

I rise today in support of BRYAN STEIL's legislation, H.R. 8364, which extends the retirement waiver age for officers within the United States Capitol Police.

I would like to thank Ranking Member MORELLE for his collaboration on this very important piece of legislation.

Mr. Speaker, threats against lawmakers are at all-time highs. This weekend's events once again remind us of that reality.

Although we have seen a welcome and much-needed increase in recruitment numbers, we continue to have staffing challenges within the United States Capitol Police.

Together, these challenges have created difficult circumstances for those who work tirelessly to keep visitors, staff, and lawmakers safe.

Under current law, officers are forced to retire at age 57, unless they receive a waiver from the Capitol Police Board. With a waiver, officers can continue to work until the age of 60.

H.R. 8364 will extend that waiver timeline to 65.

Right now, nearly 60 sworn officers are working on a waiver, which is the equivalent of more than two recruitment classes. Without this legislative change, they will all be forced to retire in the next few years.

Under our legislation, the Capitol Police Board will have the authority to grant waivers to sworn officers until they reach the age of 65.

Notably, this is not the first time Congress has done something like this. In 2004 and 2010, Congress temporarily raised the mandatory Federal law enforcement retirement age from 60 to 65 to address staffing shortfalls at the FBI.

Additionally, it is also important to note that our legislation gives the Capitol Police Board the discretion to decide who is still fit for the job.

The men and women of the U.S. Capitol Police do a tremendous job protecting this institution. We shouldn't be forcing officers to retire when we have staffing shortages that can be easily remedied by this one change.

Again, I thank the ranking member and his staff for working closely with us on this important matter, and I urge my colleagues to support the legislation.

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

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

Mr. Speaker, let me begin by offering my appreciation and thanks to the gentlewoman from Oklahoma, my friend Mrs. BICE, for her leadership. I extend my appreciation as well to the chair of the Committee on House Administration, BRYAN STEIL, for his authorship and his partnership in advancing this bill.

I rise in strong support of H.R. 8364, a bill that, as Mrs. BICE indicated, would increase the age at which Capitol Police officers may serve from 60

to 65 when granted a retirement age waiver by the Capitol Police Board.

The men and women of the United States Capitol Police have one of the most critical and demanding jobs in the legislative branch. This was once again underscored over the weekend when Capitol Police officers acted to protect Members of this House, including the Speaker and other members of leadership from the latest attempt at political violence—this time at the White House Correspondents' Association dinner.

We are all grateful that everyone who attended the dinner was able to leave safely.

Capitol Police officers secure the Capitol campus, investigate threats, provide protective details, screen visitors, respond to emergencies, investigate crimes, monitor demonstrations, secure major events, and more.

They do this all in an era of dramatically increased threats and strain on the department, and I commend Chief Sullivan and former Chief Manger for their diligent work rebuilding the force from the low point it reached after January 6. I am pleased that the department has since grown to more than 2,300 sworn officers. This is meaningful progress, but there is still much more work to do.

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The large cohort of officers who joined the department after the September 11 attacks is now reaching retirement age. That is kind of hard to imagine, but that is the case.

The department cannot afford to lose those experienced, fully capable officers solely because they reach an arbitrary age threshold.

This bill does not change the statutory retirement age of 57, but it does give the Capitol Police Board discretion to allow an officer to continue serving until the age of 65 when doing so is in the public interest.

I want to make sure this is clear to people: Nothing in this bill lessens the board's responsibility to ensure officers granted exemptions remain fit for duty—fully fit and capable of meeting the physical and operational demands of the job.

This is a prudent, targeted step to preserve experience, maintain staffing, and help ensure the department has the workforce it needs.

For those reasons, I support the bill and urge my colleagues to do the same. I thank my colleague and friend Mrs. BICE, as well as Chairman STEIL, for their leadership.

Mr. Speaker, this is an important, prudent, thoughtful measure, and it will add to the safety and protection of the people in the Capitol complex, whether it is Members, staff, or visitors. That is something I know both sides of the aisle deeply appreciate and support.

