

broken acquisition system; continues historic improvements in the quality of life of our servicemembers and their families; builds a ready, capable, and lethal fighting force necessary to deter global threats; and enacts President Trump's Peace Through Strength agenda.

The House will work its will on the amendments before us today, but I urge all Members to support final passage of the bill. It is critical we get this bill to conference and, ultimately, to the President's desk.

The threats we face today are more complex and precarious than at any point in the last 80 years. The Department needs the authorities that this NDAA provides to stay ahead of these threats. I urge all Members to support this en bloc amendment and the underlying bill.

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

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Chair, Representative Moolenaar's amendment No. 26, entitled the SAFE Research Act, would enact excessive prohibitions for research awards that would stymie American innovation. In particular, the amendment would introduce a government-wide prohibition to give awards to individuals if they, or a research collaborator, have been affiliated with a hostile foreign entity at any time within five years of applying for the award. The definitions of who is included a "hostile foreign entity" is very far reaching and includes twelve separate entity lists as well as any entity performing academic, scientific, or technical collaboration perceived to contribute to nefarious activity.

For an agency to implement this prohibition, they would have to analyze a personal history of every awardee, along with every research collaborator (defined by joint research, coauthored publications, collaboration on awards, and formal mentor relationships) that awardee has had in the past five years. Furthermore, the amendment restricts post-award activity, prohibiting covered individuals from sharing "expertise" with "hostile foreign entities," or those affiliated with them, for five years. This is vague, onerous, and impracticable. Simply from an implementation standpoint, it is highly difficult for any research agency, nonetheless one that has had its staff gutted, to properly carry out these proposed policies.

The Acting CHAIR (Mr. SMUCKER). The question is on the amendments en bloc offered by the gentleman from Alabama (Mr. ROGERS).

The en bloc amendments were agreed to.

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Chair, I move that the Committee do now rise.

The motion was agreed to.

Accordingly, the Committee rose; and the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. ROGERS of Alabama) having assumed the chair, Mr. SMUCKER, Acting Chair of the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, reported that that Committee, having had under consideration the bill (H.R. 3838) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2026 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such

fiscal year, and for other purposes, had come to no resolution thereon.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess for a period of less than 15 minutes.

Accordingly (at 3 o'clock and 45 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. GOLDMAN of Texas) at 4 o'clock and 2 minutes p.m.

STREAMLINING PROCUREMENT FOR EFFECTIVE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY AND NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. GOLDMAN of Texas). Pursuant to House Resolution 682 and rule XVIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the further consideration of the bill, H.R. 3838.

Will the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. MOORE) kindly take the chair.

□ 1602

IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Accordingly, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 3838) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2026 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes, with Mr. MOORE of North Carolina (Acting Chair) in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The Acting CHAIR. When the Committee of the Whole rose earlier today, amendments en bloc No. 5, printed in part A of House Report 119-255, offered by the gentleman from Alabama (Mr. ROGERS), had been disposed of.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE ACTING CHAIR

The Acting CHAIR. Pursuant to clause 6 of rule XVIII, proceedings will now resume on those amendments printed in part A of House Report 119-255, on which further proceedings were postponed, in the following order:

Amendment No. 34 by Mr. MEEKS of New York.

Amendment No. 13 by Mr. NORMAN of South Carolina.

Amendment No. 14 by Ms. MACE of South Carolina.

Amendment No. 15 by Ms. MACE of South Carolina.

Amendment No. 16 by Ms. MACE of South Carolina.

Amendment No. 17 by Ms. MACE of South Carolina.

Amendment No. 7 by Mr. SMITH of New Jersey.

Amendment No. 9 by Mr. PATRONIS of Florida.

Amendment No. 11 by Mr. WILSON of South Carolina.

Amendment No. 18 by Mr. MILLS of Florida.

Amendment No. 20 by Ms. GREENE of Georgia.

Amendment No. 22 by Ms. GREENE of Georgia.

Amendment No. 23 by Ms. GREENE of Georgia.

Amendment No. 24 by Ms. GREENE of Georgia.

Amendment No. 25 by Mr. MCCORMICK of Georgia.

Amendment No. 29 by Mr. BIGGS of Arizona.

Amendment No. 253 by Mr. ROSE of Tennessee.

The Chair will reduce to 2 minutes the minimum time for any electronic vote after the first vote in this series.

AMENDMENT NO. 34 OFFERED BY MR. MEEKS

The Acting CHAIR. The unfinished business is the demand for a recorded vote on amendment No. 34, printed in part A of House Report 119-255, offered by the gentleman from New York (Mr. MEEKS), on which further proceedings were postponed and on which the ayes prevailed by voice vote.

The Clerk will redesignate the amendment.

The Clerk redesignated the amendment.

