

Melissa and her colleagues have been responsible for administering more than \$1.5 billion in financial aid. Over the years, she has helped countless Penn State students attend the university, creating future opportunities in an array of careers.

Madam Speaker, I applaud Melissa for her constant support at Penn State. I congratulate Melissa on this milestone.

#### CALLING FOR RELEASE OF RUTH ELEONORA LOPEZ

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

Mrs. RAMIREZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to join human rights defenders across the world to call for the immediate and unconditional release of Ruth Eleonora Lopez, who has been held in pretrial detention for over 1 year without any due process and without access to her family or even her lawyer.

A Salvadoran lawyer and human rights defender, Ruth is a political prisoner, unjustly targeted for her tireless fight against corruption and her demands for justice, accountability, and transparency from Bukele's government in El Salvador.

Authoritarians want to strike fear into our hearts. They want to punish dissent, and they want to criminalize those who would be willing to speak truth to power. But we will not concede the power of the people, and we will not be silent.

I unequivocally stand in solidarity with Ruth Lopez, her family, and human rights defenders. I say to them that they are not alone. We are with them, and we will not forget them.

#### HONORING JOHN POLYNIAC

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

Ms. ELFRETH. Madam Speaker, ahead of the 82nd anniversary of D-day this Saturday, I rise to honor a distinguished Marylander, Sergeant John Polyniak, a Ranger of the 29th Division, 116th Infantry, Company C, one of the first units to land on Omaha Beach.

While he didn't know it then, that day would lay the foundation for the Allied victory on the western front.

But it didn't come without heavy loss. Mr. Polyniak was severely wounded and left behind as his unit moved forward. It was only hours later when he heard the voice of a medic that he thought he might make it.

He would later undergo three operations and endure pain for the rest of his life. When asked if he was scared, he said that everybody was scared, but he figured that he had a job to do.

To honor their extraordinary sacrifice and heroism, the Army Rangers veterans of World War II were recently awarded a Congressional Gold Medal.

Mr. Polyniak's story reminds us of the unwavering bravery of our men and women in uniform, the importance of learning and preserving our past, and the undeniable strength of our global alliances like NATO.

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PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 8646, AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION, AND RELATED AGENCY APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2027; PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 7726, NO FUNDS FOR REPEAT CHILD CARE VIOLATIONS ACT OF 2026; PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 7892, NO AID FOR GHOST STUDENTS ACT OF 2026; AND PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 8872, PREVENTING WASTE, FRAUD, AND ABUSE IN TANF ACT

Mrs. HOUCHIN. Madam Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 1333 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 1333

*Resolved*, That at any time after adoption of this resolution the Speaker may, pursuant to clause 2(b) of rule XVIII, declare the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for consideration of the bill (H.R. 8646) making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2027, and for other purposes. The first reading of the bill shall be dispensed with. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived. General debate shall be confined to the bill and shall not exceed one hour equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations or their respective designees. After general debate the bill shall be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule. The bill shall be considered as read. Points of order against provisions in the bill for failure to comply with clause 2 or clause 5(a) of rule XXI are waived.

SEC. 2. (a) No amendment to H.R. 8646 shall be in order except those printed in the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution, amendments en bloc described in section 3 of this resolution, and pro forma amendments described in section 4 of this resolution.

(b) Each amendment printed in the report of the Committee on Rules shall be considered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment except as provided by section 4 of this resolution, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole.

(c) All points of order against amendments printed in the report of the Committee on Rules or against amendments en bloc described in section 3 of this resolution are waived.

SEC. 3. It shall be in order at any time for the chair of the Committee on Appropria-

tions or his designee to offer amendments en bloc consisting of amendments printed in the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution not earlier disposed of. Amendments en bloc offered pursuant to this section shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for 20 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations or their respective designees, shall not be subject to amendment except as provided by section 4 of this resolution, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole.

SEC. 4. During consideration of H.R. 8646 for amendment, the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations or their respective designees may offer up to 10 pro forma amendments each at any point for the purpose of debate.

SEC. 5. At the conclusion of consideration of H.R. 8646 for amendment the Committee shall rise and report the bill to the House with such amendments as may have been adopted. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill and amendments thereto to final passage without intervening motion except one motion to recommend.

SEC. 6. Upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to consider in the House the bill (H.R. 7726) to amend the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 to withhold funds from noncompliant States under such Act. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived. In lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Education and Workforce now printed in the bill, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 119-32 shall be considered as adopted. The bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. All points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended, are waived. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill, as amended, and on any further amendment thereto, to final passage without intervening motion except: (1) one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Education and Workforce or their respective designees; and (2) one motion to recommend.

SEC. 7. Upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to consider in the House the bill (H.R. 7892) to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to require to the Secretary of Education to use an identity fraud detection system to review each FAFSA to determine whether the FAFSA presents a reasonable suspicion of identity fraud. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived. In lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Education and Workforce now printed in the bill, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 119-31 shall be considered as adopted. The bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. All points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended, are waived. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill, as amended, and on any further amendment thereto, to final passage without intervening motion except: (1) one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Education and Workforce or their respective designees; and (2) one motion to recommend.

SEC. 8. Upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to consider in the House the bill (H.R. 8872) to amend part A of title IV of the Social Security Act to target funds to low-income families, strengthen program integrity guardrails for State expenditure of

funds, require measurement of improper payments, and establish goals for eliminating fraud and improper payments under the program of block grants to States for temporary assistance for needy families, and for other purposes. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived. The amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Ways and Means now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted. The bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. All points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended, are waived. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill, as amended, and on any further amendment thereto, to final passage without intervening motion except: (1) one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means or their respective designees; and (2) one motion to recommit.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentlewoman from Indiana is recognized for 1 hour.

Mrs. HOUCHIN. Madam Speaker, for the purpose of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. MCGOVERN), pending which I yield myself such time as I may consume. During consideration of this resolution, all time yielded is for the purpose of debate only.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mrs. HOUCHIN. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from Indiana?

There was no objection.

Mrs. HOUCHIN. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Madam Speaker, last night, the Rules Committee met and reported out a rule, House Resolution 1333, providing for the House's consideration of four bills.

First, the rule provides for H.R. 8646, the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, to be considered under a structured rule, with 26 amendments made in order. It provides 1 hour of debate, equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations or their respective designees, and provides for one motion to recommit.

Second, the rule provides for H.R. 7892, the No Aid for Ghost Students Act, to be considered under a closed rule. It also provides 1 hour of debate, equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Education and Workforce or their respective designees, and provides for one motion to recommit.

Third, the rule provides for H.R. 7726, the No Funds for Repeat Child Care Violations Act of 2026, to be considered under a closed rule. It also provides 1 hour of debate, equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking

minority member of the Committee on Education and Workforce or their respective designees, and provides for one motion to recommit.

Finally, the rule provides for consideration of H.R. 8872, the Preventing Waste, Fraud, and Abuse in TANF Act, under a closed rule. It provides 1 hour of debate, equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means or their respective designees, and provides for one motion to recommit.

Madam Speaker, I rise in support of this rule and in support of the underlying legislation. The legislation before us this week reflects a straightforward principle: Federal programs should serve the people they were intended to serve. Taxpayer dollars should be spent responsibly, transparently, and accountably.

It should be easy for this simple but important effort to be pursued in an overwhelmingly bipartisan fashion, yet my Democratic counterparts will undoubtedly oppose these bills. In doing so, they will be voting to perpetuate rampant fraud, but that is no surprise since the States flagged for massive amounts of fraud are led by Democratic Governors and State legislatures. Why would they want to clamp down on the fraud Democrats helped perpetuate?

Every week, during debate on the rule, Democrats will use a technique we refer to as gaslighting to accuse and blame Republicans for their own egregious behavior. Let's remember that it was President Biden who eased the rules around Federal childcare billing, which resulted in spending double in some facilities in Minnesota while enrollment stayed flat.

Here we are, doing much more than combating fraud in our legislative package this week. Together, these measures strengthen oversight, close loopholes that have enabled fraud and abuse, support rural America, and ensure Federal resources are reaching the families, students, workers, and communities they were designed to help.

Let me begin with the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act. The bill makes targeted investments in the programs that matter most to producers, consumers, and rural communities. It continues to support agricultural research, rural development initiatives, and the critical food safety infrastructure that Americans rely on every day.

For States like Indiana, where agriculture remains one of the largest economic drivers, these investments will yield tangible results. Whether it is supporting corn and soybean producers, livestock operations, food processors, or rural small businesses, this legislation strengthens the industries that sustain local economies and help feed the world.

This bill recognizes a simple reality: Food security is national security. For-

eign adversaries are increasingly looking to buy up American farmland, influence our food supply, and gain access to critical agricultural resources. This legislation takes important steps to increase oversight on foreign ownership of U.S. farmland, safeguarding against foreign influence and protecting American agriculture from emerging threats.

In addition to these wins, I am proud we secured over \$3 million in community project funding in this bill for Indiana's Ninth Congressional District. This funding will support projects, including critical upgrades to wastewater systems in Borden and Moorefield, expanded sewer service in Greenville, and replacing aging stormwater pipe in Austin.