Mr. Speaker, I urge all of my colleagues to support this bill, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mrs. BICE. Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this measure, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from Oklahoma (Mrs. BICE) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 8364.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

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 12 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

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

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Proceedings will resume on motions to suspend the rules previously postponed.

Votes will be taken in the following order:

- H.R. 7959; and
- H.R. 227.

The first electronic vote will be conducted as a 15-minute vote. Pursuant to clause 9 of rule XX, the remaining electronic vote will be conducted as a 5-minute vote.

IRS WHISTLEBLOWER PROGRAM IMPROVEMENT 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. 7959) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make improvements with respect to the treatment of whistleblowers, 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 Missouri (Mr. SMITH) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 346, nays 10, not voting 73, as follows:

[Roll No. 138]

YEAS—346

Adams	Amo	Babin
Aguilar	Amodei (NV)	Bacon
Alford	Ansari	Baird
Allen	Arrington	Balderson

Balint	Friedman	McDonald Rivet	Taylor	Tran	Wasserman	Bentz	Garcia (IL)	McGarvey
Barragán	Frost	McDowell	Tenney	Turner (OH)	Schultz	Bera	Gill (TX)	McGovern
Barrett	Fry	McGarvey	Thanedar	Underwood	Watson Coleman	Bergman	Gillen	McGuire
Bean (FL)	Fuller	McGovern	Thompson (CA)	Valadao	Weber (TX)	Beyer	Gimenez	McIver
Beatty	Garamendi	McGuire	Thompson (MS)	Van Duyn	Westerman	Bice	Golden (ME)	Meeks
Bell	García (IL)	McIver	Thompson (PA)	Van Epps	Whitesides	Biggs (AZ)	Goldman (TX)	Mejia
Bentz	Gill (TX)	Meeks	Timmons	Vargas	Wied	Biggs (SC)	Gonzalez, V.	Menefee
Bera	Gillen	Mejia	Titus	Vasquez	Williams (GA)	Billirakis	Gooden	Menendez
Bergman	Gimenez	Menefee	Tlaib	Veasey	Wilson (SC)	Bonamici	Goodlander	Meng
Beyer	Golden (ME)	Menendez	Tokuda	Velázquez	Wittman	Gosar	Goodlander	Messmer
Bice	Goldman (TX)	Meng	Tonko	Vindman	Womack	Brecheen	Gottheimer	Meuser
Biggs (AZ)	Gonzalez, V.	Messmer	Torres (CA)	Walberg	Yakym	Bresnahan	Graves	Mfume
Biggs (SC)	Gooden	Meuser	Trahan	Walkinshaw		Brown	Green, Al (TX)	Miller (IL)
Billirakis	Goodlander	Mfume				Brownley	Griffith	Miller (WV)
Boebert	Gosar	Miller (IL)				Budzinski	Budzinski	Miller-Meeks
Bonamici	Gottheimer	Miller (WV)	Brecheen	Harris (MD)	Roy	Burlison	Burlison	Mills
Boyle (PA)	Graves	Miller-Meeks	Burlison	Higgins (LA)	Self	Bynum	Bynum	Min
Bresnahan	Green, Al (TX)	Mills	Fine	Massie		Calvert	Calvert	Moolenaar
