

members of the Greenville Police Department: Senior Police Officer Mackenzie Rainone and Detective Brandon Peebles for their service to eastern North Carolina.

Officer Rainone, recently named the department's 2025 Officer of the Year, has demonstrated an exemplary commitment to public safety.

Over the last year, she made 98 arrests, conducted more than 2,500 traffic stops, and handled 81 crashes, all while serving as lead investigator on serious cases.

Just as importantly, she earned the respect of her community through her professionalism, fairness, and dignity.

It is especially fitting that we recognize Officer Rainone and the example she sets forth in law enforcement this month as it is Women's History Month.

I also rise to Recognize Detective Brandon Peebles as he retires after 24 years of dedicated service.

Throughout his career, he played a key role in major investigations, locating missing individuals, and dismantling large-scale drug operations.

Detective Peebles' legacy is not only in the cases he solved, but in the community that he made safer, helped build, and the trust he earned along the way.

Mr. Speaker, I thank both Officer Rainone and Detective Peebles for their unwavering commitment to protecting the people of Greenville and keeping us safe.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL KIDNEY MONTH

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

Ms. PLASKETT. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize National Kidney Month and to speak plainly about it and what it means for my constituents in the Virgin Islands.

Chronic kidney disease affects more than one in seven American adults. When it progresses to end-stage renal disease, Black Americans bear four times the burden of other Americans.

The Virgin Islands already carries elevated rates of diabetes and hypertension, the primary drivers of kidney failure. Also, there is a genetic dimension that too few people know about: APOL1-mediated kidney disease. AMKD is caused by gene variants found almost exclusively in people of West African descent.

I was proud to introduce a resolution and host a roundtable, along with my fellow Georgetown alum, Alonzo Mourning, and the American Kidney Fund to raise awareness of AMKD.

I urge my colleagues to recognize that for thousands of Virgin Islanders and millions of Americans most vulnerable to these diseases, Medicaid and Medicare are lifelines. Any efforts to cut these programs is a direct attack on the most vulnerable among us.

RECOGNIZING LEE POLIKOV

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

Mr. FLOOD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Lee Polikov, the long-time county attorney for Sarpy County, Nebraska.

Lee is a graduate of Omaha Westside High School. He later earned his bachelor's and J.D. from the University of Nebraska in Lincoln. Along the way, he was commissioned as a first lieutenant in the U.S. Army.

He was eventually appointed to become the Sarpy County Attorney, after serving as a deputy in the sheriff's office. Through the years, he has managed a team of about 100 staff as he has worked to maintain the integrity of the county attorney's office and keep people safe.

This year, Lee decided not to run for reelection.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Lee for his work leading the Sarpy County Attorney's Office and for serving the people of Sarpy County through the years.

Best wishes on his retirement, and I am sure tonight, like we all are, he will enjoy watching the Big Red defeat the Hawkeyes in the Sweet 16.

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CONGRATULATING VANCE CHARTER SCHOOL BOYS' BASKETBALL

(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, Vance Charter School won its first-ever North Carolina High School Athletic Association 1A boys' basketball State championship defeating Thomas Jefferson 79-54.

Senior Gary Wilkins led the victory with the double-double, 23 points and 14 rebounds.

The Knights secured the title with an incredible second-half performance.

Hats off to Coach Downey, the Conference Coach of the Year, to his entire coaching staff, the team, fans, and community for making school history.

HONORING ATHLETIC EXCELLENCE IN VIRGINIA'S FIFTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

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

Mr. MCGUIRE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor athletic excellence in Virginia's Fifth Congressional District.

The University of Virginia women's swimming and diving team captured their seventh consecutive Atlantic Coast Conference Swimming and Diving Championship and their 22nd conference title overall.

The team of 29 women won 11 titles, including seven individual and four relay events.

Junior Claire Curzan claimed two individual events and contributed to three relay wins, earning her the honor of being named the championship's Most Valuable Swimmer.

This team continues to exemplify discipline, teamwork, and the pursuit of excellence.

We congratulate the athletes, coaches, and staff of the University of Virginia's women's swimming and diving team.

SALE OF MIDDLEBURG TRAINING CENTER

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

Mr. SUBRAMANYAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to bring to the attention of the House the potential sale of the Middleburg Training Center to the Army.

The training center has been a bedrock of the town's local economy since its establishment in 1956. It is one of the leading horse training facilities in the country and a major driver of the local economy. There is really not a horse training facility, public or private, nearby.

To be clear, we welcome the Army and the Old Guard Caisson Detachment in Loudoun, but we need to give the community a voice in this process and consider alternative sites that won't disrupt the local economy.

If this sale goes through, thousands of jobs and tens of millions of dollars that benefit the local economy may be lost.

I ask that we slow this process down and consider an alternative site within the region that can appropriately accommodate the Caisson horses and provide a turnkey solution for the Army's needs.

EXPRESSING THE SUPPORT OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Mr. MACKENZIE. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to House Resolution 1131, I call up the bill (H. Res. 1128) expressing the support of the House of Representatives for the Department of Homeland Security, 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 1131, the amendments to the resolution and the preamble printed in House Report 119-570 are adopted, and the resolution as amended, is considered read.

