AN AMENDMENT TO H. RES. 1499 OFFERED BY MR. MCGOVERN OF MASSACHUSETTS

At the end of the resolution, add the following:

SEC. 6. Immediately upon adoption of this resolution, the House shall proceed to the consideration in the House of the bill (H.R. 738) to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to allow all eligible voters to vote by mail in Federal elections. 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 House Administration or their respective designees; and (2) one motion to recommit.

SEC. 7. Clause 1(c) rule XIX and clause 8 of rule XX shall not apply to the consideration of H.R. 738.

SEC. 8. The Clerk shall transmit to the Senate a message that the House has passed H.R. 738 no later than three calendar days after passage.

Ms. FOXX. 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 ayes 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.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or votes objected to under clause 6 of rule XX.

The House will resume proceedings on postponed questions at a later time.

AGOA EXTENSION ACT

Mr. COLE. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and concur in the Senate amendments to the bill (H.R. 6500) to extend duty-free treatment provided with respect to imports from certain countries in Africa under the African Growth and Opportunity Act, to extend customs user fees, and for other purposes.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the Senate amendments is as follows:

Senate amendments:

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the ''Continuing Appropriations and Extensions Act, 2027''.

SEC. 2. TABLE OF CONTENTS.

The table of contents for this Act is as follows:

SEC. 3. REFERENCES.

Except as expressly provided otherwise, any reference to ''this Act'' contained in any division of this Act shall be treated as referring only to the provisions of that division.

DIVISION A—CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2027

The following sums are hereby appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, and out of applicable corporate or other revenues, receipts, and funds, for the several departments, agencies, corporations, and other organizational units of Government for fiscal year 2027, and for other purposes, namely:

SEC. 101. Such amounts as may be necessary, at a rate for operations as provided in the applicable appropriations Acts for fiscal year 2026 and under the authority and conditions provided in such Acts, for continuing projects or activities (including the costs of direct loans and loan guarantees) that are not otherwise specifically provided for in this Act, that were conducted in fiscal year 2026, and for which appropriations, funds, or other authority were made available in the following appropriations Acts:

(1) The Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agency Appropriations Act, 2026 (division B of Public Law 119–37).

(2) The Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2026 (division A of Public Law 119–74), except sections 521(c)(2) and 544.

(3) The Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2026 (division A of Public Law 119–75).

(4) The Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2026 (division B of Public Law 119–74).

(5) The Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, 2026 (division E of Public Law 119–75), except the last proviso under the heading ''Election Assistance Commission—Election Security Grants'', and including section 143 of division A of Public Law 119–37.

(6) The Homeland Security and Further Additional Continuing Appropriations Act, 2026 (Public Law 119–86), except division B, and including sections 5013 through 5016 of division I of Public Law 119–75.

(7) The Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2026 (division C of Public Law 119–74), except section 444.

(8) The Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2026 (division B of Public Law 119–75), except section 528.

(9) The Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2026 (division C of Public Law 119–37).

(10) The Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2026 (division D of Public Law 119–37).

(11) The National Security, Department of State, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2026 (division F of Public Law 119–75).

(12) The Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2026 (division D of Public Law 119–75), as amended by sections 153(b) and 156(a) of this Act.

SEC. 102. (a) No appropriation or funds made available or authority granted pursuant to section 101 for the Department of Defense shall be used for:

(1) the new production of items not funded for production in fiscal year 2026 or prior years;

(2) the increase in production rates above those sustained with fiscal year 2026 funds; or

(3) the initiation, resumption, or continuation of any project, activity, operation, or organization (defined as any project, subproject, activity, budget activity, program element, and subprogram within a program element, and for any investment items defined as a P–1 line item in a budget activity within an appropriation account and an R–1 line item that includes a program element and subprogram element within an appropriation account) for which appropriations, funds, or other authority were not available during fiscal year 2026.

(b) No appropriation or funds made available or authority granted pursuant to section 101 for the Department of Defense shall be used to initiate multi-year procurements utilizing advance procurement funding for economic order quantity procurement unless specifically appropriated later.

SEC. 103. Appropriations made by section 101 shall be available to the extent and in the manner that would be provided by the pertinent appropriations Act.

SEC. 104. Except as otherwise provided in section 102, no appropriation or funds made available or authority granted pursuant to section 101 shall be used to initiate or resume any project or activity for which appropriations, funds, or other authority were not available during fiscal year 2026.

SEC. 105. Appropriations made and authority granted pursuant to this Act shall cover all obligations or expenditures incurred for any project or activity during the period for which funds or authority for such project or activity are available under this Act.

SEC. 106. Unless otherwise provided for in this Act or in the applicable appropriations Act for fiscal year 2027, appropriations and funds made available and authority granted pursuant to this Act shall be available until whichever of the following first occurs:

(1) The enactment into law of an appropriation for any project or activity provided for in this Act.

(2) The enactment into law of the applicable appropriations Act for fiscal year 2027 without any provision for such project or activity.

(3) December 11, 2026.

SEC. 107. Expenditures made pursuant to this Act shall be charged to the applicable appropriation, fund, or authorization whenever a bill in which such applicable appropriation, fund, or authorization is contained is enacted into law.

SEC. 108. Appropriations made and funds made available by or authority granted pursuant to this Act may be used without regard to the time limitations for submission and approval of apportionments set forth in section 1513 of title 31, United States Code, but nothing in this Act may be construed to waive any other provision of law governing the apportionment of funds.

SEC. 109. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, except section 106, for those programs that would otherwise have high initial rates of operation or complete distribution of appropriations at the beginning of fiscal year 2027 because of distributions of funding to States, foreign countries, grantees, or others, such high initial rates of operation or complete distribution shall not be made, and no grants shall be awarded for such programs funded by this Act that would impinge on final funding prerogatives.

SEC. 110. This Act shall be implemented so that only the most limited funding action of that permitted in the Act shall be taken in order to provide for continuation of projects and activities.

SEC. 111. (a) For entitlements and other mandatory payments whose budget authority was provided in appropriations Acts for fiscal year 2026, and for activities under the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008, activities shall be continued *at the rate to maintain program levels under current law, under the authority and conditions provided in the applicable appropriations Act for fiscal year 2026, to be continued through the date specified in section 106(3).*

(b) Notwithstanding section 106, obligations for mandatory payments due on or about the first day of any month that begins after October 2026 but not later than 30 days after the date specified in section 106(3) may continue to be made, and funds shall be available for such payments.

SEC. 112. Amounts made available under section 101 for civilian personnel compensation and benefits in each department and agency may be apportioned up to the rate for operations necessary to avoid furloughs within such department or agency, consistent with the applicable appropriations Act for fiscal year 2026, except that such authority provided under this section shall not be used until after the department or agency has taken all necessary actions to reduce or defer non-personnel-related administrative expenses.

SEC. 113. Funds appropriated by this Act may be obligated and expended notwithstanding section 10 of Public Law 91–672 (22 U.S.C. 2412), section 15 of the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 (22 U.S.C. 2680), section 313 of the Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Years 1994 and 1995 (22 U.S.C. 6212), and section 504(a)(1) of the National Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3094(a)(1)).

SEC. 114. (a)(1) For each amount incorporated by reference in this Act that was previously designated by the Congress as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, each provision of law designating each such amount as an emergency requirement pursuant to such section shall not apply.

(2) Each amount incorporated by reference in this Act that was designated by the Congress as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, or pursuant to section 4001(a)(1) of S. Con. Res. 14 (117th Congress), the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2022, and to legislation establishing fiscal year 2026 budget enforcement in the House of Representatives, and each amount provided, repurposed, or rescinded by sections 125 and 153(a) of this Act, is designated by the Congress as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 4001(a)(1) of S. Con. Res. 14 (117th Congress), the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2022, and to legislation establishing fiscal year 2026 or 2027 budget enforcement in the House of Representatives, as applicable.

(b) Each amount incorporated by reference in this Act that was previously designated by the Congress as being for disaster relief pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(D) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 is designated by the Congress as being for disaster relief pursuant to a concurrent resolution on the budget.

(c) Each amount incorporated by reference in this Act that was previously designated in division B of Public Law 117–159, division J of Public Law 117–58, or in section 443(b) of division G of Public Law 117–328 by the Congress as an emergency requirement pursuant to a concurrent resolution on the budget shall continue to be treated as an amount specified in section 103(b) of division A of Public Law 118–5.

SEC. 115. (a) Rescissions or cancellations of discretionary budget authority that continue pursuant to section 101 in Treasury Appropriations Fund Symbols (TAFS)—

(1) to which other appropriations are not provided by this Act, but for which there is a current applicable TAFS that does receive an appropriation in this Act; or

(2) which are no-year TAFS and receive other appropriations in this Act, may be continued instead by reducing the rate for operations otherwise provided by section 101 for such current applicable TAFS, as long as doing so does not impinge on the final funding prerogatives of the Congress.

