. Speaker?

It is working families and small businesses who are already struggling with high costs. It is farmers who are already the victim of retaliatory tariffs.

Meanwhile, the stock market was in a free fall yesterday, and today it is going down again. Retirement accounts have taken a huge hit. Ontario is already hitting us with a 25 percent electricity surcharge hurting families in Minnesota.

In fact, I saw a breaking news story this morning that Trump is now escalating his trade war by doubling tariffs on Canadian steel and aluminum. He and his enablers are pushing forward full steam ahead into a possible recession with no regard for the chaos he is causing in this country. That is why House Democrats, led by Representative MEEKS, introduced resolutions to end Trump's devastating tariffs.

According to the National Emergencies Act, these resolutions should be fast-tracked for a vote on the House floor. Republicans are using this rule to shut them down. I would love to hear them explain to their constituents why they are standing by while prices are skyrocketing, but Republicans are scared of their constituents too, hiding in their offices instead of holding town-halls.

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Let me be perfectly clear. If your Representative votes for this rule, they are voting to ratify the Trump tariffs. They are hoping you won't notice while they let our economy burn.

That is not leadership. That is cowardice. A vote against this CR is not a

vote to shut down the government. We have offered a 1-month CR to fund the government while appropriators finish the budget process instead of giving up on everything and handing the reins back to Trump and Musk.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to vote "no" on this bill, and I yield back the balance of my time.

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

Mr. Speaker, now that we have finished listening to the Democrats' talking points, the same talking points that they use over and over to mislead the American people and demonize Republicans and demonize President Trump, I will actually focus on what we are talking about today and what is actually in front of the body. That is the rule to deal with the CR and two other bills.

Even with the additional funding for veterans and the FAA and families in this bill, it will cost less than last year. It won't be by gutting programs, as my Democratic colleagues have so wrongfully claimed, but by removing projects from the fiscal year 2024 bill so that they are not double funding projects that have already received funds in fiscal year 2024.

My Democratic colleagues must be confused because I certainly would not want to be accused of calling them liars. This bill upholds the responsibility of our veterans and ensures full funding for healthcare services and benefits. It includes the largest pay raise for junior enlisted troops in over 40 years. It supports Federal wildland firefighters. It increases funding for air traffic controller priorities.

It does not cut grants for law enforcement. It does not cut spending on family assistance programs. In fact, it increases spending for WIC by more than \$500 million, and it includes an additional \$6 billion for the Toxic Exposures Fund to treat veterans who have experienced service-related exposure to toxic substances.

This bill can increase spending on these critical needs by making sure that we are not double funding existing programs. It is really that simple.

Avoiding government shutdowns ensures that the administration can continue to identify waste, fraud, and abuse. It also allows ICE to continue deporting criminal migrants. This clean CR will allow us to focus on one big, beautiful reconciliation bill.

Furthermore, this rule provides a way for us to continue to remove waste, fraud, and abuse right now by extending the time to prosecute those who committed unemployment insurance fraud during the COVID CARES programming.

I would ask my Democratic colleagues to spare us the speeches about President Trump and the Department of Government Efficiency trimming some of the bloated bureaucracy from our Federal departments. They are about to vote against a continuing resolution in the hopes of shutting our

government down and sending every single Federal employee home without a paycheck. Maybe my Democratic colleagues just don't think DOGE is going far enough.

The truth is that there are more than 25,000 Federal employees in the State of Massachusetts whose paycheck will be put on an indefinite hold if the government shuts down. That is what my Democratic colleagues are going to vote for.

My Democratic colleagues keep complaining about how unfair this CR is to the D.C. residents, but there are over 160,000 Federal employees in the District of Columbia. Quite frankly, there are more than there should be. Yet, Democrats are going to make every one of their paychecks go away if my colleagues on the other side of the aisle succeed in shutting the government down.