The text of the bill, as amended, is as follows:

H. RES. 1128

Whereas the Department of Homeland Security was established in the wake of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, to ensure the safety and security of the United States and its citizens;

Whereas the Department of Homeland Security is comprised of more than 20 Federal

agencies with homeland security, public safety, and emergency preparedness missions to integrate and coordinate the efforts of such agencies to protect the United States;

Whereas Department of Homeland Security personnel support critical homeland security missions, with more than 90 percent of the Department's workforce historically determined to be essential during lapses in appropriations in order that they may continue supporting such missions;

Whereas the Coast Guard plays an essential role in advancing maritime security and rescuing civilians in distress;

Whereas during the lapse of funding for the Coast Guard, many civilian personnel have missed paychecks, which could erode morale and hinder recruiting efforts;

Whereas the Coast Guard cannot fully maintain mission readiness without funding, which weakens operations to combat transnational criminal organizations in the Western Hemisphere, including the smuggling of sanctioned oil;

Whereas U.S. Customs and Border Protection works to secure air, land, and sea ports of entry by interdicting illicit drugs, weapons, and contraband, and preventing terrorists and other malign actors from entering the United States;

Whereas the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) is the primary entity responsible for strengthening cyber resilience for Federal civilian executive branch agencies and protecting critical infrastructure;

Whereas CISA must remain fully operational at a time when the United States is increasingly vulnerable to cyberattacks from adversaries like Iran, Russia, and China who have targeted American hospital networks, electric grids, water treatment facilities, and energy infrastructure;

Whereas the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) supports State and local emergency responses to man-made and natural disasters, aids in hazard mitigation, and works to improve domestic resilience;

Whereas U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, including through Homeland Security Investigations, ensures the criminal and civil enforcement of Federal immigration law and the disruption of transnational criminal organizations and terrorist networks;

Whereas the United States Secret Service protects national leaders and visiting heads of state, defends the United States financial infrastructure, and safeguards the American public at major national events;

Whereas the Office of Intelligence and Analysis conducts essential information sharing with law enforcement partners across the country to ensure a timely response to identified threats;

Whereas the Transportation Security Administration protects the traveling public and secures the United States transportation systems;

Whereas since the most recent lapse in appropriations, more than 50,000 frontline Transportation Security Administration employees are working without pay, more than 300 Transportation Security Administration employees have resigned, and the rate of unscheduled personnel absences has increased;

Whereas the impact of the most recent lapse in appropriations on Transportation Security Administration personnel and screening efficiency has resulted in drastically increased passenger wait times, travel delays, and overall strain on the transportation security system;

Whereas, on March 1, 2026, a gunman allegedly motivated by extremist ideologies opened fire on a crowd in Austin, Texas, killing two people and injuring several others before being stopped by law enforcement;

Whereas, on March 7, 2026, two suspects with stated allegiance to ISIS attempted to detonate two improvised explosive devices near the New York City Mayor's residence in Manhattan, New York;

Whereas, on March 12, 2026, an individual rammed his vehicle into the Temple Israel Synagogue in West Bloomfield, Michigan, in an allegedly targeted attack against the Jewish community, causing a fire and injuring onsite security personnel;

Whereas, on March 12, 2026, an active shooter with a prior conviction for attempting to aid ISIS killed one person and injured two others at Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Virginia, before being subdued by members of the Reserve Officers Training Corps;

Whereas actors supporting Iran have claimed responsibility for recent cyberattacks against the United States;

Whereas these recent attacks clearly demonstrate that the United States is in a heightened domestic threat environment; and

Whereas the Department of Homeland Security must maintain the capability to defend against threats to the United States: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) recognizes the importance of ensuring the Department of Homeland Security is fully funded, and that the Department has all necessary resources to accomplish its mission to protect the American people from harm;

(2) emphasizes that withholding funding of individual Department of Homeland Security components would degrade interagency coordination and create uncertainty in an increasingly heightened threat environment;

(3) cautions that the American people are at greater risk each day the Department of Homeland Security is subject to a lapse in appropriations; and

(4) expresses gratitude to Department of Homeland Security employees, including law enforcement officers, agents, and civilian personnel for their unwavering commitment to protect the United States from those who seek to cause harm.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The resolution, as amended, shall be debatable for 1 hour equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Homeland Security or their respective designees.

The gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. MACKENZIE) and the gentleman from Mississippi (Mr. THOMPSON) each will control 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. MACKENZIE).

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. MACKENZIE. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and to include extraneous material on H. Res. 1128.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. MACKENZIE. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Res. 1128, Expressing the Support of the House of Representatives for the Department of Homeland Security.

As we meet today, tens of thousands of Federal workers serving on the front lines of our national security are going unpaid. For over 40 days, the men and women we count on to protect passengers, secure our critical infrastructure, and step up during disasters have gone unpaid.

For the third time in 6 months, politics is getting in the way of critical American workers, the pay that they have earned. The impact of these political games isn't theoretical. It is causing real-world impacts each and every day.

Over 50,000 Federal employees are going without paychecks just at TSA alone. Hundreds of employees have quit. Call-out rates are in the double digits, and those who are able to go to work are stuck managing some of the longest lines that we have seen at U.S. airports.

All of this is happening at a time when our Nation is preparing to host major events while experiencing heightened national security risks.

We have to do better.

Today, this House will have an opportunity to vote on my resolution, H. Res. 1128, affirming the importance of DHS, the necessity of funding its agencies and employees, the risks of defunding our security apparatus, and our gratitude to the men and women who are working every day to protect this Nation.

The House has already passed the appropriations bill to fully fund DHS twice, both times with bipartisan support.

Now, it is time for us to speak with one voice putting aside politics to thank the members of the Coast Guard, FEMA, TSA, and more, who are continuing to do their jobs and keep us safe, despite many now going nearly a month and a half without a paycheck.

Saying "yes" to funding does not mean saying "no" to reform. There are concerns that need to be addressed with respect to certain ICE and CBP operations, and when there are opportunities for positive reform we should work together to achieve it.

That is why the DHS funding bill passed twice by this House already features significant new measures aimed at reducing tensions and improving transparency, including new funding for body cameras, de-escalation training, and the DHS Office of Inspector General.

Despite this, in the face of grave terror threats against our Nation, some are choosing to politicize our national security and hold paychecks hostage until all of their demands are met.

Let me be clear. Conversations about commonsense reforms at DHS operations are underway. They were underway before this shutdown. They continue to go on, and we will not stop until we get the reforms that the American people are looking for.

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I look forward to continuing to engage on this issue and working together to achieve a system of immigration enforcement that meets the needs and standards of the American people.

