

On this amendment, the bill that we are debating right now substantially reduces spending, while strengthening our national security.

Part of the strategy is to ensure that the most effective tools to achieve this objective are strong and ready to deliver, including the National Endowment for Democracy. Now, remember, NED was a brilliant initiative from President Ronald Reagan to fight communism and enemies abroad, and it succeeded, strengthening democracy forces from within and helping to get rid of the Berlin Wall.

Today, the adversaries of the United States are still there, and they threaten democracy and freedom all over the world. NED, just as envisioned by President Reagan, is needed once again on the forefront of fighting the enemies of the United States.

NED and democracy programs have been supporting those struggling for freedom in the most repressive places in the world. In Iran, China, Cuba, and Venezuela, the people are hitting the streets, and NED is there with them. Those who are anti-American tyrannies are where NED is effective, and that is where we need them now the most.

At this critical time, America cannot turn its back to those who are courageously fighting, advocating for freedom around the world. There is nothing better for our long-term national security than democratic transitions within those anti-American dangerous regimes around the globe, and NED is a pivotal part of that, which is why, with great admiration and respect to the sponsor of this amendment, I must ask for a “no” vote.

Mr. CRANE. Mr. Chairman, I yield 45 seconds to the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. BIGGS).

Mr. BIGGS of Arizona. Mr. Chairman, I rise in strong support of my friend, Representative CRANE’s, amendment.

I take umbrage with the last comments made. If this was such a doggone great program, then why has it been unauthorized by this body for more than 20 years? The reason is it has lost its moorings. It is wandering around. It hasn’t complied with transparency requirements. It more closely resembles covert political operations designed to entangle the United States in foreign disputes and undermine diplomatic efforts than support them.

Their board and staff overwhelmingly donate to Democratic candidates. They even demanded the removal of Congresswoman ELISE STEFANIK from the board for defending President Trump, a clear sign of ideological capture, and that is the biggest problem. They have lost their way. They cannot be trusted. We should not give them another dime.

Ms. LOIS FRANKEL of Florida. Mr. Chairman, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from Connecticut (Ms. DELAUBO), the ranking member of the Appropriations Committee.

Ms. DELAUBO. Chairman, I oppose this amendment. The National Endow-

ment for Democracy supports initiatives for which many of my Republican colleagues proudly proclaimed their support. Advocates in Iran supported by NED have been instrumental in documenting the brutality of the Ayatollah’s regime.

Over the last several days, we have seen some of the most egregious acts of violent repression in decades as thousands of Iranian protesters take to the streets. The work of groups backed by the National Endowment for Democracy is more important now than ever.

The only people who benefit when we pull back our support for democracy advocates around the world are the dictators and the despots who oppress them.

Mr. Chair, I encourage my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to oppose this amendment and hold firm on the agreement that we negotiated.

Ms. LOIS FRANKEL of Florida. Mr. Chairman, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. CRANE. Mr. Chairman, I yield 45 seconds to the gentlewoman from Florida (Mrs. LUNA).

Mrs. LUNA. The National Endowment for Democracy needs to change its name to the National Endowment for Censorship.

I hear if we defund programs in Pakistan, Congo, and the Ukraine, all of which—Pakistan has election fraud, Congo has 40,000 child slaves in cobalt mines, and Ukraine is jailing Christians—then we are simply despots and part of the problem, but I disagree. In fact, we have proof that NED actually was a part of deplatforming President Trump, which I don’t think the President would take kindly to Republicans supporting its efforts, not to mention their head makes close to \$500,000 a year.

Mr. Chair, I encourage my colleagues to not vote for this. It is a farce, it is nonsense, and our tax dollars should not be going toward it.

Mr. CRANE. Mr. Chair, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. PERRY).

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Chairman, I thank the gentleman from Arizona and the chairman of the committee for his hard work on this bill.

Mr. Chairman, I support this amendment because you think about the National Endowment for Democracy, you think the United States is working productively in places like Iran, Cuba, and Venezuela. If we are, let’s face it, we have been an abject failure.