These projects reflect priorities identified by local leaders and will deliver much-needed updates to aging infrastructure, which will expand economic development opportunities and improve quality of life across the district.

I thank Chairmen COLE and HARRIS for their work on this legislation and urge my colleagues to support it.

Also included in the rule is the No Aid for Ghost Students Act. Federal student aid was created to help Americans earn a degree, learn a trade, and build a better future. It was never intended to become a slush fund for fraudsters or identity thefts, and that is exactly what is happening.

Bad actors are exploiting the system by using stolen or fake identities to submit FAFSA applications, enroll in classes, collect taxpayer-funded financial aid, and disappear once the money has been issued. The result is millions of taxpayer dollars lost to fraud. Every dollar stolen by a fraudster is a dollar taken away from a student trying to improve their future.

Under the leadership of Secretary Linda McMahon, the Department of Education has already prevented more than \$1 billion in attempted student aid fraud through stronger identity verification and fraud detection measures.

This bill builds on that success by making sure taxpayer dollars go to students, not scammers. It strengthens identity verification requirements, requiring schools to verify suspicious applicants before aid is distributed, and it holds institutions accountable when basic safeguards are ignored. We need to restore the integrity of the Federal student aid system and ensure taxpayer dollars reach the students they were intended to help.

Next, Madam Speaker, I will turn to the Stop Child Care Scams Act. Childcare assistance programs are designed to help working parents afford quality childcare so they can provide for their families and pursue economic opportunity. These programs are a lifeline for millions of Americans, but when taxpayer dollars are lost to fraud, it is not just taxpayers who suffer. The families who depend on these services suffer, too.

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For years, the Child Care and Development Block Grant program has been vulnerable to waste, fraud, and abuse, yet despite repeated warnings, hundreds of millions of taxpayer dollars remain at risk.

Recent reports have uncovered troubling instances where providers received Federal childcare assistance funds without actually serving eligible children and families. Shockingly, during a congressional Oversight Committee hearing, Minnesota Governor Tim Walz recently admitted his State had known about the fraud in its childcare assistance program since 2012 yet took no action. That is unacceptable.

When that happens, families who rely on these services are the ones who ultimately suffer, particularly the hundreds of thousands of families in need of childcare assistance vouchers currently sitting on a waiting list.

The Stop Child Care Scams Act takes commonsense steps to protect both taxpayers and families. It cracks down on providers who attempt to game the system by increasing transparency, strengthening oversight, and adding additional auditing requirements.

Just as importantly, it helps ensure providers caught committing fraud in one program cannot simply move to another State or locality and continue their theft of taxpayer dollars.

My Democrat colleagues are going to say this bill is going to make childcare assistance less available. In fact, it does the opposite. It helps ensure these resources reach the children, parents, and providers they were intended to serve, protecting them from being siphoned off by fraudsters.

Lastly, let's turn to the Preventing Waste, Fraud, and Abuse in TANF Act. For nearly three decades, the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program has helped low-income families meet basic needs while promoting the values of work, personal responsibility, and self-sufficiency.

A key strength of TANF has always been the flexibility it provides to States to decide how these funds will best be used.

Congress intentionally designed the program to allow States to tailor services and benefits to the unique needs of their communities, rather than relying on a one-size-fits-all, top-down Federal approach. But as we have already discussed, flexibility must be accompanied by accountability.

Today, TANF is one of the few major Federal assistance programs that is not required to measure and report improper payments under Federal program integrity laws. Let me repeat that. Under TANF, States are not required to report improper payments.

As a result, taxpayers and policymakers often lack basic information about how these funds are being spent and whether these resources are actually reaching the families they are intended to serve.

Recent Government Accountability Office reports have uncovered a major oversight failure within the TANF program that should concern every taxpayer. This bill requires accountability while still preserving State flexibility. It requires States to track and report improper payments, helps identify and reduce waste and fraud, and ensures Federal funds are directed toward the low-income families that they were designed to serve.

A common thread, Mr. Speaker, among each of these bills before us today is that taxpayer dollars should be used responsibly, and taxpayers should have confidence that their hard-earned dollars are being spent for the purposes intended, safeguarding limited resources and directing them to where they are needed most.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support the rule and the underlying bills, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. McGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the gentlewoman from Indiana for yielding me the customary time, and I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, Republicans with a straight face come to this floor and pretend that these bills are about fraud, waste, and abuse.

What a crock that is.

I mean, you want to talk about fraud, Mr. Speaker? Let's talk about fraud. Let's talk about a President who had to pay \$25 million after students got defrauded by Trump University.

Let's talk about how Trump and his family have made more than \$4 billion since he became President through crypto schemes, corrupt foreign deals, self-dealing government contracts, shady real estate transactions, and pump-and-dump stock schemes.

Let's talk about the sweetheart deals, the pardons, the loopholes, the contracts, the favors, the corrupt giveaways that seem to follow this administration everywhere it goes.

If my Republican friends want to come down here and lecture America about waste, fraud, and abuse, then they should answer a very simple question: Do they support the deal that gives Donald Trump and his family blanket immunity from Federal investigation or prosecution?

Do they support what amounts to be an unlimited stack of get-out-of-jail-free cards for tax crimes, insider trading, bribes, kickbacks, sweetheart contracts, or any other crimes that could be investigated by the Federal Government?

Is their answer yes or no?

I mean, I am outraged by this, and I think it is corrupt as hell. I think the American people deserve to know why Republicans are so obsessed with attacking poor people but suddenly lose their voice when Donald Trump uses the Federal Government like his own personal protection racket.

That is not what Republicans want to talk about. Their idea of cracking

down on fraud is simple: Go after people with the least so they can give more to those at the top. Go after poor families. Go after hungry kids. Go after students trying to get an education. Go after parents trying to afford childcare. Go after pregnant women who need help buying food.

That is what these bills do. That is what these bills do. So let's go through them one by one.

Their TANF bill does not help one struggling family. It gives the Trump administration more power to make the safety net harder to use and easier to weaponize.

Their childcare bill does not bring down the cost of childcare by one penny, not one. It just adds more red tape and more paperwork.

Their student aid bill does not help students. It gives more power to a Department of Education Secretary who has shown zero interest in helping students. It lets them freeze aid based on a barely tested system. And by the way, CBO says it saves taxpayers nothing, zero.

Then we have the agriculture funding bill, and this one is especially rotten. I serve on the Agriculture Committee. I represent farmers. I represent rural communities. I have spent my career fighting hunger, so I know what this bill does.

It hurts farmers. It hurts rural America, and it is a disaster for hungry families.

At the exact moment when families are getting crushed at the grocery store because Trump's economy sucks, Republicans are making it harder for them to buy food.

At the exact moment when farmers are getting squeezed by Trump's tariffs and Trump's war, Republicans are gutting the programs that support them.

At the exact moment when inflation is up and we should be talking about bringing prices down, Republicans are screwing over middle America.

Republicans promised prices would come down on day one. Do you remember that? Well, here we are a year and a half in, and everything is up. Groceries are up. Energy costs are up. Inflation is up.

Their answer to pregnant women paying higher grocery costs is to cut WIC by \$200 million, to take nutrition help away from pregnant women and little kids. Who asked for that? Who asked for you to cut one of the most basic, effective, profamily programs that we have? WIC helps pregnant women stay healthy. It helps babies grow. It helps new moms. It helps them buy milk and eggs and vegetables and formula and healthy food, and Republicans want to gut it.

By the way, they want to totally decimate the fruit and veggie voucher, which since 2007 has helped make sure moms of newborns can afford to eat healthy food.

Mr. Speaker, why would you eliminate that? At a time when fruits and veggies are getting more expensive,

why would you slash a benefit to help prevent postpartum moms from being malnourished because they can't afford healthy food?

I mean, Republicans can always find money for another illegal war. They can always find money for billionaire tax breaks. They can always find money for corporate giveaways. But fruits and veggies for a pregnant or postpartum mom, formula for a baby, food for toddlers, then they have a problem?

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What the hell is wrong with these people, Mr. Speaker?

I thought they wanted to Make America Healthy Again. I do, too, but here is the problem, Mr. Speaker: You can't say that you care about children's health while cutting the program that makes sure kids can eat healthy. You can't say that you care about wellness while voting for a bill that will malnourish our communities.

This bill does not stop there. It weakens support for Food for Peace, a program that feeds people facing famine around the world. It is a program that buys from American farmers. It is a program that shows the world that America can still do something decent and humane.

Why cut that? Whom does that help?

What kind of people look at hungry kids here at home, struggling farmers, and rural towns begging for investment and say: Sorry, we need the money for billionaires, for slush funds, for White House renovations, and for an illegal war?

I will ask again: What the hell is wrong with them?

Mr. Speaker, their entire agenda is about supporting those at the very top, the Mar-a-Lago class, and the hell with everyone else.

This rule deserves a "no" vote, and this cruel, upside-down agenda deserves to be rejected.

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

THE SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. ROGERS of Alabama). Members are reminded to refrain from engaging in personalities toward the President.

