

days that over 800,000 Arizonans have been left without access to the basic services that every constituent deserves.

This is an abuse of power. One individual should not be able to unilaterally obstruct the swearing in of a duly elected Member of Congress for political reasons.

Our democracy only works when everyone has a voice. This includes the millions of people across the country who have experienced violence and exploitation, including Liz Stein and Jessica Michaels, both survivors of Jeffrey Epstein's abuse. They are here in the gallery with us this evening. I thank them for being here.

Just this morning, House Democrats released more emails showing that Trump knew more about Epstein's abuses than he previously acknowledged. It is past time for Congress to restore its role as a check and balance on this administration and fight for we, the American people.

We need to fight for our immigrant communities and veterans. We need to stand up for our public schools, children, and educators. We need to respect Tribal sovereignty and our environment. We need to stand up for LGBTQ+ rights because that is what the American people expect us to do, fight for them.

That is why I will sign the discharge petition right now to release the Epstein files, because justice cannot wait another day.

"Forward my people. Thank you very much."

"Adelante mi gente. Muchas gracias."

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ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. Under clause 5(d) of rule XX, the Chair announces to the House that, in light of the administration of the oath of office to the gentlewoman from Arizona, the whole number of the House is 433.

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REQUEST TO CONSIDER H.R. 4405, EPSTEIN FILES TRANSPARENCY ACT

Mr. BURCHETT. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from further consideration 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, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. WOMACK). Under guidelines consistently issued by successive Speakers, as recorded in section 956 of the House Rules and Manual, the Chair is constrained not to entertain the request

unless it has been cleared by the bipartisan floor and committee leadership.

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

Mr. BURCHETT. Parliamentary inquiry, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will state his parliamentary inquiry.

Mr. BURCHETT. Mr. Speaker, we Republicans are requesting this unanimous consent.

Are Democrats objecting to this request?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair reminds the gentleman from Tennessee that, as indicated by section 956 of the House Rules and Manual, it is not a proper parliamentary inquiry to ask the Chair to indicate which side of the aisle has failed under the Speaker's guidelines to clear a unanimous-consent request, as was stated.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF SENATE AMENDMENT TO H.R. 5371, CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS AND EXTENSIONS ACT, 2026

Mrs. FISCHBACH. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 873 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 873

Resolved, That upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to take from the Speaker's table the bill (H.R. 5371) making continuing appropriations and extensions for fiscal year 2026, and for other purposes, with the Senate amendment thereto, and to consider in the House, without intervention of any point of order, a motion offered by the chair of the Committee on Appropriations or his designee that the House concur in the Senate amendment. The Senate amendment and the motion shall be considered as read. The motion shall be debatable for one hour equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations or their respective designees. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the motion to its adoption without intervening motion.

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

Mrs. FISCHBACH. Mr. Speaker, for the purpose of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the ranking member, 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

Mrs. FISCHBACH. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks.

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

There was no objection.

Mrs. FISCHBACH. Mr. Speaker, last night, the Rules Committee met and reported a rule providing for the con-

sideration of the motion to concur in the Senate amendment to H.R. 5371, the Continuing Appropriations, Agriculture, Legislative Branch, Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Extensions Act, 2026, and I am happy to say that it will end the government shutdown.

The rule provides 1 hour of debate on the motion equally divided and controlled by the chair and the ranking member of the Committee on Appropriations, or their designees.

I rise in support of this rule and the underlying legislation. This bill delivers on our commitment to the American people by finally reopening the government. It delivers on the promises that we have made to our veterans, our farmers, and our taxpayers.

Let's be honest: This government shutdown was completely avoidable. On September 19, House Republicans passed a continuing resolution that funded critical services and would have given us time to negotiate long-term solutions. It was a yes vote to keep the government open and to pay our troops, air traffic controllers, and Federal employees.

Every Democrat but one voted no. Every Democrat but one voted to shut the government down. This is not opinion, and this is not messaging like Democrats keep trying to spin it. It is a fact that anyone can check the vote record. Democrats voted against a non-partisan, clean CR free of poison pills that would have continued Biden-level funding and kept the government open for negotiations.

Democrats chose politics over people. They refused to support a common-sense measure, and American families paid the price.

This bill restores stability to our national nutritional programs, which were put under unnecessary strain during the shutdown. It will fund WIC and SNAP, ensuring that low-income mothers and their babies have access to healthy and nutritious foods.

These programs should not have been used as a bargaining chip during the shutdown. Republicans are stepping up to protect Americans and ensure these programs remain stable and funded. That is what responsible governance looks like.

There are three appropriations bills included in the CR, put here to jumpstart our appropriations process.

H.R. 5371 delivers for rural America. It provides funding for the Farm Service Agency to support our Nation's farmers and ranchers. It invests in rural development programs, including funding affordable housing rental assistance for low-income families and seniors in rural communities. These investments strengthen our local economies and ensure that rural communities are not left behind.

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For our troops, this bill demonstrates our dedication to veteran medical care, including funding for

mental health, telehealth services, homelessness programs, caregiver programs, opioid misuse prevention and treatment, medical research, healthcare tailored to our female veterans, rural healthcare initiatives, and construction for new VA hospitals and veteran cemeteries.

We are also funding veteran disability programs, education benefits, and employment training. Funds will be invested in military family housing projects to support those who support our troops and in projects to improve quality of life for our servicemembers, including hospitals and schools.

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 5371 is what governing with a purpose looks like. If Democrats had joined us in September to pass a commonsense continuing resolution, we could have avoided this Democrat shutdown altogether, but they chose reckless posturing over responsibility. Now, Republicans are stepping up to restore stability and reopen the government for the people.

I stand in support of this bill, and I urge my colleagues to support H.R. 5371 and stay focused on what matters: serving the American people.

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

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

It is great to see you all, Mr. Speaker. We have been looking for you guys everywhere. Where the hell have you been?

Imagine my shock when I found out that you guys went home. Republicans have been on 8 weeks of taxpayer-funded paid vacation. Why did Republicans do it? They did it because Democrats had the audacity to ask them to try to lower people's healthcare costs.

While they sat on their couch for 8 weeks, we were working. We listened to people who told us their health insurance premiums are doubling and tripling. We heard from people who don't understand why you guys moved at the speed of light to give tax breaks to billionaires but won't lift a damn finger to extend the tax credits that help ensure people's health insurance premiums don't skyrocket.

This CR, this dirty CR, which does nothing to solve the healthcare crisis, is one of the most immoral, unethical, evil things that I have ever seen happen in all of my time in Congress. It is just part of a larger pattern of indifference from Republicans that we have seen time after time after time.

When the billionaire class needed another tax cut, when they wanted to funnel money to the people who write their campaign checks, boy, did Republicans deliver. They rammed through their awful, big, ugly bill in a nanosecond. What the hell is wrong with them?

While regular people are struggling to pay bills, Donald Trump's net worth has gone up by \$3 billion since he became President.

People's health insurance premiums are doubling and tripling, but Republicans say there is no affordability crisis, even as their tariffs are costing people an extra 1,200 bucks per year.

Regular people can't afford the rent, and Republicans are letting Trump gild his bathroom and build a ballroom to host the rich and powerful elites who own the GOP.

These guys are bailing out Argentina. They are giving \$40 billion to an entirely different country rather than helping the 42 million Americans who can't afford to put food on the table.

Here is the clincher, Mr. Speaker: Buried in this CR is a corrupt kickback for eight Republican Senators, a million-dollar payday funded by taxpayers taken straight from the Treasury and deposited directly into their pockets.

What the hell is wrong with this place?

They promised to put America first. The only thing you guys put first is yourselves, yourselves and the rich and powerful people who pull your strings behind the scenes.

These people don't care. They don't have to call the insurance company because their claim was denied. They don't buy their own groceries. If you have a private jet, an offshore bank account, and an invite to Mar-a-Lago, go ahead and support your Republican Representative. If you are a regular person who feels like you are getting screwed over, and if you are fed up with the status quo here in Washington that only works for those at the top, this majority is not fighting for you—but we are.

Democrats are on your side, and we will fight with you every step of the way against the corruption, the lies, and the BS coming out of this administration. We will not back this so-called deal. It is not a real solution, and it is certainly not a clean CR. This CR leaves families twisting in the wind with zero guarantee there will ever, ever be a vote to extend tax credits to help everyday people pay for their healthcare.

I urge my colleagues to vote "no" on this rule and "no" on the underlying legislation, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mrs. FISCHBACH. Mr. Speaker, there is so much to unpack and to object to in the ranking member's opening statement, but I just want to comment on one of the issues.

I find the statement that Republicans were on vacation laughable. The idea that Republicans were on vacation during the shutdown is just simply false. It is false. Many of us were in Washington or in our districts meeting with constituents, advancing local priorities, and staying fully engaged with our constituents and our work.

Our dedication to serving the American people didn't pause during the shutdown, whether in D.C. or back at home, which, for the record, I was in both places and many, many of my Republican colleagues were, too. We were doing the work we were elected to do.

The real story here is not about the absence. It is about the commitment, and for Republicans, we never wavered. If the Democrats cared so much about working, they would not have shut the government down.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 4 minutes to the gentlewoman from North Carolina (Ms. FOXX), the esteemed chairwoman of the Committee on Rules.

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, psychologists have a word for the things the Democrats accuse us of: "projection."

Mr. Speaker, I sure hope you did not watch all 7 hours of the Democrat group therapy session last night in the Rules Committee, but if you did, you saw what a clown show it was.

It was a crisp 40 degrees outside when we adjourned at around 1:30 a.m. this morning, but with the amount of hot air being spewed by Democrats in the committee room for 7 straight hours, you would have thought we were in the dead of summer.

Mr. Speaker, at this point, I don't think Democrats really agree on anything. Last night and into the early hours of this morning, they showed everyone that they couldn't even agree on what they were angry about. They went off on so many tangents that it would have been a miracle if they arrived at a single, coherent thought at any point during our meeting.

The American people will see the exact same thing play out from them during this debate and during general debate on the floor later today.

Apparently, the only thing Democrats can agree on is that the government needs to stay shut down and that the American people need to suffer even more than they have already made them suffer.

We heard from Democrats repeatedly about the millions of people they believe are going to be affected when their own temporary COVID credits sunset at the end of this year—their own temporary COVID credits.

Did we hear anything about the millions of Americans who got walloped by Democrats when they shut the government down?

Did we hear an apology from Democrats to the American people for deliberately misleading them over 40 days?

Did we hear an admission that the only reason they shut down the government is to cover up for a catastrophic policy failure that they concocted and set an end date on?

No, we didn't hear one of those things, not one.

Mr. Speaker, I am not surprised. This is the kind of behavior that Americans have come to expect from Democrats. Has anyone ever noticed how Democrats have developed such a visceral reaction when confronted about their abdication of responsibility?

They shut the government down, and the moment you call attention to their own actions, all they do is obfuscate and start shrieking about unrelated things.

Scientists should study this at length and try to come up with a cure. It is a serious affliction, as was evidenced numerous times over in our Rules Committee meeting.

It is well past time to reopen the government and end the Democrat-concocted nightmare that Americans have been living through for over 40 straight days.

The CR before us will end that nightmare. It will get this legislative body and the entire Nation moving once more.

Democrats should grow a spine and accept responsibility for their own failures. I urge a "yes" vote on the rule.

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

Mr. Speaker, you have to love the Republicans. The gentlewoman from Minnesota says that they weren't on vacation. I want to remind her that they haven't voted for 8 weeks, and most people define "vacation" as you don't have to show up to work and you get paid.

That is exactly what Republicans did. They didn't show up to work, and they got paid. It was a paid vacation.

Mr. Speaker, I now yield 1 minute to the gentlewoman from Texas (Ms. JOHNSON).

