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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. DESJARLAIS) at 10 o'clock and 1 minute p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 4 of rule I, the following enrolled bills were signed by the Speaker on Thursday, July 17, 2025:

H.R. 1815, to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to take certain actions in the case of a default on a home loan guaranteed by the Secretary, and for other purposes;

S. 1582, to provide for the regulation of payment stablecoins, and for other purposes;

S. 1596, to rename the Anahuac National Wildlife Refuge located in the State of Texas as the "Jocelyn Nungaray National Wildlife Refuge".

REPORT ON RESOLUTION RELATING TO CONSIDERATION OF THE SENATE AMENDMENT TO H.R. 4, RESCISSIONS ACT OF 2025

Ms. FOXX, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 119–208) on the resolution (H. Res. 590) relating to consideration of the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 4) to rescind certain budget authority proposed to be rescinded in special messages transmitted to the Congress by the President on June 3, 2025, in accordance with section 1012(a) of the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

RELATING TO CONSIDERATION OF THE SENATE AMENDMENT TO H.R. 4, RESCISSIONS ACT OF 2025

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 590 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 590

Resolved, That upon adoption of this resolution, the House shall be considered to have taken from the Speaker's table the bill (H.R. 4) to rescind certain budget authority proposed to be rescinded in special messages transmitted to the Congress by the President on June 3, 2025, in accordance with section 1012(a) of the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974, with the Senate amendment thereto, and to have concurred in the Senate amendment.

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

Ms. FOXX. 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.

GENERAL LEAVE

Ms. FOXX. 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 North Carolina?

There was no objection.

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the rule and of the underlying legislation. This evening, the Rules Committee met and produced a rule, House Resolution 590, providing for the House's consideration of the Senate amendment to H.R. 4, the Rescissions Act of 2025. Passage of this Rule will send H.R. 4 directly to the President's desk.

Mr. Speaker, if you told the American people that wasteful spending overtook Washington during the Biden-Harris administration, they would not be surprised. Their jaws would not drop, and their pupils would not dilate in utter shock.

The American people saw the fiscal ruin that was created by the previous administration. That is why they overwhelmingly chose Republicans to lead the Nation and restore fiscal sanity. That restoration is here, Mr. Speaker. H.R. 4 is part of our efforts to get Washington's fiscal house in order.

H.R. 4 rescinds \$9 billion in spending that the President has identified as wasteful and unnecessary. As I said in the Rules Committee, it is unfortunate that the Senate was not able to execute all of President Trump's recommended rescissions. That said, there are many pertinent rescissions that remain, and they are very impactful.

Now, our Democrat colleagues will scoff and say that this \$9 billion we are clawing back is a drop in the bucket; that it is merely peanuts. That is where they are wrong, Mr. Speaker. The thing is that in their arguments against H.R. 4, Democrats can only grasp at straws. Their positions are weak, and their claims are even weaker. They will talk in circles and just blaviate. In the end, they simply don't make any points that are worth remembering. They will rail against H.R. 4 so much that they say absolutely nothing.

Here is the truth. If this rescissions package was not put forth and passed by Congress, taxpayer dollars would still be funneled to ideologues at PBS and NPR and taxpayer dollars would continue to be funneled to all manner of foreign aid repositories that do not align with the fiscal sensibilities and values of the American people. That money, the people's money, would continue to be squandered. That is the truth of the matter.

Republicans understand that \$1 of taxpayer money wasted is \$1 too many. We must pass this rescissions package

and send it to the President so that we can continue our work and continue to secure wins for the American people.

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

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman from North Carolina for yielding me the customary 30 minutes, and I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, this process sucks. None of what we are doing here today is about governing. We aren't here to improve healthcare access or to put money back in hardworking people's pockets or to make life better for Americans or, for that matter, anybody in any way.

We are here because Republicans want to protect powerful people. They want to protect billionaires and protect those at the top. It is about doing Donald Trump's bidding. Shame on them.

Earlier this week, I offered a simple amendment to release the Epstein files that Donald Trump, his AG, his FBI director, and his supporters tell us contain a list of clients of Jeffrey Epstein. Let the American people make up their own mind. But Republicans voted it down, every single one of them. Why? Because Donald Trump, for whatever reason, doesn't want these records to get out anymore.

After years of promising America that his administration would release the Epstein files and tapes, Trump is now calling it a hoax. He is calling his own supporters stupid for believing the things he told them, and you are deeming adoption of a bullshit resolution on Epstein that does nothing.

Let me be clear. This resolution does not have the force of law. This does not have the force of law. It is political theater. It is a smokescreen for Republicans to hide from doing something that would demand Trump's DOJ release of these files.

This is a glorified press release, a talking point to save face, something they can wave around and say: See, we care, so they can walk free of shame while doing absolutely nothing.

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This nonbinding resolution does nothing to get these files released.

Mr. Speaker, when we asked them when this nonbinding, useless resolution is coming to the House floor, the answer was, well, it is up to the majority leader.

Mr. Speaker, either Republicans want to actually release the files, or they don't. There is no middle ground here.

Republicans don't get credit for pretending to care. They don't get points for playing PR games while the people who enabled Epstein's abuse go unnamed and unpunished.

This is why people hate Congress. This is why they don't trust government.

Republicans talk about supporting the victims. They talk about holding

powerful people accountable, but it is lipservice. When the time comes to do something, they come up with a phony, fake vote to give themselves political cover, which brings me to this rescissions package, Mr. Speaker, another disaster, fiscal irresponsibility masquerading as cuts.

The other side just added \$4 trillion to the debt with their big, ugly, billionaire-tax-break bill. The big, ugly bill costs 450 times what these rescissions will save. It doesn't even come close.

Mr. Speaker, I should mention that these rescissions are also deeply harmful. It cuts funding for international aid that provides lifesaving healthcare. People are going to die because of these cuts. It undermines Ukraine and our allies. It slashes public broadcasting that delivers essential news to communities nationwide.

Republicans call it tightening the belt, but it is the same old story. Republicans blow up the budget for billionaires, and then they nickel and dime everyone else to pretend that they care about the debt and the deficit. It is nuts.

If we were all being honest here, nobody even truly knows exactly what the hell is in this bill. As Senator TILLIS, a Republican, said: "I suspect we're going to find out there are some things that we're going to regret."

SUSAN COLLINS, another Republican, said: "The rescissions package has a big problem—nobody really knows what program reductions are in it."

You can't make this stuff up.

Finally, let's not forget that the Trump administration, as we speak, is illegally withholding over \$425 billion in congressionally approved funding while Republicans in Congress rush to get these rescissions done, covering for the President once again, afraid to raise an eyebrow to question what he is doing.

This is not how this place should work. None of what we have experienced with this majority is normal. This is government by chaos, run by a party that can't count its own votes, can't pass its own rules, and can't stand up to the White House after all of their broken promises.

This week has been shameful. People are watching. They see what is happening, and they are tired of being sold out, spun, and left behind.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to avoid using profanity while speaking on the House floor.

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Florida (Mr. BEAN).

Mr. BEAN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I thank Chair FOXX for yielding to me.

Mr. Speaker, we all know what Neil Armstrong said when he first walked on the Moon. As founder of the DOGE Caucus, I am proud to say that, with this rescissions package, the first of its kind in 25 years, we are taking one

small step to cut wasteful spending but one giant leap toward fiscal sanity. Yet, Houston, we have a problem. We are still \$37 trillion in debt. This year alone, we will run a \$1.7 trillion deficit. With this small step today, let's commit to the giant leap.

Here is my challenge to the White House: Let's do a rescissions package every month because America has had enough—enough to wasteful spending, enough to out-of-control deficits.

We do have a long journey ahead, but, thankfully, not as far as the Moon. All systems are go. Let the countdown begin, and let's launch to fiscal sanity by voting "yes" to clawing back \$9 billion.

I am ready. The House is ready. America is ready. Let's go get 'em.

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, the gentleman is concerned about unchecked deficits and debt. He just voted for a bill to add \$4 trillion to the debt. Come on. Give me a break.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from New York (Mr. JEFFRIES), the Democratic leader.

Mr. JEFFRIES. Mr. Speaker, I thank the distinguished gentleman, the top Democrat on the Committee on Rules, Mr. MCGOVERN, for his leadership and for yielding.

I thank all the distinguished members of the Committee on Rules for their steadfast, courageous, and insightful participation in opposition to this rule and the substantive legislation that underlies this particular rule.

I also thank ROSA DELAURO for her principled and strong opposition to this reckless Republican rescissions package, this effort by the Trump administration to, once again, hurt everyday Americans.

Mr. Speaker, it was just said on the House floor that the American people are fed up with out-of-control, wasteful government spending. As Democrats, we are committed to making sure that taxpayer dollars are spent in an effective, efficient, and equitable manner.

This bill that is on the floor right now has nothing to do with waste, fraud, and abuse. It represents an attack on the public health of the American people, the national security of the American people, the public safety of the American people, and the ability of the American people to actually get information, particularly in rural America, that they may need through public radio or public television in the face of an emergency.