(b) Rescissions or cancellations described in subsection (a) shall continue in an amount equal to the lesser of—

(1) the amount specified for rescission or cancellation in the applicable appropriations Act referenced in section 101 of this Act; or

(2) the amount of balances available, as of October 1, 2026, from the funds specified for rescission or cancellation in the applicable appropriations Act referenced in section 101 of this Act.

(c) No later than November 20, 2026, the Director of the Office of Management and Budget shall provide to the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate a comprehensive list of the rescissions or cancellations that will continue pursuant to section 101: Provided, That the information in such comprehensive list shall be periodically updated to reflect any subsequent changes in the amount of balances available, as of October 1, 2026, from the funds specified for rescission or cancellation in the applicable appropriations Act referenced in section 101, and such updates shall be transmitted to the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate upon request.

SEC. 116. Amounts made available by section 101 for ''Farm Service Agency—Agricultural Credit Insurance Fund Program Account'' may be apportioned up to the rate for operations necessary to accommodate approved applications for direct and guaranteed farm ownership loans, as authorized by 7 U.S.C. 1922 et seq.

SEC. 117. Amounts made available by section 101 to the Department of Agriculture for ''Domestic Food Programs—Food and Nutrition Service—Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)'' may be apportioned at the rate for operations necessary to maintain participation.

SEC. 118. Amounts made available by section 101 to the Department of Agriculture for ''Domestic Food Programs—Food and Nutrition Service—Commodity Assistance Program'' may be apportioned up to the rate for operations necessary to maintain current program caseload in the Commodity Supplemental Food Program.

SEC. 119. Section 260 of the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1636i) and section 942 of the Livestock Mandatory Reporting Act of 1999 (7 U.S.C. 1635 note; Public Law 106–78) shall be applied by substituting the date specified in section 106(3) of this Act for ''September 30, 2026''.

SEC. 120. Amounts made available by section 101 for ''Department of Commerce—Bureau of the Census—Periodic Censuses and Programs'' may be apportioned up to the rate for operations necessary to maintain the buildup and testing of all integrated systems and operations necessary for the 2030 Decennial Census Program.

SEC. 121. Amounts made available by section 101 for ''Department of Commerce—National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration—Procurement, Acquisition and Construction'' shall be apportioned at the rate for operations necessary to maintain the planned launch schedules for the Geostationary Extended Observations (GeoXO) satellite system.

SEC. 122. Amounts made available by section 101 for ''Department of Justice—Legal Activities—Salaries and Expenses, General Legal Activities'' may be apportioned up to the rate for operations necessary to support the legal activities of the Department of Justice.

SEC. 123. Amounts made available by section 101 for ''Department of Justice—United States Marshals Service—Salaries and Expenses'' may be apportioned up to the rate for operations necessary to maintain Federal judicial security programs and protective operations.

SEC. 124. Amounts made available by section 101 for ''Department of Justice—Federal Bureau of Investigation—Salaries and Expenses'' may be apportioned up to the rate for operations necessary to prepare for the 2028 Olympic Games, and for risk reduction and modification of National Security Systems.

SEC. 125. (a) The remaining unobligated balances, as of September 30, 2026, from amounts made available for ''Department of Commerce—National Telecommunications and Information Administration—Middle Mile Deployment'' in division J of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (Public Law 117–58) are hereby rescinded, and in addition to amounts otherwise provided by section 101, an amount of additional new budget authority equivalent to the amount rescinded pursuant to this subsection is hereby appropriated on September 30, 2026, for an additional amount for fiscal year 2026, to remain available until September 30, 2027, and shall be available for the same purposes for which such funds were originally appropriated, in addition to other funds as may be available for such purposes.

(b)(1) Subject to paragraph (2), this section shall become effective immediately upon enactment of this Act.

(2) If this Act is enacted after September 30, 2026, this section shall be applied as if it were in effect on September 30, 2026.

SEC. 126. Notwithstanding sections 102 and 104, amounts made available by section 101 to the Department of Defense for ''Procurement—Shipbuilding and Conversion, Navy'' may be apportioned up to the rate for operations necessary to fund prior year shipbuilding cost increases for the following programs funded in prior years under such heading:

(1) 2013/2027 Carrier Replacement Program, in an amount not to exceed $324,000,000;

(2) 2017/2027 DDG 51 Program, in an amount not to exceed $24,503,000;

(3) 2017/2027 LHA Replacement Program, in an amount not to exceed $164,300,000;

(4) 2018/2027 Virginia Class Submarine Program, in an amount not to exceed $44,244,000;

(5) 2018/2027 DDG 51 Program, in an amount not to exceed $69,919,000;

(6) 2018/2027 LPD (Flight II) Amphibious Transport Dock Program, in an amount not to exceed $58,800,000;

(7) 2019/2027 Virginia Class Submarine Program, in an amount not to exceed $561,131,000;

(8) 2019/2027 DDG 51 Program, in an amount not to exceed $83,802,000;

(9) 2019/2027 Littoral Combat Ship Program, in an amount not to exceed $9,450,000;

(10) 2020/2027 CVN Refueling Overhauls Program, in an amount not to exceed $379,200,000;

(11) 2020/2027 T–AO Fleet Oiler Program, in an amount not to exceed $16,020,000;

(12) 2021/2027 Columbia Class Submarine Program, in an amount not to exceed $566,542,000;

(13) 2021/2027 LPD (Flight II) Amphibious Transport Dock Program, in an amount not to exceed $44,689,000;

(14) 2022/2027 Expeditionary Sea Base Program, in an amount not to exceed $12,100,000;

(15) 2022/2027 Expeditionary Fast Transport Program, in an amount not to exceed $8,423,000;

(16) 2022/2027 T–AO Fleet Oiler Program, in an amount not to exceed $127,000,000;

(17) 2023/2027 T–AO Fleet Oiler Program, in an amount not to exceed $23,100,000;

(18) 2024/2027 Columbia Class Submarine Program, in an amount not to exceed $19,386,000;

(19) 2024/2027 T–AO Fleet Oiler Program, in an amount not to exceed $1,181,000; and

(20) 2026/2027 T–AO Fleet Oiler Program, in an amount not to exceed $74,200,000.

SEC. 127. Notwithstanding sections 102 and 104, amounts made available by section 101 to the Department of Defense for ''Procurement—Procurement, Defense-Wide'' may be apportioned up to the rate for operations necessary for National Security Systems in an amount not to exceed $2,853,000,000.

SEC. 128. Notwithstanding section 101, the first proviso in each of sections 8090 and 8094 of *division A of Public Law 119–75 shall be applied by substituting ''advances'' for ''reimbursements''.*

SEC. 129. During the period covered by this Act, section 103(f)(4)(A) of Public Law 108–361 (the Calfed Bay-Delta Authorization Act) shall be applied by substituting ''$40,000,000'' for ''$32,600,000''.

SEC. 130. (a) Notwithstanding section 104, amounts made available by section 101 for ''Department of Energy—Atomic Energy Defense Activities—National Nuclear Security Administration—Weapons Activities'' shall be available and may be apportioned up to the rate for operations necessary—

(1) to prevent project demobilization and shutdown activities for ''17–D–640 U1a Complex Enhancements Project, NNSS'' and ''24–D–513 ZEUS Test Bed Facilities Improvement (ZTBFI), NNSS'';

(2) to prevent termination of the design-build contract for ''23–D–517 Electrical Power Capacity Upgrade, LANL''; and

(3) to maintain current level of activities and ongoing studies for ''Studies and Assessments''.

(b) Section 301(d) of division B of Public Law 119–74, as continued in effect by section 101, shall not apply to amounts used for the purposes specified in subsection (a).

(c) The Director of the Office of Management and Budget and the Secretary of Energy shall notify the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate not later than 3 days after each use of the authority provided in subsection (a).

SEC. 131. (a) Notwithstanding section 104, amounts made available by section 101 for ''Department of Energy—Atomic Energy Defense Activities—Environmental and Other Defense Activities—Defense Environmental Cleanup'' shall be available and may be apportioned up to the rate for operations necessary to carry out long-lead procurements within the CD–3A authorization for ''21–D–401 Hoisting Capability Project'' at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant.

(b) Section 301(d) of division B of Public Law 119–74, as continued in effect by section 101, shall not apply to amounts used for the purpose specified in subsection (a).

(c) The Director of the Office of Management and Budget and the Secretary of Energy shall notify the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate not later than 3 days after each use of the authority provided in subsection (a).

SEC. 132. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, except section 106, the District of Columbia may expend local funds made available under the heading ''District of Columbia—District of Columbia Funds'' for such programs and activities under the District of Columbia Appropriations Act, 2026 (title IV of division E of Public Law 119–75) at the rate set forth in the Fiscal Year 2027 Local Budget Act of 2026 (D.C. Act 26–379) as modified, as of the date of enactment of this Act.

SEC. 133. Amounts made available by section 101 for ''Small Business Administration—Business Loans Program Account'' may be apportioned up to the rate for operations necessary to accommodate increased demand for commitments for general business loans authorized under paragraphs (1) through (35) of section 7(a) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 636(a)), for guarantees of trust certificates authorized by section 5(g) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 634(g)), for commitments to guarantee loans under section 503 of the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 (15 U.S.C. 697), and for commitments to guarantee loans for debentures under section 303(b) of the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 (15 U.S.C. 683(b)).