Ms. JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong opposition to this bill. I am a "hell no" vote on any legislation that strips healthcare away from millions of Texans.

In my district, nearly 100,000 of my constituents rely on the Affordable Care Act's tax credits to pay for their coverage. Without these lifesaving credits, many of them will go without healthcare at all.

Every day during this shutdown, my office has heard from thousands of families across my district saying: For the love of God, save my healthcare.

Tucked away in this bill is a brazen payoff of millions of taxpayer dollars funneled to the benefit of a handful of Senators. While families are struggling to afford groceries and healthcare, we are being asked to sign off on a deal that lines the pockets of the very people who wrote it. That is an insult to every hardworking taxpayer who expects honesty from their government.

The contrast could not be clearer. Republicans are operating in the currency of cruelty and corruption while Democrats are fighting with courage and compassion. The American people deserve better, and I will never stop fighting to protect the basic necessities that every family needs to survive.

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

Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman for yielding me time.

Mr. Speaker, the American farmer needs this bill to pass. The American

soldier needs this bill to pass. Our air traffic controllers need this bill to pass. The men and women who protect us here in this Capitol and all Federal law enforcement need this bill to pass.

Mr. Speaker, I am one of those who represent a lot of Federal employees, and they have been without a check for a long time. This is very simple. It is very simple. It is way past time to open the government up. There are going to be a lot of excuses about could have, should have, would have, and that we need to take this provision or that provision out, or Democrats are going to vote to keep the government shut down.

Mr. Speaker, the vote today is straight up or straight down. You vote to open the government up today, or you vote to keep it closed. That is all there is to it.

As for the provision that has been mentioned a few times about the Senate language, I have introduced a piece of legislation already to repeal the Senate language, and I am hopeful that we will have a vote on that as soon as we get back.

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

Mr. Speaker, I love my Republican colleagues. The majority is introducing legislation to repeal provisions in a bill that they are going to vote "yes" on. Figure that out.

Mr. Speaker, the previous question is the House Democrats' last attempt to make a change to this rule before it gets voted on, and I use this opportunity to talk about a last-minute provision that was slipped into this CR in the Senate. It is an outrageous giveaway to pad the pockets of eight Republican Senators, and it is one of the most corrupt things that I have seen in my life.

Mr. Speaker, if the House defeats the previous question, I will offer an amendment to the rule to consider as adopted an amendment to the continuing resolution, offered by Representative SUBRAMANYAM, which would strike the corrupt giveaway out of the text of this bill so that it does not make it into law.

Mr. Speaker, this is a massive payday for Republicans. It would allow eight Republican Senators to shovel millions—millions—of dollars into their own wallets. I am talking about cash money. It is not for their States and not for their constituents. No, no. It is for their own personal bank accounts.

Why should a United States Senator or any party get a special right that nobody else has? No State legislator, no Governor, no judge, and no citizen in the entire country has this right, but we are creating it for a handful of Republican Senators. It is immoral. I say it is unconstitutional.

It is wrong, and it is probably the most brazen theft and plunder of public resources ever proposed in the United States Congress. It was tucked into this legislation, and I speak directly to

Republicans who say that they can't vote with us because it will delay the reopening of the government.

First off, that is exactly what these corrupt Senators were hoping they would say. Second, we absolutely can send this back to the Senate. They can quickly strip it and send the bill to the President. They finished this package in less than 2 days. This is one small thing that needs to be deleted. It is easy, and it could be done very fast.

Mr. Speaker, please spare me the excuses that we will get this done next week with a new bill. Once this is law, that is it. It is signed into law forever. It will never change. It is permanent, and the majority voted for it. Republicans all know that. So they shouldn't say that they are going to pass some new bill next week to address this. That is just an excuse to do nothing that would fix it.

Republicans moved at the speed of light to give tax breaks to billionaires, and the least that they could do is to give the same urgency to stop this shamelessly corrupt fleecing of the American people.

Mr. Speaker, I get it. Trump is suing the U.S. Government for \$230 million, and I guess these Senators want in on the action. They want their own payday. I have never seen this level of grift, shameless corruption, and theft of public money in my entire life, ever.

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, to discuss our proposal, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. SUBRAMANYAM).

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will remind the gentleman from Massachusetts and others to please refrain from engaging in personalities toward Members of the Senate.

Mr. SUBRAMANYAM. Mr. Speaker, I thank the ranking member for yielding me time.

Mr. Speaker, do you know what people hate more than seeing their costs go up? It is seeing their costs go up while corrupt politicians line their pockets with taxpayers' money. That is what they really hate, yet that is what this bill does.

Republican Senators slipped into this bill a legal pathway for them to personally receive millions of dollars of taxpayers' money for being investigated after January 6. My colleagues on the other side talk about fiscal responsibility and say that there is no money for healthcare, but somehow there is taxpayer money for Republican Senators. This is an ethics violation. This is a breach of trust, and it calls into question the very legitimacy of this institution.

Mr. Speaker, I put forward an amendment to reject this corruption, but

committee Republicans voted it down last night. They said that they knew that it was corrupt but that there was nothing that could be done and that the system didn't work.

Republicans are the system, and House Republicans promised a vote on this next week as a standalone bill. There is no guarantee that the Senate will act. In fact, they probably won't act. The majority has the power to join us in righting this wrong today. Let's take out this ridiculous kickback. Otherwise, a vote for this bill is a vote for corruption.

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

Mr. Speaker, I never said that this bill was perfect. Not everyone agrees with the provision, and our colleague from Georgia (Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT) just mentioned that he is already addressing it. What we do agree on is that it is critically important to get the government open, and that is why we are here today.

Mr. Speaker, it is getting our Federal employees paid and getting our troops paid. It is getting SNAP back on track and getting our airports back to full capacity. Once this happens, we can tackle the issues. We can get back to really doing the things for the American people and not using their suffering as leverage like Democratic Whip CLARK is willing to do.

Democrats have spent weeks performing political theater by refusing to open government, and they continue to perform that political theater. We need to prioritize the reopening of the government and stop the suffering that the Democrats want to use as leverage.

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

Mr. LANGWORTHY. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of this rule and ending this shutdown chaos.

For more than 40 days, the American people have endured a painful and entirely avoidable government shutdown. It was not because of policy differences but because Senate Democrats and CHUCK SCHUMER chose politics over people.

While Washington stalled, hard-working Americans paid the price. Our air traffic controllers went without pay. A system stretched thinner by the day had a new strain put on that system, which put millions of lives at risk. Americans depend on them to keep our skies safe. Families who rely on SNAP and WIC, parents who are just trying to feed their kids, were left wondering how they would make it through another week.

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At the same time, our border agents and Coast Guard members continue to serve this country as their own families went without pay. Through it all, while everyday Americans carried the weight of this shutdown, Senate Democrats had chance after chance to end it,

but instead they chose to prolong the pain. That is not leadership. That is hypocrisy.

It was never about budgets or priorities. It was about power. It is not about turning government on. For them, it was about turning government into performance, where the people paying the highest price are the ones furthest from Washington.

For more than 40 days, families were used as political pawns and props while those responsible stood in front of cameras pretending to solve the crisis that they created. I actually saw a Member from my home State stand at a food bank, decry the fact that nutritional assistance was in question, then swear up and down that they would vote against ending this shutdown. That is the epitome of hypocrisy, and the American people deserve better than that.

House Republicans did our job. We passed a clean continuing resolution weeks ago, the same kind of straightforward measure that should have been agreed to immediately to keep this government open. Senate Democrats blocked that 14 times, prolonging this shutdown just to score points to their woke, angry mob.

This measure before us today is the same bipartisan framework they could have passed 40 days ago. The only thing that has changed is the political calendar.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support the rule. Let's stand with the American people, the families, the veterans, and public servants who have carried the burden of this shutdown and reopen our government. Let's get this country moving again.

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to include in the RECORD an article from ABC News titled: "Inflation climbs to highest level since January, beef prices soar."

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

There was no objection.

[From ABC News, Oct. 24, 2025]

INFLATION CLIMBS TO HIGHEST LEVEL SINCE JANUARY, BEEF PRICES SOAR

(By Max Zahn)

Consumer prices rose 3 percent in September compared to a year ago, extending a monthslong uptick that has sent inflation to its highest level since January, government data on Friday showed. The reading came in lower than economists' expectations.

The fresh data marked a slight increase from a 2.9 percent year-over-year increase recorded a month prior. An acceleration of price increases over recent months has coincided with a flurry of tariffs issued by President Donald Trump.

Beef prices soared nearly 15 percent over the year ending in September, data showed. Trump has set off outcry among some ranchers over a plan to import beef from Argentina in an effort to reduce U.S. prices.

Egg prices, a longtime symbol of rising costs, fell almost 5 percent in September. The price of eggs, stands about 1 percent lower than where it was a year ago. The price of coffee has surged 19 percent over the past year, the data showed.

The White House touted the September inflation numbers coming in below economists' expectations on Friday, with Press Secretary Karoline Leavitt posting on social media that they were "good news" for American families.

Leavitt also said on X that the ongoing government shutdown would likely result in no inflation report for October, "which will leave businesses, markets, families, and the Federal Reserve in disarray."

The data arrived more than a week later than originally planned, since the government shutdown has severely hamstrung the release of information about the economy.

The latest acceleration of price increases comes at a wobbly moment for the Nation's economy. In recent months, inflation has picked up while hiring has slowed, posing a risk of an economic double-whammy known as "stagflation."

The economic conditions have put the Federal Reserve in a bind. If the Fed raises interest rates as a means of protecting against tariff-induced inflation, it risks tipping the economy into a downturn. On the other hand, if the Fed lowers rates to stimulate the economy in the face of a hiring slowdown, it threatens to boost spending and worsen inflation.

Last month, the Fed cut its benchmark interest rate a quarter of a percentage point, opting for its first interest rate cut this year in an effort to revive the labor market.

"It's a challenging situation when our goals are in tension like this," Powell said, but he added that the balance of risks had shifted toward greater concern over sluggish hiring.

Policymakers are widely expected to make an additional quarter-point cut when they meet next week, according to CME FedWatch Tool, a measure of market sentiment.

But an elevated inflation reading on Friday could give Fed officials pause, since a rate cut would increase the likelihood of a spike in demand that further drives up prices.

In recent months, tariffs modestly contributed to the uptick in overall inflation, analysts previously told ABC News, but overall price increases owed largely to a rise in housing and food products with little connection to Trump's levies.

Last week, President Donald Trump threatened 100 percent tariffs on all China-made goods starting Nov. 1 in response to restrictions placed on rare earth minerals. Beijing has publicly stood firm on the policy, leaving the two sides at an impasse with massive implications for the price of consumer goods imported from China.

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to include in the RECORD an article from The Washington Post titled: "From groceries to gas, Americans say they're spending more under Trump."

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

There was no objection.

[From the Washington Post, Nov. 4, 2025]

FROM GROCERIES TO GAS, AMERICANS SAY THEY'RE SPENDING MORE UNDER TRUMP

(By Abha Bhattarai and Andrew Ba Tran)

A majority of Americans say they are spending more on groceries and utilities than they were a year ago, and they blame President Trump for the rising prices, a Washington Post-ABC News-Ipsos poll finds.

About 7 in 10 Americans say their grocery costs have risen in the past year, while about 6 in 10 say their utility costs have edged

higher, according to the poll, conducted in late October. Roughly 4 in 10 say the same about health care, gas and housing. The findings reflect angst about the cost of living, which has emerged as a key issue in the off-year elections across the country on Tuesday.

"Even as inflation has gone down, people are still struggling with very high price levels for food, energy and health care," said Sophie Mitra, an economics professor at Fordham University. "The rate of increases has slowed, but things are still very difficult, especially for low- and middle-income households."