Mr. Speaker, no one is buying the notion that Republicans are actually trying to improve wasteful spending.

In the aftermath of this one big, ugly bill that just passed this Chamber and has been signed into law that explodes the debt by more than \$3 trillion, and then asks everyday Americans to pay for part of the expenses in the bill by ripping away healthcare for more than 17 million Americans, hospitals will close, nursing homes will shut down, and community-based health clinics will be unable to provide services to ev-

eryday Americans. As a result of the one big, ugly bill, people will die.

It is an all-out assault on healthcare and the largest cut to Medicaid in American history. It also rips food out of the mouths of hungry children, seniors, and veterans. All of this is being done to provide massive tax breaks to billionaires.

Then, Mr. Speaker, in this one big, ugly bill that has now been signed into law, the debt and the deficit will explode by trillions of dollars.

How dare anyone from the other side of the aisle claim to be the party of fiscal responsibility. That is fake, and that is phony.

When you look at this particular piece of legislation that is in front of us right now, this reckless Republican rescissions package, it undermines American national security and American leadership in the world.

This is not an America First bill. It is a China first bill because of the void that is being created all across the world. It is in America's interests, our national security interests and our leadership interests, to make sure that we are investing in development, diplomacy, and democracy all across the world.

Great leaders have recognized that throughout the American journey. It was Abraham Lincoln who came to the House Chamber in the middle of the Civil War, in the early 1860s, and spoke to the Congress and talked about America being "the last best hope on Earth."

President Lincoln said that in the 1860s, a visionary declaration of the role that America might one day play as the leader of the free world.

This legislation, this reckless Republican rescissions package, undermines our ability to keep our people safe here and to project America's soft power all over the globe.

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Mr. Speaker, why would we undermine our ability to use diplomacy, democracy, and development to protect our own national security?

The President promised that on day one he was going to end the war in Ukraine that is now going on. In this particular piece of legislation, we are undermining the ability of Ukraine to continue to valiantly fight against Russian aggression.

Russia is not our friend. They are our enemy. Vladimir Putin is a sworn enemy of the United States of America.

Mr. Speaker, why is it Republicans in this bill are once again undermining Ukraine?

Ukraine stands on the side of democracy. Ukraine stands on the side of freedom. Ukraine stands on the side of truth. Russia stands on the side of autocracy, tyranny, and propaganda.

Why would we stand on the side of Russia? That is inconsistent with American leadership. This reckless Republican rescissions package does the exact opposite.

Mr. Speaker, we just saw tragedy unfold in the Texas Hill Country. More than two dozen children have died. Parents should never have to bury their children. More than 100 Texans died in the deadly floods.

There are a lot of questions that need to be asked about government failure and State government failure in Texas. The Governor of Texas has a lot of questions that need to be answered. Instead, he is trying to rig the Texas congressional map in the middle of a search and rescue operation. He has got to answer some questions.

The Trump administration needs to answer some questions about the National Weather Service and the devastating cuts that have been inflicted on them. Mr. Speaker, the Trump administration needs to answer some questions about the stated goal to defeat FEMA.

In the midst of this tragedy that we all need to collectively respond to in Texas, just as we needed to respond to the tragedy that unfolded in California and the wildfires earlier this year, this reckless Republican rescissions package is going to undermine the ability of people in rural America and in small-town America to receive advance warning or necessary information when disaster strikes, when extreme weather strikes, when flooding strikes, and when hurricanes strike.

That is what happens when public radio is shut down and public television is shut down, which is what this reckless rescissions package will do. It is all extraordinary.

Mr. Speaker, I don't understand why Republicans continue to advance legislation on the floor of the House of Representatives that hurt everyday Americans. Is it simply because the goal is, as always, to reward billionaires, as was done with the one big, ugly bill, providing them with massive and unnecessary tax breaks?

Mr. Speaker, at the beginning of this Congress, as House Democrats, we made it clear that we would work with anyone in this town in order to make life better for the American people. We would work to lower the high cost of living of the American people and to address the affordability crisis afflicting the American people.

We thought perhaps we would have some partners in this necessary endeavor. Why? Mr. Speaker, Donald Trump and House Republicans promised that they were going to lower costs. In fact, costs were going to go down on day one. Those are not my words. Those are President Trump's words.

Costs haven't gone down in the United States of America. Costs are going up. Inflation is on the way up. Life is getting more expensive for the American people.

Nothing in this reckless rescissions package is going to make life more affordable for everyday Americans. It is going to complicate their life even further just like what happened with the one big, ugly bill.

Mr. Speaker, we are strongly opposed to this legislation. This is legislation that apparently Republicans don't even want to actually debate on the House floor. Once again, they want to address an issue to be debated in this Chamber under the cover of darkness.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, the challenge that we have with this legislation is that the appropriations process has historically and traditionally been bipartisan. It means Democrats and Republicans will work and try to come together to reach a spending agreement that meets the needs of the American people in terms of their health, their safety, and their economic well-being. House Democrats and Senate Democrats, along with House Republicans and Senate Republicans, will do it in a bipartisan appropriations process to try to reach an enlightened agreement.

Mr. Speaker, what this rescissions package signals to us and the people that we represent and, more importantly, what it signals to America, as the OMB Director just said, Republicans aren't interested in bipartisanship. They aren't interested in commonsense solutions to finding common ground anchored in Democrats and Republicans coming together.

We know that is the case because we have made clear our willingness to solve the challenges that the American people face and work with anyone in this town, particularly when it comes to lowering the high cost of living in the United States of America. Republicans continue to do nothing about that. They are not doing a damn thing to make life more affordable for the American people.

That is one of many reasons why we continue to be opposed to this reckless legislation that Republicans bring to the House floor. It will hurt everyday Americans. It will hurt children. It will hurt families. It will hurt older Americans. It will hurt people that Republicans represent in rural America and all while undermining American leadership in the world.

Mr. Speaker, once again, this is unfortunate. Once again, we see a Congress not functioning as a separate and coequal branch of government. We see a Congress, given this Republican majority, not willing to serve as a check and balance on an out-of-control executive branch but always willing to do the bidding of the executive branch, as if we work for the Article II branch of government.

Mr. Speaker, we don't work for Donald Trump. We don't work for JD Vance. We don't work for the OMB Director. We work for the American people, and that is why we are a hard "no" against this reckless rescissions package.

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, two words from me: Low energy.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT).

Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, we all know from watching

the last 4 years the Democrats have been working for an autopen the last 4 years and not the American citizens.

As a guy from a small town, I want my friends on the other side of the aisle to know this. My town is so small that we literally don't have a red light unless the train comes through. We don't need big-city people telling us how to live. We get along just fine.

In fact, right down the road from my house, a person can open up a cooler and pull fresh vegetables out of there based on the honor system. The bag says how much someone is supposed to pay for them. There is a box with cash in it.

Mr. Speaker, try that in one of your metropolitan areas. While I hear my colleague talk about how much help we in the small town need for more government, as a small-town guy, the deficit and the debt scares us. It does.

Let's talk about the facts about this package. If there is anything that is wrong with the package, it is that it doesn't cut enough.

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The net increase in spending so far this fiscal year, the last 9 months, is \$318 billion.

Let me say that again for the American citizens.

The net increase in spending has gone up \$318 billion in the last 9 months.

This piece of legislation cuts less than one-half of 1 percent of discretionary spending. It is a rounding error on the increase. I wish that DOGE were working as effectively today as it was the first several months of the year. I hope that we, as Republicans, get back to exposing where the American tax dollars have been wasted over the last several years.

Mr. Speaker, I encourage people to vote for this minor cut, but a minor cut is better than no cut.

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

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, you have to love the gentleman from Georgia when he says that he worries about the deficit and the debt. My question is, why the hell did you vote for the big, ugly bill that adds \$4 trillion to the debt? It makes no sense.

Mr. Speaker, I urge that we defeat the previous question, and I will offer an amendment to the rule to immediately bring up to the House floor H.R. 4405, the bipartisan Epstein Files Transparency Act, introduced by Representatives KHANNA and MASSIE under a closed rule with 1 hour of debate.

Mr. Speaker, tonight in the Rules Committee, Democrats offered a motion, several motions, to allow a vote on the floor to actually release the Epstein files, and Republicans on the committee just voted to block it, time and time again.

The only reason it won't be considered on the floor immediately after this rule passes is because of nine Republicans on the Rules Committee who voted no.

Now with the previous question, I will give the entire Republican Conference another chance to vote to release the Epstein files, the only other chance to vote on it this week. As I just said, the resolution Republicans just voted on in the Rules Committee is a glorified press release. It is non-binding.

The Republicans are pretending to do something because they are feeling the heat at home, but it won't even come to the House floor this week, Mr. Speaker. We can't even get a commitment for when it is coming to the floor.

The bipartisan bill we are offering, if we defeat the previous question, would actually release the files. It would have the power of law. It would not be a glorified press release.

Ask yourself, Mr. Speaker, why would anybody want to stop this bill from getting a vote? What are Republicans so afraid of?

Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to insert the text of my amendment into the RECORD, along with 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, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from California (Mr. KHANNA), the sponsor of the bill, to discuss our proposal.

Mr. KHANNA. Mr. Speaker, the American people, Republicans, Independents, and Democrats want the Epstein files released with the victims' identity protected.

Now most people don't understand how this town works, so I am going to try to explain this really simply.

Congressman MASSIE and I introduced a bipartisan bill to release all the Epstein files and to make sure victims were protected. There are 10 Republican cosponsors of that bill, including MAGA stalwarts like Representatives MARJORIE TAYLOR GREENE, LAUREN BOEBERT, and TIM BURCHETT. We have the votes tonight to pass it, but what happened in the Rules Committee is they don't want to have this vote tonight because they know they are going to lose because they know their own Members want to vote for it.

What is even sillier is they had this nonbinding resolution, so I thought surely we would vote on a nonbinding resolution. They don't even want to vote on the nonbinding resolution in case Donald Trump gets slightly offended. They don't even want the vote on the nonbinding resolution tonight.

Now, the President is paying attention—not just because his favorite Congressman THOMAS MASSIE is involved—and he directs the Attorney General Pam Bondi to ask the courts to release the grand jury testimony.

Here is the problem: The grand jury testimony is largely about Epstein and Maxwell, not about all the rich and powerful men who abused, assaulted, and abandoned young women. Those people are still being protected.

By the way, the courts usually don't release grand jury testimony. The President is hearing the American people, and the President knows that if there is a vote tonight, this body overwhelmingly would vote for the release of the files.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The time of the gentleman has expired.

Mr. McGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I yield an additional 30 seconds to the gentleman from California.

Mr. KHANNA. I don't need more than 30 seconds. I need 10 seconds. This question is: Whose side are you on?

Today, the Democrats are on the side of the people. The Democrats are on the side of the children. There are 10 Republicans who are on the side of the people and the children, but the entire Democratic Party is on that side and the Republicans have chosen to protect the rich and powerful men who have abused our children. It is wrong, and that is the clear difference tonight.

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from Louisiana (Mr. SCALISE), the majority leader.

Mr. SCALISE. Mr. Speaker, I thank the Chair for yielding and for helping get this process to the floor, despite so many attempts by the Democrats to block this effort to cut waste, fraud, and abuse in government spending. We have seen it over and over and over again.

Every time we have tried to get our economy back on track to put more money in the pockets, by the way, of hardworking families, as we just succeeded in doing with the One Big Beautiful Bill Act, every step of the way, the only people trying to block that effort have been Democrats in Washington.

They are getting nervous. They are feeling the heat from people back home, Mr. Speaker, that are angry, saying why did you vote—those waiters and waitresses, who make \$32,000 a year, when they keep hearing them talk about billionaires. They are not voting against billionaires. They are voting against waiters and waitresses earning \$32,000 a year and cops working the beat who don't want to have to pay overtime taxes. We protected them from that.

Every Democrat voted no, Mr. Speaker. I can understand why they come up here and want to talk about anything other than what we are actually doing to deliver for those families.

It is interesting how they talk about Jeffrey Epstein because for 4 years, Mr. Speaker, President Joe Biden had those files and not a single Democrat that you are hearing tonight tried to get those files released.

The House Republicans are working to do that and, of course, they are in a tizzy, Mr. Speaker, because they are finally being exposed for covering it up for 4 years.

Let them continue to come up and talk about all the deficit spending that they created while they cite and talk

about the One Big Beautiful Bill Act. If you look at our scorekeeper here in the House, Mr. Speaker, they said it is going to add \$4 trillion to the deficit by giving people their money back, along with cutting waste, fraud, and abuse that we did in this bill.

They are citing the same organization that the last time we gave families more of their hard-earned money back, that same group, CBO, said, oh, it is going to add \$1.5 trillion to the deficit.

Mr. Speaker, we actually have the numbers now, and CBO was just a little bit off. The same people they cite as Gospel on \$4 trillion said that we were going to add \$1.5 trillion to the deficit back then. Do you know how much they were off by, Mr. Speaker? The numbers are in. They were off by \$1.5 trillion.

They have lost their credibility. The Office of Management and Budget actually came out and said that the One Big Beautiful Bill Act would reduce the deficit by \$1.4 trillion. They don't want to talk about that because every Democrat voted no. Every Democrat voted against, by the way, reforming and re-vamping America's air traffic control system, which was in that bill. Every Democrat voted no.

Every American family wants that air traffic control system reformed. They sure want that tax relief. Those small businesses want to be able to get back up on their feet, and they will be able to because House Republicans said we are going to just focus on doing the work of the American people. Anybody that just wants to go root for failure and continue to try to keep inflation high, interest rates high, and vote "no" on every bill that puts power back in the pockets of families, let them have to answer for that back home, Mr. Speaker.

We are going to keep working. This bill tonight is part of continuing that trend of getting spending under control. Does it answer all the problems? No. I would say \$9 billion is a good start. Hopefully, we do more things like this, but they are going to come up here and talk about everything other than this bill because they are all going to vote "no."

I think it is important to know, Mr. Speaker, what they are going to vote "no" against. Let's talk about what is in the bill.

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They are going to be voting against \$6 million that was spent for net zero cities in Mexico, and \$8 million for the anti-Israel U.N. Human Rights Council, a group that is anti-Israel. Why should \$8 million of American tax dollars that are being borrowed from other countries be going to that organization? How about we actually get spending under control?

\$300,000 was to hold a Pride parade in Lesotho. If Lesotho wants to hold a Pride parade, let them do it with their tax dollars, not with American tax dollars.

\$1 million was for voter ID in Haiti. This is rich. They are angry that we are cutting that money off, but those same Democrats who are going to vote “no” on that will oppose voter ID in America. They are okay with voter ID in Haiti, but they are against it in America.

I will continue.

They keep talking about Sesame Street. \$3 million was going to Iraqi Sesame Street. Again, if the people in Iraq want to have Sesame Street on TV, let them go do it. How about if they do it with their own tax dollars, not with American tax dollars? Better yet, they probably can get it put on one of the many options that the private sector would have, just like here in America. We have thousands of private-sector options to watch any kind of show you would want. Anybody in America can watch all of that.

\$33,000 was for “Being LGBTQI in the Caribbean.” That is what we are cutting, and every Democrat will vote against that cut.

\$643,000 was for LGBTQI programs in the Western Balkans. Mr. Speaker, every Democrat is going to vote against that cut and start talking about, oh, my God, the world is going to end, and that we won’t even be able to do diplomacy because we are not going to be spending taxpayer dollars to have an LGBTQI program in the Western Balkans. I think our relations with the Western Balkans will be just fine if we save that taxpayer money and try to get spending under control in Washington. They don’t want to do it. At least we do.

\$5.1 million was to strengthen the resilience of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex, and queer global movements. I don’t know what those global movements are. I think they can do that without taxpayer money. Then, of course, there was funding drag shows in Ecuador.

The list goes on and on, Mr. Speaker.

Let’s finally get control over waste, fraud, and abuse. We started it in the One Big Beautiful Bill Act. We are continuing it here, and we are going to continue it through the appropriations process.

If Democrats want to vote “no,” that is their prerogative. They have become the party of socialists. Let them vote that way.

We are going to fight for those hard-working families who want to get our great country back on track.

Let’s pass this bill, keep moving, and keep working toward a better, stronger America.

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, let me go back to something the gentleman said in his long and rambling speech.

He talked about a coverup. Let me just say to him, who is doing the coverup? You guys are in charge. You control the White House. You control the House. You control the Senate. Get a grip on reality, for God’s sake.

Either you don’t want to know the truth because you have been conned by

Trump that there is nothing in the files, or you are afraid that there might be something in the files. You are in charge.

By the way, I was hoping the majority leader would tell us when he is going to schedule the vote on his meaningless bill on the Epstein files, but I think we will have to wait until he gets back on the floor.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentlewoman from Connecticut (Ms. DELAURO), the distinguished ranking member of the Committee on Appropriations.

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

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, I remain strongly opposed to this rescissions bill, which is a rubberstamp on stealing from the American people.

Since taking office, the Trump administration has stolen funds appropriated by the Congress, passed by Republicans and Democrats in the House and Senate, and signed into law by the President of the United States, upending the separation of powers and our constitutional order.

This rescissions bill is another effort to subvert the Congress’ power of the purse. That is precisely what they are trying to do. For what ends? To hand billionaires and the biggest corporations that already pay little or no taxes a massive tax break and, ultimately, to embrace privatization; to give the biggest companies unchecked power to rig the economy against the middle class, the working class, and vulnerable people; and to ensure the American people have no faith in their government.

This bill will shut down rural television and radio stations, cutting off coverage of local news, eliminating emergency information like severe weather alerts, jeopardizing access to PBS KIDS, children’s programs like Sesame Street—yes, Sesame Street.

This bill rips lifesaving support away from hungry, displaced, and sick people in developing countries and conflict zones and will end programs that prevent conflict and pandemics.

