

### OPPOSITION TO THE MILITARY SPENDING BILL

(Ms. PRESSLEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. PRESSLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to this year's massive \$900 billion military spending bill.

This legislation gives more money to the so-called Department of War than to our Department of Education, Transportation, and Health and Human Services combined.

Mr. Speaker, can you ask my Republican colleagues to get serious about helping the American public? I know you seem to be judged by the content of your character.

It is certainly poor character to be not supporting our military service-members and their families. This mammoth bill does not support them either.

It certainly is poor character to block healthcare coverage for IVF, despite the fact that IVF is critical for helping Active-Duty personnel grow their families.

It certainly is poor character to ban initiatives associated with diversity, equity, and inclusion, even though these cuts will undermine military readiness.

This mammoth bill expands the administration's power to attack immigrants, including for our Haitian neighbors.

The few good things in this legislation do not outweigh the cruelty and the harm that will undoubtedly come if it is signed into law. The public does not support this bill and neither do I. That is why I am a "no" vote.

### VENEZUELAN STRIKES AND CONGRESSIONAL WAR POWERS

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

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to sound the alarm for our Republic and our Constitution.

Every one of us here in Congress swore a solemn oath to protect and defend our Constitution against all enemies foreign and domestic. We did not give any President a blank check for war.

President Trump is over his skis. Article I of our Constitution, the first power the Founders saw fit to forge into the foundation of our Nation, gave Congress the power to declare war and send our troops into battle. No one person can send our brave sons and daughters into conflict on a whim.

Instead, what have we witnessed? We have witnessed a dangerous, aggressive build-up of U.S. military power in the Caribbean.

Where is the money coming from to do that? What is it being taken from? Lethal strikes against vessels off the coast of Venezuela are increasing. Then the Secretary of Defense allegedly gave an order to kill everybody on a boat.

What is the legal authority under which those orders were given?

These strikes both are an escalation abroad and a direct attack on our U.S. Constitution here at home. Congress must reassert its constitutional authority to authorize the funds to pay for war.

Mr. Speaker, I strongly supported this year's national defense bill. We must conduct vigorous oversight to halt this executive branch unilateral war-making. Our soldiers deserve us to do that.

### STOPPING UTILITY COMPANIES FROM PAYING BONUSES TO THEIR CEOS

(Mr. RILEY of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. RILEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I just introduced bipartisan legislation to stop utility companies from paying bonuses to their CEOs.

This bipartisan bill is for folks in upstate New York working hard to pay their bills and raise their families. They are good, honest people who are sick and tired of being screwed over, ripped off, and left behind in an economy that is rigged against them.

There is a retired nurse in Endicott raising her grandkids on a fixed income, and right now she is trying to decide between the NYSEG bill and the toys on the kids' Santa list. There is a senior in Cohecton who stopped taking her prescriptions because she can't afford the meds and the NYSEG bill. There is a public schoolteacher in Ithaca who had to pick up a second job to make ends meet and still worries about losing her home this winter.

While these families are scraping by, the foreign-owned utility monopolies are jacking up rates again and doling out millions of dollars to CEOs sitting in boardrooms halfway around the world.

Enough is enough.

My bipartisan bill says we are not going to take it anymore. We are not going to let you take money out of our pockets to line the pockets of corporate executives in Spain.

### ANOTHER DISGUSTING PARDON BY DONALD TRUMP

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

Ms. BALINT. Mr. Speaker, another day, another disgusting pardon by Donald Trump. I will tell you today about Joseph Schwartz.

Joseph Schwartz ran a nationwide nursing home empire and stole \$38 million through Medicaid and tax fraud. I want you all to remember that is our money. He cheated American taxpayers. He cheated his employees. He stole money out of their paychecks and kept it for himself instead of paying their taxes. He robbed them of their

401(k)'s. Elderly patients in his care got substandard care.

In April, this swindler was rightly sentenced to 3 years in prison, but he didn't stay long thanks to our President. He gave him a full and unconditional pardon after just 90 days. Trump and the Republicans cut \$1 trillion from Medicaid, and Americans are not going to have their healthcare.

Meanwhile, this guy literally steals \$38 million from all of us, and Trump lets him walk free and back home to his \$1.2 million home. Trump is laughing at his voters. It is disgusting.

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### INTENT TO DESIGNATE PERU AS A MAJOR NON-NATO ALLY—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (H. DOC. NO. 119-116)

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following message from the President of the United States; which was read and, together with the accompanying papers, referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed:

*To the Congress of the United States:*

In accordance with section 517 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended (22 U.S.C. 2321k), I am providing notice of my intent to designate the Republic of Peru as a Major Non-NATO Ally (MNNA).

The United States and the Republic of Peru maintain a strong relationship built on mutual interests and shared security priorities, including regional stability, counternarcotics, and economic ties. Designating the Republic of Peru as a MNNA will enhance United States security cooperation in South America, recognizing the Republic of Peru's commitment to peace, security, and partnership with the United States.

The designation of the Republic of Peru as an MNNA symbolizes its strategic partnership with the United States in peace and security. Among other opportunities, the MNNA designation will foster expedited licensing for satellite technology, cooperative research and development, commercial leasing of defense articles, and counterterrorism efforts between our two nations.

I appreciate the support of the Congress in this action.

DONALD J. TRUMP.  
THE WHITE HOUSE, December 10, 2025.

### CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO SERIOUS HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSE AND CORRUPTION—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (H. DOC. NO. 119-117)

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following message from the President of the United

States; which was read and, together with the accompanying papers, referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed:

*To the Congress of the United States:*

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, within 90 days prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent to the *Federal Register* for publication the enclosed notice stating that the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13818 of December 20, 2017, is to continue in effect beyond December 20, 2025.

The prevalence and severity of human rights abuse and corruption that have their source, in whole or in substantial part, outside the United States, continue to threaten the stability of international political and economic systems. Human rights abuse and corruption undermine the values that form an essential foundation of stable, secure, and functioning societies; have devastating impacts on individuals; weaken democratic institutions; degrade the rule of law; perpetuate violent conflicts; facilitate the activities of dangerous persons; undermine economic markets; and continue to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security, foreign policy, and economy of the United States.

Therefore, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13818 with respect to serious human rights abuse and corruption.

DONALD J. TRUMP.

THE WHITE HOUSE, December 10, 2025.

#### CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO THE GLOBAL ILLICIT DRUG TRADE—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (H. DOC. NO. 119-118)

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following message from the President of the United States; which was read and, together with the accompanying papers, referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed:

*To the Congress of the United States:*

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, within 90 days prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register*, and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent to the *Federal Register* for publica-

tion the enclosed notice stating that the national emergency with respect to global illicit drug trafficking declared in Executive Order 14059 of December 15, 2021, is to continue in effect beyond December 15, 2025.

The trafficking into the United States of illicit drugs, including fentanyl and other synthetic opioids, is causing the deaths of tens of thousands of Americans annually, as well as countless more non-fatal overdoses with their own tragic human toll. Drug cartels, transnational criminal organizations, and their facilitators are the primary sources of illicit drugs and precursor chemicals that fuel the current opioid epidemic, as well as drug-related violence that harms our communities. International drug trafficking—including the illicit production, global sale, and widespread distribution of illegal drugs; the rise of extremely potent drugs such as fentanyl and other synthetic opioids; as well as the growing role of Internet-based drug sales—continues to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security, foreign policy, and economy of the United States. Therefore, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency declared in Executive Order 14059 with respect to global illicit drug trafficking.

DONALD J. TRUMP.

THE WHITE HOUSE, December 10, 2025.

#### ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 5 o'clock and 16 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Friday, December 12, 2025, at 9 a.m.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

EC-2363. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Policy and Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Coke Ovens: Pushing, Quenching, and Battery Stacks, and Coke Oven Batteries; Withdrawal of Extension of Compliance Deadlines for Coke Oven Facilities [EPA-HQ-OAR-2002-0085, EPA-HQ-OAR-2003-0051; FRL-8471.1-04-OAR] (RIN: 2060-AW65) received December 4, 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-2364. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Policy and Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Air Plan Approval; Texas and Oklahoma; Texas Regional Haze Plans for the First and Second Implementation Periods and Five-Year Progress Report; Oklahoma Regional Haze Plan for the First Implementation Period [EPA-R06-OAR-2025-0197; FRL-12217-02-R6] received December 4, 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-2365. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Policy and Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Azoxystrobin; Pesticide Tolerances [EPA-HQ-OPP-2024-0460; FRL-13046-01-OCSPF] received December 4, 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-2366. A letter from the Manager, Legal Litigation and Support, AGC-010, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Amendment of Class E Airspace; George West, TX [Docket No.: FAA-2025-2255; Airspace Docket No.: 25-ASW-9] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received December 5, 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-2367. A letter from the Manager, Legal Litigation and Support, AGC-010, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Amendment of Class D and Class E Airspace; Burns Flat, OK [Docket No.: FAA-2025-2245; Airspace Docket No.: 25-ASW-8] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received December 5, 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.

#### 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 Ms. BONAMICI (for herself and Ms. ADAMS):

H.R. 6606. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to reauthorize the Federal work-study program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and Workforce.

By Ms. UNDERWOOD:

H.R. 6607. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize grants to support schools of nursing in increasing the number of nursing students and faculty and in program enhancement and infrastructure modernization, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. ARRINGTON (for himself, Mr. SELF, Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana, Ms. TENNEY, Mr. McCORMICK, Mr. NEHLS, Mr. BURCHETT, and Mr. GROTHMAN):

H.R. 6608. A bill to prohibit Federal funds from being made available to any State or local government that arrests or prosecutes Federal law enforcement officers for performing duties related to the enforcement of Federal immigration law; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Mr. AUCHINCLOSS (for himself, Mrs. HARSHBARGER, Mr. COMER, Mr. CARTER of Georgia, Mr. CISCOMANI, Mr. MOULTON, Mr. DELUZIO, Mr. PETERS, Ms. TLAIB, Ms. BUDZINSKI, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY, Mr. KHANNA, Mr. LYNCH, Mr. GOLDMAN of Texas, Mr. COHEN, Ms. PRESSLEY, Mr. VICENTE GONZALEZ of Texas, Mr. MOORE of Alabama, Mr. SUBRAMANYAM, Mr. POCAN, Mr. BISHOP, and Ms. MCCOLLUM):

H.R. 6609. A bill to amend titles XI, XVIII, and XIX of the Social Security Act to establish certain requirements under Medicare and Medicaid with respect to prescription drug benefits and pharmacy benefit managers; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on