

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

There was no objection.

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

Mr. Speaker, what does it say about our priorities if North Carolina has the land to train our soldiers for war but not the space to care for them when they grow old? That is the problem H.R. 10159 helps solve, and it is why I am proud to cosponsor this bill.

North Carolina is home to more than 600,000 veterans, but today the 150-bed Fayetteville State Veterans Home is closed after serious structural problems forced every resident out. The building has closed. The need that it served has not changed.

Just a few miles away at Fort Bragg, there are approximately 20 acres that can give that new home a place to be built.

I know Fort Bragg well. I trained there as a Green Beret and deployed from there to Afghanistan. The men I served alongside are veterans now. So am I. The 20-year-old soldier eventually becomes the 70-year-old veteran. The country that needed him at 20 still has a responsibility to him at 70.

Fort Bragg has spent generations preparing Americans for service. Now, we have an opportunity to use a small part of it to care for them after that service is over.

Give North Carolina the land. Let us build the home, and let us take care of the people who spent their lives taking care of our country.

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

Mr. BELL. Mr. Speaker, I support the bill, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. HARRIGAN. Mr. Speaker, I yield 5 minutes to the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. HUDSON).

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 10159, a bipartisan bill to transfer land from Fort Bragg to the State of North Carolina so that a new State veterans home can be built. I urge the House to pass this bill.

As Fort Bragg's Congressman, there is no issue more important to me than taking care of our Active-Duty servicemembers, their families, and our veterans.

North Carolina is home to many important military installations, including what we like to call the center of the universe at Fort Bragg.

North Carolina is also home to the fastest growing veteran population in the Nation. Sadly, our State experiences a gap in veteran services that we must address.

In 2024, the State veterans home in Fayetteville abruptly closed leading to the displacement of 85 veterans, including many with dementia and other disabilities. These heroes have since been dispersed across the State, far from their families, and in some cases without access to proper medical care. H.R. 10159 is the first step in the construc-

tion of a new veterans home just outside the gates of Fort Bragg.

This transfer of only 20 acres to the State of North Carolina will allow the State to begin permitting the construction process for this new home in a timely manner. Our veterans cannot and they should not wait any longer.

I am touched by the level of bipartisan support we have for the construction of this VA home both down in the State as well as here in Washington. I thank my fellow members of the North Carolina delegation, both Democrats and Republicans who have all cosponsored this legislation. I thank Mr. BELL for his support today. I also thank Chairman ROGERS and Ranking Member SMITH for their support. I thank our Governor, and I thank our partners in the North Carolina Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, led by our great Secretary Jocelyn Mallette, for their efforts. I thank them for working with us on this vital legislation.

As Fort Bragg's Congressman, I am proud to lead this legislation, and I ask my colleagues to support its passage.

While we are here, I urge our colleagues on the other side of the Capitol, in the Senate, to please take up this vital legislation as soon as possible.

Again, our veterans have been waiting a long time. This is the first step to end that wait. I thank my colleagues, both Democrats and Republicans, for working together to make this happen.

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

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

Mr. Speaker, one of the benefits of sitting on the House Committee on Armed Services is that we have a lengthy legislative streak of enacting the National Defense Authorization Act. It is a bill that sets the policies for the national security of our Nation.

I will provide some assurance to the sponsoring Member that I will work diligently to have this provision incorporated into the conference discussions of the National Defense Authorization Act that I hope will be finalized this Congress.

In summary, this is a strong bipartisan bill that is worthy of being enacted. The Army supports this bill, and it is the minimum support that we can provide to support the veterans who have labored so hard for our Nation.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. HARRIGAN) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 10159.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE RECORDS OF CONGRESS SUNSET ACT

Mr. GRIFFITH. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 9360) to sunset the Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress, and for other purposes, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 9360

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress Sunset Act".

SEC. 2. MANAGEMENT AND PRESERVATION OF THE RECORDS OF CONGRESS.