Defunding our security apparatus, robbing workers of their paychecks, and creating chaos at our airports across this country does not bring us any closer to achieving those goals. It is time to put the politics aside and get serious about our national security.

In the meantime, the American people are waiting. Throughout this shutdown, we have seen powerful examples of our communities stepping in to provide for neighbors and those who are impacted. In my district in Pennsylvania's Lehigh Valley, we have seen residents coming forward to donate everything, like food and diapers, to our dedicated TSA agents at our local airport. They are continuing to do their jobs every single day, even as the bills pile up and savings are stretched thin.

To the TSA staff at the ABE airport and to all those impacted workers in my district and throughout the country who are continuing to work, I say: Thank you. I also thank all of those who stepped up to provide support for them and their families.

Here is the reality: We shouldn't have to count on local communities to provide for our Federal workers. That is the job of our elected Representatives. That is why I and so many in this Chamber have voted to provide full funding for DHS.

Tens of thousands of Federal workers are doing their jobs. We, in a bipartisan fashion, have already done that here in the House of Representatives, but we need bipartisan buy-in from our colleagues on the other side of the aisle to make it a reality. We need bipartisan support in the Senate to get Democrats to go along with this full funding of DHS to make sure that this makes its way to the President's desk and gets signed into law.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this resolution thanking these workers and recognizing the critical nature of the work that they do to protect our communities and our country, and calling for the Department of Homeland Security to receive full funding—full funding—for its needs to keep our community safe.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, after 40 days of this Republican shutdown of the Department of Homeland Security, this symbolic resolution is all that my colleagues on the other side of the aisle have.

Let's be clear: We are here today because Republicans who control the White House, the Senate, and this House have failed to govern. Their failure, and their failure alone, has produced this shutdown of the Department of Homeland Security.

Instead of sitting down to negotiate a serious path forward, they have brought us this: a nonbinding resolution that does nothing to reopen the Department of Homeland Security, nothing to pay its workforce, and nothing to make our country safer.

A resolution is not a paycheck. A resolution is not accountability. A resolution is not a substitute for governing. Transportation security officers are working without a paycheck right now. The men and women of FEMA, CISA, and across DHS are showing up every day, not knowing when they will be paid. They do not need our words; they need a check. They need this shutdown to end.

Let me be clear about where Democrats stand. Democrats have been fighting for the TSA workforce and the broader DHS mission long before Republicans discovered this week that DHS is more than ICE and CBP.

I, personally, have worked for more than one decade to give TSA personnel the same employment protection as other Federal workers. When TSA and the American Federation of Government Employees reached a collective bargaining agreement 2 years ago, I was proud to celebrate that milestone with them.

House Republicans voted against those very protections, and now, the Trump administration is moving to strip TSOs of their collective bargaining rights. This is a record.

This is how we got here: Donald Trump, Stephen Miller, Tom Homan, Kristi Noem, and Corey Lewandowski have tried to turn DHS into a national police force, a weapon for their political agenda, while systematically neglecting the critical missions of TSA, FEMA, CISA, and every other component outside of ICE and CBP. House Republicans watched it happen and failed to say a word, and Americans are less safe for it.

We are here because Americans saw their fellow citizens, Renee Good and Alex Pretti, gunned down by masked DHS agents in broad daylight for exercising their First Amendment rights. The American people have rightly demanded change.

We are here because thousands of employees have already left DHS as a result of Republican mismanagement and intimidation, leaving dangerous staffing gaps in some of the most technically demanding positions in the Federal Government.

H. Res. 1128 does not mention any of that. It does not mention that, for over 1 year, the Trump administration has withheld or delayed homeland security grants to State, local, Tribal, and territorial governments. Even before this shutdown, disaster survivors have had to wait for relief, and first responders have lacked the resources they need to protect their communities. Words on paper will not fix that. Only real action will.

The resolution does not mention that DHS and FEMA continue to withhold

counterterrorism funding for non-profits, synagogues, churches, and mosques, the very institutions that have been targeted by terrorist attacks on American soil.

A resolution is not protection. Funding is protection.

The resolution does not mention that the administration has politicized DHS' cybersecurity mission, leaving our critical infrastructure and Federal networks more vulnerable than they should be. This resolution will not secure a single network. Only leadership and funding will do that.

Let us tell the whole story here: The Trump administration caused this shutdown. The Trump administration has disparaged and diminished the DHS workforce since the first day it took office. The Trump administration has made the American people less safe in the process.

House Democrats have been at the negotiating table from the very beginning. We want DHS funded and reopened. We have said so consistently, and if House Republicans were sincere about ending the shutdown their own failures created, then they would work with us, fund the full mission of DHS, and answer the public's legitimate demand for accountability and reform of ICE and CBP.

Some Republicans are beginning to see the light, but who remains standing in the way? Donald Trump.

Don't just take my word for it. Republican Senator JOHN KENNEDY of Louisiana told FOX News on Monday night that when Senate Republican Leader THUNE informed the President that his Conference was prepared to accept the Democratic compromise position, the President said: No deals with the Democrats.

It gets worse. The President is now attaching new conditions to ending the shutdown, including his so-called SAVE Act. That makes no sense. It has nothing to do with funding the DHS workforce. Yet instead of showing any leadership, House Republicans are backing the President's order to deploy untrained ICE officers into airports—contrary to their mission and contrary to common sense—apparently, to intimidate travelers.

In fact, we have learned that in airports where ICE has been deployed, waiting times at TSA screening checkpoints have actually gone up. While all of that is happening, we are here debating a nonbinding resolution that will not pay a single TSO, will not reopen a single office, and will not make a single American safer.

The American people deserve better than this Republican failure theater. The DHS workforce deserves better. I urge my colleagues to stop the performance and start governing—not a resolution, but action. Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

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Mr. MACKENZIE. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, what we just heard was not, in fact, the whole story. The previous speaker mentioned that he wanted to tell the whole story. Well, I think it is important that we get all the facts on the record.