SEC. 134. Section 1(b) of Public Law 117–25 (135 Stat. 297; 136 Stat. 2133; 136 Stat. 5984; 139 Stat. 46, 140 Stat. 629) shall be applied in each of paragraphs (3) and (4) by substituting the date specified in section 106(3) of this Act for ''September 30, 2026''.

SEC. 135. Notwithstanding section 104, amounts made available by section 101 to ''Department of the Treasury—Departmental Offices—Salaries and Expenses'' shall be available for operations necessary to host the G7 Financial Summit and other G7 related activities as proposed in the fiscal year 2027 President's Budget, submitted pursuant to section 1105(a) of title 31, United States Code, and accompanying justification materials.

SEC. 136. Notwithstanding section 101, section 747 of division E of Public Law 119–75 shall be applied by—

(1) substituting ''2026'' for ''2025'' each place it appears;

(2) substituting ''2027'' for ''2026'' each place it appears;

(3) substituting ''2028'' for ''2027''; and

(4) substituting ''section 747 of division E of Public Law 119–75'' for ''section 747 of division B of Public Law 118–47, as continued in effect and modified by section 1605 of title VI of division A of Public Law 119–4 (as continued in effect and modified by division A of Public Law 119–37)'' each place it appears.

SEC. 137. Amounts made available by section 101 to the Department of Homeland Security under the heading ''Federal Emergency Management Agency—Disaster Relief Fund'' may be apportioned up to the rate for operations necessary to carry out response and recovery activities under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq.).

SEC. 138. During the period covered by this Act, section 225(e) of division A of Public Law 116–6 (49 U.S.C. 44901 note) shall be applied by substituting ''fiscal years 2019 through 2027'' for ''fiscal years 2019 through 2026''.

SEC. 139. (a) Sections 1309(a) and 1319 of the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 4016(a) and 4026) shall be applied by substituting the date specified in section 106(3) of this Act for ''September 30, 2026''.

(b)(1) Subject to paragraph (2), this section shall become effective immediately upon enactment of this Act.

(2) If this Act is enacted after September 30, 2026, this section shall be applied as if it were in effect on September 30, 2026.

SEC. 140. Notwithstanding section 104, amounts made available by section 101 to the Department of the Interior for ''Departmental Offices—Office of the Secretary—Departmental Operations'' shall be available for the assumption of functions and activities performed by the Office of Navajo and Hopi Indian Relocation (ONHIR) as authorized by Public Law 93–531 (commonly known as the ''Navajo-Hopi Land Settlement Act of 1974''), to ensure the full and complete discharge of the functions of ONHIR.

SEC. 141. Amounts made available by section 101 for ''Department of the Interior—Department-Wide Programs—Wildland Fire Management'', ''Department of the Interior—Department-Wide Programs—Wildfire Suppression Operations Reserve Fund'', ''Department of Agriculture—Forest Service—Wildland Fire Management'', and ''Department of Agriculture—Forest Service—Wildfire Suppression Operations Reserve Fund'' may be apportioned up to the rate for operations necessary for wildfire suppression activities.

SEC. 142. During the period covered by this Act, section 1701 of division B of Public Law 117–43 (5 U.S.C. 5547 note) shall be applied by substituting ''calendar years 2021 through 2027'' for ''2021 or 2022 or 2023 or 2024'' each place it appears.

SEC. 143. (a) In addition to amounts otherwise provided by section 101, amounts are provided for ''Department of Health and Human Services—Indian Health Service—Indian Health Services'' at a rate for operations of $75,774,000, for an additional amount for costs of staffing and operating facilities that were opened, renovated, or expanded in fiscal years 2022, 2026, and 2027, and such amounts may be apportioned up to the rate for operations necessary to staff and operate such facilities.

(b) In addition to amounts otherwise provided by section 101, amounts are provided for ''Department of Health and Human Services—Indian Health Service—Indian Health Facilities'' at a rate for operations of $8,296,000, for an additional amount for costs of staffing and operating facilities that were opened, renovated, or expanded in fiscal years 2022, 2026, and 2027, and such amounts may be apportioned up to the rate for operations necessary to staff and operate such facilities.

SEC. 144. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no adjustment shall be made under section 601(a) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946 (2 U.S.C. 4501) (relating to cost of living adjustments for Members of Congress) during the period covered by this Act.

SEC. 145. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, there is appropriated—

(1) for payment to Alfredia Scott, widow of David A. Scott, late a Representative from the State of Georgia, $174,000; and

(2) for payment to the heir at law of Lindsey O. Graham, late a Senator from the State of South Carolina, $174,000.

SEC. 146. Notwithstanding sections 102 and 104, amounts made available by section 101 for ''Department of Defense—Military Construction, Army'' and ''Department of Defense—Military Construction, Navy and Marine Corps'' and unobligated balances from prior year appropriations under these headings may be used by the Secretary of the Army and Secretary of the Navy to carry out military construction not otherwise authorized by law for Military Unaccompanied Housing facilities at the Medical Education Training Complex at Joint Base San Antonio: Provided, That no amounts may be made available pursuant to the matter preceding this proviso from amounts that were specified in the table referenced in the second proviso under each such heading in division J of Public Law 117–328, division A of Public Law 118–42, or division D of Public Law 119–37, or from amounts that were designated by the Congress as an emergency requirement pursuant to a concurrent resolution on the budget or the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

SEC. 147. Amounts made available by section 101 for ''Department of Transportation—Office of the Secretary—Payments to Air Carriers'' may be apportioned up to the rate for operations necessary to maintain Essential Air Service program operations.

SEC. 148. Notwithstanding section 101, the following language in title I of division D of Public Law 119–75 shall be applied as if it were struck:

(1) the fourth and fifth provisos in the undesignated paragraph under the second instance of the heading ''Federal Aviation Administration—Grants-in-Aid for Airports'';

(2) ''of which $927,212,591'' and '', and of which—'' in the matter preceding the first proviso and all that follows through the end of the first paragraph (5) under the heading ''Federal Highway Administration—Highway Infrastructure Programs'';

(3) the second and third provisos under the heading ''Federal Railroad Administration—Federal-State Partnership for Intercity Passenger Rail'';

(4) the second and third provisos in the undesignated paragraph under the heading ''Federal Railroad Administration—Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements'';

(5) '', of which—'' in the second proviso in the undesignated paragraph and all that follows through the end of that proviso under the heading ''Federal Transit Administration—Transit Infrastructure Grants'', and the subsequent proviso; and

(6) '', and of which $129,000,000'' in the matter preceding the first proviso and all that follows through such matter under the first instance of the heading ''National Highway Traffic Safety

Administration—Operations and Research'', and the subsequent proviso.

SEC. 149. (a) Notwithstanding section 106, amounts made available in division L of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2018 (Public Law 115–141) under the heading ''Department of Transportation—Federal Transit Administration—Capital Investment Grants'' that were available for obligation through fiscal year 2021 shall remain available through fiscal year 2031 for the liquidation of valid obligations incurred in fiscal years 2018 through 2021.

(b)(1) Subject to paragraph (2), this section shall become effective immediately upon enactment of this Act.

(2) If this Act is enacted after September 30, 2026, this section shall be applied as if it were in effect on September 30, 2026.

SEC. 150. (a) The remaining unobligated balances, as of September 30, 2026, from amounts made available in paragraph (1) of the fourth proviso under the heading ''Department of Transportation—Federal Highway Administration—Highway Infrastructure Programs'' in division L of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023 (Public Law 117–328) are hereby rescinded, and in addition to amounts otherwise made available by section 101, an amount of additional new budget authority equivalent to the amount rescinded pursuant to this subsection is hereby appropriated on September 30, 2026, for an additional amount for fiscal year 2026, to remain available until September 30, 2027, and shall be available for the same purposes for which such funds were originally appropriated.

(b)(1) Subject to paragraph (2), this section shall become effective immediately upon enactment of this Act.

(2) If this Act is enacted after September 30, 2026, this section shall be applied as if it were in effect on September 30, 2026.

SEC. 151. (a) The remaining unobligated balances, as of September 30, 2026, from amounts made available for ''Department of Transportation—Federal Aviation Administration—Research, Engineering, and Development'' in division F of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2024 (Public Law 118–42) are hereby rescinded, and in addition to amounts otherwise provided by section 101, an amount of additional new budget authority equivalent to the amount rescinded pursuant to this subsection is hereby appropriated on September 30, 2026, for an additional amount for fiscal year 2026, to remain available until September 30, 2027, and shall be available for the same purposes for which such funds were originally appropriated, in addition to other funds as may be available for such purposes.

(b)(1) Subject to paragraph (2), this section shall become effective immediately upon enactment of this Act.

(2) If this Act is enacted after September 30, 2026, this section shall be applied as if it were in effect on September 30, 2026.

