

My amendment is straightforward. It adds soda to the list of ineligible SNAP items alongside alcohol and tobacco and defines soda clearly as any carbonated beverage containing more than 1 gram of added sugar, artificial sweetener, or flavoring per serving.

Now, let's address the obvious concern: choice. SNAP participants already use multiple forms of payment at checkout. This amendment does not take away anyone's ability to purchase soda. They remain fully free to do so with cash, credit, or debit. What this does is ensure that taxpayer-funded nutrition dollars are not used for products with zero nutritional value.

We already do this in WIC. We already do this with alcohol and tobacco. The authority exists. The precedent exists.

At a time when taxpayers are funding both the purchase of these products and the healthcare costs that follow, we should at least stop financing the problem on the front end.

This is a narrow, commonsense reform that restores integrity to SNAP and aligns it with its core mission. I urge adoption of the amendment, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. CRAIG. Mr. Chair, I rise in opposition to this amendment.

The Acting CHAIR. The gentlewoman from Minnesota is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. CRAIG. Mr. Chair, I thank the gentleman for this amendment, and of course, all of us here support promoting healthier diets and lifestyles for all Americans, but I have serious concerns with any policy that would make life more difficult for Americans who are already struggling to make ends meet.

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Across the country right now, chaotic waivers restricting different kinds of foods and drinks from being purchased with SNAP are already creating massive confusion for participants and for retailers.

We don't know the result of the effectiveness of these waivers at this point, although things aren't looking good. We certainly shouldn't be codifying any type of restrictions and picking winners and losers among foods without getting those results first.

If the intention is to address diet-related chronic disease, we would be better off investing in fruit and vegetable incentives, like GusNIP, and revive SNAP-Ed, a nutrition education program that was eliminated in H.R. 1.

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

Mr. SELF. Mr. Chair, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. GROTHMAN).

Mr. GROTHMAN. Mr. Chair, we could talk at length the degree to which our welfare system allows people to buy things or use services that the average person in our society, at least if they are appropriately frugal, do not use. The easiest one that we should put an

end to is this idea of unhealthy, sugary drinks.

The gentlewoman talks about making life easier. If you want to make life tougher, you give people a lot of Mountain Dew and increase the amount of obesity and increase the amount of diabetes. That is not a good thing.

That is particularly not a good thing when you consider some of the money you are getting on your food stamps goes to your kids. I mean, I feel horrible if I am in a grocery store and I see somebody use food stamps for these soft drinks, and they have got little kids with them. We should just not do that.

Like I said, I think the average person in our society does not spend money on this stuff, and we shouldn't be giving it to people in the welfare program.

Mr. SELF. Mr. Chair, may I inquire as to the time remaining.

The Acting CHAIR. The gentleman from Texas has 2 minutes remaining.

Mr. SELF. Mr. Chair, I would like to address the assertion that this is too complicated to implement.

EBT systems already block thousands of ineligible items in real time. Retailers already categorize products at the UPC level. This is standard. WIC proves product-level restrictions are fully operational nationwide.

Technology has significantly advanced since earlier implementation concerns. The definition of "soda" is clear and administrable. Retail systems already distinguish between eligible and noneligible goods. This is not something the store has to do.

Implementation is a logistics issue, not a policy issue.

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

Ms. CRAIG. Mr. Chair, I will just end with this. I want you to imagine a single mom who is on the SNAP program—remember, this is \$6.20 a day—who wants to put a four-pack—remember, no one can afford six-packs anymore because everything is too expensive—wants to purchase a four-pack of soda as a treat once a week for her children. The idea that we are going to force that family, that single mom, to say, no, I can't choose to do that—we are going to take that choice away from them.

Mr. Chair, there are lots of people who live in families that need just a little bit of help right now, and it is getting worse under this administration. You cannot deny it. At the end of the day, this is one more way that we are attacking poor people in our country.

Mr. Chair, we are all for healthy, but let's not be mean at the same time.

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

Mr. SELF. Mr. Chair, I just want to ask one question. This amendment asks a basic question: Should a nutrition program pay for products with zero nutrition? If the answer is no, then the vote should be "yes."

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

The Acting CHAIR. The question is on the amendment offered by the gentleman from Texas (Mr. SELF).

The question was taken; and the Acting Chair announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. SELF. Mr. Chair, I demand a recorded vote.

The Acting CHAIR. Pursuant to clause 6 of rule XVIII, further proceedings on the amendment offered by the gentleman from Texas will be postponed.

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Chair, I move that the Committee do now rise.

The motion was agreed to.

Accordingly, the Committee rose; and the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. GROTHMAN) having assumed the chair, Mr. SCHMIDT, Acting Chair of the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, reported that that Committee, having had under consideration the bill (H.R. 7567) to provide for the reform and continuation of agricultural and other programs of the Department of Agriculture through fiscal year 2031, and for other purposes, had come to no resolution thereon.

HOURLY MEETING ON TODAY

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. today.

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

There was no objection.

HONORING THE EXTRAORDINARY LEADERSHIP OF DR. TRACEY MORANT ADAMS

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

Ms. SEWELL. Mr. Speaker, as we begin the 94th Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Southeastern Regional Conference in Birmingham, Alabama, I rise to honor the extraordinary leadership of Dr. Tracey Morant Adams, the 27th southeastern regional director.

