

Julie served as a director of Viva Performing Arts Studio on Tucson's south side. She created a place where hundreds of children learned folklorico and mariachi, connected with their culture, developed confidence in themselves, and found a sense of belonging. Through her leadership, Viva became a cornerstone of the community and a second home for so many families.

Those who had the privilege of knowing Julie will remember her warmth, compassion, and ability to make everyone feel welcomed, valued, and loved. Julie's legacy lives on in the students she mentored, the people she inspired, and the vibrant cultural traditions she worked hard to preserve and pass on to the next generation.

My thoughts and prayers are with her family, friends, and everyone mourning this tremendous loss. May her memory be a blessing.

Julie's legacy will live on.
"Rest in peace"; "que en paz descansa."

RECOGNIZING JOE SMITH

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

Mr. FLOOD. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to recognize a dedicated public servant, a stalwart of justice in northeast Nebraska, Joe Smith.

Serving Madison County for 42 years, 36 years as the Madison County attorney, Smith has built a legacy defined by unwavering commitment to public safety.

Since joining the office in 1984, he has earned the trust and respect of law enforcement officers, public officials, his colleagues, and citizens across the county and the entire State.

After serving as acting county attorney in 1989, he was elected in 1990 to what was the first of nine full terms in that position. Whether prosecuting cases, mentoring deputy attorneys, or his role serving neighboring Antelope County, Smith's leadership and dedication have strengthened Nebraska's justice system and have benefited countless communities.

I congratulate Joe on a truly remarkable career. While he will be missed in Madison County, we know that his continued work in Antelope County will be appreciated there, as well.

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WAGE INCREASES AND CORPORATE PROFITS

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

Mr. MAGAZINER. Mr. Speaker, we continue to have an economy that is working great for the very rich but not for the average working person in my district or anywhere across the country.

In the first quarter of this year, average wages rose by 0.8 percent. Corporate profits rose by 2.7 percent.

This is not a sustainable trend. We have two economies in this country. You are doing great if you are a billionaire partying at Mar-a-Lago or a hedge fund manager. But for the average working person, this does not work.

What did this Congress do last year? We passed a \$4 trillion tax cut for the rich and big corporations. How about instead we spend some of that money to make healthcare better for the American people or to make education better. How about we focus on lowering costs instead of letting big corporations price gouge people.

This is not working. It is driven by the corruption in this city, and it has to stop.

HONORING LIFE OF DR. DAVID SATCHER

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

Mr. MCCORMICK. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to recognize a remarkable American, a distinguished physician, and a personal mentor: Dr. David Satcher.

Dr. Satcher made history as the first Black Surgeon General of the United States, dedicating his life to improving the health and well-being of all Americans. His leadership in public health, medical education, and healthcare access has left an enduring mark on our entire Nation.

I had the privilege of learning from Dr. Satcher at Morehouse School of Medicine, an institution founded to expand opportunities in medicine for underserved communities and to train the next generation of healthcare leaders.

As a student, I witnessed firsthand his commitment to excellence, compassion, and service. He inspired countless physicians, including myself, to see medicine not just as a profession but as a calling.

I ask my colleagues to join me today in honoring his extraordinary legacy and offering our prayers and our best wishes to him and his entire family.

The impact of Dr. David Satcher's life will be felt for generations to come. I am grateful for the example he set for me, for the medical community, and for our entire country.

SOUND OF A HARRIER

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

Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, for generations, the sound of a Harrier over eastern North Carolina meant one thing: Marines were ready.

As Marine Attack Squadron 223, the Bulldogs, completed a Harrier sundown ceremony, the final operational flight of the AV-8B Harrier II, at Cherry

Point on June 3, we honor decades of service, sacrifice, and excellence.

The aircraft made history, but the marines behind it built the legacy. To every Bulldog who wore the patch, turned a wrench, launched a mission, or brought a Harrier safely home, I thank them. Their service is forever part of Cherry Point, eastern North Carolina, and Marine Corps history.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Warner, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed bills of the following titles in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 645. An act to award a Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the individuals and communities who volunteered or donated items to the North Platte Canteen in North Platte, Nebraska, during World War II from December 25, 1941, to April 1, 1946.

S. 1157. An act to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to conduct a review to evaluate the status of research on lung cancer in women and underserved population, and for other purposes.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 8312, FRAUD PREVENTION AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT; PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 8464, STOPPING FRAUDULENT PAYMENTS ACT; PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 1335, CONDEMNING ACTORS SEEKING TO DEFRAUD THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT, AND EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES THAT GOVERNMENTWIDE FRAUD AND IMPROPER PAYMENT PREVENTION REFORMS WILL MEANINGFULLY IMPROVE THE FINANCIAL PROSPERITY OF THE UNITED STATES, AND THAT FEDERAL PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY SHOULD BE VERIFIED BEFORE PAYMENT; AND PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF S. 2, SECURE AMERICA ACT

Mr. LANGWORTHY. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 1345 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 1345

Resolved, That upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to consider in the House the bill (H.R. 8312) to establish fraud prevention and program integrity functions and data sharing authorities within the Department of Treasury and a permanent governmentwide Inspector General for Fraud, Accountability, and Recovery, 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 Oversight and Government Reform 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 Oversight and Government Reform or their respective designees; and (2) one motion to recommit.

SEC. 2. Upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to consider in the House the bill (H.R. 8464) to amend title 31, United States Code, to authorize pausing and segmenting payments, 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 Oversight and Government Reform 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 Oversight and Government Reform or their respective designees; and (2) one motion to recommit.

