

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

Mr. CARSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to speak about the terrible midair collision at DCA on January 29, 2025. I continue to mourn the loss of 67 people who died because of this tragedy, including Asra Hussain, from Carmel, Indiana. The House needs to pass a comprehensive, bipartisan solution that will implement all 50 of the NTSB's recommendations, and which provides a holistic framework for meaningful, system-wide safety improvements.

I commend my Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Chairman and Ranking Member, SAM GRAVES and RICK LARSEN. They worked tirelessly to produce a bill that will implement all 50 safely recommendations from the NTSB, which just released their final report on January 29th. As the Ranking Member of the Aviation Subcommittee, I'm proud to join them as an original cosponsor of the ALERT Act, with our colleagues from the Armed Services Committee, Chairman MIKE ROGERS and Ranking Member ADAM SMITH, and many other colleagues.

Mr. Speaker, the House needs to follow regular order. Today's bill was added to the suspension calendar over the concerns of the Chairs and Ranking Members of the Committees of Jurisdiction. This bill has been mysteriously held and stuck at the desk since December—without being referred to the Transportation Committee or the Armed Services Committees for consideration, markup, and amendments. Yet, as soon as our two committees introduced a comprehensive safety bill, the Speaker green lights the other chamber's bill to fly off the desk and bypass our committees. That's not regular order, and it's not right. Our carefully crafted joint Transportation and Armed Services bill should not be railroaded out of floor consideration because of some backroom deal. Under regular order, our Committee should be able to bring our House bill, the ALERT Act, to the House floor before a Senate bill is pushed ahead of us. Especially when it's an incomplete bill.

Unlike the ALERT Act, which implements every one of NTSB's safety recommendations, the ROTOR Act addresses just seven of the 50 recommendations. While the ROTOR Act is a good first step, it doesn't fix the massive systemic problems that resulted in a crash that was 100 percent preventable. Safety is too important to break the rules and ignore regular order. I urge the Speaker to refer this bill to our Committee for consideration and markup.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. GRAVES) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, S. 2503.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the ayes have it.

Mr. GRAVES. 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 motion will be postponed.

#### JOINT RESOLUTION PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Kevin F. McCumber, Clerk of the House, reported that on February 12,

2026, the following joint resolution was presented to the President of the United States for approval:

H.J. Res. 142. Disapproving the action of the District of Columbia Council in approving the D.C. Income and Franchise Tax Conformity and Revision Temporary Amendment Act of 2025.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Mr. GRAVES. 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.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, February 24, 2026, 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-2921. A letter from the Office Manager, Office of the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting a report titled: "D.C. Personnel Operation Need Greater Coordination, Cohesion (published 01.30.2026)", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 455(d); (87 Stat. 803); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

EC-2922. A letter from the Chairman of the Board and Chairman, Audit Committee, Farm Credit System Insurance Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's report addressing the requirements of the Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act of 1982; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

EC-2923. A letter from the Commissioners, Federal Maritime Commission, transmitting the Commission's Semiannual Report to Congress for the period April 1, 2025, through, September 30, 2025 and the Management Report on Final Actions for the Six-Month Period Ending September 30, 2025; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

EC-2924. A letter from the Administrator, General Services Administration, transmitting the Administration's Semiannual Management Report to Congress, covering the period April 1, 2025, through September 30, 2025; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

EC-2925. A letter from the Director, Administrative Office of the United States Courts, transmitting the fiscal year 2025 Delayed-Notice Search Warrant Report, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 3103a(d)(2); Public Law 90-351, Sec. 1401(a) (added by Public Law 109-177, Sec. 114(c)); (120 Stat. 211); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. WESTERMAN: Committee on Natural Resources. H.R. 4294. A bill to direct the Secretary of Commerce to establish a pilot program with respect to the sale of blue catfish caught within the Chesapeake Bay Watershed, with an amendment (Rept. 119-510). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. WESTERMAN: Committee on Natural Resources. H.R. 6365. A bill to require the Secretary of the Interior to issue a right-of-way for an emergency exit on certain National Park Service land in the State of Virginia, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 119-511). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. WESTERMAN: Committee on Natural Resources. H.R. 3340. A bill to provide for the standardization, publication, and accessibility of data relating to public outdoor recreational use of Federal waterways, and for other purposes (Rept. 119-512). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. WESTERMAN: Committee on Natural Resources. H.R. 2130. A bill to require the Bureau of Indian Affairs to process and complete all mortgage packages associated with residential and business mortgages on Indian land by certain deadlines, and for other purposes (Rept. 119-513). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. WESTERMAN: Committee on Natural Resources. H.R. 3073. A bill to confer jurisdiction on the State of Utah with respect to civil causes of action arising on or within the Indian lands of the Shivwits Band of Paiutes, and for other purposes (Rept. 119-514). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