This bill abandons the people of Ukraine while they resist Putin’s tyranny.

This bill puts America last.

When we retreat from the world diplomatically and through our assistance to vulnerable people, America will be alone without allies in a less stable world without the support of the international community.

Do you know who will come out ahead? China, Russia, Iran.

All of this is being done in the name of combating waste. I will tell you what waste is: 500 tons of food grown by American farmers destroyed at a cost of \$130,000 to American taxpayers because of the chaos caused by dismantling USAID. It was left there to expire.

This is the bill to help Republicans claim that they are practicing fiscal

responsibility while concealing that what they are doing is ripping health insurance away from at least 17 million Americans in order to make billionaires even more rich, and they increase the debt by \$4 trillion.

How dare they talk about the deficit when they have just increased it? They are not addressing the cost of living in this country, the single biggest issue. They are making it worse.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The time of the gentlewoman has expired.

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I yield an additional 30 seconds to the gentlewoman from Connecticut.

Ms. DELAURO. This bill codifies the right of the Trump administration to steal from vulnerable American communities, children, and the global poor for the sake of handing even more money to billionaires.

Congress needs to reassert its role. Fight for the middle class, the working class, the vulnerable, not to protect the interests of billionaires and big corporations.

I strongly oppose this bill. It forfeits our global leadership, undermines our national security, and steals from the American people.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to vote “no.”

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. HARRIS).

Mr. HARRIS of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, if this \$9 billion House rescissions package doesn’t reach President Trump’s desk, Congress will have blown the political opportunity of a lifetime.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a simple message to my colleagues: This is a baby step, but if we don’t take it, we are not living up to our promises. We all ran on fiscal responsibility, so let’s be responsible now and for future rescission packages.

This is low-hanging fruit in the eyes of America, but it breaks the cycle of spending without accountability. It is proof that Congress can and will act responsibly when it wants to.

When the American people put President Trump in office, they demanded lasting changes to a bloated Federal Government. We must not let them down.

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, the gentleman voted for the big, ugly bill and added \$4 trillion to the debt.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentlewoman from New Mexico (Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ), a distinguished member of the Rules Committee.

Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ. Mr. Speaker, Republicans are destroying that which is good and kind in America. Abraham Lincoln said that America is “the last best hope of Earth.”

Our public radio and TV and our work across the globe for public health and peace are what is the best of America. They are taking Elmo off the air because they gave billionaires a tax break. They are defunding Tribal radio and rural broadcasting while Trump

burns through \$56 million of taxpayer money on golf and throws himself a \$45 million birthday parade.

Republicans are engaged in waste, fraud, and abuse. That is the definition of it. That is the definition of destruction, deception, and corruption.

The bill doesn't protect Tribal broadcasting, doesn't protect emergency alerts, and doesn't protect the working families who rely on public media for news, safety, and education.

Republicans are eating your public programs to serve caviar to their donors. The public will remember who stood with Big Bird and who strangled him.

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Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, give me a break. Republicans are finally offering taxpayers relief from years of spending from Democrats. Again, with President Biden they expanded the Federal Government with an unprecedented \$11 trillion in spending, \$6 trillion of which has been added to the national debt. It needs to end. We voted to end it in H.R. 1. We are ending it in this package here today, and we won't stop fighting for taxpayers.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. MEUSER).

Mr. MEUSER. Mr. Speaker, I thank Chairwoman FOXX very much for her leadership.

Mr. Speaker, let's set something straight about tax cuts, so-called, for billionaires. There are fewer than 800 billionaires in the United States of America. We kept taxes low for over 160 million Americans, and the Democrats all voted to increase taxes on 160 million Americans. As a matter of fact, Mr. Speaker, most of those billionaires—over 70 percent—are huge Democratic donors.

During President Trump's first term, we had progrowth policies, a booming economy, and revenues increased. Then the Biden administration accelerated the deficit by those in the administration, by the way, who referred to themselves as the Politburo who were actually running the administration.

Service on the debt alone increased during that time from \$400 billion in 2020 to nearly \$1 trillion last year. That is why we must rein in irresponsible agencies. They have been taken over by ideologues, Mr. Speaker, doing things that are simply not in the interest of the people of the United States.

USAID has done some good things, but they have also done things that were an enormous waste, totally inappropriate, and, in fact, they lost the trust of the American people. Agencies like this need to be reformed. The American people aren't going to put up with it anymore.

Why is the government still funding public television when most people have hundreds of channels, as has been mentioned, to watch their news or

whatever they want to watch? Is it just because it has been around for 50 years? That is not reason enough.

Unless we want to pass along \$37 trillion, and climbing, of debt to our children, we have to start spending money on the must-haves, not on the nice-to-haves. These stations are not only nice-to-have to some, they are not-nice-to-have to most, and they are certainly not must-haves.

Mr. Speaker, let's pass this rescissions package. Let's get on our way to having some accountability for the American people and codify President Trump's spending reductions into law.

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, according to CBO, the top 1 percent get 22 percent of the tax cuts. The top 20 percent get 66 percent of the tax cuts. Only in a Republican mind would that be considered fair.

I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from Colorado (Mr. NEGUSE), a distinguished member of the Rules Committee.

Mr. NEGUSE. Mr. Speaker, only in Washington, D.C., could politicians come to the floor and brag about cutting \$9 billion from rural radio stations while 2 weeks ago they voted to increase the deficit by \$4 trillion. Spare us these lectures.

For years, Republicans have lectured us and the country about so-called fiscal responsibility, the deficit, the debt, and then they have the audacity to increase the deficit by \$4 trillion to pay for tax cuts for the 800 billionaires that my Republican colleague from Pennsylvania is so carefully tracking. It is shameful.

This bill, make no mistake, Mr. Speaker, is a war on rural America. They are closing rural hospitals by virtue of the bill they passed 15 days ago. Now they will close rural radio stations in the chairwoman's district in North Carolina and in my State, Colorado, the western part of my State that I have the privilege of representing. There are rural radio stations across the country that help constituents during wildfires and during floods. It is shameful. It should be rejected, Mr. Speaker.

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the distinguished gentleman from Michigan (Mr. WALBERG), chairman of the Education and Workforce Committee.

Mr. WALBERG. Mr. Speaker, the Biden administration's reckless spending caused rampant inflation, burdening workers, families, farmers, and small businesses, unless you believe the spin that continues tonight. I don't think America is believing it.

After passing the largest savings in America's history through the One Big Beautiful Bill Act earlier this month, the Rescissions Act builds on House Republicans' unprecedented success in reining in wasteful spending and the President's willingness to not spend everything that we give him. That is unusual.

The list of egregious foreign aid projects is endless. Here are just a few:

\$3 million for Iraqi Sesame Street, \$18 million to improve gender diversity in the Mexican street lighting industry, \$2.5 million to teach children how to make environmentally friendly reproductive health decisions, whatever that means.

This abuse of taxpayer dollars must end. The Rescissions Act would prioritize the needs of Americans over everyone else.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The time of the gentleman has expired.

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I yield an additional 30 seconds to the gentleman from Michigan.

Mr. WALBERG. The Rescissions Act would prioritize the needs of American people instead of funding far-left foreign initiatives.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to pass this bill, which represents a vital step in reining in wasteful spending and Big Government abuse of the taxpayer.

Mr. MCGOVERN. That was riveting.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentlewoman from California (Ms. PELOSI), the Speaker Emerita.

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding and for his leadership. We are so proud of him.

Now, tonight is a dangerous night for our country. I am not even talking about the defense bill and whether we agree or disagree on that. I am talking about what is happening in this Rescissions Act.

Don't take it from me. Just take it from Navy Admiral William McRaven, who was a Navy SEAL and a 4-star admiral. He warned that cutting State Department USAID will put every American at risk.

This is the quote: "This is no time to weaken any element of America's power. The dismissal of highly trained diplomats at the State Department and the dismantling of USAID will jeopardize national security and make the military's job much more difficult. Our national security has never depended on military strength alone; rather, it relies on collaboration with a strong Foreign Service and diplomatic corps," and I am adding with our USAID.

In this bill, over \$8 billion is taken away from what we do to alleviate poverty in the world, to lessen things like HIV and AIDS and other diseases, which have an impact on global health, by stopping the funding for the World Health Organization.

I gave praise to President Bush when he put forth PEPFAR. We worked closely with him to fund it as appropriators. There were 25 million people's lives saved, but we are saying the alleviation of poverty and the eradication of disease is no longer the point. They did this in the 1990s, too, when they took control of the House. Do you know what they did? They opened the door for China and Russia to go into these countries, have geopolitical victories funded by our money that they made in trade against us, speaking of China, and then, and then us walking

out the door. This is absolutely a shame, an absolute shame.

Mr. Speaker, I urge everyone to vote "no" on this and understand what this is.

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Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1½ minutes to the gentleman from California (Mr. McCLINTOCK), who is one of our most eloquent speakers.

Mr. McCLINTOCK. Mr. Speaker, we have had a great debate between deficits and taxes, but deficits and taxes are two sides of the same coin. To spend a dollar, Mr. Speaker, you must either tax it now or borrow it now and tax it later. Taxes and deficits are both driven by spending.

