

Then-Acting Chief of Staff to the National Security Advisor Joe Kent stating: "There is nothing time sensitive driving this timeline. We will have the exact same options in a month";

Central Intelligence Agency Director John Ratcliffe stating: "A delay would not negatively impact us and additional time would be used to identify better starting points for coverage on Houthi leadership";

Addressing the timing of Operation Rough Rider, Secretary Hegseth himself stated: "We can easily pause"; and

Addressing the Vice President's concerns regarding Operation Rough Rider's immediate commencement, Secretary Hegseth stated: "VP, I understand your concerns . . . two immediate risks on waiting: One, this leaks and we look indecisive; two, Israel takes action first—or Gaza ceasefire falls apart"—and we don't get to start this war on our terms; I am sorry—"and we don't get to start this on our own terms. . . . This is not about the Houthis" reestablish—"reestablishing deterrence which Biden cratered."

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Thus, Secretary Hegseth knew there was no imminent threat to the United States, its territories or possessions, or its Armed Forces, as, had such a threat existed, there would have been no basis for him to state that: "We can easily pause." Moreover, the only immediate risks identified by Secretary Hegseth concerned media optics and Israeli affairs rather than the direct affairs of the United States of America, the Nation to which his oath is sworn.

In all of this, Secretary Hegseth abused the powers entrusted to him as Secretary of Defense by subordinating the constitutional limits on the use of military force and the laws governing the conduct of hostilities to his own policy objectives, notwithstanding his knowledge that no imminent threat to the United States existed, and demonstrated a profound disregard for civilian life, the rule of law, the constitutional authority of Congress, and his duty to ensure the lawful conduct of the United States Armed Forces.

Wherefore, Secretary of Defense Peter Hegseth, by such conduct, has demonstrated that he will remain a threat to civilians, the lawful conduct of United States military operations, the integrity and credibility of the United States Armed Forces, and the Constitution if allowed to remain in office, and has acted in a manner grossly incompatible with his duties and the rule of law. Peter Brian Hegseth thus warrants impeachment and trial, removal from office, and disqualification to hold and enjoy any office of honor, trust, or profit under the United States.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. ONDER). Under rule IX, a resolution offered from the floor by a Member other than the majority leader or the minor-

ity leader as a question of the privileges of the House has immediate precedence only at a time designated by the Chair within 2 legislative days after the resolution is properly noticed.

Pending that designation, the form of the resolution noticed by the gentleman from Kentucky will appear in the RECORD at this point.

The Chair will not at this point determine whether the resolution constitutes a question of privilege. That determination will be made at the time designated for consideration of the resolution.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to 15 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

RECOGNIZING NORTH CAROLINA LITTLE LEAGUE CHAMPIONS

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

Mr. KNOTT. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to recognize and salute the Little League Softball World Series champions from my district, specifically in Johnston County, North Carolina.

Recently, they won a rigorous contest to become champions, making all of North Carolina's 13th Congressional District proud. These are North Carolina girls, and they are all from around the Archer Lodge community. Many of them are classmates, neighbors, friends, and family. In this season, they worked, competed, and improved together.

On August 8, they took the field against Kentucky in the championship game of the Little League Softball World Series, and they did not just win. They won convincingly.

Pitcher Anna-Lynn Clark threw a complete-game shutout. Additionally, in the first inning, second baseman Sophie Catarrozzoli injured her ankle, and she displayed unbelievable resilience. Not only did the team continue, they continued with excellence. They rallied. They dug in, and they recorded their second straight shutout of the tournament for the World Series crown, the first in Johnston County's history.

Again, I congratulate these champions, their coaches, and the Archer Lodge community. All of North Carolina was watching, and we are proud of them.

FINDING REAL SOLUTIONS TO HELP LOWER COSTS

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

Mr. LATIMER. Mr. Speaker, President Trump announced that he promises to send \$5,000 to every American adult if his party is kept in power after the midterm elections.

At home in New York, I have been asked by constituents about these checks, not because they want to use it for vacation that they may have been wanting to take or to buy a new car. Rather, they are trying to put food on the table in the face of rising grocery prices and gas in their tanks as fuel prices soar.

Instead of finding ways to practically help Americans afford their basic expenses, the President would rather try to bribe voters to keep power.

I implore my colleagues to come together to condemn a false promise from the President and work to find real solutions to help lower costs for Americans.

RECOGNIZING FAMILY TABLE COLLABORATIVE

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

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, the Family Table Collaborative in South Yarmouth, Massachusetts, is improving access to nutritious food on Cape Cod.

Under the leadership of Jeni Wheeler, Family Table Collaborative has distributed more than 200,000 fresh, nutritious meals since 2020.

A few weeks ago, I visited with Jeni and her incredible team at their kitchen, where they prepare meals from scratch each week using recovered surplus food that is perfectly good to eat but would otherwise have gone to waste. These nourishing meals go directly to people in need and are customized to meet specific dietary needs.

Family Table Collaborative stepped up last winter to ensure that families had hot, nutritious meals during a particularly grueling blizzard.

Mr. Speaker, you can't be healthy if you are hungry, and Family Table Collaborative is tackling the interconnected problems of food insecurity and poor nutrition.

Jeni and her team at the Family Table Collaborative are making Cape Cod more food secure. Their model should be supported and replicated to improve access to nutritious food and end hunger now.

CONTINUED UNCERTAINTY FOR SOYBEAN GROWERS

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

Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, soybean growers across eastern North Carolina and our Nation are facing rising input costs, global competition, and continued uncertainty.

