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NOT VOTING—7

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Mr. MRVAN changed his vote from "nay" to "yea."

So the motion to table was agreed to. The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated against:

Mr. TURNER of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 223.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. SCHMIDT. Mr. Speaker, I was absent from the house to attend the funeral of Kansas City, Kansas, Police Officer Hunter Simoncic, who was killed in the line of duty last month. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 221, YEA on Roll Call No. 222, and NAY on Roll Call No. 223.

PROVIDING FOR CONGRESSIONAL DISAPPROVAL OF THE RULE SUBMITTED BY THE BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT RELATING TO "MILES CITY FIELD OFFICE RECORD OF DECISION AND APPROVED RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN AMENDMENT"

Mr. WESTERMAN. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to House Resolution 672, I call up the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 104) providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Bureau of Land Management relating to "Miles City Field Office Record of Decision and Approved Resource Management Plan Amendment", and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the joint resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 672, the joint resolution is considered read.

The text of the joint resolution is as follows:

H.J. RES. 104

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Congress disapproves the rule submitted by the Bureau of Land Management relating to "Miles City Field Office Record of Decision and Approved Resource Management Plan Amendment" (issued November 20, 2024, as a record of decision and resource management plan amendment, and a letter of opinion from the Government Accountability Office dated June 25, 2025, printed in the Congressional Record on June 26, 2025, on pages S3552–S3554, concluding that such record of decision and resource management plan amendment is a rule under the Congressional Review Act), and such rule shall have no force or effect.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The joint resolution shall be debated for 1 hour, equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Natural Resources or their respective designees.

The gentleman from Arkansas (Mr. WESTERMAN) and the gentleman from Colorado (Mr. NEGEUSE) each will control 30 minutes.

The Chair now recognizes the gentleman from Arkansas (Mr. WESTERMAN).

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. WESTERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on H.J. Res. 104.

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

There was no objection.

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

Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.J. Res. 104, sponsored by Representative DOWNING of Montana.

This Congressional Review Act resolution would permanently repeal the Bureau of Land Management's misguided resource management plan amendment for the Miles City Field Office in Montana, finalized under the Biden administration.

This resource management plan, or RMP, amendment locked up 11.7 million acres of land and mineral estate. To put that in perspective, that is an area roughly the size of the States of Rhode Island, Delaware, Connecticut, and New Jersey combined.

RMPs are meant to be collaborative approaches to land management that balance multiple uses, including energy and mineral production, outdoor recreation, grazing, and timber harvesting. When done correctly, RMPs help guide public land management in a way that provides fuel, food, and fiber for the Nation and conserves our natural resources.

RMPs manage the resources that are the backbone of western rural economies and support thousands of good-paying jobs. That is what makes the Miles City Resource Management Plan amendment so egregious.

This RMP amendment virtually ended future coal leasing across Mon-

tana's entire Powder River Basin, dealing a severe blow to America's energy security and threatening Montana jobs and economic growth.

The national security and economic importance of this region cannot be overstated. Montana holds nearly 30 percent of our Nation's coal reserves. In total, coal from the Powder River Basin produced in Montana and Wyoming makes up about 85 percent of Federal coal production and 40 percent of overall coal production in the entire United States.

Coal is reliable and affordable, and we know we are going to need this critical resource of baseload power as electricity demands continue to skyrocket. If your State has coal, we should be developing it, not burying it under bureaucracy. No one produces coal cleaner or more responsibly than the United States. Nobody understands this better than President Trump, who is reversing the war on American energy and ushering in a new age of energy dominance. He is putting Montana over Moscow and the Powder River Basin over the PRC.

By passing the CRA today, we are advancing President Trump's executive orders on unleashing American energy and reinvigorating America's beautiful clean coal industry.

The CRA will immediately reinstate future coal leasing and open access to 37.8 billion short tons of coal, enough to meet U.S. demand for the next 73 years.

In addition, passing Representative DOWNING's CRA will unleash Montana's coal industry and generate millions of dollars in revenue for the Federal Government and the State of Montana.

According to the Congressional Budget Office, this CRA will generate \$16 million in revenue for the Federal Government over the next decade. This resolution also protects approximately \$46 million in annual revenue for Montana's K–12 public education system.

These estimates are conservative, as they don't account for the thousands of good-paying jobs supported by Montana's coal industry and the broad positive economic effects of producing energy here at home.