Brown	Griffith	Min	Fletcher	Norman		Cammack	Cammack	Moore (AL)
Brownley	Grijalva	Moolenaar				Carbajal	Carbajal	Moore (AL)
Budzinski	Guest	Moore (AL)				Carey	Carey	Moore (NC)
Burchett	Guthrie	Moore (NC)	Aderholt	Hern (OK)	Pettersen	Carson	Carson	Moore (UT)
Bynum	Hageman	Moore (UT)	Auchincloss	Houchin	Pfluger	Carter (LA)	Carter (LA)	Moore (WI)
Calvert	Hamadeh (AZ)	Moore (WI)	Barr	Hunt	Raskin	Carter (TX)	Carter (TX)	Moore (WV)
Cammack	Harder (CA)	Moore (WV)	Baumgartner	James	Rogers (AL)	Casar	Casar	Morelle
Carbajal	Haridopolos	Morelle	Begich	Johnson (SD)	Rouzer	Case	Case	Morrison
Carey	Harrigan	Morrison	Bishop	Joyce (OH)	Schakowsky	Casten	Casten	Moskowitz
Carson	Harris (NC)	Moskowitz	Bost	Kean	Scholten	Castor (FL)	Castor (FL)	Mrvan
Carter (LA)	Harshbarger	Mrvan	Buchanan	Keating	Smith (WA)	Castro (TX)	Castro (TX)	Mullin
Carter (TX)	Hayes	Mullin	Carter (GA)	LaHood	Sorensen	Chu	Chu	Murphy
Casar	Hill (AR)	Murphy	Ciscomani	Lawler	Stefanik	Clark (MA)	Clark (MA)	Nadler
Case	Himes	Nadler	Cisneros	Liccardo	Stell	Clarke (NY)	Clarke (NY)	Neguse
Casten	Hinson	Neguse	Cloud	Loudermilk	Strickland	Cleaver	Cleaver	Nehls
Castor (FL)	Horsford	Nehls	Crenshaw	Luna	Suoizzi	Cline	Cline	Newhouse
Castro (TX)	Houlahan	Newhouse	Davis (IL)	Lynch	Tiffany	Clyburn	Clyburn	Norcross
Chu	Hoyer	Norcross	Donalds	Mast	Torres (NY)	Clyde	Clyde	Norman
Clark (MA)	Hoyle (OR)	Obernolte	Dunn (FL)	McBride	Van Drew	Cohen	Cohen	Obernolte
Clarke (NY)	Hudson	Ocasio-Cortez	Estes	McCaul	Van Orden	Cole	Cole	Ocasio-Cortez
Cleaver	Huffman	Olszewski	Fulcher	Miller (OH)	Wagner	Collins	Collins	Olzewski
Cline	Huizenga	Omar	Garbarino	Moran	Waters	Comer	Comer	Omar
Clyburn	Hurd (CO)	Onder	García (CA)	Moulton	Webster (FL)	Conaway	Conaway	Onder
Clyde	Issa	Owens	García (TX)	Neal	Williams (TX)	Correa	Correa	Owens
Cohen	Ivey	Pallone	Goldman (NY)	Nunn (IA)	Wilson (FL)	Costa	Costa	Pallone
Cole	Jack	Palmer	Gomez	Ogles	Zinke	Courtney	Courtney	Palmer
Collins	Jackson (IL)	Panetta	Gray	Pelosi		Craig	Craig	Panetta
Comer	Jackson (TX)	Pappas	Grothman	Peters		Crane	Crane	Pappas
Conaway	Jacobs	Patronis				Crank	Crank	Patronis
Correa	Jayapal	Perez				Crawford	Crawford	Perez
Costa	Jeffries	Perry				Crockett	Crockett	Perry
Courtney	Johnson (GA)	Pingree				Crow	Crow	Pingree
Craig	Johnson (TX)	Pocan				Cuellar	Cuellar	Pocan
Crane	Jordan	Pou				Davids (KS)	Davids (KS)	Pou
Crank	Joyce (PA)	Pressley				Davids (NC)	Davids (NC)	Pressley
Crawford	Kamlager-Dove	Quigley				Davis (NC)	Davis (NC)	Quigley
Crockett	Kaptur	Ramirez				De La Cruz	De La Cruz	Ramirez
Crow	Kelly (IL)	Randall				Dean (PA)	Dean (PA)	Randall
Cuellar	Kelly (MS)	Reschenthaler				DeGette	DeGette	Reschenthaler
Davids (KS)	Kelly (PA)	Riley (NY)				DeLauro	DeLauro	Riley (NY)
Davidson	Kennedy (NY)	Rivas				DelBene	DelBene	Rivas
Davis (NC)	Kennedy (UT)	Rogers (KY)				Deluzio	Deluzio	Rogers (KY)
