

what he has done is he is constantly giving comfort to the Russian leader. He has lambasted Zelenskyy in the Oval Office and can't say enough nice things about Vladimir Putin.

That is not my idea of peace. That is capitulation. That is giving in to a vicious aggressor. I am sorry, if the gentleman thinks that that is peace, then we have a very different opinion of that.

Again, we all hope and pray that things de-escalate in the Middle East. Here is what we know: We don't know whether Iran still has nuclear material, and we also know that they have been lobbing bombs at each other still. We know there is tremendous unrest in the Middle East, and we don't really know what the endgame is. That is why we should have a debate, and that is why Congress has a role to play.

Again, Mr. Speaker, you may think that all that Donald Trump is doing is fabulous, and that is great, but do you know what, Mr. Speaker?

You should also, as a Member of Congress, want to defend the powers of the legislative branch and understand that we have a role in this too, and that sometimes through debate, if people decide they want to support the President's policies, well, that just strengthens his hand. If people have real questions, then maybe we have to take a different course.

I was around here when we rushed to war in Iraq. We did have a debate, but we were given faulty information by the administration at the time. We were lied to. There were no weapons of mass destruction, and look at what that cost us in terms of life, treasure, and credibility around the world.

Mr. Speaker, again, I think there are things that we should be focused on here right now that are much more pressing than the items that are before us here today.

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

Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I certainly have thanked before, and I will thank again, all of the law enforcement and the men and women who keep us safe in this Capitol. I appreciate what they do for us.

Mr. Speaker, I am prepared to close if the gentleman is prepared to close. I don't have any additional speakers. I reserve the balance of my time.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Massachusetts has 5 minutes remaining.

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

Mr. Speaker, let me just say to the gentleman: You say that you support and respect the men and women who protect us here, the law enforcement who protect us here, yet you can't bring yourself to condemn the action that pardoned those individuals who viciously attacked law enforcement. Also, nobody on the Republican side will demand of the Republican Speaker

of the House to hang the plaque that, by law, he is supposed to hang honoring the law enforcement who defended us on that day.

I think that is a lack of respect. That is a lack of respect to law enforcement. The Republicans can't even condemn the rioters who were here on January 6.

So what the hell is wrong with this place?

Mr. Speaker, I will close with this: Congress alone has the power to declare war, not Donald Trump, not his Truth Social account, and not his campaign donors. This administration cannot be trusted with that power. They have no plan, they have no strategy and no clue. Just follow him on Truth Social. Every day they stoke chaos abroad to distract from the misery that they are causing at home.

Mr. Speaker, does anyone remember the last time a Republican President misled the Nation about WMDs, using vague evidence to drag us into a war in the Middle East? He stood under a mission accomplished banner, and then we were at war for nearly a decade, and it cost trillions of dollars and thousands of lives.

I guess the 2025 version of a mission accomplished banner is a Truth Social post telling everyone that this was a spectacular military success.

Give me a break. Mr. Speaker, 2003 called. They want their foreign policy back.

Republicans want to keep everyone divided and distracted. They went to distract us from their big, ugly bill, a tax scam so cruel and corrupt that it actually makes working families poorer just to make billionaires richer.

They want to distract us from the fact that under Trump's watch, grocery bills are sky-high, farmers will suffocate under tariffs, and now families are bracing for a spike at the pump because this President started a war, and he has no clue how to end it.

Well, I won't be distracted. We see this chaos for what it is: reckless, stupid, and dangerous. We see this tax bill for what it is: greedy, immoral, and bad for working people.

Mr. Speaker, I urge this House to stop rubber-stamping chaos and to stop rubber-stamping corruption. Let's do our constitutional duty: Stop this illegal war, end this rotten tax scam, and stand up for the people we work for.

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

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

Mr. Speaker, this week, the House has the ability to advance four pieces of legislation under this rule.

H.R. 3944 is the Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2026, which provides significant investments and support for our veterans, service-members, and their families, as well as military construction. I expect and hope that it will pass in a bipartisan manner.

H.R. 275 is the Special Interest Alien Reporting Act of 2025 which provides transparency by publishing a monthly report on the number of special interest aliens attempting to enter the U.S. and includes the encounter location and their country of origin. This is information that the public has a right to know.

H.R. 875 is the Jeremy and Angel Seay and Sergeant Brandon Mendoza Protect Our Communities from DUIs Act of 2025, which works to keep the American people safe by closing a loophole in U.S. immigration law to ensure that aliens who drive intoxicated are inadmissible to, and deportable from, the United States.

Again, Mr. Speaker, I hope and expect it will pass in a bipartisan manner.