The CRA isn't just about Montana. Energy security is national security, and Montana's mining industry plays a vital role in ensuring America and our allies maintain a strategic energy advantage over our adversaries.

We can be sure of one thing: The people who benefit from America not harnessing our abundant natural resources are currently sitting in Beijing, China, where they are building new coal-fired power plants at the rate of one per week. In this global energy race, we cannot afford to lose.

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Unleashing American energy should not be a partisan issue. Harnessing and unleashing American energy brings down electricity prices for families and boosts real wages for hardworking

Americans who keep our economy running.

This CRA is about grid reliability, energy affordability, and ensuring that States across the country have access to dispatchable baseload power, especially during extreme weather and peak demand. It will create jobs, generate millions of dollars in revenue, and provide for our national security.

I commend the entire Montana delegation, Representatives DOWNING and ZINKE, and Senators DAINES and SHEEHY, for their tireless work and leadership on this issue.

Mr. Speaker, I encourage my colleagues to support the CRA, and I reserve the balance of my time.

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

Mr. Speaker, we are on the floor this week debating three Congressional Review Act resolutions that would overturn balanced, forward-looking resource management plans, or RMPs, that have been carefully developed over the past 4 years.

Now, with all due respect to my friend and colleague, the chairman, I heard a lot of slogans, a couple of references to Moscow. I will just say that the CRA before this body is very simple. It is an effort by House Republicans to do something that has never been done before in the history of the Congressional Review Act, which is to overturn a resource management plan.

Why, you might ask, Mr. Speaker, do Republicans intend to take this unprecedented step? It is simply because they would like to open up millions of acres in Montana, North Dakota, and elsewhere to coal extraction. That is it, very simple.

We can probably dispense with, I guess, the hour of debate that we are allocated for purposes of these CRAs. It doesn't really get more complicated than that: Balanced resource management plans were developed in consultation with the communities and States at issue, and this Republican Congress has decided that it is of the utmost priority to, via legislative action, overturn resource management plans that, by the way, Mr. Speaker, could simply be reversed with a phone call to the Secretary of the Interior.

Last time I checked, the Secretary of the Interior happens to be the former Governor of North Dakota, so insofar as my colleagues on the other side of the aisle are so invested in overturning this resource management plan, perhaps they should call the former Governor of North Dakota, who now works 2 miles from the U.S. Capitol as the Secretary of the Interior, and ask the agency to follow the process by which a resource management plan is historically reconsidered.

Instead, we are here on the House floor debating a CRA on the resource management plan, a giveaway to some of the biggest mining and oil companies on the planet. That is how House Republicans have decided to spend our time on the floor today.

There are a lot of priorities, Mr. Speaker, that my constituents back in Colorado believe this House should consider. Reversing the draconian and cruel healthcare cuts that House Republicans pushed through just a mere 7 weeks ago is at the top of the list. I can tell you what is not on the list: CRA resolutions to overturn resource management plans so that more coal extraction and mining can be done in Montana. That is not on the list of priorities of my constituents, and I suspect that is the case for the vast majority of Americans.

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

Mr. WESTERMAN. Mr. Speaker, all Americans should have on the top of their priority list energy security and national security. When we block off millions of acres of land from any kind of energy development, that is something that should come right up to the top of priorities.

I heard mention of balance. To think that there was balance in the RMP that the Biden administration put out, especially on this land in Montana, is no kind of balance that I have ever seen. It is totally unbalanced. It locks things down, shuts things off, and leaves the American people to deal with the ramifications of it, with higher energy prices, less reliable energy, and also less national security.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 4 minutes to the gentleman from Montana (Mr. DOWNING), the lead sponsor of this legislation, who, along with Representative ZINKE, knows more about Montana than anybody else in the House.

Mr. DOWNING. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of my resolution, H.J. Res. 104.

For 4 years, President Biden and his autopen waged war on American energy. He targeted the very foundations of our energy independence. No industry felt the brunt of the administration's attack more than the coal industry. Coal mines, coal-fired power plants, and the communities they support were pushed to the brink of collapse.

The 2024 amendment to the Miles City Resource Management Plan would have cut off access to 30 percent of the Nation's coal reserves.

The vast majority of Americans rely on coal for at least part of their electricity every single day, and at no point did Biden's Bureau of Land Management stop to consider the \$46 million in lost revenue to the State of Montana, money that helps pay for K-12 education.