SEC. 152. (a) Section 239(b) of division F of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2024 (Public Law 118–42) is amended by striking ''fiscal year 2026'' and inserting ''fiscal year 2027''.

(b)(1) Subject to paragraph (2), the amendments made by this section shall become effective immediately upon enactment of this Act.

(2) If this Act is enacted after September 30, 2026, the amendments made by this section shall be applied as if they were in effect on September 30, 2026.

SEC. 153. (a) Notwithstanding section 106, during fiscal year 2027, the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development may use the unobligated balances of amounts made available in prior fiscal years under the heading ''Department of Housing and Urban Development—Public and Indian Housing—Tenant-Based Rental Assistance'', except amounts made available in paragraphs (4) and (5) under such heading in division D of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2026 (Public Law 119–75), to support additional allocations under subparagraph (D) of paragraph (1) of such heading only as needed to prevent the termination of rental assistance for families as the result of insufficient funding in the calendar year 2026 funding cycle.

(b) Paragraph (2) under the heading ''Department of Housing and Urban Development—Public and Indian Housing—Tenant-Based Rental Assistance'' in division D of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2026 (Public Law 119–75) is amended by—

(1) inserting ''emergency housing vouchers (section 3202(b) of Public Law 117–2 (42 U.S.C. 1437f)) for all dwelling units under lease as of September 30, 2026 (which shall not be replacement vouchers and shall be provided prior to the end of calendar year 2026),'' after ''mandatory and voluntary conversions,''; and

(2) striking the last proviso.

SEC. 154. (a) The remaining unobligated balances, as of September 30, 2026, from amounts made available for ''Department of Housing and Urban Development—Community Planning and Development—Homeless Assistance Grants'' in division F of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2024 (Public Law 118–42) are hereby rescinded, and in addition to amounts otherwise provided by section 101, an amount of additional new budget authority equivalent to the amount rescinded pursuant to this subsection is hereby appropriated on September 30, 2026, for an additional amount for fiscal year 2026, to remain available until September 30, 2027, and shall be available for the same purposes for which such funds were originally appropriated, in addition to other funds as may be available for such purposes.

(b)(1) Subject to paragraph (2), this section shall become effective immediately upon enactment of this Act.

(2) If this Act is enacted after September 30, 2026, this section shall be applied as if it were in effect on September 30, 2026.

SEC. 155. (a) The remaining unobligated balances, as of September 30, 2026, from amounts made available for ''Department of Housing and Urban Development—Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity—Fair Housing Activities'' by the Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act, 2025 (division A of Public Law 119–4) are hereby rescinded, and in addition to amounts otherwise made available by section 101, an amount of additional new budget authority equivalent to the amount rescinded pursuant to this subsection is hereby appropriated on September 30, 2026, for an additional amount for fiscal year 2026, to remain available until September 30, 2027, and shall be available for the same purposes for which such funds were originally appropriated, in addition to other funds as may be available for such purposes.

(b)(1) Subject to paragraph (2), this section shall become effective immediately upon enactment of this Act.

(2) If this Act is enacted after September 30, 2026, this section shall be applied as if it were in effect on September 30, 2026.

SEC. 156. (a) Section 239 of division D of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2026 (Public Law 119–75) is hereby repealed and the unobligated balance of amounts made available under such section 239(d) is hereby rescinded.

(b) Notwithstanding section 106, for fiscal years 2027 through 2029, the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (''Secretary'') may, through competition, including a first-come, first served competition, satisfy the full indebtedness relating to any remaining principal and interest under financial assistance made available under section 201 of the Housing and Community Development Amendments of 1978 (12 U.S.C. 1715z–1a) (''Flex Sub loan'').

(1) The Secretary may only satisfy a loan under this subsection for properties with—

(A) at least one, but fewer than 100 assisted units;

(B) a Flex Sub loan with an unpaid principal balance of $1,500,000 or more;

(C) not for profit ownership;

(D) a score of 90 or higher on the most recent REAC inspection from fiscal year 2025 or 2026; and

(E) a most recent management and occupancy review score of ''above average'' or ''superior'' from fiscal year 2025 or 2026.

(2) The Secretary may set such terms and conditions as the Secretary determines are appropriate to carry out this subsection, including:

(A) Different maturity dates or interest rate terms;

(B) Extension of affordability use agreements; and

(C) Other measures to ensure the long-term stability of operations at the property.

(3) There is hereby appropriated $6,258,174.91, to remain available until September 30, 2029, to carry out the purposes of this subsection, in addition to amounts otherwise available for such purposes.

(c) Of the unobligated balances in Treasury Appropriations Fund Symbol 86 X 0303 and made available prior to fiscal year 2020, $4,258,174.91 are hereby rescinded.

SEC. 157. (a) Notwithstanding section 106, through December 11, 2026, a rule to revise the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (commonly known as the ''Uniform Guidance''), arising out of the notice of proposed rulemaking titled ''Regulation for Federal Financial Assistance'', which was published in the Federal Register on May 29, 2026, or a substantially similar rule, shall not be issued or finalized.

(b) Notwithstanding section 106, if a rule described in subsection (a) is issued or finalized prior to the enactment of this Act, such rule shall not have force or take effect through December 11, 2026.

(c) This section shall become effective immediately upon enactment of this Act.

This division may be cited as the ''Continuing Appropriations Act, 2027''.

DIVISION B—AUTHORIZING EXTENSIONS

SEC. 2001. UNITED STATES GRAIN STANDARDS ACT EXTENSION.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Sections 7(j)(5), 7A(l)(4), and 21(e) of the United States Grain Standards Act (7 U.S.C. 79(j)(5), 79a(l)(4), 87j(e)) shall be applied by substituting ''December 11, 2026'' for ''September 30, 2025'' each place it appears.

(b) CERTAIN LIMITATIONS AND AUTHORIZATIONS.—Sections 7D and 19(a) of the United States Grain Standards Act (7 U.S.C. 79d, 87h(a)) shall be applied by substituting ''2027'' for ''2025'' each place it appears.

SEC. 2002. FOREST SERVICE PARTICIPATION IN ACES PROGRAM.

Section 8302(b) of the Agricultural Act of 2014 (16 U.S.C. 3851a(b)) shall be applied by substituting ''December 11, 2026'' for ''October 1, 2023''.

SEC. 2003. FOOD FOR PEACE ACT.

Section 408 of the Food for Peace Act (7 U.S.C. 1736b) shall be applied by substituting ''December 11, 2026'' for ''December 31, 2023''.

SEC. 2004. EXTENSION OF DEFENSE PRODUCTION ACT OF 1950.

Section 717(a) of the Defense Production Act of 1950 (50 U.S.C. 4564(a)) is amended by striking ''September 30, 2026'' and inserting ''December 11, 2026''.

SEC. 2005. TOXIC SUBSTANCES CONTROL ACT FEE AUTHORITY.

Section 26(b) of the Toxic Substances Control Act (15 U.S.C. 2625(b)) is amended by striking paragraph (6) and inserting the following:

''(6) TERMINATION.—The authority provided by this subsection shall terminate on December 11, 2026, unless otherwise reauthorized or modified by Congress.''.

SEC. 2006. DISASTER RELIEF FOR THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS.

Section 1108(g) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1308(g)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (2), in the matter preceding subparagraph (A), by striking ''paragraphs (3), (5), and (14)'' and inserting ''the succeeding provisions of this subsection''; and

(2) by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

''(15) TEMPORARY DISASTER RELIEF FOR THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS.—

''(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall increase the total amount otherwise determined under this subsection for the Northern Mariana Islands for the period beginning on October 1, 2025, and ending on September 30, 2026, by $21,400,000. The additional amount made available under the preceding sentence shall remain available until expended.

''(B) SPECIAL RULES.—The increase described in subparagraph (A)—

''(i) shall apply to the total amount certified by the Secretary under title XIX for payment to the Northern Mariana Islands for services attributable to fiscal year 2026, notwithstanding that payments for any such services are made by the Northern Mariana Islands in fiscal year 2027; and

''(ii) shall be in addition to the amount calculated under paragraph (2) for the Northern Mariana Islands for fiscal year 2026 and shall not be taken into account in calculating an amount under paragraph (2) for the Northern Mariana Islands for fiscal year 2027 or a subsequent fiscal year.''.

SEC. 2007. MEDICARE IMPROVEMENT FUND.

Section 1898(b)(1) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395iii(b)(1)) is amended by striking ''$2,062,000,000'' and inserting ''$2,041,000,000''.

SEC. 2008. EXTENSION OF AFRICAN GROWTH AND OPPORTUNITY ACT.

(a) TRADE ACT OF 1974.—Section 506B of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2466b) is amended by striking ''2026'' and inserting ''2028''.

(b) AFRICAN GROWTH AND OPPORTUNITY ACT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 112(g) of the African Growth and Opportunity Act (19 U.S.C. 3721(g)) is amended by striking ''2026'' and inserting ''2028''.