(a) SUNSET OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE RECORDS OF CONGRESS.—Effective on the date that is 60 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, title 44, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by striking chapter 27; and

(2) in the table of chapters, by striking the item relating to chapter 27.

(b) REPORT.—Not later than February 1 of the year beginning after the date of enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter, the Director shall submit a report on the management and preservation of the records of Congress during the previous year to—

(1) the Archivist;

(2) the Secretary;

(3) the Clerk;

(4) the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs and the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate; and

(5) the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform and the Committee on House Administration of the House of Representatives.

(c) REVIEW.—The Archivist, the Secretary, and the Clerk shall meet to review the management and preservation of the records of Congress—

(1) not later than 60 days after the date on which the Director submits a report under subsection (b); and

(2) not later than 180 days after the date on which an individual begins to carry out the duties and responsibilities of the Archivist, Secretary, or Clerk.

(d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) ARCHIVIST.—The term "Archivist" means the Archivist of the United States, or any successor thereto.

(2) CLERK.—The term "Clerk" means the Clerk of the House of Representatives.

(3) DIRECTOR.—The term "Director" means the Director of the Center for Legislative Archives of the National Archives, or any successor thereto.

(4) SECRETARY.—The term "Secretary" means the Secretary of the Senate.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. GRIFFITH) and the gentleman from New York (Mr. MORELLE) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Virginia.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. GRIFFITH. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on this bill.

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

There was no objection.

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

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 9360, the Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress Sunset Act, led by Representative MARY MILLER of Illinois, is an important measure that will modernize how Congress manages its records.

H.R. 9360 sunsets the Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress, an outdated committee, and replaces it with a more efficient process for reviewing congressional records.

The bill instructs the Director of the Center for Legislative Archives of the National Archives to submit an annual report to the Archivist of the United States, the Clerk of the House, the Secretary of the Senate, and requisite congressional committees on the management and preservation of the records of Congress.

By eliminating this obsolete committee, H.R. 9360 provides a more efficient process for the management and preservation of congressional records through annual reports and cuts burdensome administrative hurdles.

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

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

Mr. Speaker, the Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress was created in 1990 to review and advise Congress and the National Archives on the management and preservation of congressional records.

The House Clerk, who is one of the leaders of the advisory committee, approached us with this proposal because the committee accomplished its key goals and is no longer useful in addressing current challenges.

This makes sense because the ways we manage and preserve records have changed significantly over the last three-and-a-half decades. Sunsetting this committee will save taxpayer dollars and allow those resources to be used to improve contemporary archiving practices.

Mr. Speaker, I urge all of my colleagues to support the bill, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. GRIFFITH. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as she may consume to the gentlewoman from Illinois (Mrs. MILLER).

Mrs. MILLER of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of my bill, H.R. 9360, which will sunset the Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress.

This committee was created in 1990 to advise Congress and the National Archives on the management and retention of congressional records.

My bill, however, would eliminate this outdated committee. Due to advancements in technology over the last several decades and changes in the way Congress operates, sunsetting this committee is necessary and will streamline the archival process.

This bill will also maintain oversight of the Center for Legislative Archives

by requiring the center to publish an annual report on the management and preservation of records. Sunsetting this advisory committee will furthermore save taxpayers approximately \$38,000 annually in operating costs without sacrificing the transparency of congressional records.

As this advisory committee hits its 36th year, we can agree that the committee has accomplished its original goals and has met its intended purpose, thereby outliving its usefulness.

Mr. Speaker, as we continue to improve the efficiency of our government, I urge all of my colleagues to support this bill.

Mr. MORELLE. Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the opportunity to have the bill before the House, and I urge all my colleagues to vote in support of it.

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

Mr. GRIFFITH. Mr. Speaker, I, too, urge my colleagues to support H.R. 9360, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. GRIFFITH) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 9360, as amended.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

GPO MODERNIZATION ACT OF 2026

Mr. GRIFFITH. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 9342) to revise certain authorities of the Government Publishing Office, and for other purposes, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 9342

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.