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

Mr. Speaker, let's be clear. This bill provides \$8 billion for WIC which is the level needed to serve expected participation.

As the Appropriations Committee crafted this bill, they worked with USDA and OMB to get the most recent program data. This funding level reflects that participation, participation that has been declining, and it is not projected to be as high as originally estimated for fiscal year 2027. USDA also expects to have sufficient carryover funds.

Remember, Mr. Speaker, WIC is 2-year funding, and they expect to recover more unspent funds from the States. With the lowered participation estimates and increased carryover

funds, \$8 billion will fully fund the program full stop. It is completely false to believe that there will be people kicked off of the program. Funding this at the level necessary to meet the need is exactly what we are doing in this bill.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Florida (Mr. HARIDOPOLOS).

Mr. HARIDOPOLOS. Mr. Speaker, what I did notice across the aisle here is that they didn't defend what happened.

What happened? The people stole money.

This isn't a theory. It is a reality. In Minnesota, a person was recently convicted and will serve now 41 years in prison because they committed fraud.

These bills are simply designed to show the reality that people are stealing money from people who make America work every single day.

There was no defense here. It was just the usual hyperbole, the same hyperbole that brought us 9 percent inflation, the same hyperbole that doubled interest rates, and the same hyperbole that raised food prices.

It is the reason why we are now in the majority.

Voters simply want accountability, and they want action. That is exactly what we provide.

We help people who are truly in need and don't turn a blind eye to fraud.

Now we all know why they hated DOGE. It is because it exposed fraud. That is why they didn't like it. We finally put the lights on and said: Hey, enough is enough.

That is why we are here today to talk about fraud. It is because a society that tolerates fraud weakens the bonds of trust that hold this Nation together.

It is not just in healthcare. It is now even in education. For those who don't know, I used to be a teacher, and I know the ultimate civil right is a fantastic education. Now, because of identity theft, people are taking money from those people who want to improve their lives for the better by getting a first-class education.

This is the most commonsense bill that we have had in the 2 years that I have been here. I am proud to support this so the folks who truly need the resources will finally get the resources.

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

Mr. Speaker, I want to respond to the gentlewoman's comments about WIC. It is really hard for me to believe that I am hearing Republicans speak in the way they are.

Let me begin with a basic lesson in economics. First of all, Mr. Speaker, USDA's April 2026 Food Price Outlook makes it clear that prices are not down, they are up. They are skyrocketing. Food prices are up 2.7 percent from last year. Restaurant prices are up 3.8 percent. Beef and veal prices are up over 12 percent. Fresh vegetables are up 7.5 percent. Nonalcoholic beverages are up 4.7 percent, and grocery prices, overall, have gone way up.

These are not my talking points. These are not Democratic talking points. These are the Trump administration's own numbers. After 16 months of total Republican control of Washington, of everything, you control the House, you control the Senate, and you control the White House, these guys passed tax breaks for millionaires and billionaires. They imposed the tariffs which are one of the reasons why food prices are going up. They started a war that is driving up food and gas prices.

While they tried to put a good face on all of this, the bottom line is they are at fault here.

Pregnant moms' groceries are going up. The food that they need for themselves and for their babies are not going down. They are going up.

By the way, hunger, I should point out to the gentlewoman, is getting worse in this country. It is getting worse. Mr. Speaker, 48 million Americans are food insecure, including 14 million kids. That is what Republican economic policies have done. It is a national catastrophe, and this Republican Congress is doing everything it can to make hunger even worse.

Let me just say this: WIC helps pregnant women. It helps postpartum moms and babies eat nutritious food. It used to be bipartisan. Even the MAHA report talked about the health benefits of the program, and WIC participation has been steadily increasing.

Now, to the gentlewoman's point, there was a slight dip in participation thanks to the Republican government shutdown. If my friends did their homework and did their research and cared about facts, then they would know that. However, the National WIC Association, the voice of 12,000 service providers across the country, have scientific modeling that tells us that participation is expected to continue climbing.

It makes sense. It makes sense given the fact that food prices are going through the roof. People can't afford their basic necessities. We have been in situations in the past where WIC almost ran out of money. Providers, States, and families were scrambling. New moms were worried that their toddlers wouldn't have access to food. I don't think it is a radical idea to want to make sure that the program is fully funded.

This is also something the gentlewoman hasn't responded to, can somebody explain to me why Republicans are cutting the fruit and vegetable benefit that used to be in this bill? What sense does that make?

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

Mrs. HOUCHIN. Mr. Speaker, I am happy to hear my colleague acknowledge that pregnant women carry babies.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. TAYLOR).

Mr. TAYLOR. Mr. Speaker, I thank Representative HOUCHIN for yielding the time.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the rule, which includes H.R. 8646, the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2027.

Through this bill, Republicans are making critical investments in American agriculture, considering to fund broadband expansion programs in rural regions like mine in Appalachian Ohio, and providing funding for critical community projects. Counties like those in my district have been left behind for too long when it comes to internet connectivity and repairing water infrastructure that our communities rely on every day. This bill delivers long-overdue support for rural Ohio families so they can have the tools they need to thrive.

Four of my community project funding requests are included in this bill, which would bring \$2.5 million back to Ohio's Second Congressional District to fund vital projects, including freshwater infrastructure, outdated wastewater systems, and workforce training, leading to well-paying jobs for the poorest Ohioans. These funds are critical to improving the quality of life for Ohio families in my district, their access to education and employment opportunities, and will make our region a better place to live, work, and raise a family.

In regard to broadband, this bill encourages USDA to coordinate closely with the National Telecommunications and Information Administration to avoid duplication of benefits, protecting funds to ensure every family has access to the internet and, thereby, the modern economy. It additionally encourages USDA to work with all relevant stakeholders, including those with new technologies that may help expand service.

This bill also cracks down on foreign ownership of American farmland by making the Secretary of Agriculture a member of the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States and transferring responsibility of tracking foreign land ownership from the Farm Service Agency to the USDA Office of Homeland Security.

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Republicans are actively tracking, monitoring, and taking action against adversaries buying farmland. This will better align national security efforts and ensure our Nation's critical food supply is protected for generations to come. After all, food security is national security.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to stand with my Republican colleagues and urge passage of this bill to protect critical Federal resources for taxpayers who depend on them, ensure our food supply chain and farmland are able to keep food on our families' tables for generations to come, and make sure every rural family can connect to the modern economy.

I thank Chairman TOM COLE, Subcommittee Chairman HARRIS, and the

entire Appropriations Committee for all the hard work they did getting this bill to the floor. I look forward to continuing to work alongside my Republican colleagues to deliver real results to the American people.

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

Mr. Speaker, I will respond to the gentlewoman with regard to her last comment. Rather than respond substantively to a single thing that I said about Republicans cutting the WIC program, Women, Infants, and Children, that is in the name of the program, rather than responding to why Republicans are cutting the food and veggie program, she responds with a dig at trans people, and that is the Republican Conference in a nutshell. It really is.

We want to fight hunger. They want to fight culture wars. That is the difference here. This bill is an attack on the most vulnerable people in this country. For the life of me, I just don't understand where they are coming from. Their arguments just take my breath away. They waste time on culture wars, but they don't give a damn about the fact that there are 48 million people in this country who are hungry, that there are millions and millions of children in this country who are hungry.

I am telling you, by cutting these programs, you are not saving any money. You are creating more problems. If programs like WIC get cut and other nutrition programs get cut, then people can look forward to a life with a whole myriad of healthcare problems that are going to be very costly. You guys are something else.

Mr. Speaker, I urge that we defeat the previous question. If we do, I am going to offer an amendment to the rule to bring up H.R. 8914, which prohibits the use of taxpayer money to create a slush fund to compensate January 6 rioters, MAGA sycophants, senior government officials, and members of the President or Vice President's family.

Mr. Speaker, following President Trump's settlement of his bogus lawsuit against his own IRS, he tried to commandeer nearly \$1.8 billion in taxpayer funds to bankroll a slush fund for the January 6 insurrectionists and other aggrieved MAGA loyalists.

After the obvious outcry at this ludicrous use of taxpayer dollars, Acting Attorney General Blanche said yesterday that they weren't moving forward with the fund.

Mr. Speaker, that isn't good enough. Why? Because no one believes them. I wouldn't trust the Acting Attorney General to tell me the correct time. Even the people who stand to benefit from their roles on January 6 don't believe them.

Enrique Tarrío, the leader of the Proud Boys who was convicted of seditious conspiracy for his role on January 6, told a reporter: "This isn't an abandonment. . . . I believe even if this

fund is killed in courts or at a congressional level, the President will find a way."

Senator LINDSEY GRAHAM, who earlier this year already tried to get millions of taxpayer dollars as payment for the government lawfully subpoenaing his cell phone data, said of Acting Attorney General Blanche's reversal on the fund: "While I appreciate Acting Attorney General Todd Blanche's statement . . . I am still of the firm belief that there are many victims." He then went on to argue for the formation of a new taxpayer fund. Just replace the paused corrupt fund with a new corrupt fund. That is what the Republicans are arguing. You can't make this stuff up.