I thank my colleagues, Mr. CAREY, Mr. COLE, and Mr. SMITH from Missouri, for introducing these thoughtful pieces of legislation, and I encourage every single one of my colleagues to vote for this nonpartisan continuing resolution to keep our government fully funded and hold fraudsters accountable.

Mr. Speaker, I will make it very clear: A "no" vote on this rule is actually a vote to shut down government.

Mr. Speaker, I support the rule and the underlying legislation.

The material previously referred to by Mr. MCGOVERN is as follows:

AN AMENDMENT TO H. RES. 211 OFFERED BY
MR. MCGOVERN OF MASSACHUSETTS

At the end of the resolution, add the following:

SEC. 5. Immediately upon adoption of this resolution, the House shall proceed to the consideration in the House of the bill (H.R. 1974) making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025, and for other purposes. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived. The bill shall be considered as read. All points of order against provisions in the bill are waived. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill and on any amendment thereto, to final passage without intervening motion except: (1) one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations or their respective designees; and (2) one motion to recommit.

SEC. 6. Clause 1(c) of rule XIX shall not apply to the consideration of H.R. 1974.

Mrs. FISCHBACH. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time, and I move the previous question on the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BOST). The question is on ordering the previous question.

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

Mr. MCGOVERN. 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 adoption of the resolution.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 216, nays 212, not voting 4, as follows:

[Roll No. 66]

YEAS—216

Aderholt	Gimenez	Meuser
Alford	Goldman (TX)	Miller (IL)
Allen	Gozales, Tony	Miller (OH)
Amodei (NV)	Gooden	Miller (WV)
Arrington	Gosar	Miller-Meeks
Babin	Graves	Moolenaar
Bacon	Green (TN)	Moore (AL)
Baird	Greene (GA)	Moore (NC)
Balderson	Griffith	Moore (UT)
Barr	Grothman	Moore (WV)
Barrett	Guest	Moran
Baumgartner	Guthrie	Murphy
Bean (FL)	Hageman	Nehls
Begich	Hamadeh (AZ)	Newhouse
Bentz	Haridopolos	Norman
Bergman	Harrigan	Nunn (IA)
Bice	Harris (MD)	Obernolte
Biggs (AZ)	Harris (NC)	Ogles
Biggs (SC)	Harshbarger	Onder
Bilirakis	Hern (OK)	Owens
Boebert	Higgins (LA)	Palmer
Bost	Hill (AR)	Perry
Brecheen	Hinson	Pfluger
Bresnahan	Houchin	Reschenthaler
Buchanan	Hudson	Rogers (AL)
Burchett	Huizenga	Rogers (KY)
Burlison	Hunt	Rose
Calvert	Hurd (CO)	Rouzer
Cammack	Issa	Roy
Carey	Jack	Rulli
Carter (GA)	Jackson (TX)	Rutherford
Carter (TX)	James	Scalise
Ciscomani	Johnson (LA)	Schmidt
Cline	Johnson (SD)	Schweikert
Cloud	Jordan	Scott, Austin
Clyde	Joyce (OH)	Self
Cole	Joyce (PA)	Sessions
Collins	Kean	Shreve
Comer	Kelly (MS)	Simpson
Crane	Kelly (PA)	Smith (MO)
Crank	Kennedy (UT)	Smith (NE)
Crawford	Kiggans (VA)	Smith (NJ)
Crenshaw	Kiley (CA)	Smucker
Davidson	Kim	Spartz
De La Cruz	Knott	Staubert
DesJarlais	Kustoff	Stefanik
Diaz-Balart	LaHood	Steil
Donalds	LaLota	Steube
Downing	LaMalfa	Strong
Dunn (FL)	Langworthy	Stutzman
Edwards	Latta	Taylor
Ellzey	Lawler	Tenney
Emmer	Lee (FL)	Thompson (PA)
Estes	Letlow	Tiffany
Evans (CO)	Loudermill	Timmons
Ezell	Lucas	Turner (OH)
Fallon	Luna	Valadao
Fedorchak	Luttrell	Van Drew
Feenstra	Mace	Van Dуйne
Finstad	Mackenzie	Van Orden
Fischbach	Malliotakis	Wagner
Fitzgerald	Maloy	Walberg
Fitzpatrick	Mann	Weber (TX)
Fleischmann	Massie	Webster (FL)
Flood	Mast	Westerman
Fong	McCaul	Wied
Foxx	McClain	Williams (TX)
Franklin, Scott	McClintock	Wilson (SC)
Fry	McCormick	Wittman
Fulcher	McDowell	Womack
Garbarino	McGuire	Yakym
Gill (TX)	Messmer	Zinke