SEC. 3. Upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order without intervention of any point of order to consider in the House the resolution (H. Res. 1335) condemning actors seeking to defraud the United States Government, and expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that governmentwide fraud and improper payment prevention reforms will meaningfully improve the financial prosperity of the United States, and that Federal program eligibility should be verified before payment. The resolution shall be considered as read. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the resolution and preamble to adoption without intervening motion or demand for division of the question except one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform or their respective designees.

SEC. 4. Upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to consider in the House the bill (S. 2) to provide for reconciliation pursuant to title II of S. Con. Res. 33. 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 Budget or their respective designees; and (2) one motion to commit.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from New York is recognized for 1 hour.

Mr. LANGWORTHY. Mr. Speaker, for the purpose of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Ms. SCANLON), 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

Mr. LANGWORTHY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. LANGWORTHY. Mr. Speaker, House Resolution 1345 provides consideration for four measures. The rule provides for consideration of H.R. 8312, H.R. 8464, and H. Res. 1335 under closed rules, with 1 hour of debate each equally divided and controlled by the chair and the ranking minority member of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, or their designees, and provides one motion to recommit for H.R. 8312 and H.R. 8464.

The rule also provides for consideration of S. 2 under a closed rule, with 1 hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Budget, or their designees, and provides for one motion to commit.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of this rule and in support of the underlying legislation.

The rule before us provides for consideration of four measures that address two of the Federal Government's most fundamental responsibilities: Safeguarding taxpayer dollars and protecting the American people.

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At a time when Americans are demanding greater accountability from Washington, these measures represent commonsense steps to ensure that government is carrying out the basic responsibilities that taxpayers expect it to perform.

Mr. Speaker, every year, Washington loses hundreds of billions of dollars, taxpayer dollars, to fraud, improper payments, and abuse. Every year, Americans are told the same exact thing: Nothing can be done about it. Well, if you don't try, nothing can be done about it.

Taxpayer dollars go out the door, fraudsters cash the checks, government bureaucrats write reports about what happens after the fact, and taxpayers are left holding the bill.

Americans are, frankly, tired of it. They are tired of watching Washington lose track of billions of dollars while hardworking families are expected to just pay the tab and not worry about it.

Nowhere has this failure been more visible than in the State of Minnesota. Americans watched as massive fraud schemes ripped off taxpayers and exposed just how vulnerable government programs become when oversight disappears and accountability takes a back seat.

The lesson should be obvious: When government fails to verify eligibility, fraudsters take advantage. Republicans believe that taxpayers deserve better than that.

Mr. Speaker, the rule provides for consideration of H.R. 8464, the Stopping Fraudulent Payments Act. The idea behind the legislation is very simple. If government officials identify warning signs that a payment may be fraudulent, why should taxpayers be forced to send that money out the door anyway? Why?

No family should knowingly write a check to someone they believe may be trying to scam them, yet that is effectively what Washington has allowed to happen time and again for years.

H.R. 8464 helps put an end to that government mentality. Instead of waiting for taxpayer dollars to disappear, and then attempting to chase them down after the fact, this bill focuses on preventing fraud before it occurs. It allows agencies to pause, segment, or stop payments that present elevated fraud risks before taxpayer dollars are lost. That is simple common sense.

The Federal Government should not knowingly send money to fraudsters and hope everything works out on the back end.

Mr. Speaker, the rule also provides for consideration of H.R. 8312, the Fraud Prevention and Accountability Act. The COVID pandemic exposed serious weaknesses in the Federal Government's ability to protect taxpayer dollars. In the rush to move money out the door, fraudsters saw a cash register. Billions of taxpayer dollars were stolen. Criminals exploited gaps in oversight, and Americans were left wondering how can so much money disappear with so little level of accountability.

H.R. 8312 helps ensure that the Federal Government never again starts from scratch when confronting large-scale fraud. The bill establishes a permanent, governmentwide antifraud capability, preserves the successful oversight tools developed in response to taxpayer spending and scamming, and strengthens the ability for inspectors general and watchdogs to identify fraud before billions more taxpayer dollars disappear.

Fraudsters are constantly adapting, and government oversight should not remain stuck in the distant past. This legislation ensures future administrations have the tools necessary to protect taxpayers when the next emergency inevitably arrives.

Mr. Speaker, the rule also provides for consideration of H. Res. 1335. At its core, this resolution recognizes a simple truth: Fraud is not a victimless crime. It says fraud should be condemned. It says Congress should stand on the side of the taxpayers rather than fraudsters trying to exploit the system.

Taken together, these measures represent a clear change in approach by government. Instead of chasing taxpayer dollars after they disappear, Republicans are focused on preventing fraud before it happens. Instead of looking the other way when billions of dollars are lost and stolen, Republicans are demanding accountability.

Mr. Speaker, whether it is protecting taxpayer dollars from fraud or protecting communities from criminals, cartels, traffickers, and dangerous narcotics, the principle is exactly the same: Government has a responsibility to do the job that the American people expect it to do.

That brings me to the importance of fully funding Customs and Border Protection and immigration enforcement. Mr. Speaker, the rule also provides for consideration of S. 2, the Secure America Act. One of the most significant success stories in the last year-and-a-half has been the dramatic improvement in security at our southern border.

The border crisis that President Trump inherited was not by accident. It was the direct result of deliberate—deliberate—policy decisions made by the Biden administration. For 4 years, Americans watched the cameras at the southern border as the Federal Government abandoned proven enforcement policies, weakened deterrence, and expanded catch and release practices and allowed millions and millions of illegal immigrants to enter the country. It was nothing short of an invasion.

Human traffickers profited, and fentanyl flowed into our communities across the country. Border Patrol agents were forced to process migrants instead of securing our border. The result was one of the worst border crises in our Nation's history.