Make no mistake, this amendment was not a moderate, science-based decision. This was the heavy hand of Big Government crushing an entire industry in the name of a radical Green New Deal agenda. It was the inevitable result of an antihuman, America-last ideology that has been knocked on its heels in the wake of President Trump's election.

Today, I am thankful that we have the opportunity to reverse this rule be-

fore any permanent damage could be done. Today, we are advancing President Trump's executive order to expand American energy production and achieve energy dominance. We are standing up for the people of Colstrip, for the workers of eastern Montana, and for the thousands of Montanans whose livelihoods depend on responsible coal production. We are standing up for affordable electricity, for State and local governments that rely on revenue from Federal leases, and for a commonsense energy strategy that does not depend on imports from adversaries, like China.

This resolution is not about politics. It is about putting working families before bureaucrats. It is about keeping the lights on in America and keeping paychecks flowing in Montana.

When the Federal Government acts recklessly, it is the responsibility of Congress to step in and course correct. That is exactly what H.J. Res. 104 does.

The war on coal must end. It must end here with a vote to overturn this dangerous and shortsighted rule. I urge my colleagues to vote "yes" on H.J. Res. 104 and send a clear message that energy security, economic stability, and the voices of rural America will not be ignored.

Mr. NEGUSE. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from California (Mr. HUFFMAN), the distinguished ranking member of the Natural Resources Committee.

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I strongly oppose all three of these Congressional Review Act resolutions on the floor because the reality is that these would overhaul years of public input. They would silence Tribal voices and erase science-based planning, all so that this administration can hand millions of acres of our public lands over to the fossil fuel industry for extraction.

Public lands should be our country's proudest legacy. They are our natural heritage, a national treasure, and the agencies responsible for stewarding them, like the Bureau of Land Management and the Forest Service, diligently manage these resources for the future through the careful development of these resource management plans and forest plans.

The BLM plans, or the RMPs, are carefully crafted to establish safeguards for wildlife, recreation areas, and watersheds, and to identify suitable areas for energy development, as well. That also includes grazing, logging, and other commercial activities. They have to balance all of it in these RMPs.

It is also based on robust input from communities, stakeholders, the public, and government-to-government consultation with the impacted Tribes, as well.

The Republican majority has proven time and again that they don't want any of that public process. They simply want to hand things over to Big Oil and

Big Coal, and this week, they are right back at it.

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The majority is making us vote on legislation that would turn the management of public lands upside down, throwing it into chaos, all just to score that quick win for their fossil fuel buddies because the existing plans don't give away the store the way they would like to.

It doesn't matter that this might upend the system that grants land ownership to Alaska Native veterans of the Vietnam war, which is what one of these RMPs does, or that the Tribal governments have spent years working in good faith with the Federal Government to develop land management plans that both allow for energy development and protect subsistence hunting and fishing resources.

That is what they are blowing up with these CRAs, not to mention that if these CRAs are signed into law, the validity of every single permit, lease, and Federal approval that has been issued based on these RMPs would suddenly be called into question and subject to litigation.

I remind my colleagues once again that they don't have to go down this road.

The gentleman from Colorado mentioned that the CRA has never been used to overturn a resource management plan. There are perfectly valid ways of achieving the same goals in the Federal Land Policy and Management Act. It is what the Biden administration did to update these plans, and it is what the Trump administration has already announced it intends to do.

I certainly expect to disagree with the outcomes and the objectives of the Trump administration's efforts to amend these RMPs. If they followed the formal process at least, though, we would have a chance to make our case in that process, and it wouldn't imperil existing permits and leases. Most importantly, it would require community input and Tribal consultation.

I strongly urge my colleagues not to continue this race to the bottom. Republicans have already thrown so many norms out the window. Republicans have already disregarded Democrats in all of their legislation and have started this radical appropriations process, where it is party line, Republican only. So many norms are being trashed, and now, for the first time, they are going to do this using the CRA on resource management plans.

Stop the race to the bottom. Vote against this CRA resolution package.

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

Mr. Speaker, I want to point out that the CRAs do have Tribal consultation. If there wasn't Tribal consultation, it was during the development of the RMP.

Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD a letter from the Navajo Transitional

Energy Company in support of the CRA repealing the Miles City RMP amendment.

NAVAJO TRANSITIONAL
ENERGY COMPANY,
Broomfield, CO, July 18, 2025.

Hon. STEVE DAINES,
U.S. Senate,
Washington, DC.