Americans' discontent reflects government data showing that inflation is slowly worsening. Utility costs, in particular, have jumped 12 percent in the past year, according to data from September. Grocery prices have risen by 3 percent, though some categories have recorded more dramatic increases. Meat prices, for example, have climbed more than 8 percent since last year, while canned fruits and vegetables are up 5 percent. Coffee has gone up by nearly 19 percent.

Roughly 6 in 10 Americans blame Trump "a great deal" or "a good amount" for the current rate of inflation and rising prices, the Post-ABC-Ipsos survey found. About two-thirds of independents (66 percent) and 92 percent of Democrats blame him, compared with 20 percent of Republicans.

The poll also found that 65 percent of Americans disapprove of Trump's handling of tariffs and that 62 percent disapprove of his handling of the economy, both figures little changed from April.

Responses were split across party lines, particularly for food expenses: 89 percent of Democrats, 73 percent of independents and 52 percent of Republicans report spending more on groceries compared with a year ago. Overall, Democrats were more than 30 percentage points likelier than Republicans to say they are spending more on a range of necessities, including gas, health care and housing.

Rising prices have made affordability a key political issue in the Tuesday elections. Despite their differing ideological views, Democrats running in Virginia, New Jersey and New York have centered their campaigns on addressing cost-of-living issues. Zohran Mamdani, the Democratic nominee for mayor in New York, has focused heavily on making the city more affordable through proposals such as universal child care, free buses and city-owned grocery stores.

"Every politician says New York is the greatest city on the globe," Mamdani said in his first campaign ad. "But what good is that if no one can afford to live here?"

In Palmerton, Pennsylvania, Vicki Sestok is paying 30 percent more per kilowatt-hour of electricity than she was a couple of months ago. She and her husband, who have already switched to LED lights and installed a heat pump, are running out of ways to cut costs, she said.

"The house will just have to be cooler this winter," said Sestok, 57, who voted for former vice president Kamala Harris in last year's presidential election. "We're going to have to put on an extra sweater, and that's going to be that."

The rising utility bills are just one of the challenges squeezing Sestok's finances. Her daughter, a chemist, recently lost her job because of funding cuts, and her son, who is disabled, has yet to get his latest round of SNAP benefits. "I'm helping out on both ends," she said.

Food costs are also inching up, she said. Sestok spends between \$200 and \$250 a week on groceries, at least \$70 more than she used to.

Although the Trump administration's sweeping new tariffs have yet to dramati-

cally reignite inflation, there are signs that they are pushing up the price of certain goods, such as toys and cars. Economists warn that it could take months for the full effects of those policies to show up, leaving many business owners and household on edge. More than 6 in 10 Americans say tariffs contribute to inflation, the poll found. And nearly 6 out of 10 Americans believe tariffs harm the U.S. economy, including 88 percent of Democrats and 64 percent of independents. However, nearly half of Republicans say the U.S. economy is improved by tariffs.

By 45 percent to 28 percent, more people say they believe tariffs hurt U.S. manufacturing companies, although 56 percent of Republicans say the levies will help domestic producers.

Spencer Williamson, who works in medical sales in Tempe, Arizona, says he's feeling better about the economy than he was a year ago. The 34-year-old voted for Trump and says he's hopeful that the president's plan to revive manufacturing and create new jobs will lead to longterm change. In the meantime, he has been happy to see his grocery bill stay steady.

"Certain things seem to be stabilizing," he said. "But, of course, there are still hurdles. House prices are still too expensive. It's hard to feel great about the economy."

The Washington Post-ABC News-Ipsos poll was conducted online Oct. 24 through Oct. 28 among 2,725 U.S. adults. The sample was drawn through the Ipsos KnowledgePanel, an ongoing panel of U.S. households recruited by mail using random sampling methods. Overall results have a margin of error of plus or minus 1.9 percentage points.

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to include in the RECORD an article from The New Republic titled: "'No, You're wrong': Trump Spirals When Pressed on Rising Food Prices."

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

There was no objection.

[From The New Republic, Nov. 3, 2025]

"'NO, YOU'RE WRONG': TRUMP SPIRALS WHEN PRESSED ON RISING FOOD PRICES

(By Rachel Kahn)

President Donald Trump desperately tried to pivot the conversation away from his tanking economy in an interview with *60 Minutes* Sunday.

When the president brought up the stock market, O'Donnell pointed out that many Americans may not feel the effects of market growth in their wallets: "When the stock market is doing well, that doesn't affect everybody. Not everybody is invested in the stock market—"

"It does," insisted Trump. "Oh it does, it does."

O'Donnell pushed ahead, observing, "Grocery prices are up."

Trump ignored her, choosing to instead over-exaggerate the growth of 401(k) retirement savings accounts. O'Donnell, not taking the bait, tried again to get the president to answer her question: "But for people that don't have 401(k)s, who are not invested in the stock market—they've seen their grocery prices go up."

"No, you're wrong," Trump responded. "They went up under Biden, right now they're going down. Other than beef, which we're working on."

In reality, grocery prices are not down—they're up. Grocery prices are 2.7 percent higher than they were last September and 1.4 percent higher than January, when Trump triumphantly returned to office. They're also

still on the rise, according to data released by the Bureau of Labor Statistics last Friday. Overall, grocery prices have increased almost 30 percent in the last five years.

Though this is far from the first time that Trump has lied on camera, pretending that grocery prices are down is particularly egregious. The president campaigned on lowering prices, and has lied repeatedly about the fact that his nonsensical tariffs and cruel mass deportation campaign—which targets many of the people who grow and harvest our food—have hurt consumers.

Meanwhile, Trump is gilding the Oval Office and building a ballroom. At least he's not out of touch!

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to include in the RECORD an article from The New Republic titled: "Trump Admits He Doesn't Care About 'Affordability' As Economy Plunges."

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

There was no objection.

[From The New Republic, Nov. 7, 2025]

TRUMP ADMITS HE DOESN'T CARE ABOUT "AFFORDABILITY" AS ECONOMY PLUNGES

(By Malcolm Ferguson)

As inflation rises, layoffs surge, and SNAP benefits stop, President Trump told Americans point-blank that he does not want to hear about their affordability issues.

"Talk about the cost of Thanksgiving, and the cost of living through Thanksgiving. . . . Our energy costs are way down, our groceries are way down, everything is way down. And the press doesn't report it," the president said last evening while taking questions from reporters. "You know, I call the Democrats connen and women, they make up numbers. But when you look at the 25 percent reduction in costs for Thanksgiving between Biden and me . . . it's the biggest reduction in cost in the history of that chart or whatever it is they do."

The Thanksgiving cost numbers Trump is touting come directly from Walmart, which is selling a \$40 Thanksgiving basket compared to a \$55 one last year. But this year's meal has less food in it too.

"So I don't wanna hear about the affordability," Trump continued. "We're getting close to \$2 a gallon gasoline. With Biden it was \$4.50, \$5. Another thing, inflation. We had the worst inflation in the history of our country. Now we have virtually no inflation at all . . . so the affordability is much better with the Republicans."

This short rant was ridden with lies. Everything is not "way down."

Inflation is still going up. This summer, Americans saw the biggest grocery price jump in over three years. Average grocery prices in September were around 2.7 percent higher than they were the year before and around 1.4 percent higher than they were when Trump got back into office in January.

It's truly a travesty that this man who campaigned on affordability, and on remembering the forgotten working class, is now telling those very same people to shut up and be happy while outright lying about the state of affordability in this country. It was already bad, and Trump has unquestionably made it worse. But he'd rather lie and finger-point than admit that and work to fix it.

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to include in the RECORD an article from MSNBC titled: "'Not a big issue': Republicans shrug as consumers confront health care sticker shock."

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

There was no objection.

[From MSNBC, Oct. 30, 2025]

'NOT A BIG ISSUE': REPUBLICANS SHRUG AS CONSUMERS CONFRONT HEALTH CARE STICKER SHOCK

(By Steve Benen)

For those who follow health-care policy closely, it's been obvious for quite a while that health insurance premiums were poised to soar, especially as Republicans allow Covid-era subsidies to expire. The problem, however, has been on the horizon for a long time.

That's no longer the case; the problem is here. Many Americans are now confronting the severity of increased costs, with millions of families facing payments that will double or even triple in 2026.

The conditions have left GOP officials with limited options about how best to respond to the problem. Much of the party has effectively settled on the position of "this doesn't really matter." The Hill reported:

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Administrator Mehmet Oz downplayed on Wednesday the likely substantial increase in the amount Americans will pay for health insurance on the Affordable Care Act's (ACA) federal marketplace.

At an event ostensibly about prescription drug costs, a reporter asked, "Unless those tax credits are extended, the subsidies, the average plan will increase for Americans by somewhere around 115 percent. Do you believe that Congress should extend those subsidies so that most Americans do not receive significant increases in their premiums?"

Mehmet Oz, the former television personality who was tapped to lead the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, asked about the source of the figure. The reporter noted that the statistic came by way of KFF, a leading health research group (formerly known as the Kaiser Family Foundation).

Oz responded that KFF had retracted that assessment (that does not appear to be the case), before adding that "the truth" is that the average American who gets coverage through the Affordable Care Act will only have to pay \$13 more next year. He added that increased costs are "not the big issue."

Right off the bat, it's worth emphasizing that Oz's claims weren't true: It's not clear where his claim about \$13 in additional costs comes from, but the actual increases are on track to be vastly worse.

Complicating matters, however, is the frequency with which other Republicans are also responding to the conditions with shrugged shoulders. House Speaker Mike Johnson, for example, last week derided the "so-called forthcoming health-care crisis."

The same day, Republican Sen. Ron Johnson of Wisconsin told CNBC viewers, "I don't think this is going to be any kind of gut-wrenching problem if these enhanced subsidies just go away."

A few days later, Republican Rep. Mark Alford of Missouri acknowledged that many U.S. consumers will have "a hard time" dealing with the increased coverage costs, but he wanted his party to stay the course anyway.

The Republican answer to this problem is to downplay the importance of the problem. That seems politically untenable, but for now, GOP officials don't appear to have an alternative.

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to include in the RECORD an opinion article published in MSNBC titled: "Trump's Argentina bailout once again puts Americans last."

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

There was no objection.

[From MSNBC, Oct. 21, 2025]

TRUMP'S ARGENTINA BAILOUT ONCE AGAIN PUTS AMERICANS LAST

(By Rep. Nydia Velázquez)

In January, Donald Trump opened his inaugural address by promising to "put America first" daily and usher in a new golden age for American families. Ten months in, Americans are still waiting for the golden age to arrive and reeling from Trump administration policies that have actively made their lives worse.

His administration's signature legislation delivers the largest Medicaid cuts in U.S. history, threatening to strip coverage from 15 million people while taking food assistance from children, seniors, and people with disabilities. His erratic trade policy has worsened the cost-of-living crisis, amounting to an average \$1,300 tax increase per household this year. And as the Republican shutdown drags on, essential services are halted and paychecks paused for hundreds of thousands of federal workers.

Now, with government operations paralyzed and Americans' pocketbooks reeling, the White House has made the extraordinary decision to move forward with a \$20 billion bailout for Argentina. Republicans and Democrats alike are asking what, exactly, is "America First" about sending billions of U.S. dollars abroad while Americans are suffering at home. The irony is especially sharp for U.S. farmers, who have been shut out of China's soybean market because of Trump's trade war—just as Argentina moves in to fill that gap. While Washington props up Buenos Aires, small-farm bankruptcies here have climbed to a five-year high.

During a White House meeting with Argentine President Javier Milei last week, President Trump provided the answer. Asked how the bailout would help the U.S., he replied, "Just helping a great philosophy take over a great country."