Under President Trump, we have reversed the course. It started instantly. The border was closed. Since taking office, illegal crossings have fallen dramatically. Border encounters have plummeted, and law enforcement officers have once again been empowered to enforce the laws already on the books. No new laws have been passed. We are enforcing the laws on the books.

The results speak for themselves. In April, southern border apprehensions were 94 percent lower than the monthly average experienced under the Biden administration. At the same time, CBP has seized significantly more dangerous narcotics attempting to enter our country, helping keep deadly drugs out of our backyards, our American communities.

Those improvements did not happen by accident. They are the result of stronger enforcement, better policies, and President Trump's commitment to restoring the rule of law at our border.

However, success doesn't mean the mission is complete. The cartels, they haven't disappeared. Human traffickers have not disappeared. Criminal smuggling networks continue to operate every single day. That is why the funding provided in this legislation remains necessary.

Mr. Speaker, Customs and Border Protection serves as one of the most important first lines of defense for our Nation and for our homeland security. Whether securing our borders, facilitating lawful trade and travel, or stopping dangerous narcotics before they reach American communities, CBP plays a critical role in both our national security and our economy.

I represent a district in western New York that shares a border with Canada. In my district, the border plays a part of everyday life. It supports jobs, com-

merce, tourism, agriculture, and cross-border trade through western New York and the southern tier.

In districts like mine, border security and economic security go hand in hand. The same officers helping lawful travelers and commerce move efficiently through our ports of entry are also stopping dangerous narcotics, criminal activity, and other threats before they reach our communities.

If we expect CBP to continue delivering results that we have seen over the last year and a half, Congress must ensure the agency has the support necessary to sustain those efforts.

Mr. Speaker, the legislation also provides critical funding for Immigration and Customs Enforcement. Too often, people hear the name ICE and think only about immigration enforcement, but ICE's mission extends far beyond that. Every day, ICE agents combat human trafficking. They investigate gang activity. They dismantle narcotics trafficking organizations. They protect children from exploitation. They also work alongside State and local law enforcement to keep dangerous individuals off of our streets.

Much of this work happens outside of the spotlight, but it directly impacts Americans every single day. My district recently saw an example, a clear example of why this work matters. Just last week, a violent stabbing occurred in Cattaraugus County involving an illegal immigrant. Thanks to cooperation between the Cattaraugus County Sheriff's Office and ICE personnel in Buffalo, law enforcement uncovered additional violations and ultimately took a dangerous individual into Federal custody.

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Keeping communities safe requires cooperation between local, State, and Federal law enforcement. Criminal organizations do not care about county lines, State lines, or international borders. Law enforcement must be able to coordinate, share information, and work together to ensure that dangerous individuals do not fall through the cracks.

Mr. Speaker, whether it is protecting taxpayer dollars from fraud or protecting communities from dangerous criminals, traffickers, cartels, and drug smugglers, Americans expect government to carry out its most basic responsibilities.

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

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

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong opposition to this rule and to the underlying bills.

At its core, this Republican reconciliation budget bill is a statement about priorities, and the priorities reflected in this bill could not be more out of step with the needs and values of the American people.

Families across this country are struggling to afford housing, groceries, childcare, and healthcare. Americans are dealing with rising costs, economic uncertainty, and the consequences of another unending war in the Middle East.

Americans were promised lower prices and stability, but instead, they are watching gas prices climb back up to \$5 a gallon while inflation continues to rise and squeeze household budgets.

Against that backdrop, Republicans have decided that what the country really needs is to spend another \$70 billion on ICE and Border Patrol. This is on top of the roughly \$140 billion Republicans already provided to those agencies last year, much of which remains unspent.

Taken together, Republicans are proposing to spend nearly a quarter trillion dollars, all deficit spending, to expand detention camps, fund mass deportation, increase surveillance, and accelerate an immigration crackdown that has already caused enormous harm across our country.

Republicans are doing this while simultaneously claiming that America cannot afford investments in schools, housing, nutrition assistance, or healthcare.

Let's be honest about what this reconciliation bill represents. Republicans spent years pretending to be deeply concerned about deficits and debt, claiming to be the party of fiscal responsibility. They have attacked virtually every Democratic proposal to help working Americans and families, saying that those measures are fiscally irresponsible, but they have used their control of Congress and the White House to add trillions with a t, trillions of dollars, to the debt by giving tax cuts to their wealthy friends and corporate donors.

Now, Republicans are adding hundreds of billions more in debt to put more masked and armed ICE agents on our streets and to build out a nationwide network of corporate detention camps. Apparently, deficits only matter when tax dollars are used to help everyday Americans instead of Trump's billionaire buddies.

Mr. Speaker, it is also telling that Republicans are using a completely partisan process to ram through this S. 2 legislation. Once again, they are using the partisan reconciliation process to pass a budget because they have refused to negotiate through the normal appropriations process. Specifically, they have refused to enact any reforms to address the lawless behavior of ICE and Customs and Border Protection under the Trump administration.

Democrats proposed bipartisan funding solutions for DHS. We proposed reforms, accountability measures, and guardrails after repeated abuses by ICE and CBP resulted in chaos and death on American streets. We asked for basic transparency and oversight after the killings by Federal agents of Renee Good and Alex Pretti, American citizens. We asked that ICE and CBP be

held to the same standards as every other responsible law enforcement agency in this country.

Republicans said no. They said no to everything. There is not a single provision in this bill to rein in these rogue agents at DHS.

The Senate rejected amendment after amendment that would have imposed even minimal constraints on these agencies. The House bypassed committee consideration altogether. Why? It is because Republicans know the American people do not support the chaos that this administration is inflicting.