De La Cruz	Khanna	Rose				DesSaulnier	DesSaulnier	Rose
Dean (PA)	Kiggans (VA)	Ross				Dexter	Dexter	Ross
DeGette	Kiley (CA)	Ruiz				Diaz-Balart	Diaz-Balart	Ruiz
DeLauro	Kim	Rulli				Dingell	Dingell	Rulli
DelBene	Knott	Rutherford				Doggett	Doggett	Rutherford
Deluzio	Krishnamoorthi	Ryan				Downing	Downing	Ryan
DeSaulnier	Kustoff	Salazar				Edwards	Edwards	Salinas
DesJarlais	LaLota	Salinas				Elfrehth	Elfrehth	Sánchez
Dexter	Landsman	Sánchez				Ellzey	Ellzey	Scalise
Diaz-Balart	Langworthy	Scalise				Emmer	Emmer	Scanlon
Dingell	Larsen (WA)	Scanlon				Escobar	Escobar	Schmidt
Doggett	Larson (CT)	Schmidt				Espallat	Espallat	Schneider
Downing	Latimer	Schneider				Evans (CO)	Evans (CO)	Schrier
Edwards	Latta	Schrier				Ezell	Ezell	Schweikert
Elfrehth	Lee (FL)	Schweikert				Fallon	Fallon	Scott (VA)
Ellzey	Lee (NV)	Scott (VA)				Fedorchak	Fedorchak	Sessions
Emmer	Lee (PA)	Scott, Austin				Feenstra	Feenstra	Sewell
Escobar	Leger Fernandez	Sessions				Fields	Fields	Sherman
Espallat	Letlow	Sewell				Figures	Figures	Shreve
Evans (CO)	Levin	Sherman				Fine	Fine	Simon
Evans (PA)	Lieu	Shreve				Finstad	Finstad	Simpson
Ezell	Lofgren	Simon				Fischbach	Fischbach	Smith (MO)
Fallon	Lucas	Simpson				Fitzgerald	Fitzgerald	Smith (NE)
Fedorchak	Luttrell	Smith (MO)				Fitzpatrick	Fitzpatrick	Smith (NJ)
Feenstra	Mace	Smith (NE)				Fleischmann	Fleischmann	Smucker
Fields	Mackenzie	Smith (NJ)				Flood	Flood	Soto
Figures	Magaziner	Smucker				Fong	Fong	Spartz
Finstad	Malliotakis	Soto				Foster	Foster	Spartz
Fischbach	Maloy	Spartz				Foushee	Foushee	Stansbury
Fitzgerald	Mann	Stansbury				Fox	Fox	Stanton
Fitzpatrick	Mannion	Stanton				Frankel, Lois	Frankel, Lois	Staub
Fleischmann	Matsui	Staub				Franklin, Scott	Franklin, Scott	Staub
Flood	McBath	Steube				Friedman	Friedman	Staub
Fong	McClain	Stevens				Frost	Frost	Staub
Foster	McClain Delaney	Stevens				Fry	Fry	Staub
Foushee	McClellan	Stutzman				Fuller	Fuller	Staub
Fox	McClintock	Subramanyam				Garamendi	Garamendi	Staub
Frankel, Lois	McColum	Sykes						Staub
Franklin, Scott	McCormick	Takano						Staub

NAYS—10

NOT VOTING—73

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Messrs. MASSIE and ROY changed their vote from “yea” to “nay.”

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.

CLERGY 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. 227) to allow a period in which members of the clergy may revoke their exemption from Social Security coverage, 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. CAREY) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.

This is a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 350, nays 5, not voting 74, as follows:

[Roll No. 139]

YEAS—350

Adams	Ansari	Balint
Aguilar	Barragán	Barrett
Alford	Babin	Bean (FL)
Allen	Bacon	Baird
Amo	Baird	Balderson
Amodei (NV)	Balderson	Bell