Even Trump knows this deal has nothing to do with helping Americans and everything to do with propping up a political ally.

Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent has called Argentina a "systemically important ally," but its real importance to this administration is political rather than economic.

President Milei has styled himself as an ideological cousin of Trump and Elon Musk, though his campaign of extreme austerity came first. At the Conservative Political Action Conference (CPAC) in Washington, D.C., this February, Milei presented Musk with a chainsaw to highlight the links between Musk's Department of Government Efficiency, or DOGE, and Milei's austerity campaign in Argentina. Like DOGE, Milei's program was billed as a war on waste, but in practice, it became a showy slashing spree that gutted public services while doing little to fix Argentina's deeper economic problems.

Milei's program has driven household spending on utilities up from 6 percent to 15 percent, according to a report from the University of Buenos Aires, and pushed the country to the brink of a currency crisis.

This situation has left many Argentines fed up with the Milei political agenda, causing his party to suffer a stunning loss in a Buenos Aires provincial election in September. With more potential losses looming in a pivotal Argentine midterm election, Trump decided to step in to stop the bleeding. The political motive behind the bailout was made crystal clear last week when Trump said the U.S. is "not going to waste our time" if Milei's coalition did not prevail in November.

That motivation should alarm every taxpayer. Using U.S. funds to influence a foreign election is a glaring misuse of public money. The fact that Milei's government is embroiled in numerous alleged corruption scandals makes the bailout even more concerning.

Even the structure of the bailout raises red flags. The Treasury Department is utilizing the Exchange Stabilization Fund, or ESF, to extend a massive line of credit without any conditionality or immediate congressional oversight. Such intervention is almost without precedent. Historically, deployment of the ESF—such as for Mexico in 1995 and Asian economies in 1997—came with clear repayment terms and transparency requirements to protect American taxpayers. The Trump administration has disclosed no such safeguards here.

This is important, as Argentina's capacity to repay the loan is highly uncertain. Its sovereign bonds are rated below investment grade across the board. Investors consider them a speculative gamble, reflecting just how precarious Argentina's finances have become. Meanwhile, the government has been burning through billions in reserves to prop up an overvalued exchange rate—a strategy that cannot last, no matter how much it borrows from the United States or other institutions. The Treasury Department owes the public an explanation of what safeguards or repayment terms exist to protect U.S. taxpayers from loss.

Trump's promise to put America first has become a hollow slogan. At home, he's dismantling the government programs that working families rely on. Abroad, he's using taxpayer dollars on a risky bailout of a foreign government that shares his politics. If this is his idea of America first, Americans deserve far better.

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to include in the RECORD an article from PBS titled: "Trump administration working on doubling Argentina financing to \$40 billion."

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

There was no objection.

[From PBS News, Oct. 16, 2025]

TRUMP ADMINISTRATION WORKING ON DOUBLING ARGENTINA FINANCING TO \$40 BILLION

(By Fatima Hussein and Andrea Vulcano)

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Trump administration is looking to provide an additional \$20 billion in financing for Argentina through a mix of financing from sovereign funds and the private sector.

That would come on top of the \$20 billion credit swap line that the U.S. Treasury pledged to Argentine President Javier Milei and his government this month to bolster the South American nation's collapsing currency.

"We are working on a \$20 billion facility that would complement our swap line, with private banks and sovereign funds that, I believe, would be more focused on the debt market," Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent told reporters Wednesday. He called it "a private-sector solution" and said "many banks are interested in it and many sovereign funds have expressed interest."

At a White House meeting Tuesday with Milei, Republican President Donald Trump said his administration wanted to help "our neighbors" with the aid package, but he also suggested that the money could be pulled if Milei's party did not prevail in the Oct. 26 midterm elections.

"If he loses, we are not going to be generous with Argentina," Trump said.

The Argentine peso weakened slightly Wednesday after Trump's comments. The peso depreciated about 0.7 percent, with the dollar—the currency Argentines rely on to save—trading at 1,395 pesos, compared with 1,385 pesos the previous day.

On Wall Street, shares of major Argentine companies rose slightly after dropping as much as 8.1 percent Tuesday upon Trump's comments.

In Argentina, the opposition's criticism was swift.

Former President Cristina Fernández, who is under house arrest after a corruption conviction, wrote on social media: "Trump to Milei in the United States: 'Our agreements depend on who wins election.' Argentines . . . you already know what to do!"

Martin Lousteau, president of the centrist Radical Civic Union, said "Trump doesn't want to help a country—he only wants to save Milei, and that 'nothing good can come of this.'"

Maximiliano Ferraro, head of the opposition Civic Coalition, called Trump's comments "a blatant act of extortion against the Argentine Nation."

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to include in the RECORD an article from Forbes titled: "Presidency Boosts Trump's Net Worth By \$3 billion In A Year."

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

There was no objection.

[From Forbes, Sept. 9, 2025]

PRESIDENCY BOOSTS TRUMP'S NET WORTH BY
\$3 BILLION IN A YEAR

(By Dan Alexander)

Donald Trump just had the most lucrative year of his life. The president is now worth a record \$7.3 billion, up from \$4.3 billion in 2024, when he was still running for office. The \$3 billion gain vaulted him 118 spots on The Forbes 400, where he lands at No. 201 this year.

No president in U.S. history has used his position of power to profit as immensely as Trump. His primary vehicle for enrichment: cryptocurrency, an asset class full of hype and vulnerable to regulators. Teaming up with his three sons, Trump announced a crypto venture in September 2024 named World Liberty Financial, which initially struggled to gain traction. Then he won the White House.

Crypto entrepreneur Justin Sun, whom the Securities and Exchange Commission had accused of fraud, invested \$75 million, routing an estimated \$40 million to the president-elect and millions more to his family members, kickstarting a bonanza that has since snowballed. In January, days before reentering the White House, Trump launched a memecoin, adding hundreds of millions to his pile of cash.

In office, Trump rolled back regulatory enforcement of crypto and signed legislation favorable to the industry, ensuring he would personally benefit from conflicts of interest. His memecoins, initially tied up for three months, now unlock daily, freeing tens of millions per week. World Liberty Financial, meanwhile, has continued selling tokens, including to opaque buyers, generating an estimated \$1.4 billion so far. A Trump family entity receives a roughly 75% cut of those sales, amounting to more than \$1 billion.

The president apparently made plans to sell part of that entity, according to a letter that a court-appointed monitor overseeing the Trump Organization wrote to a New York judge in May. It remains unclear what percentage the president sold or whether the

transaction even happened. The identity of the supposed buyer also remains unknown. The Trump Organization did not respond to questions about the deal. (Shortly after a Forbes reporter first exposed it, the president ranted about the journalist on Truth Social.)

With supporters piling into risky assets, Trump deployed his cash conservatively. He paid off \$114 million of debt against 40 Wall Street, a troubled New York skyscraper, at the start of the summer. In July, he knocked out a couple of smaller loans, totaling an estimated \$15 million, against mansions in New York and Florida. He also loaded up on municipal and corporate bonds. Trump's balance sheet is now stronger than it has ever been, with an estimated \$1.1 billion of liabilities and \$8.4 billion of assets, \$1.1 billion of which are in liquid holdings.

CASHING IN ON CRYPTO

Most of Trump's jump in net worth comes from his move into cryptocurrency, which provided him with a pile of cash. He still has plenty of coins leftover, set to jump in value as they unlock over the course of his presidency. Below, Forbes highlights which parts of the Trump fortune improved the most over the last year.

Memecoin: +\$710 million
Liquid assets: +\$660 million
Licensing and management business: +\$410 million
Legal victory: +\$470 million
World Liberty Financial tokens: +\$340 million

Stablecoin business: +\$240 million
Almost everything in his portfolio is doing well. Appellate judges in New York threw out a roughly \$500 million fraud penalty in August. Trump's real-estate licensing business, stalled out for years, has come roaring back to life, with new deals in Saudi Arabia, Vietnam, Romania, India, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates. Revenues jumped an estimated 580% in 2024 to \$45 million, boosting the value of the business by \$400 million. In the United States, the president's golf-and-club portfolio continues to thrive, as profits jumped an estimated 30% in 2024, adding roughly \$325 million to Trump's net worth.

With so much money coming in, the president may soon get back to his first love, building. He and his family have been making noise for years about constructing small villages at golf resorts in Scotland and Florida. Projects like that require a lot of liquidity, something that has not always been available to Trump. But now, after reclaiming the White House—and cashing in on the power that comes with it—he can pretty much do anything he wants.

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to include in the RECORD an article from People.com titled: "Donald Trump Hosts Great Gatsby-Themed Halloween Party as 42 Million Americans Brace for SNAP Benefits to Expire."

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

There was no objection.

[From People, Nov. 1, 2025]

DONALD TRUMP HOSTS GREAT GATSBY-
THEMED HALLOWEEN PARTY AS 42 MILLION
AMERICANS BRACE FOR SNAP BENEFITS TO
EXPIRE

(By Bailey Richards)

President Donald Trump celebrated Halloween with a Great Gatsby-themed party as millions of Americans prepared to lose their SNAP benefits amid the government shutdown.

On Friday, Oct. 31, Trump, 79, hosted a Halloween party inspired by F. Scott Fitzgerald's classic 1925 novel at his Palm Beach, Fla., estate, Mar-a-Lago. The president sat with Secretary of State Marco Rubio at the Roaring '20s bash, which was complete with feathers and flapper dresses, photos show.

The official theme of the lavish event was The Great Gatsby, the Roaring '20s and "a little party never killed nobody," according to reports from White House correspondents Danny Kemp and Kellie Meyer of AFP News Agency and NewsNation, respectively.

Footage of the event shared by Meyer on X shows Trump and Rubio, 54, smiling and chatting at a table with other guests. At a certain point in the evening, all members of the press were ordered to leave Mar-a-Lago, Meyer reported.

Trump hosted guests at his Palm Beach property as millions of Americans braced to lose their federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits, sometimes referred to as "food stamps," the following day amid the ongoing government shutdown.

Last week, the U.S. Department of Agriculture warned that there would not be enough funding for the 42 million Americans who rely on SNAP benefits to receive their money on Saturday, Nov. 1. (The program provides one in eight people in the U.S. with money to buy food.)

U.S. President Donald Trump talks at a press conference with UK Prime Minister Keir Starmer (not pictured) at Chequers at the conclusion of a state visit on September 18, 2025 in Aylesbury, England. This is the final day of President Trump's second UK state visit, with the previous one taking place in 2019 during his first presidential term; "SNAP/EBT Food Stamp Benefits Accepted" is displayed on a screen inside a Family Dollar Stores Inc. store in Chicago, Illinois, U.S., on Tuesday, March 3, 2020. Dollar Tree Inc. released earnings figures on March 4.

"Donald Trump hosted a Great Gatsby party while SNAP benefits were about to disappear for 42 million Americans," Newsom wrote on X, reposting Kemp's photo from inside the event. "He does not give a damn about you."

The government shutdown began on Oct. 1 and is the second-longest on record. The largest point of contention is related to the Affordable Care Act, with Democrats seeking to quickly extend ACA tax credits to prevent healthcare premiums from dramatically rising for millions of Americans. Despite overwhelming public support, Republicans have refused to budge on the issue, saying they can negotiate after the government reopens.

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Along with the loss of federal SNAP benefits for millions, hundreds of thousands of federal employees are furloughed or working without pay amid the government shutdown. Longtime Transportation Security Administration (TSA) employee LaShanda Palmer is one of them. She has not been paid since the shutdown began, she previously told PEOPLE.