#### 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. McCLINTOCK:

H.R. 7640. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to improve public safety through the enforcement of Federal immigration law in the interior of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LAWLER (for himself and Ms. JACOBS):

H.R. 7641. A bill to provide for a pilot program to require congressional notification of additional information for certain foreign assistance programs; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mrs. KIM:

H.R. 7642. A bill to authorize the recruitment and retention of specialized disaster assistance professionals by the Department of State; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. WALKINSHAW (for himself and Mr. MCGARVEY):

H.R. 7643. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the manner in which the Secretary of Veterans Affairs calculates the average employment rate of veterans participating in the VET TEC high technology program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. BARR:

H.R. 7644. A bill to amend the Millennium Challenge Act of 2003 to modify the authorities of the Millennium Challenge Corporation relating to strategic competitors of the United States and critical minerals; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. CASTEN (for himself, Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania, Ms. ESCOBAR, Mr. DELUZZIO, Ms. BALINT, Mr. MCGOVERN, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. KHANNA, Mr. GARAMENDI, Mr. BEYER, Ms. TOKUDA, Mr. DOGGETT, Mrs. FOUSHEE, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Ms. GARCIA of Texas, Ms. MATSUI, Mr. TRAN, Ms. RANDALL, Mr. HUFFMAN, Mr. TAKANO, Mr. CARTER of Louisiana, Ms. PINGREE, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Ms.

KAPTUR, Ms. MCCOLLUM, and Mr. CASTRO of Texas):

H.R. 7645. A bill to prohibit the use of United States-origin defense articles in the West Bank and Gaza unless certain conditions are met, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Ms. CROCKETT:

H.R. 7646. A bill to direct the Secretary of the United States Department of the Treasury to refund American consumers for increased costs resulting from tariffs imposed without congressional authorization, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. VICENTE GONZALEZ of Texas (for himself and Mr. FITZPATRICK):

H.R. 7647. A bill to amend the Federal Home Loan Bank Act to expand homeownership access, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. KEAN:

H.R. 7648. A bill to establish a grant program to mitigate expenses for municipalities where ICE processing or detention facilities are maintained or under development; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, and Transportation and Infrastructure, 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. McCORMICK:

H.R. 7649. A bill to ensure that persons found responsible for the unauthorized diversion or destruction of United States humanitarian assistance are liable to the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Ms. NORTON:

H.R. 7650. A bill to amend Public Law 87-788 (commonly known as the McIntire-Stennis Cooperative Forestry Act; 16 U.S.C. 582a-7) to provide for equal treatment of the District of Columbia with respect to funds made available under that Act; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. ONDER (for himself and Mr. KENNEDY of Utah):

H.R. 7651. A bill to provide a private right of action for children and the parents of children whose healthy body parts have been damaged by medical professionals practicing or participating in certain interventions; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. PAPPAS (for himself and Ms. GOODLANDER):

H.R. 7652. A bill to prohibit the Department of Homeland Security from constructing, acquiring, renovating, or operating any new processing site or detention center without providing a mechanism for public comments regarding such activity, entering into a signed, written agreement with appropriate State and local officials, and providing Congress with advance notice of such activity; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SELF (for himself and Mr. KEATING):

H.R. 7653. A bill to enhance diplomatic engagement on international biotechnology and biosecurity matters; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mrs. DINGELL (for herself, Mr. WALBERG, Mr. BERGMAN, Mr. MOOLENAAR, Ms. STEVENS, Mr. BARRETT, Ms. SCHOLTEN, Mr. HUIZENGA, Mrs. MCCLAIN, Ms. TLAB, Mr. JAMES, Mr. THANEDAR, and Ms. McDONALD RIVET):

H. Res. 1070. A resolution congratulating the Olympians and Paralympians of Michigan who competed in the 2026 Olympics and Paralympics in Italy; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and in addition to the Committee on Foreign Af-

fairs, 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. EVANS of Pennsylvania (for himself, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. BOYLE of Pennsylvania, Mr. CLEAVER, Ms. NORTON, Mr. IVEY, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mrs. BEATTY, and Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi):

H. Res. 1071. A resolution recognizing the desegregation efforts at Girard College in Philadelphia, and the leaders involved in African-American integration and civil rights expansion; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. MACE:

H. Res. 1072. A resolution directing the Committee on Ethics to preserve and publicly release records of the Committee's review of violations or alleged violations of clause 9 (as it pertains to acts of sexual harassment) and clause 18 of rule XXIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives; to the Committee on Ethics.