This bill rescinds some of the most stupid spending in the entire Federal Government. These are the kindest cuts of all: subsidies for state media and grants to corrupt NGOs for outrageous foreign propaganda.

Mr. Speaker, \$9 billion comes to about \$70 for an average American family.

Mr. Speaker, do you think they prefer to spend that \$70 on a new pair of shoes for their child or for "girl-centric climate change programs" in Brazil?

That is the choice.

Congress squanders hundreds of billions of dollars annually on destructive subsidies and useless grants like these. Let us finally take this first, small step toward the solvency of our Nation, relief for our people, and redemption for our Congress.

Mr. McGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. RASKIN), who is the distinguished ranking member of the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. RASKIN. Mr. Speaker, I thank Mr. McGOVERN for yielding.

The American people across the political spectrum are now demanding the release of the complete Epstein file. This is what President Trump and Vice President Vance and the whole Trump team was demanding up until the last couple of weeks when President Trump suddenly decided he wanted to sweep the whole thing under the rug. There are now two approaches in Congress.

We have got a bipartisan, binding law which has teeth to compel disclosure of all the relevant material that America wants to see, but on the other hand, the Republicans in the Rules Committee just unveiled a meaningless, hortatory, fig leaf, Swiss cheese resolution that has no teeth at all. It doesn't even have dentures. It is all cavities what they have offered.

We have got a choice now. We can go with a bill that would actually have teeth for enforcement or a meaningless, hortatory resolution that has all the legal force of National Chrysanthemum Month.

Now, the original Khanna-Massie bill asks for comprehensive release from the Attorney General, and it is binding, which means if they don't turn it

over, then we can go to court. It is comprehensive. It includes everything from flight logs and travel records to individuals, including government officials named or referenced, in connection with all of Epstein's criminal activities, all of the entities involved. We want to know about all the immunity deals.

It even tried to deter and account for destruction, deletion, alteration, misplacement, or concealment of documents and records. All of that falls out of this fraudulent resolution they have thrown up at the last minute here.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The time of the gentleman has expired.

Mr. McGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I yield an additional 30 seconds to the gentleman from Maryland.

Mr. RASKIN. There is nothing in there except for a series of qualifying weasel words which are added to give complete, unilateral, and subjective discretion to the Attorney General to decide what should be in and what should be out. It starts off by saying whereas—our resolution says: "All documents, records, and communications." Theirs says: "All credible documents, records, and communications."

Well, who is going to decide that?

It will be Attorney General Bondi in conjunction with Donald Trump who today said that a letter that he wrote to Jeffrey Epstein on his birthday which was published and which has all the indicia of credibility is not credible. That would not be included.

Let's release the real Epstein file.

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. ROY), who is a Rules Committee member.

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

So here we are. Democrats couldn't seem to find a single thing to say about Epstein when President Biden was in office, but now they want to make this the centerpiece of their entire conversation.

The fact of the matter is right now they know it is true, and right now what they don't want to do is have the American people focusing on the Republicans in Congress who are doing the thing they sent us here to do, which is end wasteful spending, to stop the ridiculous spending of a bureaucratic government that has been weaponized against the people. These are dollars that are being used and wasted and sent around the world for \$32,000 for transgender comic books in Peru. That is how they want to use taxpayer money.

We are over here trying to make sure we are saving that money instead of having \$6 million to fund tourism in Egypt or \$2 million for sex changes and LGBT activism in Guatemala.

Why should the people of Texas be paying for that instead of paying to clean up the flood in Texas?

The fact of the matter is the people of Texas want their money to be used for the things they care about.

We have listened to the minority leader come to the floor and lecture us about the virtues of public radio and public broadcasting.

Yet, nevertheless, the truth is it took NPR through Texas public radio 19 hours to post anything about the flooding on its social media pages after the floods hit in Texas.

What was NPR and Texas public radio doing that morning?

They weren't breaking to talk about what was happening in Texas. They were running ads saying people should call Congress to fund them, but the private stations in Texas were breaking to release reports and tell people what to do because that is what private stations can do. They can respond to the people because they are locally owned, they are locally run, and they are not run by bureaucrats from this town.

The fact is, we are going to save money for the American people and end the absurdity of this leftist propaganda being put under public radio.

Mr. McGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, my head is about to explode. That guy just voted to increase the debt ceiling by \$5 trillion, and he is trying to blame Democrats for Jeffrey Epstein.

Who was President when Jeffrey Epstein died in his cell?

It was Donald Trump.

Who is in charge now and blocking the release of the files?

It is Donald Trump, so please.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 1½ minutes to the gentlewoman from Florida (Ms. LOIS FRANKEL).

Ms. LOIS FRANKEL of Florida. Mr. Speaker, we are witnessing a reckless, cruel, and shortsighted assault on American values, global leadership, and our constitutional responsibilities.

Let's be clear. This is not a budget fix. It is a dangerous retreat from our role in the world. Foreign aid is just a sliver of our budget, but it saves lives. It prevents wars, and it opens markets for American businesses. It is a smart investment in our national security.

As we speak, Mr. Speaker, there are millions of dollars of food that has been left rotting over in ports, leaving massive numbers of people in conflict zones starving. This is all due to the chaos and mismanagement of the White House.

This is not fiscal responsibility. It is moral failure. This bad bill pulls millions of children out of school, leaves small farmers without tools, wipes out access to clean water, and cuts off contraception for women and girls.

Meanwhile, our adversaries are stepping in. China and Russia are seizing influence as we retreat. This bill cedes Congress' power of the purse giving one man the authority to cancel funds we have already approved.

I call us the disappearing Congress, and that is not how democracy works. It is how autocracy begins. Vote "no" on this very bad bill.

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. GILL).

Mr. GILL of Texas. Mr. Speaker, tonight is the culmination of months of work from House Republicans to defund leftwing state-sponsored media outlets like NPR.

During that process, we got to bring in leadership from these outlets like the CEO of NPR, Katherine Maher, to testify before the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee.

I got to ask her about a lot of her past public statements. It turns out she has a prolific Twitter history. She has written extensively about every single major woke buzzword that you can think of, Mr. Speaker, including “the ravages of late-stage capitalism,” “structural privilege,” and her own “cis White mobility privilege.”

Mr. Speaker, most Americans, including myself, didn’t know what that meant until reading this.

She wrote about the “politics of representation,” and, of course, “toxic masculinity.”

She also wrote about herself, about one of her major pet peeves, which is whenever she goes on an airplane and finds out that the demographics are “usually > 80% male, usually white.”

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Mr. Speaker, that is flagrantly racist. She has written about how: “I do wish Hillary”—meaning Hillary Clinton—“wouldn’t use the language of ‘boy and girl’—it’s erasing language for non-binary people.”

Mr. Speaker, this is the person running the outlet the other side of the aisle wants our tax dollars to subsidize.

Of course, she has written extensively about race, about how America is “addicted to white supremacy,” how she grew up “feeling superior” because she is White, how “America begins in black plunder and white democracy.” Mr. Speaker, this is directly from her own Twitter account.

Mr. Speaker, nonpartisan news outlets are not run by lunatics like this. Republicans are done using the power that voters give us to fund Democrat media machines. We are playing to win now.

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, that guy voted to add \$4 trillion to the debt, too.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from New York (Mr. MEEKS), the distinguished ranking member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

Mr. MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, this rescissions package is disastrous. It cuts \$8 billion in lifesaving and critical U.S. foreign assistance, including food assistance, access to clean water, and lifesaving medicine.

Let’s stop pretending that this is about fiscal responsibility. This package is not about saving money. It is about selling a con yet again to the American people.

The President claimed the United States was wastefully sending condoms to Gaza. The fact is that they were sending them to Mozambique to stop the spread of HIV and AIDS.

The President claimed that there was a wasteful \$21 million grant to India. The fact is the grant never existed.

It goes on from there.

The President claimed that there was a national emergency in Brazil to justify slapping a 50 percent tariff on a country where the U.S. has run a trade surplus for over a decade. There is no emergency.

He shouted about the Epstein files, and now his administration is saying there are no such files.

This all, once again, is to serve as a con to the American people.

Let’s be clear about what the Republicans are voting to defund today: programs that help educate women and girls, programs that fight deadly diseases.

Food, clean water, humanitarian relief for the world’s most vulnerable—are we really going to take these things away from the most vulnerable with it? America’s credibility and global leadership must not yield to this con.

Let’s get to the real waste. The real waste is incinerating 500 metric tons of expired aid sitting in warehouses meant to feed suffering children in Afghanistan and Pakistan.

The real fraud is telling the American people that these cuts will help them, and they won’t.

The real fraud is letting Elon Musk and his DOGE minions wreak havoc at State and USAID after the President fired the independent watchdogs at those agencies.

This is not how you run and lead a country. This is how you run a scam on the American people. Let’s call this for what it is. It is a con.