"I have a car note, I have insurance, I have a grandchild that I have guardianship over, who's 6," as well as two of her five children who live with her, she told PEOPLE. Palmer, who works at the Philadelphia International Airport, also has a \$1,375 rent payment due on Nov. 1, along with overdrawn checking and savings accounts and mounting overdraft fees.

"It is extremely hard," said the lead transportation security officer, one of an estimated 1.4 million federal employees furloughed or working without pay while the federal government is locked in a shutdown.

Elaborating on her situation amid the shutdown—the second she's endured, including the last one during Trump's first term—Palmer told PEOPLE, "I don't want to get an eviction notice. I'm in a position right now, come Nov. 1, where my rent may not get paid because I don't have [rent money] to pay it."

"And it's not that I don't work for it because I am working for it," she added. "I should have it."

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to include in the RECORD an article from *The New York Times* titled: "Trump's Latest White House Makeover: The Lincoln Bathroom in Marble and Gold."

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

There was no objection.

[From *The New York Times*, Oct. 31, 2025]

TRUMP'S LATEST WHITE HOUSE MAKEOVER:
THE LINCOLN BATHROOM IN MARBLE AND GOLD
(By Luke Broadwater)

President Trump is not stopping with the East Wing.

On Friday, Mr. Trump said he had renovated the bathroom in the Lincoln Bedroom, posting two dozen photos on social media as he continues to remodel the White House in his own style.

Mr. Trump said the new design of black and white marble with gold faucets and light fixtures was "very appropriate for the time of Abraham Lincoln."

The bathtub fixtures have been replaced, and the tub itself is embedded in a nest of "highly polished statuary marble," as President Trump put it. Credit . . . Donald Trump, via Truth Social

The White House did not say, in response to questions, who paid for the renovation, how much it cost or which contractor built it.

The bathroom is only the latest remodel that Mr. Trump has undertaken at the White House, including the demolition of the East Wing. He has wide latitude as president to make changes, although critics have raised questions about the funding and lack of transparency.

President Harry Truman redid the bathroom in 1945, and Mr. Trump has repeatedly criticized its style.

Speaking to donors this month, Mr. Trump called the bathrooms style "not good."

"Art Deco doesn't go with, you know, 1850 and civil wars and all of the problems," Mr. Trump said. "But what does is statuary marble. So I ripped it apart and we built the bathroom. It's absolutely gorgeous and totally in keeping with that time."

A photo of the sink and vanity taken in July, before the renovations began. Credit . . . Andrea Hanks/The White House

Edward Lengel, who served as the chief historian of the White House Historical Association, said of the photos Mr. Trump posted: "It doesn't look anything like 1860s interiors to me."

Michael F. Bishop, the former executive director of the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission, said the bathroom was a sitting room in the president's day and was unlikely to have included marble.

"The present-day bathroom only takes up a portion of the Lincoln sitting room," Mr. Bishop said. "They created a bathroom in the corner of this room. Trump's change to

the bathroom is not remotely a crime against historical preservation or anything like that. It was just a fairly dated-looking bathroom."

The historian Harold Holzer, the author of many books about Mr. Lincoln, said that when Mr. Lincoln moved into the White House in 1861, there were two water closets on the second floor, including one adjacent to the rooms where he lived with the family.

When Mary Todd Lincoln complained about the overall poor condition of the White House, Mr. Holzer said, he reminded her that it was better than any other house they had ever lived in.

"Lincoln had an outhouse in Springfield, and heaven knows what when he lived in log cabins with his parents, so the plain bathroom was fine with him," Mr. Holzer said. "He thought it was a majestic step up."

During his second term, Mr. Trump has wasted no time making changes to historical elements of the White House, arguing that parts of it are dated or too small. He tore down the entire East Wing, which had stood for more than a century, to make way for a planned 90,000-square-foot, \$300 million ballroom that he said was necessary for receiving dignitaries.

His plans for the size of the ballroom continue to expand.

Mr. Trump has said that he and a group of donors—not the taxpayers—are footing the bill for the ballroom. His staff has released a list of donors, but has not said how much each one has given. The money is being deposited in the Trust for the National Mall, a nonprofit, tax-exempt entity that is not subject to transparency laws.

He also has added gold moldings and gold decorations throughout the Oval Office, and gold ornaments to the Cabinet Room. He cut down the White House's historic magnolia tree, which President Andrew Jackson planted in 1829 in memory of his wife, Rachel.

He removed a photo of Hillary Clinton and replaced it with an image of his own face colored with the American flag. He added marble floors and a chandelier to the Palm Room.

He paved over the Rose Garden grass to add a patio. Along the West Wing colonnade, he added gold-framed photos of every American president except his predecessor, Joseph R. Biden Jr., whom he depicted as an autopen.

Mr. Trump and White House staff members say the president is granted wide latitude to make renovations on the property. Mr. Trump has said he is not subject to zoning regulations or permitting requirements.

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to include in the RECORD an article from *The Nation* titled: "The Bill to End the Shutdown Is Full of Giveaways to Republicans."

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

There was no objection.

[From *The Nation*, Nov. 11, 2025]

THE BILL TO END THE SHUTDOWN IS FULL OF
GIVEAWAYS TO REPUBLICANS
(By Joan Walsh)

Last night, eight Democratic senators caved and voted for a bill to open the government without restoring the Affordable Care Act subsidies they'd promised to fight for. You might think Donald Trump would appreciate the olive branch, but you'd be wrong. That very same night, Trump's Justice Department announced a mass pardon for almost 80 individuals involved in Trump's campaign to overturn the 2020 election. This list included Rudy Giuliani, Sidney Powell, and John Eastman.

But that's not the only gift to the Republicans who tried to help Trump overturn the 2020 election. Tucked inside the bill is a measure that would create a slush fund to enable senators who've had their phone records subpoenaed, without their knowledge, to sue over invasion of privacy, for at least half a million dollars. It's basically free money for Lindsey Graham, Marsha Blackburn, Bill Hagerty, Josh Hawley, Dan Sullivan, Tommy Tuberville, Ron Johnson, and Cynthia Lummis, all of whom had their metadata subpoenaed by Jack Smith. (No messages were included.) If they all won in court, they'd pocket at least \$4 million collectively.

The bill would limit the government's defense against such claims, removing qualified or sovereign immunity as grounds for such a move to fight a lawsuit over the issue.

In last-minute maneuvers, Senate majority leader John Thune, who has called Smith's phone subpoenas "Biden's Watergate," added the provision personally. "Leader Thune inserted that in the bill to provide real teeth to the prohibition on the Department of Justice targeting senators," Texas Senator Ted Cruz declared.

"I am furious that the Senate Minority and Majority Leaders chose to airdrop this provision into this bill at the eleventh hour," New Mexico Democratic Senator Martin Heinrich said in a statement. "This is precisely what's wrong with the Senate." In case you missed it, that's a slap at Senate minority leader Chuck Schumer, who presided over last-minute negotiations on the package but voted against it. Oregon Senator Ron Wyden, a privacy advocate, nonetheless slammed the provision as "very troubling" to Politico.

There are obviously other troubling provisions in this alleged compromise, which, remember, keeps the government open only until January. The good news is that it funds SNAP through next year—recipients don't have to worry about losing food benefits during another stalemate in at the beginning of 2026. Other measures touted as victories—furloughed workers getting back pay, some fired workers getting their jobs back—likely would have happened anyway. Senate Dems did get a promise from Thune to hold a stand-alone vote on restoring ACA subsidies, but there's no guarantee he'll do it; even if he does, it's unlikely to pass; and House Speaker Mike Johnson has already announced that he won't bring the measure up for a vote. So it's DOA.

Another problem with the cave-in was its timing, coming only days after Democrats won huge election victories in Virginia, New Jersey, California, Pennsylvania, and Georgia. Schumer is reportedly claiming he got the Democratic defectors to hold off until after the elections, to avoid depressing turnout (a sign Democratic leaders knew the cave-in would be unpopular with their base). He couldn't have asked them to take maybe another week, to avoid snubbing the Democratic activists who worked so hard on those election victories?

Meanwhile, Zeteo reports that Trump officials are celebrating the Democratic surrender, calling party leaders "losers" and "pussies," after Trump himself already admitted that the shutdown contributed to GOP losses last Tuesday.

The bill still has to pass the House. Is it possible outraged Democrats will be joined by some Republicans and reject the Senate GOP's self-protection? Or will House GOP leaders add a similar provision for their members—at least one, Pennsylvania Representative Mike Kelly, also had his phone metadata released to Smith. Anything is possible in Johnson's caucus circus. The bill could fail for other reasons, even though

Johnson claims he has the votes. We'll find out Wednesday, when House members return from their long vacation to vote.

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself 15 seconds.

Mr. Speaker, I am sorry that the gentlewoman thinks that trying to stop people's healthcare premiums from doubling and tripling and quadrupling is political theater, but we don't. I don't have time to address all the BS coming from my colleagues across the Chamber, but it is clear this Republican leadership is not only failing to deliver on their promises but they are selling out at the expense of the basic needs of the American people.

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

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

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

Mr. Speaker, here we are on September 19, House Republicans passed legislation which would have funded government through November 20. Here we are on November 12, and we are basically where we would have been had we just passed the bill that we passed in September.

What did we get for all of that? What happened over all these days? Well, my colleagues on the other side of the aisle were searching for a reason for voters to support them next November. They were searching for a cause.

We know this because there were intervening elections and a lot of rhetoric but no results. We are here right now, with Democrats having joined Republican Senators to send a bill over here to fund government through the end of January with three appropriations bills, which we worked through regular order, to keep spending relatively flat. It advances the priorities the American people sent us here to advance, to back up the President who is securing the border, which he was sent to Washington to do; to restore military to focusing on defending this Nation rather than advancing woke priorities, which the American people sent him here to do; for us to continue to work, to grow, and to build this economy after 4 years of being wrecked with reckless spending but also abhorrent policies. The American people are now saying: What on Earth were Democrats doing?

My Democrat colleagues' response is healthcare. That is the only default position they have is the default to healthcare. The fact is, it is because they broke the system so badly that they are now coming and asking us to have the Treasury print money to then give out in order to enrich insurance companies with massive subsidies. That is the actual fact.

The American people understand this and they recognize that they don't want insurance companies to be enriched, but they want to be able to go get the doctor of their choice. The

American people understand this and so do we.

We are here to open the government, and we are here to stand up for doctors and patients instead of insurance companies and big regulators. I support this legislation. I know my Republican colleagues do. The question really is: Will Democrats support this legislation, or will they wish to perpetuate the shutting down of government to enrich insurance companies?

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I don't think we ought to be lectured by somebody who, over the years, has been the king of government shutdowns and who worked for a United States Senator that pushed for a government shutdown to object to the Affordable Care Act.

I just want to make it clear to everybody: This is a Republican shutdown. They control the White House. They control the House. They control the Senate. This government shutdown is because they don't want to negotiate. It is their way or the highway. This is a Republican shutdown. They own it.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 1½ minutes to the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. RASKIN), the distinguished ranking member of the Judiciary Committee.

Mr. RASKIN. Mr. Speaker, this bill, which they now call imperfect, contains the single most corrupt provision for legislative self-dealing that anyone in this Chamber today has ever voted on. It is such an egregiously corrupt act of legislator self-enrichment and plunder of the taxpayer that not only did every single House Democrat oppose it in the Rules Committee last night, but multiple Republicans were denouncing it, that is, before they were summoned into a side room and instructed to vote for it, which they all proceeded to do.

Now they are telling us: Vote for it today and they will repeal it maybe next week or maybe the week after that or maybe before Christmas. I have a solution. If Members don't like this corrupt provision, don't vote for it today. That will work.