From her initiation into the campus of University of Montevallo to her tenure as the 27th southeastern regional director, Tracey has embodied the values of sisterhood, scholarship, and service to all mankind.

During her 4-year tenure, she has led the work of over 13,000 members across Tennessee, Mississippi, and Alabama.

She has launched signature initiatives that have strengthened chapters, expanded voter engagement, and advanced economic empowerment.

Tracey's leadership is matched by her extraordinary professional achievements as well.

On a personal note, Tracey and I share more than just titles and service. We have a 30-year friendship and sisterhood.

As I reflect on Tracey’s service, I cannot help but think of my mother, Nancy Gardner Sewell, the 18th southeastern regional director. Mom would be so proud to see how Tracey has followed in her footsteps, protecting the legacy of our beloved sorority while boldly imagining our future. I can almost hear my mother saying: Well-done, my daughter. Well-done.

On behalf of the women of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Dr. Tracey Morant Adams, the 27th southeastern regional director on occasion of the 94th southeastern regional conference in Birmingham, Alabama.

We are so proud of Tracey.

Well-done. Well-done. Well-done.

Mr. Speaker, ahead of the 94th Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority South Eastern Regional Conference in Birmingham, I rise today to honor the extraordinary leadership of Dr. Tracey Morant Adams who currently serves as the 27th South Eastern Regional Director of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated.

From her initiation into the Mu Mu Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority in 1985 on the campus of the University of Montevallo, Tracey has embodied the values that Alpha Kappa Sorority, Incorporated has carried for more than a century: sisterhood, scholarship, and service to all humankind.

Tracey has carried those values with grace throughout her tenure as the 27th South Eastern Regional Director. In this role, she guides nearly 13,000 members and more than 114

graduate and undergraduate chapters in Tennessee, Mississippi, and Alabama.

During her 2022 to 2026 administration, Tracey launched signature initiatives that strengthened chapters, expanded voter engagement, advanced economic empowerment, and deepened our commitment to health, equity, and educational excellence. Under her leadership, the Southern Region has not only grown in numbers but in impact—touching campuses, churches, rural communities, and city neighborhoods across our beloved South.

Tracey has led with grace, vision, and an unwavering commitment to service. Her leadership reflects the very best of the beloved Alpha Kappa Alpha sisterhood—uplifting communities, empowering women, and advancing a legacy grounded in sisterhood and service.

Her leadership within Alpha Kappa Alpha is matched by her extraordinary professional accomplishments. As Senior Executive Vice President and Chief Community Development and Corporate Social Responsibility Officer at Renasant Bank, Tracey has opened doors of opportunity for small business, invested in affordable housing, and ensured that corporate success is measured by how many lives are lifted. She proves every day that excellence in the boardroom can walk hand in hand with compassion in the community.

On a personal note, Tracey and I share more than titles and public service—we share more than thirty years of friendship and sisterhood. We have prayed together, worked together, and dreamed together about what our sorority and our communities could become. I have watched her lead with humility, listen with intention and act with courage. She is the

kind sister who shows up before she is asked and stays long after the work is done.

As I reflect on Tracey’s service, I cannot help but think of my mother, Nancy Gardner Sewell, the 18th Southeastern Regional Director. Mom believed that leadership in Alpha Kappa Alpha was sacred trust. She would be so proud to see how Tracey has followed in her footsteps—protecting our legacy while boldly imagining our future. I can almost hear Mama saying, “Well done, my daughter—well done.”

Tracey stands in a long line of visionary women, yet she has carved a path uniquely her own. She has reminded us that pink and green are not just colors; they are a call to action. Because of her, more girls see themselves as scholars, more families have access to resources, and more communities know that Alpha Kappa Alpha walks beside them.

On behalf of the women of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Dr. Tracey Morant Adams, the 27th South Eastern Regional Director.

She has made us all exceptionally proud.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 2 o’clock and 26 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until today, Thursday, April 30, 2026, at 9 a.m.

EXPENDITURE REPORTS CONCERNING OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL

Reports concerning the foreign currencies and U.S. dollars utilized for Official Foreign Travel during the second quarter of 2025 and the first quarter of 2026 pursuant to Public Law 95–384, are as follows:

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN JAN. 1 AND MAR. 31, 2026

Table with columns: Name of Member or employee, Date (Arrival, Departure), Country, Per diem (Foreign currency, U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency), Transportation (Foreign currency, U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency), Other purposes (Foreign currency, U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency), Total (Foreign currency, U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency).

HOUSE COMMITTEES

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² If foreign currency is used, enter U.S. dollar equivalent; if U.S. currency is used, enter amount expended.

FOR HOUSE STAFF SIGNERS

Please check the box at the right to indicate that you are authorized by the Member to submit these Foreign Travel documents and to use the Member’s signature on file with the Clerk.

JACKSON BLODGETT, Apr. 22, 2026, On Behalf Of: Chairman Glenn “GT” Thompson.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, COMMITTEE ON THE BUDGET, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN JAN. 1 AND MAR. 31, 2026

Table with columns: Name of Member or employee, Date (Arrival, Departure), Country, Per diem (Foreign currency, U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency), Transportation (Foreign currency, U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency), Other purposes (Foreign currency, U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency), Total (Foreign currency, U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency).

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HON. JODEY C. ARRINGTON, Apr. 20, 2026.