DEAR SENATOR DAINES: On behalf of over one thousand employees, I write to express my strong support for S.J. Res. 61, which seeks to rescind the 2024 Miles City Resource Management Plan Amendment ("RMPA") under the Congressional Review Act ("CRA"). Navajo Transitional Energy Company, LLC ("NTEC") is the third largest thermal coal producer in the United States. NTEC is unique in that it was formed in 2013 by the Navajo Nation to "promote the development of the Navajo Nation's resources and new sources of energy, power, transmission and attendant resources to develop the economic, financial, social and cultural well-being of the Navajo People and the Navajo Nation." See Navajo Nation Council Resolution CAP-20-13 (2013). NTEC is, thus, a Navajo Nation limited liability company with one shareholder, the Navajo Nation. NTEC owns and operates three surface coal mines within the Powder River Basin, including one mine—the Spring Creek Mine—located in Montana and within the U.S. Bureau of Land Management's Miles City Office's Resource Management Planning Area.

As NTEC's Chief Executive Officer, I've seen firsthand how the RMPA prohibits the leasing and development of new federal coal. The overwhelming majority of the coal within the RMPA is either federal coal or coal granted to the State of Montana. The RMPA prohibits the development of all such coal because it is physically and economically impossible to only develop coal resources possessed by the State of Montana. The RMPA will hinder not only Montana's economic growth, as well as that of the entire Powder River Basin but also disrupt America's vital energy security well into the future.

The current RMPA prohibits the leasing of federal coal, leaving skilled workers questioning the sustainability of the current economic environment. Passing the CRA resolution sends a clear message to families, small businesses, and energy partners that Montana is open for responsible development. I urge the Senate to support S.J. Res. 61 so we can secure Montana's economic future and maintain America's hard fought energy independence.

Returning to the 2015 RMP—and allowing leasing that balances energy security with environmental stewardship—will yield these immediate results:

A surge in local capital investment as energy companies bid on new leases, stimulating equipment sales and service contracts.

Increases to county and state tax revenues to fund schools, roads, and public safety.

Job creation not only in mining but also in construction, trucking, and professional services supporting mining operations.

Spur millions in royalty payments to state and federal coffers, offsetting budget shortfalls.

Preserve family-sustaining wages for miners, engineers, and support staff across Montana.

A stable, domestic fuel source that lowers electricity costs for manufacturers and keeps Montana competitive.

Securing a domestic fuel source to supply affordable baseload power during a period of unprecedented electricity demand growth and ballooning projected future development.

The RMPA unfairly targets coal at the expense of working families and rural economies. Congressional disapproval under the CRA is the swiftest remedy and will pave the way for a thoughtfully drafted future management plan that guarantees the prosperity of the United States, Montana, and individuals. I urge the Senate to vote "yes" on this resolution and help safeguard Montana's economic backbone for generations.

Thank you for your leadership on this critical issue.

Sincerely,

VERN K. LUND,
Chief Executive Officer.

Mr. WESTERMAN. Mr. Speaker, the Navajo Transitional Energy Company is the third largest coal producer in the United States and operates three mines in the Powder River Basin. They were strongly opposed to the previous RMP amendment and support this CRA to "preserve family-sustaining wages for miners, engineers, and support staff across Montana." The NTEC also stated that the RMP "prohibits the leasing of Federal coal, leaving skilled workers questioning the sustainability of the current economic environment. Passing the CRA resolution sends a clear message to families, small businesses, and energy partners that Montana is open for responsible development."

Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentlewoman from Wyoming (Ms. HAGEMAN).

Ms. HAGEMAN. Mr. Speaker, I thank the chairman for the time.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of the Congressional Review Act joint resolutions that we are bringing forward to overturn the Biden administration's disastrous and radical resource management plans, beginning with H.J. Res. 104 to repeal the Miles City RMP in Montana to ensure continued access to the Powder River Basin.

These Biden-era plans lack balanced resource management and, in fact, are mineral withdrawals in disguise, which runs contrary to Federal law. They lock up America's resources, kill jobs, and undermine energy security.

The Miles City Resource Management Plan amendment, combined with the Buffalo RMP amendment in Wyoming, bans future coal leasing across the Powder River Basin, which holds roughly 30 percent of our Nation's coal reserves.

The Powder River Basin does not just power Montana and Wyoming, however, but our Nation at large. The Miles City plan strips away access to 37.8 billion short tons of coal, which is enough to meet U.S. demand for the next 73 years.