What the gentleman left out was that he, himself, voted twice against funding for DHS. This resolution is not in lieu of the opportunity to vote for funding. We are going to give you another opportunity, but you are going to vote “no” again. That is the whole story.

The Democrats in this House want to stand in the way of keeping America safe. The Democrats in the Senate want to change the rules of the game. What they choose to do is they go out there and demand all kinds of unrealistic conditions that would actually hamstring DHS, keep our country less safe, and are totally unworkable in practice.

We, as Republicans, have offered full funding. We have offered partial funding with reforms. We have said here is the way that we can make this system not only better but keep America safe while making these reasonable commonsense reforms.

What did they do? They dismissed them out of hand.

He said Donald Trump, our President, our duly elected President, has shot down these opposition proposals. That is not the case. The Senate, the Congress are the ones that are going to advance these pieces of legislation to the President’s desk.

The Senate has put forward those proposals to Democratic colleagues, and what did they do? They are the ones who rejected the latest offer. We have extended the olive branch, we have extended our hand and said: Come together, work with us, fully fund the Department of Homeland Security.

They will never fund ICE because of their radical left. They are beholden to the fringe in their party that will do everything to protect and promote illegal immigrants over the interests of American citizens. However, it should be noted that ICE actually does some very critical work in our local community.

There is Homeland Security Investigations, HSI. What does that do as a part of ICE? They go out and protect people against human trafficking, drug trafficking, drug smuggling. That is what you are opposed to? It is ludicrous.

Mr. Speaker, we have to fully fund ICE. The previous gentleman said that this resolution doesn’t do enough. I agree. I agree. The resolution is a way to thank and recognize DHS and all of its employees for the great work they do to keep us safe. We should agree on that.

We should also agree on getting funding to fully fund the operations of DHS. You voted against it twice. You are going to vote against it again, and you are going to leave the American people less safe. That is the full story.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Mississippi (Mr. GUEST).

Mr. GUEST. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Res. 1128, Expressing the Support of the House of Representatives For the Department of Homeland Security.

For 41 days, the Department of Homeland Security has been operating without the necessary funding to carry out its core mission. Tens of thousands of dedicated employees across the country are working without pay while our national security sits at an elevated threat level.

The men and women of the 22 Federal agencies whose funding is tied to DHS continue to show up every day, standing watch over our borders, protecting our transportation systems, and safeguarding the American people despite missing multiple paychecks. Their commitment to our Nation is unwavering, and we owe them more than our gratitude. We owe them action. We owe them a paycheck for their service.

Congress must fund DHS and bring this shutdown to an end so that our first responders and our Federal law enforcement officials can refocus on the very real public threats we face.

The American people deserve and the American people demand the Democrats end this political theater and that Democrats step up and join Republicans in fully funding the Department of Homeland Security.

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

I want to help my colleague out on the other side. Everybody in this country knows that Donald Trump is running everything. Nothing happens in Washington without Donald Trump’s approval. Legislation is not passed unless he agrees with it. If they were strong enough, they would admit that.

Republicans run the executive branch. They run both bodies of the legislative branch, but now you blame Democrats on your inability to get things done.

Let me help you out.

This resolution does not pay one TSO, FEMA, or CISA employee. It doesn’t pay a mortgage. It doesn’t pay a car note. It doesn’t buy groceries. Quit pretending like you are doing something to help the people.

Before this debate is over, I am going to give you a chance to put your mouth where it ought to be on this resolution.

But for this point, HSI’s mission is not to walk in airports and assist ICE. That is not why they were created. They are an investigatory body. They ought to be out here in communities finding bad people. You have changed their mission. You—your President—has changed their mission, so they are now doing things for which they were not trained to do.

For the record, our loyal and faithful TSOs who you say you love, their training is from 4 to 6 months to make sure that individuals who get on planes

don’t have anything in their possession that would bring it down. Our ICE agents are trained for 47 days. Now, can you tell me how someone who is trained for 47 days is going to help somebody do a job where the training is almost double what is required?

The technology that they do in the screening, no ICE agent performs that. No TSO walks up and down an airport trying to keep crowds in line. That is not their mission, nor should they be harming people in communities like we have seen with our own eyes.

Let’s get back to basics. If you really want to help our loyal TSOs, as you say, then let’s pay them. Put a resolution on the floor that says you want to pay them right now, but you are afraid to do it because the White House is calling the shots.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SESSIONS). I would remind speakers on both sides of this argument that they please understand they are to direct their comments to the Chair under House rules.

Mr. MACKENZIE. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

I appreciate the spirited debate, but it is important when you are debating somebody to call out their half-truths and their deflections. The half-truth that this gentleman speaks of is that Republicans control the House, Senate, and White House, and so that gives us total ability to pass whatever we want. That is not the case.

We know that in the Senate you need 60 votes to get something passed in policy, so you do need bipartisan support to actually get something passed into law and help the American people.

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We are asking, Mr. Speaker, for our Democrat colleagues to come along and join us in fully funding the operations of DHS.

Now, the deflection comes when he tells you all about the important and critical training and the ways that DHS operates.

We are talking not only in this resolution but also in an appropriations bill that is going to follow about fully funding the operations of ICE.

The gentleman tries to obfuscate, tries to change the conversation. The bottom line is that that funding for DHS was voted on twice in this House already. We voted for it in a bipartisan fashion, and we are going to give all Members of this body the ability to vote on it for a third time.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. VAN EPPS).

Mr. VAN EPPS. Mr. Speaker, Democrats’ government shutdown has now lasted over 40 days, and it will have lasting consequences.

This goes far beyond long airport lines.

Only a fraction of the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency’s

workforce remains on duty, weakening our ability to defend critical infrastructure from threats like Iranian cyber retaliation.

Modern conflicts aren't limited to air, sea, and land. Adversaries now target critical infrastructure, including energy grids, financial systems, transportation networks, government systems, and healthcare services.

Democrats say they want a deal. Well, let's look at their deals.