H. Res. 516 condemns the violent June 2025 riots in Los Angeles, California, which recognizes the right to assemble and protest peacefully while condemning the riots and violence against law enforcement.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in voting "yes" on the previous question and "yes" on the rule.

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

AN AMENDMENT TO H. RES. 530 OFFERED BY
MR. MCGOVERN OF MASSACHUSETTS

At the end of the resolution, add the following:

SEC. 9. Immediately upon adoption of this resolution, the House shall proceed to the consideration in the House of the bill (H.R. 2753) to amend the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 to provide for a point of order against reconciliation measures that cut benefits for Medicaid or the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, 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 Rules or their respective designees; and (2) one motion to recommit.

SEC. 10. Clause 1(c) of rule XIX shall not apply to the consideration of H.R. 2753.

Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time, and I move the previous question on the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. 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 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on this question are postponed.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair

declares the House in recess for a period of less than 15 minutes.

Accordingly (at 1 o'clock and 14 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. DESJARLAIS) at 1 o'clock and 25 minutes p.m.

RAISING A QUESTION OF THE PRIVILEGES OF THE HOUSE

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise to a question of the privileges of the House and offer the resolution that was previously noticed.

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

The Clerk read as follows:

H. RES. 537

Resolved, That Donald J. Trump, President of the United States, is impeached for high crimes and misdemeanors, and that the following articles of impeachment be exhibited to the Senate:

Articles of impeachment exhibited by the House of Representatives of the United States of America in the name of itself and of the people of the United States of America, against Donald J. Trump, President of the United States of America, in maintenance and support of its impeachment against him for high crimes and misdemeanors.

ARTICLE I: ABUSE OF PRESIDENTIAL POWERS BY DISREGARDING THE SEPARATION OF POWERS—DEVOLVING AMERICAN DEMOCRACY INTO AUTHORITARIANISM BY UNCONSTITUTIONALLY USURPING CONGRESS'S POWER TO DECLARE WAR

In his conduct of the office of President of the United States, Donald J. Trump, in violation of his constitutional oath faithfully to execute the office of President of the United States and, to the best of his ability, preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution of the United States, and in violation of his constitutional duty to take care that the laws be faithfully executed, abused the powers of the presidency when he disregarded the doctrine of separation of powers by usurping Congress's power to declare war and ordered the United States military to bomb another country without the constitutionally-mandated congressional authorization or notice to Congress—cognizant of the fact that should another country's military bomb a facility within the United States of America, it would be a de facto declaration of war against the United States of America.

On June 12, 2025, the State of Israel initiated attacks on Iran, ostensibly to target sites and individuals of importance to Iran's nuclear program. Iran retaliated, and the conflict has escalated between Israel and Iran, though at no point did Iran pose any imminent threat to the United States.

On June 21, 2025, President Trump announced "successful" attacks on three nuclear sites in Iran: Fordow, Natanz, and Estahan via his social media network, Truth Social. President Trump failed to seek prior congressionally-mandated authorization for the use of military force. Congressional leaders were not appropriately briefed or notified of the attack plans despite foreign leaders being given advance notice of the planned U.S. military action.

President Trump's unilateral, unprovoked use of force without congress-

sional authorization or notice constitutes an abuse of power when there was no imminent threat to the United States, which facilitates the devolution of American democracy into authoritarianism, with an authoritarian president who has instigated an attack on the United States Capitol, denied persons due process of the law, and called for the impeachment of federal judges who ruled against him—making Donald J. Trump a threat to American democracy.

Article I, Section 8, Clause 11 of the United States Constitution grants Congress the sole power to declare war: "[The Congress shall have the Power . . .] To declare War . . ." At the time, the Framers of the Constitution emphasized the goal of limiting the monarchical power of any single individual person to take a country to war over personal whims and preferences—no constitutional exception exists for a successful military action.

In starting his illegal and unconstitutional war with Iran without the constitutionally-mandated consent of Congress or appropriate notice to Congress, President Trump acted in direct violation of the War Powers Clause of the Constitution. President Trump has devolved and continues to devolve American democracy into authoritarianism by disregarding the separation of powers and now, usurping congressional war powers.

In all of this, Donald J. Trump has abused the powers of the presidency in a manner contrary to his trust as President, has become a threat to American democracy, subverted our constitutional government, and devolved democracy into authoritarianism, to the great prejudice of the cause of law and justice, and to the manifest injury of the people of the United States.

Wherefore Donald J. Trump, by such conduct, warrants impeachment and trial, and removal from office.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The resolution qualifies.

MOTION TO TABLE

Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I have a motion at the desk.

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

The Clerk read as follows:

Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia moves to lay the resolution on the table.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Georgia.

