

The American people, all of us, deserve to know who and how much they are paying for access to President Trump.

For this reason, at the appropriate time, I will offer a motion to recommit this bill back to committee. If the House rules permitted, I would have offered the motion with an important amendment to this bill.

My amendment would prevent this bill from taking effect until the White House provides a list of every person who has donated to the White House ballroom.

Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to insert the text of this amendment into the RECORD immediately prior to the vote on the motion to recommit.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. MCGARVEY. Madam Speaker, I hope my colleagues will join me in voting for the motion to recommit.

Mr. COMER. Madam Speaker, I have no further speakers. I am prepared to close, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. WALKINSHAW. Madam Speaker, as I have said today, preventing fraud should be a priority for all of us, but this bill gives the Department of the Treasury far too much arbitrary authority to prevent critical Federal assistance from reaching Americans in need in a timely manner.

I will be happy to work with colleagues on both sides of the aisle to support legislation like the eight suspension bills we considered earlier this week to combat fraud, but this bill misses the mark.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to oppose the bill, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. COMER. Madam Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time to close.

Madam Speaker, these bills we have debated today, H.R. 8312 and H.R. 8464, should be considered in the broader context of the committee's legislative work on fraud prevention and financial integrity reforms.

This week, the House has advanced eight bipartisan fraud and program integrity reform bills that we originally passed out of the Oversight Committee that will safeguard taxpayer dollars from fraudsters and cheats.

Collectively, with the bills advanced in the House this week, the Oversight Committee is preventing fraudulent payments from going out the door, equipping the Federal workforce to fight fraud, protecting taxpayer dollars during national emergencies, reforming agency financial leadership roles to improve agency financial performance, and launching sweeping oversight work at the Government Accountability Office over State administration of federally funded programs.

These governmentwide fraud prevention reforms are long overdue. They will safeguard our constituents' tax

dollars and ensure Federal programs deliver for citizens who need them the most, as Congress intended.

We must continue to advance bold reforms that meaningfully address fraud, and I am proud to say these bills brought before the House this week by the Oversight Committee take a meaningful step toward better stewardship of taxpayer dollars by protecting them from fraud.

Madam Speaker, I urge each of my House colleagues to join us in supporting H.R. 8464 as we work to protect the hard-earned tax dollars of the American people.

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

□ 1300

The SPEAKER pro tempore. All time for debate has expired.

Pursuant to House Resolution 1345, the previous question is ordered on the bill, as amended.

The question is on the engrossment and third reading of the bill.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, and was read the third time.

MOTION TO RECOMMIT

Mr. MCGARVEY. Madam Speaker, I have a motion to recommit at the desk.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will report the motion to recommit.

The Clerk read as follows:

Mr. MCGARVEY of Kentucky moves to recommit the bill H.R. 8464 to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

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

Mr. MCGARVEY moves to recommit the bill H.R. 8464 to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith, with the following amendment:

Strike section 2(g) and insert the following:

(g) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This Act, and the amendments made by this Act, shall not take effect until a list of each person who has donated to the White House Ballroom is made publicly available, including the following information with respect to each such person:

- (1) The amount donated by the person to the White House Ballroom.
- (2) Any Federal contract the person has entered into.
- (3) Any grant awarded to the person.
- (4) Any regulatory matter involving the person.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 2(b) of rule XIX, the previous question is ordered on the motion to recommit.

The question is on the motion to recommit.

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

Mr. COMER. Madam 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 subject to the call of the Chair.

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

□ 1529

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker at 3 o'clock and 29 minutes p.m.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, June 9, 2026.

Hon. MIKE JOHNSON,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: I have the honor to transmit herewith a copy of a letter received from Ms. Jana M. Lean, Chief, Elections Division, California Secretary of State, indicating that, according to the unofficial results for the Special Primary Election held on June 2, 2026, the Honorable James Gallagher was elected Representative to Congress for the First Congressional District of California.

With best wishes, I am,
Sincerely

KEVIN F. MCCUMBER,
Clerk.

Enclosure.

SHIRLEY N. WEBER, PH.D., CALIFORNIA SECRETARY OF STATE,
ELECTIONS DIVISION,
Sacramento, CA, June 9, 2026.

Hon. KEVIN F. MCCUMBER,
Clerk, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. MCCUMBER: This is to advise you that as of June 9, 2026, the counties of Butte, Colusa, Glenn, Lassen, Modoc, Shasta, Siskiyou, Sutter, Tehama, and Yuba have an estimated 5,800 unprocessed ballots. The current U.S. House of Representative 1st District encompasses the counties of Butte, Colusa, Glenn, Lassen, Modoc, Shasta, Siskiyou, Sutter, Tehama, and Yuba.

As of June 9, 2026, at 8:12 a.m. the unofficial results of the Special Primary Election held on Tuesday, June 2, 2026, for U.S. House of Representative 1st District show that James Gallagher received 119,722 votes or 62.3% of the total number of votes cast for that office.

According to the unofficial results, it appears that James Gallagher has received the majority of votes cast for the U.S. House of Representative 1st District of California.

To the best of the Secretary of State's knowledge and belief at this time, there is no contest to this election.

As soon as the official results are certified to this office by the registrar of voters for the counties of Butte, Colusa, Glenn, Lassen, Modoc, Shasta, Siskiyou, Sutter, Tehama, and Yuba, an official Certificate of Election will be prepared for transmittal as required by law.

Sincerely,

JANA M. LEAN,
Chief, Elections Division,
California Secretary of State.