(2) REGIONAL APPAREL ARTICLE PROGRAM.—Section 112(b)(3)(A) of the African Growth and Opportunity Act (19 U.S.C. 3721(b)(3)(A)) is amended—

(A) in clause (i), by striking ''each of the 23 succeeding 1-year periods'' and inserting ''each succeeding 1-year period until December 31, 2028''; and

(B) in clause (ii)(II), by striking ''2026'' and inserting ''2028''.

(3) THIRD-COUNTRY FABRIC PROGRAM.—Section 112(c)(1) of the African Growth and Opportunity Act (19 U.S.C. 3721(c)(1)) is amended—

(A) in the paragraph heading, by striking ''2026'' and inserting ''2028'';

(B) in subparagraph (A), by striking ''2026'' and inserting ''2028''; and

(C) in subparagraph (B)(ii), by striking ''2026'' and inserting ''2028''.

SEC. 2009. EXTENSION OF HAITI ECONOMIC LIFT PROGRAM.

Section 213A(h) of the Caribbean Basin Economic Recovery Act (19 U.S.C. 2703a(h)) is amended by striking ''2026'' and inserting ''2028''.

SEC. 2010. EXTENSION OF CUSTOMS USER FEES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 13031(j)(3) of the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985 (19 U.S.C. 58c(j)(3)) is amended—

(1) in subparagraph (A), by striking ''December 31, 2031'' and inserting ''March 31, 2032''; and

(2) in subparagraph (B)(i), by striking ''December 31, 2031'' and inserting ''March 31, 2032''.

(b) RATE FOR MERCHANDISE PROCESSING FEES.—Section 503 of the United States-Korea Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act (Public Law 112–41;19 U.S.C. 3805 note) is amended by striking ''December 31, 2031'' and inserting ''March 31, 2032''.

SEC. 2011. CYBERSECURITY INFORMATION SHARING ACT OF 2015.

Section 111(a) of the Cybersecurity Information Sharing Act of 2015 (6 U.S.C. 1510(a)) is amended by striking ''September 30, 2026'' and inserting ''December 11, 2026''.

SEC. 2012. FEDERAL CYBERSECURITY ENHANCEMENT ACT OF 2015.

Section 227(a) of the Federal Cybersecurity Enhancement Act of 2015 (6 U.S.C. 1525(a)) is amended by striking ''September 30, 2026'' and inserting ''December 11, 2026''.

SEC. 2013. JOINT TASK FORCES.

Section 708(b)(13) of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 348(b)(13)) shall be applied by substituting ''December 11, 2026'' for ''September 30, 2026''.

SEC. 2014. EXTENSION OF THE TECHNOLOGY MODERNIZATION FUND AND BOARD.

Section 1078(f)(1) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018 (40 U.S.C. 11301 note) is amended by striking ''September 30, 2026'' and inserting ''December 11, 2026''.

SEC. 2015. FEE SETTING AUTHORITY OF THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE.

Section 10(i)(2) of the Leahy-Smith America Invents Act (35 U.S.C. 41 note; Public Law 112–29) is amended by striking ''upon the expiration of the 15-year period beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act'' and inserting ''on December 11, 2026''.

SEC. 2016. UNITED STATES COMMISSION ON INTERNATIONAL RELIGIOUS FREEDOM.

Section 209 of the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998 (22 U.S.C. 6436) is amended by striking ''September 30, 2026'' and inserting ''December 11, 2026''.

SEC. 2017. WESTERN HEMISPHERE TRAVEL INITIATIVE PASSPORT FEES.

Section 1(b)(2) of the Passport Act of June 4, 1920 (22 U.S.C. 214(b)(2)) is amended by striking ''September 30, 2010'' and inserting ''December 11, 2026''.

SEC. 2018. BUDGETARY EFFECTS.

(a) STATUTORY PAYGO SCORECARDS.—The budgetary effects of this division and each succeeding division shall not be entered on either PAYGO scorecard maintained pursuant to section 4(d) of the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010.

(b) SENATE PAYGO SCORECARDS.—The budgetary effects of this division and each succeeding division shall not be entered on any PAYGO scorecard maintained for purposes of section 4106 of H. Con. Res. 71 (115th Congress).

(c) CLASSIFICATION OF BUDGETARY EFFECTS.—Notwithstanding Rule 3 of the Budget Scorekeeping Guidelines set forth in the joint explanatory statement of the committee of conference accompanying Conference Report 105–217 and section 250(c)(8) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, the budgetary effects of this division and each succeeding division shall not be estimated—

(1) for purposes of section 251 of such Act;

(2) for purposes of an allocation to the Committee on Appropriations pursuant to section 302(a) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974; and

(3) for purposes of paragraph (4)(C) of section 3 of the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010 as being included in an appropriation Act.

SEC. 2019. SECTION 781 EXTENSION.

Until December 11, 2026, the amendments made by section 781 of division B of Public Law 119–37 (7 U.S.C. 1639o note) shall only apply with respect to products described in paragraphs (1)(C)(ii)(I) and (1)(C)(iv)(I) of section 297A of the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1639o) (as amended by such section 781).

DIVISION C—SURFACE TRANSPORTATION EXTENSION ACT OF 2026

SEC. 3001. SHORT TITLE.

This division may be cited as the ''Surface Transportation Extension Act of 2026''.

SEC. 3002. DEFINITIONS.

In this division:

(1) COVERED LAW.—The term ''covered law'' means any of the following:

(A) Division A, division B, and division C of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (Public Law 117–58; 135 Stat. 429).

(B) Titles I, II, III, IV, V, VI, VII, VIII, XI, and XXIV of the FAST Act (Public Law 114–94; 129 Stat. 1312).

(C) Division A, division B, subtitle A of title I and title II of division C, and division E of MAP–21 (Public Law 112–141; 126 Stat. 405).

(D) Titles I, II, and III of the SAFETEA–LU Technical Corrections Act of 2008 (Public Law 110–244; 122 Stat. 1572).

(E) Titles I, II, III, IV, V, and VI of SAFETEA–LU (Public Law 109–59; 119 Stat. 1144).

(F) Titles I, II, III, IV, and V of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (Public Law 105–178; 112 Stat. 107).

(G) Titles II, III, and IV of the National Highway System Designation Act of 1995 (Public Law 104–59; 109 Stat. 568).

(H) Titles I, II, III, IV, V, and VI of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 (Public Law 102–240; 105 Stat. 1914).

(I) Title 23, United States Code.

(J) Sections 116, 117, 330, 5128, 5505, and 24905 and chapters 53, 67, 139, 303, 311, 313, 701, and 702 of title 49, United States Code.

(2) EXTENSION END DATE.—The term ''extension end date'' means December 11, 2026.

(3) EXTENSION FRACTION.—The term ''extension fraction'' means the quotient, expressed as a fraction, obtained by dividing—

(A) the number of days in the extension period; by

(B) 365.

(4) EXTENSION PERIOD.—The term ''extension period'' means the period that begins on October 1, 2026, and ends on the extension end date.

(5) HIGHWAY ACCOUNT.—The term ''Highway Account'' means the portion of the Highway Trust Fund that is not the Mass Transit Account.

(6) MASS TRANSIT ACCOUNT.—The term ''Mass Transit Account'' means the portion of the Highway Trust Fund established under section 9503(e)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

TITLE I—SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAMS

SEC. 3101. EXTENSION OF FEDERAL SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAMS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Except as otherwise provided in this division, the requirements, authorities, conditions, eligibilities, limitations, and other provisions authorized under the covered laws, which would otherwise expire on or cease to apply after September 30, 2026, are incorporated by reference and shall continue in effect through the extension end date.

(b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

(1) HIGHWAY TRUST FUND.—

(A) HIGHWAY ACCOUNT.—There is authorized to be appropriated from the Highway Account for fiscal year 2027, for each program with respect to which amounts are authorized to be appropriated from such account for fiscal year 2026, an amount equal to the extension fraction of the amount authorized for appropriation with respect to the program from such account under the covered laws for fiscal year 2026.

(B) MASS TRANSIT ACCOUNT.—There is authorized to be appropriated from the Mass Transit Account for fiscal year 2027, for each program with respect to which amounts are authorized to be appropriated from such account for fiscal year 2026, an amount equal to the extension fraction of the amount authorized for appropriation with respect to the program from such account under the covered laws for fiscal year 2026.

(2) GENERAL FUND.—There is authorized to be appropriated for fiscal year 2027, for each program under the covered laws with respect to

which amounts are authorized to be appropriated for fiscal year 2026 from an account other than the Highway Account or the Mass Transit Account, an amount that is not less than the extension fraction of the amount authorized for appropriation with respect to the program under the covered laws for fiscal year 2026.

(c) USE OF FUNDS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Amounts authorized to be appropriated for fiscal year 2027 with respect to a program under subsection (b) shall be distributed, administered, limited, and made available for obligation in the same manner as amounts authorized to be appropriated with respect to the program for fiscal year 2026 under the covered laws.

(2) APPORTIONMENT NOTICE TO STATES.—Section 104(e)(2) of title 23, United States Code, shall not apply for fiscal year 2027.