This is a great bill, a great bill that is if you think eight Republican U.S. senators should have a right to collect at least \$1 million in a jackpot bonanza payoff from the taxpayers simply because they were subject to the exact same rules all other Americans were subject to and are subject to now. They don't propose to change those rules for anybody else, not for more than 300 million Americans, not for the Members of the House of Representatives, not for Governors or mayors but for themselves. They want to deal themselves a special legal privilege.

In this Republican class war, a Great Gatsby economy where President Trump has made more than \$3 billion since he reoccupied the White House, the Federal building which he has proceeded to demolish in large part while millions of Americans face losing their healthcare and their SNAP benefits. This provision is an affront to our taxpayers and to the rule of law.

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

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I yield an additional 15 seconds to the gentleman from Maryland.

Mr. RASKIN. It is an affront to everyone who believes that we, in public office, must be the servants of the people, not the masters of the people who get special, legal rights and privileges and multimillion-dollar payoffs, people who think that they have a right to better treatment than everybody else, like Ghislaine Maxwell in the prison camp where she gets room service, puppy time, and special gym privileges.

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

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentlewoman from Oregon (Ms. BONAMICI).

Ms. BONAMICI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in opposition to this continuing resolution. I will not support a bill that will continue the Republicans' assault on Americans and their pocketbooks. At a time when Oregonians and Americans are already struggling with rising costs, this bill locks in devastating cuts to healthcare and drives up the cost, in many cases, significantly.

The assault on healthcare and the Republican shutdown more broadly are further proof that the first 10 months of this Trump administration have been chaotic, harmful, and completely out of touch with the needs of the American people. Donald Trump held an extravagant Great Gatsby party at Mar-a-Lago the night before SNAP benefits expired, while the administration and Republicans continue to ignore the needs of working families. That is not governing. They have abandoned their responsibility to bring down costs and grow the economy.

Mr. Speaker, this bill was already bad, but now they have added this corrupt, get-rich-quick scheme to give hundreds of thousands of taxpayer dollars to Trump-aligned Senators. That is outrageous. Oregonians and Americans deserve better.

My colleagues should listen to their constituents, vote "no," and come back to the table and join us in the work to make healthcare affordable and accessible to all.

Mrs. FISCHBACH. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. McDOWELL).

Mr. McDOWELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today as we are in the process of ending the longest government shutdown in our Nation's history and to affirm that this Congress will get back to leading America into her next golden age.

Over 40 days, that is how long the government has been closed. For over 40 days, Democrats here in this body and in the Senate have chosen chaos over our country. They chose to shut the government down because politics demanded it, not policy.

The elites who dominate their party's decisionmaking are the ones least impacted by its decisions.

Were the far-left activists and Democrats here in this body the ones not getting paychecks? No, Mr. Speaker. That was the air traffic controllers, our troops, and our Capitol Police officers.

When these same people passed ObamaCare, were they the ones impacted by the law, or was it the middle-class teacher in North Carolina who could no longer keep their doctor? We all know the answer to that, Mr. Speaker.

Across the Nation, Federal workers are working two and three jobs just to stay afloat, all so Democrats could champion illegal aliens who exploit our compassion as they poison our communities with deadly fentanyl.

That is not governing. That was extortion of the American taxpayer. That ends today.

Today, we are in the process of finally reopening the government, returning to the business of the people, and further implementing the mandate our constituents sent us here to deliver on.

Democrats chose to have a month of political theater, but political shows don't do one thing to help make the costs of everyday items more affordable. It is time to govern and to focus on making America more affordable for the middle class.

Mr. Speaker, I urge a "yes" vote on this rule.

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, we are getting lectured on governance by a guy who is just coming off an 8-week paid vacation. Give me a break.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 1½ minutes to the gentlewoman from New Jersey (Ms. SHERRILL), the next Governor of New Jersey.

Ms. SHERRILL. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to a rule for a bill that does nothing to protect over 450,000 New Jerseyans who will see their healthcare premiums skyrocket.

I took my first oath to the Constitution when I was 18 and went to the Naval Academy. It is an oath to serve, to run toward the fight. I ran for Congress after I saw Washington Republicans attacking the Affordable Care Act.

I promised I would take on the status quo. I would fight the big fights because that is what people expect of their leaders. That is what people deserve from their leaders.

I am proud of the wins that I have delivered as the Representative for New Jersey's 11th District: capping the cost of insulin and prescription drugs for seniors, funding the Gateway Tunnel, the PACT Act for veterans, flood mitigation projects, and delivering for Picatinny Arsenal.

New Jersey has trusted me, and last week, they placed their trust in me again, electing me their 57th Governor. I ran on a similar promise: to take on anyone and stop at nothing to lower

costs and build opportunity for everyone.

This will be my last speech in this Chamber. I intend to submit my resignation next week and turn to protecting all of New Jersey.

My parting message to Jersey is: Thank you.

To my staff, thank you for your dedication to serving the 11th District of New Jersey.

To my colleagues, do not let this body become a ceremonial rubber stamp for an administration that takes food away from children—

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 New Jersey.

Ms. SHERRILL—and that rips healthcare away from people and takes food away from children.

To the country, stand strong. As we say in the Navy: Don't give up the ship.

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

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from Rhode Island (Mr. MAGAZINER).

Mr. MAGAZINER. Mr. Speaker, House Republicans are back from their 54-day taxpayer-funded vacation. But don't get me wrong, they do know how to work hard. When billionaires wanted tax breaks, they moved mountains to make it happen. When Argentina needed a \$40 billion bailout to help Trump's buddy, they moved quickly to make it happen at the White House.

When working people need help, when millions of Americans are seeing their health insurance costs double and triple and Americans all across this country are feeling like they are going to have to go without health insurance for the first time in their lives because they can't afford it anymore and have to make that terrible decision about which of their family members they are going to cut off of their insurance, House Republicans are nowhere to be found.

When Donald Trump's stupid tariffs are raising the price of groceries and the cost of coffee is up 40 percent over the last year, House Republicans are silent. When working people need help, they are absent. Shameful.

They will work when billionaires need tax cuts, when Argentina needs a bailout, but when working people need relief, they go on a taxpayer-funded vacation. Shameful, Mr. Speaker.

Vote "no" on this budget. Do not cut the healthcare of the American people.

Mrs. FISCHBACH. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from New York (Mr. LAWLER).

Mr. LAWLER. Mr. Speaker, the reason we know this is a Democratic shutdown is because of how angry they are that we are about to reopen the government, period. That is all you need to know.

JERRY NADLER said the shutdown is really "an extremist policy designed to appeal to an extremist base and hold the whole country hostage."

That is exactly what the Democrats have done over the last 43 days. They have held the American people hostage, trying to extract insane things, like free healthcare for illegal immigrants.

If they were serious about tackling the healthcare affordability crisis in this country, then they would address the fundamental problem with ObamaCare. Since ObamaCare took effect, healthcare premiums have risen by 96 percent and on the open market by 114 percent.

When I asked Leader JEFFRIES to sign on to the 1-year extension of the premium tax credit, he refused. He stuttered. He stammered. He couldn't answer a single question because this shutdown was never about healthcare. It was always about appeasing a far-left radical base.

CHUCK SCHUMER said: Every day gets better for us.

KATHERINE CLARK said: Of course, people will suffer. We want to use this as leverage.

It is an embarrassment to this country. You should all be ashamed of yourselves for inflicting this pain on the American people, taking away food stamps from 42 million Americans, defunding WIC, and not paying our troops, our Federal employees, and our air traffic controllers. It is a disgrace, and you should all hang your heads in shame.

Vote "yes" to pass the bill and reopen the government.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Let me remind my colleagues, I fully recognize that there is a lot of pent-up anxiety, and emotions have been elevated somewhat, but please, in the interest of the decorum of this House, direct your comments to the Chair and do not engage in personalities toward the Senate and toward the President.

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, let me just say that the gentleman from New York sounds as extreme as his voting record. Mr. Speaker, I say to the gentleman who just spoke, by supporting this bill, he is betraying 7,000 constituents in his district who rely on the ACA to afford their healthcare. Boy, I am glad he is not my Representative.

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

Mr. KENNEDY of New York. Mr. Speaker, as the Representative of western New York, where so many people in my community, like others across the country, are already struggling to afford healthcare, I urge my colleagues to reject this disgraceful bill.

As an occupational therapist, I know exactly who these cuts will hurt. I have heard from so many who are desperate for a lifeline, like Iris, a mom in Buffalo, who is worried about how she will keep her kids' healthcare insurance; or Andy, a nursing home resident in Tonawanda, who relies on Medicaid to get the services he needs; or the kids at Bornhava, a special needs school where I provided therapy, who depend on early intervention services.

Donald Trump and congressional Republicans began their assault on the people of our country in the big, ugly bill.

This bill further devastates healthcare and leaves millions of Americans to pray they don't get sick. Shame on anyone who goes along with it. This country deserves better.

I will be voting "no," and I urge all my colleagues to do the same.

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

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, there is some big news, some breaking news in the last hour. I am proud to say that our newest colleague, Representative ADELITA GRIJALVA, just became the 218th signature on the Massie-Khanna discharge petition to compel the release of the Epstein files.

To all my Republican colleagues who refuse to sign on: Time is up, you need to figure out where you stand on this because you are about to go on record. Is your loyalty to Trump more important than going after pedophiles? Make no mistake, these files will come out. It is no longer a question of if, only when, and whether the White House chooses to stand with the survivors or throw them under the bus.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentlewoman from Oregon (Ms. DEXTER).

Ms. DEXTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong opposition to this rule and the underlying bill.

As a physician who spent 20 years saving lives, I did not come to Congress to let healthcare be decimated by Congress. I came to fight for my constituents who deserve to be able to see a doctor they trust, afford their medication, and keep their families healthy.

If House Republicans let the ACA tax credits expire, they are complicit in forcing Oregonians to make impossible choices, like whether to keep their insurance or put food on the table.

As a physician, I know what comes next. People go without. They go uninsured, they delay care, and they skip refills. They get sicker, and sometimes they end up in medical debt that is devastating.

The cost of living is already too damn high. Republicans are committed to cutting Americans' care. They patently rejected amendments to protect Americans, ignoring millions of American families who are desperate for relief.

I will be an absolute "no" on the rule and the underlying bill, and I refuse to give up on ensuring affordable healthcare for all.

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

The ranking member mentioned the discharge petition, and he is very proud that it has 218 signatures, but not that long ago today we had a unanimous consent request that would have moved that resolution along over to the Sen-

ate, and I believe the Democrats objected to it.

It seems more like a political stunt than it does that they actually wanted to have that resolution moved along because if they had not objected, it would have gone on its way, and they would have accomplished what they wanted to do.

I don't see their real desire to have the resolution passed. I see it more, like I said, as a political stunt, and it certainly is actually a moot point, given that the Oversight Committee is already releasing many of those files. As a matter of fact, I believe they have done tens of thousands of them, but I believe this morning they did another 20,000 files, so they are being released, and this all seems for naught.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from California (Mr. MCCLINTOCK).

Mr. MCCLINTOCK. Mr. Speaker, Jimmy Failla offered Democrats this pro tip: If you are going to call it the Republican shutdown, you are not supposed to get mad that it is ending.

Anyone who remembers their "Schoolhouse Rock" knows that once the House originates an appropriation, the Senate must either amend it or pass it. Now, the House did its job on September 19 with a simple appropriation that made no policy changes. It merely kept the government operating at current levels while we finished debating priorities.

Democrats deliberately blocked the Senate from acting, demanding \$1.5 trillion of new spending as a ransom. Finally, thank God, eight of them put country ahead of party and voted to end this madness.

Hearing the bitter recriminations from our leftist colleagues, it seems unlikely we will see much bipartisanship today, but with or without, we will reopen the government tonight and get back to addressing the challenges that confront our country.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Massachusetts has 11 minutes remaining on his side. There are 9 minutes remaining on the majority side.