Let me tell you where your taxpayer dollars are really going. Where they had been going is to pressure advertisers to demonetize and suppress American political speech by naming the ten riskiest sites to include the New York Post, the Federalist, Newsmax, The Blaze, The Daily Wire, RealClearPolitics, Reason, One America News Network, The American Spectator, and The American Conservative.

Mr. Chair, 98 percent of the political donations coming from the National

Endowment for Democracy go to the Democrat Party. This is your taxpayer dollars paying for socialists and communists to subvert the American system, and it ought to be stopped.

Mr. CRANE. Mr. Chairman, may I inquire how much time I have remaining.

The Acting CHAIR (Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas). The gentleman from Arizona has 5 seconds remaining.

Mr. CRANE. Mr. Chairman, a vote against this amendment is a vote to preserve the status quo, censorship, unrest, and erosion of our values.

The American people may be busy, but they are not stupid. With this vote, they will see clearly who is fighting for them and who is not.

Mr. Chair, I urge my colleagues to vote “yes,” and I yield back the balance of my time.

The Acting CHAIR. The question is on the amendment offered by the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. CRANE).

The question was taken; and the Acting Chair announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Ms. LOIS FRANKEL of Florida. Mr. Chairman, I demand a recorded vote.

The Acting CHAIR. Pursuant to clause 6 of rule XVIII, further proceedings on the amendment offered by the gentleman from Arizona will be postponed.

□ 1540

Mr. COLE. Mr. Chair, I move that the Committee do now rise.

The motion was agreed to.

Accordingly, the Committee rose; and the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. JOYCE of Ohio) having assumed the chair, Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas, Acting Chair of the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, reported that that Committee, having had under consideration the bill (H.R. 7006) making further consolidated appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026, and for other purposes, had come to no resolution thereon.

#### RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 3 o’clock and 41 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

#### AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. CRANK) at 4 o’clock and 45 minutes p.m.

FINANCIAL SERVICES AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT AND NATIONAL SECURITY, DEPARTMENT OF STATE, AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2026

