

They are not focused on this. They don't have an army of compliance attorneys and compliance consultants to help them figure out what is in these 200,000 pages of Federal regulation and what that means for how they conduct their behavior in their communities each and every day.

Mr. Speaker, how do we figure out where to start? I think this bill is a very commonsense answer: Ask the people who are most affected. The whole point of the red tape hotline that President Trump set up and that this bill codifies and makes permanent is to allow the people in the small business world who are affected by regulatory decisions made in this town, our Nation's Capital, to tell somebody who has the ability to aggregate that information and do something about it. Let's bring it to the attention of lawmakers that this is where you need to focus. This one, of all of these, is what is making a difference in preventing me from adding more employees or having a little more liquidity so that I can maybe redo the storefront on Main Street. Maybe I can give a little more to the local charitable cause or maybe my family will just be a little bit more comfortable going into the holidays.

Mr. Speaker, ask the people affected and listen to their voices. That is what this bill does. It makes sure we put in place a simple structure that is permanent so that the vagaries of this town don't change things on Main Street.

Mr. Speaker, I strongly support this measure. It is just common sense.

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

Mr. Speaker, small businesses are being crushed by the Trump tariffs, and the SBA Office of Advocacy, to the best of my knowledge, has not conveyed their concerns to the White House.

The Office of Advocacy is supposed to be an independent office within the SBA, and it is responsible for advancing the views and concerns of small businesses before Congress, the White House, Federal agencies, the Federal courts, and State and local policymakers, but it has done nothing on tariffs. That is particularly troubling to me and should be equally troubling to my friends on the other side of the aisle.

Instead of helping small businesses that are being crushed by the Trump tariffs, the majority is focused on creating another deregulatory hotline, even though one already exists on regulations.gov. This bill to codify a hotline at the SBA Office of Advocacy is duplicative, unnecessary, and a waste of taxpayers' dollars.

The system is clearly broken. For years, the chairman and ranking member of the Small Business Committee have had a strong tradition of working together to find common ground. That cooperation was essential in helping entrepreneurs launch and grow their small businesses. It is exactly what we are losing now.

We are wasting valuable time today on bills that are unnecessary, divisive, and a waste of taxpayers' dollars.

Unfortunately, my Republican colleagues are focused on regulatory bills that will not help small businesses one iota, while allowing the authorization for critical, vital counseling and training programs to lapse. It doesn't make sense. Small businesses deserve better than slogans over substance.

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

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

Mr. Speaker, despite what my colleagues say, there is no hotline that exists exclusively for small businesses. H.R. 4305 will fix that problem. It will provide an avenue for small businesses to engage with the SBA Office of Advocacy, a voice that is focused on advocating for Main Street.

This bill passed out of the committee on a bipartisan basis, and as chairman, I am committed to getting our Members the information they need to support Main Street.

Ultimately, this information will come as an annual report to Congress upon enactment, but for now, we will continue to work with the Office of Advocacy to understand concerns from small businesses across the country.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. All time for debate has expired.

Pursuant to House Resolution 916, the previous question is ordered on the bill, as amended.

The question is on the engrossment and third reading of the bill.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on passage of the bill.

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

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

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

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SHAMEFUL HERNANDEZ PARDON

(Ms. PELOSI asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with deep concern at the President's outrageous and shameful pardon of Juan Orlando Hernandez, a man an American jury convicted of trafficking tons of cocaine into the United States and of corrupting his own government in the process.

I saw this firsthand when I brought a bipartisan delegation to Honduras

when he was President. We refused to meet with him because he is/was a thug.

This is not a minor case. This is not a close call. This was a decisive conviction for crimes that have devastated American families and fueled violence and instability abroad. Yet, President Trump chose to use one of the most powerful powers of the Presidency to wipe it all out.

This is so hypocritical as he is bombing small boats that he describes as full of drugs coming to the United States. Perhaps they are, and that is a different thing. However, if he is doing that, why would he pardon a thug?