They know Americans don't want masked and armed Federal agents ram-paging through their neighborhoods, at their kids' schools and soccer games, and in shopping malls and workplaces.

They know Americans are alarmed when lawful residents, law-abiding community members, and even citizens, are roughed up or detained by ICE.

They know people are questioning why the Federal Government is building expensive detention camps across the country, capable of imprisoning tens of thousands of people, while Americans can't find housing and their kids don't get enough to eat.

The reports of what is happening in those detention camps are increasingly horrifying. In the past year, there have been unprecedented numbers of deaths and suicides; reports of inedible and inadequate food; hunger strikes; lack of medical care leading to serious injury and death; and children, babies, suffering extreme mental and physical illness.

Republicans know that Americans are increasingly recognizing that this administration is not arresting and deporting these so-called worst of the worst. Instead, it is using immigration enforcement as a political weapon to distract and scare people so they don't see how this administration is selling our future to the highest corporate bidders.

This bill isn't just about funding levels. It is about whether our Republican colleagues are willing to place any limits, any limits whatsoever, on immigration agencies that, under this administration, have repeatedly demonstrated contempt for our Constitution, for basic American values like fairness and decency, and for the dignity and humanity of immigrants, even those who are in this country legally.

The administration's record here should concern every American regardless of party. We have seen our government target protesters and political opponents. We have seen our government spy on citizens opposing its unlawful tactics.

We have seen people with no criminal record deported to dangerous countries that they have never lived in, based on hearsay or lies.

We have seen the expansion of child and family detention, despite decades of evidence that it permanently injures children.

We have seen Americans exercising their First Amendment rights to object to these cruel and unlawful policies. We have seen them be falsely labeled as domestic terrorists.

We have seen government agents invade our homes and arrest citizens with no warrants.

Of course, we have seen those agents detain and even kill American citizens with no due process in the most grotesque violation of our fundamental liberties and rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

Congressional Republicans appear okay with this chaos, so today, they plan to give ICE another \$70 billion to supercharge these abuses without making any reforms to the agencies that have inflicted them.

Paired with this awful reconciliation bill is a package of so-called anti-fraud bills. For the last 1½ years, Republicans have lectured the country about waste, fraud, and abuse while doing nothing to address the real fraud that plagues government programs and turning a blind eye to blatant corruption coming from this White House, or whatever is left of it.

Even if we only look at DHS, ICE, and CBP, the scale of fraud and abuse is staggering and should require close examination by Congress before dumping another \$70 billion on those agencies. Of the \$140 billion given to ICE and CBP last year in the big, ugly bill, over \$100 billion remains unspent. We are supposed to believe that it is a good use of taxpayer dollars to give these agencies another \$70 billion when they already have more money than most standing armies in other countries and more than they apparently can responsibly use.

At a minimum, Congress needs to look at where that money is going. That is because, as the gentleman from New York suggested, when the government spends that amount of money, the fraudsters take note.

The scale of money involved in this legislation and last summer in the big, ugly bill is staggering. A great deal of it already has and will, inevitably, flow to politically connected contractors and private prison corporations that have spent years cultivating influence within the Republican Party.

Perhaps that is why our Republican colleagues have no interest in oversight of the beneficiaries of their quarter-trillion-dollar spending spree. Companies like GEO Group and CoreCivic, both major donors to Trump's Presidential campaign and congressional Republicans, have received multibillion-dollar no-bid contracts to operate ICE detention facilities, building a massive private prison camp system across our Nation.

GEO alone has reported an 800-percent increase in its profits. Just last week, a watchdog group reported that GEO had made a quarter-million-dollar dark money contribution to a super-PAC aligned with Judiciary Chair JIM JORDAN, one of the bill's biggest boosters.

In addition, DHS has purchased dozens of warehouses to be used as detention camps, with the government paying grossly inflated prices, in some cases, several times over the assessed market value of the property by hundreds of millions of dollars, and paying this to investors with direct financial ties to the President and his administration.

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Furthermore, most of those facilities were not designed to house people, leading to additional taxpayer costs to renovate them and imposing massive burdens on local infrastructure, governments, and services.

Former DHS Secretary Kristi Noem and her special adviser, Corey Lewandowski, awarded hundreds of millions of dollars to their friends and associates through costly contracts, including a \$200 million ad campaign funneled to their friends, tens of thousands of dollars spent on hairstylists and makeup, \$20,000 to rent a horse, and hundreds of millions of dollars spent on multiple luxury jets.

While we agree with our Republican colleagues that we should all be concerned about and investigate fraudulent government spending, we wonder whether they will ever acknowledge that fraud and corruption are the defining features of the Trump administration and whether they are going to leave Americans holding the bill.

This administration has increasingly erased the line between public policy and political patronage. Americans see it in the contracting process. They see it in Trump's pardons to donors and allies, including corporate criminals who stole taxpayer dollars and seniors' investment funds. They see it in the President's proposed slush fund to give himself and the election deniers and rioters who attacked this Capitol on January 6 \$1.8 billion. He wants to give \$1.8 billion to cop-beaters and conspiracists, Proud Boys, pedophiles, insurrectionists, election deniers, and even the MyPillow guy.

Republicans may argue that Trump has backed off this plan, but we know this is a charade. Once this reconciliation bill passes, I guarantee you the President will revive his fund. Just 2 days ago, the President doubled down on his support for his slush fund. You would be naive to think it is dead.

Mr. Speaker, the White House and congressional Republicans are openly using government power to punish and divide people and to enrich themselves and their friends. Republicans have shown no real interest in solving the problems facing Americans at their kitchen tables and in the real world or in combating fraud, waste, and abuse by the most corrupt administration in our Nation's history.