(d) OBLIGATION LIMITATION.—A program for which amounts are authorized to be appropriated under subsection (b)(1) shall be subject to a limitation on obligations for fiscal year 2027 in an amount equal to the extension fraction of the limitation on obligations for the program for fiscal year 2026 and in the same manner as the limitation applicable with respect to the program for fiscal year 2026.

SEC. 3102. APPALACHIAN REGIONAL COMMISSION.

(a) IN GENERAL.—During the extension period, section 14703 of title 40, United States Code, shall be applied—

(1) in subsection (a)(6), by substituting ''2027'' for ''2026'';

(2) in subsection (c), by substituting ''2027'' for ''2026''; and

(3) in subsection (d), by substituting ''2027'' for ''2026''.

(b) TERMINATION.—During the extension period, section 14704 of title 40, United States Code, shall be applied by substituting ''2027'' for ''2026''.

SEC. 3103. SPORT FISHING.

During the extension period, section 4 of the Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration Act (16 U.S.C. 777c) shall be applied—

(1) in subsection (a), in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by substituting ''2027'' for ''2026''; and

(2) in subsection (b)—

(A) in paragraph (1)(A), in the first sentence, by substituting ''2027'' for ''2026''; and

(B) in paragraph (2)(A), in the first sentence, by substituting ''2027'' for ''2026''.

SEC. 3104. EXTENSION OF CERTAIN FUNDING.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding section 118(b) of title 23, United States Code, any funds authorized from the Highway Trust Fund (other than the Mass Transit Account) under section 11101 of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (Public Law 117–58; 135 Stat. 443) for a program described in subsection (b) that would otherwise lapse on September 30, 2026, shall be available until September 30, 2027.

(b) PROGRAM DESCRIBED.—A program referred to in subsection (a) is a program other than a program for which funding is apportioned under section 104(b) or section 130(f) of title 23, United States Code.

TITLE II—TRUST FUNDS

SEC. 3201. EXTENSION OF EXPENDITURE AUTHORITY FOR HIGHWAY TRUST FUND, SPORT FISH RESTORATION AND BOATING TRUST FUND, AND LEAKING UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK TRUST FUND.

(a) HIGHWAY TRUST FUND.—Section 9503 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended—

(1) by striking ''October 1, 2026'' in subsections (b)(6)(B), (c)(1), and (e)(3) and inserting ''December 12, 2026'', and

(2) by striking ''Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act'' in subsections (c)(1) and (e)(3) and inserting ''Surface Transportation Extension Act of 2026''.

(b) SPORT FISH RESTORATION AND BOATING TRUST FUND.—Section 9504 of such Code is amended—

(1) by striking ''Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act'' each place it appears in subsection (b)(2) and inserting ''Surface Transportation Extension Act of 2026'', and

(2) by striking ''October 1, 2026'' in subsection (d)(2) and inserting ''December 12, 2026''.

(c) LEAKING UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK TRUST FUND.—Section 9508(e)(2) of such Code is amended by striking ''October 1, 2026'' and inserting ''December 12, 2026''.

DIVISION D—DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS EXTENDERS

TITLE I—HEALTH CARE MATTERS

SEC. 4101. EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY FOR COLLECTION OF COPAYMENTS FOR HOSPITAL CARE AND NURSING HOME CARE.

Section 1710(f)(2)(B) of title 38, United States Code, is amended by striking ''September 30, 2026'' and inserting ''December 11, 2026''.

SEC. 4102. EXTENSION OF REQUIREMENT TO PROVIDE NURSING HOME CARE TO CERTAIN VETERANS WITH SERVICE-CONNECTED DISABILITIES.

Section 1710A(d) of title 38, United States Code, is amended by striking ''September 30, 2026'' and inserting ''December 11, 2026''.

SEC. 4103. EXTENSION OF FUNDING FOR EXPANSION OF RURAL ACCESS NETWORK FOR GROWTH ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM.

Section 2(d) of the Sgt. Ketchum Rural Veterans Mental Health Act of 2021 (Public Law 117–21; 38 U.S.C. 1712A note) is amended by striking ''$1,200,000 for each of fiscal years 2022 through 2026 to carry out this section.'' and inserting ''to carry out this section, for—

''(1) each of fiscal years 2022 through 2026, $1,200,000; and

''(2) the period beginning on October 1, 2026, and ending on December 11, 2026, $236,713.''.

SEC. 4104. EXTENSION OF STAFF SERGEANT PARKER GORDON FOX SUICIDE PREVENTION GRANT PROGRAM.

Section 201(j) of the Commander John Scott Hannon Veterans Mental Health Care Improvement Act of 2019 (Public Law 116–171; 38 U.S.C. 1720F note) is amended by striking ''September 30, 2026'' and inserting ''December 11, 2026''.

SEC. 4105. EXTENSION OF FUNDING FOR GRANTS OR CONTRACTS TO PROVIDE MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TO FAMILY CAREGIVERS OF VETERANS.

Section 1720K(n) of title 38, United States Code, is amended by striking '', for each of fiscal years 2025 and 2026, $10,000,000 to carry out this section'' and inserting ''to carry out this section, for—

''(1) each of fiscal years 2025 and 2026, $10,000,000; and

''(2) the period beginning on October 1, 2026, and ending on December 11, 2026, $1,972,603.''.

SEC. 4106. EXTENSION OF REQUIREMENT FOR REIMBURSEMENT FOR AMBULANCE COST FOR CARE FOR CERTAIN RURAL VETERANS.

Section 143(c) of the Senator Elizabeth Dole 21st Century Veterans Healthcare and Benefits Improvement Act (Public Law 118–210; 38 U.S.C. 1728 note) is amended by striking ''September 30, 2026'' and inserting ''December 11, 2026''.

SEC. 4107. EXTENSION OF INCENTIVE PROGRAM FOR SHARING OF HEALTH CARE RESOURCES OF DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS AND DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.

Section 8111(d)(3) of title 38, United States Code, is amended by striking ''September 30, 2026'' and inserting ''December 11, 2026''.

TITLE II—BENEFITS

SEC. 4201. EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY TO MAINTAIN REGIONAL OFFICE IN REPUBLIC OF PHILIPPINES.

Section 315(b) of title 38, United States Code, is amended by striking ''September 30, 2026'' and inserting ''December 11, 2026''.

SEC. 4202. EXTENSION OF REQUIREMENT RELATING TO RESTORATION OF ENTITLEMENT TO EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE IN CASES OF CLOSURE OR DISAPPROVAL OF EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

Section 3699(c)(2)(C) of title 38, United States Code, is amended by striking ''September 30, 2026'' and inserting ''December 11, 2026''.

TITLE III—HOUSING

SEC. 4301. EXTENSION OF AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR HOMELESS WOMEN VETERANS AND HOMELESS VETERANS WITH CHILDREN REINTEGRATION GRANT PROGRAM.

Section 2021A(f)(1) of title 38, United States Code, is amended by striking ''to carry out this section $1,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2011 through 2026.'' and inserting ''to carry out this section—

''(A) $1,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2011 through 2026; and

''(B) $197,261 for the period beginning on October 1, 2026, and ending on December 11, 2026.''.

SEC. 4302. EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY FOR TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION FOR SERIOUSLY MENTALLY ILL AND HOMELESS VETERANS.

(a) GENERAL TREATMENT.—Section 2031(b) of title 38, United States Code, is amended by striking ''September 30, 2026'' and inserting ''December 11, 2026''.

(b) ADDITIONAL SERVICES AT CERTAIN LOCATIONS.—Section 2033(d) of title 38, United States Code, is amended by striking ''September 30, 2026'' and inserting ''December 11, 2026''.

SEC. 4303. EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY FOR HOUSING ASSISTANCE FOR HOMELESS VETERANS.

Section 2041(c) of title 38, United States Code, is amended by striking ''September 30, 2026'' and inserting ''December 11, 2026''.

SEC. 4304. EXTENSION OF FUNDING FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR SUPPORTIVE SERVICES FOR VERY LOW-INCOME VETERAN FAMILIES IN PERMANENT HOUSING.

Section 2044(e) of title 38, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

''(10) $130,191,781 for the period beginning on October 1, 2026, and ending on December 11, 2026.''.

SEC. 4305. EXTENSION OF FUNDING FOR GRANT PROGRAM FOR HOMELESS VETERANS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS.

Section 2061(d)(1) of title 38, United States Code, is amended by striking ''for each of fiscal years 2007 through 2026, $5,000,000 shall be available for each such fiscal year for the purposes of the program under this section.'' and inserting '', the following shall be available for the purposes of the program under this section:

''(A) For each of fiscal years 2007 through 2026, $5,000,000.

''(B) For the period beginning on October 1, 2026, and ending on December 11, 2026, $986,302.''.

SEC. 4306. EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY FOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON HOMELESS VETERANS.

Section 2066(d) of title 38, United States Code, is amended by striking ''September 30, 2026'' and inserting ''December 11, 2026''.