Under the Biden administration, officials apprehended a Venezuelan illegal alien at the border and still released him into the country. Now, 3 years later that man killed an innocent 18-year-old American, Sheridan Gorman.

This is the consequence of Biden's failed policy: When the Democrats are in control, they prioritize criminals over citizens.

Now the damage extends beyond our streets. The shutdown is setting back American shipbuilding and weakening our maritime readiness. The Coast Guard can't pay shipyards to maintain its fleet, and contractors are reconsidering whether it is even worth doing business with the Federal Government.

Think about that. It is now too risky to work with the United States Coast Guard. That is the direct result of Democrats using DHS as leverage. They put Americans at risk to advance a political agenda. As we approach the 25th anniversary of September 11, we should be strengthening Homeland Security. Instead, Democrats are weakening it.

After three shutdowns in a single fiscal year, their priorities are clear: They care more about politics than protecting the American people.

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time—The SPEAKER pro tempore. Excuse me. You would yield yourself such time as you choose. The gentleman is recognized.

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, for the record, the CISA employees, over 1,000, were discharged by the DOGE committee before the shutdown occurred. We want to make sure the RECORD reflects that, so this shutdown does not comport with what was said by the speaker.

Mr. Speaker, House Republicans actually have the ability to stop this performance art and stop the shutdown of their own making today. We should send the compromised bill to reopen DHS to the Senate right now. Let us pay our TSA, FEMA, and CISA personnel, who will continue to reform ICE and CBP as the American people demand.

Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committees on Appropriations and Budget be discharged from further consideration of H.R. 7481, the Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act of 2026, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. I would advise the gentleman that the majority

manager, in this case the gentleman from Pennsylvania, would need to yield for that purpose, and if he does not choose to yield for that purpose, then the gentleman would be recognized for his continuation.

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, so what is your—I didn't understand you.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The majority manager from Pennsylvania would have to yield for that request, and the gentleman evidently chooses not to.

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, there you have it.

House Republicans have an hour to debate a nonbinding symbolic resolution but not even a few seconds to do the job that would actually pay our DHS workers. This is the Republican DHS shutdown.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. MACKENZIE. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, it is so critically important that we fund and fully fund the Department of Homeland Security. The best way to do that is in a bipartisan fashion. That is why this House of Representatives has already voted twice with bipartisan support to advance that legislation over to the Senate.

The previous speaker, his wishful thinking, his off-the-wall Rube Goldberg proposal, saying that Republicans in the House are somehow opposing his scheme, it is just simply unrealistic. The American people don't buy it because there is not something before us that has the bipartisan support of over 218 votes to pass. That is not what he is proposing. What we have is the pragmatic, commonsense solution that has the bipartisan support to pass twice. Join us in that effort. Join us, please. Please. I don't understand, Mr. Speaker—

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will suspend. The gentleman will direct his remarks to the Chair. The gentleman needs to be in line with House rules. The gentleman is recognized.

Mr. MACKENZIE. Mr. Speaker, I appreciate all this discussion, again. We have to do what is best for the American people. We already have something that is advanced. We are going to continue that conversation. In addition to that, we can continue to thank and recognize all of our workers at DHS.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Colorado (Mr. EVANS).

Mr. EVANS of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I am a proud cosponsor of this resolution to support full funding for the Department of Homeland Security. Not many policy debates in this Chamber are simple, but this one is. The Department of Homeland Security needs funding now.

In just 6 months, Mr. Speaker, Democrats have shut down our government twice, and now they claim that shutting down DHS makes us safer.

As someone who spent 12 years in the Army and another 10 years as a police officer, I know this is the furthest from the truth you can be. In fact, I left law enforcement and serve now in Congress because for years Democrats pushed to defund the police. They championed defunding the police knowing the consequences that it has on public safety. Today, Mr. Speaker, that same pattern continues this time by defunding the Department of Homeland Security.

Mr. Speaker, when someone shows you who they are, believe them. House Republicans have passed Homeland Security appropriations funding twice: H.R. 7147 and H.R. 7747. Twice this funding was rejected by House Democrats and repeatedly blocked by Senate Democrats. Facts matter.

Now, because the department is unfunded, FEMA's local pre-disaster planning is halted right as Colorado enters wildfire season. CISA, which protects Americans from cyberattacks, is impaired. The Coast Guard, essential in combating drug trafficking that killed 400,000 Americans under the open-border policies of my colleagues across the aisle, is weakened.

The Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, which provides the training to our Federal agents, is impaired. If that is not bad enough, twice Democrats have voted against funding the Department of Homeland Security and preventing our TSA officers from receiving a paycheck.

Mr. Speaker, Democrats need to stop their reckless practice of holding paychecks hostage for their political agenda. We need to fund the department.

□ 1250

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HOYER).

Mr. HOYER. Will the gentleman who just spoke yield? Will the gentleman who just spoke, who is walking out, would you yield?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman has yielded back his time, and the majority reserved that time.

Mr. HOYER. My time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Well, you have not been recognized yet, sir.

Mr. HOYER. Excuse me.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. How much time would you like to yield?

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HOYER).

The SPEAKER pro tempore. You would like to recognize the distinguished gentleman from Maryland? The distinguished gentleman from Maryland is now recognized.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, the gentleman to whom I was addressing my question apparently doesn't want to yield and left the floor at the advice, probably, of somebody else.

You want to speak the truth? Even if you are new—and I have been here a little longer—there is a way to fund the TSA, to fund Secret Service, and it

is no sham. We don't even have to sign the discharge petition. Your Speaker, Mr. Speaker, just needs to bring the bill to the floor. It funds everybody in the Department of Homeland Security, other than ICE and CBP. You know that.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will yield. The gentleman will confine his remarks to the Chair. These are House rules, and the gentleman needs to subscribe to those.

The gentleman is recognized.

Mr. HOYER. I addressed the Speaker. I said, Mr. Speaker. That doesn't mean I can't look at other people, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. I would—

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I addressed to you directly. I don't want this out of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman is recognized, confining his remarks to the chairman of the committee.