People want affordable housing. They want stable jobs and good wages. They want functioning schools and safe communities. They want competent government and a basic sense that their

elected officials are trying to improve their lives, not pad their own pockets.

The scale of spending here can't be ignored. It is nearly a quarter trillion dollars. That amount of money could transform entire sectors of American life if it were directed toward public needs instead of ideological crusades.

Congress could dramatically expand affordable housing. We could stabilize struggling hospitals and community health centers. We could strengthen public schools, modernize infrastructure, reduce child poverty, provide affordable childcare, or lower healthcare costs for millions of Americans. We could even reduce the deficit that our Republican colleagues claim to care so deeply about.

At some point, Americans are entitled to ask a very simple question: When does this administration actually start improving people's lives?

Mr. Speaker, the country deserves better than this. We deserve leadership focused on solving problems instead of manufacturing fear and diverting taxpayer dollars. We deserve a Congress that lowers costs instead of inflaming divisions. We deserve immigration policies rooted in law, accountability, and humanity, not political theater and authoritarian tactics. We deserve fiscal responsibility. This reconciliation bill fails every one of those tests.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to reject this rule, reject this reconciliation bill, and reject this dangerous vision for our country.

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

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

Mr. Speaker, the gentlewoman fails to recognize the reason that we have to advance this funding. It is because their party time and again has obstructed and shut down our government instead of paying the employees of this government, all in the name of their politics. It is their last gasp in attempting to take us back to the era of a borderless country where we didn't defend our country from invasion. They did this.

When are we going to help improve Americans' lives? Well, I have to ask: How about the parents of Laken Riley who don't have a daughter because she was stolen. Her life was extinguished by an illegal immigrant that came here and killed her.

This is what this funding is here to do, to protect Americans. We need to advance multiple years of funding so that those employees actually get paid and they don't get held hostage in the political games of the Democratic Party.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. SCHWEIKERT), my distinguished colleague.

Mr. SCHWEIKERT. Mr. Speaker, I first came up here to talk about three of the bills, which were in waste and fraud, but I will make a simple point being from a border State.

The chaos that was allowed to happen in my State and other border States for functionally 4 years, millions and millions and millions and millions, you didn't think there was ever going to be a societal cost, a government cost?

We have done entire presentations here on data from the Joint Economic Committee. Take a look at the Social Security actuary report of the suppression of working people's wages because of the importation of low-skill populations.

If you care about people and economics and wage growth, take some responsibility for the chaos you brought to my State and so much of this country.

Mr. Speaker, we are on a battle right now trying to explain the term so many of us all use, which is "waste and fraud." We have got three bills on this. It is wonderful. Now, we need to actually add some of the definitions and the mechanics of how we are going to take it on.

Those of us on the Joint Economic Committee have been producing some reports that basically say that we have access to technology today so that the fraudulent checks never ever go out the door.

I will argue that the model we use today is perverse. Pay someone and then let's hire lots of auditors, lots of lawyers, lots of law enforcement, and let's chase it down. How often does someone ever go to prison? How often do we ever get any of the money back?

Mr. Speaker, my first request is, as we move forward on this agenda of taking on waste and fraud—this shouldn't be partisan, but it is technology. We need to take that on.

The second thing—and this one I have an absolute passion for because it is a level of immorality that the criminals are producing all over the world. There are headlines and stories. Have you read the stories of basically the enslavement of thousands of people in these scam farms where they are basically locked up and their job is to scam the elderly in the United States, to scam working people all over the Western world? This is an article from just a couple days ago. We have the technology.

Mr. Speaker, the Joint Economic Committee, Republican and Democrat, sent a letter to the big telephone companies, the ISP providers, saying: Moving forward, are you providing us with the technology that would stop the scam farms from being able to call grandma and do the evil of stealing billions and billions and billions? This is a bipartisan approach, and it exists.

If you have actually seen some of the videos of the misery these fraudsters and these criminal organizations are doing to people, being collected off the streets all over the South Pacific region and being locked up in scam farms in Cambodia—

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The time of the gentleman has expired.

Mr. LANGWORTHY. Mr. Speaker, I yield an additional 30 seconds to the gentleman from Arizona.

Mr. SCHWEIKERT. I am trying to talk fast. I had a lot of coffee.

This is the hardest part here. When we say waste and fraud, the waste is often the way we have designed programs where the rent seekers, whether it be in Medicare Advantage, whether it be in Medicare, whether it be the stories of the hospice fraud of New York where the visitation is actually the fastest growing job production in New York City over the last 5 years.

We are going to have to also take on pieces of legislation that we have passed and stop the scammers from scamming us on that.

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

Mr. Speaker, I am so glad that my colleague from Arizona brought up the impact of immigration on our Social Security system. The fact that immigrants pay into our Social Security system but are not eligible to take benefits out has actually acted to extend the life of that system and is a very important component of keeping that system working, in addition to all the benefits that immigrants bring to our country.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentlewoman from California (Ms. SIMON).

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Ms. SIMON. Mr. Speaker, I thank Ranking Member MCGOVERN and Ms. SCANLON for the time.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong opposition to the rule and to the dangerous Republican reconciliation bill.

One of my colleagues just talked about taking us back. One of the things that I think folks can agree with all over this country is that the Republican Party is, indeed, taking us back to a Jim Crow America and to a space where sworn officers are taking folks off the streets who are American citizens and detaining them without due process.

The majority wants an egregious \$40 billion more for the Trump immigration enforcement machine.