SWEARING IN OF THE HONORABLE JAMES GALLAGHER, OF CALIFORNIA, AS A MEMBER OF THE HOUSE

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the gentleman from California, the Honorable James Gallagher, be permitted to take the oath of office today.

His certificate of election has not arrived, but there is no contest and no question has been raised with regard to his election.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from California?

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER. Will the Representative-elect and the members of the California delegation present themselves in the well.

All Members will rise and the Representative-elect will please raise his right hand.

Mr. GALLAGHER appeared at the bar of the House and took the oath of office, as follows:

Do you solemnly swear that you will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that you will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that you take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that you will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which you are about to enter, so help you God.

The SPEAKER. Congratulations, you are now a Member of the 119th Congress.

WELCOMING THE HONORABLE JAMES GALLAGHER TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, we welcome a new Member of the California congressional delegation to our ranks.

On June 2, JAMES GALLAGHER was duly elected in a special election to fill the remainder of the term vacated by our friend and former colleague, the beloved late Doug LaMalfa.

Doug was passionate about his commitment to the people of northern California and advocating for rural Californians, a passion that I am sure is shared by Representative GALLAGHER.

As chair of the Democratic congressional delegation, it is my honor to welcome you to the largest delegation in Congress, representing the greatest State in the Union.

We look forward to working with you to advocate on behalf of Californians here in Washington, D.C.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to my friend, Mr. CALVERT, dean of the Republican delegation from California.

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, as chair of the California Republican delegation, I rise to welcome our newest Member of the body, the gentleman from California (Mr. GALLAGHER).

Today, the people of California's First District have chosen a champion,

once again. JAMES comes to this floor having devoted his entire career to what we affectionately call the North State: 6 years on the Sutter County Board of Supervisors, more than a decade in the California State Assembly, and years of service as his party's leader in Sacramento.

He fills the seat made vacant by the loss of our dear friend and colleague, Doug LaMalfa, a tireless voice for rural California who is deeply missed in this Chamber.

I have no doubt that JAMES will carry the same fighting spirit and love of country to this work ahead.

To JAMES and his family, welcome. The First District couldn't ask for a finer Representative, and the delegation couldn't ask for a better friend.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to be the first Member of the House of Representatives to yield to our new colleague, Representative JAMES GALLAGHER.

Mr. GALLAGHER. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding.

I have some very long prepared remarks today. No, I am truly honored to be here this afternoon, and I come here to this floor to fill some very big boots in Congressman Doug LaMalfa.

I come here from the wild north of California, of industrious people; of beautiful landscapes, mountains, and valleys; the breadbasket and farming capital of the north. I come here on behalf of the citizens of the First Congressional District, who overwhelmingly gave me their stamp of approval to be here to speak for them.

I intend to do so because, many times, they are the overlooked part of California, and they need a voice. Doug LaMalfa was their voice, and I plan to continue in that same spirit.

I come here also as a husband to my wife, Janna, who joins me in the gallery with my children, and whom I certainly could not do this without.

I am also joined by the wife of Doug LaMalfa. Jill LaMalfa is with us in the gallery today, as well, and some rabble-rousers who have come along from the wild north. I thank them for joining me here today, as well.

I am looking forward to serving in this body. It is truly, truly an honor. I know that this work that we do is very important.

I pray that God goes ahead of us and gives us the wisdom, the fortitude, and the integrity to bring our country together, as Abraham Lincoln once said, "to bind up the Nation's wounds," and that we do right and that we seek the righteous way for the people of this great Nation.

I am proud to be one person in that long line of many leaders who have been able to be on this floor and speak for their people, and I take that honor very seriously.

I also know that my colleagues didn't come here necessarily for me. There is a big game tonight, I hear. I did want to say that I did play baseball, thanks to my dad here, who played in the

minor leagues for the Kansas City Royals organization. I spent a lot of my young life on a baseball field somewhere, and so, with that, I will just end with: Play ball.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. Under clause 5(d) of rule XX, the Chair announces to the House that, in light of the administration of the oath of office to the gentleman from California, the whole number of the House is 431.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. NUNN of Iowa). Proceedings will resume on questions previously postponed. Votes will be taken in the following order:

Passage of H.R. 7892;

Passage of H.R. 8312;

The motion to recommit H.R. 8464;

Passage of H.R. 8464, if ordered; and

Motions to suspend the rules and pass:

H.R. 8467; and

H.R. 8340, 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.

NO AID FOR GHOST STUDENTS ACT OF 2026

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfinished business is the vote on passage of 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, 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 passage of the bill.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 249, nays 172, not voting 10, as follows:

[Roll No. 217]

YEAS—249

Aderholt	Boebert	Crawford
Alford	Bost	Crenshaw
Allen	Boyle (PA)	Cuellar
Amodei (NV)	Brecheen	Dauids (KS)
Arrington	Bresnahan	Davidson
Auchincloss	Buchanan	Davis (NC)
Babin	Burchett	De La Cruz
Bacon	Burlison	DesJarlais
Baird	Calvert	Diaz-Balart
Balderson	Cammack	Donalds
Barr	Carey	Downing
Barrett	Carter (TX)	Dunn (FL)
Baumgartner	Ciscomani	Edwards
Bean (FL)	Cline	Ellzey
Begich	Cloud	Emmer
Bentz	Clyde	Estes
Bergman	Cole	Evans (CO)
Bice	Collins	Ezell
Biggs (AZ)	Comer	Fallon
Biggs (SC)	Costa	Fedorchak
Bilirakis	Crane	Feenstra
Bishop	Crank	Fine