Mr. HOYER. We are in the House.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman is recognized.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, the argument being made on the other side is not accurate. I will give them the benefit of the doubt because, perhaps, they don't know it is not accurate.

We have over 110 people who are prepared to vote for all of the funding in DHS other than both of the components who recently have snatched people off the streets of America, wearing hoods and no badges and putting them into unmarked cars. Yes, we are not for that.

The gentleman said he was—that I asked to yield—a law enforcement officer. I was going to ask him whether he ever wore a mask during the course of his duties, not a gas mask, a mask to keep him secret. I was going to ask him whether he ever went into a home without a warrant, inconsistent with the Constitution of the United States. Yes, we want to defend the Constitution of the United States.

By the way, unless you missed it, when we passed the appropriation bills that have funded most of the government, we did so, and we took DHS out and told you we are not for that. What you continue to do is to bring to this floor something we have told you we are not for.

Mr. Speaker, if the Speaker of the House brought that bill to the floor to fund all of DHS' components, except those two agencies, it would pass overwhelmingly today, within this hour. I guarantee it as a former majority leader. Assuming that all of you say, oh, we want to fund TSA, we want to fund Secret Service, we want to fund Coast Guard—assuming that you would follow your rhetoric, it could be done like that. I say that as a majority leader of this House for 8 years, and I know of what I speak.

Mr. Speaker, they talk about shutdowns. Under Ronald Reagan, there were eight shutdowns. They lasted for

an average, Mr. Speaker, of 1.3 days. Nine of those were weekend days. Why? Because Ronald Reagan and we Democrats who controlled the House were prepared to go to the table and make an agreement. If we couldn't make an agreement, we nevertheless funded the government.

This President has said numerous times, Mr. Speaker, I would welcome a shutdown of the government, all of it.

Those of you who come to the floor and try to, like Pontius Pilate, wash responsibility away and blame it on Democrats because, yes, there are things on which we very strongly disagree, and that is the violation of the Constitution, the violation of statutes—and I would have asked my law enforcement friend—the violation of norms followed by every police department in America.

I am tired of hearing totally inaccurate information about some fraud bill. That is not the word that was used, Mr. Speaker, but that was implied. The bill that we want is no fraud. The bill we want would fund TSA, Secret Service, Coast Guard, CISA, and all other agencies in DHS tomorrow.

What is the majority bringing to the floor, Mr. Speaker? They are bringing a bill to the floor that has failed three times.

Why? The majority has done that because Democrats don't want warrantless searches. Democrats don't want people's doors being broken down without probable cause. Democrats don't want people apprehended by masked people. I grew up in an era when I was a young man where there were a lot of people wearing masks going around assaulting people. We didn't call them police.

Try to be honest with the American people. Mr. Speaker, we owe them that. Tell them, look, we are afraid that if we fund all of these components of which we all talk and support, if we do that, then we won't make as good a deal on DHS.

We won't keep them immune from following the Constitution. We won't keep them immune from following the laws of their State. We won't keep them immune from the norms that police follow.

Don't come to this floor and be dishonest and say Democrats are shutting down the government. We are not.

Democrats sure do want to raise the question and have a debate about whether we follow the Constitution in terms of law enforcement in this country.

Do you know why you have warrants? There are warrants because King George could go into any house at any time, every time that he wanted to, and the Founding Fathers thought that was wrong.

I see my chairman is standing, so he may want to speak himself and not have me take all the time.

I would plead with my Republican friends, Mr. Speaker, be honest. Republicans are holding off that bill because

they think tactically it will undermine what ICE is doing, undermining that two, three, four—five people were killed by officers not following the law. Don't come here pretending that Democrats somehow are shutting down the government.

By the way, when Joe Biden was President of the United States, do you know how many shutdowns there were? Mr. Speaker, the answer to that is zero.

Mr. Speaker, let's fund the important services that the American people deserve. Let's have the Speaker put the bill on the floor and have 10 Republicans sign the discharge petition. We will put it on the floor, and we will pass it overwhelmingly, I predict.

Mr. Speaker, I thank the chairman for giving me some time to try to correct the record that is being, unfortunately, made poorly on this floor.

□ 1300

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, may I inquire as to how much time is remaining.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. GOLDMAN of Texas). The gentleman from Mississippi has 8 minutes remaining. The gentleman from Pennsylvania has 13 minutes remaining.

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. MACKENZIE. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I hope my colleague who just spoke can stick around to hear this. It is important that we are on the same page.

My esteemed colleague was here years ago during 9/11. The reason why we established the Department of Homeland Security, as the gentleman knows, is to break down silos. What Democrats are advocating for is building up walls, siloing off parts of our Department of Homeland Security, and leaving our country less safe.

That was the whole point of having a unified Department of Homeland Security. The previous speaker knows that history, Mr. Speaker. The gentleman knows that full well. Everybody who was here after 9/11 knows that full well.

To go back on that and try to break down these silos and say that we want to fund everything, but we want to defund Federal law enforcement, that is an affront to our national security. That is an affront to the American people.

Mr. Speaker, what I am saying is that we need to fully fund the Department of Homeland Security. We have that resolution on the floor. We are going to offer it up again. We are going to give them a third opportunity, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I am so grateful that my colleague stuck around to hear that it is a disastrous idea to build silos in the Department of Homeland Security and to defund Federal law enforcement. That is absolutely accurate,

and we need it on the record that those statements were damaging to what our national security apparatus does every single day to keep us safe.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 2½ minutes to the gentleman from California (Mr. FONG).

Mr. FONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H. Res. 1128, Expressing the Support of the House of Representatives for the Department of Homeland Security.

As lawmakers, we have a fundamental obligation to govern responsibly and to protect our communities from emerging threats, both foreign and domestic.

Twice on this very House floor, we passed a bipartisan funding package for the Department of Homeland Security. However, Senate Democrats have chosen to walk away from that bipartisan, bicameral deal, threatening operations that ensure the safety and security of American communities from our transportation systems to our cybersecurity, critical infrastructure, and emergency response capabilities.