Republicans claim that they are doing this to save taxpayer money, but as Mr. MCGOVERN says continually, you cut \$8 billion in Foreign Service and then you add over \$3 trillion or \$4 trillion to the American debt. It is a con.

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Here we go again, not talking about the subject at hand but trying to distract people. It is the same old, tired song and dance. Our friends revert to demonizing and misrepresenting the big, beautiful bill. They say you can’t make this stuff up, but that is what they do.

We are having one success after another, and it is driving our friends across the aisle to distraction.

When they had full control of the levers of power just a few years ago, they expanded the Federal Government with an unprecedented \$11 trillion in spending, \$6 trillion of which has been added to the national debt.

What is most revealing is their refusal to articulate a single program, a single outlay, or a single area of Federal spending they want to reduce on behalf of taxpayers. They want every single dime of taxpayer money, and they don’t like the historic cutting of \$1.6 trillion in waste, fraud, and abuse in H.R. 1. They can’t stomach the \$9

billion here in this discretionary cuts to wasteful spending. There is no upper limit to the amount of taxpayer dollars they will throw at their government-centered schemes.

How about a million? Can democrats articulate a cut to Federal spending in the amount of a million? How about in the thousands, like the \$500,000 for electric buses in Rwanda or the \$8,000 for promoting vegan food in Zambia that we are cutting now? They can’t do it, and that is very unfortunate because it has dire consequences for our Nation.

The fact is, we can’t work in a bipartisan fashion to cut Federal spending anymore, and that wasn’t always the case. Our colleagues are addicted to a tax-and-spend formula that has been bankrupting our government.

But we won’t stand idly by. We won’t wait on Democrats to take their heads out of the sand or wake up from this woke-induced coma. We are taking bold action at every level and in every facet of the Federal Government to get our Federal spending under control. We will do it \$8,000 at a time when we have to or \$1.6 trillion at a time when we can. We have been given this mandate, and the American people are counting on us.

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

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from New York (Mr. GOLDMAN).

Mr. GOLDMAN of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong opposition to President Trump’s reckless and destructive rescissions bill.

The proposed \$8 billion cut to global aid programs is not only a shortsighted betrayal of American leadership, but it is going to result in millions of people getting sick and losing their lives.

If we continue to retreat from helping countries around the world as this administration is doing, our adversaries like China will fill the vacuum. That makes us less powerful and less safe.

It is not just lives at risk abroad. Lives here will be lost, too. By defunding the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, millions of Americans will no longer have access to our national emergency weather alert system. Simply put: Americans will die because of these cuts.

In addition to gutting one of the last vestiges of independent journalism, which is only biased if you think the truth is biased, the Republicans are also defunding free children’s educational programs enjoyed by millions around the country.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to vote “no.”

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

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentlewoman from North Carolina (Ms. ADAMS).

Ms. ADAMS. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding.

I rise today in opposition to the rule to consider the rescissions package of

2025 and its reckless cuts to public broadcasting.

It is not hyperbole to say that public broadcasting saves lives during emergency situations and natural disasters. My State knows that firsthand.

When Hurricane Helene devastated western North Carolina last year, public broadcasting was there when traditional communication failed. Widespread power, cellular, and internet outages meant that, for thousands of North Carolinians, public radio was how they received their news.

Our local public broadcasting stations provided lifesaving updates for our residents, broadcasted emergency resource information like food and water and distribution, and gave a direct line for North Carolinians to speak to their communities.

Slashing public broadcasting funding will limit their ability to operate during crises and delay critical information to the people who need it most.

Make no mistake: Without public broadcasting, we would have seen more lives lost in Helene. We need to protect these stations so we can protect our communities.

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Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, let's talk about the Public Broadcasting Act of 1967, which mandates that all public broadcasting programs must demonstrate strict adherence to objectivity and balance in all programs. There are a myriad of statistical studies that prove that they are not.

Perhaps most damning for NPR is the fact that it had to utilize a \$1.9 million Federal grant to "improve objectivity and diverse viewpoints" last year. This is despite the fact that NPR's CEO recently testified, as our colleague said, that she didn't witness any bias at the organization. Then why the need for the Federal grant?

The problem with the Public Broadcasting Act is that it lacks an enforcement mechanism, so we will go with our constitutional prerogatives here to enforce the law. It starts with the rescission of funding.

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

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentlewoman from New Mexico (Ms. STANSBURY).

Ms. STANSBURY. Mr. Speaker, you guys are so weak that you won't even vote to release the files. It is 11:20 p.m. in the middle of the night, and once again, you are trying to jam your dark agenda through Congress in the dark of night.

It makes me wonder: Have you even read this bill? I mean, really, because this bill rescinds \$9 billion for international aid, public health, and public media. It will make America less safe. It will undermine our national security. It will threaten lives across the world and kill children.

On top of that, it undermines our Constitution, the power of the people,

the power of the purse, and the separation of powers in our Constitution, as Russell Vought, OMB, and the architects of Project 2025 are trying to use this rescission bill to undermine the power of Congress.

That is why we will vote "no," a "hell no" to the blatant power grab that it represents in the face of the chaotic and corrupt administration and Congress that is stealing from our people.

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

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, we are far from weak. We are doing what the American people want us to do, and that is to let them keep more of their money and not take it and let unnamed bureaucrats spend it on their behalf.

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

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, may I ask how many more speakers the gentlewoman has.

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I am not quite ready to close, but will be shortly.

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

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. ARRINGTON), the distinguished chairman of the Budget Committee.

Mr. ARRINGTON. Mr. Speaker, the era of woke and wasteful spending in the people's government is over, and it is sad to watch this last-ditch effort by my Democratic colleagues to fight for status quo. The status quo is a cesspool of these leftist ideological programs that they would say is soft power for America's interests or that they would say are lifesaving services.

Mr. Speaker, the American people rejected this radical agenda. They rejected the failed policies of my Democratic colleagues and their unbridled spending that is bankrupting this country.

They sent President Trump here with a mandate and unified Republican leadership to restore competent leadership, commonsense policies, and a commitment to America First. There is nothing common sense or America First about transgender comic books in Peru and all the other woke and wasteful programs that my Democratic colleagues are fighting to defend.

Mr. Speaker, I am thankful that we have a President who has heard from the people and is hell-bent on rightsizing this bureaucracy, reining in this waste, and restoring fiscal sanity here in Washington, D.C., not only for the taxpayers of today but for the future, for prosperity, for freedom, and for our children.

This is why my colleagues are going to wander in the wilderness for years to come. While that might benefit us politically, it is sad for my country. I am sad as an American to see the defense of these crazy, divisive, and dangerous ideological programs that my taxpayers in west Texas are spending their hard-earned money for.

Mr. Speaker, I encourage and urge my colleagues on both sides to support this rescissions package.

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

Mr. Speaker, before I close, let's talk about what is actually in front of us.

This rescissions package is a joke. Republicans passed a massive tax giveaway for the rich, one of the most expensive in history. That giveaway was 450 times the size of these rescissions, and every single Republican who spoke tonight voted to add \$4 trillion to the debt—every single one of them.

This isn't even good policy or process. It is rushed. It is sloppy. Even Republicans in the Senate are warning about the consequences, but the House majority doesn't care. They are more interested in headlines than outcomes. Once again, it is everyday people who pay the price.

Mr. Speaker, let us end where we started: the Epstein files.

Republicans can take a real vote today, a vote that will put them on the side of truth and justice, a vote to tell victims that we hear you, we see you, and we will not protect the powerful at your expense.

Instead, they are choosing cowardice. They are choosing obedience to Trump, so they cooked up this nonbinding resolution, a press release, pretending to do something.

Let's be clear: Republicans can either vote to release the files or vote to bury them. If every Republican votes to block our attempt to release the records, they are telling Epstein's victims that they don't matter as much as their political convenience. That should disgust every single one of us.

This place deserves better. This country deserves better. The victims, most of all, deserve the truth.

Release the Epstein files. Release the files.

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

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

Mr. Speaker, all night, our colleagues across the aisle have been talking about what we are not here to discuss, which is this rescissions package. They keep trying to distract the American people with things that we are not here to talk about.

The American people do not want to see their hard-earned tax dollars being squandered, not one bit. At its core, H.R. 4 is about shutting off the spigot of wasteful money, clawing back the tax dollars of Americans, and ensuring that wasteful and unnecessary spending is uprooted and left to wither and die.

It is just that simple. That is all there is to it. With more rescissions packages on the horizon, the President and Speaker have indicated that the best is yet to come.

We are doing our job to help save the American taxpayers' dollars. We know how hard it is to earn those dollars, and we don't want to see them squandered.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to vote “yes” on the previous question, “yes” on the rule, and “yes” on the underlying bill.

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

AN AMENDMENT TO H. RES. 590 OFFERED BY
MR. MCGOVERN OF MASSACHUSETTS

At the end of the resolution, add the following:

SEC. 2. Immediately upon adoption of this resolution, the House shall proceed to the consideration in the House of the bill (H.R. 4405) to require the Attorney General to release all documents and records in possession of the Department of Justice relating to Jeffrey Epstein, 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 the Judiciary or their respective designees; and (2) one motion to recommit.