Let's not forget how we got here. People have been murdered, and communities have been traumatized. The priorities are clear. Instead of demanding accountability for the murder of two American citizens in Minnesota, Republicans are rushing to hand these agencies a blank check. Instead of working across the aisle to govern responsibly, my colleagues are pushing through billions of dollars to unaccountable agencies while cutting access to your healthcare. Instead of addressing affordability and investing in the well-being of our families, our children—

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The time of the gentlewoman has expired.

Ms. SCANLON. Mr. Speaker, I yield an additional 30 seconds to the gentlewoman from California.

Ms. SIMON. Republicans would rather separate these families. Instead of investing in and revitalizing communities, Republicans would rather invest in racist lawlessness.

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

Mr. HARIDOPOLOS. Mr. Speaker, Laken Riley, 22 years old; Jocelyn Nungaray, 12 years old; Rachel Morin, a mom of five—all preventable tragedies.

Every person in this room knows the pain when you lose a son or daughter, and that is what we are talking about today. The most fundamental responsibility of a government is to protect life and property.

For 4 years, too many bad people were allowed to enter this country illegally. We are having a great struggle today rounding up rapists and murderers who committed crimes against these innocent Americans. That is not to mention human trafficking. That is not the right word. The word is sexual slavery. These are what these animals were doing who are transporting young boys and girls across the border.

Since January, when we had a deal, by the way, with the Democrats to fund this, they have played politics with people's lives.

The fundamental of every society is trust. Where fraud is permitted to flourish, that foundation will crumble. That is where we are at right now. To put a dollar amount on a person's life, I find it unacceptable.

I keep hearing these allusions to how things were better a few years ago. I serve on the Financial Services Committee. I asked the chairman of the Fed Board, who the other side of the aisle champions every day. I asked him a simple question. It is all on the record. Why do we have such inflation, meaning higher gas, rent, and food prices? He said it: The government spent too much money.

Now, we have to spend more money because, for 4 years, the other side was derelict in their responsibility to actually defend the border and allow these animals who committed the crimes against the individuals I speak of today to come into this country.

When they didn't allow local law enforcement, because 40 percent of the country is surrounded by sanctuary cities, we brought in ICE agents because they wouldn't do their job.

Mr. Speaker, I am here to stand up for Laken Riley, Jocelyn Nungaray, and Rachel Morin. I am glad we are finally passing legislation to secure our border.

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

Mr. Speaker, Renee Good, Alex Pretti, and Ruben Ray Martinez are all American citizens killed by Federal agents in our names, and our colleagues are unwilling to stand up and do anything to prevent that kind of senseless death in the future.

Instead, they try to get sympathy, which naturally should be provided to

anyone who has suffered a family member's loss, but they can't lecture us that this is about human trafficking when DHS and the Department of Justice have pulled the resources from human and drug trafficking prevention and corporate crime prosecution. They have pulled those resources to direct them toward their massive deportation and detention effort. Eighty percent of the people they are detaining have no criminal records. It is all distract and divide.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentlewoman from Texas (Mrs. FLETCHER).

Mrs. FLETCHER. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to this rule and the underlying bill. This rule reflects the utter failure of this Congress to do its job, to listen to the voices of the people of the United States, and to bring them to this Chamber to address their concerns and needs.

For months, people who live in my district have been calling my office every day, deeply concerned about the actions of ICE and CBP. They are calling for reforms, accountability, and the United States Congress to recognize the American citizens who have been killed at the hands of ICE and CBP agents this year, and the thousands and thousands of families living in this country whose lives have been torn apart and are living in fear because of the immigration policies and practices, the lawlessness, of this administration.

None of that has happened here. Instead, this Congress has willfully refused to even discuss those calls to action on this floor or anywhere else debates are supposed to take place.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The time of the gentlewoman has expired.

Ms. SCANLON. Mr. Speaker, I yield an additional 15 seconds to the gentlewoman from Texas.

Mrs. FLETCHER. Through this bill and others like it, this Congress has increased ICE and CBP's authority and decreased their accountability to the Congress and to the citizens of this country.

Mr. Speaker, for these reasons, I am voting "no," and I urge all Members who believe that the people should have a say here to do the same.

Mr. LANGWORTHY. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Iowa (Mr. NUNN).

Mr. NUNN of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I am one of the last Members of Congress still serving in the Reserves, as a colonel in the U.S. Air Force. I have spent the last two decades serving in the intelligence community and the national security community.

It doesn't take an intel expert to let us all know what we see before us. This bill is important for the safety of our country.

It does one simple thing: It funds the men and women who defend our country and help secure our border. That is it: clean funding for the agencies that stop fentanyl, clean funding for those who check the ports, clean funding for

those who help immigration claims, and clean funding for those who remove criminals from our communities.

For months, my colleagues on the other side of the aisle have refused to join us in funding law enforcement. Those officers who are keeping our Nation safe and who are keeping our mothers, daughters, and children from being killed, what we have seen too tragically here in the last 4 years.

Now, we are ready to pass a clean bill, but my friends are lining up on that side to say no. That tells you the objectives were never about the details. They were about our mission: border apprehensions are down 94 percent; 12 consecutive months of zero releases at the border, the securest border in America's history; over 100 million lethal doses of fentanyl seized this year. It is the number one killer of kids my children's age up to my age, and we are stopping it.

Let's move forward. The other side is lined up against these policies, and these policies are delivering results. Let us fund law enforcement on the frontline.

It is the same story on the other side, on fraud. The nonpartisan Government Accountability Office estimates that the Federal Government loses up to \$500 billion a year to fraud. That is money being bled out of the country that hurts America's families.

I encourage everyone watching to pay close attention to those who vote to close loopholes like we are doing and stop the bleed out of tax dollars, and those who are voting for the status quo of fraudsters taking your hard-earned dollars.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to listen to the American people and pass the Secure America Act.