NAYS—212

Adams	Carbajal	Connolly
Aguilar	Correa	Corson
Amo	Carter (LA)	Costa
Ansari	Casar	Courtney
Auchincloss	Case	Craig
Balint	Casten	Crockett
Barragán	Castor (FL)	Crow
Beatty	Castro (TX)	Cuellar
Bell	Cherfilus-	Davids (KS)
Bera	McCormick	Davis (IL)
Beyer	Chu	Davis (NC)
Bishop	Cisneros	Dean (PA)
Bonamici	Clark (MA)	DeGette
Boyle (PA)	Clarke (NY)	DeLauro
Brown	Cleaver	DelBene
Brownley	Clyburn	Deluzio
Budzinski	Cohen	DeSaulnier
Bynum	Conaway	Dexter

Dingell	Lee (PA)	Ross
Doggett	Leger Fernandez	Ruiz
Elfreth	Levin	Ryan
Escobar	Liccardo	Salinas
Espallat	Lieu	Sánchez
Evans (PA)	Lofgren	Scanlon
Fields	Lynch	Schakowsky
Figures	Magaziner	Schneider
Fletcher	Mannion	Scholten
Foster	Matsui	Schrier
Foushee	McBath	Scott (VA)
Frankel, Lois	McBride	Scott, David
Friedman	McClain Delaney	Scott, David
Frost	McClellan	Sewell
Garamendi	McCollum	Sherman
Garcia (CA)	McDonald Rivet	Sherrill
Garcia (IL)	McGarvey	Simon
Garcia (TX)	McGovern	Smith (WA)
Gillen	McIver	Sorensen
Golden (ME)	Meeks	Soto
Goldman (NY)	Menendez	Stansbury
Gomez	Meng	Stanton
Gonzalez, V.	Mfume	Stevens
Goodlander	Min	Strickland
Gottheimer	Moore (WI)	Subramanyam
Gray	Morelle	Suozi
Green, Al (TX)	Morrison	Swalwell
Harder (CA)	Moskowitz	Sykes
Hayes	Moulton	Takano
Himes	Mrvan	Thanedar
Horsford	Mullin	Thompson (CA)
Houlahan	Nadler	Thompson (MS)
Hoyer	Neal	Titus
Hoyle (OR)	Neguse	Tlaib
Huffman	Norcross	Tokuda
Ivey	Ocasio-Cortez	Tonko
Jackson (IL)	Olzewski	Torres (CA)
Jacobs	Omar	Torres (NY)
Jayapal	Pallone	Trahan
Jeffries	Panetta	Tran
Johnson (GA)	Pappas	Underwood
Johnson (TX)	Pelosi	Vargas
Kamlager-Dove	Perez	Vasquez
Kaptur	Peters	Veasey
Keating	Pettersen	Velázquez
Kelly (IL)	Pingree	Vindman
Kennedy (NY)	Pocan	Wasserman
Khanna	Pou	Schultz
Krishnamoorthi	Quigley	Waters
Landsman	Ramirez	Watson Coleman
Larsen (WA)	Randall	Whitesides
Larson (CT)	Raskin	Williams (GA)
Latimer	Riley (NY)	Wilson (FL)
Lee (NV)	Rivas	

NOT VOTING—4

Grijalva	Pressley
Mills	Salazar

□ 1357

Mr. VICENTE GONZALEZ of Texas changed his vote from "yea" to "nay."