Hernandez once boasted at a meeting of narcotraffickers that "together they were going to shove the drugs right up the noses of the gringos." What message does pardoning this criminal send to parents who have lost children to narcotics, to law enforcement officers risking everything to stop the flow of deadly drugs?

This disgraceful pardon should be met with bipartisan condemnation as an affront to our values, our safety, our rule of law, and our democracy.

Those who do not join in that condemnation are either pro-crime or do not care. It is another reminder the American people must be vigilant.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 3 o'clock and 51 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, December 3, 2025, at 10 a.m. for morning-hour debate.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

EC-2314. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Delegation of Authority to North Carolina and Forsyth County of the Federal Plan for Existing Landfills [EPA-R04-OAR-2024-0171, FRL-11883-02-R4] received November 25, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-2315. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Air Plan Approval; Montana; Regional Haze Plan for the Second Implementation Period [EPA-R08-OAR-2024-0608; FRL-12597-02-R8] received November 25, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-2316. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Propylamide; Extension of Tolerance for Emergency Exemption [EPA-HQ-OPP-2025-1972; FRL-13038-01-OCSP] received November 25, 2025, pursuant

to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-2317. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's direct final rule — Air Plan Approval; Ohio; Emergency Episodes and Ambient Air Quality Standards [EPA-R05-OAR-2025-0013; FRL-13051-02-R5] received November 25, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-2318. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's withdrawal of direct final rule — Effluent Limitations Guidelines and Standards for the Steam Electric Power Generating Point Source Category-Initial Notification Date Extension; Withdrawal of Direct Final Rule [EPA-HQ-OW-2009-0819; FRL-8794.3-03-OW] (RIN: 2040-AG48) received November 25, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-2319. A letter from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's final rule — Implementation of Refund Procedures for Craft Beverage Modernization Act Federal Excise Tax Benefits Applicable to Imported Alcohol [Docket No.: TTB-2022-0009; T.D. TTB-201; Re: T.D. TTB-186, Notice No. 215] (RIN 1513-AC89) received October 1, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

EC-2320. A letter from the Federal Register Liaison, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's final rule — Establishment of the Tryon Foothills Viticultural Area [Docket No.: TTB-2023-0011; T.D. TTB-202; Re: Notice No. 229] (RIN: 1513-AD04) received December 1, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

EC-2321. A letter from the Federal Register Liaison, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's direct final rule — Tobacco Product Floor Stocks Tax; Removal of Obsolete Regulations [Docket No.: TTB-2025-0005; T.D. TTB-203] (RIN: 1513-AD25) received, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions of the following titles were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. CASTRO of Texas (for himself, Mr. MCCORMICK, Mr. OLSZEWSKI, and Mr. FITZPATRICK):

H.R. 6347. A bill to reauthorize the Global Child Thrive Act of 2020, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. LARSEN of Washington (for himself and Mr. OWENS):

H.R. 6348. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to provide assistance for cities hosting international sporting events taking place in the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Ms. BONAMICI (for herself, Mr. RASKIN, Ms. NORTON, Ms. TITUS, Ms. TLAIB, Ms. OMAR, Ms. SALINAS, Mr. QUIGLEY, Mr. GOLDMAN of New York,

Mr. KENNEDY of New York, Ms. CLARKE of New York, and Ms. JAYAPAL):

H.R. 6349. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide that an alien may request that a removal proceeding take place through video conference or through telephone conference, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. TRAHAN (for herself, Ms. MCCLELLAN, Mr. MAGAZINER, Mr. CARTER of Louisiana, Mr. STANTON, Mr. MULLIN, Mr. MCGOVERN, Ms. SCANLON, Mr. TONKO, Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ, Ms. LEE of Nevada, Mr. COSTA, Ms. LOIS FRANKEL of Florida, Mr. RUIZ, Mr. TRAN, Ms. MCCOLLUM, and Ms. JOHNSON of Texas):