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I am surprised the gentlewoman brought up the unanimous consent request, but I am glad she did because I want the RECORD to be clear. I didn't hear any objection on the floor. The Republican chair basically ruled it as an improper unanimous consent request, and so that is why it didn't move forward.

However, I do know this, because I am on the Rules Committee, and I do know the gentlewoman time and time and time again voted against releasing the Epstein files. I know my Republican friends are hoping that they don't have to go on record because they don't want to get Trump upset at them, but the bottom line is every single Republican will go on record, and you will have to make clear whether you are on the side of a pedophile or whether you are on the side of the victims.

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

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentlewoman from Washington (Ms. JAYAPAL).

Ms. JAYAPAL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to oppose this bill that allows health insurance premiums for 22 million American families to skyrocket and raises healthcare costs for everyone. Trump and his Republican cult of followers in Congress have unleashed a shameful crisis of cruelty and corruption on the American people.

First, they slash Medicaid by a trillion dollars, kicked 15 million Americans off of healthcare, set up the playboard for rural hospitals to shutter, all so that they could give \$7 trillion in permanent tax breaks to their billionaire buddies.

Then they refused to negotiate with Democrats to extend the Affordable Care Act tax credits so that 22 million wouldn't have to choose between healthcare and rent. When we refused to go along with that, they caused this 45-day Republican shutdown, illegally refused to pay SNAP benefits for the hungry, and illegally canceled flights, throwing the country into chaos.

Trump and Republicans want to make Americans poorer and sicker, while Trump builds his gilded ballrooms, protects pedophiles, pardons those who buy his memecoins, and lets Americans starve. Shame on them. I am a "hell-no" on this bill.

Mrs. FISCHBACH. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. ROSE).

Mr. ROSE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to oppose the Senate's provision that allows Senators to make financial gain off illegal government surveillance.

Three things can be true at once, Mr. Speaker. The first truth is this: The shutdown has to end. The American people and countless Tennesseans I represent are suffering and experiencing real pain. This record-breaking Schumer Democratic shutdown was completely avoidable, and it was completely carried out for political purposes.

The second truth is that the last administration, led by Joe Biden and his autopen, unfairly surveilled conservatives and conservative Members of Congress. That included sitting United States Senators.

Yet, Mr. Speaker, the third thing I would note is that the American taxpayer has suffered enough because of the last administration. No one in this body should support allowing Senators to sue and collect from taxpayers because the FBI went rogue under President Biden.

Don't get me wrong. The overreach is more than troubling. It is unfathomable that the Department of Justice was weaponized in this way. I fully support holding those radical agents accountable and the ongoing investigations into their misdeeds, yet no elected officials should profit from

the political calculation of leftwing bureaucrats and judges.

Mr. Speaker, the folks I represent are still reeling from historic Bidenflation, the effects of the border crisis, and the regulatory agenda of the last administration. It is shameful to ask them to shoulder the burden of paying U.S. Senators a half million dollars or more for those misdeeds.

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Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. GREEN).

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, and still I rise. I rise to call to my colleagues' attention that they are no longer claiming that this is a clean CR. The truth is that it is a dirty, filthy, and stealthy CR that has been contaminated with millions of dollars for people who have not earned it. They want to take it from the taxpayers of this country because they have concluded somehow that they have been harmed where no harm has been proven or brought to our attention.

Mr. Speaker, I believe that healthcare for all is important because we in Congress have the best healthcare in the world. Yet, people with the best healthcare in the world do not see fit for persons who need it and who are among the least, the last, and the lost to acquire healthcare, something that they have.

Healthcare is becoming wealthcare for too many people in this country. We need to extend the subsidies. We need to make sure that everybody who can get to a doctor gets care. This is not a poor country.

Mr. Speaker, I refuse to take a poison pill and let my colleagues tell me I will regurgitate it next week. The poison pill has killed the CR.

Mr. Speaker, this is not a clean CR! This is a dirty, corrupt Continuing Resolution that I cannot in good conscience support. This CR does nothing to address the Affordable Care Act subsidies whose expiration Republicans refused to address. This CR includes a shameful stealthy provision that would allow eight senators to sue the federal government for millions of dollars. To allow each of the eight Senators to concoct legislation to benefit themselves and sue the federal government for a \$1 million taxpayer funded giveaway would legitimize their blatant corruption in the so-called clean CR.

Millions of Americans deserve a permanent solution to the healthcare affordability crisis, much more than the billionaire contributors to campaigns who just received millions of dollars in tax breaks from their Republican accomplices. While the American people were working through the shutdown, President Trump partially demolished the White House and Senate Republicans negotiated a \$ million-dollar gift to some of their colleagues.

This shutdown need not have happened. Republicans control the House, Senate, and Presidency. They could have kept the government open with a negotiated settlement, or in the same way they placed Mr. Gorsuch on the Supreme Court, by using a majority rule rather than a 60-vote rule.

I cannot support this corrupt and dirty CR, and I urge my colleagues to oppose this legislation too.

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

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentlewoman from New York (Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ).

Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ. Mr. Speaker, it is great. It is great that Democrats have a line of people who are willing to fight for working-class Americans from coast to coast in this country.

Mr. Speaker, God forbid that we have a Member of the Republican caucus who stands up and actually wants to extend the Affordable Care Act so that people with cancer, need insulin, and all sorts of healthcare issues across this country have their health insurance protected and extended throughout 2026.

It is unconscionable that what we are debating right now is legislation that will give eight Members of the United States Senate over \$1 million apiece. We are robbing people of their food assistance and of their healthcare to pay for it.

How is this even on the floor? How can we, as Members of Congress—Republican or Democrat—vote to enrich ourselves by stealing from the American people? That is what this legislation does. In fact, Senator GRAHAM went before the press earlier today, and he said he was going to seek well over \$1 million from the American people from this.

Mr. Speaker, we cannot support it, and we cannot stand for it.

Mrs. FISCHBACH. Mr. Speaker, I would point out to some of my colleagues that the Democrat government shutdown stopped the SNAP benefits. If they were very concerned about making sure that people had their nutritional assistance, they wouldn't have shut down the government. That is what caused it.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. GILL).

Mr. GILL of Texas. Mr. Speaker, it is great to hear from Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ, the new leader of the Democratic Party. Unfortunately, we didn't get to hear from Mr. Zohran Mamdani, their other leader.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to vote this evening to reopen the Federal Government. For 40 days the Democrats shut our government down to pursue unrealistic policy proposals that they know the American people do not want.

Mr. Speaker, the American people do not want healthcare for illegal aliens. They do not want our tax dollars funding leftwing media outlets. They do not want to drive up our debt \$1.5 trillion as part of a short-term continuing resolution.

Mr. Speaker, the last 40 days have been nothing but pure political nihilism. I am glad this nightmare is over so we can get back to work on behalf of the American people.

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

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

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

Mr. Speaker, first of all, let me just say to the gentlewoman this Republican shutdown didn't need to happen. All they needed to do was extend ACA tax credits so the American people wouldn't get screwed on their health insurance bills.

I would also point out to her the President of the United States illegally withheld SNAP benefits. Two Federal judges, basically two court orders, backed us up on that. He is the first President ever in history to shut off food benefits to people during a shutdown. Shame on him.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from California (Mr. KHANNA).

Mr. KHANNA. Mr. Speaker, our country is at a moral crossroads. Just today, it comes out that billionaires are worth \$8 trillion. That is more than 50 percent of Americans combined.

What does the President do? He decides he doesn't have the money for the American people. He is going to starve the American people to give \$40 billion to the corrupt Libertarian leader in Argentina. Mr. Speaker, \$9 million would have fed the American people. How is that America first?

Then he says he doesn't care about the cab driver who is now paying \$2,600 per month in healthcare as opposed to \$44. He doesn't want to save the 20 million Americans who are going to face high premium increases. How is that America first?

Mr. Speaker, we need national health insurance in this country. We need to tax billionaires in this country. We need to fund SNAP in this country. We need to stop funding Argentina and corrupt foreign leaders.

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

Mr. Speaker, I want to address the healthcare issues the Democrats continue to bring up. They act like this had anything to do with the premiums of everyone in the country. We are talking about the Affordable Care Act COVID-era subsidies. This is not what is affecting other people's premiums, other than those folks who qualify for those COVID-era premium subsidies. That is it. They continue to make it sound like this is responsible for every kind of increase that people are seeing.

The Affordable Care Act's original subsidies will remain in place. So that is the original subsidies, ensuring that millions still qualify for the income-based tax credit and capping out-of-pocket costs relative to income.

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It is the COVID era. I can't say that enough. It is the COVID-era subsidies that are in question here, and premium increases are actually driven by multiple factors, including medical inflation, provider consolidation, and rising

drug costs. However to actually reduce premiums, that is what we must address. We must have comprehensive discussions about that, not just political theater and sound bites. We have to actually sit down and have those discussions, and that is what getting the government back open will do.

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

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, the ACA polls at 65 percent. Donald Trump is at 37 percent.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentlewoman from Massachusetts (Ms. PRESSLEY).

Ms. PRESSLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of every elder who can't afford their prescriptions and every parent who went to work hungry so their child could eat. In the United States of America, there is no lack of resource, only a deficit of empathy, political will, and courage.

At its best, government is a backstop, a compassionate steward of the public good. At its best, government catches people when they stumble at a moment of hardship. At its best, government does right by the people, all the people.

Struggle does not discriminate, Mr. Speaker. Hardship is not a character flaw and has zero to do with work ethic. Every single person is one diagnosis and one layoff away from hardship. Life can change in an instant.

What we are bearing witness to is not only a lack of political courage, but it is a fundamental betrayal of the people, incompetence and indifference to the suffering of our neighbors, the shame and the sham of it all.

Any Member of Congress who would vote to deny a child a meal or medication, it is child abuse and neglect. I ought to file a 51A on Republicans for that. Every person in this Chamber and every person in our country has lost a loved one to cancer, and yet Republicans would vote to deny people life-saving cancer treatment and research.

Republicans control the House, the Senate, and the White House, and with a majority they have chosen to enact harm to make people hungry, poorer, sicker, and less safe.

The shame and the sham of it all. You the people deserve better. We the people deserve better, and I won't stop fighting until you get it.

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

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. POCAN).

Mr. POCAN. Mr. Speaker, yes, the Federal Government will officially reopen with the House vote today, but here is what won't happen. We won't protect the 22 million people paying more for the ACA or the 15 million people losing their healthcare outright due to Republican actions in the big, ugly law, nor will we stop the healthcare rate increases for everyone in this country.

We won't be restoring food assistance today for the millions of Americans who benefit from SNAP because House Republicans voted to cut the number one program that keeps kids and seniors out of poverty by over \$180 billion.

Nor will we be able today to roll back the tax cuts for billionaires and Republicans' GOP donors that they funded by gutting those healthcare and food programs.

I sure hope Republicans are tanned and rested after their 8-week paid vacation, because they are going to need it. Democrats are going to continue fighting every single day for people's healthcare and food benefits. We are going to be on Republicans day after day until we get it done.

Vote "no."

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

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. OLSZEWSKI).

Mr. OLSZEWSKI. Mr. Speaker, this funding deal is why Americans have lost faith in Congress. It does absolutely nothing to address the crushing cost of healthcare, in what amounts to a massive tax hike on working families.

It does absolutely nothing to stop President Trump from canceling the very funding we would provide, something he has already done again and again.

Here is what it does: It allows Senators to write themselves, and only themselves, million-dollar checks because their phone records were legally subpoenaed, checks paid for by American taxpayers.