Mr. Speaker, it is clear that this corrupt fund is not dead, no matter what the Acting Attorney General says. The only way to ensure that this self-dealing taxpayer funded payoff for cop beaters doesn't move forward is to do what the newly free-to-speak-his-mind Senate Republican Whip, Senator CORNYN, said: "The way to ensure the Trump retribution fund is more than mostly dead would be for Congress to put a stake through it."

That is exactly what I am offering every Member of this House today: a chance to vote on if they want to kill this slush fund for good or not.

Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to insert the text of my amendment into the RECORD, along with any extraneous material, immediately prior to the vote on the previous question.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. FONG). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Massachusetts?

There was no objection.

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, to discuss our proposal, I yield 2½ minutes to the gentlewoman from Arizona (Ms. ANSARI).

Ms. ANSARI. Mr. Speaker, the \$1.8 billion slush fund for insurrectionist cop beaters is one of the most disgraceful, corrupt exercises of Donald Trump's entire Presidency, and that is saying something. Every single Member of Congress needs to go on record as to where they stand on this issue.

The people who stormed the Capitol, attacked police officers, submitted fake electors, lied to election officials, and called to "hang Mike Pence" deserve jail time, not my constituents' taxpayer dollars. Even Republicans are appalled and can't stomach this grotesque betrayal of our democracy.

While Americans struggle to afford healthcare and housing and their gas prices keep climbing as a result of the President's reckless and illegal war, Donald Trump is fixated not on the American people but on his \$400 million ballroom, renaming the Kennedy Center, covering up the Epstein files, and this outrageous slush fund for insurrectionists and his political allies.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my Republican colleagues to join Democrats in voting to permanently block this slush fund

for Oath Keepers and Proud Boys and stand up to Donald Trump. Reject the previous question motion so we can take a vote on the slush fund and assert the will of the American people. Find your backbone for once and let's get together to vote to rein in this out-of-control President.

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

Mr. Speaker, I do want to address the WIC cash value voucher funding for the fruit and vegetable benefits since my colleague has mentioned it.

I am not sure if my colleague has noticed but the pandemic is over, thank goodness.

Chicago-area union teachers are finally back to work. We can leave our homes, shop where we want to, and we can return to pre-COVID funding levels and re-center our spending to meet the need.

Let's be clear, we are not eliminating the benefit for fruits and vegetables. We are not even taking it back to pre-COVID levels. We are simply restoring parity to meet the need.

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

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

Mr. Speaker, it is hard to listen to all this. Food prices are going through the roof, and my Republican friends are arguing that we need to reduce a benefit or cut back on a fruit and veggie voucher. Really?

Mr. Speaker, I will get to another matter. I had just talked about the corrupt January 6 payoff fund and taxpayer money going to people that beat cops. That is sick. It is disgusting.

Now let me talk about the other half of the corrupt deal that I mentioned.

Yesterday, the Acting Attorney General of the United States said that the fund was not going forward. I guess we are just supposed to take his word on that. But he also indicated that the other nefarious part of the deal is still going forward.

Tucked into this agreement that Trump hopes you will not notice is a get-out-of-jail-free card for him and his entire family.

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I mean, it is right here. Donald Trump, with the help of his personal criminal defense attorney turned Acting Attorney General Blanche, has drafted a separate agreement granting himself, his family, and his businesses full immunity from any violations of Federal law, criminal, civil, or administrative.

Even if this corrupt settlement fund is killed—which I hope we will vote to kill it—the President, negotiating with his own administration, secured a settlement agreement that grants him, his family, and their businesses full immunity. It is unprecedented. It is stunning, and a brazen level of corruption in self-dealing.

For my Republican colleagues who are upset about the fund, are you not

equally upset by this attempt to put himself above the law? This amounts to granting himself a super pardon. It means he and his family are free to do any activity they please without the possibility of legal consequences.

Now, let me just read a bit of what this agreement says. The entire Federal Government is: forever barred and precluded from prosecuting or pursuing any pending claims, whether presently known or unknown, against Trump, his family members, and businesses, or collecting any taxes, fines, or other payments due to the U.S. government.

Now, Mr. Speaker, do you realize what this means? It means the Trumps and their businesses are not only shielded from enforcement of any taxes that they might have dodged, or enforcement of any fines or payments they may owe to the government, but from any and all consequences for violating any Federal crimes or civil law. That means that Trump and his family get an unlimited number of get-out-of-jail-free cards for any civil or criminal violations that could be investigated and prosecuted by the Federal Government.

Now, here are a couple of examples of what Trump could be shielding himself from: one, any liability for insider trading or prediction markets, like Kalshi or Polymarket, that Donald Trump Jr. or any other Trump may be involved with; any bribes or kickbacks paid by Jared Kushner, or any other Trump family member, to the Saudi royal family; any allegations of sexual assault by Donald Trump revealed in the Epstein files, he is protected on that; any secret, no-bid contracts Donald Trump Jr., or any other Trump, steered toward companies he has invested in, hundreds of individual stock trades by Trump or any of his family members or businesses that look like insider trading; and the \$100 million comprehensive tax audit that Trump has been fighting since 2010.

If this settlement fund was bad, then this is even worse. Every American should know what the President is trying to do, which is trying to put himself above the law.

I remind my Republican colleagues—and I will remind everybody who is paying attention to this—Donald Trump is the President. He is not a king. He is not above the law. Every Member of Congress has a duty to stand up and denounce this corrupt scheme.

We are talking about fraud here today. What do you call this? What do you call this? The silence by my Republican colleagues, the going along to get along that my Republican colleagues demonstrate each and every day on this kind of garbage, that is complicity. That is complicity, and it is wrong.

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

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

Mr. Speaker, in response to the accusations that have been made in this

Chamber today against the President of the United States, a government contractor criminally leaked the President's private tax returns. He was convicted and sentenced to 5 years in prison.

The President had every right to fight back. The President took no money from the settlement, not a single dollar. He received a formal apology. A man who has lost billions of dollars since entering politics to serve this country asked for an apology, and that is what he got.

When concerns were raised about the fund, the administration listened and pulled back.

The weaponization of government against political opponents must end. That is exactly what the President is fighting for and what the settlement represents. The people crying foul today are the same ones who cheered when the President's financial records were illegally leaked. The outrage is not credible. Democrats were silent as President Joe Biden pardoned, preemptively in some cases, his entire family.

Democrats today insist on deflecting from the issues we are here to talk: fraud. Republicans have sounded the clarion call on waste, fraud, and abuse that exists within the Federal Government. Meanwhile, Democrats have been content to use hyperbole and vitriolic attacks to hide behind the fact that they have no desire to ferret out this systemic waste, fraud, and abuse that is plaguing our programs.

There is fraud in our Government programs. We have known about it for decades. Democrats seem content to live with it. Republicans in Congress have been consistent in going after it, despite the head-in-the-sand posture by our Democratic colleagues. We went after it in ObamaCare in H.R. 1, and, guess what, the CBO stated that premiums would go down as a result of our work. We went after Medicaid fraud, especially involving illegal immigrants. By the way, a Federal court recently ordered officials to turn over Medicaid information to ICE enforcement.

We went after waste, fraud, and abuse through our rescissions package. Once again, Democrats refused that premise ever existed, even though it is right in front of their eyes. One just needs to look at the ever-revealing childcare center fraud in Minnesota. The universe of money that stands to be squandered by overbilling could reach in the hundreds of millions of dollars.

Worse yet, it has been discovered before, as I mentioned, as has the glaring inability for Minnesota to properly create any enforcement checks. Just earlier this year, the inspector general of Minnesota released an audit that randomly sampled payments to childcare centers in 2023, finding an astonishing 11 percent of government outlays have problems related to attendance and proper payment, and that was simply based on a random sample.

Here is a direct conclusion from the attorney general's report: A lack of oversight to ensure accurate and complete attendance documentation could increase the risk of fraud, waste, and abuse to the CCAP program.

The scandal comes on the heels, also, of the worst COVID fraud scandal ever perpetrated: the \$250 million Feeding Our Future criminal fraud enterprise in Minnesota that literally robbed taxpayers of funds intended to help hungry children. An early reporting is potentially discovering concentric circles around individuals and families involved in that criminal enterprise, including these childcare centers.

Before that, in 2019, the State's legislative auditor revealed it could literally prove at least \$6 million in fraud from previous years, believing the true number to be greater.

It is not limited to food benefits either. ABC News reported that the student loan fraud that is targeted in this bill we are considering this week, known as ghost students, had thousands of colleges across the country with sophisticated thieves becoming a scourge. The scammers, using stolen or fake identities to enroll in classes online and sign up for Pell grants and loans, then disappear once they get the money, robbing the Federal Government of hundreds of millions of dollars and leaving an untold number of victims in their wake.

There are really only three responses to fraud once it is exposed: You attack it, you cover it up, or you minimize it.

The legislative auditor in Minnesota previously accused the Walz administration of minimizing or dismissing allegations of fraud, citing a shoot-the-messenger attitude. One media outlet characterized Governor Walz as a hands-off leader when it comes to seeking accountability for episodes of fraud and mismanagement on his watch.