(a) *SHORT TITLE.*—This Act may be cited as the “GPO Modernization Act of 2026”.

(b) *TABLE OF CONTENTS.*—The table of contents of this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.

TITLE I—SALES PROGRAMS

Sec. 101. Sale of Government documents.

TITLE II—PUBLIC INFORMATION PROGRAMS

Sec. 201. Purpose and establishment.

Sec. 202. Definitions.

Sec. 203. Availability of Government publications.

Sec. 204. Selections available to depository libraries.

Sec. 205. Distribution to depositories.

Sec. 206. Conforming amendment related to libraries of executive departments.

Sec. 207. Requirements for depository libraries.

Sec. 208. Free use of Government public information in depositories.

Sec. 209. Regional depositories.

Sec. 210. Cataloging and access.

Sec. 211. National Collection of United States Public Information.

Sec. 212. Printing or publication of Congressional Directory.

TITLE III—GPO OPERATIONAL MODERNIZATION

Sec. 301. Updating Oversight by the Joint Committee.

Sec. 302. Modernizing authorities of the Government Publishing Office.

Sec. 303. Updating and Modernizing Congressional Publishing.

Sec. 304. GPO and the Federal Register.

Sec. 305. Acceptance of gifts.

Sec. 306. Simplified acquisitions.

Sec. 307. Supplies or services.

Sec. 308. Detail of employees.

Sec. 309. Equalizing GPO Compensation with Other Legislative Branch Agencies.

Sec. 310. Leave carryover for certain Government Publishing Office positions.

TITLE IV—PREPARATION OF CONSTITUTION ANNOTATED

Sec. 401. Repeal requirement for Congressional Research Service to prepare Annotated Constitution and supplements in hardbound version.

TITLE I—SALES PROGRAMS

SEC. 101. SALE OF GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS.

(a) *AUTHORITY OF SUPERINTENDENT OF DOCUMENTS.*—Section 1702 of title 44, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in the first undesignated paragraph, by striking “The Director” and inserting “(a) APPOINTMENT.—The Director”;

(2) in the second undesignated paragraph—

(A) by striking “When an officer” and inserting “(b) RECEIPT AND SALE.—When an officer”; and

(B) by striking “who shall receive and sell” and inserting “who may receive and sell”; and

(3) in the third undesignated paragraph, by striking “The Superintendent of Documents” and inserting “(c) REPORTS AND DISTRIBUTION.—The Superintendent of Documents”.

(b) *REMOVE REQUIREMENT FOR APPROVAL FROM DEPARTMENT IN WHICH DOCUMENT ORIGINATED.*—Section 1707 of such title is amended by striking “, subject to the approval of the Secretary or head of the department in which the public document originated”.

(c) *PRICES; RESALE AUTHORITY.*—Section 1708 of such title is amended to read as follows:

“§ 1708. Prices for sales copies of publications; crediting of receipts; resale by dealers; sales agents

“(a) *PRICES.*—The price at which additional copies of Government publications are offered for sale to the public by the Superintendent of Documents shall be based on the cost as determined by the Director of the Government Publishing Office plus a premium to cover the costs of sale and delivery. A discount may be allowed as determined by the Superintendent of Documents.

“(b) *RESALE AUTHORITY.*—The Superintendent of Documents may prescribe terms and conditions under which the Superintendent authorizes the resale of Government publications by book dealers, and the Superintendent may designate any Government officer as the Superintendent’s agent for the sale of Government publications under regulations agreed upon by the Superintendent of Documents and the head of the respective department or establishment of the Government.”.

(d) *AUTHORITY OF SUPERINTENDENT OF DOCUMENTS TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS FOR DISTRIBUTION, SALE, AND DISPOSAL OF UNNEEDED DOCUMENTS.*—Section 1720 of such title is amended by striking “distribution or sale” and inserting “distribution, sale, or disposal in accordance with requirements established by the Superintendent of Documents”.