SEC. 4307. EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE FOR SPECIALLY ADAPTED HOUSING FOR DISABLED VETERANS RESIDING TEMPORARILY IN HOUSING OWNED BY A FAMILY MEMBER.

Section 2102A(e) of title 38, United States Code, is amended by striking ''September 30, 2026'' and inserting ''December 11, 2026''.

SEC. 4308. EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY FOR SPECIALLY ADAPTED HOUSING ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY GRANT PROGRAM.

Section 2108(g) of title 38, United States Code, is amended by striking ''September 30, 2026'' and inserting ''December 11, 2026''.

TITLE IV—OTHER MATTERS

SEC. 4401. EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY FOR SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS TO TRANSPORT INDIVIDUALS TO AND FROM FACILITIES OF DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.

Section 111A(a)(2) of title 38, United States Code, is amended by striking ''September 30, 2026'' and inserting ''December 11, 2026''.

SEC. 4402. EXTENSION OF SUBPOENA AUTHORITY OF INSPECTOR GENERAL OF DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.

Section 312(d)(7)(A) of title 38, United States Code, is amended by striking ''September 30, 2026'' and inserting ''December 11, 2026''.

SEC. 4403. EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY FOR ADAPTIVE SPORTS PROGRAMS FOR DISABLED VETERANS AND MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES.

Section 521A of title 38, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in subsection (g)(1), by adding at the end the following:

''(C) $3,156,165 for the period beginning on October 1, 2026, and ending on December 11, 2026.''; and

(2) in subsection (l), by striking ''fiscal years 2010 through 2026'' and inserting ''the period beginning on October 1, 2009, and ending on December 11, 2026''.

SEC. 4404. EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY FOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON MINORITY VETERANS.

Section 544(e) of title 38, United States Code, is amended by striking ''September 30, 2026'' and inserting ''December 11, 2026''.

SEC. 4405. EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY RELATING TO PLOT ALLOWANCES.

Section 301(c)(2) of the Senator Elizabeth Dole 21st Century Veterans Healthcare and Benefits Improvement Act (Public Law 118–210; 38 U.S.C. 2303 note) is amended by striking ''October 1, 2026'' and inserting ''December 12, 2026''.

SEC. 4406. EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY RELATING TO VENDEE LOAN PROGRAM.

Section 3733(a)(8) of title 38, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A), by striking ''September 30, 2026'' and inserting ''December 11, 2026''; and

(2) in subparagraph (C), by striking ''September 30, 2026'' and inserting ''December 11, 2026''.

SEC. 4407. EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY FOR TRANSFER OF REAL PROPERTY.

Section 8118(a)(5) of title 38, United States Code, is amended by striking ''September 30, 2026'' and inserting ''December 11, 2026''.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Oklahoma (Mr. COLE) and the gentlewoman from Connecticut (Ms. DELAURO) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Oklahoma.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. COLE. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the measure under consideration.

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

There was no objection.

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

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the Senate amendments to H.R. 6500, the Continuing Appropriations Act of 2027.

Mr. Speaker, today is the first day of September. At this time of year, some people think of fall. Some people, like me, think of football, but on the Appropriations Committee, our focus is on the end of the fiscal year.

September 30 marks the end of the fiscal year 2026, and that means both the House and the Senate must act to fund the government for the coming fiscal year.

The Constitution entrusts Congress with a solemn duty to fund the government. This is a responsibility I have never viewed as optional and one I have remained committed to honoring through regular order.

I am extremely pleased that the House Appropriations Committee largely fulfilled its responsibilities earlier this year. By the middle of June, the Appropriations Committee reported out all 12 of our fiscal year 2027 appropriations bills, the earliest we have done so since fiscal year 2020.

The full House has also passed three of these bills. I had hoped that the House's quick actions would lead to sending a series of appropriations measures to the President's desk before the end of the fiscal year.

Unfortunately, time is running short. Though the House acted expeditiously, our colleagues across the rotunda have not approached this problem with the same sense of urgency. Indeed, the Senate has yet to report a single bill out of the Senate Appropriations Committee, much less across the Senate floor.

Like it or not, the Constitution entrusts Congress, both the House and the Senate, with the responsibility of funding the government. The fact remains that this House cannot act solely on its own.

The hard reality before us is straightforward: The fiscal year deadline is outpacing the work that remains. Recognizing that this was a possibility in July, the House proactively passed H.R. 9770, a continuing resolution to fund the government through December 4. I am glad to say the example we set helped paved the way for action in the other Chamber. The Senate built on our plan and before leaving for recess, our colleagues passed an amended version of that bill. We now have an opportunity to take this measure up and send it to the President for his approval.

This clean, short-term continuing resolution simply keeps the government open, protects the progress we have made, and preserves the path to full-year appropriations. If enacted, the bill before us today will fund the government through December 11. This will allow Congress time to get past the November elections and allow us time to assess and move forward with further appropriations measures in November and December.

Let me be very clear, Mr. Speaker, about what this bill does and does not do: The bill funds the government and keeps it open through December 11, ensuring our constituents will continue to get the services they need. The bill protects our national security, providing funding for our Armed Forces and security agencies as well as crucial authorities for core research and development programs to ensure our military remains the best armed and equipped services in the world.

The bill contains no poison pills and no partisan riders. It doesn't mean I agree with everything in it, but I think the time to act is now.

The bill has the support of the White House and notably the bill preserves the House's progress and the ability to pass full-year funding bills after the November elections.

Over and over, I hear from my constituents that they want Congress to work together and do the right thing for the American people. That is precisely what we are doing in taking up today's bill.

The bill before us is a clean, narrowly tailored continuing resolution that keeps the government open and operating, nothing more, nothing less.

It gives the Nation and our constituents certainty: certainty that the government will remain open, certainty that our servicemembers will be paid, certainty that the TSA will remain operating, certainty that Social Security checks will go out on time, certainty that home buyers will be able to secure mortgages, certainty that the Nation will be protected from foreign threats, certainty that Americans will be able to access nutrition assistance and disaster relief, certainty that roads will be repaired and critical infrastructure projects will continue, and certainty that our elections will be secure.

The choice is clear.

Mr. Speaker, I urge all my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to join me in voting for this responsible measure, and I look forward to continuing the FY 2027 appropriations process in the months ahead.

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

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

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the measure we are considering today, which would extend government funding through December 11.

This bill, which passed the Senate by a vote of 90–6, is a marked improvement on the measure House Republicans forced to the floor before the district work period. We had three main objectives to that piece of legislation. It did not address a proposed rule from the White House Budget Office that granted unprecedented authority over Federal spending to political appointees in the Trump administration. It did not include spending adjustments known as anomalies that prevent interruptions or reductions of certain services during a temporary funding extension. It created a loophole that would have allowed certain funds within the Department of Homeland Security to be diverted to the Border Patrol in violation of the bipartisan agreement struck earlier this year.

I am pleased that the measure that we are considering today corrects these issues with the House Republican legislation. It prevents cuts to wildfire suppression, election security, economic development, and infrastructure investments. It supports the Commodity Supplemental Food Program, allows the FBI to continue planning for the 2028 Olympics, facilitates preparations for the 2030 census, extends the Commodity Futures Trading Commission's Whistleblower Program, supports the launch schedule for NOAA's weather satellites, and much more.

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The bill contains no funding for ICE and prevents the Department of Homeland Security from using any money in this bill for the Border Patrol.

The Trump administration has provided tens of billions of dollars in advance funding for these agencies already. We will not support a single cent in further funding without substantial reforms to protect our communities from abuse.

Additionally, the bill denies the administration's request for vanity projects, like the $1 billion Trump-class battleships.

These are all welcome provisions.

This measure also freezes a White House budget policy that would put President Trump's political appointees in charge of virtually all of Federal funding. This is an important first step, but more must be done to permanently block this policy before it is allowed to take effect.

Federal funding must be awarded as Congress intended based upon genuine need and objective merit. Funding for cancer research should not be blocked because of partisan politics. Whether a community receives disaster relief should not depend on who they voted for in the last election.

Recently, the Department of Energy admitted in court that they had canceled certain grants solely because they were awarded to communities represented by Democrats.

If this proposed policy is allowed to come to fruition, this kind of political weaponization will become the norm. It is an extraordinarily dangerous precedent, one which will harm all of our constituents in the long run.

I know there is bipartisan opposition to this policy, but I am optimistic that we can work together to prevent it from taking effect, to protect Congress' constitutional prerogative over Federal spending, and protect our communities from being starved of sorely needed Federal resources.

To be clear, the continuing resolution we are considering today is in no way a substitute for the full-year funding process. It is merely a means to complete this important work while averting a lapse in government funding.

I remain committed to negotiating bipartisan agreements for all 12 appropriations bills for fiscal year 2027 before the conclusion of this continuing resolution. I believe Chairman COLE, Vice Chair MURRAY, and Chair COLLINS share this commitment.

