

than shift it to the States, which are already facing financial strain.

Further, while I appreciate my colleagues' interest in expanding college access and affordability for students from these territories, I would be remiss if I overlooked the fact that congressional Republicans made it harder for these same students to afford colleges. That is because of cuts to the Pell Grant Program, changes to loan limits, and elimination of affordable loan repayment plans enacted in their big ugly law. Nevertheless, I encourage my colleagues to vote "yes" on the bill and reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. WALBERG. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Guam (Mr. MOYLAN), the sponsor of the bill and a great member of the Education and Workforce Committee.

Mr. MOYLAN. Mr. Speaker, I thank my good friend, Chairman WALBERG, for yielding to me. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of Guam's students and strongly urge my colleagues to vote for my bill, H.R. 6472.

This bill delivers a targeted approach to make college more affordable, strengthen workforce pipelines, and support critical national security efforts in the U.S. territories.

H.R. 6472 provides tuition rate guarantees to U.S. nationals who live in Guam, CNMI, American Samoa, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. High costs associated with education in the States, not ability, limit educational opportunities for students in the territories.

None of our islands have doctorate, law, or medical degree programs. Lack of access to these programs leads to workforce shortages in critical sectors. Lowering barriers to access will lead to greater capacity building in the territories.

Some examples of past folks are: Honorable Peter C. Siguenza, who attended California State University and returned home after law school to become Guam's first Chief Justice.

Then there was the late Dr. Chris Perez, who went to UC San Francisco, who came home to be a good doctor for the island.

There was also our first president of the University of Guam, Dr. Antonio Yamashita, who attended the University of North Carolina.

We currently have leaders on our island, such as Dr. Enriquez, who is the president of our University of Guam. She attended the University of Maryland.

We also have Dr. Aguon, who attended the University of Hawaii and is now running our Guam Memorial Hospital, and our Governor "Lou" Leon Guerrero attended UCLA.

Every doctor and lawyer in Guam studied elsewhere, returned home, and has made an incredible impact on our community.

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

Mr. WALBERG. Mr. Speaker, I yield an additional 30 seconds to the gentleman from Guam.

Mr. MOYLAN. Mr. Speaker, this bill is about empowering our residents to seek degrees that we need but are not available at home and to return home to strengthen our communities.

I strongly urge my colleagues to support this bill, our students, and our community.

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I yield 5 minutes to the gentlewoman from the Virgin Islands (Ms. PLASKETT).

Ms. PLASKETT. Mr. Speaker, I thank the ranking member for yielding time, and I rise in strong support of H.R. 6472, the Territorial Student Access to Higher Education Act.

Mr. Speaker, since my first term in Congress, expanding access to higher education for students from the United States territories has been a priority. Today, I am proud that the House is considering meaningful, bipartisan legislation to address this issue.

I want to point out that the United States small territories face unique geographic and economic challenges. Small populations, remote locations, and constrained local economies make it difficult for residents to pursue specialized training or many degrees close to home.

Students from small territories who seek degrees or majors not available locally must attend college on the mainland. That is the reason why Puerto Rico is not included in this legislation. Puerto Rico has multiple universities on that island. In the smaller territories, however, we do not.

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For example, in the Virgin Islands, we do not offer degree programs for engineering, economics, international relations, French, or history to name a few. For many of our students, costs, not ability, is what prevents them from earning a degree. The lack of access to higher education limits workforce development, economic growth, and long-term stability in the territories as discussed by the chairman.

Our brain drain is exponentially greater due to our isolated location. This legislation directly addresses this challenge. H.R. 6472 amends the Higher Education Act of 1965 to require public colleges and universities receiving Federal funds to charge eligible small territory residents no more than in-State tuition rates. As you heard from Ranking Member SCOTT, there is no cost presently in this legislation to the Federal Government's budget.

By removing this barrier, we reduce families' financial burden, expand access to programs unavailable on the islands, and strengthen the workforce pipelines that territorial economies depend on to sustain their future.

I am deeply grateful to Congressman MOYLAN, former Congresswoman RADEWAGEN, Congresswoman KING-HINDS, as well as Congressman HERNÁNDEZ for cosponsorship and partnership. I especially thank Chairman TIM WALBERG as well as Ranking Mem-

ber BOBBY SCOTT of the House Committee on Education and Workforce for their bipartisan leadership in moving this legislation through the committee.

Mr. Speaker, the residents of the United States territories serve in this Nation's Armed Forces, pay Federal taxes, and are bound by its laws. They are American citizens in every sense of the word. Federal support for access to multiple degrees in higher education should extend to all of us. This bill does that without being a burden on the Federal Government's budget.

Mr. Speaker, I ask all Members to vote in favor of H.R. 6472.

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

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

Mr. Speaker, as President Trump said in his State of Union Address last week, America's military is the strongest in the world, but we continue to have enemies around every corner of the globe who would like to undermine our power.

That is why H.R. 6472 is so important. This bill ensures residents of U.S. territories receive vital workforce training and skills as our U.S. military continues to operate out of these critical geographical outposts.

The working families tax cuts were a strong step in lowering costs for students and borrowers. Now, we are continuing these efforts and supporting our military and our territories.