SEC. 3. Clause 1(c) of rule XIX and clause 8 of rule XX shall not apply to the consideration of H.R. 4405.

SEC. 4. The Clerk shall transmit to the Senate a message that the House has passed H.R. 4405 no later than one week after passage.

□ 2330

Ms. FOXX. 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 218, nays 211, not voting 3, as follows:

[Roll No. 202]

YEAS—218

Aderholt	Burchett	Ellzey
Alford	Calvert	Emmer
Allen	Cammack	Estes
Amodei (NV)	Carey	Evans (CO)
Arrington	Carter (GA)	Ezell
Babin	Carter (TX)	Fallon
Bacon	Ciscomani	Fedorchak
Baird	Cline	Feenstra
Balderson	Cloud	Fine
Barr	Clyde	Finstad
Barrett	Cole	Fischbach
Baumgartner	Collins	Fitzgerald
Bean (FL)	Comer	Fitzpatrick
Begich	Crane	Fleischmann
Bentz	Crank	Flood
Bergman	Crawford	Fong
Bice	Crenshaw	Foxx
Biggs (AZ)	Davidson	Franklin, Scott
Biggs (SC)	De La Cruz	Fry
Billakis	DesJarlais	Fulcher
Boebert	Diaz-Balart	Garbarino
Bost	Donalds	Gill (TX)
Brecheen	Downing	Gimenez
Bresnahan	Dunn (FL)	Goldman (TX)
Buchanan	Edwards	Gonzales, Tony

Gooden	Lee (FL)	Rose
Gosar	Letlow	Rouzer
Graves	Loudermilk	Roy
Greene (GA)	Lucas	Rulli
Griffith	Luna	Rutherford
Grothman	Luttrell	Salazar
Guest	Mace	Scalise
Guthrie	Mackenzie	Schmidt
Hageman	Malliotakis	Schweikert
Hamadeh (AZ)	Maloy	Scott, Austin
Haridopolos	Mann	Self
Harrigan	Massie	Sessions
Harris (MD)	Mast	Shreve
Harris (NC)	McCaul	Simpson
Harshbarger	McClain	Smith (MO)
Hern (OK)	McClintock	Smith (NE)
Higgins (LA)	McCormick	Smith (NJ)
Hill (AR)	McDowell	Smucker
Hinson	McGuire	Spartz
Houchin	Messmer	Staubert
Hudson	Meuser	Stefanik
Huizenga	Miller (IL)	Steil
Hunt	Miller (OH)	Steube
Hurd (CO)	Miller (WV)	Strong
Issa	Miller-Meeks	Stutzman
Jack	Mills	Taylor
Jackson (TX)	Moolenaar	Tenney
James	Moore (AL)	Thompson (PA)
Johnson (LA)	Moore (NC)	Tiffany
Johnson (SD)	Moore (UT)	Timmons
Jordan	Moore (WV)	Turner (OH)
Joyce (OH)	Moran	Valadao
Joyce (PA)	Murphy	Van Drew
Kean	Nehls	Van Dwyne
Kelly (MS)	Newhouse	Van Orden
Kelly (PA)	Norman	Wagner
Kennedy (UT)	Nunn (IA)	Walberg
Kiggans (VA)	Oberholte	Weber (TX)
Kiley (CA)	Ogles	Webster (FL)
Kim	Onder	Westerman
Knott	Owens	Wied
Kustoff	Palmer	Williams (TX)
LaHood	Patronis	Wilson (SC)
LaLota	Perry	Wittman
LaMalfa	Pfluger	Womack
Langworthy	Reschenthaler	Yakym
Latta	Rogers (AL)	Zinke
Lawler	Rogers (KY)	

NAYS—211

Adams	DelBene	Kelly (IL)
Aguilar	Deluzio	Kennedy (NY)
Amo	DeSaulnier	Khanna
Ansari	Dexter	Krishnamoorthi
Auchincloss	Dingell	Landsman
Balint	Doggett	Larsen (WA)
Barragán	Elfreth	Larson (CT)
Beatty	Escoibar	Latimer
Bell	Esipailat	Lee (NV)
Bera	Evans (PA)	Lee (PA)
Beyer	Fields	Leger Fernandez
Bishop	Figures	Levin
Bonamici	Fletcher	Liccardo
Boyle (PA)	Foster	Lieu
Brown	Foushee	Lofgren
Brownley	Frankel, Lois	Lynch
Budzinski	Friedman	Magaziner
Bynum	Frost	Mannion
Carbajal	Garamendi	Matsui
Carson	Garcia (CA)	McBath
Carter (LA)	Garcia (IL)	McBride
Casar	Garcia (TX)	McClain Delaney
Case	Gillen	McClellan
Casten	Golden (ME)	McCollum
Castor (FL)	Goldman (NY)	McDonald Rivet
Castro (TX)	Gomez	McGarvey
Cherfilus-	Gonzalez, V.	McGovern
McCormick	Goodlander	McIver
Chu	Gottheimer	Meeks
Cisneros	Gray	Menendez
Clark (MA)	Green, Al (TX)	Meng
Clarke (NY)	Harder (CA)	Mfume
Cleaver	Hayes	Min
Clyburn	Himes	Moore (WI)
Cohen	Horsford	Morelle
Conaway	Houlahan	Morrison
Correa	Hoyer	Moskowitz
Costa	Hoyle (OR)	Moulton
Courtney	Huffman	Mrvan
Craig	Ivey	Mullin
Crockett	Jackson (IL)	Nadler
Crow	Jacobs	Neal
Cuellar	Jayapal	Neguse
Davis (KS)	Jeffries	Norcross
Davis (IL)	Johnson (GA)	Ocasio-Cortez
Davis (NC)	Johnson (TX)	Olzewski
Dean (PA)	Kamllager-Dove	Omar
DeGette	Kaptur	Pallone
DeLauro	Keating	Panetta

Pappas	Schneider	Thompson (MS)
Pelosi	Scholten	Titus
Perez	Schrier	Tlaib
Peters	Scott (VA)	Tokuda
Pettersen	Scott, David	Tonko
Pingree	Sewell	Torres (CA)
Pocan	Sherman	Torres (NY)
Pou	Sherrill	Trahan
Pressley	Simon	Tran
Quigley	Smith (WA)	Underwood
Ramirez	Sorensen	Vargas
Randall	Soto	Vasquez
Raskin	Stansbury	Veasey
Riley (NY)	Stanton	Velázquez
Rivas	Stevens	Vindman
Ross	Strickland	Wasserman
Ruiz	Subramanyam	Schultz
Ryan	Swallow	Waters
Salinas	Sykes	Watson Coleman
Sánchez	Takano	Whitesides
Scanlon	Thandear	Williams (GA)
Schakowsky	Thompson (CA)	Wilson (FL)

NOT VOTING—3

Burlison	Green (TN)	Suoizzi
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□ 2356

Ms. PEREZ changed her vote from “yea” to “nay.”

So the previous question was ordered.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. 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 213, not voting 3, as follows:

[Roll No. 203]

AYES—216

Aderholt	De La Cruz	Harris (MD)
Alford	DesJarlais	Harris (NC)
Allen	Diaz-Balart	Harshbarger
Amodei (NV)	Donalds	Hern (OK)
Arrington	Downing	Higgins (LA)
Babin	Dunn (FL)	Hill (AR)
Bacon	Edwards	Hinson
Baird	Ellzey	Houchin
Balderson	Emmer	Hudson
Barr	Estes	Huizenga
Barrett	Evans (CO)	Hunt
Baumgartner	Ezell	Hurd (CO)
Bean (FL)	Fallon	Issa
Begich	Fedorchak	Jack
Bentz	Feenstra	Jackson (TX)
Bergman	Fine	James
Bice	Finstad	Johnson (LA)
Biggs (AZ)	Fischbach	Johnson (SD)
Biggs (SC)	Fitzgerald	Jordan
Billakis	Fleischmann	Joyce (OH)
Boebert	Flood	Joyce (PA)
Bost	Fong	Kean
Brecheen	Foxx	Kelly (MS)
Bresnahan	Franklin, Scott	Kelly (PA)
Buchanan	Fry	Kennedy (UT)
Burchett	Fulcher	Kiggans (VA)
Calvert	Garbarino	Kiley (CA)
Cammack	Gill (TX)	Kim
Carey	Gimenez	Knott
Carter (GA)	Goldman (TX)	Kustoff
Carter (TX)	Gonzales, Tony	LaHood
Ciscomani	Gooden	LaLota
Cline	Gosar	LaMalfa
Cloud	Graves	Langworthy
Clyde	Greene (GA)	Latta
Cole	Griffith	Lawler
Collins	Grothman	Lee (FL)
Comer	Guest	Letlow
Crane	Guthrie	Loudermilk
Crank	Hageman	Lucas
Crawford	Hamadeh (AZ)	Luna
Crenshaw	Haridopolos	Luttrell
Davidson	Harrigan	Mace