Today marks 41 days since Democrats made the reckless decision to shut down the Department of Homeland Security. A prolonged government shutdown undermines our national security, creates financial hardship for Homeland Security workers and their families, and leaves critical emergency response and preparedness efforts at risk.

Yet again, dedicated public servants, like TSA security officers, Coast Guard civilian personnel, FEMA personnel, and cybersecurity teams, are working without the certainty of their next paycheck, while others have been furloughed. That is why my colleagues and I on this side of the aisle have consistently voted to fully fund the Department of Homeland Security.

Yesterday, I had the opportunity to hear directly from frontline security agencies about the negative impact that this shutdown has had on their missions and workforce. As TSA's Deputy Administrator shared: "What I am hearing from our workforce is that what is happening to them is nothing short of cruel."

Mr. Speaker, it is dangerous for Democrats to keep weakening our national security posture for their own political gain, especially amid a heightened threat environment. Every day this shutdown continues, our Nation's security is put at greater risk, and the men and women who protect us are further sidelined.

The 260,000 Americans employed by DHS should be focused on their no-fail mission to keep our country safe, not worrying about how they will pay their bills, rent, and groceries, or find another job in order to do so. Every agency tasked with America's homeland security needs to be operating at full strength right now.

Today, I reaffirm my commitment to public safety and those who are sworn to uphold it. I urge my colleagues

across the aisle to come to their senses, immediately reopen the Department of Homeland Security, and end the shutdown immediately.

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HOYER).

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, the gentleman on the other side asked me to come back. I came back. He made a comment. I wanted to correct him. He would not yield for that purpose.

Mr. Speaker, 86 percent of ICE is being funded. There are no silos being undermined, except by not funding all the other agencies that we are prepared to support—no silos.

Mr. Speaker, 85 percent of CBP is funded. You funded it, Mr. Speaker, in reconciliation at three times, essentially, what the annual appropriation was for those two agencies.

There ought not to be, again, this Pontius Pilate hand-wringing that somehow we have shut down those two agencies. We have not. You provided for that, Mr. Speaker, and they are funded.

The question is: Do you still want to use as a political tactic shutting down all the other agencies?

Mr. MACKENZIE. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, again, I appreciate the spirited debate with my colleagues, especially the past speaker. We appreciate his experience. He has been a Member of this body since even before I was born. I am 43 years old now. He has been a Member of this Chamber for longer than that. He was elected in 1981, and we appreciate his experience and knowledge that he brings to this debate. Yet, when somebody is wrong, regardless of their age or experience, it is our obligation to recognize that and call that out.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentleman from Florida (Mr. FINE).

Mr. FINE. Mr. Speaker, I actually have an anecdote, as well.

Mr. Speaker, 35 years ago, when the previous speaker from the Democratic side was here as a Member of Congress, I was a 16-year-old page wandering around the floor in a blue blazer and a khaki pair of pants. It is an interesting moment for me because what he said is let's fund the important services that the American people deserve.

Let's talk about important services that they don't think they deserve.

Over the last 4 years, 20 million illegal immigrants have come into this country, and those illegal immigrants have killed 1,400 Americans.

Let me give you just a few of their names: Kate Steinle, who was 32 years old, in California; Laken Riley, who was 22 years old, in Athens, Georgia; Rachel Morin, who was 37 years old, in Bel Air, Maryland; Jocelyn Nungaray, who was 12 years old, in Houston, Texas; and Lizbeth Medina, who was 16 years old, also in Texas. Yet, those apparently aren't services that need to be funded.

Since the conflict in Iran began, there have been four terrorist attacks in four separate States by four unaffiliated groups. They were working independently. Those are apparently not important services that the American people need to know. Let's say their names: Ryder Harrington, 19; Savitha Shan, 21; Jorge Pederson, 30; and Lieutenant Colonel Brandon Shah, in Virginia. Those who are apparently stopping that are not important services that the American people deserve.

While I stood here waiting to speak, the government announced that they have arrested two Chinese people in the State of Florida for attempting to put an IED outside of a military base.

We are told that funding 86 percent of the Department of Homeland Security is funding all of the Department of Homeland Security. That is not true.

Also, as I stood here, I read one other thing. In New York City, a four-time deported Honduran illegal alien was charged with murder for shoving an 83-year-old U.S. Air Force veteran onto the subway tracks in New York City. Apparently, protecting him is not an important service that the American people deserve.

What I have learned in this debate is that Democrats care about three things: Muslim terrorists, Somali pirates, and illegal immigrants.

What is clear to me: If we want to fund the Department of Homeland Security and get them on board, there is one simple solution. Have all of those TSA agents declare that they are illegal immigrants, because then they will rush to get the money over to them to get them funded.

□ 1310

It is not right to keep the government closed. If people want changes in policy, let's have those debates.

The same people who demand these folks not be masked spent years demanding the rest of us get arrested if we weren't willing to wear them. The hypocrisy is stunning, and the American people are not being served.

Congress needs the job to get done. We need to get the whole thing funded, and I support the resolution fully.

Mr. MACKENZIE. Mr. Speaker, may I as to the time remaining?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Pennsylvania has 5 minutes remaining.

Mr. MACKENZIE. Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, this shutdown is a result of Republican's failure to govern. Democrats have been at the negotiating table for weeks, and the American people are demanding accountability and reform for ICE and CBP.

We cannot forget that two American citizens got killed by masked Federal agents for merely exercising their First Amendment rights on the streets of a major city, and then their government

turned around and called them domestic terrorists without any evidence whatsoever. That cannot happen again. Democrats are here fighting to prevent it from happening ever again.

Where are Republicans? They are here offering symbolic resolutions to score political points for the White House. They are not reforming ICE and CBP. They are not negotiating. If they want Democrats to vote with them, they have to earn our vote.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. MACKENZIE. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, again, Republicans are offering this resolution to thank our great men and women of the Department of Homeland Security for all of their work during this Democratic shutdown, where they are not receiving funding and their paychecks to support them and their families.