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 992 and rule



Fine	Kelly (MS)	Patronis	Norton	Sánchez	Titus	Baumgartner	Gimenez	Meuser
Finstad	Kennedy (UT)	Perry	Nunn (IA)	Scanlon	Tlaib	Bean (FL)	Golden (ME)	Mfume
Fischbach	Knott	Rose	Oberholte	Schakowsky	Tokuda	Beatty	Goldman (TX)	Miller (IL)
Fitzgerald	Kustoff	Rouzer	Ocasio-Cortez	Schneider	Tonko	Begich	Gomez	Miller (OH)
Fleischmann	Langworthy	Roy	Olszewski	Scholten	Torres (CA)	Bell	Gonzales, Tony	Miller (WV)
Fong	Lee (FL)	Omar	Schrier	Torres (NY)	Bentz	Gonzalez, V.	Miller-Meeks	
Foxx	Letlow	Rulli	Pallone	Scott (VA)	Trahan	Bera	Gooden	Min
Fry	Loudermilk	Schmidt	Panetta	Scott, David	Tran	Bergman	Goodlander	Moolenaar
Fulcher	Luna	Schweikert	Pappas	Sewell	Turner (OH)	Bice	Gottheimer	Moore (AL)
Gill (TX)	Luttrell	Scott, Austin	Pelosi	Sherman	Underwood	Biggs (SC)	Graves	Moore (NC)
Gooden	Mace	Self	Perez	Simon	Valadao	Bilirakis	Gray	Moore (UT)
Gosar	Mann	Sessions	Peters	Simpson	Vargas	Bishop	Green, Al (TX)	Moore (WV)
Graves	Massie	Shreve	Pettersen	Smith (NE)	Vasquez	Bonamici	Griffith	Moran
Griffith	McClain	Smith (MO)	Pfluger	Smith (WA)	Veasey	Bost	Grothman	Morelle
Grothman	McClintock	Smith (NJ)	Pingree	Smucker	Velazquez	Boyle (PA)	Guest	Morrison
Guest	Mccormick	Spartz	Pocan	Sorensen	Vindman	Bresnahan	Guthrie	Moskowitz
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Harrigan	Messmer	Steube	Quigley	Stanton	Walsh	Buchanan	Harder (CA)	Nadler
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Harris (NC)	Miller (OH)	Tiffany	Randall	Stevens	Wasserman	Bynum	Harrigan	Neguse
Harshbarger	Miller (WV)	Timmons	Raskin	Strickland	Schultz	Calvert	Harris (MD)	Newhouse
Hern (OK)	Miller-Meeks	Van Drew	Riley (NY)	Strong	Waters	Carbajal	Harris (NC)	Norcross
Higgins (LA)	Mills	Van Duyne	Rivas	Subramanyam	Watson Coleman	Carey	Harshbarger	Nunn (IA)
Houchin	Moore (AL)	Van Epps	Rogers (AL)	Suozzi	Webster (FL)	Carter (GA)	Hayes	Oberholte
Hudson	Moore (NC)	Weber (TX)	Rogers (KY)	Sykes	Westerman	Carter (LA)	Hern (OK)	Olszewski
Jack	Moore (WV)	Wied	Ross	Takano	Whitesides	Carter (TX)	Higgins (LA)	Owens
Jackson (TX)	Ogles	Williams (TX)	Ruiz	Taylor	Williams (GA)	Case	Hill (AR)	Pallone
James	Onder	Yakym	Rutherford	Tenney	Wilson (FL)	Cherifilus-	Himes	Palmer
Jordan	Owens	Zinke	Ryan	Thanedar	Wilson (SC)	McCormick	Hinson	Panetta
Joyce (PA)	Palmer		Salazar	Thompson (CA)	Wittman	Chu	Horsford	Pappas
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Adams	Dexter	Kaptur	Casar	Meeks	Radewagen	Clark (NY)	Hoyer	Perez
Aderholt	Diaz-Balart	Kean	Castor (FL)	Moylan	Reschenthaler	Cleaver	Hudson	Peters
Aguilar	Dingell	Keating	Dunn (FL)	Murphy	Scalise	Cline	Huizinga	Pettersen
Alford	Doggett	Kelly (IL)	Gonzales, Tony	Nehls	Swalwell	Cloud	Hurd (CO)	Pfluger
Amo	Edwards	Kelly (PA)	Hernández	Norman	Thompson (PA)	Clyburn	Issa	Pingree
Ansari	Elfreth	Kennedy (NY)	Hunt	Plaskett	Van Orden	Clyde	Ivey	Pou
Auchincloss	Ellzey	Khanna				Jack	Quigley	Quigley