A stable and mutually beneficial trade relationship requires sustained

access to commercial markets and greater certainty.

Mr. Speaker, I urge President Trump, ahead of his meeting with President Xi Jinping, to secure a clear and verifiable timeline for China to fulfill its purchasing commitments and remove the 10 percent tariff on soybeans.

Agriculture is the economic backbone of eastern North Carolina, and our farmers would rather compete in the marketplace than rely on emergency assistance due to trade disruptions.

With fair, predictable terms, our producers can compete anywhere in the world.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 9576, NATIONAL FRAUD ENFORCEMENT DIVISION ACT OF 2026; PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 10326, PREVENTING RIP-OFFS AND OBTAINING OVERSIGHT OF FUNDS ACT; PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.J. RES. 210, PROVIDING FOR CONGRESSIONAL DISAPPROVAL OF THE RULE SUBMITTED BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY RELATING TO "CALIFORNIA STATE NONROAD ENGINE POLLUTION CONTROL STANDARDS; OCEAN-GOING VESSELS AT-BERTH; NOTICE OF DECISION"; PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.J. RES. 213, PROVIDING FOR CONGRESSIONAL DISAPPROVAL OF THE RULE ISSUED BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY RELATING TO THE "CALIFORNIA STATE NONROAD ENGINE POLLUTION CONTROL STANDARDS; COMMERCIAL HARBOR CRAFT REGULATIONS; NOTICE OF DECISION"; AND PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF SENATE AMENDMENTS TO H.R. 5334, SUPPORTING EARLY-CHILDHOOD EDUCATORS' DEDUCTIONS ACT

Mrs. FISCHBACH. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 1530 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 1530

Resolved, That upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to consider in the House the bill (H.R. 9576) to establish the National Fraud Enforcement Division of the Department of Justice. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived. An amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 119-41 shall be considered as adopted. The bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. All points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended, are waived. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill, as amended, and on any further amendment thereto, to final passage without intervening motion except: (1) one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary or their respective designees; and (2) one motion to recommit.

SEC. 2. Upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to consider in the House the bill (H.R. 10326) to enhance information-sharing capabilities between Federal law enforcement and State agencies to detect, investigate, and prosecute fraud in certain Federal programs, and to protect individual privacy. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived. The bill shall be considered as read. All points of order against provisions in the bill are waived. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill and on any amendment thereto to final passage without intervening motion except: (1) one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary or their respective designees; and (2) one motion to recommit.

SEC. 3. Upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to consider in the House the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 210) providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to "California State Nonroad Engine Pollution Control Standards; Ocean-Going Vessels At-Berth; Notice of Decision". All points of order against consideration of the joint resolution are waived. The joint resolution shall be considered as read. All points of order against provisions in the joint resolution are waived. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the joint resolution 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 Energy and Commerce or their respective designees; and (2) one motion to recommit.

SEC. 4. Upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to consider in the House the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 213) providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule issued by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to the "California State Nonroad Engine Pollution Control Standards; Commercial Harbor Craft Regulations; Notice of Decision". All points of order against consideration of the joint resolution are waived. The joint resolution shall be considered as read. All points of order against provisions in the joint resolution are waived. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the joint resolution 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 Energy and Commerce or their respective designees; and (2) one motion to recommit.

SEC. 5. Upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to take from the Speaker's table the bill (H.R. 5334) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow early childhood educators to take the educator expense deduction, and for other purposes, with the Senate amendments thereto, and to consider in the House, without intervention of any point of order, a single motion offered by the chair of the Committee on Foreign Affairs or his designee that the House concur in the Senate amendments. The Senate amendments and the motion shall be considered as read. The motion shall be debatable for one hour equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs or their respective designees. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the motion to its adoption without intervening motion or demand for division of the question.

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

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

GENERAL LEAVE

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

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

There was no objection.

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

Mr. Speaker, we are here to debate the rule that provides for consideration of five measures: H.J. Res. 210, the CRA relating to California State nonroad engine pollution control standards and ocean-going vessels at-berth; H.J. Res. 213, the CRA relating to California State nonroad engine pollution control standards and commercial harbor craft regulations; H.R. 9576, the National Fraud Enforcement Division Act of 2026; H.R. 10326, the PROOF Act; and a motion that the House concur in the Senate amendments to H.R. 5334, the Lindsey O. Graham Sanctioning Russia and Iran Act of 2026.

The rule provides for consideration of H.J. Res. 210 and H.J. Res. 213 under closed rules, with 1 hour of debate each, equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking member of the Energy and Commerce Committee or their designees, and provides each one motion to recommit.

Additionally, the rule provides for consideration of H.R. 9576 and H.R. 10326 under closed rules, with 1 hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chairs and ranking members of the Judiciary Committee or their designees and provides each one motion to recommit.

The rule also makes in order a motion offered by the chair of the Committee on Foreign Affairs that the House concur in the Senate amendments to H.R. 5334. The rule provides for 1 hour of debate on the motion, equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking member of the Foreign Affairs Committee or their designees.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of this rule, which accomplishes two vital needs: Protecting American economic integrity and stopping domestic fraud. By passing sanctions legislation, we strengthen our national security posturing against foreign aggression, and by passing H.J. Res. 210 and H.J. Res. 213, we are stopping California's radical maritime mandates from interrupting supply chains at our ports and