Which path will our Democrat colleagues take now that this fraud is being revealed? Will they root it out as we have, or will they turn a blind eye in the mode of Governor Tim Walz?

Just a few months ago, the Massachusetts State Auditor released the Bureau of Special Investigations annual report for fiscal year 2025, which exposed nearly \$12 million in public assistance fraud across thousands of cases in the State, including \$4.1 million in food stamp fraud. Mass Health, the State Medicaid and CHIP program saw more than \$1.3 million in fraud.

Another report, published in April of 2026, found that more than a billion dollars was improperly spent on food stamps in Massachusetts between 2022 and 2024. The cases show just how deep and widespread the fraud is in Massachusetts.

A transportation company allegedly billed Mass Health more than \$3 billion for rides that never happened. A tiny bodega, only 150 square feet, somehow pushed nearly \$7 million in food stamp trafficking, ringing up a half a million dollars a month like it was a big box store.

One man living illegally in the country stole a dead U.S. citizen's identity for decades, even serving prison time under the alias. After release, he used the same alias to apply for food stamps, stealing thousands in benefits. A State employee even flagged his food stamp application with a note: death match. Yet, it was still approved.

In 2026, fraudsters used more than 100 stolen identities to funnel food stamps into a restaurant supply scheme, stocking up on hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of wholesale meat, all paid entirely on the taxpayers' dime.

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It is not surprising, given the lack of oversight, that TANF fraud is so pervasive. Just take a look at Colorado where 135 cases of theft were reported by Pueblo County. Benefit recipients, in one week alone, totaled \$73,991 in losses, including 40 TANF Colorado Works customers totaling \$19,344.

This is just a short sample, Mr. Speaker, of the fraud committed in primarily Democrat States that we know about.

It is Republicans, once again, that are heeding the call, the request of American families, to root out waste, fraud, and abuse, and protect our tax dollars.

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

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

Oh my God, Mr. Speaker, I don't even know how to respond to all of that.

First of all, let me just set the record straight. The gentlewoman said neither myself or anybody on the Democratic side was critical when Joe Biden pardoned his son, Hunter. That is just not true. I have an article here that says: "Rep. Jim McGovern Criticizes Hunter Biden Pardon, Disappointed President Didn't Honor Pledge."

So what she just said is just factually incorrect.

Secondly, Mr. Speaker, I am listening to the gentlewoman defend the corruption in the White House, and it is stunning to me. I feel like maybe Todd Blanche wrote those talking points, because that is what I would expect to hear from the Acting Attorney General.

For the record, let's just set the record straight. Remember, Donald Trump sued a government that he runs for \$10 billion for leaking information when he was in charge of the same government, with the leaked documents being tax returns, by the way, that every single modern President has released on their own. He promised he would release them. He didn't release them. He won't release them. Why? That is a good question. But every other President not only released them, but we expected them to. Again, what he is complaining about happened under his watch.

The gentlewoman also said that Trump lost a lot of money.

Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to include in the RECORD an ex-

cerpt from an article in The New Yorker titled: "Trump's Profiteering Hits \$4 Billion."

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

There was no objection.

[From The New Yorker, Jan. 31, 2026]

TRUMP'S PROFITEERING HITS \$4 BILLION

(By David D. Kirkpatrick)

In August, I reported that the President and his family had made \$3.4 billion by leveraging his position. After his first year back in office, the number has ballooned.

At the start of Donald Trump's first term, he promised that he and his family would never do anything that might even be "perceived to be exploitive of office of the Presidency." By contrast, his second term looks rapacious. He and members of his family have signed a blitz of foreign mega-deals shadowed by conflicts of interest, and they've launched at least five different cryptocurrency enterprises, all of which leverage Trump's status as President to lure buyers or investors. Ethics watchdogs say that no other President has ever so nakedly exploited his position, or on such a scale. Trump recently explained to the Times why he cast aside his former restraint: "I found out that nobody cared."

Is Trump right about the public's nonchalance? Last summer, I tallied how much money he and his immediate family had made off his high office. My method was conservative. It seemed unfair to begrudge Trump the profits from the many businesses he owned before entering the White House. So I excluded from my calculation pre-existing hotels, condos, and golf courses, along with plausible extensions of those long-standing businesses. Likewise, Trump is hardly the first President to trade access or potential influence for political fund-raising, and he generally cannot spend such money on personal expenses, so I set that aside, too. Lastly, I left out funny-money assets he couldn't readily cash out without setting off a fire sale that would eviscerate their value, such as his shares in the company behind Truth Social, his social-media platform.

Even excluding all that, by August, the Presidential profiteering reached \$3.4 billion. (You can review my judgments in the article, "The Number.") And since then the First Family has kept busy. The end of Trump's first year in office seemed an opportune time for an update. Did the family business slow down or speed up for the Trumps?

#### AMERICAN BITCOIN REDUX

Many investors and consumers understandably distrust cryptocurrency and digital finance. Crypto heists are alarmingly common, and the best-known uses of digital currency are money laundering and casino-like financial speculation. President Trump himself, before his most recent campaign, maintained that Bitcoin "seems like a scam" and that crypto "can facilitate unlawful behavior." But an association with a sitting President can furnish a valuable credibility boost. Think of the premium that investors will pay for U.S. Treasury bonds compared to notes from some little-known bank. That appears, in a nutshell, to be the Trump family's strategy with crypto.

The Trumps' first windfall since my August tally occurred through American Bitcoin, a company that mines new bitcoin with the intent to hoard it. (Under the algorithm that created bitcoin, miners get paid in new tokens for the computer work of tracking digital transactions.) Last spring, Eric and Donald Trump, Jr., contributed their family name—and nothing else of obvious value—to a complicated series of transactions that yielded them approximately a

thirteen-per-cent stake in American Bitcoin. Eric, who is now listed as its co-founder and chief strategy officer, has become the company's public face. If Eric and Donald, Jr.,'s father had lost the 2024 election, surely no one would have handed them such a large stake in a business that they had virtually no experience in and to which they had contributed so little—so their stake should be categorized as Presidential profit. In August, I calculated that the brothers' thirteen-per-cent stake in the company's computer hardware alone added at least thirteen million dollars to the family's profiteering tally.

In September, the company floated shares on the stock market, capitalizing in another way on the cachet of the Trump name. American Bitcoin merged with a penny-stock bitcoin miner as a way of going public without the cost—or scrutiny—of an initial public offering. And the stock market, as expected, has put a far higher price on the company, in part because it owns a stockpile of bitcoin. The brothers' stake now appears to be worth around two hundred million dollars. A caveat: Eric Trump, as a large and active investor in American Bitcoin, must report any sale of shares, and that might trigger a selloff. So it seems excessive to add it all to the Presidential-profit ledger. I will add only the approximate value of Donald Trump, Jr.,'s stake: about a hundred million dollars.

The number in August: \$3.4 billion.  
Additional profit: \$100 million.  
New total: \$3.5 billion.

#### WORLD LIBERTY FINANCIAL, BINANCE, AND PAKISTAN

The Trumps have made even more money since August through World Liberty Financial, a digital-finance startup heavily linked to the family. Its website lists the President as a "co-founder emeritus" and displays his photograph prominently; Eric, Donald, Jr., and Barron Trump are all listed as co-founders. Steven Witkoff, the President's old friend and diplomatic envoy, is also listed as a co-founder emeritus, and his son Zach is C.E.O.

In May, World Liberty began selling a form of crypto known as a stablecoin. Unlike digital currencies such as bitcoin, which rise and fall in price, a stablecoin is supposed to hold a fixed value in dollars. Before July, when President Trump signed the first legislation regulating stablecoin, some of the best-known examples, such as TerraUSD, had turned out to be Ponzi schemes. (In December, a New York court sentenced TerraUSD's co-founder to fifteen years in prison.) But World Liberty promised that its stablecoin, USD1, will always be worth exactly one dollar. Buyers can transfer USD1 to move money or make payments, and any holder can redeem USD1 for dollars. In between, while USD1s are circulating, World Liberty invests the cash that it is holding in U.S. Treasury bonds, in much the same way a savings bank might invest deposits. At current interest rates, World Liberty can expect to earn more than four percent annually on the volume of USD1 in circulation.

Last spring, a company owned by the rulers of the United Arab Emirates bought two billion dollars' worth of USD1. The transaction raised alarms about the appearance of a payoff—because the U.A.E. was simultaneously seeking approval from the Trump Administration to acquire sensitive American artificial-intelligence technology. (President Trump soon granted that approval.) The Emiratis immediately used the stablecoin to invest in Binance, the largest crypto exchange, which has its own interest in influencing Trump. In 2023, Binance's founder, Changpeng Zhao, known as C.Z., pleaded guilty to violating anti-money-laundering laws, served a brief prison sentence, and agreed to stop running the company. At the time of the two-billion-dollar stablecoin payment from the U.A.E., he was petitioning Trump for a pardon. Binance, as the holder of the stablecoin, can determine how long World Liberty continues earning four percent a year on that two billion dollars. In other words, Binance controls how much profit the Trumps will make from the two-billion-dollar stablecoin sale. In October, Trump granted C.Z.'s request for a pardon. (David Wachsmann, a spokesman for World Liberty, told me that Binance cannot "exert control or influence over World Liberty Financial.")