There can be no replacement for the appropriations process, not continuing resolutions, not reconciliation, not empowerments, nor pocket rescissions. The power of the purse resides in the Congress. It is our exclusive responsibility. We do a disservice to this institution and the American people when we forfeit our authority over Federal spending to the executive branch.

The first step in exercising that authority is passing this bill today. The next step is enacting full-year bills that protect our constituents' interests and make sure that Federal investments are delivered to the American people without the interference of unelected political appointees in the White House, at the Office of Management and Budget, or throughout the Trump administration.

I encourage my colleagues to support this legislation while we continue the difficult but necessary work of crafting full-year funding bills that rein in this reckless administration, reassert Congress' power of the purse, and provide relief to the American people struggling with the high cost of living.

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

Mr. COLE. Mr. Speaker, I yield 4 minutes to the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. ALFORD), my good friend and a distinguished member of the Committee on Appropriations.

Mr. ALFORD. Mr. Speaker, I thank Chairman COLE and Ranking Member DELAURO for their hard work in this endeavor.

Mr. Speaker, here we are again. I rise in strong support of this continuing resolution.

Last year, Senate Democrats manufactured a 42-day shutdown that punished troops, farmers, veterans, and working families. Airports were backed up and paychecks froze. Rural hospitals and local law enforcement felt the hit, and Missouri families paid the price for Washington games. We will not let that happen again.

This clean, short-term continuing resolution keeps the government open through early December. It pays our troops. It funds the Department of Veterans Affairs. It keeps SNAP and WIC operating for Missouri mothers and children. It sustains USDA programs our farmers and ranchers depend on. It funds disaster relief and surface transportation. It does not load the bill with poison pills that invite another crisis right before the American people vote.

House Republicans have already done the hard work. They have moved the appropriations bills. They have restored regular order. They fought for fiscal discipline and for real investments in rural America, including more than $20 million that was secured for Missouri's Fourth Congressional District in infrastructure, rural health, agriculture research, and public safety.

Mr. Speaker, a continuing resolution is not the finish line. Full-year bills are the finish line, but a shutdown is not a strategy. It is an abdication. It is a political stunt dressed up as principle.

The other side had a chance last year to help us fund the government, but they chose leverage instead. They chose chaos instead.

Yes, Mr. Speaker, the American people remember that.

Today, we choose competence and to keep the lights on. We protect the progress already made. We give appropriators the time to finish our full-year bills without holding servicemembers, farmers, and seniors hostage.

You see, Missourians did not send me here to shut the government down for talking points. The American people sent us here to fund the government, to cut the waste, to secure the country, and get results.

That is why, Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to pass this resolution to keep the government open and then finish the appropriations work the Constitution actually requires of us here in Congress.

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentlewoman from Minnesota (Ms. MCCOLLUM), the distinguished ranking member of the Subcommittee on Defense.

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of this continuing resolution, and I thank the chair and the ranking member for bringing it to the floor for us to have a vote on.

Congress knows that CRs are not the way to fund the Federal Government. They are ineffective. They are inefficient in so many ways. Yet, we must keep the Federal Government operating because Americans deserve the certainty that the government services they rely on will be there for them.

I also wish to state that I am very proud that this bill for the CR does not have any funding that the President requested in his supplemental for the war in Iran, which was his war of choice. There is no money in this that the President had been requesting in supplementals.

President Trump's disastrous tariffs on allies like Canada, his unlawful war in Iran, they are all driving up the costs for Americans, and the President fails to address the rising cost of living.

When the President fails to do so, Congress cannot. Congress cannot let a government shutdown happen, too. It puts more burden on our families. Our constituents simply cannot afford it. They deserve so much better.

Senate Republicans also let the American people down by failing to release any of their 12 appropriations bills for next year. I am proud that the House moved forward in its work.

As I said, the House has done its job. It has advanced all 12 appropriations bills through the committee. I might not agree with the bills in their totality, but it was a framework to get to conference and to get the job done on time.

Again, I thank the chair and ranking member for working together to make that happen.

As I urge my Senate colleagues to complete their work, to get it done. Let's get to the negotiation table. I encourage my colleagues to vote for the CR so we can have a bipartisan funding package that truly invests in the needs of the American people.

Mr. COLE. Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. SMITH), my good friend and the distinguished chairman of the House Committee on Ways and Means.

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Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I thank Chairman COLE for the opportunity to speak.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of this legislation, which not only prevents another government shutdown but also includes legislation passed by the Ways and Means Committee and the House to reauthorize trade policies that are vital to our Nation's economy and national security.

For over two decades, the African Growth and Opportunity Act has been the foundation of America's trade partnership with the nations of sub-Saharan Africa. AGOA promotes greater economic stability and opportunity across Africa while advancing America's strategic and national security interests, including access to critical minerals and more secure supply chains that are not beholden to Communist China.

Africa is home to approximately 30 percent of the world's critical mineral resources. Strengthening our trade relationship with Africa ensures that we do not surrender those critical minerals to China.

China has invested $8 billion to $10 billion in Africa and is seeking to monopolize that entire market to control future technological innovation and achieve military dominance. We cannot let that happen.

This bill also reauthorizes the Haitian Hemispheric Opportunity through Partnership Encouragement Act and the Haiti Economic Lift Program Act, known as HOPE and HELP. These programs provide trade preferences for textile and apparel products from Haiti and encourage greater stability in a nation less than 600 miles away from the Florida coast that has long suffered political and economic upheaval.

Greater stability in Haiti means fewer regional security concerns for the United States. Earlier this year, we reauthorized both of these vital agreements for an additional 1 year. Today's legislation ensures that both AGOA and Haiti HOPE/HELP will be in effect through the end of 2028, which will give our committee and stakeholders interested in these vital programs time to consider reforms and update them to ensure that they continue to advance U.S. interests.

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time for the purposes of closing.

Mr. Speaker, I support this measure, as I have indicated. It makes important improvements over the bill that was put forward by House Republicans before the August break.

It received broad bipartisan support in the Senate. It freezes a White House budget policy that would take substantial power over Federal funding away from Congress and claim it for the President, and it allows us to complete our work on the 12 full-year funding bills for fiscal year 2027. The House has completed its work, and now the Senate must complete its work.

Continuing resolutions are imperfect tools. They are not replacements for full-year appropriations, but they can be useful under certain limited circumstances like those we currently find ourselves in.

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

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

Mr. Speaker, I thank my friend, as always, for working with us in this matter cooperatively.

Mr. Speaker, I am very pleased, honestly, with the progress of the House Appropriations Committee this year. Again, all 12 bills were reported out of committee in the fastest time since fiscal year 2020.

I know those bills aren't in their final form, and so does my friend. We still need to sit down and bargain together and bargain with the Senate. Out of that, I believe we will emerge with a bipartisan compromise that both sides can be proud of and that we can send to the President for his approval.

For that to occur, the United States Senate has to begin to act. They have to produce bills. For us to go an entire fiscal year almost—we are about 30 days short of it—without a single Senate bill is just unprecedented. I do not blame that on my Republican colleagues. Frankly, they have the filibuster over there. They have to get to 60. They have not been able to do that, and that is going to mean that we are going to have an extraordinarily short time.

I am pleased, however, that the Senate acted. When we passed our continuing resolution over here, we knew it would change when it got to the Senate. Some of those changes, I actually agree with. Some of them, I don't. They don't really change the substance or the fact that we bought the time that we need to get through the election cycle and, hopefully, the time that we need to get down to serious bargaining on the other side of it.

For that to work, again, every person has to be at the table. Every point of view has to be represented, and we have to find common ground.

We were able to do that last year by working together on almost everything—not quite, but almost—and I think we can do that again this year. It is important for the country that we do.

Mr. Speaker, again, I thank my good friend, the ranking member of the full committee, for always being an honest and direct negotiating partner. I know that is going to continue. I know we have the same goal of trying to get all of these bills done by the end of the calendar year, if not the fiscal year.

Mr. Speaker, I invite the United States Senate, as a body, to join us in that and produce some product, post some numbers, do something so that we have some idea of what they are thinking about in terms of long-term appropriations. Then, we will sit down, appropriately, and we will bargain with them and hopefully come to a common conclusion.

The last thing this country needs is a full-year continuing resolution. We need negotiated, bipartisan bills that achieve the common objectives that, despite the partisan rhetoric of an election year, I know we have together. We have worked together before to defend the country, to advance biomedical research, to take care of early childhood, to help first-time college students, to do all of the things that the United States Government ought to be engaged in and do it in a bipartisan way. I think we can do that again. This bill is a step in that direction.

Again, I thank my friend for supporting the legislation. I hope our Senate colleagues recognize that we are trying to move along. We didn't want to fight over things, even the couple of things that we disagreed with. We wanted to bring this to the floor and begin a bipartisan process. Again, I think that is what we will accomplish today if we pass these bills.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to support this bill, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Oklahoma (Mr. COLE) that the House suspend the rules and concur in the Senate amendments to the bill, H.R. 6500.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the ayes have it.

Mr. COLE. 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 motion will be postponed.

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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 12 o'clock and 47 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.