RECORDED VOTE

The Acting CHAIR. A recorded vote has been demanded.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 261, noes 167, not voting 9, as follows:

[Roll No. 244]

AYES—261

Adams	Cole	Garcia (TX)
Aguilar	Comer	Gillen
Amo	Conaway	Golden (ME)
Ansari	Correa	Goldman (NY)
Auchincloss	Costa	Gomez
Balint	Courtney	Gonzalez, V.
Barragan	Craig	Goodlander
Barrett	Crane	Gosar
Beatty	Crank	Gottheimer
Begich	Crenshaw	Gray
Bell	Crockett	Green, Al (TX)
Bera	Crow	Greene (GA)
Beyer	Cuellar	Griffith
Biggs (AZ)	Dauids (KS)	Grothman
Bishop	Davidson	Hageman
Boebert	Davis (IL)	Hamadeh (AZ)
Bonamici	Davis (NC)	Harder (CA)
Boyle (PA)	Dean (PA)	Hayes
Brecheen	DeGette	Hernandez
Brown	DeLauro	Himes
Brownley	DelBene	Horsford
Budzinski	Deluzio	Houlahan
Burchett	DeSaulnier	Hoyer
Burlison	Dexter	Hoyle (OR)
Bynum	Dingell	Huffman
Cammack	Doggett	Ivey
Carbajal	Donalds	Jackson (IL)
Carson	Elfreth	Jacobs
Carter (LA)	Emmer	James
Casar	Escobar	Jayapal
Case	Espallat	Jeffries
Casten	Evans (CO)	Johnson (GA)
Castor (FL)	Fedorchak	Johnson (TX)
Castro (TX)	Fields	Jordan
Cherfilus-	Figures	Joyce (OH)
McCormick	Fletcher	Kamlager-Dove
Chu	Foster	Kaptur
Cisneros	Foushee	Keating
Clark (MA)	Frankel, Lois	Kelly (IL)
Clarke (NY)	Friedman	Kennedy (NY)
Cleaver	Frost	Khanna
Cline	Fry	King-Hinds
Cloud	Garamendi	Krishnamoorthi
Clyburn	Garcia (CA)	Landsman
Cohen	Garcia (IL)	Larsen (WA)

Larson (CT)
Latimer
Lee (NV)
Lee (PA)
Leger Fernandez
Levin
Liccardo
Lieu
Lofgren
Lynch
Mace
Mackenzie
Magaziner
Mannion
Massie
Matsui
McBath
McBride
McClain Delaney
McClellan
McClintock
McCollum
McCormick
McDonald Rivet
McGarvey
McGovern
McIver
Meeks
Menendez
Meng
Mfume
Mills
Min
Moore (WI)
Moore (WV)
Morelle
Morrison
Moskowitz
Moulton
Moylan
Mrvan
Mullin
Nadler

Neal
Neguse
Norcross
Norton
Oberholte
Ocasio-Cortez
Ogles
Olszewski
Omar
Onder
Pallone
Panetta
Pappas
Pelosi
Perez
Peters
Petterson
Pingree
Plaskett
Pocan
Pou
Pressley
Quigley
Ramirez
Randall
Raskin
Riley (NY)
Rivas
Ross
Roy
Ruiz
Ryan
Salinas
Sánchez
Scanlon
Schakowsky
Schmidt
Schneider
Scholten
Schrier
Schweikert
Scott (VA)
Scott, David

Sewell
Sherman
Simon
Smith (WA)
Sorensen
Soto
Spartz
Stansbury
Stanton
Steube
Stevens
Strickland
Subramanyam
Suozi
Swallow
Sykes
Takano
Thanedar
Thompson (CA)
Thompson (MS)
Tiffany
Tlaib
Tokuda
Tonko
Torres (CA)
Torres (NY)
Trahan
Tran
Underwood
Vargas
Vasquez
Veasey
Velázquez
Vindman
Wasserman
Schultz
Waters
Watson Coleman
Westerman
Whitesides
Williams (GA)
Wilson (FL)

Williams (TX)
Wilson (SC)
De La Cruz
Evans (PA)
Hill (AR)

Wittman
Womack
LaHood
Miller-Meeks
Perry
Yakym
Zinke
Salazar
Sherrill
Titus

NOT VOTING—9

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE ACTING CHAIR

The Acting CHAIR (Mr. ELLZEY) (during the vote). There are 5 minutes remaining.

□ 1634

Messrs. CARTER of Georgia, MORAN, Ms. MALLIOTAKIS, Messrs. WALBERG, DIAZ-BALART, THOMPSON of Pennsylvania, BARR, HARRIS of North Carolina, Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia, Messrs. VAN ORDEN, WEBER of Texas, ROSE, and WIED changed their vote from “aye” to “no.”

Messrs. BURLISON, VARGAS, HIMES, MCCORMICK, BIGGS of Arizona, COMER, DAVID SCOTT of Georgia, Ms. DEXTER, Messrs. CRANE, HAMADEH of Arizona, CLINE, EMMER, Mrs. FEDORCHAK, Messrs. FRY, and SCHWEIKERT changed their vote from “no” to “aye.”

So the amendment was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

Stated for:

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Chair, had I been present, I would have voted AYE on Roll Call No. 244.

Stated against:

Mr. HILL of Arkansas. Mr. Chair, I was at a Legislative meeting, which ran longer than expected. Had I been present, I would have voted NO on Roll Call No. 244.