Binance is currently seeking to end federal monitoring that had been imposed when he was convicted for violating anti-money-laundering laws. Now the company is goosing the Trumps' stablecoin profits in another way. On December 11th, Binance dropped its fees for certain crypto trades if they were conducted in USD1. Then, on December 23rd, Binance began paying users of its platform to hold USD1: Binance announced that, for the next month, it would give users a bonus equal to about 1.7 percent on up to fifty thousand dollars' worth of USD1 holdings. If this return rate were annualized, it would yield an eye-popping twenty percent. And, on January 23rd, Binance announced a combination of new giveaways to USD1 holders which roughly extended that offer. Many users leapt at these opportunities. In the months preceding Binance's maneuvers, the total volume of USD1 in circulation had held steady at about two billion dollars. On December 25th, shortly after Binance announced its first giveaway, World Liberty announced that USD1's volume had crossed three billion dollars. It has now climbed to roughly five billion, and most of that expansion appears to have taken place on the Binance platform.

Representatives of Binance and World Liberty both denied any wrongdoing. They told me that Binance and its competitors have often paid holders of other stablecoins in order to attract traders, and that several smaller exchanges also provide benefits to holders of USD1. A Binance spokeswoman said in a statement that the services it provided to World Liberty "are available to other projects on equal terms." A spokesman for World Liberty said that USD1's growth "reflects genuine market adoption." But Molly White, a computer programmer who is a prominent critic of the crypto industry and tracks such offers, told me that crypto exchanges have seldom, if ever, paid stablecoin holders as high a return rate as Binance is providing for USD1, or offered bonus returns on such large quantities. She said that Binance "seems like they are just giving away free money," and that the company's enrichment of the Trumps, through World Liberty, looked like "a very blatant quid pro quo" for the President's pardoning of C.Z. (in response to detailed questions about my reporting for this article, Taylor Rogers, a White House spokeswoman, told me, in an e-mail, that "the failing liberal media is only pushing the same old garbage narratives" and that "President Trump has always put—and will always put—the best interests of the American people first.")

Last spring, the government of Pakistan reportedly enlisted C.Z. as an advisor of the use of crypto. And, on January 14th, Pakistan—which has its own interests in influencing the Trump Administration—signed an agreement to incorporate USD1 into an officially regulated digital-payment system. A spokesman for World Liberty told me that, at the moment, Pakistan is only exploring the potential use of USD1 in handling "international remittances," and that the coun-

try's interest in USD1 "has nothing to do" with its relations with the Trump Administration. Still, it is hard to imagine that, without the imprimatur of the U.S. President, such a novel stablecoin would be embraced so quickly at the highest levels of the Pakistani government. So this deal, too, depends on Trump's Presidency.

Now that World Liberty has seen an increase of three billion dollars in the value of its stablecoin in circulation, it can reasonably expect to earn four percent a year on that extra sum—three hundred and sixty million dollars, if that circulation holds up in the three years Trump has left in office. According to the fine print on World Liberty's website, a company affiliated with the Trumps is entitled to about thirty-eight percent of that interest, which would come out to about a hundred and thirty-six million dollars in additional Presidential profit.

Running total: \$3.5 billion.  
Additional profit: \$136 million.  
New total: \$3.64 billion.

#### FROM APPLIANCE REPAIR TO CRYPTOCURRENCY

The Trumps have also received a windfall from World Liberty through a different form of crypto that it has sold: digital "governance" tokens, which provide buyers a loosely defined right to vote on the company's future. Unlike stablecoin, these tokens carry no promise of redemption for any fixed amount of dollars; you can sell one for a price that rises or falls like a stock. Yet, unlike a stock, these digital tokens do not entitle a buyer to any equity in World Liberty; nor to any share of its profits, raising many questions about why an investor might want to own them—other than for World Liberty's connection to the Trumps. Some purchasers may hope that, if the Trump Administration further loosens security rules, the tokens will eventually become a form of ownership. Others may be seeking to buy influence.

After my August tally, World Liberty found an improbable new taker for its tokens: a company that had gone public, in 1991, as Appliance Recycling Centers of America. In 2019, it made a radical transition into biotechnology, declaring that it would attempt to develop a nonaddictive alternative to opioids. In 2024, it transformed again, adopting the name Alt5 Sigma Corporation and shifting its focus to processing digital payments.

In August, Alt5 Sigma refocused yet again—to buying World Liberty's digital tokens. It agreed to trade the leadership of its board (and a substantial minority of its stock) to World Liberty in exchange for a pile of digital tokens, then said to be worth about seven hundred and fifty million dollars. Zach Witkoff became Alt5 Sigma's chairman, and the company announced that it would appoint Eric Trump as a director.

As part of the same convoluted transaction, the new Alt5 Sigma—cashing in on the Trump name and the broader crypto boom—also sold about seven hundred and fifty million dollars' worth of new shares to outside investors expressly for the purpose of buying even more World Liberty tokens. Alt5 Sigma didn't name the buyers; a securities filing said only that the investors included "a select number of the world's largest institutional investors and prominent crypto venture-capital firms." After this transaction, Alt5 Sigma's stockpile of World Liberty tokens rose to about 7.5 percent of all the tokens in circulation, and its share had a nominal value of about \$1.5 billion. Alt5 Sigma is pitching its stock as an easy way for ordinary investors to indirectly own World Liberty tokens—essentially turning its common stock into a bet on the Trump family's future endeavors in crypto. White, the crypto critic, noted that top executives

of World Liberty were now running a second company whose mission appeared to be buying World Liberty's own governance token. These sales enrich the Trump and Witkoff families. She called the arrangement "a mind-boggling conflict of interest." (Wachsman, the World Liberty spokesman, told me that Alt5 Sigma's original board had independently decided to stockpile the governance token before Witkoff became chairman; Wachsman added that World Liberty's USD1 business "aligns with" Alt5 Sigma's payment processing "roadmap.")

Mr. MCGOVERN. He has made billions since he has been in the White House. I don't know what the hell she is talking about.

Mr. Speaker, I also ask unanimous consent to include in the RECORD an article from Forbes titled: "Here Are Donald Trump's 10 Best Stock Trades of 2026."

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

There was no objection.

[From Forbes, May 28, 2026]

HERE ARE DONALD TRUMP'S 10 BEST STOCK TRADES OF 2026

(By Kyle Khan-Mullins)

Early on in his second term in office, Donald Trump eased his way into a Tesla and delivered a delighted review to the car's manufacturer, his biggest billionaire benefactor, Elon Musk.

"Everything is computer!" Trump exclaimed.

This year, the president has brought that philosophy to his investment portfolio. Trump revealed in a series of filings this month that he made nearly 4,000 trades between January and March. That's 44 per day on average and almost three times more than all of 2025 combined. Total trading volume was between \$200 million and \$700 million.

Unlike his recent Oval Office predecessors—including himself—Trump isn't just buying and selling bonds, broad-based index funds and money markets. Scores of individual publicly traded companies are getting the presidential seal of approval or disapproval, making the commander-in-chief something like a one-man market signal.

Every time one of those companies is added to or subtracted from his portfolio, the questions multiply. Does it do business with the government? Does it need regulatory consideration? Does it want export approvals, tax favors, federal contracts, antitrust restraint, White House praise or a seat at the table?

Forbes analyzed the president's largest stock trades, roughly 240 that were larger than \$250,000. The pattern that emerged is clear: All of his 10 best buys were tech company stocks, boosted by the unregulated AI boom Trump has made a centerpiece of his economic policy.

Everything is, indeed, computer.

Trump's best apparent bet was Dell. The President bought between \$1 million and \$5 million of Dell shares on February 10; the company's stock, buoyed by AI data center deals, is up 142 percent since then. That means that if he bought \$3 million of shares, the middle of his declared range, they'd be worth about \$7.3 million today.

And Trump did not stop there. He bought the company's shares three more times, all smaller amounts, in March, then gave the company an unusually convenient bit of presidential pumping on May 8. "Go out and buy a Dell," he declared from the White House after an event with CEO Michael Dell.

The stock closed 11.5 percent higher that day and is up 31 percent since.

That's not the only plumbing-of-the-AI-economy company Trump has made a killing on. Semiconductor manufacturer AMD is up 136 percent since the president—who last year allowed the company to export advanced chips to China in exchange for a 15 percent cut for the U.S. government—bought between \$500,000 and \$1 million of its shares in February. He invested nine more times after that, but also sold between \$15,000 and \$50,000 in late March, which may have blunted some of his gains.

On January 12, he bought between \$1 million and \$5 million of Texas Instruments, which sells components for AI chips and promised more \$60 billion in investments last year in a press release that included a statement from commerce secretary Howard Lutnick. TI's stock is up more than 60 percent since the president bought in.

Then there's Jabil, which makes AI server hardware and earned plaudits from an official White House account last June for its announcement of its own manufacturing investments in the U.S. It's up 40 percent since the president invested in February.