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

Mr. Speaker, I am so glad to hear my colleague from Iowa express support for the safety of our law enforcement officers, and I would like to offer him and the whole caucus the opportunity to live up to that sentiment.

Mr. Speaker, if we defeat the previous question, I will offer an amendment to allow the House to take an up-or-down vote on an amendment to S. 2 authored by Ranking Member RASKIN, which would prohibit anyone who was convicted of or pleaded guilty to assaulting a law enforcement officer on January 6, 2021, from receiving a settlement payment from the Department of Justice.

This taxpayer-funded slush fund to compensate insurrectionists and Trump allies is a disgrace. Even though the DOJ has paused this effort, the President on Sunday said he loves the idea and doesn't know what is going to happen to it. Since my Republican colleagues seem unwilling to kill this slush fund outright, maybe they will at least accept some restrictions on who can get legal settlement money from

the Federal Government and from taxpayers.

This next vote is very simple. Democrats want to vote to enshrine the following language into law: “The Department of Justice may not use taxpayer funds to make settlement payments to individuals convicted of or who pled guilty to assaulting law enforcement officers at or around the United States Capitol on January 6, 2021.”

These individuals beat and injured dozens of law enforcement officers with bats, bike racks, fire extinguishers, and flag poles on January 6. They should not receive taxpayer-funded payouts.

If there are just a few Republicans who agree and are willing to join us in defeating the previous question, we could fix this right now.

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. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Pennsylvania?

There was no objection.

Ms. SCANLON. Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. MCGOVERN), the ranking member of the Committee on Rules, to discuss our proposal.

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, we have given Republicans several chances to defeat the previous question so we can kill Trump’s insurrectionist slush fund. They have refused time and time again. We are giving them another chance. Let’s defeat the previous question so we can consider Ranking Member RASKIN’s amendment to prevent taxpayer dollars from being used as a payout for anyone who assaulted a police officer on January 6.

Trump wants to turn convicted cop beaters into MAGA millionaires. It is disgusting. These aren’t people who supposedly got caught up in the crowd and somehow found themselves in the Capitol. They are people who assaulted police officers, seriously injuring many of them. They pled guilty or were convicted. Donald Trump not only pardoned them, but now he wants to give them your taxpayer money, America.

This is just the tip of the iceberg when it comes to corruption coming out of this administration: a super pardon for Trump and his family, bribes to pardon well-connected fraudsters, crypto schemes, pump-and-dump stock purchases, weaponizing the Department of Justice to go after his political opponents and a sexual assault survivor, handing out massive contracts to his wealthy friends, appointing unqualified lackeys to important National Security and Department of Justice jobs, and the list goes on and on and on.

Mr. Speaker, I am ashamed at what Republicans have done to this House of Representatives. We are not debating issues on affordability. We are not debating lowering gas prices, controlling

healthcare costs, or anything that matters to people. Instead, they have turned the Committee on Rules into the Protect Donald Trump Committee.

Last night in the Committee on Rules, I offered three amendments to go after this slush fund, \$1.8 billion. I offered three amendments, and every single Republican, including the gentleman from New York, voted “no.” They voted “no” to allow us on the House floor to have a debate and to vote on this matter.

This is a pattern that Republicans have. Remember the Epstein files? Do you know how we ended up getting a vote on the Epstein files? It wasn’t because Republicans wanted one. Democrats offered a gazillion amendments in the Committee on Rules to bring a bill to the floor to release the Epstein files, and the gentleman from New York and every Republican on the Committee on Rules voted “no.”

It wasn’t until we had a discharge petition and we forced a vote that all the sudden Republicans saw the light, and they came down here, and they voted with us. It wasn’t until we had a supermajority where the President couldn’t veto it that the President signed it into law, but here we are, the President still isn’t releasing the files, and there is silence from the other side.

People are sick and tired of this President’s corruption and his lying. They are sick and tired of Republicans going along to get along. We are talking about \$1.8 billion going to cop beaters. I hope my Republican friends will vote with us and defeat the previous question and do the right thing for a change.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. STUTZMAN). Members are reminded to refrain from engaging in personalities toward the President.

Mr. LANGWORTHY. Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentlewoman from North Dakota (Mrs. FEDORCHAK).

Mrs. FEDORCHAK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the rule providing for consideration of the Secure America Act.

After 4 years of chaos at our southern border under President Biden, House Republicans and President Trump have restored order and delivered the most secure border in history.

Illegal crossings have plummeted. Cartel activity has been disrupted, and law enforcement finally has an administration who is willing to enforce the law again.

Maintaining that progress requires more than strong leadership. It requires resources, and it requires certainty. This bill does both. More importantly, it sends a huge message that Congress stands with the men and women who serve on the front lines every single day.

ICE and Border Patrol agents put themselves in harm’s way to stop fentanyl trafficking, to dismantle human trafficking networks, to remove criminals and terrorists from our country, and to protect American families.

These officers deserve to know that Congress has their back. Unfortunately, the only reason we are here today is because of congressional Democrats. They don’t want now—and apparently never did want—a serious agreement to fully fund the Department of Homeland Security.

We made good-faith efforts to negotiate reasonable reforms and funding solutions: body cams, more training, and the like, but Democrats refused. Instead of working toward a compromise, they dragged out negotiations for political purposes.

At the same time, frontline officers and employees were left with long-term uncertainty. Time and again families have been left wondering whether they would get paid. That is irresponsible.

Border security—our national security—should not be partisan. Protecting our homeland should not be a partisan issue.