Republicans have this resolution and also the resolution for appropriating all of the funding, and those are both going to come before the full House. I encourage all of my colleagues to support it. We have had bipartisan support for the appropriations in the past, and, hopefully, we will get that again this time.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. HARRIS).

Mr. HARRIS of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I thank my colleague for yielding the time.

Mr. Speaker, I have a message for the American people.

Dear Americans: Democrats do not care about your safety.

They are displaying this right before our very eyes. Democrats do, obviously, before our own eyes, practice political gamesmanship rather than provide real security for our homeland safety.

At a time when our Nation faces threat after threat, it is imperative that we have a strong and fully funded Department of Homeland Security.

The brave men and women of DHS work hard every single day to keep Americans safe. They have earned our support. How do Democrats repay them for their work? They shut down the Department of Homeland Security.

I am proud to stand in support of this resolution today to shine a light on the great work that they do. However, it cannot go unsaid that many of my Democrat colleagues who may vote in favor of this resolution today will still continue to maintain that DHS would be unfunded, as they have voted four separate times against its reopening, purely because of political games.

At a time when our Nation faces increased security risks, Democrats are choosing politics over our Nation's safety.

They are giving us one crystal clear message: They do not care about Americans' safety. If they did, wouldn't the agency whose sole job is to protect America be funded at this very hour?

Securing America's safety and the ensuring brave employees of the Department of Homeland Security receive the funding they undoubtedly deserve must happen, and it must happen soon.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to direct their remarks to the Chair and not to a perceived viewing audience.

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, one of President Trump's top informal advisers, Steve Bannon, recently said that the President's deployment of ICE to the Nation's airports was a "test run" before ICE's deployment to election sites during November's midterm elections.

Now, why, Mr. Speaker, would Immigration and Customs Enforcement be needed at State and locally run election sites?

The Trump administration has tried to make DHS and ICE into their private, politically-motivated national police to intimidate travelers at the airport now and voters at the ballot box in November.

That is why the American people are demanding that Congress reform ICE, but Congress could reopen the Department today while those reforms continue to be worked on. House Republicans and Donald Trump, however, are standing in the way.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. MACKENZIE. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, this conversation has been rewarding and enlightening for the American people.

I have heard half-truths, deflections, and obfuscations from the other side throughout our conversation today. I have also heard fearmongering.

What we need are pragmatic, commonsense solutions that have bipartisan support. That is what we have with the DHS funding appropriations that Congress has already passed through the House that we are going to have an opportunity to vote on again. It is a chance to give the American people the results that they are looking for. It is not a conversation. It is fact.

Mr. Speaker, it has been great to hear the other side put themselves on the record for not fully funding parts of the Department of Homeland Security, for building up silos, for advocacy about defunding law enforcement. That is what we have heard here today. It is shocking, but I think it is enlightening for the American people to see that contrast and have it on full display.

I wish that we had more than an hour to have this debate. I think this is something that every American should see: Republicans coming together to support national security, to fund our workers, and to give our workers, the American people, the paychecks they deserve for the work that they are doing. However, Mr. Speaker, the other

side stands in objection as an obstacle to this commonsense solution every single day.

Mr. Speaker, at this point, I thank the other side for putting this contrast on full display for the American people, and I reserve the balance of my time.

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

Mr. Speaker, in closing, Republican failures have shut down the Department of Homeland Security for more than 40 days.

Before this Republican shutdown, the Trump administration did its dead level best to hollow out the Department and make America less safe.

At least 2,000 permanent FEMA staff have left that agency since the day Donald Trump took office.

\$275 million in nonprofit security grant program funds remain stuck at DHS and FEMA instead of helping high-risk, nonprofit organizations like churches, mosques, and synagogues.

At the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, the Trump administration terminated, reassigned, or pressured into resigning nearly 1,000 employees.

□ 1320

The former CISA Acting Director said that the vacancy rate at the agency hampered its ability to fully support national security objectives.

The President's fiscal year 2026 budget called for roughly \$500 million in cuts to CISA, including cutting programs meant to secure our elections from foreign bad actors.

At TSA, the Trump administration has moved to cut collective bargaining agreements meant to improve working conditions for the personnel keeping our airways safe.

For over a year, Republicans have failed DHS and the American people at every turn, yet Republicans are shameless enough to lecture us about supporting DHS.

Republicans have the power to end this shutdown today. Instead of wasting time on symbolic resolutions, they could pass H.R. 7481, the Democratic compromise proposal that would allow DHS to reopen while we continue to work on reforms to ICE and CBP, but instead, Republicans seem almost addicted to failure.

To my colleagues on the other side of the aisle: Take "yes" for an answer. Let's stop the failure theater and reopen DHS today.

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

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

I couldn't agree with my colleague more that we should fund and fully fund the Department of Homeland Security today. That is why we are going to have the opportunity for every Member to vote "yes" on that resolution to fully fund it.

We are also going to have the opportunity in addition to that funding to

give our Members the opportunity to vote in full support of the men and women at the Department of Homeland Security and all the great work they do every single day. I would encourage a “yes” vote on both of those resolutions, certainly on the one that is being debated here before us, H. Res. 1128.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. All time for debate has expired. Pursuant to House Resolution 1131, the previous question is ordered on the resolution and the preamble, as amended.

The question is on adoption of the resolution.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. 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 question will be postponed.

PAY OUR HOMELAND DEFENDERS ACT

Mr. COLE. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to House Resolution 1131, I call up the bill (H.R. 8029) 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 1131, the bill is considered read.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 8029

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 “Pay Our Homeland Defenders Act”.

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.

SEC. 105. (a) The Under Secretary for Management shall brief the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate not later than 45 days after the end of each fiscal quarter on all Level 1 and Level 2 acquisition programs on the Master Acquisition Oversight List between