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Chair, I move that the Committee do now rise.

The motion was agreed to.

Accordingly, the Committee rose; and the Speaker having assumed the chair, Mr. ELLZEY, Acting Chair of the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, reported that that Committee, having had under consideration the bill (H.R. 3838) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2026 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes, had come to no resolution thereon.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair would ask that all Members present in the Chamber and those in the gallery please rise for a moment of prayer for Charlie Kirk and his family.

For what purpose does the gentleman from Colorado seek recognition?

Ms. BOEBERT. Mr. Speaker, I ask to be recognized out of order because a moment of silence goes silent, and can someone lead us in a prayer.

The SPEAKER. We will join for prayer right after this.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

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

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
OFFICE OF THE CLERK,

Washington, DC, September 10, 2025.

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

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: I have the honor to transmit herewith a copy of a letter received from Ms. DJ Geiger, Director of Operations, with the Virginia Department of Elections indicating that, according to the unofficial results for the Special General Election held on September 9, 2025, the Honorable James R. Walkinshaw was elected Representative to Congress for the Eleventh Congressional District of Virginia.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

KEVIN F. MCCUMBER,
Clerk.

Enclosure.

DEPARTMENT OF ELECTIONS,
Richmond, VA, September 10, 2025.

Hon. KEVIN F. MCCUMBER,
Clerk, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. MCCUMBER: This is to advise you that the unofficial results of the Special Election held on Tuesday, September 9, 2025, for Representative in Congress from the 11th Congressional District of Virginia, as entered into our Election Night Reporting system and displayed on the Virginia Department of Elections website at: State Election Results, show that Jams R. Walkinshaw received 109,578 votes or 74.78% of the total number of votes cast for that office.

It would appear from these unofficial results that Mr. Walkinshaw was elected as Representative in Congress from the 11th Congressional District of Virginia.

To the best of our current knowledge and belief, there is no contest to this election.

As soon as the official results are certified to this office by all localities involved, and the State Board of Elections has certified the results during its September 17, 2025, meeting, an official Certificate of Election will be prepared for transmittal as required by law.

Sincerely,

DJ GEIGER,
Director of Operations.

□ 1640

SWEARING IN OF THE HONORABLE JAMES WALKINSHAW, OF VIRGINIA, AS A MEMBER OF THE HOUSE

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the gentleman from Virginia, the Honorable James Walkinshaw, be permitted to take the oath of office today.

His certificate of election has not arrived, but there is no contest and no question has been raised with regard to his election.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Virginia?

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER. Will the Representative-elect and the members of the Virginia delegation present themselves in the well.

NOES—167

Aderholt
Alford
Allen
Amodei (NV)
Arrington
Babin
Bacon
Baird
Balderson
Barr
Baumgartner
Bean (FL)
Bentz
Bergman
Bice
Biggs (SC)
Bilirakis
Bost
Bresnahan
Buchanan
Calvert
Carey
Carter (GA)
Carter (TX)
Ciscomani
Clyde
Collins
Crawford
DesJarlais
Diaz-Balart
Downing
Dunn (FL)
Edwards
Ellzey
Estes
Ezell
Fallon
Feenstra
Fine
Finstad
Fischbach
Fitzgerald
Fitzpatrick
Fleischmann
Flood
Fong
Foxx
Franklin, Scott
Fulcher
Garbarino
Gill (TX)
Gimenez
Goldman (TX)
Gonzales, Tony

Gooden
Graves
Guest
Guthrie
Haridopolos
Harrigan
Harris (MD)
Harris (NC)
Harshbarger
Hern (OK)
Higgins (LA)
Hinson
Houchin
Hudson
Huizenga
Hunt
Hurd (CO)
Issa
Jack
Jackson (TX)
Johnson (LA)
Johnson (SD)
Joyce (PA)
Kean
Kelly (MS)
Kelly (PA)
Kennedy (UT)
Kiggans (VA)
Kiley (CA)
Kim
Knott
Kustoff
LaLota
LaMalfa
Langworthy
Latta
Lawler
Lee (FL)
Letlow
Loudermilk
Lucas
Luna
Luttrell
Malliotakis
Maloy
Mann
Mast
McCaul
McClain
McDowell
McGuire
Messmer
Meuser
Miller (IL)

Miller (OH)
Miller (WV)
Moolenaar
Moore (AL)
Moore (NC)
Moore (UT)
Moran
Murphy
Nehls
Newhouse
Norman
Nunn (IA)
Owens
Palmer
Patronis
Pfluger
Radewagen
Reschenthaler
Rogers (AL)
Rogers (KY)
Rose
Rouzer
Rulli
Rutherford
Scalise
Scott, Austin
Self
Sessions
Shreve
Simpson
Smith (MO)
Smith (NE)
Smith (NJ)
Smucker
Stauber
Stefanik
Steil
Strong
Stutzman
Taylor
Tenney
Thompson (PA)
Timmons
Turner (OH)
Valadao
Van Drew
Van Dwyne
Van Orden
Wagner
Walberg
Weber (TX)
Webster (FL)
Wied