Bacon	Escobar	Kiggans (VA)				Cole	Jackson (TX)	Reschenthaler
Baird	Espauillat	Kiley (CA)				Collins	James	Riley (NY)
Balint	Estes	Kim				Comer	Jeffries	Rivas
Barragán	Evans (CO)	King-Hinds				Conaway	Johnson (GA)	Rogers (AL)
Baumgartner	Evans (PA)	Krishnamoorthi				Correa	Johnson (LA)	Rogers (KY)
Beatty	Feeenstra	LaHood				Costa	Johnson (SD)	Rose
Bell	Fields	LaLota				Courtney	Johnson (TX)	Ross
Bentz	Figures	Landsman				Craig	Jordan	Rouzer
Bera	Fitzpatrick	Larsen (WA)				Crank	Joyce (OH)	Ruiz
Beyer	Fletcher	Larson (CT)				Crawford	Joyce (PA)	Rulli
Bice	Flood	Latimer				Crenshaw	Kaptur	Rutherford
Bilirakis	Foster	Latta				Crockett	Kean	Salazar
Bishop	Foushee	Lawler				Crow	Kelly (MS)	Salinas
Bonamici	Frankel, Lois	Lee (NV)				Cuellar	Kelly (PA)	Sánchez
Boyle (PA)	Franklin, Scott	Lee (PA)				Davidson (KS)	Kennedy (NY)	Scalise
Bresnahan	Friedman	Leger Fernandez				Davis (IL)	Khanna	Scanlon
Brown	Frost	Levin				Davis (NC)	Kiggans (VA)	Schakowsky
Brownley	Garamendi	Liccardo				De La Cruz	Kiley (CA)	Schmidt
Buchanan	Garbarino	Lieu				Dean (PA)	Kim	Schneider
Budzinski	Garcia (CA)	Lofgren				DeGette	Knott	Scholten
Bynum	Garcia (IL)	Lucas				DeLauro	Kustoff	Schriner
Calvert	Garcia (TX)	Lynch				DelBene	LaHood	Schweikert
Carabajal	Gillen	Mackenzie				Deluzio	LaLota	Scott (VA)
Carey	Gimenez	Magaziner				DeSaulnier	Landsman	Scott, Austin
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Case	Gomez	Mast				Downing	Latimer	Sherman
Casten	Gonzalez, V.	Matsui				Edwards	Latta	Shreve
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McCormick	Gray	McCauley				Emmer	Lee (NV)	Smith (NE)
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Cleaver	Hayes	McGovern				Fedorchak	Lucas	Spartz
Clyburn	Hill (AR)	McIver				Feenstra	Luttrell	Stanton
Cohen	Himes	Menendez				Fields	Mackenzie	Stauber
Cole	Hinson	Meng				Figures	Malliotakis	Stefanik
Conaway	Horsford	Meuser				Fine	Maloy	Steil
Correa	Houlahan	Mfume				Finstad	Mann	Stevens
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Courtney	Hoyle (OR)	Moolenaar				Fitzgerald	Mast	Strong
Craig	Huffman	Moore (UT)				Fitzpatrick	Matsui	Stutzman
Crawford	Huizenga	Moore (WI)				Fleischmann	McBath	Suozzi
Crockett	Hurd (CO)	Moran				Flood	McCauley	Sykes
Crow	Issa	Morelle				Fong	McClain	Taylor
Cuellar	Ivey	Morrison				Foster	McClain Delaney	Tenney
Davids (KS)	Jackson (IL)	Moskowitz				Frankel, Lois	McClintock	Thanedar
Davis (IL)	Jacobs	Moulton				Franklin, Scott	McCullom	Thompson (CA)
Davis (NC)	Jayapal	Mrvan				Fry	McCormick	Thompson (MS)
Dean (PA)	Jeffries	Mullin				Fulcher	McDonald Rivet	Timmons
DeGette	Johnson (GA)	Nadler	Adams	Amodei (NV)	Baird	Garamendi	McDowell	Titus
DeLauro	Johnson (SD)	Neal	Aderholt	Arrington	Balderson	Garbarino	McGuire	Tokuda
DelBene	Johnson (TX)	Neguse	Aguilar	Auchincloss	Barr	Garcia (TX)	Meng	Tonko
Deluzio	Joyce (OH)	Newhouse	Alford	Babin	Barragán	Gillen	Messmer	Torres (CA)
DeSaulnier	Kamlager-Dove	Norcross	Allen	Bacon	Barrett			