The consequences are vast, including higher energy costs for American families, the loss of \$46 million annually in Montana State revenue that supports public education, and the elimination of countless high-paying jobs that sustain rural communities.

Wyoming knows this fight all too well. The Buffalo field office was hit with the same environmentalist-driven lawsuits and agency overreach, with

bureaucrats pushing “no leasing alternatives” that amount to nothing more than backdoor energy bans.

To this day, I am still baffled and horrified that, for 4 years, our government intentionally tried to impose energy poverty on the American people, all to please the vocal but minority climate lobby.

When the Powder River Basin turns off, so does America.

Energy security is national security. The Biden administration’s RMPA undermines both. By restricting access to our own resources, it pushes America toward greater dependence on foreign nations, including our adversaries.

I applaud Congressman DOWNING of Montana for introducing this joint resolution, which aligns with President Trump’s executive orders to reinvigorate America’s clean coal and unleash American energy, restore strength to our energy policy, and put the needs of his constituents and all Americans first.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this resolution to restore American energy dominance.

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

Mr. Speaker, with respect to the Miles City Resource Management Plan update, it is just important contextually to say that it was a very extensive and inclusive public comment period. BLM provided a 90-day public comment period, two public meetings, a 30-day public comment period, and a 60-day review period for the Governor. BLM directly contacted over 40 private landowners, all, according to BLM, to help refine and guide development of that RMP amendment. That robust public input was instrumental in shaping a plan that reflects the values of the communities it impacts.

I want to go back to, I guess, a core point that the ranking member articulated previously, Mr. Speaker. I wonder if perhaps the chairman knows. It is a fairly empty Chamber here. I don’t see any other Members. Maybe he might engage in a bit of discourse here in a colloquy.

I am trying to understand why the CRA is necessary, given that the Interior Department retains the ability to amend and modify these resource management plans in any way that the Secretary deems necessary.

I wonder, Mr. Speaker, if I might inquire through you as to whether the chair could help us better understand why they have decided to pursue the CRA rather than simply amending the resource management plan.

Mr. Speaker, I will reserve for response and that colloquy.

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

Mr. Speaker, in regard to my colleague’s request for a colloquy, I will just say that it is necessary to do a CRA because the previous administration issued bad resource management plans. Had they not issued bad resource

management plans, then we wouldn’t be here today.

The thing about a CRA is if Congress passes this law, then another administration can’t go back and put it in place. I think that is why my colleagues fear this process of using the CRA because then it would be up to a future Congress to go back and undo what we do in this Congress if we actually pass a Congressional Review Act.

Again, we are here today because the Biden administration decided to unbalance the scales and put onerous burdens on States, on our natural resources, and on the ability to produce our energy here.

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Mr. Speaker, they started it by issuing the bad RMP. Hopefully, we will finish it by passing the CRA.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentlewoman from Colorado (Ms. BOEBERT).

Ms. BOEBERT. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Arkansas (Mr. WESTERMAN) for bringing this important issue up today.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.J. Res. 104, which nullifies the Bureau of Land Management’s restrictive Miles City Field Office Resource Management Plan.

This resolution is a critical step toward restoring American energy dominance, a cornerstone of President Trump’s agenda to secure our Nation’s economic and energy future.

The BLM’s rule stifles resource development in Montana, limiting access to our abundant natural resources and threatening the livelihoods of our ranchers, energy workers, and small businesses. By imposing burdensome land management policies, it undermines the very communities that power our great Nation.

H.J. Res. 104 aligns directly with President Trump’s vision to unleash American energy by removing regulatory barriers and prioritizing domestic production. This resolution ensures our lands are used to bolster energy security and not obstruct it.

By passing H.J. Res. 104, we reject bureaucratic overreach and champion affordable and reliable energy for all Americans. Let’s stand with President Trump’s mission to make America energy dominant, protect jobs, and empower our communities, and I urge my colleagues to vote in favor of this resolution.

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

Mr. Speaker, first and foremost, facts matter. Under President Trump, Americans are paying more for their electricity than ever before. Energy costs right now are higher than they have ever been. They are increasing at twice the rate of inflation.

As Republicans preside over an economy in which everything is getting more expensive, spare us lectures about energy costs. Healthcare is more expensive. Groceries are more expensive.

Energy costs are going through the roof. Seriously?