Democrats have called the trading what it looks like to them: greed and self-dealing. "The President's corruption is a national security disaster," Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren posted after Trump bought Nvidia stock, then brought Nvidia CEO Jensen Huang along with him to China.

Trump's allies deny that, of course. "All of our assets are invested in a blind trust by the largest financial institutions in broad market indexes," Eric Trump replied to Warren on X.

That clearly isn't true. The president owns shares in companies, not just index funds. And the trust that contains his assets is not blind.

Pushback continued nonetheless: "The President doesn't sit at the Oval Office on his computer on a Robinhood account buying and selling stocks," vice president J.D. Vance more plausibly told reporters on May 19. That same day, Eric posted a lawyerly passage claiming that his dad's portfolio was contained in "fully discretionary accounts managed by independent third-party financial institutions" and that "neither President Trump, his family, nor The Trump Organization has any role in selecting, directing, approving, influencing or soliciting specific investments."

In response to a request for comment, White House spokesperson Anna Kelly said "there are no conflicts of interest" and called such questions a "tired narrative." The Trump Organization sent Forbes a statement identical to Eric's post, attributable to a spokesperson.

Federal rules only require the president to declare a range of values on each trade—say, \$500,000 to \$1 million—so it's unclear exactly how much the president made off each transaction. But assuming the median for each trade's range, here are his 10 best stock purchases so far this year, which collectively made the president an estimated \$12.7 million richer.

DONALD TRUMP'S TEN BEST STOCK PURCHASES OF 2026

Values are as of the close of markets on Tuesday, May 26. Figures are rounded.

1. Dell (ticker: DELL)

Purchase: \$1 million to \$5 million on February 10

Stock change since main purchase: +142 percent

Median value gain: \$4.3 million

Trump bought at least \$31,000 in additional shares in March. Michael Dell and his wife Susan donated \$6.25 billion to the U.S. Treas-

ury in December 2025 to fund the creation of "Trump accounts," a new savings vehicle created by Republicans in their tax cuts package, for additional kids under 10 who missed the cutoff for a government contribution.

2. Texas Instruments (TXN)

Purchase: \$1 million to \$5 million on Jan. 12

Stock change since main purchase: +72 percent

Median value gain: \$2.2 million

The president bought smaller amounts of TI shares 12 additional times across three months, totaling at least an additional \$220,000.

3. Jabil (JBL)

Purchase: \$1 million to \$5 million on Feb. 10

Stock change since purchase: +47 percent

Median value gain: \$1.4 million

Based in the president's adopted home state, Jabil earned three additional purchases from the president in March totaling at least \$115,000.

4. Advanced Micro Devices (AMD)

Purchase: \$500,000 to \$1 million on Feb. 10

Stock change since purchase: +136 percent

Median value gain: \$1 million

Trump already owned a small stake in this chipmaker when he took office. He reports selling some of it in January, then buying it all back and then some over the subsequent three months. AMD CEO Lisa Su visited the White House in September to take part in an AI in Education Task Force event, an initiative led by Melania Trump, and was appointed to an AI advisory panel in March.

5. Cadence (CDNS)

Purchase: \$1 million to \$5 million on Mar. 17

Stock change since purchase: 30 percent

Median value gain: \$900,000

In July 2025, this chip software company pleaded guilty to selling software to a Chinese military university in violation of U.S. export controls, paying a fine of \$140 million. Trump owned a small stake when he took office, sold it in January, then rapidly bought it back.

6. Oracle (ORCL)

Purchase: \$1 million to \$5 million on Mar. 17

Stock change since purchase: 25 percent

Median value gain: \$750,000

Trump traded Oracle at least 17 times between January and March, buying and selling tranches ranging from \$1,000 to at least \$1 million in size. His big purchase came roughly a week before he appointed chairman Larry Ellison, one of the world's richest men and a Trump benefactor, to an AI advisory panel on March 25.

7. Synopsys (SNPS)

Purchase: \$1 million to \$5 million on Feb. 10

Stock change since purchase: 22 percent

Median value gain: \$650,000

The president made additional smaller purchases of its stock in January and March. Synopsys has also been caught up in U.S.-China trade tensions—the company's merger with a Chinese engineering firm was reportedly only approved by Chinese regulators last year after the U.S. loosened restrictions on chip sales.

8. Datadog (DDOG)

Purchase: \$500,000 to \$1 million on Mar. 17

Stock change since purchase: 74 percent

Median value gain: \$550,000

This cloud computing company saw nine additional transactions from the president between January and March.

9. Apple (AAPL)

Purchase: \$1 million to \$5 million on Mar. 2

Stock change since purchase: 16 percent  
Median value gain: \$500,000

Apple CEO Tim Cook has pursued a close relationship with the Trump administration, gifting the famously gold-loving president a gilded plaque before securing a tariff exemption for his company. He accompanied Trump to China in May after the president bought and sold millions in Apple stock over the course of three months.

#### 10. Fortinet (FTNT)

Purchase: \$500,000 to \$1 million on Mar. 17  
Stock change since purchase: 61 percent  
Median value gain: \$450,000

The president kicked off the year by selling a big tranche of shares in Fortinet, a cybersecurity company, but by March had bought his stake back and then some. Good move—the stock has soared.

Mr. MCGOVERN. Boy, I wonder what that is all about.

Mr. Speaker, when we talk about fraud and corruption, Donald Trump has pardoned or issued commutations for 21 people convicted of healthcare fraud at the same time that my Republican friends voted for giving tax breaks to billionaires.

Philip Esformes, convicted of a \$1.3 billion Medicare fraud scheme, one of the largest healthcare fraud schemes charged by the Department of Justice, Donald Trump pardoned him.

Judith Negron, convicted of orchestrating \$205 million in terms of a Medicare fraud scheme involving assisted living facilities, she has been pardoned.

Jon Michael Harder, convicted of defrauding people of \$120 million in investments through his senior housing and assisted living facilities, he has been pardoned.

I can go right down the list of all of these people that have been pardoned.

Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to include in the RECORD all of the rich and connected fraudsters that have been pardoned by this President.

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

There was no objection.

#### DONALD TRUMP HAS ISSUED AT LEAST 21 PARDONS AND COMMUTATIONS TO CONVICTED HEALTH CARE FRAUDSTERS

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Jon Michael Harder: convicted of defrauding people of \$120 million in investments through his senior housing and assisted living facilities.

Lawrence S. Duran: pleaded guilty to multiple felonies, including \$87 million in Medicare fraud.

Daniela Gozes-Wagner: conspired to commit \$50 million health care fraud and money laundering.

Paul Behrens, Thaddeus Bereday, Todd Farha, William Kale—former executives of WellCare Health Plans: convicted of defrauding the Florida Medicaid Program.

Salomon Melgen: convicted of 67 counts of health care fraud and related charges relating to Medicare and other health care programs.

John Estin Davis: convicted for his role in filing over \$4.6 million in fraudulent claims to Medicare.

Joseph Schwartz: failed to pay \$38 million in employee withholding taxes for over 100 nursing homes across 11 states.

Paul Walczak: convicted of stealing nursing home employees' tax withholdings and using them for luxury purchases. His pardon application focused on his mother's Trump campaign donations.

Ricky Ivan Kanter: convicted of Medicare fraud for false claims related to diabetic shoe inserts.

Glen Moss: convicted of paying kickbacks in order to obtain referrals for his diagnostic laboratory.

Alfonso Antonio Costa: convicted of health care fraud related to false dental billings.

Duncan Fordham: convicted of one count of health care fraud. Fordham was charged with kicking money back to a former state representative in exchange for a lucrative contract with a mental health center.

Frederick Nahas: plead guilty to obstruction of justice in a health care investigation.

Wesley Scott Harkonen, Jr.: convicted of overstating the benefits of his treatment for idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis (IPF).

Theodore E. Suhl: convicted of bribing state officials to direct Medicaid payments to his "Lord's Ranch" faith-based juvenile behavioral health treatment centers.

Robert Henry Harshbarger Jr.: convicted of buying unapproved kidney drugs from China and selling through his pharmacy as FDA-approved products. Husband of Representative Diana Harshbarger (R-TN-01).

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, this is the most absurdly corrupt and morally bankrupt administration in our history. To hear my Republican friends defend what is happening, to defend the fraud and the corruption that is right out in the open, is pathetic.

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

Mrs. HOUCHIN. Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time and inquire if the gentleman is ready to close.

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I was hoping the gentleman would respond to some of my concerns, or maybe engage in debate, or give me some hope that Republicans actually are upset about what is happening right now with all the corruption and the fraud.

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

Mr. Speaker, may I inquire how much time I have remaining.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Massachusetts has 4½ minutes left.

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, this is not complicated. People are hurting. They are hurting because of Trump's inflation. They are hurting because of Trump's tariffs. They are hurting because of Trump's illegal war. They are hurting because of Trump's failed economic policies that are driving costs up and up and up.

Instead of doing something—anything—to help bring down costs, they are doubling down on the cruelty. They are literally going after pregnant

moms and newborns. Literally, they are taking food out of the mouths of hungry kids.