H.R. 6350. A bill to protect the name, image, and likeness rights of college athletes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on the Judiciary, and Education and Workforce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Ms. GILLEN (for herself and Mr. OBERNOLTE):

H.R. 6351. A bill to amend the National Quantum Initiative Act to require support for regional innovation initiatives in quantum information science and technology, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

By Mr. BALDERSON:

H.R. 6352. A bill to preclude repeat litigation involving energy projects, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. BICE:

H.R. 6353. A bill to waive certain requirements under section 306018 of title 54, United States Code, with respect to undertakings to upgrade public water systems and treatment works; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, and Natural Resources, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. CISNEROS (for himself, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, and Ms. SCHOLTEN):

H.R. 6354. A bill to direct the Chief Counsel for Advocacy of the Small Business Administration to establish a hotline to receive notifications of burdensome Government actions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business.

By Mr. CISNEROS (for himself, Mr. SESSIONS, Ms. CHU, and Mr. SCOTT of Virginia):

H.R. 6355. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to extend honorary citizenship to otherwise qualified noncitizens who enlisted in the Philippines and died while serving on active duty with the United States Armed Forces during certain periods of hostilities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. CLARKE of New York (for herself, Ms. LEE of Pennsylvania, Ms. PRESSLEY, Ms. JAYAPAL, Mr. BELL, Mr. CARSON, Ms. CHU, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. DELUZZIO, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, Mr. MCGOVERN, Ms. NORTON, Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ, Ms. POCAN, Mrs. RAMIREZ, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Ms. TLAIB, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois, and Mrs. FOUSHEE):

H.R. 6356. A bill to establish protections for individual rights with respect to computational algorithms, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce,

and in addition to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. COHEN (for himself and Mr. BURCHETT):

H.R. 6357. A bill to amend the Tennessee Valley Authority Act to provide for further transparency of the Tennessee Valley Authority, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Ms. LOIS FRANKEL of Florida (for herself, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mr. BACON, Mr. BELL, Mr. BISHOP, Ms. BUDZINSKI, Mr. CARBAJAL, Ms. CASTOR of Florida, Ms. CHU, Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania, Mrs. DINGELL, Mr. EVANS of Pennsylvania, Mr. FIELDS, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Ms. GARCIA of Texas, Ms. NORTON, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. LIEU, Mr. LYNCH, Ms. MCBRIDE, Ms. MENG, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, Mr. MOULTON, Mr. NUNN of Iowa, Mr. PETERS, Ms. PINGREE, Ms. SALINAS, Ms. SEWELL, Ms. TLAIB, Mr. VARGAS, Mr. WHITESIDES, and Ms. WILSON of Florida):

H.R. 6358. A bill to reauthorize and improve a grant program to assist institutions of higher education in establishing, maintaining, improving, and operating Student Veteran Centers; to the Committee on Education and Workforce.

By Mrs. HINSON:

H.R. 6359. A bill to require institutions of higher education to disseminate information on the rights of, and accommodations and resources for, pregnant students, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and Workforce.

By Mr. KENNEDY of Utah:

H.R. 6360. A bill to provide that the Executive order entitled "Launching the Genesis Mission" shall have the force and effect of law, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

By Mr. LANDSMAN (for himself and Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN):

H.R. 6361. A bill to prohibit the Secretary of Health and Human Services from testing the WISer model, and to amend title XI of the Social Security Act to prohibit the implementation of payment models testing prior authorization under traditional Medicare; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Ms. MACE:

H.R. 6362. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to establish procedures for relief from joint and several liability on a joint tax return for individuals requesting such relief due to domestic violence or abuse; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mrs. MCCLAIN (for herself and Mr. HIMES):

H.R. 6363. A bill to provide for adjustments to community development block grant allocations based on improvements in housing growth rates; to the Committee on Financial Services, and in addition to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. McDOWELL (for himself, Mr. FIGURES, and Mr. VINDMAN):