

were the most exported commodities. South Carolina has exported to 198 countries and territories, creating jobs.

In 2025, we were the leading exporter of BMW, Volvo, and Mercedes vehicles, as well as the national leader in the export of Michelin, Bridgestone, Continental, Giti, and Trelleborg tires.

In conclusion, God bless our troops as the global war on terrorism continues. Trump is reinstating peace through strength through revealing war Putin criminal lies, insulting Trump and mocking Trump, as Putin supports Iran today after the attacks on civilians in Azerbaijan and Syria.

I am confident that President Ilham Aliyev of Azerbaijan and President Ahmed al-Sharaa of Syria will respond, protecting Syrians.

South Carolina also recognizes the passage of our favorite son, Jesse Jackson.

#### HONORING HOLLY HAGLER

(Mr. CORREA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Holly Hagler and her dedication to service through nonprofit work.

Ms. Hagler has spent much of her career serving our community's fastest-growing demographic, adults 65 and older. Since becoming the Orange County chapter president and CEO of Meals on Wheels in 2010, Ms. Hagler has led the delivery of meals to more than 15,000 older adults per year.

Ms. Hagler has also served on the leadership council of the Orange County strategic plan for the aging and as board chair of the National Association of Nutrition and Aging Services. She has been recognized many times by the L.A. Times in both chambers of the California State Legislature.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Holly on a career filled with many accomplishments. We will miss her.

#### REMEMBERING BILLY KEYES

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

Ms. ELFRETH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Billy Keyes, a friend and a beloved Annapolitan, who we lost last week at the age of 104.

Mr. Keyes was a World War II veteran, police officer, public school teacher, artist, proud Alpha man, husband, father, and devoted community member. Everyone fortunate enough to know Mr. Keyes knew him for his wisdom, his compassion, and his unbridled wit.

He served in the 761st Tank Battalion, the first all-African-American unit to enter combat during WWII. He then shared his experience with the next generation as a teacher for over three decades in the Anne Arundel County Public Schools. He retired only 5 years ago at the young age of 99.

Mr. Keyes was an example of how to live well and how to live generously. When I visited him to mark his 100th birthday, he requested that I bring vanilla ice cream and Maryland-distilled whiskey.

He made sure that I let people know that, while he was a lifelong registered Republican, he appreciated sharing his wisdom with service-minded Democrats.

He accomplished more during his lifetime than many of us can dare to imagine, not taking a single moment for granted. He touched so many lives through his dedicated service to our community.

Mr. Speaker, he leaves behind a historic legacy here. I will forever be inspired and grateful for having known him.

#### HONORING RYANN ELIZABETH KINNEY

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

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor one of the most effective staffers and one of the most trusted partners with whom I have ever had the pleasure of working.

Many of my colleagues know her well by her presence at my side on this floor, from the townhalls and the briefings she has given regarding Community Project Funding, or her skill in helping hundreds of House Democratic offices submit their priorities to the Appropriation Committee each year.

In each aspect of her role as director of Member services, Ryann Elizabeth Kinney has brought unmatched tenacity, patience, attention to detail, and good humor with her. These are all essential qualities during long debates and longer markups.

She is more than staff to me. She is family. I worked with her father, and I watched her grow up and begin her career as an intern in my office. She jumped at the opportunity to become my temporary scheduler.

We all know that scheduling can be a no-win job in the office. Ryann handled it with aplomb, taking on a legislative portfolio even as she became my permanent scheduler.

When I took on the role of Appropriations chair, I knew there was no one I would rather have in my corner on the committee. As always, Ryann was up for the challenge. Since then, we have known victories. We have known defeats. We have had highs and lows. Like me, Ryann never tires of the fight.

I am certain that Ryann will enjoy great success in her future endeavors, wherever that may lead. While I will miss her counsel and her company in this body, I am so proud and excited to see her pursue new opportunities and adventures.

Mr. Speaker, Ryann will always be part of my family. I thank her for everything, and the staff is all gathered in the gallery to thank her, as well.

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#### HIGHLIGHTING EPSTEIN FILES

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

Mr. FROST. Mr. Speaker, one of the files is about President Trump and Mar-a-Lago.

What it reads, starting here, is:

Jeffrey Epstein forwarded Ghislaine Maxwell email from Jack Goldberger.

What it says, starting here, is:

JE ever expelled from Mar-a-Lago? No. He was not a member. May have been a guest. Never asked to leave.

Mark Epstein said Trump on JE plane is true. I've been on a lot of planes, may have been on his plane. No young girls on plane.

What do you know about allegations against JE? Only what I read in the paper.

Trump ever been at JE house? I may have been there with my wife. Any young girls there? No. May have been children of guests, but that's it.

Trump specifically asked Garten to advise us of the interview. Brad had also previously talked to a manager at Mar-a-Lago. Bernd Lembecke confirmed JE never asked to leave Mar-a-Lago.

That is this document, the final one that we will report on today.

The Department of Justice is still sitting on about 3 million files. They continue to pull things back and hide them every day. The government is lying to us, and we will continue to fight until we have full transparency.

#### DTE ENERGY IS OUT OF CONTROL

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

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, DTE Energy is out of control.

They are requesting another outrageous rate hike, just days after State regulators approved another \$242 million increase, an increase of 4.6 percent per customer. These are our residents getting their utility costs increased.

Our families can't afford higher rates with more power outages that wipe out groceries, spoil our medicines in our refrigerator, and leave our neighbors without critical medical services, all because DTE in Michigan would rather spend money on campaign contributions than invest in reliability.

DTE doesn't even care about reliability because they care about record profits and pay for shareholders and executives.

Mr. Speaker, the company made \$1.5 billion in profits last year. This is unchecked corporate greed. DTE already charges some of the highest rates in the Nation but provides unreliable service and performs hundreds of thousands of utility shutoffs per year.

Mr. Speaker, guess who subsidizes those shutoffs. It is the LIHEAP program, the taxpayers.

Enough is enough. DTE Energy needs to be checked and held accountable.

## RECOGNIZING ANDRES ACEBO

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

Mrs. McIVER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the leadership of President Acebo, the 13th president of New Jersey City University in Jersey City.

A proud Hudson County native and the first-generation son of Cuban immigrants, President Acebo grew up in Union City and now leads one of our State's most vital Hispanic-serving institutions. He is now the youngest president ever to head a public university in our State.

When he stepped into leadership, NJCU faced a \$22 million deficit and a physical emergency. In less than 2 years, he stabilized the university's finances and restored confidence in an institution that serves working families across New Jersey-10.

Yet, his leadership goes beyond balance sheets. Under President Acebo, NJCU ranks number one in New Jersey for social mobility, expanding transfer access, and increased enrollment. It has reaffirmed its mission to make higher education affordable and accessible.

President Acebo's story reflects the very students who NJCU serves: resilient and rooted in community.

## FURTHER ADDITIONAL CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2026

Mr. COLE. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to House Resolution 1095, I call up 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, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 1095, the bill is considered read.

The text of the bill is as follows:

HR 7744

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

## SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2026".

## SEC. 2. TABLE OF CONTENTS.

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## DIVISION A—DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS

## DIVISION B—FURTHER ADDITIONAL CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2026

## SEC. 3. REFERENCES.

Except as expressly provided otherwise, any reference to "this Act" contained in division A of this Act shall be treated as referring only to the provisions of that division.

## SEC. 4. EXPLANATORY STATEMENT.

The explanatory statement regarding H.R. 7147 of the 119th Congress, printed in the

House of Representatives section of the Congressional Record on January 22, 2026, and submitted by the chair of the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives, shall have the same effect with respect to the allocation of funds and implementation of this Act as if it were a joint explanatory statement of a committee of conference.

## SEC. 5. STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS.

The following sums in this Act are appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026.

DIVISION A—DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS  
TITLE I

## DEPARTMENTAL MANAGEMENT, INTELLIGENCE, SITUATIONAL AWARENESS, AND OVERSIGHT

## OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY AND EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT

## OPERATIONS AND SUPPORT

For necessary expenses of the Office of the Secretary and for executive management for operations and support, \$316,295,000, which shall be for the purposes and in the amounts specified in the "Final Bill" column for Office of the Secretary and Executive Management, Operations and Support, in the "Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2026" table in the explanatory statement described in section 4 (in the matter preceding division A of this consolidated Act), of which \$14,050,000 of amounts made available for Management and Oversight, Office of Health Security and \$8,000,000 of amounts made available for Office of Strategy, Policy, and Plans shall remain available until September 30, 2027: *Provided*, That \$5,000,000 shall be withheld from obligation until the Secretary submits to the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate responses to all questions for the record for each hearing on the fiscal year 2027 budget submission for the Department of Homeland Security held by such Committees prior to July 1: *Provided further*, That not to exceed \$15,000 shall be for official reception and representation expenses.

## PROCUREMENT, CONSTRUCTION, AND IMPROVEMENTS

For necessary expenses of the Office of the Secretary and for executive management for procurement, construction, and improvements, \$8,911,000, to remain available until September 30, 2028.

## MANAGEMENT DIRECTORATE

## OPERATIONS AND SUPPORT

For necessary expenses of the Management Directorate for operations and support, including vehicle fleet modernization, \$1,690,380,000, which shall be for the purposes and in the amounts specified in the "Final Bill" column for Management Directorate, Operations and Support, in the "Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2026" table in the explanatory statement described in section 4 (in the matter preceding division A of this consolidated Act): *Provided*, That not to exceed \$2,000 shall be for official reception and representation expenses.

## PROCUREMENT, CONSTRUCTION, AND IMPROVEMENTS

For necessary expenses of the Management Directorate for procurement, construction, and improvements, \$58,106,000, to remain available until September 30, 2028.

## FEDERAL PROTECTIVE SERVICE

The revenues and collections of security fees credited to this account shall be available until expended for necessary expenses

related to the protection of federally owned and leased buildings and for the operations of the Federal Protective Service.

## INTELLIGENCE, ANALYSIS, AND SITUATIONAL AWARENESS

## OPERATIONS AND SUPPORT

For necessary expenses of the Office of Intelligence and Analysis and the Office of Homeland Security Situational Awareness for operations and support, \$340,819,000, of which \$121,274,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2027: *Provided*, That not to exceed \$3,825 shall be for official reception and representation expenses and not to exceed \$2,000,000 is available for facility needs associated with secure space at fusion centers, including improvements to buildings.

## OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

## OPERATIONS AND SUPPORT

For necessary expenses of the Office of Inspector General for operations and support, \$257,599,000, of which \$20,000,000 shall be for additional inspections and oversight of detention facilities and shall remain available until September 30, 2027, and of which \$12,814,000 shall be for oversight of the execution of funds provided in Public Law 119-21: *Provided*, That not to exceed \$300,000 may be used for certain confidential operational expenses, including the payment of informants, to be expended at the direction of the Inspector General.

## ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

SEC. 101. (a) The Secretary of Homeland Security shall submit a report not later than October 15, 2026, to the Inspector General of the Department of Homeland Security listing all grants and contracts awarded by any means other than full and open competition during fiscal years 2025 or 2026.

(b) The Inspector General shall review the report required by subsection (a) to assess departmental compliance with applicable laws and regulations and report the results of that review to the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate not later than February 15, 2027.

SEC. 102. (a) Not later than 30 days after the last day of each month, the Chief Financial Officer of the Department of Homeland Security shall submit to the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate a monthly budget and staffing report that includes total obligations of the Department for that month and for the fiscal year at the appropriation and program, project, and activity levels, by the source year of the appropriation.

(b) The initial staffing report submitted pursuant to subsection (a) shall be the baseline for which the Department of Homeland Security may increase or decrease staffing levels for any program, project, or activity pursuant to section 503(a)(4) of this Act.

SEC. 103. (a) The Secretary of Homeland Security, in consultation with the Secretary of the Treasury, shall notify the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate of any proposed transfers of funds available under section 9705(g)(4)(B) of title 31, United States Code, from the Department of the Treasury Forfeiture Fund to any agency within the Department of Homeland Security.

(b) None of the funds identified for such a transfer may be obligated until the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate are notified of the proposed transfer.

SEC. 104. All official costs associated with the use of Government aircraft by Department of Homeland Security personnel to support official travel of the Secretary and the Deputy Secretary shall be paid from amounts made available for the Office of the Secretary.