What kind of mean, rotten, awful people do things like that? I can't believe it. It takes my breath away, Mr. Speaker.

They talk about fraud. They talk about waste. They talk about abuse. What a bunch of baloney.

Why don't they start with the billionaires writing their own tax breaks into the tax code.

Why don't they start with giant corporations ripping people off.

Why don't they start with the sweetheart deals, the no-bid contracts, the tax loopholes, or the people cashing in on the chaos.

Why don't they start with the blanket immunity for Donald Trump and his family with the possibility of tax crimes, insider trading, bribes, kickbacks, contracts for companies that Trump's family maybe invested in or anything else that Federal law enforcement might have a reason to investigate.

No, no. Republicans here in Washington, they go after hungry kids. They demonize poor people. They go after pregnant moms. They go after the families struggling to survive.

Mr. Speaker, this is wrong. It is morally bankrupt, and people see it.

They see Republicans talk about health while cutting nutrition.

They see Republicans talk about the deficit while handing out favors to the rich.

They see the grift, and they are sick of it. They are sick and tired of it.

They see that Democrats actually believe in something different. Maybe my Republican friends think we are radical. I don't think it is radical to believe people should be able to afford a decent life. I don't think it is radical to believe parents should be able to afford formula. I don't think it is radical to believe that no child in America, the richest country in the history of the world, should go hungry.

What I think is radical is that the far right, radical MAGA extremists who run this place can find endless money for wars, for billionaires, and for corporate tax giveaways while they steal from new moms and kids who are struggling to eat.

Mr. Speaker, I don't know what is going on in this Chamber, but where is our humanity? Where is our commitment to helping uplift people who are struggling? I say to my Republican colleagues: Where is your heart?

People are looking to us for help during these very difficult economic times, and what they are getting is all the garbage that my friends are bringing to the floor, stuff that does nothing to improve anybody's life.

You want to talk about fraud and you want to talk about corruption? I just gave you a boatload of facts and figures for you to go after.

Instead, when it comes to the Trump White House: Oh, hands off. We are

going to give him immunity, not only for past activity but for anything he does in the future.

Again, nobody, no citizen gets that kind of treatment. Again, he is the President, not the king, and people in this Chamber have to start recognizing that fact. Nobody in this country, even the President of the United States, is above the law.

Mr. Speaker, I urge a ‘no’ vote on this rule, a ‘no’ vote on the rotten underlying legislation, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mrs. HOUCHIN. Mr. Speaker, I am prepared to close, and I yield myself the balance of my time.

Mr. Speaker, I am really happy that there is at least some agreement in this debate today from my Democrat colleagues on the other side of the aisle. We agree, as it was mentioned today, that pregnant women carry babies. What a momentous day in this Chamber.

Democrats insist on deflecting from these issues, though, the ones we are talking about today, because it is their leadership in Democrat-run States and their lax policies that have led to rampant fraud. It is no wonder that they are trying to deflect from that conversation about the fraud that their policies have allowed to perpetuate.

□ 1320

Mr. Speaker, the measures discussed here today reflect a clear and consistent commitment by House Republicans to restore accountability, improve program integrity, and ensure that taxpayer dollars are used as intended. From agricultural investments that support rural communities to safeguards against fraud in student aid, childcare, and TANF, this package represents practical solutions to ensure that every Federal dollar is accounted for and, again, targeted to meet the need.

Mr. Speaker, I look forward to moving these bills out of the House this week, and I ask my colleagues to join me in voting ‘yes’ on the previous question, and ‘yes’ on the rule.

The material previously referred to by Mr. MCGOVERN is as follows:

AN AMENDMENT TO H. RES. 1333 OFFERED BY MR. MCGOVERN OF MASSACHUSETTS

At the end of the resolution, add the following:

SEC. 9. Immediately upon adoption of this resolution, the House shall proceed to the consideration in the House of the bill (H.R. 8914) to amend section 1304 of title 31, United States Code to restrict payments for compromise settlements or awards. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived. The bill shall be considered as read. All points of order against provisions in the bill are waived. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill and on any amendment thereto to final passage without intervening motion except: (1) one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary or their respective designees; and (2) one motion to recommit.

SEC. 10. Clause 1(c) of rule XIX and clause 8 of rule XX shall not apply to the consideration of H.R. 8914.

SEC. 11. The Clerk shall transmit to the Senate a message that the House has passed H.R. 8914 no later than three calendar days after passage

Mrs. HOUCHIN. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time, and I move the previous question on the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on ordering the previous question.

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

Mr. MCGOVERN. 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 are postponed.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess for a period of less than 15 minutes.

Accordingly (at 1 o'clock and 21 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1330

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. BOST) at 1 o'clock and 30 minutes p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Proceedings will resume on questions previously postponed.

Votes will be taken in the following order:

Motions to suspend the rules and pass:

H.R. 7618; and S. 254;

Ordering the previous question on House Resolution 1333; and

Adoption of House Resolution 1333, if ordered.

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

AMERICAN BATTLEFIELD PROTECTION PROGRAM AMENDMENTS ACT OF 2026

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. 7618) to amend title 54, United States Code, to modify certain cost-sharing requirements for grant programs under the American Battlefield Protection Program, 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 Arkansas (Mr. WESTERMAN) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 404, nays 13, not voting 13, as follows:

[Roll No. 192] YEAS—404

Adams	DeSaulnier	Huizenga
Aderholt	DesJarlais	Hunt
Aguilar	Dexter	Hurd (CO)
Alford	Diaz-Balart	Issa
Allen	Dingell	Ivey
Amo	Doggett	Jack
Amodei (NV)	Donalds	Jackson (IL)
Ansari	Downing	Jackson (TX)
Auchincloss	Dunn (FL)	Jacobs
Babin	Edwards	James
Bacon	Elfreth	Jeffries
Baird	Ellzey	Johnson (GA)
Balderson	Emmer	Johnson (LA)
Balint	Escobar	Johnson (TX)
Barr	Españillat	Jordan
Barragán	Estes	Joyce (OH)
Barrett	Evans (CO)	Joyce (PA)
Baumgartner	Evans (PA)	Kamllager-Dove
Beatty	Ezell	Kaptur
Begich	Fallon	Keating
Bell	Fedorchak	Kelly (IL)
Bentz	Feenstra	Kelly (MS)
Bera	Fields	Kelly (PA)
Bergman	Figures	Kennedy (NY)
Beyer	Fine	Kennedy (UT)
Bice	Finstad	Khanna
Bilirakis	Fischbach	Kiggans (VA)
Bishop	Fitzgerald	Kiley (CA)
Boebert	Fitzpatrick	Kim
Bonamici	Fleischmann	Knott
Bost	Fletcher	Krishnamoorthi
Boyle (PA)	Flood	Kustoff
Bresnahan	Fong	LaHood
Brown	Foster	LaLota
Brownley	Foushee	Landsman
Buchanan	Fox	Langworthy
Budzinski	Frankel, Lois	Larsen (WA)
Burchett	Franklin, Scott	Larson (CT)
Bynum	Friedman	Latimer
Calvert	Frost	Latta
Cammack	Fry	Lawler
Carbajal	Fulcher	Lee (FL)
Carey	Fuller	Lee (NV)
Carson	Garamendi	Lee (PA)
Carter (GA)	Garbarino	Leger Fernandez
Carter (LA)	Garcia (CA)	Letlow
Carter (TX)	Garcia (IL)	Levin
Casar	Garcia (TX)	Liccardo
Case	Gill (TX)	Lieu
Casten	Gillen	Lofgren
Castor (FL)	Gimenez	Loudermilk
Castro (TX)	Golden (ME)	Lucas
Chu	Goldman (NY)	Luna
Ciscomani	Goldman (TX)	Luttrell
Cisneros	Gomez	Lynch
Clark (MA)	Gooden	Mackenzie
Clarke (NY)	Goodlander	Magaziner
Cleaver	Gosar	Malliotakis
Cline	Gottheimer	Maloy
Cloud	Graves	Mann
Clyburn	Gray	Mannion
Clyde	Green, Al (TX)	Mast
Cohen	Griffith	Matsui
Cole	Grijalva	McBath
Collins	Guest	McBride
Comer	Guthrie	McCaul
Conaway	Hageman	McClain
Correa	Hamadeh (AZ)	McClain Delaney
Costa	Harder (CA)	McClellan
Courtney	Haridopolos	McClintock
Craig	Harrigan	McCollum
Crank	Harris (MD)	McCormick
Crenshaw	Harris (NC)	McDonald Rivet
Crockett	Hayes	McDowell
Crow	Hern (OK)	McGarvey
Cuellar	Higgins (LA)	McGovern
Davids (KS)	Hill (AR)	McGuire
Davidson	Himes	McIver
Davis (IL)	Hinson	Meeks
Davis (NC)	Horsford	Mejia
De La Cruz	Houchin	Menefee
Dean (PA)	Houlahan	Menendez
DeGette	Hoyer	Meng
DeLauro	Hoyle (OR)	Messmer
DelBene	Hudson	Meuser
Deluzio	Huffman	Mfume