The Secure America Act fully funds ICE and Customs and Border Protection through fiscal year 2029. It gives these agencies the tools they need to continue securing our border and protecting our communities. It modernizes border technology, strengthens operational support, and prevents future Democrat obstruction efforts that put national security at risk.

This bill sends a simple message: Republicans stand with law enforcement. We stand with border security, and we stand with the American people.

I urge my colleagues to support the rule and support final passage of the Secure America Act.

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

Mr. LANGWORTHY. Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentleman from Alabama (Mr. MOORE).

Mr. MOORE of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, for 4 years the Biden administration opened the door to illegal immigration, drug trafficking, cartel activity, and violent crime. American families paid the price while Washington looked the other way.

President Trump changed that on day one. He restored the will to enforce the law and put law enforcement back in the fight. Now Congress has a simple choice: to fund the mission or stand in the way of those carrying it out.

A sovereign nation must be willing to enforce its own laws. Border security is not optional. It is a fundamental responsibility of government.

Alabama may not sit on the Rio Grande, but the consequences of an open border reach every corner of our State.

In my hometown of Enterprise, Angel and Jeremy Seay, a newlywed couple I knew personally, were killed when an illegal alien driving under the influence crashed into their motorcycle. Their lives were cut short by a tragedy that never should have happened.

We also have seen cartel-linked fentanyl trafficking reach Alabama communities. Families in Birmingham,

Mobile, Huntsville, Dothan, and across our State deserve a government that puts their safety first. Fentanyl does not stop at the border, and neither do the criminal networks bringing it into our country.

S. 2 backs ICE, Border Patrol, and local law enforcement officers who have been left to deal with the consequences of Washington's failures. These men and women do not need more speeches. They need the resources, technology, and support necessary to do their jobs. The cartels do not fear press releases. They fear consequences.

I choose law and order. I choose secure borders. I choose families in Alabama who are tired of being put last.

President Trump set the mission. S. 2 helps fund it. Vote "yes" on S. 2, back law enforcement, secure the border, and protect American families.

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

Mr. Speaker, underneath all the rhetoric we have heard today, this debate comes down to a very simple question about what kind of country we want to be and what we believe government should do for the people it serves.

As Americans struggle with rising costs, economic uncertainty, and the consequences of this reckless and expensive war in Iran, Republicans have chosen to spend nearly \$210 billion in taxpayer dollars on ICE and CBP.

At every turn, this Republican majority says that there is no money for housing, for schools, for healthcare, for SNAP, for WIC, or for food for infants and children. Yet, somehow, there is always enough to fight forever wars, to give tax cuts to the wealthy, and to drive chaos and division into our communities.

The tragedy is that Congress could choose a different path. We could invest in our communities instead of detention camps. We could lower costs for working families instead of enriching lobbyists, consultants, and private prison companies. We could protect constitutional rights and strengthen public trust instead of rewarding agencies that have repeatedly abused both.

We could implement humane and sensible immigration policies that support, rather than suppress, our economy and economic development, and that don't scare away foreign visitors, whether from Niagara Falls in the Buffalo area or from Independence Hall in my district, where we are seeing the direct impact of bad immigration policy on visitors for our 250th anniversary and for the World Cup.

These are the choices before this House. This legislation is not a serious attempt to solve problems. It is an ideological project built around fear, division, and the concentration of executive power.

Think about what this bill will do. Republicans are about to spend exorbitant sums to put more masked agents

on our streets, to spy on their political opponents, and to build a sprawling network of detention camps, private corporate detention camps, capable of imprisoning tens of thousands of who? Political enemies? It doesn't take a lot of imagination to see where this authoritarian project is going.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to vote "no" on the previous question and demonstrate their support for law enforcement by denying payments from the President's slush fund to the people who attacked law enforcement officers here at the Capitol on January 6, and I urge my colleagues to reject this dangerous waste of taxpayer money.

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

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

Mr. Speaker, for years, Americans have watched as Washington tolerated waste, fraud, and abuse while millions of illegal immigrants crossed our border and dangerous criminals exploited weaknesses throughout our system.

The American people knew better. They lived with the consequences, and they voted for a President and a Congress committed to restoring accountability, enforcing the law, and putting taxpayers first. Fulfilling that promise means preventing fraud before taxpayer dollars disappear, securing our border, and ensuring government carries out the basic responsibilities the American people expect it to perform.

I strongly support the rule before us today.

The material previously referred to by Ms. SCANLON is as follows:

AN AMENDMENT TO H. RES. 1345 OFFERED BY
MS. SCANLON OF PENNSYLVANIA

Strike section 4 insert the following:

SEC. 4. Upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to consider in the House the bill (S. 2) to provide for reconciliation pursuant to title II of S. Con. Res. 33. 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 Budget or their respective designees; (2) the amendment specified in section 5 of this resolution, if offered by Representative Raskin of Maryland or a designee, which shall be in order without intervention of any point of order, shall be considered as read, shall be separately debatable for 10 minutes equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question; and (3) one motion to commit.

SEC. 5. The amendment referred to in section 4 is as follows:

Insert, at the appropriate place, the following:

SEC. ____
PROHIBITION ON DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FROM USING TAXPAYER FUNDS TO MAKE SETTLEMENT PAYMENTS TO INDIVIDUALS CONVICTED OF ASSAULTING LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS ON JANUARY 6, 2021.

The Department of Justice may not use taxpayer funds to make settlement pay-

ments to individuals convicted of or who pled guilty to assaulting law enforcement officers at or around the United States Capitol on January 6, 2021.

Mr. LANGWORTHY. 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 on the resolution.

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

Ms. SCANLON. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

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

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. 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:

Ordering the previous question on House Resolution 1345; and

Adoption of House Resolution 1345, if ordered.

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