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

Mr. GREEN of Texas. 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, this 15-minute vote on the motion to table will be followed by 5-minute votes on:

Ordering the previous question on House Resolution 530; and

Adoption of House Resolution 530, if ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 344, nays 79, not voting 9, as follows:

[Roll No. 175]

YEAS—344

Aderholt	Amo	Babin
Aguilar	Amodei (NV)	Bacon
Alford	Arrington	Baird
Allen	Auchincloss	Balderson

Barr	Gillen	McClain Delaney
Barrett	Golden (ME)	McClellan
Baumgartner	Goldman (NY)	McClintock
Bean (FL)	Goldman (TX)	McCollum
Begich	Gonzales, Tony	McCormick
Bell	Gonzalez, V.	McDonald Rivet
Bentz	Gooden	McDowell
Bera	Goodlander	McGarvey
Bergman	Gosar	McGuire
Beyer	Gottheimer	Meeks
Bice	Graves	Meng
Biggs (AZ)	Gray	Messmer
Biggs (SC)	Green (TN)	Mfume
Billirakis	Greene (GA)	Miller (IL)
Bishop	Griffith	Miller (OH)
Boebert	Grothman	Miller (WV)
Bost	Guest	Miller-Meeks
Bresnahan	Guthrie	Mills
Brownley	Hageman	Moolenaar
Buchanan	Hamadeh (AZ)	Moore (AL)
Budzinski	Harder (CA)	Moore (NC)
Burchett	Haridopolos	Moore (UT)
Burlison	Harrigan	Moore (WV)
Bynum	Harris (MD)	Moran
Calvert	Harris (NC)	Morelle
Cammack	Harshbarger	Morrison
Carbajal	Hern (OK)	Moskowitz
Carey	Higgins (LA)	Moulton
Carson	Hill (AR)	Mrvan
Carter (GA)	Himes	Murphy
Carter (TX)	Hinson	Neal
Case	Horsford	Neguse
Casten	Houchin	Nehls
Castor (FL)	Houlihan	Newhouse
Cherfilus-	Hoyer	Norman
McCormick	Hoyle (OR)	Nunn (IA)
Ciscomani	Hudson	Oberholte
Clark (MA)	Huizenga	Ogles
Cleaver	Hunt	Olzewski
Cline	Hurd (CO)	Onder
Cloud	Issa	Owens
Clyburn	Jack	Pallone
Clyde	Jackson (TX)	Palmer
Cole	James	Panetta
Collins	Jeffries	Pappas
Comer	Johnson (LA)	Patronis
Conaway	Johnson (SD)	Pelosi
Correa	Johnson (TX)	Perez
Costa	Jordan	Perry
Courtney	Joyce (OH)	Peters
Craig	Joyce (PA)	Pettersen
Crane	Kaptur	Pfuger
Crank	Kean	Pou
Crawford	Keating	Quigley
Crow	Kelly (MS)	Raskin
Cuellar	Kelly (PA)	Reschenthaler
Dauids (KS)	Kennedy (NY)	Riley (NY)
Davidson	Kennedy (UT)	Rogers (AL)
Davis (NC)	Khanna	Rogers (KY)
De La Cruz	Kiggans (VA)	Rose
Dean (PA)	Kiley (CA)	Ross
DeLauro	Kim	Rouzer
DeBene	Knott	Roy
Deluzio	Kustoff	Rulli
DesJarlais	LaHood	Rutherford
Diaz-Balart	LaLota	Ryan
Dingell	LaMalfa	Salazar
Donalds	Landsman	Salinas
Downing	Langworthy	Scalise
Dunn (FL)	Larsen (WA)	Scanlon
Edwards	Larson (CT)	Schmidt
Elfreth	Latimer	Schneider
Ellzey	Latta	Scholten
Emmer	Lawler	Schrier
Estes	Lee (FL)	Schweikert
Evans (CO)	Lee (NV)	Scott (VA)
Ezell	Letlow	Scott, Austin
Fallon	Levin	Self
Fedorchak	Liccardo	Sessions
Feenstra	Lieu	Sewell
Fields	Lofgren	Shreve
Figures	Loudermilk	Simpson
Figures	Lucas	Smith (MO)
Fine	Luna	Smith (NE)
Finstad	Luttrell	Smith (NJ)
Fischbach	Lynch	Smith (WA)
Fitzgerald	Mace	Smucker
Fitzpatrick	Fleischmann	Sorensen
Fletcher	Magaziner	Soto
Flood	Malliotakis	Spartz
Fong	Maloy	Stanton
Foster	Mann	Stauber
Fox	Mannion	Stefanik
Frankel, Lois	Massie	Steil
Franklin, Scott	Mast	Steube
Fry	McBath	Stevens
Fulcher	McBride	Strickland
Garbarino	McCaul	Strong
Gill (TX)	McClain	Stutzman