Mackenzie
Malliotakis
Maloy
Mann
Massie
Mast
McCauley
McClain
McClintock
McCormick
McDowell
McGuire
Messmer
Meuser
Miller (IL)
Miller (OH)
Miller (WV)
Miller-Meeks
Mills
Moolenaar
Moore (AL)
Moore (NC)
Moore (UT)
Moore (WV)
Moran
Murphy
Nehls
Newhouse
Norman

Nunn (IA)
Oberholte
Ogles
Onder
Owens
Palmer
Patronis
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
Valadao
Van Drew
Van Dyne
Van Orden
Wagner
Walberg
Weber (TX)
Webster (FL)
Westerman
Wied
Williams (TX)
Wilson (SC)
Wittman
Womack
Yakym
Zinke

NOES—213

Adams
Aguilar
Amo
Ansari
Auchincloss
Balint
Barragán
Beatty
Bell
Bera
Beyer
Bishop
Bonamici
Boyle (PA)
Brown
Brownley
Budzinski
Bynum
Carbajal
Carson
Carter (LA)
Casar
Case
Casten
Castor (FL)
Castro (TX)
Cherfilus-
McCormick
Chu
Cisneros
Clark (MA)
Clarke (NY)
Cleaver
Clyburn
Cohen
Conaway
Correa
Costa
Courtney
Craig
Crockett
Crow
Cuellar
Davids (KS)
Davis (IL)
Davis (NC)
Dean (PA)
DeGette
DeLauro
DeBene
Deluzio
DeSaulnier
Dexter
Dingell
Doggett
Elfreth
Escobar
Españat
Evans (PA)
Fields
Figures
Fitzpatrick
Fletcher
Foster
Foushee
Frankel, Lois
Friedman
Frost

Garamendi
Garcia (CA)
Garcia (IL)
Garcia (TX)
Gillen
Golden (ME)
Goldman (NY)
Gomez
Gonzalez, V.
Goodlander
Gottheimer
Gray
Green, Al (TX)
Harder (CA)
Hayes
Himes
Horsford
Houlahan
Hoyer
Hoyle (OR)
Huffman
Ivey
Jackson (IL)
Jacobs
Jayapal
Jeffries
Johnson (GA)
Johnson (TX)
Kamlager-Dove
Kaptur
Keating
Kelly (IL)
Kennedy (NY)
Khanna
Krishnamoorthi
Landsman
Larsen (WA)
Larson (CT)
Latimer
Lee (NV)
Lee (PA)
Leger Fernandez
Levin
Liccardo
Lieu
Lofgren
Lynch
Magaziner
Mannion
Matsui
McBath
McBride
McClain Delaney
McClellan
McCollum
McDonald Rivet
McGarvey
McGovern
McIver
Meeks
Menendez
Meng
Mfume
Min
Moore (WI)
Morelle
Morrison
Moskowitz

Moulton
Mrvan
Mullin
Nadler
Neal
Neguse
Norcross
Ocasio-Cortez
Olszewski
Omar
Pallone
Panetta
Pappas
Pelosi
Perez
Peters
Pettersen
Pingree
Pocan
Pou
Pressley
Quigley
Ramirez
Randall
Raskin
Riley (NY)
Rivas
Ross
Ruiz
Ryan
Salinas
Sánchez
Scanlon
Schakowsky
Schneider
Scholten
Schrier
Scott (VA)
Scott, David
Sewell
Sherman
Sherrill
Simon
Smith (WA)
Sorensen
Soto
Stansbury
Stanton
Stevens
Strickland
Subramanyam
Swalwell
Sykes
Takano
Thanedar
Thompson (CA)
Thompson (MS)
Titus
Tlaib
Tokuda
Tonko
Torres (CA)
Torres (NY)
Trahan
Tran
Turner (OH)
Underwood
Vargas

Vasquez
Veasey
Velázquez
Vindman

Wasserman
Schultz
Waters
Watson Coleman

Whitesides
Williams (GA)
Wilson (FL)

NOT VOTING—3

Burlison
Green (TN)
Suozi

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

□ 0003

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.

SENATE AMENDMENT TO H.R. 4,
RESCISSIONS ACT OF 2025

Pursuant to the adoption of House Resolution 590, the Senate amendment to H.R. 4 is considered as agreed to.

The text of the Senate Amendment is as follows:

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Rescissions Act of 2025”.

SEC. 2. RESCISSIONS OF BUDGET AUTHORITY.

(a) *IN GENERAL.*—Pursuant to the special message transmitted by the President on June 3, 2025, to the House of Representatives and the Senate proposing the rescission of budget authority under section 1012 of part B of title X of the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974 (2 U.S.C. 682 et seq.), the rescissions described under subsection (b) shall take effect immediately upon the date of enactment of this Act.

(b) *RESCISSIONS.*—The rescissions described in this subsection are as follows:

(1) *Of the unobligated balances under the heading “International Organizations—Contributions to International Organizations” made available by the Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2024 (division F of Public Law 118–47), \$33,008,764 are rescinded.*

(2) *Of the unobligated balances under the heading “International Organizations—Contributions to International Organizations” made available by the Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act, 2025 (division A of Public Law 119–4), \$168,837,230 are rescinded.*

(3) *Of the unobligated balances under the heading “International Organizations—Contributions for International Peacekeeping Activities” made available by the Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2024 (division F of Public Law 118–47), \$203,328,007 are rescinded.*

(4) *Of the unobligated balances under the heading “International Organizations—Contributions for International Peacekeeping Activities” made available by the Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act, 2025 (division A of Public Law 119–4), \$157,906,000 are rescinded.*

(5) *Of the unobligated balances in the first paragraph under the heading “Bilateral Economic Assistance—Funds Appropriated to the President—Global Health Programs” made available by the Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act, 2025 (division A of Public Law 119–4), \$500,000,000 are rescinded: Provided, That none of the amounts rescinded under this paragraph shall be from the unobligated balances for the following programs: HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, Malaria, Nutrition, or Maternal and Child Health: Provided further, That the preceding proviso does not apply to family planning and reproductive health programs.*

(6) *Of the unobligated balances under the heading “Department of State—Migration and Refugee Assistance” made available by the Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act, 2025 (division A of Public Law 119–4), \$800,000,000 are rescinded.*

(7) *Of the unobligated balances under the heading “Bilateral Economic Assistance—Funds Appropriated to the President—Complex Crises Fund” made available by the Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act, 2025 (division A of Public Law 119–4), \$43,000,000 are rescinded.*

(8) *Of the unobligated balances under the heading “Bilateral Economic Assistance—Funds Appropriated to the President—Democracy Fund” made available by the Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act, 2025 (division A of Public Law 119–4), \$83,000,000 are rescinded.*

(9) *Of the unobligated balances under the heading “Bilateral Economic Assistance—Funds Appropriated to the President—Economic Support Fund” made available by the Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act, 2025 (division A of Public Law 119–4), \$1,650,000,000 are rescinded: Provided, That none of the funds rescinded under this paragraph shall be from the unobligated balances for assistance to Jordan, Egypt, or the Countering PRC Influence Fund.*

(10) *Of the unobligated balances under the heading “Multilateral Assistance—International Financial Institutions—Contribution to the Clean Technology Fund” made available by the Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act, 2025 (division A of Public Law 119–4), \$125,000,000 are rescinded.*

(11) *Of the unobligated balances under the heading “Multilateral Assistance—Funds Appropriated to the President—International Organizations and Programs” made available by the Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act, 2025 (division A of Public Law 119–4), \$436,920,000 are rescinded.*

(12) *Of the unobligated balances under the heading “Bilateral Economic Assistance—Funds Appropriated to the President—Development Assistance” made available by the Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act, 2025 (division A of Public Law 119–4), \$2,500,000,000 are rescinded: Provided, That none of the funds rescinded under this paragraph shall be from the unobligated balances for Feed the Future Innovation Labs or the Countering PRC Influence Fund: Provided further, That none of the funds rescinded under this paragraph shall affect the administration of United States commodity-based food aid, including the Food for Peace program and the McGovern-Dole International Food for Education and Child Nutrition Program.*

(13) *Of the unobligated balances under the heading “Bilateral Economic Assistance—Funds Appropriated to the President—Assistance for Europe, Eurasia and Central Asia” made available by the Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act, 2025 (division A of Public Law 119–4), \$460,000,000 are rescinded.*

(14) *Of the unobligated balances under the heading “Bilateral Economic Assistance—Funds Appropriated to the President—International Disaster Assistance” made available by the Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act, 2025 (division A of Public Law 119–4), \$496,000,000 are rescinded: Provided, That none of the funds rescinded shall affect the administration of United States commodity-based food aid, including the Food for Peace program and the McGovern-Dole International Food for Education and Child Nutrition Program.*

(15) *Of the unobligated balances under the heading “United States Agency for International Development—Funds Appropriated to the President—Operating Expenses” made available by the Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act, 2025 (division A of Public Law 119–4), \$125,000,000 are rescinded.*

(16) *Of the unobligated balances under the heading “Bilateral Economic Assistance—Funds*