By Mr. MANN (for himself, Mr. PANNETTA, Ms. TENNEY, Mr. CLOUD, Mr. FLOOD, Mrs. WAGNER, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. SMITH of Nebraska, Mr. FINSTAD, Mr. FEENSTRA, Mr. ESTES, Mr. MOOLENAAR, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. BISHOP, Mr. NEWHOUSE, Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS, Mr. ISSA, Mr. CLEAVER, Ms. HAGEMAN, Mr. ADERHOLT, Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. SMITH of Missouri, Mr. VASQUEZ, Mr. SCOTT FRANKLIN of Florida, Mr. GRAVES, Mr. VAN ORDEN, Mr. MOORE of Alabama, Mr. ZINKE, Mr. BERGMAN, Mr. RULLI, Mr. DOWNING, Mr. BACON, Mr. ROUZER, Mr. NUNN of Iowa, Mr. BOST, Mr. HURD of Colorado, Mr. CLINE, Ms. LEE of Florida, Mr. MOORE of North Carolina, Mr. FRY, Mr. BENTZ, Mr. COSTA, Mr. GROTHMAN, Mr. MEUSER, Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia, Mr. GOTTHEIMER, Mrs. MILLER of Illinois, Mr. BABIN, Mr. VALADAO, Mrs. HINSON, Ms. CRAIG, Ms. BUDZINSKI, Mr. ROSE, Mr. MCDOWELL, Mrs. CAMMACK, Mrs. FISCHBACH, Mr. MCCAUL, Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania, Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina, Ms. BONAMICI, Mr. ALFORD, Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas, Mr. FONG, and Ms. FEDORCHAK):

H. Res. 1073. A resolution expressing support for the designation of February 21 through February 28, 2026, as "National FFA Week", recognizing the important role of the National Future Farmers of America (FFA) Organization in developing the next generation of globally conscious leaders who will change the world, and celebrating the 50th anniversary of the chartering of the State of Alaska as a State FFA Association; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. QUIGLEY (for himself, Mr. EDWARDS, and Mr. PAPPAS):

H. Res. 1074. A resolution celebrating the 175th anniversary of the Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA); to the Committee on Education and Workforce.

#### CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY STATEMENT

Pursuant to clause 7 of rule XII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the following statements are submitted regarding the specific powers granted to Congress in the Constitution to enact the accompanying bill or joint resolution.

By Mr. McCLINTOCK:

H.R. 7640.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:  
Article 1, Sec 8.

By Mr. LAWLER:

H.R. 7641.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:  
Article 1 Section 8 Clause 18 of the U.S. Constitution

By Mrs. KIM:

H.R. 7642.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:  
Article I, Section 8.

By Mr. WALKINSHAW:

H.R. 7643.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:  
Article 1, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution

By Mr. BARR:

H.R. 7644.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:  
Article I, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution

By Mr. CASTEN:

H.R. 7645.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:  
Clause 18 of Section 8 of Article 1 of the Constitution.

By Ms. CROCKETT:

H.R. 7646.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:  
Article I Section 8

By Mr. VICENTE GONZALEZ of Texas:

H.R. 7647.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:  
Article 1, Section 8

By Mr. KEAN:

H.R. 7648.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:  
Article I Section 8

By Mr. McCORMICK:

H.R. 7649.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:  
Clause 18 under Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution

By Ms. NORTON:

H.R. 7650.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:  
clause 18 of section 8 of article I of the Constitution.

By Mr. ONDER:

H.R. 7651.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:  
Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution

By Mr. PAPPAS:

H.R. 7652.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:  
Article 1, Section 8, Clause 18 of the United States Constitution states that "Congress shall have the authority to make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by the Constitution in the Government of the United States, or in any Department or Officer thereof."

By Mr. SELF:

H.R. 7653.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:  
Article I, Section 8

#### ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 7 of rule XII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions, as follows: