

that have long been neglected. The reduction of beneficial use impairments are allowing fisherman and others to return to areas that for a long time have been off limits.

Among the greatest strengths of this initiative has been its strong bipartisan support. Members of the region from both sides of the aisle have rallied to this program. And it has been effective. For example, since its creation, work around the U.S. Areas of Concerns—or AOC’s—has accelerated. These areas are the focus of comprehensive cleanup and restoration efforts because they have been seriously degraded by pollution and contaminants.

As of October 2025, eight AOCs have been delisted and an additional nine AOCs have completed all management actions necessary for delisting. I know that work is happening at the AOC in my district, the Milwaukee Estuary, which I hope will soon join that list. Industrial activities have caused toxic pollution to accumulate in the sediments at the bottom of over 12 miles of Milwaukee’s rivers and the Lake Michigan harbor. The GLRI supported cleanup will improve public health and safety, provide clean water, bring back healthy fish and wildlife, and enhance economic and recreational opportunities for residents and visitors alike.

The GLRI is scheduled to expire at the end of 2026 and it is clear that we can’t afford to lose the progress or stop the momentum it has unleashed across the Great Lakes region.

I support the reauthorization of this program through FY 2031.

I am disappointed that this legislation does not, however, include an increase in the authorized funding level to \$500 million. Failing to make the necessary investments in restoring and protecting the Great Lakes will cost us much more in the long run. Trust me.

I know that this oversight doesn’t signal a lack of resolve on my part to keep fighting for the highest possible funding for this program each year.

I urge support of this legislation.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. TAYLOR) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 6422, as amended.

The question was taken.

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

Mr. TAYLOR. Madam 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.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until approximately 6:30 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 5 o’clock and 17 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1830

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. NEWHOUSE) at 6 o’clock and 30 minutes p.m.

AMERICAN WATER STEWARDSHIP ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 6422) to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to reauthorize certain EPA geographic programs, and for other purposes, as amended, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. TAYLOR) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 378, nays 32, not voting 21, as follows:

[Roll No. 97]
YEAS—378

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| Ansari | Davis (NC) | Guest |
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| Bacon | DeGette | Harder (CA) |
| Baird | DeLauro | Haridopolos |
| Balderson | DelBene | Hayes |
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| Barrett | Dexter | Hinson |
| Baumgartner | Diaz-Balart | Horsford |
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| Bell | Donalds | Hoyer |
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| Bice | Ellzey | Hunt |
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| Bonamici | Estes | Jack |
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| Budzinski | Fields | Johnson (TX) |
| Bynum | Figures | Jordan |
| Calvert | Fine | Joyce (OH) |
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| Castro (TX) | Franklin, Scott | Krishnamoorthi |
| Cherfilus- | Friedman | Kustoff |
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| Clyburn | Garcia (TX) | Lawler |
| Cohen | Gillen | Lee (FL) |
| Cole | Golden (ME) | Lee (NV) |
| Comer | Goldman (TX) | Lee (PA) |
| Conaway | Gomez | Leger Fernandez |
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| Moran | Scott, David | Schultz |
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| Norcross | Smith (WA) | Wilson (SC) |
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| Obernolte | Sorensen | Womack |
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NAYS—32

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| Arrington | Fletcher | Knott |
| Bean (FL) | Gill (TX) | Massie |
| Biggs (AZ) | Hageman | McClintock |
| Biggs (SC) | Harrigan | McGuire |
| Brecheen | Harris (MD) | Miller (IL) |
| Burchett | Harris (NC) | Norman |
| Burlison | Harshbarger | Onder |
| Clyde | Hern (OK) | Perry |
| Collins | Jackson (TX) | Roy |
| Crane | Joyce (PA) | Self |
| Crank | Kennedy (UT) | |

NOT VOTING—21

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| Cleaver | Lieu | Salazar |
| Cloud | McCauley | Scholten |
| Gimenez | Mfume | Spartz |
| Goldman (NY) | Moskowitz | Swalwell |
| James | Moulton | Takano |
| Kean | Nehls | Tokuda |
| LaHood | Quigley | Wilson (FL) |

□ 1856

Messrs. MCGUIRE, JACKSON of Texas, ARRINGTON, BURCHETT, and CRANK changed their vote from “yea” to “nay.”

Ms. CLARKE of New York changed her vote from “nay” to “yea.”

So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:

Ms. SCHOLTEN. Mr. Speaker, I missed votes today. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 97.

Mr. GOLDMAN of New York. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to vote today due to an urgent commitment in my Congressional district. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 97.

Ms. TOKUDA. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to be present for the vote series today, as I was dealing with the immediate aftermath of the Kona Low Storms, the most severe floods in more than 20 years, which caused extensive damage, displacement, and evacuations across the State of Hawai'i. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 97.

MOMENT OF SILENCE HONORING SORFFLY DAVIUS

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

Mr. LAWLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart to honor the life of Major Sorffly Davius, a true American hero who passed away following a medical episode while deployed to Kuwait in support of Operation Epic Fury.

For those of us in Rockland County, Major Davius wasn't just a name in uniform. He was part of our community. He was a neighbor, a friend, someone people knew and respected.

Here at home, he wore a different uniform with the same sense of purpose, serving with the NYPD 79th Precinct, protecting his fellow New Yorkers with honor and integrity. That kind of commitment, to serve both country and community is rare, and it speaks to the kind of man he was.

He served our Nation with distinction in the United States Army National Guard's 42nd Infantry Division, rising to the rank of major through years of dedication and leadership. He answered the call to serve overseas without hesitation, putting duty to the country above all else.

But what stands out most is who he was beyond the uniform: a devoted husband, a loving father of six, the kind of man who showed up for his family, who led by example, and who understood that service starts at home.

As we remember Major Davius, let us keep his wife, Angeline; his children; his family; and his brothers and sisters in uniform in our prayers. Let us honor his legacy not just in words but by living with the same sense of duty and courage and selflessness that he showed every single day.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from New York (Mr. MEEKS), the ranking member of the Foreign Affairs Committee.

Mr. MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, today, and every day since his passing, we mourn the loss of a true public servant, an NYPD officer, a major in the United States Army National Guard, Sorffly Davius, an American hero who dedicated his life to serving people at home and abroad.

Before moving to Rockland, he was a Queens native, served New York City with honor as a member of the NYPD while also answering the call to serve our Nation overseas with the Army National Guard.

He was a devoted husband, a father, a man whose life reflected extraordinary commitment to his family and his country.

His sacrifice reminds us of the quiet strength of those who serve not for themselves but out of duty and love for the American people.

As we grieve his profound loss, we stand with his family, his fellow servicemembers in uniform, and all those who were touched by his life.

May we take this moment of silence not only to honor his legacy but to dedicate ourselves to the values he lived by: service, integrity, and unwavering commitment to the United States of America.

May God bless his soul.

Mr. LAWLER. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the people of Rockland County and the 17th Congressional District and on behalf of the people of New York City and Queens and the NYPD, please honor Major Sorffly Davius with a moment of silence.

□ 1900

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL AGRICULTURE DAY

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

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize National Agriculture Day. This is a time to honor the hard work of American farmers and all those who contribute to our country's agricultural industry.

Agriculture is a fundamental part of our daily lives. I have always said that every American interacts with agriculture at least three times a day simply by eating breakfast, lunch, and dinner.

To be a farmer is to deal with a set of risks and variables that many Americans never have to consider. Through conflicts, natural disasters, and pandemics, farmers have stood steadfast in their commitment to provide for Americans.

It is more important than ever to ensure that our farmers, ranchers, and foresters have their voices heard in the Halls of Congress. That is why it is my honor to represent farm families and rural America as the chairman of the Agriculture Committee.

Mr. Speaker, National Agriculture Day is the perfect opportunity to highlight the dedicated Americans who work tirelessly to provide for our Nation. I sincerely thank every farmer, rancher, and forester for their hard work and selflessness.

RECOGNIZING EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA FARMERS

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

Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, on National Agriculture Day, I proudly recognize our hardworking eastern North Carolina farmers.

The First Congressional District leads in tobacco, America's first major cash crop, and sweet potato production, with farm families playing a central role in shaping our economy, heritage, and growth.

We must also acknowledge the economic hardships they continue to face. With almost 15,000 farms shutting down this past year, trade instability and rising costs are putting the American Dream further out of reach. Keeping farm families at the forefront is essential, as their work sustains our rural communities.

I am committed to advocating on their behalf, helping maintain and expand key export markets, supporting fair trade policies, and ensuring farmers have the resources needed to compete and succeed globally for generations to come.

CONGRATULATING MARK PEPPER ON HIS RETIREMENT

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

Ms. HAGEMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Mark Pepper on his retirement from the Wyoming Association of Rural Water Systems after 20 years of dedicated service.

Mr. Pepper joined the association in 2006, 4 years after his return to the Cowboy State. Mr. Pepper then spent the next two decades helping Wyoming's communities to navigate many challenges inherent in providing water to rural areas: drought, distance, overregulation, and funding demands.

Wyoming is unique, being the ninth largest State in terms of landmass, while also being the least populated. To say that we are a rural state is an understatement, with 92 percent of our water systems serving communities of 500 or fewer people.

Mark not only has a deep understanding of the challenges associated with rural water delivery, but he also has the skills to work effectively to find solutions to meet them. He has been a relentless advocate for our rural water users, constantly seeking the resources needed to expand infrastructure and maintain existing systems.

We appreciate Mr. Pepper's service and wish him well in retirement. He will be missed.

RECOGNIZING YOUNG ISRAEL OF SCARSDALE

(Mr. LATIMER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1