Ms. LETLOW changed her vote from "nay" to "yea."

So the previous question was ordered. The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BERGMAN). The question is on the resolution.

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

RECORDED VOTE

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

A recorded vote was ordered.

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

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 216, noes 214, not voting 2, as follows:

[Roll No. 67]

AYES—216

Aderholt	Balderson	Bergman
Alford	Barr	Bice
Allen	Barrett	Biggs (AZ)
Amodei (NV)	Baumgartner	Biggs (SC)
Bean (FL)	Bean (FL)	Bilirakis
Bacon	Begich	Boebert
Baird	Bentz	Bost

Brecheen
Bresnahan
Buchanan
Burchett
Burlison
Calvert
Cammack
Carey
Carter (GA)
Carter (TX)
Ciscomani
Cline
Cloud
Clyde
Cole
Collins
Comer
Crane
Crank
Crawford
Crenshaw
Davidson
De La Cruz
DesJarlais
Diaz-Balart
Donalds
Downing
Dunn (FL)
Edwards
Elzey
Emmer
Estes
Evans (CO)
Ezell
Fallon
Fedorchak
Feenstra
Finstad
Fischbach
Fitzgerald
Fitzpatrick
Fleischmann
Flood
Fong
Foxy
Franklin, Scott
Fry
Fulcher
Garbarino
Gill (TX)
Gimenez
Goldman (TX)
Gonzales, Tony
Gooden
Gosar
Graves
Green (TN)
Greene (GA)
Griffith
Grothman
Guest
Guthrie
Hageman
Hamadeh (AZ)
Haridopolos

NOES—214

Harrigan
Harris (MD)
Harris (NC)
Harshbarger
Hern (OK)
Higgins (LA)
Hill (AR)
Hinson
Houchin
Hudson
Huizenga
Hunt
Hurd (CO)
Issa
Jack
Jackson (TX)
James
Johnson (LA)
Johnson (SD)
Jordan
Joyce (OH)
Joyce (PA)
Kean
Kelly (MS)
Kelly (PA)
Kennedy (UT)
Kiggans (VA)
Kiley (CA)
Kim
Knott
Kustoff
LaHood
LaLota
LaMalfa
Langworthy
Latta
Lawler
Lee (FL)
Letlow
Loudermilk
Lucas
Luna
Luttrell
Mace
Mackenzie
Malliotakis
Maloy
Mann
Mast
McCauley
McClain
McClintock
McCormick
McDowell
McGuire
Messmer
Meuser
Miller (IL)
Miller (OH)
Miller (WV)
Miller-Meeke
Mills
Moolenaar
Moore (AL)
Moore (NC)

Moore (UT)
Moore (WV)
Moran
Murphy
Nehls
Newhouse
Norman
Nunn (IA)
Oberholte
Ogles
Onder
Owens
Palmer
Perry
Pfluger
Reschenthaler
Rogers (AL)
Rogers (KY)
Rose
Rouzer
Roy
Rulli
Rutherford
Salazar
Scalise
Schmidt
Schweikert
Scott, Austin
Self
Sessions
Shreve
Simpson
Smith (MO)
Smith (NE)
Smith (NJ)
Smucker
Spartz
Stauber
Stefanik
Steil
Steube
Strong
Stutzman
Taylor
Tenney
Thompson (PA)
Tiffany
Timmons
Turner (OH)
Valadao
Van Drew
Van Dуйne
Van Orden
Wagner
Walberg
Weber (TX)
Webster (FL)
Westerman
Wied
Williams (TX)
Wilson (SC)
Wittman
Womack
Yakym
Zinke

Kamlager-Dove
Kaptur
Keating
Kelly (IL)
Kennedy (NY)
Krishnamoorthi
Landsman
Larsen (WA)
Larson (CT)
Latimer
Lee (NV)
Lee (PA)
Leger Fernandez
Levin
Liccardo
Rogers (AL)
Lofgren
Lynch
Magaziner
Mannion
Roy
Rulli
Rutherford
Salazar
McBride
McClain Delaney
McClellan
McCollum
McDonald Rivet
McGarvey
McGovern
McIver
Meeks
Menendez
Meng
Mfume
Min
Moore (WI)
Morelle
Morrison

NOT VOTING—2

Arrington
Grijalva

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE
The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). There are 2 minutes remaining.

□ 1404

So the resolution was agreed to.
The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.
A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

□ 1415

RETURNING SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 3 TO THE SENATE

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I offer a resolution constituting a question of the privileges of the House.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. DESJARLAIS). The Clerk will report the resolution.

The Clerk read as follows:

H. RES. 212

Resolved, That Senate Joint Resolution 3, entitled "A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Internal Revenue Service relating to 'Gross Proceeds Reporting by Brokers That Regularly Provide Services Effectuating Digital Asset Sales'", in the opinion of this House, contravenes the first clause of the seventh section of the first article of the Constitution of the United States and is an infringement of the privileges of this House and that such joint resolution be respectfully returned to the Senate with a message communicating this resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The resolution presents a question of the privileges of the House.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PANDEMIC UNEMPLOYMENT FRAUD ENFORCEMENT ACT

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to House Resolution 211, I call up the bill (H.R. 1156) to amend the CARES Act to extend the statute of limitations for fraud under certain unemployment programs, and for other purposes, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 211, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Ways and Means, printed in the bill, is adopted and the bill, as amended, is considered read.

The text of the bill, as amended, is as follows:

H.R. 1156

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Pandemic Unemployment Fraud Enforcement Act".

SEC. 2. EXTENSION OF THE STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS FOR FRAUD BY INDIVIDUALS UNDER CERTAIN UNEMPLOYMENT PROGRAMS.

(a) PANDEMIC UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE.—Section 2102 of the CARES Act (15 U.S.C. 9021) is amended—

(1) by redesignating subsection (h) as subsection (i); and

(2) by inserting after subsection (g) the following new subsection:

“(h) STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law and subject to paragraph (2), any criminal prosecution or civil enforcement action for a violation of, or conspiracy to violate, section 371, 641, 1028A, 1029, 1341, 1343, 1344, 1349, 1956, or 1957 of title 18, United States Code, or section 3729 or 3801 of title 31, United States Code, with respect to any unemployment compensation claim funded in whole or in part by pandemic unemployment assistance under this section shall be brought not later than 10 years after the date of the violation or conspiracy.

“(2) EXCEPTION.—Paragraph (1) shall not apply with respect to a criminal prosecution or civil enforcement action if the statute of limitations applicable to such criminal prosecution or civil enforcement action expired prior to the date of enactment of the Pandemic Unemployment Fraud Enforcement Act.”

(b) FEDERAL PANDEMIC UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION AND MIXED EARNER UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION.—Section 2104(f) of the CARES Act (15 U.S.C. 9023(f)) is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(5) STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law and subject to subparagraph (B), any criminal prosecution or civil enforcement action for a violation of, or conspiracy to violate, section 371, 641, 1028A, 1029, 1341, 1343, 1344, 1349, 1956, or 1957 of title 18, United States Code, or section 3729 or 3801 of title 31, United States Code, with respect to any unemployment compensation claim funded in whole or in part by Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation or Mixed Earner Unemployment Compensation under this section shall be brought not later than 10 years after the date of the violation or conspiracy.

“(B) EXCEPTION.—Subparagraph (A) shall not apply with respect to a criminal prosecution or civil enforcement action if the statute of limitations applicable to such criminal prosecution or civil enforcement action expired prior to the