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Walkinshaw  
Wasserman  
Schultz  
Waters  
Weber (TX)  
Westerman  
Whitesides

Williams (GA)  
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Wilson (FL)  
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Burchett  
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Castro (TX)  
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Keating  
Kelly (IL)  
Kennedy (UT)  
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Lee (PA)  
Leger Fernandez  
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Luna  
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Massie  
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McGarvey  
McGovern  
McIver  
Meeks

Menendez  
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Moore (WI)  
Moulton  
Ocasio-Cortez  
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Omar  
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Perry  
Pressley  
Ramirez  
Randall  
Raskin  
Roy  
Ryan  
Self  
Simon  
Stansbury  
Steube  
Subramanyam  
Takano  
Tlaib  
Velázquez  
Watson Coleman

## NOT VOTING—11

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Castor (FL)  
Dunn (FL)  
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Murphy  
Nehls  
Norman  
Swalwell

Thompson (PA)  
Van Orden  
Webster (FL)

## ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. WEBER of Texas) (during the vote). There are 2 minutes remaining.

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Ms. ANSARI changed her vote from "yea" to "nay."

So the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted NO on Roll Call No. 26, NO on Roll Call No. 27, and YEA on Roll Call No. 28.

□ 1730

## REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H. RES. 932

Mr. JACKSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I hereby remove my name as cosponsor of H. Res. 932.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman's request is granted.

## HOUR OF MEETING ON TOMORROW

Mr. JACKSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow.

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

There was no objection.

## APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO CANADA-UNITED STATES INTER-PARLIAMENTARY GROUP

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SHREVE). The Chair announces the Speaker's appointment, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 276d, clause 10 of rule I, and the order of the House of January 3, 2025, of the following Members on the part of the House to the Canada-United States Interparliamentary Group:

Mr. LARSEN, Washington  
Mr. MORELLE, New York  
Ms. OMAR, Minnesota  
Mr. THANEDAR, Michigan  
Mr. KENNEDY, New York

## APPOINTMENT OF INDIVIDUAL TO BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE AMERICAN FOLKLIFE CENTER IN THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces the Speaker's appointment, pursuant to 20 U.S.C. 2103(b), and the order of the House of January 3, 2025, of the following individual to the Board of Trustees of the American Folklife Center in the Library of Congress on the part of the House for a term of 6 years:

Mr. Robert Anacletus Underwood, Tamueng, Guam

## APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO CONGRESSIONAL-EXECUTIVE COMMISSION ON THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces the Speaker's appointment, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 6913, and the order of the House of January 3, 2025, of the following Member on the part of the House to the Congressional-Executive Commission on the People's Republic of China:

Mr. WALKINSHAW, Virginia

## APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO UNITED STATES GROUP OF THE NATO PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces the Speaker's appointment, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 1928a, clause 10 of rule I, and the order of the House of January 3, 2025, of the following Members on the part of the House to the United States Group of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly:

Ms. SÁNCHEZ, California  
Mr. LARSEN, Washington  
Mr. NORCROSS, New Jersey  
Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE, California

## RECOGNIZING JOSIE PETHAN AND BRENDA DAWES

(Mr. WIED asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WIED. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an extraordinary young woman from northeastern Wisconsin

who recently saved her mother's life by performing CPR.

While at home sick from school, 11-year-old Josie Pethan was confronted with a nightmare scenario that no child should have to experience. Josie had been reading on the couch next to her mother when her mother had a sudden medical emergency. Josie quickly realized something was very wrong.

Without hesitation, Josie jumped into action, calling nearby family members for help and then contacting 911. She soon spoke with dispatcher Brenda Dawes, who started guiding her on how to perform CPR.

Brenda was able to walk Josie through the proper CPR technique while they waited for EMTs to arrive. When asked about who was in her mind during this traumatic experience, she responded: Jesus.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring this remarkable young woman. Because of her decisive actions, her mother is alive today and doing much better.

I also want to recognize and thank Brenda Dawes for her service to our community. Because of her calm guidance and sound advice, a tragedy was prevented. Northeast Wisconsin is blessed to have such compassionate and dedicated 911 dispatchers just like her.

Josie's quick thinking and faith in God will carry her very far in life. On behalf of everyone in Wisconsin's Eighth District, I want her to know how proud we are of her and how happy we are that her mother is doing okay.

## CONGRATULATING WPIAL CHAMPIONS

(Mr. DELUZIO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DELUZIO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate and congratulate the many high school teams in Pennsylvania's 17th Congressional District that won their WPIAL championships this fall season. Those champions are as follows:

In football, they are Aliquippa, Avonworth, and Seton LaSalle.

In boys' soccer, they are Fox Chapel, West Allegheny, and Deer Lakes.

In girls' soccer, they are North Allegheny and Fox Chapel.

In girls' tennis, they are Shady Side Academy and Quaker Valley.

In girls' volleyball, they are Beaver, Avonworth, and Eden Christian.

In boys' golf, they are South Fayette and Shady Side Academy.

In field hockey, they are Pine-Richland, Fox Chapel, and Shady Side Academy.

In boys' cross-country, they are Quaker Valley.

In girls' cross-country, they are Shady Side Academy.

Mr. Speaker, I say it a lot: We make champions in western Pennsylvania.

I congratulate all the winners. They make us proud at home.