As chairman of the Education and Workforce Committee, I am steadfast in my commitment to reducing college costs and opening up workforce pipelines. I thank Congressman MOYLAN again for sponsoring this legislation and helping expand educational opportunities for residents of U.S. territories.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. WALBERG) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 6472, as amended.

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. WALBERG. 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.

CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO IRAN—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (H. DOC. NO. 119-140)

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 with respect to Iran that was declared on March 15, 1995, is to continue in effect beyond March 15, 2026.

The actions and policies of the Government of Iran 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 12957 with respect to Iran and to maintain in force comprehensive sanctions against Iran to respond to this threat.

DONALD J. TRUMP,
THE WHITE HOUSE, March 2, 2026.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 5 o'clock and 25 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, March 4, 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-2963. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting a letter informing congress of action taken consistent with the War Powers Resolution, Public Law 93-148, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1543(a)(3); Public Law 93-148, Sec. 4(a); (87 Stat. 555) and 50 U.S.C. 1543(b); Public Law 93-148, Sec. 4(b); (87 Stat. 555) (H. Doc. No. 119-139); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed.

EC-2964. A letter from the Chairman of the Council, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 26-258, "Home Purchase Assistance for Transit Workers Amendment Act of 2026", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 813); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

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. WALBERG: Committee on Education and Workforce. H.R. 2844. A bill to authorize

the Department of Labor's voluntary protection program, with an amendment (Rept. 119-538). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. WALBERG: Committee on Education and Workforce. H.R. 2299. A bill to establish the Payroll Audit Independent Determination program in the Department of Labor, with an amendment (Rept. 119-539). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. JACK: Committee on Rules. H. Res. 1095. A resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 7744) making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026, and for other purposes (Rept. 119-540). Referred to the House Calendar.

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. BARRETT:

H.R. 7753. A bill to strengthen and standardize "first look" protections for covered properties to ensure first-time homebuyers have priority access to foreclosed homes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. BARRETT:

H.R. 7754. A bill to require a study on the feasibility and potential impacts of portable Federally backed mortgage loans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. BARRETT:

H.R. 7755. A bill to direct the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to submit a report to the Congress with respect exempting any downpayment requirement for mortgage insurance offered by the Federal Housing Administration for first-time homebuyers who are first responders or school teachers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. BARRETT:

H.R. 7756. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to establish tax-advantaged homeowner savings accounts; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. GUTHRIE:

H.R. 7757. A bill to protect children and teens online, empower parents and strengthen families, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, 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. BARR (for himself, Mr. STAUBER, Mr. NEHLS, Mr. CARTER of Georgia, and Mr. BURCHETT):

H.R. 7758. A bill to prohibit the issuance of commercial driver's licenses to individuals who are not citizens or lawful permanent residents of the United States or holders of certain work visas, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. BARR (for himself, Mr. BIGGS of Arizona, and Mr. PFLUGER):

H.R. 7759. A bill to require verification of the personal and biometric information of all individuals evacuated from Afghanistan, to require in-person interviews of such individuals, and to prohibit Afghan evacuees who do not provide such information or submit to such interviews from receiving Federal assistance, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BEGICH:

H.R. 7760. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude from gross in-

come payments from funds established by a State for purposes of the welfare of the individual residents of such State; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. BISHOP (for himself, Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia, and Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina):

H.R. 7761. A bill to reauthorize and improve the relearning program to resolve ownership and succession on farmland, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. BISHOP:

H.R. 7762. A bill to amend the Specialty Crops Competitiveness Act of 2004 to require the Secretary of Agriculture to establish a pilot program to provide recovery payments to producers of seasonal and perishable crops that experience low prices caused by imports, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. BOYLE of Pennsylvania (for himself, Mr. EVANS of Pennsylvania, and Ms. SCANLON):

H.R. 7763. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to restore interpretive and educational exhibits at Independence National Historical Park in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. EVANS of Colorado (for himself and Mr. VAN EPPS):

H.R. 7764. A bill to provide for the transfer to the Office for State and Local Law Enforcement of the Department of Homeland Security of the National Threat Evaluation and Reporting Program of the Department, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security, and in addition to the Committee on Intelligence (Permanent Select), 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. FROST (for himself and Mr. MACKENZIE):

H.R. 7765. A bill to amend the Fair Housing Act to repeal the Thurmond amendment; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia (for himself, Mr. CARSON, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Ms. DEGETTE, Mr. DOGGETT, Mr. EVANS of Pennsylvania, Mr. FROST, Ms. GARCIA of Texas, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, Mr. KHANNA, Ms. LEE of Pennsylvania, Mrs. MCIVER, Ms. NORTON, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, Ms. SIMON, Mr. THANEDAR, Ms. TLAIB, and Ms. WILSON of Florida):

H.R. 7766. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Defense to make certain limitations on the transfer of personal property to Federal and State agencies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. KHANNA:

H.R. 7767. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to impose an annual tax on the net value of assets held by a taxpayer, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, Financial Services, 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 Mr. LANDSMAN (for himself and Mr. KEAN):

H.R. 7768. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to establish a deduction for certain amounts paid for rent for a primary residence; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mrs. MCCLAIN (for herself, Mr. LICCARDI, Ms. TENNEY, Mr. HORSFORD, Mr. LAHOOD, and Ms. PEREZ):