Their answer to all of this is more coal. That is it. That is the sum total of the Republican response to the cost-of-living crisis in the United States of America today. From Arkansas to Colorado to Minnesota and everywhere in between, more coal is their prescription, Mr. Speaker.

In Colorado, we certainly don’t think that is a prudent approach. I will say I regret that the Speaker didn’t indulge me in the colloquy that I had hoped I could engage in with the chairman whom, of course, I greatly respect. Mr. Speaker, he did reveal the plot here in his answer as to what the impetus was for the CRA.

Of course, it is not as simple as amending or modifying the resource management plan. The reason House Republicans are pursuing this tool is to prevent not just this Department of the Interior but any Department of the Interior into perpetuity from issuing a resource management plan that is in any way substantially similar to the one that is at issue here. That is what this is about. That is this effort.

I don’t think my colleagues on my side of the aisle will be confused by the chairman’s arguments. Just in case, I want to make sure it is crystal clear for the record that a vote in favor of this CRA is not a vote to modify or amend the resource management plan. It is a vote to prevent the agency and subagency, in the case of the BLM, from promulgating any resource management plan that remotely tries to do something similar to what has been done here.

Mr. Speaker, I understand my colleague. Again, on the other side of the aisle, they have their ideological reasons for pursuing that. It is more coal. Again, that is the sum total. It is two words. In my view, I think most Americans would think and agree that this isn’t how we should be spending our time.

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

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

Mr. Speaker, I do have ideological reasons for wanting to lower energy costs across America. The last time I checked at the gas pump, the energy prices are going down there. We are seeing a huge demand for energy across this country that is being driven even more by AI and data centers with unimaginable amounts of energy required for these facilities.

I heard about the announcement of a data center that would require the amount of electricity to run the city of Denver five times over in a year. One data center needs that much energy.

We see electric prices increase because there is more demand for electricity. We have had horrible energy policy in the past, and we haven’t kept up with the demand.

The Chinese, on the other hand, are building new coal-fired plants. Every 2

days, they are building a new coal-fired plant, which is even harder to imagine. They are trying to beat us in this race on AI, and they are not going to let energy be the deciding factor on that.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 5 minutes to the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. STAUBER).

Mr. STAUBER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of these three CRA resolutions that reverse the Biden administration's Bureau of Land Management Resource Management Plans that attack Alaska, attack North Dakota, and attack Montana, locking up millions of acres of land from responsible oil and gas and coal development.

Last year, on their way out of office, the Biden administration finalized these three resource management plans that not only threatened the hard-working miners and energy workers across Alaska, North Dakota, and Montana but also millions of dollars in direct State and Federal taxes and royalties.

These dangerous policies also jeopardize the entire United States and our access to reliable and affordable energy. These resource management plans were just another example of the Biden administration's energy agenda: anywhere but America, any worker but American.

They just couldn't help themselves, launching one last attack on American energy independence, even on their way out of office.

Mr. Speaker, over the past 4 years, my colleagues in this Chamber have heard me speak out against the Biden administration's attempt after attempt to attack my constituents and shut down northern Minnesota.

At every single turn, the Biden administration tried to shut down responsible mining in northern Minnesota, home to the largest untapped copper-nickel find in the entire world. The administration did to northern Minnesota what they did to Alaska, North Dakota, and Montana.

The CRAs before us today will reverse the Biden administration's irresponsible resource development policies and will allow responsible mining and oil and gas projects to continue through the regulatory and environmental review process, allowing them to fight another day.

Most importantly, these resolutions will prevent future anti-American energy administrations from taking similar actions in the future.

Mr. Speaker, I thank my colleagues from Alaska, North Dakota, and Montana for introducing these important resolutions to reverse the disastrous Biden administration's policies, and I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting these resolutions today.

Mr. Speaker, the prior administration was the most antimining, anti-oil and gas administration in the history of this country. I was just up in the great State of Alaska. In the national refuge, they are safely and responsibly extracting oil that Alaskans need.

They are going to put in an LNG pipeline, which is the safest and best pipeline in the world, for Alaskans, our country, and our allies. It is going to take a lot of years to fix the disastrous policies of the last administration.

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Remember, Mr. Speaker, that the Secretary of the Interior banned mining in northeastern Minnesota, and when asked in the Senate: Why did you stop these critical minerals from coming forward?

Her answer was: I didn't think there were critical minerals there.

Mr. Speaker, it was the biggest find in the world.

We have an opportunity right now, today, to start changing these disastrous Biden policies and get this economy turning. We must become American energy independent and critical mineral dominant. We need to be. COVID has taught us so much. We cannot rely on foreign adversarial nations for our much-needed strategic national security supply. Our supply chains need to be coming from American development, American communities, American technology, American workers, and American families. We can do it. We have to have the political will to do it.

These three CRAs are worth voting for. I commend my colleagues from these three States. I have a suspicion there might be several more coming in the near future because of the disastrous decisions of the prior administration.

There is a breath of fresh air across America right now. As the chairman just talked about the reduction in the gas prices, that is real money for the working-class and middle-class Americans when they can save \$15 or \$20 at the gas pump. That is real money when they can save money on their natural gas or propane to heat their house. That is real money for the constituents whom I serve.

Mr. Speaker, this is good policy, and I urge my colleagues to vote for it.

Mr. WESTERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time. I am prepared to close, and I reserve the balance of my time.

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

Mr. Speaker, I was trying to keep track, and I lost track at some point, but my colleague from Minnesota I think said the word "Biden" eight times, if I am not mistaken.

Mr. Speaker, if you couple that with references to the prior administration, then that jumps up to 12 or 13.

It is unclear to me when Republicans are going to stop complaining and actually do something to address the challenges that face our country. They spend more time talking about Joe Biden than they do about reducing costs. Every sentence from that side of the aisle, Biden, a verb, an adjective, and more coal. That is essentially the sum total of every sentence.

By the way, my colleagues, I suspect, are watching from their offices. I know that more of my colleagues are going to come to the floor here to engage in debate on, I don't know—how many CRAs are they putting on the floor today, three, four, or five?

That is all we do around here are CRAs. I encourage them as they are watching to, please, when they come to the floor, maybe spend some time talking about their affirmative vision for the country and not so much time talking about the prior President.

Republicans are in charge. Republicans have a majority in the House and a majority in the Senate and the Presidency, and we spend all of our time on the House floor doing CRAs or resolutions of disapproval, the weakest vehicle that this House could consider.

Mr. Speaker, I know you are aware of this, but the House has been on vacation for like the last 6 weeks. Republicans recessed us out of session early, a 6-week vacation for Republicans. Finally, we are back in Washington, September, 10 months into the Trump Presidency, and this is how you choose to spend your time, with resolutions of disapproval and reversing resource management plans for North Dakota?

Of all of the concerns of the people in Arkansas or Colorado, this is the priority?

It is a shame, Mr. Speaker. It is deeply disappointing and disheartening, I suspect to most Americans, to those who might be watching C-SPAN, to learn that this august body in the world's greatest democracy is wasting its time debating resource management plans issued by the prior administration.

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

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

Mr. NEGUSE. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time to close.

Mr. Speaker, I will give a brief closing because, as I said, I think all we are doing today are these resolutions of disapproval, so I am going to have more opportunities, apparently, to make this argument. I encourage my colleagues to dispense with what, in my view, are actually very dishonest arguments about these resource management plans. I think fundamentally they should continue the work that was done by the prior administration through an open and a transparent process.

That is the way these resource management plans are meant to be developed. I get it. I understand that my Republican colleagues have disagreements about the resource management plans. That is understood.

Mr. Speaker, call Secretary Burgum. Call the BLM director. I don't think there is a BLM director 10 months into the administration. Call whoever is running the show over at the BLM now and ask them to reopen the process.

Mr. Speaker, listen to the Tribes, listen to the American people, and update

the resource management plan. That is the way it is done.

Using the Congressional Review Act to overturn the plan is the wrong approach. I understand why it may seem easier for Republicans to just bring the hammer down and use this blunt instrument, but all you will be left with, Mr. Speaker, are smashed pieces, and you will forever close the ability of these agencies to protect some of the most treasured lands in our country, lands that belong to the citizens of this country, to you, Mr. Speaker, your children, your grandchildren, and the future generations.

Mr. Speaker, I urge a “no” vote on the CRA, and I yield back the balance of my time.

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

Mr. Speaker, it is a good thing that we have this tool called the Congressional Review Act that asserts the Article I authority that Congress has. You see, Mr. Speaker, we don’t have to go begging a Secretary or asking the administration what actions we take. We get to determine which actions we take, and the Congressional Review Act is one of those tools that we have to take a big hammer to a bad policy.

I am glad that we are taking that big hammer to a terrible policy. We are also making it so that a future administration can’t enact another bad policy like the ones that were put into place with these three RMPs that we will be addressing today. That is a good thing.