It is corruption at a whole new level. With bribery and insider trading, someone breaks the law. Here, Congress is writing a law that protects and funds corruption. It is brazen and disgusting and an effort to legalize corruption. Anyone who votes for this CR is complicit in that corruption.

If government still belongs to the people and not the powerful, then we must reject this self-serving scam.

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

Mr. Speaker, I don't have enough time to rebut all the absurd claims made by the other side. Suddenly, they all have an opinion on healthcare. They had a decade to come up with a plan, and they came up with nothing.

I am glad they finally acknowledged that this is a dirty CR that shovels millions of dollars into the pockets of Republican politicians. They hate this bill so much that they are all going to vote for it.

They say that we shut the government down.

Really, Mr. Speaker?

The last time I checked, Republicans are in charge around here. We heard for months about their mandate. They control the House, the Senate, and the White House. They have a duty to keep the government open, and they failed.

They did not have the votes. They refused to negotiate with us because we wanted to help regular people instead of billionaires, and now they want to blame us for the consequences of their own actions.

What the hell is wrong with them?

Give me a frigging break.

America is the richest country in the history of the world. We are blessed with an abundance of so much. There should not be an affordability crisis. Every single person in this country should be able to have a good job, a living wage, affordable food and healthcare, and have a shot at a better future. That is what I am fighting for. That is what we are fighting for. That is how I want to make America great. That is the Democratic vision for what this country could be.

From a moral perspective and from a set of values, we believe it is immoral to have a system that gives so much to just a few billionaires by depriving so many of the basic things they need to live a good life. It is clear to me after this debate that Republicans do not share those same values.

I am going to fight like hell, and we are going to fight like hell because I believe in America. We believe in America, and we believe that the hopes and the dreams of the American people will prevail.

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

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

As we wrap up this debate, I want to take a moment to cut through the noise from our colleagues on the left. Instead of focusing on the legislation before us, they are resorting to fear tactics and tossing out false claims about what this shutdown is really about.

The CR would have kept the government open to continue and finish the appropriations process. Yet the Democrats refused and instead chose to shut down the government.

My colleague mentions values. Democrats claim that our values are different. Democratic Whip CLARK said: "Of course there will be families that are going to suffer . . . but it is one of the few leverage times we have."

So if those are the values they are talking about, I don't share those values.

Mr. Speaker, I won't make the American people suffer, whether it be their SNAP payments, whether it be keeping air traffic controllers paid, or whether it is paying our troops. Making the American people suffer are not the values that I share.

For the record, Republicans did not cause this shutdown, and we have not been on vacation. I have been splitting my time between D.C. and the District, as I mentioned before, meeting with constituents in both, meeting with Federal agencies, and hosting a tele-townhall. I know how hard my Republican colleagues have been working for their constituents and the American people.

It was the Democrats who shut down the government when they refused to support a clean CR that would have kept the lights on and protected critical services, and now it is the Democrats who continue to shift the blame.

Now, getting back to the issue at hand, let's talk about what this bill actually does.

H.R. 5371 restores the funding for SNAP and WIC. It reimburses the contingency reserves to make sure that programs remain stable and reliable. Actually, President Trump moved \$300 million of tariff revenue to fund WIC during the shutdown. Republicans are the ones protecting food security and not playing games with it.

This bill also delivers for our farmers and ranchers and for rural development. It invests in the communities that feed this country and keep the economy strong. It supports our troops and Federal workers. It ensures our servicemembers and their families have the support they need, and it honors the promises we have made to those who have served.

Yes, it reopens the government, restores stability, and resumes regular order.

So let's be honest about what a "yes" vote means. A "yes" vote is a vote for veterans care. A "yes" vote is a vote for SNAP and WIC. A "yes" vote is a vote for \$700,000 for a fire engine in Ranking Member MCGOVERN's district and \$1 million for the Navajo Nation Division of Community Development in Representative LEGER FERNANDEZ's district. A "yes" vote is for farmers. A "yes" vote is for our troops and for Federal workers, and, yes, it is for reopening the government.

A "no" vote is a vote against all of that, including the development of a wastewater treatment facility in Mr. NEGUSE's district, and \$1.5 million in watershed conservation in Representative CLARK's district. It is a vote against Federal workers. It is a vote against healthcare. It is a vote against feeding hungry children, and it is a vote against common sense.

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

AN AMENDMENT TO H. RES. 873 OFFERED BY
MR. MCGOVERN OF MASSACHUSETTS

Strike all after the resolving clause and insert the following:

That upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to take from the Speaker's table the bill (H.R. 5371) making continuing appropriations and extensions for fiscal year 2026, and for other purposes, with the Senate amendment thereto, and to consider in the House, without intervention of any point of order, a motion offered by the chair of the Committee on Appropriations or his designee that the House concur in the Senate amendment with the amendment specified in section 2 of this resolution. The Senate amendment and the motion shall be considered as read. The motion shall be debatable for one hour equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations or their respective designees. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the motion to its adoption without intervening motion.

SEC. 2. The amendment referred to in section 1 is as follows:

Page 217, beginning on line 6, strike section 213.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on ordering the previous question.

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

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 9 of rule XX, the Chair will reduce to 5 minutes the minimum time for any electronic vote on the question of adoption of the resolution.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 216, nays 213, not voting 4, as follows:

[Roll No. 283]

YEAS—216

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

Strong
Stutzman
Taylor
Tenney
Thompson (PA)
Tiffany
Timmons
Turner (OH)

Valadao
Van Drew
Van Dyne
Van Orden
Wagner
Walberg
Weber (TX)
Webster (FL)
Westerman
Wied
Williams (TX)
Wilson (SC)
Wittman
Womack
Yakym
Zinke

NAYS—213

Adams	Golden (ME)	Olszewski
Aguiar	Goldman (NY)	Omar
Amo	Gomez	Pallone
Ansari	Gonzalez, V.	Panetta
Auchincloss	Goodlander	Pappas
Balint	Gottheimer	Pelosi
Barragan	Gray	Perez
Beatty	Green, Al (TX)	Peters
Bell	Grijalva	Pettersen
Bera	Harder (CA)	Pingree
Beyer	Hayes	Pocan
Bishop	Himes	Pou
Bonamici	Horsford	Pressley
Boyle (PA)	Houlihan	Quigley
Brown	Hoyer	Ramirez
Brownley	Hoyle (OR)	Randall
Budzinski	Huffman	Raskin
Bynum	Ivey	Riley (NY)
Carbajal	Jackson (IL)	Rivas
Carson	Jacobs	Ross
Carter (LA)	Jayapal	Ruiz
Casar	Jeffries	Ryan
Case	Johnson (GA)	Salinas
Casten	Johnson (TX)	Sanchez
Castor (FL)	Kamlager-Dove	Scanlon
Castro (TX)	Kaptur	Schakowsky
Cherfilus-	Keating	Schneider
McCormick	Kelly (IL)	Scholten
Chu	Kennedy (NY)	Schrier
Cisneros	Khanna	Scott (VA)
Clark (MA)	Krishnamoorthi	Scott, David
Clarke (NY)	Landsman	Sewell
Cleaver	Larsen (WA)	Sherman
Clyburn	Larson (CT)	Sherrill
Cohen	Latimer	Simon
Conaway	Lee (NV)	Smith (WA)
Correa	Lee (PA)	Sorensen
Costa	Leger Fernandez	Soto
Courtney	Levin	Stansbury
Craig	Liccardo	Stanton
Crockett	Lieu	Stevens
Crow	Lofgren	Strickland
Cuellar	Lynch	Subramanyam
Davids (KS)	Magaziner	Suozi
Davis (IL)	Mannion	Swalwell
Davis (NC)	Matsui	Sykes
Dean (PA)	McBath	Takano
DeGette	McBride	Thanedar
DeLauro	McClain Delaney	Thompson (CA)
DelBene	McClellan	Thompson (MS)
Deluzio	McCollum	Titus
DeSaulnier	McDonald Rivet	Tlaib
Dexter	McGarvey	Tonko
Dingell	McGovern	Torres (CA)
Doggett	McIver	Torres (NY)
Elfreth	Meeks	Trahan
Escobar	Menendez	Tran
Espallat	Meng	Underwood
Evans (PA)	Mfume	Vargas
Fields	Min	Vasquez
Figures	Moore (WI)	Veasey
Fletcher	Morelle	Velazquez
Foster	Morrison	Vindman
Foushee	Moskowitz	Walkinshaw
Frankel, Lois	Moulton	Wasserman
Friedman	Mrvan	Schultz
Frost	Mullin	Waters
Garamendi	Nadler	Whitesides
Garcia (CA)	Neal	Williams (GA)
Garcia (IL)	Neguse	Wilson (FL)
Garcia (TX)	Norcross	
Gillen	Ocasio-Cortez	

NOT VOTING—4

McCaul	Onder	Watson
Meuser		Coleman

□ 1814

Messrs. SORESENSEN, POCAN, and Ms. GILLEN changed their 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 213, noes 209, not voting 11, as follows:

[Roll No. 284]

AYES—213

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

NOES—209

Adams	Bell	Brownley
Aguilar	Bera	Budzinski
Amo	Beyer	Bynum
Ansari	Bishop	Carbajal
Balint	Bonamici	Carson
Barragan	Boyle (PA)	Carter (LA)
Beatty	Brown	Casas

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

NOT VOTING—11

Arrington	Lee (FL)	Schweikert
Auchincloss	McCaul	Watson Coleman
Frost	Miller (IL)	Williams (GA)
Kennedy (UT)	Olsewski	

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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.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO OFFER RESOLUTION RAISING A QUESTION OF THE PRIVILEGES OF THE HOUSE

Ms. PEREZ. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to clause 2(a)(1) of rule IX, I seek recognition to give notice of my intent to raise a question of the privileges of the House.

The form of the resolution is as follows:

Whereas, on October 27, 2025, Representative CHUY GARCÍA filed nominating petitions to be on the Democratic primary ballot in March 2026;

Whereas, on November 5, 2025, on the last day of filing, Representative GARCÍA's chief of staff, Patty Garcia, submitted her own paperwork to enter the Democratic primary;

Whereas, on November 6, after the filing deadline, Representative GARCÍA confirmed that he would not be seeking another term in 2026 and would be withdrawing his nominating petitions;

Whereas, Representative GARCÍA's chief of staff was the only Democrat who filed to run in the primary at the direction of Representative GARCÍA, undermining the process of a free and fair election;

Whereas, Representative GARCÍA's actions are beneath the dignity of his office and incompatible with the spirit of the Constitution: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives disapproves of the behavior of the Representative from Illinois (Mr. GARCÍA).

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. MORAN). Under rule IX, a resolution offered from the floor by a Member other than the majority leader or the minority leader as a question of the privileges of the House has immediate precedence only at a time designated by the Chair within 2 legislative days after the resolution is properly noticed.

Pending that designation, the form of the resolution noticed by the gentlewoman from Washington will appear in the RECORD at this point.

The Chair will not at this point determine whether the resolution constitutes a question of privilege. That determination will be made at a time designated for consideration of the resolution.

CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS AND EXTENSIONS ACT, 2026

Mr. COLE. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to House Resolution 873, I call up the bill (H.R. 5371) making continuing appropriations and extensions for fiscal year 2026, and for other purposes, with the Senate amendment thereto, and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will designate the Senate amendment.

Senate amendment:

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Continuing Appropriations, Agriculture, Legislative Branch, Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Extensions Act, 2026".

SEC. 2. TABLE OF CONTENTS.

- Sec. 1. Short title.
- Sec. 2. Table of contents.
- Sec. 3. References.
- Sec. 4. Explanatory statement.
- Sec. 5. Statement of appropriations.

DIVISION A—CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2026

DIVISION B—AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION, AND RELATED AGENCY APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2026

Title I—Agricultural Programs