It is a good thing that we are focusing on unleashing American energy. The time to do that is now. The time to restore balanced management to our public lands is now.

It is now time to put Big Sky Country ahead of Beijing. It is past time that we do that. If allowed to continue, the Miles City RMP amendment developed by the previous administration could have devastating impacts on Montana and the entire U.S. economy.

Passing this CRA will help reinvigorate America’s coal industry. Also it will unleash American energy.

In my district, I have a coal-fired plant that was built in 2010. To my knowledge, that was the last coal-fired plant built in the United States. Again, I mentioned earlier that China is building 120 gigawatts a year. That is one every 2 days, one of those 650-megawatt coal plants every 2 days that they are putting on line.

What are we doing with coal plants across America?

We have been closing them down. They provide reliable baseload energy.

That coal plant in my district that provides energy to businesses and energy to homes can’t operate without coal, and that coal comes from the Powder River Basin. When we harness our resources out West and use those, it is a good thing, but when we lock them up, then we keep electricity from being affordable and we keep it from being reliable not just for constituents

in Montana but for people all across this country.

That is exactly one of the many reasons I am supporting this CRA today. It means affordable, reliable energy. It means improved national security. It means good-paying jobs for rural Americans and millions of dollars in revenue for the U.S. Treasury.

Mr. Speaker, I urge the adoption of this bill, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas). All time for debate has expired.

Pursuant to House Resolution 672, the previous question is ordered on the joint resolution.

The question is on the engrossment and third reading of the joint resolution.

The joint resolution was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, and was read the third time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the passage of the joint resolution.

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

Mr. NEGUSE. 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 will be postponed.

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PROVIDING FOR CONGRESSIONAL DISAPPROVAL OF THE RULE SUBMITTED BY THE BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT RELATING TO “CENTRAL YUKON RECORD OF DECISION AND APPROVED RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN”

Mr. WESTERMAN. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to House Resolution 672, I call up the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 106) providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Bureau of Land Management relating to “Central Yukon Record of Decision and Approved Resource Management Plan”, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the joint resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 672, the joint resolution is considered read.

The text of the joint resolution is as follows:

H.J. RES. 106

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Congress disapproves the rule submitted by the Bureau of Land Management relating to “Central Yukon Record of Decision and Approved Resource Management Plan” (issued November 12, 2024, as a record of decision and resource management plan, and a letter of opinion from the Government Accountability Office dated June 25, 2025, printed in the Congressional Record on June 26, 2025, on pages

S3554–S3556, concluding that such record of decision and resource management plan is a rule under the Congressional Review Act), and such rule shall have no force or effect.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The joint resolution shall be debatable for 1 hour, equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Natural Resources or their respective designees.

The gentleman from Arkansas (Mr. WESTERMAN) and the gentleman from Colorado (Mr. NEGUSE) each will control 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Arkansas.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. WESTERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on H.J. Res. 106.

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

There was no objection.

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

Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.J. Res. 106, a Congressional Review Act resolution led by Congressman NICK BEGICH of Alaska. This CRA reverses a resource management plan, or RMP, for the central Yukon region in Alaska, which locked up an astonishing 13.3 million acres of land.

Alaska is crucial to our national security and economic prosperity. In 2020, President Trump announced a draft RMP for the central Yukon that, among other provisions, revoked Public Land Order 5150 and unleashed American energy.

For more than a decade, the State of Alaska has worked on this RMP to revoke Public Land Order 5150, which would unlock millions of acres of land from restrictive, de facto wilderness management and return it to multiple use.

Unfortunately, the previous administration reversed this decision against the wishes of Alaskans and finalized a new RMP that enshrined Public Land Order 5150.

On his first day in office in 2025, President Trump issued Executive Order No. 14153 on “Unleashing Alaska’s Extraordinary Resource Potential,” which directly called for repealing the Biden administration’s central Yukon RMP. This CRA advances President Trump’s executive order.

Why is this CRA so important? Revoking Public Land Order 5150 is the first step in allowing the State of Alaska to acquire lands that are critical to two essential projects: Ambler Road and the Alaska LNG pipeline.

Currently, our adversaries have a choke hold on worldwide mineral supply chains. Alaska, our 49th State, has rich deposits of 49 out of the 50 minerals on the critical minerals list.

With such abundant resources in our own backyard, it should be appalling to